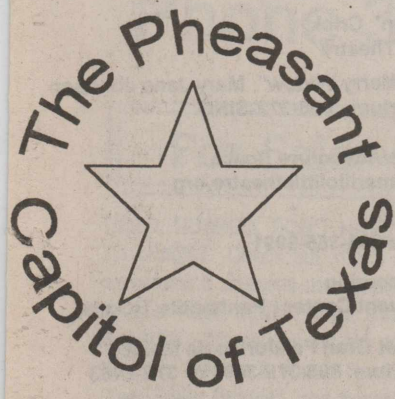


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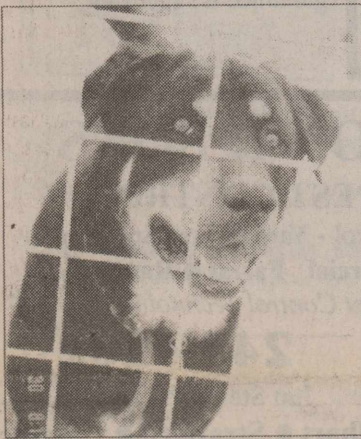
# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## School Crossing Reminder

Parents and Guardians please have your children use the crosswalks at the corner of Highway 54 and Main Street and the corner of Highway 287 and Eighth Street during the school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Pet of The Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter (a "no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes and range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered and have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail Donations, please contact:

DIANE TRULL  
1302 Conlen Ave.  
Dalhart, TX 79022  
244-3216

Thank you

## "Gold Card" Available To Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged.

## First State Bank To Host Blood Pressure Clinic

First State Bank will be hosting a blood pressure clinic in the lobby every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month starting Sept. 4th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. So come on in, visit and be healthy and get your blood pressure check.

## Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the XIT Building.

## Removal of Dead Trees

Carter's Tree Service will be in Stratford to remove unsightly dead trees throughout the City. The City has contacted Carter's and has been given special rate of \$60.00 each for tree removal. Remember this is specifically for dead tree removal. If you wish to have a tree trimmed, you must contact Carter's on your own.

Please contact City Hall (806) 366-5581 if you wish to have your name placed on the tree removal list. The property owner will be responsible for all cost. Reminder, This special rate is only available through the city.

## Stratford Patriots To Have Garage Sale

The Stratford Special Olympics team qualified in aquatics to go to state competition last weekend at Amarillo. We are going to have a garage sale Sept. 13th to help raise funds to go. If you have anything that you would donate for the cause it would be appreciated. The trip will cost \$1200.00 for rooms and meals. These athletes have worked hard and deserve the chance to participate at state. Clean out your garage and closets, we will come and get your donations just call Cindy Larance 396-5635 or Carol Zimmer 366-2109. If you would like to make a donation mail to Stratford Patriots PO Box 1085, Stratford, TX 79084. We are so proud of the Stratford Patriots and would be honored to represent Stratford at West Texas A&M.

## Elk Football Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

The 2003 Football season is upon us--two-a-days began on Aug. 4 and the Elks are eager to play ball! Season football tickets will go on sale Thursday, August 21 in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Tuesday, September 2. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 5 home games this year.

Cost of seats for the season:  
Adults-\$15.00  
Child-\$10.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support.

For more information call Penny at 366-3305.

## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

## Fund For Cano Family

A special fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the Cano family who suffered losses from a fire at their home.



Shown above is the van full of Marijuana pulled over in Sherman County with a street value of \$3,000,000.00 dollars.



## Local Authorities Stop Van With Ton Of Marijuana Inside

At approximately 3:40 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2003 Sherman Co. Deputy Tim Smith observed a white van run a stop sign at Co. Road 24 and Co. Road W. When Deputy Smith tried to stop the vehicle a chase ensued with speeds reaching over 100 m.p.h. Deputy Smith got the vehicle to stop on US 54 in front of Taylor's Convenience Store in

Texhoma, OK. A Texas Co. Deputy arrived and after receiving consent to search the vehicle a large amount of marijuana was discovered. A Goodwell, OK K-9 Officer arrived to assist. John Sheil, 65, of Kansas City, MO was taken into custody. When Sherman Co. Sheriff Haile arrived he contacted the Drug Enforcement Administration Agent in Amarillo to assist. Sheil was transported to the

Texas Co. Jail and the van and marijuana were taken to the Sherman County Sheriff's Office in Stratford.

The D.E.A. Agents arrived in Stratford and took custody of the van and marijuana, and with Deputy Smith, transported the van and drugs to Amarillo for processing. Sheriff Haile, with Texas Ranger Todd Snyder, then went to Guymon and took custody of Sheil and brought

him back to the Sherman County Jail. Deputy Smith contacted Sheriff Haile by phone and advised him that the official count was 2070.14 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$3,000,000.00.

On Thursday D.E.A. Agents came and took custody of Sheil on a Federal warrant for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute. Sheil will be tried in U.S. District Court in Amarillo.



First State Bank of Stratford is proud to support SCOT Hall with their renovation project. It is exciting to see our local organizations continuing to provide our citizens with additional activities and opportunities. SCOT, along with the Imagination Station, has proven to serve our local and surrounding communities with excellence. The newly renovated Imagination Station has been the location for many camps and other activities since re-opening. We look forward to what SCOT Hall has to offer. Our great community is filled with great opportunities. Anyone wishing to participate in SCOT's renovation, donations can be made payable to SCOT and delivered to Martha Mitts at First State Bank.

## Attention Voters

The County Clerk, M.L. Albert announced changes for the constitutional amendment election. Instead of the NOVEMBER election, the election has been moved up to SEPTEMBER and the day has been changed from TUESDAY to SATURDAY. Election Day will be September 13, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting will begin AUGUST 28, 2003 and will run through September 9, 2003. The polling places will be consolidated for this election so everyone is encouraged to vote early. You don't have to be out of town or have any reason to vote early. You can vote early just for the convenience of getting it done and out of the way. Early voting will be conducted in the County Clerks office Monday through Friday 8-12 & 1-5.

The full text of the amendments in ballot order can be viewed in the Office of the County Clerk.

## SISD Holds Regular Meeting

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 in the High School Library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Gared McBryde, Steve Johnson, Brent Spurlock, Ricky Reed, Ted Allen, Patti Vincent, Jim Taliferro, Superintendent.

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Steve Haynes, Tim Gilliland, and Mary Pat Williams.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro recognized the High School Student Council. They attended a leadership camp in Lubbock. The three campus principals were commended on a smooth start of school.

Mrs. Williams gave the

elementary report. The Mary Allen has 262 students currently enrolled.

Mr. Gilliland gave the Junior High report. The Junior High has 186 students enrolled.

Mr. Haynes gave the High school report. He reported 194 students enrolled. The football scrimmage has been changed from Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo to Borger and a group will scrimmage in Panhandle. The staff has the TAKS results and will begin working on preparing students for the TAKS tests this year.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. Monthly expenditures are at 79.99% and revenue collected at 93.45%. Tax collections are at 94.91%. District enrollment is currently at 642.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the changes to the student handbooks and student code of conduct due to legislative changes. Discussion was held. Steve Johnson made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to approve the handbooks and code of conduct. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the budget, finance, the selling of school property and upcoming school board training. Mr.



Don Riffe, Rex Christian, J.B. Brannan preparing for a Luau at SCOT Hall at Noon, Thursday, August 28. Wear your Mumu, bring some poi, and come Hula!

## Deadline for September 3rd Issue will be Friday, August 29th at Noon

The Star Office Will Be Closed on Monday, September 1st

## Voters Guide Available

Voters Guide for Constitutional Amendment Election: September 13, 2003, are available in local businesses and library. They are available from League of Women Voters.

Taliaferro explained that the city and school are sharing responsibilities for the two school crossing guards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, the board toured the girls dressing room facility and the Ag shop.

**Obits**

**Thomas Perry Coffman**

Quitman, MS-Funeral services for Thomas Perry Coffman of Meridian, MS, were held Saturday, August 16, 2003 at Union Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Mr. Coffman, 65, of Meridian, died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003 at Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Coffman was born in Stratford, TX to Hardy and Peggy Coffman. He graduated from Stratford High School. He was a retired farmer, rancher and carpenter.

Mr. Coffman was preceded in death by his parents, Hardy and Peggy Coffman, 2 brothers, Benjamin and Bud; 3 sisters, Joyce Brooks, Barbara Bouldin, Linda Umphress. Mr. Coffman was survived by his wife, Betty of the home; 5 sons, Terry, Ken, Ward, Wade and Dusty, all of Meridian; 7 grandsons and 2 granddaughters and 2 great-grandsons; 1 brother, Homer (Powder) Coffman of Munday, TX; two sisters, Patsy Miller of Eagle River, AL and Peggy Jo Coffman of Bradleyville, MO and Frances Moore, Pocatello, Idaho.

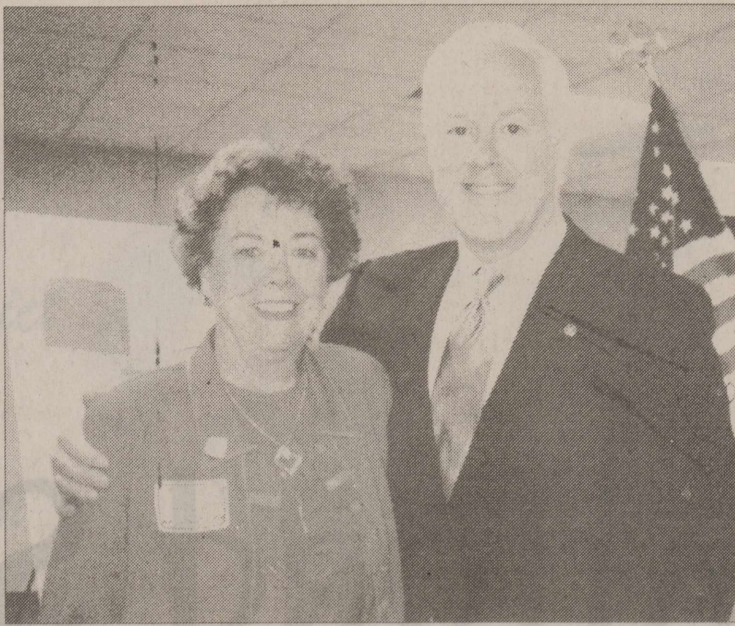
Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation or American Heart Association. Mrs. Betty Coffman's address is: 1569 CO. RD. 480, Meridian, MS 39301.

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The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do.

—John Holt

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Never think badly of anyone, not even if the words or conduct of the person in question give good grounds for doing so.

—Josemaria Escrivá



Gaynelle Riffe presented Ports-to-Plains and Spirit/54 to John Cornyn in Lubbock, August 12 at his Transportation Update Session.

**Benefit Garage Sale For Dalhart Animal Shelter**

Due to the overwhelming response and generosity of the people in Dalhart and surrounding areas, we will be having the benefit garage sale for the animal shelter in two locations. One location will be at Womble Automotive, Hwy 87 S (south of the Dalhart Animal Clinic) and the other will be at the MASONIC BUILDING, 307 Denrock.

The date and times at the locations are as follows:

**WOMBLE AUTOMOTIVE-FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH FROM 3:00 P.M. - ? SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH FROM 8:00 A.M. - ?**

**MASONIC BUILDING-307 DENROCK-SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH 7:30 A.M. 0 2:00 P.M.**

There will be something for everyone! These are definitely the Garage Sales you will not want to miss as so many individuals have donated many nice items with more arriving daily. Please support this Garage Sale...the dogs will love you for it!

For more information, please call Linda Reimer at 244-6326 or 249-5333.

**Ag Field Tour.**

The Ag Field Tour for the Panhandle Research and Extension Center will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003 at Goodwell on the OPREC research station. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Featured speakers will include: Advanced Dryland Cropping Systems, Jose Sanchez, Ph. D., OPREC; Cotton Variety Trials, J.C. Banks, Ph.D., OSU; Soybeans in the Panhandle, Curtis Bensch, Ph.D., OPREC; Cowpeas for the High Plains, Lynn Brandenberger, Ph.D., OSU; Limited Irrigated Corn, Rick Kochenower, OPREC; Yield Guard Rootworm Corn, Tom Royer, Ph.D., OSU; Improved Rangeland Management, Robert Gillen, Ph.D., USDA; Environmentally Friendly Manure Management, Tom Wilson, Ph.D., KSU; Environmentally Friendly Manure Management, Tom Wilson, Ph.D., KSU; Country of Origin Labeling Nat'l Animal Identification System, Chuck Strasia, Ph.D., OSU.

Kim's Ribs will be provided to those attending the tour. Please call (580) 349-5441 by August 29th for meal reservations.

**Births**

Karen and Mark Metzger are excited to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Kenneth Metzger. Benjamin arrived at 9:39 a.m. on Saturday, August 23 at BSA hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Benjamin's proud grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Babcock of Groom and Kenneth and Sue Metzger of Lubbock.

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Great opportunities come to all, but many do not know they have met them. The only preparation to take advantage of them is single fidelity to watch what each day brings.

—Albert E. Dunning

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Man is a gregarious animal, and much more so in his mind than in his body. He may like to go alone for a walk, but he hates to stand alone in his opinions.

—George Santayana

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**Arts in the Area**

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- Aug. 21-31 **Buddy- The Buddy Holly Story**  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991  
[www.amarillolittletheatre.org](http://www.amarillolittletheatre.org)
- Sept. 4,5,6 **"Always Patsy Cline"** (farewell performance)  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Sept. 18-21 **"Aaron Slick of Punkin' Crick"**  
Guymon Community Theatre
- Sept. 20 **Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow"** Mary Jane Johnson  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- Sept. 18-28\*\* **"Proof" Adult Drama**  
Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space  
806-355-9991 [www.amarillolittletheatre.org](http://www.amarillolittletheatre.org)
- Oct. 9-19 **"Blithe Spirit" Comedy**  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 9\*\*\* **Bill Cosby WT Homecoming**  
West Texas A&M U Event Center ( Panhandle Tickets)
- Oct. 11 **Lone Star Ballet "Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico"**  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 or 372-2463

**Musical "Rent" Sunday, Nov. 30**

Civic Amarillo presents a special engagement the musical "Rent" for two performances on Sunday, November 30, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Broadway Spotlight Series Season Ticket Holders will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in advance at a 10% discount from August 4 to Sept. 3. General public may purchase tickets after Sept. 3-806-378-3096.

"Rent" is an emotionally stirring story about a community of young artist's struggling to live and celebrate life. It is set in New York City's East Village. It's Hit songs incorporate dance, pop, salsa, R&B and Rock n'Roll. "Rent" is a story that addresses adult themes and controversial issues. Parental guidance is suggested.

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Cooking is like love. It should be entered into with abandon or not at all.

—Harriet Van Horne

**Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board**

To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call  
Kathie Altman - 366-5611  
David Cross - 396-2396  
Ken Forthman - 366-2586  
Patsy Harland - 827-7568  
Michal Meyer - 827-7453  
Jesse Resendes - 769-4454  
Bob Sweeten - 366-5848  
Austin Hotline  
1-800-252-5400  
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**\$1.69**  
6 PACK  
**\$1.59**

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REG. \$3.09 / 1 1/2 PINT ..... **\$2.89**  
**SOFT & GENTLE BATHROOM TISSUE**  
4 ROLL PKG. .... **99¢**  
**ALL FLAVORS TOM'S CHIPS**  
REG. \$1.89 ..... **2 FOR \$3**  
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3 OZ. / REG. \$1.29 ..... **\$1.19**  
**ALLSUP'S WHITE BREAD**  
24 OZ. / 59¢ EACH OR ..... **2 FOR \$1.09**  
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## 4-H Members Honored At Banquet

April Kautz was named 2003 Sherman County 4-H Gold Star winner at the annual Achievement Banquet held August 18th. Mary Cross, First State Bank of Stratford Manager presented April the Gold Star pin and announced sponsorship of a framed portrait. All Sherman County 4-H members were recognized at the banquet which celebrated the "Power of YOUth".

Rhyan Burton, Autumn Witcher, and Jordan Johnson of the Younger Texans 4-H Club were recognized as Rookies of the Year. Sunny Russell and Jennie Witcher received the Bronze Star Awards and Candie Bell and Kaleb Horsford received Silver Star Awards.

During the banquet, Stratford Grain was recognized as the Business Friend of 4-H for their contribution and support of numerous 4-H educational projects at events. Stratford Rifle and Pistol Club received the Friend of 4-H citation for their generosity in supporting the Shooting Sports project.

Scott Buckles received recognition as Outstanding 4-H Leader for the year. Buckles was cited for his leadership with the 4-H Shooting Sports and photography projects and involvement with the county 4-H Parent/Leaders Association and Sherman County Livestock Show Board. Dr. Jack Swain was recognized as one of the Panhandle District Distinguished Leaders. Dr. Swain has provided director for horse and livestock projects in Sherman County for over 25 years.

Sherman County Extension Education Association Council presented a certificate of support to the Judge Bill Frizzell Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund.

Other volunteer leaders recognized at the banquet were Steven Myers, Cindy Russell, Dinah Horsford, David White, Malcolm & Amy Long, Ted & Diede Ziemann, Tammy Blain, Garland Dahl, Belinda & Glen Hamilton, Johnny James, Laurie Gilliland, Steve Johnson, Jeff Kautz and Kay Ochoa. Connie Burton, Brenda Brownlee, Desiree Davis, Teresa Edmond, Doak Crabtree, Logan Neve, Jean Everett, Reyna Everett, Lem Russell, Jack Swain, and Anna Witcher were also recognized for their dedication to the county 4-H program. In addition, Sheila Mayfield, Wesley Spurlock, Kim Sutterfield, Randy Sutterfield, and Frank Vaughn received recognition.

4-H members receiving recognition at the banquet were Candie Bell, Katelyn Blain, Carson Buckles, Haley Buckles, Hunter Buckles, Eric Burton, Rhyan Burton, Case Crabtree, Kristen Crabtree, Ole Dahl, James Daniels, Wells Daniels, Nicole Davis, Jacob Edmond, Justin Edwards, Sinead Everett, Rhia Everett, Luke Haile, Braden Hamilton, Calli Hamilton, Kaleb Horsford, Kyle Horsford, Justin James, Clayton Johnson, Jordan Johnson, April Kautz, Craig Kautz, Kelsie Keener, Hailey Long, Haden Long, Merilee McDaniel, Shelby McDaniel, Amanda Miller, Daniel Nusz, Katharina Pendergrace, Ryan Pendergrace, Austin Riffe, Tanner Riffe, Brent Reed, Rustin Russell, Sunny Russell, Jennie Spurlock, Walter Spurlock, Nathan White, Zachary White, Natalie White, Landon Willborn, LaRissa Willborn, Amie Witcher, Jennie Witcher, Autumn Witcher, Channing Ziemann and Cheyenne Ziemann.

Hostess for the banquet  
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## Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Hall has been the scene of several activities recently.

The dance was Saturday night, with a smaller than usual crowd, but it was a fun time for all.

Board meeting was Tuesday, August 26.

The August luncheon is coming up Thursday, the 28th, with Penny Boyd furnishing the program. The meal will consist of ham, and whatever dishes we bring. So come on down with your favorite covered dish.

On August 19, 23 SCOT people went to Dalhart, toured the Senior Citizen's Center, had a wonderful lunch there, shopped the Dollar Store and went to the Courtyard for dessert. Then Mary Brannan led a sing-along on the ride home. Sounds like fun.

Coming up in the future, Oline Caraway will give a book review on "Miss Julia Speaks her Mind." Also, Jeannie Carter will give a program in the near future. Watch for these dates.

On September 29, the bus will go to the Big Texan to eat and hear the quartet "4-Given". Those wanting to go should sign up at SCOT Hall.

We have a "refurbishing" committee, led by Linda Spurlock, which is becoming very active, so SCOT Hall may have a new look some day. Already, there have been donations, and plans are being made.

By the way, we have a new business in town, Cecy's Place, 366-3635, which prepares casseroles and desserts for take-out. Good way to get a dish to bring to the SCOT Luncheon.

Bring your dish and join us Thursday at noon.

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Time is a circus always packing up and moving away  
-Ben Hecht.  
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## First Baptist Church Presents "Conquering Debt God's Way" September 7th, 2:30 p.m.

National Speaker and Author Bruce Ammons is coming to Stratford to reveal the 5 step strategy to becoming debt free so that you can...*Stop worrying about finances and rapidly eliminate debt, including house and cars, while saving for the future to retire with confidence!*

The problems we face: Americans spend more time on the job than workers in any other industrialized nation in the world. There is a need to have a two income household and so consequently, 65% of children under the age of 4 are spending most of their waking hours in daycare. Americans have more personal debt than ever before in history. And more than 1.5 million Americans filed for bankruptcy last year.

"My wife Ruthie and I were a part of that vicious cycle of working more and still being \$200 short every month of meeting our financial commitments. For eleven years of our marriage we were losing ground financially until finally we found ourselves a slave to debt and after years of living in financial straits my emotional rubber band snapped!

I was tired of feeling the pressure of being in bondage to credit card debt with interest that was snowballing us into a financial catastrophe. I was tired of spending less time focusing on my wife and three precious daughters, because I was consumed with worry about our financial situation. I was tired of feeling the physical manifestations of living a stressed-out life. I'd had enough. I turned to the only one who could possibly give us wisdom on how to get out of this mess. I sought out the supreme authority on financial matters. I turned to God and that is when He revealed in His Word the 5 step principles that got us out of debt along with thousands of others I have had the privilege of sharing with.

In the "Conquering Debt God's Way" seminar I share how Ruthie and I went from \$200 short every month to \$750 long in less than 5 months and pay off a 30 year mortgage in less than 5 years. Since teaching this strategy, we have seen thousands of people do the same and we want you to experience the joy of living a debt free life also."

The seminar is paced with valuable and practical information. In addition, you will be empowered with the knowledge to become debt free from knowing the following:

- \* Learn the top things credit card lenders don't want you to know.
- \* Hear about the credit card APR cover up!
- \* How to avoid consolidation and bankruptcy!
- \* Turn your financial shortfall into a snowball!

If you are tired of feeling the burden of debt bondage and are ready to grab the reigns to your financial future, then consider doing what so many thousands who have attended the "Conquering Debt God's Way" seminar have done: **BECOME DEBT FREE!!!!** We know what it feels like to be a slave to minimum monthly payments, but there is hope for a better financial future and with God's supernatural involvement, you too can see yourself. Join us at First Baptist Church @ 11:00 a.m. as Bruce leads us in worship and then for the seminar @2:30-5:45.



## Engagement Announced

James and Germaine Meyer of Stratford announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to Jon Eric Engelbrecht. Engelbrecht is the son of Ronald and MariHoward Engelbrecht of Stratford. The couple plan to be wed December 27 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo. The Bride-Elect is a graduate of Stratford High. She is currently a Registered Massage Therapist in Amarillo. The Prospective groom, a graduate of Stratford High and Texas A&M University, is engaged in farming in the Stratford Area.

## Have A Safe Labor Day!!

### First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

### First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

### St. Joseph Catholic

Father William A. Gorman  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Larry Evans  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
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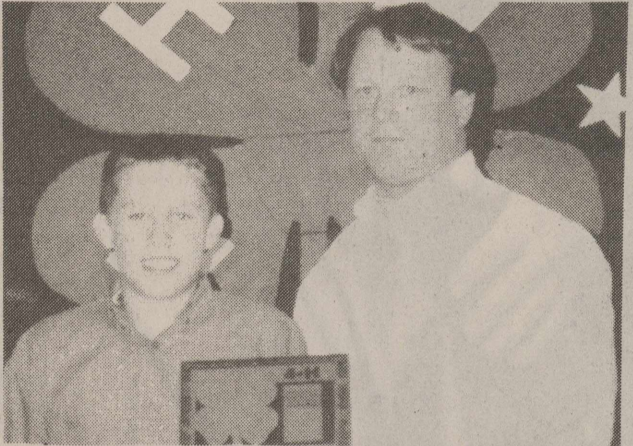
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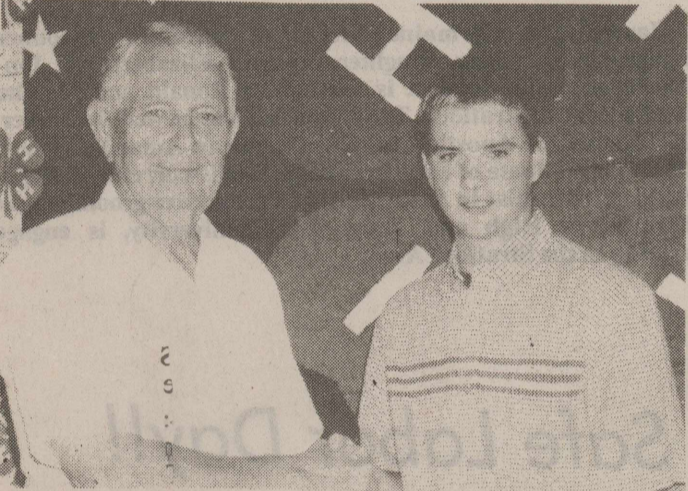
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April Kautz was named Gold Star recipient at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Mary Cross of First State Bank presented the honoree with a recognition certificate and pin.



Scott Buckles was presented the Outstanding 4-H Leader Award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet from Landon Willborn. Scott serves as a leader for Shooting Sports and Photography projects and supports the County Livestock Show as coordinator of the Contributor's Fund.



Business Friend of 4-H honor was extended to Stratford Grain Company represented by Don Riffe. Nathan White presented the award to Don citing the support to Sherman County youth through the county Livestock Show and Sale and sponsorship of the 4-H Bake Show.



Walter Spurlock presented the Friend of 4-H Award to Stratford Rifle and Pistol Club represented by Frank Vaughn. The club has generously supported the 4-H Shooting Sports project by allowing them to utilize their facility for practice sessions.



Receiving Rookie of the Year honors were Jordan Johnson, Rhyon Burton, and Autumn Witcher. Kaleb Horsford assisted with the awards presentation.



Kaleb Horsford and Candie Bell received the Silver Star Awards from Calli Hamilton and Cheyenne Ziemann at the 2003 4-H Achievement Banquet. The Silver Star Award recognizes members ages 12-14 for continued project accomplishments, leadership, and community service.



### Hauser Completes Training

Dean Hauser, left is shown above receiving his certificate from Eddie Williams after completion of training during the 74th Annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School at College Station. Congratulations Dean.

All adverse and depressing influences can be overcome, not by fighting, but by rising above them.

—Charles Caleb Colton

Banquet

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were Jean Everett, Reyna Everett, Elizabeth Zimmer, and Deedee Dewese members of the Sherman County FCE clubs. 4-H adult leaders serving on the committee were Cindy Russell, Dinah Horsford, and Lynette Kautz. Beef served at for the dinner was donated by Stratford Feedyard and prepared by Jeff Kautz. First State Bank of Stratford and First Ag Credit of Dalhart also were sponsors of the banquet.

Carson Buckles served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet assisted by other members of Sherman County 4-H Council. Other members of the county 4-H Council are Walter Spurlock, Channing Ziemann, Katelyn Blain, April Kautz, Calli Hamilton, Kaleb Horsford, Candie Bell, Landon Willborn, Nathan White, and Haden Long. Susie Spurlock and Leslie Neve, County Extension Agents are advisors to the group. They were assisted by Roxie Newcomb, and Jennifer DeAnda, Sherman County Extension Office secretarial staff members.

The 4-H Achievement Banquet supports the state Extension goal of development of life skills and leadership qualities of youths and adults and the county Long Range Extension Program enhancing skills for quality life.

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It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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### Local Women Attend Luncheon

Photo by Gaynelle Riffe

L/R: Carolyn White, Kathy Altman, Linda Spurlock, Caroline Chamblin-WT Foundation; Natrell Long - wife of WT President; attending the Women's Council for West Texas A&M University luncheon reception for Elliott Forrest, Host of A&E's "Breakfast with the Arts" aired on Sunday mornings from 7:00 to 9:00. The luncheon was followed by a tour of the Fine Arts Program - Present and Future. The Women's Council has events such as these to acquaint area persons with facilities and programs at WT. Anyone having an interest in these programs please contact Gaynelle Riffe.

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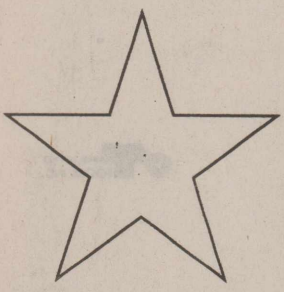
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8-21-tfn

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## Great Crowd for TOP of TEXAS Shoot

Stratford Gun Club held its 7th Annual TOP of TEXAS Shoot on August 23 & 24, 2003. On Saturday they had a doubles marathon and afterwards they cooked hamburgers for all participants. It was a beautiful day to shoot and we had a nice crowd. Jamie Holmes of Amarillo, TX was the champion. He shot an impressive 489x500. His great shooting won him a beautiful silver belt buckle with a gun and two targets on it. The other winners in the double marathon and their scores are:

Class	Shooter	City, State	Score
Champion	Jamie Holmes	Amarillo, TX	489x500
AA	Mike Horinek	Johnson, KS	470x500
A	Bryant Riffe	Goodwell, OK	466x500
C	John Moss	Borger, TX	414x500
D	David Miller	Amarillo, TX	435x500

On Sunday SGC hosted a full program consisting of 100 singles, 100 doubles and 100 handicap targets. Twenty-nine shooters representing three states came to Stratford for this shoot. Prizes for the singles were shotgun shells. Winners in the handicap received some handsome TOP of TEXAS belt buckles as well as the Handicap Champion. Winners in the doubles received Stratford Gun Club hats. The winners in each event are:

SINGLES (28 entries)			
AA	Mike Horinek	Johnson, KS	100
A	Craig Adams	Fritch, TX	98
B	David Miller	Amarillo, TX	97
C	T.C. Maybell	Liberal, KS	90
D	Bruce Cochran	Hugoton, KS	93
HANDICAP (28 entries)			
Champion	Jimmy Borun	Borger, TX	97
Short Yard	John Newsom	Dalhart, TX	95
Mid Yard	Brad Carpenter	Borger, TX	92
Long Yard	Mike Kendall	Amarillo, TX	97
Vet	Darrell Benjamin	Amarillo, TX	89
DOUBLES (22 entries)			
AA	Jamie Holmes	Amarillo, TX	96
A	Bryant Riffe	Goodwell, OK	92
B	Mike Kendall	Amarillo, TX	92
C	T.C. Maybell	Liberal, KS	90
D	Harmon McCurdy	Amarillo, TX	89

Stratford Gun Club wishes to thank all those who came out to shoot and also a big thanks to Nu Beta for the frito pies. There will be no more registered shoots until next year. We appreciate all those who came out to support us this year. As always if you have any questions call Brent Spurlock (366-2772).

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read

### CONSTRUCTION/MAIN TENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo  
Contract 0904-00-087 for CRACK POURING in POTTER County, etc will be opened on September 09, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708  
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to owner's of the property hereinafter described or referred to and all other interested persons as provided by law, that the City Council of the City of Stratford will hold a Public Hearing on the 11th day of September, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Stratford City Hall, 518 N. Third Street, Stratford, Texas to consider a zoning variance of the following described property to wit:

Block 34, Lots 11 & 12  
Original Town, Stratford,  
Texas

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Words may show a man's wit but actions his meaning.  
—Benjamin Franklin

Associate with those who help you believe in yourself.  
—Brooks Robinson

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Exhibit "A"

Tract 1: 2.06 acres, more or less, out of Section 179, Block 1-T, T&NO Ry. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Tract 2: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 11, Block 48 Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

Tract 3: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 48, City of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 4: a tract of Land out of Section 179, Block 179, Block 1-T, T&NO Ry. Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Currently zoned 'E' ( Dwelling-multi family and professional offices) request for zoning change to zone 'J' Industrial-light to medium industry.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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A Legal Notice Response Form can be obtained from RUS' website at [www.usda.gov/rus/telecom](http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom).

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A man is not old until regrets take the place of his dreams.  
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cherish all your happy moments: they make a fine cushion for old age.  
—Christopher Morley



Mary Cross of First State Bank presents 2002 Gold Star recipients Amie Witcher and Carson Buckles with their portraits that were displayed this past year in the bank lobby.



Carson Buckles is congratulated by Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences upon being named the "I DARE YOU" award recipient.

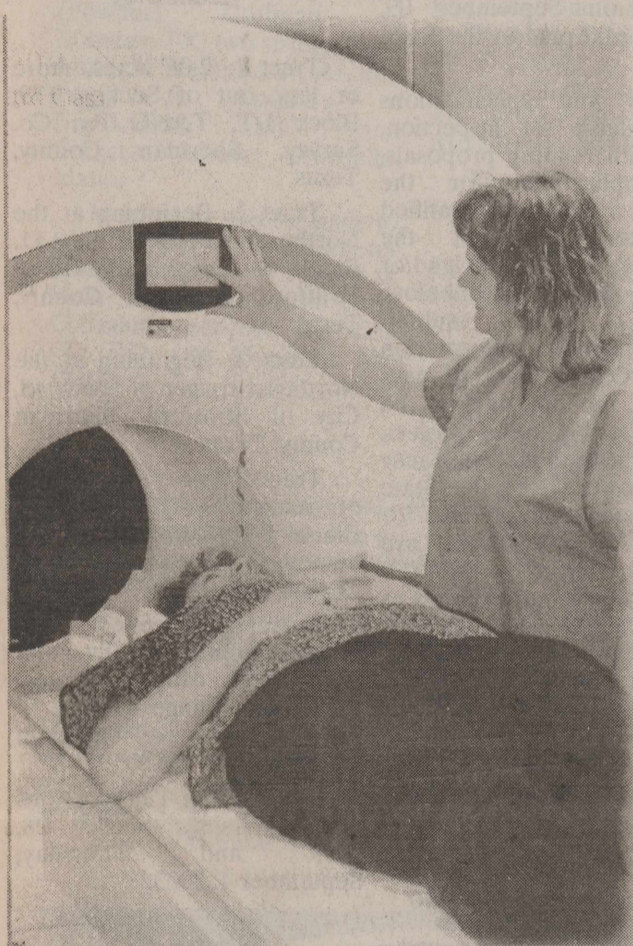


Bronze Star Award winners Sunny Russell and Jennie Witcher. These awards honor 4-H members ages 9-11 for outstanding work in a variety of projects and activities.

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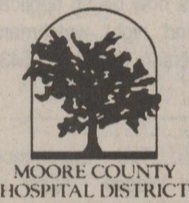


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When I come home to Heaven  
How joyful it will be  
For on that day at last  
My risen Lord I'll see.

No greater happiness than  
To see Him face to face  
To see the love in His eyes  
And feel His warm embrace.

I've done nothing to deserve  
That perfect home above.  
It was given freely through  
The grace of Jesus' love.

Then why should earthly cares  
Weigh down upon me so?  
They'll be a distant memory  
When home at last I go.

Thank you for all the expression of love and support given to our family during Ron's illness and death. The calls, hospital and home visits, cards, flowers, memorials, words of comfort and all of the food were greatly appreciated. Ron would have been truly amazed at the outpour of love given to his family. Thank God for all our friends in Stratford and Texhoma. May God Bless.

Lela Hager  
Renee', Matt, Ryan, Courtney  
and Landry Coble  
Tamara, Cyndi and Brittany  
Richie

#### Barbecue Sauce

½ cup Karo light or dark corn syrup  
½ cup finely chopped onion  
½ cup ketchup  
¼ cup cider vinegar  
¼ cup prepared mustard  
¼ cup Worcestershire sauce

In 1½-quart saucepan combine Karo corn syrup, onion, ketchup, mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Stirring frequently, bring to boil. Reduce heat; boil gently 15 minutes or until thickened. Brush on chicken, ribs or beef, turning frequently, during last 15 to 20 minutes of grilling. Heat remaining sauce to serve with meat.

For more recipe ideas, visit [www.karosyrup.com](http://www.karosyrup.com).

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 at 8:00 AM.

**FOR** the proposal: Commissioner David Hass, Commissioner Randy Williams, Commissioner Ronald Tillery, Commissioner Tommy Asher, County Judge Kim Crippen.

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and no voting

**ABSENT:**

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 31,404.	\$ 32,067.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 31,404.	\$ 32,067.
Tax rate	.40874	.47175
Tax	\$ 128.36	\$ 151.27

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would **INCREASE** by \$ 22.91 or 17.85 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would **INCREASE** by \$ .6301 per \$100 of taxable value or 15.42 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

#### Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The SHERMAN County Auditor certifies that SHERMAN County has spent \$ -0- in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 2002, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. SHERMAN County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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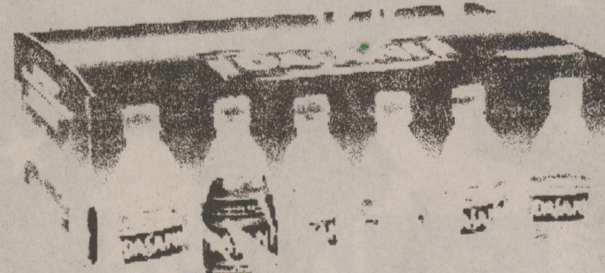
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