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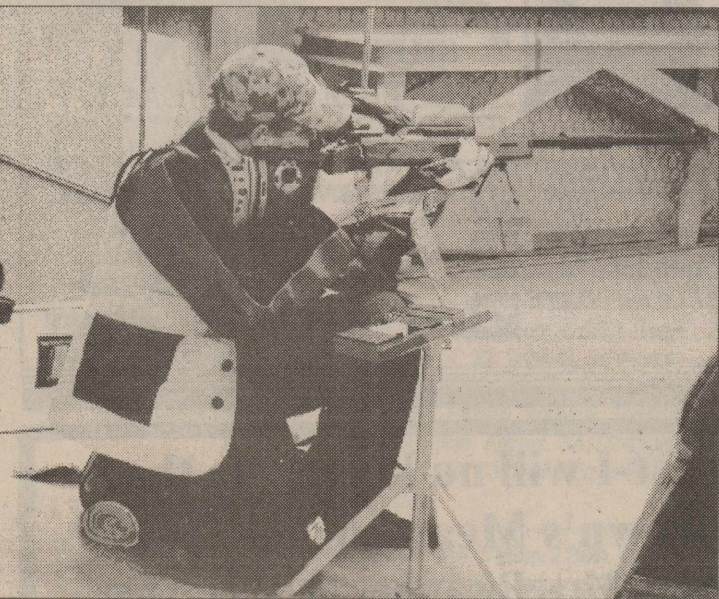
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## Track Meet Held

Stratford invitational Track Meet was held this past weekend with many teams competing. Stratford will be hosting the Junior High District track meet this weekend.



## Russell Competes

Rustin Russell competed in the National Junior Olympics last week in Air Rifle. He qualified for the NJORC match by placing with a high enough score in Texas to go on to the Nationals. At the Colorado Spring Olympic Training Center he shot against High School, College, Air Force, Navy and Army shooters.

## Weather Spotters Class April 6th

Weather Spotters Class presented by National Weather Service, Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 7 p.m., Stratford EMS Building. All Community Responders and interested persons are invited to attend.

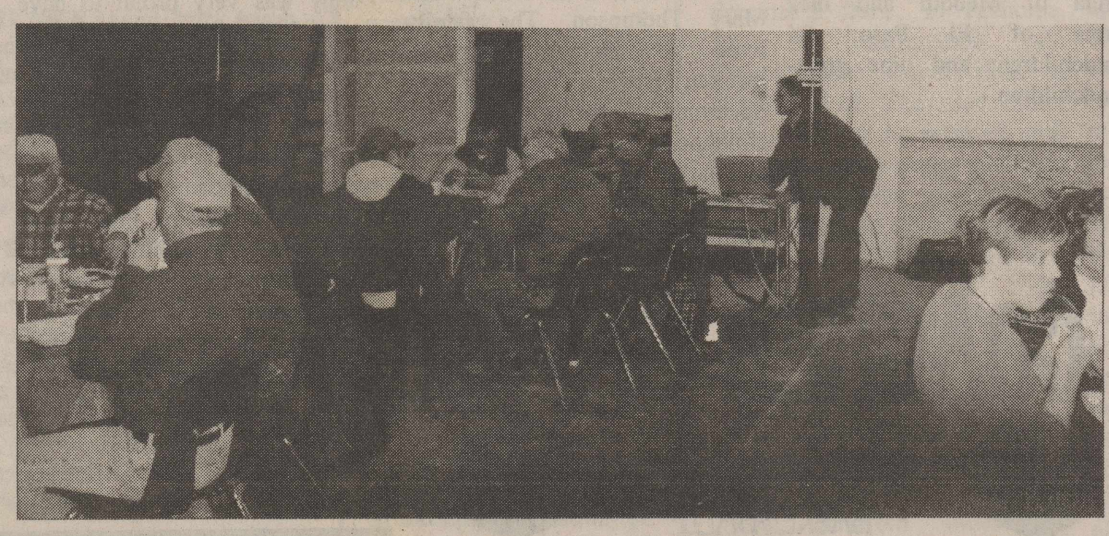
**Remember  
Time Change  
this weekend  
Spring  
forward!**

The **BURN BAN** for the unincorporated area of the county that was ordered by the Sherman County Commissioners' Court on December 30, 2005 will expire on Thursday, March 30, 2006. We will consider another burn ban as conditions develop over the next few weeks. Even though we have received some moisture, the area is still drier than normal and we are asking that you limit fires to those that are absolutely necessary. We also ask that you closely monitor any fires and make sure fire is **COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED** before leaving the area.

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★ **EARLY DEADLINE FOR STAR** ★  
★ **The Deadline for the April 6th Issue of The Stratford Star will be Friday, March 31st at 3:00 p.m. Due To District Track** ★  
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**WANTED**  
The Imagination Station is looking for items that relate to transportation - cars, planes, trains, or boats. We would like to borrow them for Week of the Young Child. Our theme is Transportation and would love to have anything to add to our display. Call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Gaynelle Riffe at 396-5303 to drop off you items. We will take items up until April 15th and will be done with all items on April 26th. Thanks for your help!

**Prom Items Needed:**  
White Christmas lights (any kind icicle, etc.) Extension cords, spotlights, multiple outlet-strips, chaser lights. Please mark items w/name and call Shari Hudson @366-5398, Ronna Riffe@ 366-2180 or Cindy Russell-@727-4671 ASAP. Prom's April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Where's the Popcorn?

Monday night, March 20th, the Soil & Water Conservation District in conjunction with Sherman County Development invited board members from the area to join them in previewing the film on "Open Meetings" and "Public Records". All publicly elected boards are required by the state to view both of these films. Along with board members from the S&WCD and SCDC, there were representatives from the Sherman County Appraisal District, the Hospital District, the County, and the Chamber. Although we didn't serve popcorn during the movie, the attendees were served hamburgers and chicken before the showing. The meeting was held at the Imagination Station.

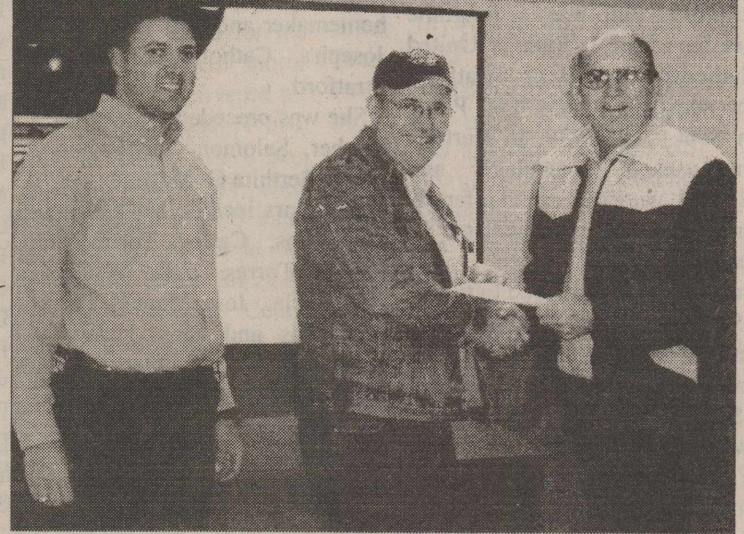
## Department of State Health Services Preparedness-Prevention-Response

Department of State Health Services Preparedness-Prevention-Response  
April 18, 2006. that is the date to remember. Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will bring a training program to Sherman County for Dispensing Site operations. This important training will be used in the event we have an incident in our community, which might require medications and/or vaccinations for citizens.  
Sherman County Emergency Management, Stratford ISD and first responders will be conducting a dispensing site exercise in the near future. Training presented on April 18, 2006, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station, will be vital in conducting our exercise. **ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**  
DSHS will provide training in key areas such as:  
Clinic Manager: medical background desirable, good organizations skills  
Communications Lead: non-medical, computer experience preferred  
Crowd Control Lead: non-medical, people skills  
Data Entry Manager: non-medical, computer skills  
Dispensing Manager: medical licensure  
Logistics Lead: non-medical, organizational and management skills  
Medical Lead: M.D., DVM, Pharmacist, RN  
Medical Screener: M.D.  
Safety Lead: non-medical  
Screener: M.D., DDS, DVM, Pharmacists or Nurse  
Security Manager: non-medical, law enforcement or security background preferable  
Supply Manager: non-medical  
Support Manager: non-medical  
Triage Manager: nurse, EMT or Paramedic  
Each of these positions needs more than one person trained and available. Members of the Community Responders and Self Help organization will be participating in this important training and invite all interested persons to attend. We look forward to a good community response to this important function of emergency management in protecting our community.  
Contact Sandy Williams at 753-7331 or if you have questions.

**Notice:**  
The Sherman County Public Library will be close at Monday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. and will continue to be closed through Tuesday, April 11th for the Run-off Election.

**Run-Off Election To Be Held April 11**  
Run-off Election will be held on April 11, 2006. Early Voting will be one week only starting April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Shown at right is Griff Lasley, representing Stratford Lions Club presenting a check to Dean Hauser and Jack Gore of Stratford Fire Department. The Fire Department has been busy lately with the conditions so dry, but the moisture has helped some. There will be a Mexican Pile On Dinner on April 23, proceeds going to Stratford Fire Department and Stratford EMT Association as the community's way of saying THANK YOU for all that you do.



## McReynolds to Be Inducted Into PPA

Dave McReynolds is one of four who will be inducted into the Panhandle Press Association at the 96th Annual Convention in April. Others named are the late Roy S. Butterbaugh, the late Felix Phillips and Beth Duke.

Dave bought the Stratford Star in 1962 along with Ronny Ferguson and W.H. (Sonny) Graham, Jr. Ferguson took the printing end of it and Graham and Dave took the newspaper portion. The following year Dave bought out Graham and he had the paper for 18 years.

Dave wrote "Mack's Tracks" for nearly 45 years.

He worked at the Texas Coaster, Galveston Daily News, F.iona Star, Cotton Gin and Oil Mill Press, then The Stratford Star, and the Moore County News.

He served two terms as president of PPA (1967-68 & 1977-78). He also served two years on the Texas Press Association's board and has served on the Texas Tech and West Texas A& M University's Journalism Advisory Committees.

Dave and wife Shirley live in Amarillo. David, Pam, Tom and Emily, their four children, are scattered around.

## Stratford Area Foundation Challenge

The Stratford Area Foundation will be very close to meeting the \$50,000.00 Challenge grant, ending in December 2006, offered at last years Annual Meeting. To date, the challenge has been met with gifts of \$38,431.00. How much closer will the Foundation be at their Annual Meeting scheduled for April 20? The Stratford Area Foundation principal \$414,602.70 with distributions \$367,852.97

A challenge grant of \$10,000 was also made for the J.B. Riffe Endowment/Texas Co. To date \$2,700 has been raised to meet the challenge. The principal to date is \$79,166.45 with distributions at over \$73,000. A matching grant this year to the Town of Goodwell to repair their Community Center.

The J. B. Riffe Endowment/Sherman Co principal has only grown \$5,239.00 in the 25 years the trust was formed. The principal is \$55,239.57 with distributions of \$67,598.69. A matching grant this year to the Iris Club for US 54 Texas entry which encouraged a TXDOT Visitor Center. Memorials and Honorariums honoring birthdays, anniversaries, and achievements help the Foundation and Endowments grow. Your gifts help improvement project in the Communities.

Mark your calendar for April 20, Stratford Area Foundation Annual Meeting held at The Imagination Station.

## Mexican Pile-On Dinner to be Held

There is going to be a "Mexican Pile-On" Dinner on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sherman County Barn from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a fundraiser for the Stratford Fire Department and Stratford EMT.

The Community would like to thank these wonderful people who give so much of their time and hard work.

If you would like to help in anyway please contact Marty at 396-5373 and leave message.

## DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED

By Susie Spurlock  
Sherman County Older Texans is collaborating with the Texas Cooperative Extension Sherman County to offer a Driver Safety Program in April.

Driver Safety Program is a unique eight-hour classroom refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. Participants will learn about age-related changes that may affect driving, refine existing driving skills, and possible qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction.

The Driver Safety Program will be conducted in two sessions, April 18 and 20, 2006. The class will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford. The class will be limited to 25 persons. The class fee is \$10.00 per person. The class instructor will be Mr. James Cunningham of Spearman who will utilize materials from the American Association of Retired Persons.

So that adequate program materials will be available for the class, all interested persons age 50 and older are encouraged to pre-register by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

For more information, contact either Lynn Wells at 396-2011 or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

## Want to go on a Dinner Cruise?

The Imagination Station invites you to a Dinner Cruise to open their Week of the Young Child, Transportation Exhibit, April 22. The Transportation Exhibit will celebrate fifty years of the Interstate Highway System. The exhibit will be featuring all modes of transportation: planes, trains, automobiles and ships.



## Obits

### MAE LOUISE PLUNK

STRATFORD — Mae Louise Plunk, 89, died Friday, March 24, 2006.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Wagoner, pastor of Craig Methodist Retirement Center of Amarillo, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Plunk was born Dec. 12, 1916, in Boone County, Ark. She was a lifetime resident of Stratford. She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford. She married Leonard "Fat" Plunk on Sept. 10, 1939, in Hartley. She was a homemaker and enjoyed working on the family farm with her husband of 66 years. She loved her grandchildren and loved to travel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and her parents, J.R. and Panetha Marshall.

Survivors include three sons, Dwayne Plunk and wife, Peggy, of Stratford, Dennis Plunk and wife, Jody, of Dumas and Charles Plunk and wife, Myrna, of Mansfield; two brothers, J.R. Marshall of Amarillo and Gene Marshall of Stratford; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, R.O. Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084.

### VIVIAN HARRISON POPEJOY

Vivian Harrison Popejoy, 91, of Amarillo died Thursday, March 23, 2006.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with Alan Williamson, chaplain and pastor of Park Place Central Retirement Community, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Popejoy was born Feb. 13, 1915, in Dalhart. She was raised in the Phillips and Borger area and lived in Amarillo since 1996. She was a member of St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Borger, a master judge of the American Iris Society and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Prentice Ballengee, and her second husband, Bill Popejoy.

Survivors include a brother, Eugene Harrison of San Diego, and two nephews, Kent Harrison of Oceanside, Calif., and Dean Harrison of Grass Valley, Calif.

The family suggests memorials be to Ware Living Center, 400 W. 14th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

### CELIA GARCIA DE TORRES

STRATFORD — Celia Garcia De Torres, 74, died Thursday, March 23, 2006, in Dumas.

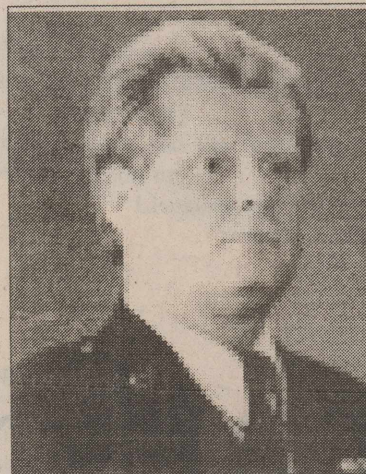
Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday March 25, 2006 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Silvester Rodriguez officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Torres was born Nov. 30, 1931, in Saucillo, Chihuahua, Mexico. She was a resident of the Stratford and Texhoma area for more than 40 years.

She married Jose Torres on Nov. 5, 1949, in Meoqui, Chihuahua. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Salomon Garcia, and a sister, Berthita G. Martinez.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Carlos Torres and Martin Torres, both of Boise City, Okla., Jose Manuel Torres of Dallas and Eloy Torres of Amarillo; six daughters, Lidia Jimenez of Dumas, Lupe Morales of Hitchland, Argelia Rodriguez of Gruver, Sylvia Soto of Stratford, Yolanda Vazquez of Dallas and Carmela Avalus of Guyton, Okla.; two sisters, Rita Garcia of Meoqui and Inez Garcia of El Paso; 24 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Danny Charles Thompson

Danny Charles Thompson was accepted into the Lord's arms on 25 February 2006 at the age of 49. As the Lord took Danny by the hand to join his awaiting family, Danny put a beautiful smile on his face and was finally at peace. Many family members and friends present witnessed this peaceful look and smile. The funeral service was held on 1 March 2006 at the Heritage Church of Christ in Keller, TX. Pall bears were Roger Lyons; Gary Knowles; Rusty, Roger, and Don Barkman; and Matt Wells. Danny is now resting in peace with other fallen comrades at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, TX. He was honored with a full 21-gun salute military ceremony.

Danny was born on 30 June 1956 in Lamesa, TX to Dick and Mary Thompson. The family lived in Borger, Perryton, Booker, Bovina, Stratford and Spearman during Danny's childhood. Danny worked with his father in the crop-dusting business until he entered the United States Air Force at the age

of 17 in 1973 under the delayed enlistment program, leaving for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX in January 1974. After completing basic training, Danny returned to Spearman to marry Kayleen Cooper on 16 March 1974. They left for Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, then onto Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX at which time Danny was blessed with his first child, Charles "Scott" Thompson on 24 September 1979. Danny's military career also lead him to Turkey for a remote tour and back to the United States at Altus Air Force Base in Altus, OK to finish 11 years of active duty service. While on active duty in the United States Air Force, Danny obtained an AA degree from the Community College of the Air Force, a BSOE degree from Wayland Baptist University and his Master's degree in Political Science, Public Relations and Management.

After leaving his active duty life in the military, Danny settled in the Dallas Fort Worth area and married Lisa Kellmer. Danny re-entered the military life by joining the Texas Air National Guard. After serving 22 years of dedicated service to his country, Danny decided it was time to retire from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant with the First Sergeant diamond. Danny was very proud to have served his country and proud to be an American!

Danny worked for EDS, Mission Balloons and D.R. Horton Homes before deciding to create a company of his own called "Commercial Promotions and Balloons," which became a million-dollar business. Unfortunately in 2001, Danny had to sell his well-established business due to health problems. Within the past three years, Danny has had three liver transplants and two kidney

transplants due to contracting Christopher Charles Thompson Hepatitis C, while in the Air born on Danny's birthday, 30 June Force, which laid dormant for 1999. Danny's son, Scott, carried more than 20 years. After on the Thompson family name of establishing his successful "Charles" by naming his first son business, he married Diane with Charles in his name. At the Barkman and acquired two time of Christopher's birth, there stepdaughters. Danny was once were five living generations of again blessed with his second "Charles" Thompson, which child "Logan" Jennings Danny was very proud of. Then Thompson in July 1994. Two more blessings came into Danny's life - his first grandchild -

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**St. Joseph's CCD  
Enchilada Dinner  
Free Will Donation  
Time: 12:00-2 p.m.  
Place: Parish Hall  
April 2, 2006**

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#### RUN-OFF ELECTION

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ELECTION DATE  
April 11th

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**SHERMAN COUNTY**  
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- DEVOTED ~ Will serve Sherman County FULL-TIME!
- Sherman County resident for 18 years!

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Jessica Audrain, Box 531, Stratford, TX 79084

## COACHES GAME

STRATFORD YOUTH  
BASKETBALL  
COACHES GAME

SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
5:00  
HS GYM

\$1.00 ADMISSION FEE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
STRATFORD YOUTH  
BASKETBALL

As of April the 1st-I will no longer be the  
owner of Brown's Meat Locker.

I have sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Chabolla. They  
will carry the Same name and establishment  
number, also the same crew.

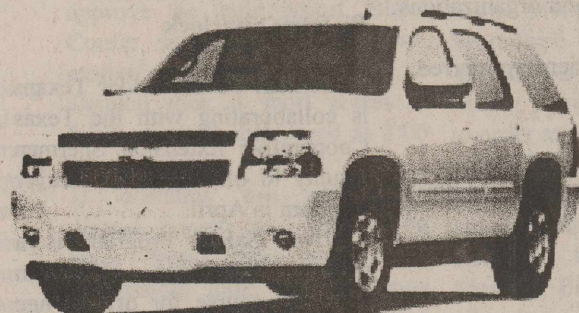
Jack Gore will remain the manager

**Thanks to everyone in behalf of Baskin and  
I for 50 years of support and goodwill.**

**Please welcome the Chabolla's in  
their new business.**

Thanks to all of you,  
Betty Lee Brown and  
the late Baskin Brown

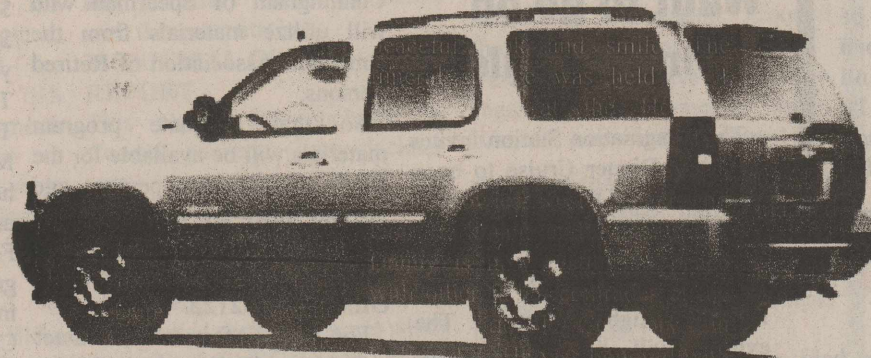
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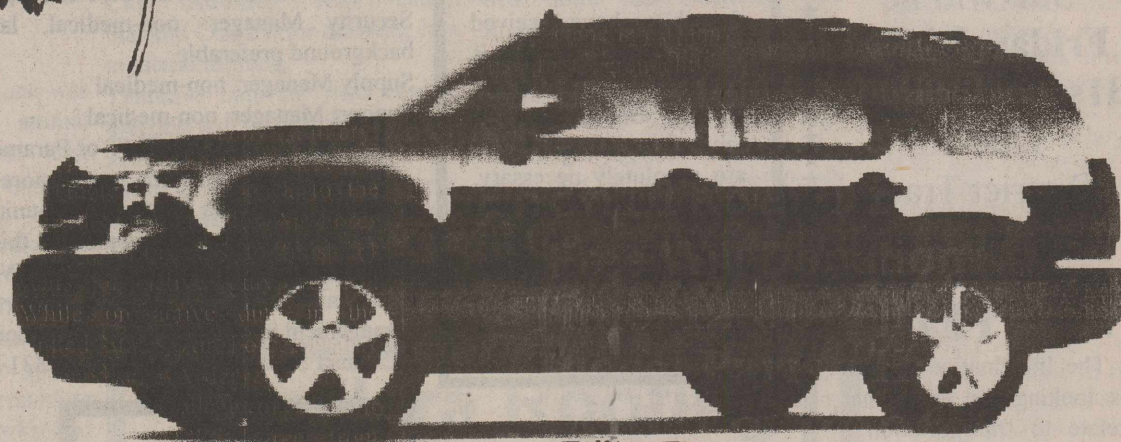
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## Informational Meeting Held March 21, 2006

Community Responders and Self Help Organization and Sherman County Emergency Management held an informational meeting March 21, 2006 for community responders and representatives from area churches regarding shelter management. The program included instructions for organizing and managing a shelter followed by a discussion period covering topics such as Shelter Coordinators and volunteer management, food preparation and donations management. Training opportunities community volunteers' participation was presented with more information to follow. Fourteen interested persons attended the meeting: Zelda Pickens, Claude Fedric, Karen Woolsey, Bobbie Strong, Kay Payne, Doris Parsons, Ann Johnson, Ann Wells, Jon Wyatt, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Teresa Edmond, Susie Spurlock and Michelle Lutes.

## Region-wide scholarship Fund Drive To Be Held

Amarillo College is sponsoring a region-wide scholarship fund drive that benefits students in the 26-county Panhandle area.

A coalition of state and local agency representatives is organizing the Living Independently Through Education (LITE) Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza from 11:30 to 1:00. Faith Miller-Barger of KAMR-TV/NBC-Four is serving as Master of Ceremonies.

College-bound students with disabilities in this area are the beneficiaries of scholarship funds raised during the next month. Along with corporate and individual donations, additional dollars are expected through a silent auction and vendor booths the day of the luncheon. The goal is to award at least 40 scholarships this fourth year, according to Brenda Rossnagel of Amarillo College.

Scholarships will provide funds for tuition, books, fees, supplies or living expenses, as deemed appropriate. People with disabilities residing in the 26-county Panhandle region are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up and returned to Amarillo College Student Services Room #125, Washington Street Campus.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at the LITE Luncheon on April 19. Rossnagel says the success of this project relies on support from throughout the region. Monetary contributions or donations of prizes are especially needed this year. Information about scholarship applications or luncheon is available by calling Brenda Rossnagel at Amarillo College (371-5436) or Susan Stokes at 655-7151.



Of the 30 major league baseball teams, 10 have never won a World Series.

Shown above left to right attending the Informational Meeting are Claude Fedric, Kay Payne, Susie Spurlock, Karen Woolsey, Ann Wells, Sandy Williams and Gynelle Riffe.

## Thompson Obit Cont. from page 2

on 30 September 2003, Danny's second grandchild, Phillip Thomas Thompson was born and named after Danny's previous brother-in-law and his daughter-in-law's father. While serving the Lord, Danny became an ordained minister in 2005.

Danny left behind many wonderful friends and family members to join his awaiting family: Grandparents - Daddy Hub and Moma Ola Thompson, Annie Gilbert Thom Dennis Brown, Elbert Dennis and John Brown; Uncles - Carroll Thompson and Tommy Mannuzza; Aunts - Alva Thompson and Wanda McGee; Sister-in-Law Jana Lynn Thompson; Cousins - Johnny Oden and Roger Mize Jr.; previous Brother-in-Law Phillip Lynn Stumpf; previous Father-in-Law - Mr. And Mrs. Kellmer; and friends - Everett Hawkins and Clay Ellison.

Until Danny meets his loved ones left behind, he will be watching over each of us: Wife - Diane; Sons - Scott and Logan Thompson; Parents - Dick and Mary Thompson; Sister Deryenda; Brothers - Don, Doug and Sammy; Stepdaughters

Barbara Wells and Margaret Goodnight; Daughter-in-Law - Kristy Thompson; Grandsons - Christopher Charles Thompson and Phillip Thomas Thompson; Son-in-Law - Matt Wells; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins; previous wives - Kayleen Lyons and Lisa Moore; as well as many wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, Danny would be honored with your gifts to any of the following: (Be sure to make note - "IN MEMORY OF DANNY C. THOMPSON".

1. Ark House (Low cost housing for outpatients and family members at Baylor Hospital) Danny called this his 2nd home. Post Office Box 833656; Richardson, TX 75083-3656
2. Baylor Regional Transplant Institute; 3500 Gaston Ave; Dallas, TX 75246
3. Heritage Church of Christ; 4201 Heritage Trace Parkway; Keller, TX 76248

If you would like to send a card or note to any family member, please feel free to do so:

1. For Dick, Mary, Deryenda, Don, Doug, or Sammy - Send to: The Thompson's; P.O. Box 257; Munday, TX 76371
  2. Scott Thompson and family; R.R. 1, Box 27-7; Fritch, TX 79036
  3. Diane Thompson and family; 7304 Chapman Drive; North Richland Hills, TX 76180
  4. For Kayleen Cooper Thompson Lyons - Send to: Roger and Kayleen Lyons; 7400 Chapman Drive; North Richland Hills, TX 76180
- Please visit, view, and sign the guest book at "www.star-telegram.com/obituaries"

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## Golf Teams Compete

The J.V. and Varsity boys' golf teams competed in the Sunray Invitational held in Dumas on Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

The J.V. boys placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JV Division. Individual results were Connor Vincent 98, Eric Riffe 96, Andrew Correll 101, Brant Cummings 108 and Josh Lanning 100.

The Varsity boys won the tournament shooting a 339. Individual results were Robert Seawright 80, Walter Spurlock 84, Scott Hudson 86, Landan Luna 89 and Brady Bell 99.

The girls' golf team consisting of Jordan Confer, Merilee McDaniel, Whitney Garza, and Kelsey Stein competed on Wednesday and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Rush Information Meeting To Be Held

Amarillo Panhellenic will host

a Rush Information Meeting on Sunday, April 9, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 4100 South Coulter Dr. Please enter the north, green-canopied entrance. All high school senior women who are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines, a short discussion will be par of the meeting. For information, please call Cindy Kelleher 806-358-4880 or Sandy Riney 806-359-6706

## Mary Allen Elementary to begin Registering Children for Kindergarten & Pre-Kindergarten

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2006-2007, beginning on April 3, 2006. You may come to the Mary Allen office and a packet to fill out. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate and current shot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2006 and is:

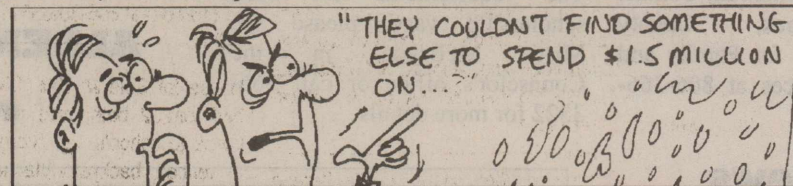
- \*unable to speak or understand the English language
- \*educationally disadvantaged
- \*homeless

There will be a shot clinic available for any student on Thursday, April 6 from 1:00 - 2:30 at the Mary Allen Elementary. If your child will be starting Pre-K or Kindergarten in 2006, this will be a good opportunity to get current on your child's shots.

Mary Allen Elemental comenzara para ninos que se registran para el Jardin de la infancia y del Pre-Jardin de la infancia para el ano de escuela 2006-2007, comenzara el 3 del abril de 2006. Usted puede venir a la oficina de Mary Allen y obtene un paquete para llenar. Traiga por favor su tarjeta del seguro social de su nino, certificado de nacimiento, y el registro de las vacunas reciente. Para matricularse en el Jardin de la infancia, su nino debe girar 5 para el primero de septiembre del 2006: Un nifio tiene drecho a para la matriculacion en Pre-el Jardin de la infancia si el nino es por So menos 4 anos de edad para el i de septiembre del 2006 y es:

- \*incapaz de hablar o entender el idioma ingles
- \*educativamente desventajado
- \*sin hogar

Habra un dispensario de vacunas disponibles para cualesuier estudiante el jueves, 6 de abril 1:00 - 2:30 en el Mary Allen Elementales. Si su nino estara comenzando de K Pre o el Jardin de la infancia en el 2006, esta es una oportunidad Buena de obtener estar al corriente en sus cacunas de su nino.



The world's tallest fountain is found in Fountain Hills, Arizona. Built at a cost of \$1.5 million for McCulloch Properties, Inc., the 564-foot-tall column of water weighs more than eight tons.

<h3>Business Directory</h3>	<h3>Stratford Hospital District</h3> <p>Coldwater Manor Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford EMS Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County</p>
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For Sale: NICE 2002 Prowler camper, 29 ft., sleeps 8, Queen bedroom, microwave, awning, tub/shower and bumpers with sway bar. No slide out. \$11,500.00. Call 753-7411 to see.

4-6-p  
For Sale: Pretty piano w/bench \$250.00. Call 753-7411.

4-6-p  
Used Tire Sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557.

7-28-tfn  
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4-1-tfn  
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Base Tuxedo w/vest & shoes \$70.00  
Lots of choices  
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396-2809  
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1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut  
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**HAS OPENINGS  
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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541.

11-27-tfn  
For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5892 nights.

1-28-tfn

### Wanted to Lease

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Sherman County Office presently occupies 3469 net, usable square feet of office space at 418 N. 4th St. in Sherman County, Stratford, Texas. FSA is interested in signing a succeeding lease for this space, but it will consider relocating if economically advantageous to FSA. Occupancy is required by November 1, 2006. Anyone interested should call Rebecca Hemphill at 806-396-2211 for more information.

### Services

I will do little handwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.

8-19-tfn  
Spring is here: Time to have your lawn mower serviced. Call 396-2512 and leave message or come by 610 S. Wall.

### Help Wanted

Now seeking a temporary full-part time dependable salesperson to operate Stratford Store. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants, and operating cash register. Starting pay: \$7.00/hour-40 hour workweek. No experience necessary. Hiring begins April 1st. Send resume to D & c Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman, TX 79081.

STRATFORD FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC IS NOW SEEKING A NURSE FOR THE CLINIC. YOU NEED TO BE AN LVN OR RN. YOU NEED TO BE MULTITASKING ABLE TO DRAW BLOOD, BE WILLING TO LEARN X-RAY. PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON AT STRATFORD FAMILY MEDICAL.

4-13-c  
Drivers & Owner Operators: Top Earnings! Lease Purchase Program Available! Great Benefits & Home-Time! CDL-A, 2 years experience. 800-445-9133.

4-6-c  
Help Wanted: Counter Salesperson needed at A&I Parts. Contact Jerry Ewers at 366-5592 or 753-7593.

3-2-tfn

Eleven of the world's 16 busiest airports are in the U.S., including the top four—O'Hare in Chicago, Hartsfield in Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.

### Houses for Sale

For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple. 1404 sq. ft. 3 bdrms, or 2 big bdrms, & office, 1 bath. Large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575.

4-20-c4-x  
**REDUCED:** 3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment.

10-21-tfn  
For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton, 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message.

12-9-tfn  
House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division.

9-22-tfn  
For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back Yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.

5-5-tfn  
5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.

11-4-tfn  
House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270

9-22-tfn  
**Reduced Price.** Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678.

6-16-tfn

### Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division. Dallam County: CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.

10-23-tfn

**Ad Rem Land Co.**  
803 S Bliss  
Dumas, TX 79029  
806-935-7364



**Shop in Backyard!** Nice 3 bdrm., 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. **Reduced to \$43,000**

**Corner Lot!** This 4 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced. **\$55,000**

**NEW LISTING!** Right on the corner, right across from school, right on the PRICE. Metal siding and trim. **\$35,000**

**VERY NICE** 3 bdrm., brick Austin Stone house on corner lot with side garage entry. Has flip-out Therma pane windows, storm cellar, storage building with large fenced backyard, fireplace and large kitchen. **\$65,000**

First State Bank of Stratford will be accepting written offers on the following property:  
815 Purnell Street  
First State Bank reserves the right to refuse any and all offers. Written offers will be accepted through March 24, 2006. For more information, please contact Tim Weldon at First State Bank of Stratford at 806-396-5521.

3-23-c  
House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.

7-14-tfn  
House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.

### Wanted to Buy

Wanted to buy-Ford 428 and 427 Irrigation Engines Call 1-785-726-3288.

5-18-c



**In baseball, pitcher Nolan Ryan holds the all-time records for strikeouts (5,714), walks (2,795) and no-hitters (7).**

### STRATFORD ISD 2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 9-14	Teacher Inservice
August 15	Teacher Workday
August 16	School Begins
September 4	Labor Day - No School
October 9	Columbus Day - No School
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 20	Early Release Day
December 21 - January 2	Christmas Holidays
January 3 - 4	Staff Development - Waiver Days - Student Holiday
January 5	Teacher Work Day
January 26	Stock Show Day
March 12-16	Spring Break
April 6	Snow Day - No School
April 11	Early Release Day
May 4	Snow Day - No School
May 25	Early Release Day
May 26	Teacher Work Day

Approved by the SISD Board of Trustees  
March 14, 2006  
Pending Approval of TEA Waivers

\*\*Calendar is posted on Stratford ISD Website  
www.stratfordisd.net

### Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, and prayers during Tom's recent stay at the hospital.

Sincerely Tom and Donna Wagner and family

Thank you to everyone for honoring me at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Stratford is a wonderful community in which to live.

Sincerely, Martha Mitts

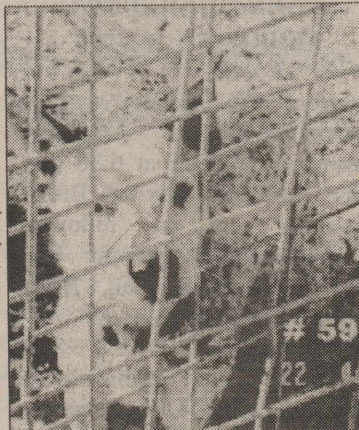
Thank you to the community of Stratford for supporting the One Act Play Dinner Theater. Because of your generosity, several students will be able to attend Speech Drama Camps.

Terri Teig Director  
OAP Cast & Crew

SHS Student Council would like to thank Walter and Jenny Spurlock for donating sausage links to the concession stand last weekend. They were a big hit!

Thanks Walter & Jenny!

### Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.



The highest apartment residence is the 92nd floor of the 100-story John Hancock Center in Chicago.

### Legal Notices

#### BID NOTICE SALE OF USED MOTOR GRADER

Sherman County will accept sealed bids until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 10, 2006 for the sale of one (1) used motor grader. Bids can be delivered to: Judge Terri Carter, 701 N 3rd, Room 206, or mailed to P O Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084. Bids will be considered at 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 10, 2006 at the Regular Meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Late bids or faxed bids will not be considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to select the bid most advantageous to Sherman County. Description of equipment: 1991 Cat 140G; can be seen at Sherman County Precinct 3 Barn in Texhoma, TX. For information call: Commissioner David Hass at 806-827-7378. The used motor grader will not be released until Sherman County accepts delivery of its new motor grader. Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge.

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#### Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals for milk deliveries. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the cafeteria at (806)366-3310.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM April 10, 2006; Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX, 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendents office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on April 11, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization.  
NoTXG920678

APPLICATION. Wesley Miller, P.O. Box 798, Stratford, Texas 79084-0798. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXC-920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 6,400 total head, of which 3,200 head are milking, in Sherman County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on November 21, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the south side of an unnamed private road, the private road is approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of County Road 5 and County Road E, said intersection is 2 miles west of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2677 and County Road F, in Sherman County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive

Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying

at the Sherman County Courthouse/ County Clerk's Office, 701 North 3rd, Stratford, Texas 79084.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination on as to any final action or the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

**INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1 -

800-687-4040. Si desca informacion en Espanol, padea, llamar at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us Issued: Mar 16, 2006  
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#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Voting Machines will be tested for Logic and Accuracy on Friday, March 31, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Sherman County District and County Clerks Office.

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**EARLY  
DEADLINE  
FOR STAR**  
The Deadline for  
the  
April 6th Issue  
of  
The Stratford  
Star will be  
**Friday, March  
31st at 3:00 p.m.**  
Due To  
District Track  
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The coldest temperatures ever recorded in the contiguous 48 United States was -70°F, at Rogers Pass, Montana, January 20, 1954.



## City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 6:30 pm with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Keri Harris, George Harding, Bryan Mungia, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Gina Jones, County Clerk; Wesley Miller, BA Donelson, Kathy Alien, Scott Buckles, Karen Riffe representing SCDC; and Tommy Lovett.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2006 Regular Meeting, Keri Harris seconded, George Harding opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.

### PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Kathy Alien was present to discuss economic development in Stratford. Discussion took place concerning zoning and a zoning committee. Mayor David Brown, City Administrator Sean Hardman, Bryan Mungia, and Keri Harris will represent the City on the zoning committee and SCDC will appoint 2-3 members to represent SCDC on the zoning committee. This committee will meet and make recommendations to the zoning commission, which currently is the City Council. Discussion took place regarding clean-up around town. Council thanked SCDC.

Gina Jones was present to discuss a contract between the City and the County concerning the City General Election to be conducted in May. The City will consider contracting with the County to conduct the election due to a federal mandate effective January 1, 2006. This mandate requires each voting precinct to have at least one electronic voting machine for use in early voting and one electronic voting machine for use on Election Day. These machines are costly. The Counties were awarded grant money to purchase these machines and the Cities were not. Discussion took place; however no action was taken. It will be placed on the agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The report for the Police Department was included in Council packets.

### MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

The report for Municipal Court was included in Council packets.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

As Sean Hardman was not present, no report was given.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding comp time as it is addressed in the personnel policy. The current policy does not allow for comp time. George Harding motioned to table this agenda item concerning Dwayne Dennis, Blake Confer seconded, Nancy Kimball opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.

The Executive Session agenda item was tabled.

Discussion took place regarding the evaluation of the City Administrator. An evaluation form will be given to Council members and a date to return the completed form will be set at the next meeting.

Mayor David Brown, his wife Janice, and Sean Hardman will attend the TML Quarterly meeting in Amarillo.

Discussion regarding the Accounts Payable took place. Kathy Rendon will call the auditors regarding the IRS payable before sending payment.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve all accounts payable excluding IRS and XIT, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the XIT payable, Blake Confer seconded, Nancy Kimball abstained, all else in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the December

financial statements was tabled due to Sean Hardman's absence from the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding items which need to be addressed at every council meeting and should be standard agenda items until further notice. The items include junk and abandoned vehicles, condemnation of

property, and city-wide property clean-up.

A cell phone usage policy will be presented at the next council meeting. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Kathy Rendon-City Secretary  
David Brown, Mayor City of Stratford

### COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday February 9, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Keri Harris, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Cindy Jackson, Municipal Judge; Eddie Williams; Sandy Williams representing Sherman County Emergency Management; Kathy Allen representing SCDC; Lee Moore representing Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis; David Cann representing PRPC; Ron Bradburn and family; Earl Blair; JD and Michelle Swart, and JJ Williams.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Since no one was present to discuss a skate park, this item was tabled.

David Cann with PRPC was present to discuss the approval of a First Memorandum of Understanding and a Letter of Concurrence between the City of Stratford and PRPC. Discussion took place. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve this First Memorandum and Letter of Concurrence as presented, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ron Bradburn was present as a candidate for the position of Police Chief. As this was not an official interview, discussion took place and Council thanked Ron and his family for coming. An official interview will be scheduled and Ron will be notified.

Kathy Allen with SCDC presented a resolution authorizing participation in the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Yes! Rural Travel Guide Program. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Keri Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Lee Moore was present to give the annual audit report for the City. Discussion took place. Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the audit report, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council took a short recess at 8:00 pm and reconvened at 8:06 pm.

JJ Williams was present to discuss penalty and interest on taxes from 2000 and 2003. Discussion took place. Nancy Kimball motioned to charge penalty and interest on the taxes for the year 2000 and not charge penalty and interest for the year 2003, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Penfold, Police Officer, was present to give his report. He will be giving a power point presentation at the school for both the High School and Junior High students. Consensus of the Council was for Sean to allocate any necessary funds associated with this presentation.

### MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

This report was included in Council packets. Cindy Jackson was requesting Council to approve the purchase of Municipal Court case management software and equipment. The cost would be reimbursed through a grant which the City qualified for. Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the purchase, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion

carried.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean had the following items to report on:

- Livestock permits within the City limits requires approval of all residents within 200' and then Council has final approval

- TxDOT meeting last month - will concrete from intersection to Pearl Street

- Pine Street will be the diversion when construction begins

- Main Street construction will begin approximately May 2008

- The City was awarded a grant to purchase more yard waste containers

- Old Water Tower is being repaired again

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

Nancy Kimball motioned for the Mayor to order the election to elect one Mayor and two council members for two-year terms, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the status of the wastewater treatment plant.

The cost of seal coating will be approximately \$44,000. Nancy Kimball motioned to set the date and time for bid openings for the first regular Council meeting scheduled in March, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:46 p.m. and reconvened at 9:53 p.m. with no action taken.

Discussion took place on the Council meeting two times a month when necessary. The next Council meeting will be scheduled for February 16!

### ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilmember George Harding presented a letter of resignation which was read by City Administrator Sean Hardman. George was resigning his position on the Council and it would be effective immediately.

Nancy Kimball motioned to accept his resignation, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Council thanked George for his time served on the Council.

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Kathy Rendon-City Secretary  
David Brown, Mayor City of Stratford

### COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday February 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Keri Harris, Nancy Kimball, Bryan Mungia and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Larry Penfold, Police Department; Ron Bradburn; Earl Blair; Teresa Edmond, Chief Appraiser with Sherman County Appraisal District; JJ Williams; Ernie Maiwald; kids regarding Skate Park

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2006 Regular Meeting, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Item A was tabled as no one was present to discuss the animal control issue. Discussion took place concerning dog traps and dangerous dogs.

There were several kids present to discuss a skate park. Blake Confer thanked the kids for addressing Council with their idea and encouraged them to gather any information from surrounding towns on their skate parks and return to Council with any additional information. Council thanked the kids for coming.

Teresa Edmond gave information regarding tax payments. Nancy Kimball motioned to repeal the motion made in the meeting on February 9, 2006, based on new information. JJ Williams noted that he has no objection. Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball made her motion based in new information. Nancy Kimball motioned that penalty and interest be re-instated on City

taxes for JJ Williams, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Council apologized for the delay in this decision.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean's report was given in the February 9, 2006 meeting. An item for discussion at the March Council meeting will be to consider taking bids on financials from both banks.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

Blake Confer motioned to approve the contract for \$1,438.55 with Sherman County for conducting the general Environmental Systems-election in May 2006, Keri Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Keri Harris motioned to approve the Cell Phone Usage Policy for the City of Stratford with changes, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried. This policy change will be included with the policy handbook for City personnel.

Council took a short recess at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 8:40 p.m.

Council took a recess at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

No action taken regarding the Executive Session. Sean will handle this matter.

As Dwight Brandt was not present, there was no update on the status of the wastewater treatment plant project.

Sean stated that ten (10) letters regarding clean-up and condemnation of property have been sent out. A date will be set in April for clean-up month.

Tags have been ordered for abandoned vehicles. The owner will have 72 hours to take care of the abandoned vehicle; otherwise the vehicle will be impounded.

Discussion took place concerning franchise agreements.

Discussion took place regarding the school zone on Highway 54. Sean will get with the State Department to be advised on placing a sign concerning entering the school zone from Main Street.

Discussion took place concerning boiler/gas line fees. Emergency Management should be advised of any concerns.

The dumpsters on Stickney are now balanced on railroad ties which are anchored and have reflective tape on them.

Council convened into Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 10:30 p.m. with no action taken.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the January accounts payable with the exception of XIT, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the XIT payable, Bryan Mungia seconded, Nancy Kimball abstained, all else in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the January Financial Statement, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to approve the December Financial Statement, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

City Attorney Rob Elliott thanked Council for allowing him to attend training.

Tentative date for next council meeting will be March 16, 2006.

### ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Kathy Rendon-City Secretary  
David Brown, Mayor -City of Stratford



## ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Glass sends this information: Anatomy-Brown's Meat Locker donated calf brains to dissect. The students are going to do a comparative dissection of a calf and sheep brain while learning the structures. Biology-Looking at bacteria from cheek and hand swabs to learn the shapes of bacteria. Also pushing for TAKS!

Environmental Systems-Working on computer software to help the juniors skate through the TAKS test.

She does the neatest things in her labs. She also will have those students ready for TAKS.

Tuesday the Special Education students took a field trip to Amarillo. Wednesday and Thursday is the High School UIL Academic Meet at Amarillo College. Saturday we will host the District Junior High Track Meet.

Mrs. Haile says the Greek Feast has been postponed because of benchmark testing and TAKS preparation. It will be rescheduled sometime during the last weeks of May. We decided that it would be more fun to get all of the work out of the way and then just enjoy ourselves later.

Can you believe it? March 31 is the end of the fifth sixth weeks. One more six weeks and school will be out for the summer!

Mrs. Duke sent the following to me, and although it doesn't pertain to her class work, it is an education in itself!

### Life in the 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500's:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor; hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children, and last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water." Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs." There was nothing to stop things from falling into the

house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt; hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until when you opened the door it

would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway; hence the saying a "thresh hold."

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?) In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while; hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat." Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food

with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust." Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up; hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

And that's the truth... Now, whoever said that History was boring!!

Have a great week!

## Health

(NU) - It is estimated that one in 10 people in the U.S. suffers from seasonal allergies. Symptoms include coughing, sneezing, watery eyes and rash. Having a rash can include troublesome itching, but can also cause physical pain and psychological distress. Treatments for rashes have been typically lotions or creams that may be messy or inconvenient to use. Two alternative treatments, Luxiq and OLUX Foam, are topical corticosteroids that work by reducing the inflammatory responses in the skin. Available by prescription only, they come in a unique foam vehicle that can cover large areas of the skin. For more information, visit [www.connetics.com](http://www.connetics.com) or call (888) 500-3376.

## Health

(NU) - About 7 million men and women in the U.S. suffer from psoriasis, with many experiencing significant emotional issues like depression as a result. This condition, which includes red thickened skin covered by silvery scales that may itch or feel sore, is caused by rapid skin cell growth that results in accumulation of immature cells. Physicians treat psoriasis in steps based on the severity of the disease, size of the areas involved, type of psoriasis and the patient's response to treatment. For more information, visit the National Psoriasis Foundation at [www.psoarisis.org](http://www.psoarisis.org).

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