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Tax Office Now Accepting Credit Cards

The Sherman County Tax Office is now accepting Visa and MC. These credit cards can be used for any motor vehicle transaction or Tax payment. The minimum fee for this convenience will be \$2.50, or 2.45% of the amount due whichever is greater.

Pray For Rain

Everyone join us at the Baptist Church to PRAY FOR RAIN and concerns in our community. Every Wednesday in August 7:00 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The heat and wind has damaged many flowers and decoration arrangements at the cemetery. Please check your flowers and arrangements and if they are no longer serviceable, please remove them. Plot owners are reminded to not place glass jars, vases, wooden objects or metal objects as decoration on graves. Also, please pick up any loose wire you may have used. When trimmers and mowers are used, these items are not always seen and they become flying objects and pose a hazard to equipment and personnel. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lamb & Goat Validation Tags Order

By Sherman Hammons

Well once again time is fast approaching for each of you to make decisions on how many tags you will need for the Major Stock Shows. If you are a 4-Her/FFA member and have a lamb or goat that you would like to exhibit at any Major Livestock Show for 2007 then you need to contact Sherman Hammons at 366-2122.

The deadline to order tags will be August 18, 2006 by 5:00 p.m. The cost of these tags will be \$7.00 each. We also need these numbers so we can order the nose printing material for lambs. **Reminder these tags are not for the county show.**

If you have any lambs or goats showing at the State Fair then you should already have your tag and this does not apply to you. Thanks for your help.

Lunch and Learn Meeting August 17

By Susie Spurlock

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, August 17 at 12 noon in the educational room of the County Extension Office. The program will be "Medications and Memory". All members are invited and guest are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 16 so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The Stratford Area Foundation Celebrates

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Stratford Area Foundation Board met August 9 at the First State Bank. The Board celebrated the completion of the \$50,000 challenge grant. It was noted that one person gave one half of the challenge and the rest was given by the community. The Stratford Area Foundation Board is grateful for this outstanding participation. The Foundation will continue to grow through donations of memorials and honorariums to help organizations with projects to improve the Stratford Area.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce received a matching grant from the Stratford Area Foundation, for a new computer. Walt Berry presented a check to manager, Ann Wells and Billy Elliott, president, (picture is in cyberspace!)

Eighth Annual Tournament Set for Aug. 28

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Eighth Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Amarillo National Bank, Monday, Aug. 28, at La Paloma Golf Club. Cost is \$300 per foursome and includes dinner catered by La Paloma.

The tournament begins with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Player registration deadline is Aug. 15. Major tournament sponsors include Valero Energy Corporation, Saturn of Amarillo, HRH of Amarillo, The Hagy Company and American Electric. Numerous area merchants have donated door prizes.

Sponsorships ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. All proceeds go toward the new CMBC blood center to open in March 2007. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is the sole supplier of blood and blood components for 27 counties in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

CMBC is a nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. To sign up to play or to become a sponsor, contact Judy Neill, CMBC development director, at (806) 331-8853.

Upcoming Ag Events from Extension

By Sherman Hammons

With a vast different in counties in the Northwestern Panhandle I would like to share with you some upcoming events in our area.

August 21: Dallam/Hartley County Agent Nick Simpson is having an Alfalfa Production Meeting. Its 1:00 to 4:00. There will be 2 CEU's offered with .5 IPM. For direction please contact Sherman County Office at 366-2122 or Dallam/Hartley Office at 244-4434.

September 8: Dallam/Hartley is hosting a Wheat Stocker program. Please contact Nick for more information at 244-4434.

September 18: Sherman County is hosting a Cattle Seminar at the County Exhibit Barn 9:00 to 2:30. There will be 3 CEU's offered 1 in Laws and Regs. For more information please contact Sherman at 366-2122.

Texas Cooperative Extension provides relevant researched based programs. If there is anything that I can do for you please contact me at 366-2122.



Shown above and below are some of the local area producers and seed dealers that enjoyed the Sherman County Cotton Turnrow Meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2006



Producers Learning About Cotton

By Sherman Hammons

Local area producers and seed dealers attend Sherman County Cotton Turnrow Meeting on August 10, 2006. The weather held out the high temperatures, but gave us a little wind.

Texas Cooperative Extension, with producer Kerry Cartrite, has put in a field trail North of Sunray on FM 119 with Roundup Ready Flex. This is the first information that is out there with this crop and

with the great weather and low water usage looks like a 3 to 4 bale crop if weather will help out.

This in field event was put on by Sherman Hammons, Sherman County AG/NR agent and lunch was provided but Moore County Gin. Extension Program Specialist Dr. Mark Kelley spoke on the variety in the trail and

Extension Specialist in Cotton, Dr. Randy Bowman spoke on plant mapping and how that helps with water usage, he also helped answer any questions producers had. We also had Dr. Roxanne

Bowling, IPM agent for Moore, Sherman, Dallam/Hartley counties' speak on the cotton insects that is active and we looked at bollworm eggs on cotton now. Sherman Hammons spoke about what he does on keeping track on the cotton field.

We would like to thank all producers and seed dealers that took time out of your day to learn what we have going on in cotton here in Sherman County. Also, would like to thank Moore County Gin for providing the meal.

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.
—Maria Montessori

4-H ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Well once again it is time for school to start back up and so is 4-H. We will kick off 4-H again this year with an enrollment night of August 28, 2006 at 6:00 in the County Exhibit barn. There will be a hot dog dinner with different booths set up of what projects that you can get involved with.

Who can be part of this learning environment? Well, starting out with anyone that is 9 years old or in the 3rd grade up to anyone that in not 19 before September 1, 2006. Parents are welcome to help out with these projects also, so you can sign up as an adult leader. We strongly encourage parents to get involved with your kids because they want you there and need the support.

Hope to see you there on August 28 at 6:00 in the County Exhibit barn. If you have any question please contact the office at 806-366-2081 and anyone can help.

EMT Class to Start August 23, 2006

August 23 — mark that date on your calendars now! This is the day the new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class will begin right here in Stratford. The class will run from August 23 - December 13. The Class meets from 7 PM - 11 PM on Monday and Wednesday nights. After completing a designated amount of classroom time, you will be asked to spend some time in an Emergency Room (as an attendant, not as a patient) and to complete a few ambulance runs with us. This will be the first class

The Imagination News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station will host the 4-H GPS Mapping Program for the public. Approximately 15 youth and adults attended the information program Thursday August 10, with Leaders Scott Buckles & Susie Spurlock. The class will begin in about two weeks utilizing the computer lab at The Imagination Station. All youth and adults interested in mapping and the educational skill for employment can get more information from the leaders.

The Imagination Station is in a state of disarray but clean up has begun from the project to clean/sandblast the brick wall in the exhibit area. The dust is beginning to settle (on everything) and the sweeping, dusting, mopping has begun. All should be clean and in good order for the "Whale of a Sale" September 16. "Sneak a Peek" at some items at 309 N Main and "Let's make a deal" Modern Woodman of America will match the proceeds from the "Whale of a Sale" with 11 items sold at this date. Many more items will show up at the "Sneak a Peek" so keep watching.

Plans will be made to open the Computer Lab on Sunday afternoons from 2-4. Suggestions from the public on hours for the computer lab to be open are requested.

Programs in the fall include the Halloween Spook House, plus suggestions for programming for Jr. High and Adults. The Imagination Station Board asks for your suggestions for programs and exhibits. We have the place and are willing. *

Jamaica To Be Held August 27

St. Joseph church Annual Fund Raiser "Jamaica" will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at Bill Pendleton Park from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

There will be food-games-volleyball and 3 man street basket ball tournaments. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Music-Dance Contest.

Everybody Welcome
Bienvenidos Todos

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.
—Mahatma Gandhi



Baskin Wins Miss Sherman County Farm Bureau Queen and Talent Find Contest

Allison Baskin won Miss Sherman County Farm Bureau Queen and Talent Find Contest that was held July 31, 2006. Allison also won the District Queen and Talent Contest held August 12, 2006 at Borger. She will go on to compete at the State level in December. Congratulations

TCEQ CHAIRMAN URGES WATER CONSERVATION DURING DROUGHT

An Editorial Message from Kathleen Hartnett White, Chairman Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

It is no surprise that a Texas summer is hot and dry but 2005-2006 has been the driest recorded since 1957. The National Weather Services predicts persistent drought conditions through October for more than two-thirds of the state. We began the summer with a deficit. At the end of June, the state's reservoirs were at 79 percent of capacity, which is 10 percent lower than the same time last year.

The typically long, hot Texas summers readily bring water to mind, but Texans need to recognize the long-term water needs of our growing state. According to a 2006 preliminary analysis of Regional Water Plans, by 2060 when our population will have doubled, Texas could have extreme water shortages. In 2060, 61 percent of the population in over 500 cities would be unable to meet basic water needs during drought unless we reduce current rates of water use or develop additional sources of water. Every Texan can help conserve water—this summer and throughout the year.

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Hicks Receives Scholarship

The Ladies Golf Association of Pheasant Trails recently presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Austin Hicks.

Austin is a 2006 graduate of Sunray High School and has been involved in golfing for four years. Other activities in which he has participated include football, basketball, NHS, FCA and the Sunray Baptist Youth Group. He has been employed at PanFork Baptist Camp this summer.

His future plans are to attend West Texas A&M University and to be successful in whatever he decides to do.

Austin says "I wish to further my education and I need all the help I can get. I believe I am a very responsible, caring and compassionate person and also very goal orientated."

He received special honors in academic all-district and all-state football and was vice president of the National Honor Society.

Members of the Ladies Golf Association who were on the 2006 scholarship committee were Pat Johnson, Darlene Wuensche, Sue Cline, Marilyn Sydow and Rhonda Helton.

The scholarship was made possible through fund raisers of the Mag Burnett Golf Tournament, the Western Lone Star Golf Tournament and many merchants who gave generously. Austin is the son of Brenda Baker.

The best time to listen to a politician is when he's on a stump on a street corner in the rain late at night when he's exhausted. Then he doesn't lie.
—Theodore H. White



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PG-13 Nicholas Cage

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

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Rev. Gene Weinette
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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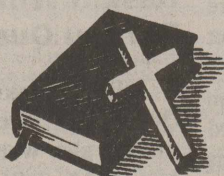
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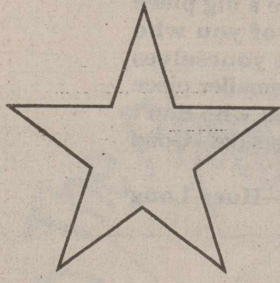
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8-17-c-----
For Sale: Metal American Cabinets, Formica cabinet top and sink. Appliances, Bar bell set. Call 366-2053.
8-17-c-----
Used tire sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557.
7-28-tfn-----
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4-1-tfn-----

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8-17-c-----
I will baby-sit at night after 6 p.m. Call 366-2586.
8-24-p-----

Be a listener only, keep within yourself, and endeavor to establish with yourself the habit of silence, especially in politics.
—Thomas Jefferson

All great changes are irksome to the human mind, especially those which are attended with great dangers and uncertain effects.
—John Adams

Houses for Sale

For Sale by owner: 901 N. 3rd, 1476 Sq. ft., 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, garage and 2 small decks. Corner lot, lg. fenced yard. 366-2576.
5-11-tfn-----
REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-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 366-2401.
5-5-tfn-----
For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple, 1404 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, or 2 big bdms, and office, 1 bath, large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575.
4-20-tfn-----
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8-17-c-----
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*To roast sliced almonds, spread in an ungreased baking pan. Place in a 350°F oven and bake 10 minutes or until golden brown and fragrant; stir once or twice to ensure even browning. Note that almonds will continue to roast slightly after removing from oven.
For more almond recipes, visit www.AlmondsAreIn.com.

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for Special Education Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM September 5, 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, or Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on September 5, 2006 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas
County of Sherman

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 69th District Court of Sherman County, on the 15th day of May, 2006, by Gina Jones District Clerk of said 69th District Court of Sherman County for the sum of \$10,162.77 plus post judgment

interest in the annual rate of 5% plus annum, plus costs of suit of \$1,557.00, in a certain cause in said Court No. 4534 and styled *Chaparral Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company vs. Viola Production, Inc.*, placed in my hands for service, I Jack Haile as Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas, did on the 26th day of June, 2006 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Sherman County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

An undivided 31.33875% oil and gas leasehold working and 26.585706% net revenue working interest, and an and all overriding and mineral interests owned by Viola Production, Inc in the Ross 1-72 Well and, in the Oil and Gas lease dated September 16, 1975, which is recorded in the Oil and Gas Lease Records at volume 140, at page 310, of the records of Sherman County, Texas, from Samuel Brown Ross and Myrtle Elizabeth Ross to George W. Arrington Oil Co. and Wm. L. Arrington covering Section 72, Block 1-T, T&NO RR Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Sold subject to any and all liens,
May include any and all delinquent taxes.

And levied upon as the oil and gas leasehold working and net revenue working interest, overriding royalty and mineral

interest of Vila Production, Inc., and that on the first Tuesday in September, 2006, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of Sherman County, in Stratford, Texas at 10:00 a.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described oil and gas leasehold, overriding royalty and mineral interest at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Viola Production, Inc.

And in compliance with law, I give this Notice by Publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the *Stratford Star*, newspaper published in Sherman County.

WITNESSED MY HAND this 26th day of June, 2006.

Jack Haile
Sheriff Sherman County, Texas
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 10, 2006, Thursday, August 17, 2006, Thursday, August 24, 2006 and Thursday, August 31, 2006.

Diplomacy—the art of saying "Nice doggie" 'til you can find a stick.
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NPWD Sponsors Kelsey Lucero to Attend Texas State Water Camp

Dalhart 9th grader, Kelsey Lucero, learned more about the water resources of Texas at this year's Texas State Water Camp held in Monahans, Texas. The camp, which is an annual event, is a program to instill a respect for water resources and to inspire junior and senior high school youth to become water resource managers in the future.

The camp is a one-week hands-on educational experience where students work with other students from around the state to learn about water use and conservation through hands-on experiments and activities. There are also field trips showing how municipalities, industry and agriculture use their water resources. Students perform a home water audit and an irrigation audit, as well as learning conservation habits they can teach their families and friends. The students are guided by professionals from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas Water Development Board and the Natural Resource Conservation Service just to name a few.

Kelsey reports that she "...had an amazing time at camp." She says that there were twelve boys and five girls at this year's camp, and that they took field trips to a shrimp farm, a cotton farm, a pecan orchard, Balmorhea State Park and a dairy farm, and that was only on the first day. At each field trip site, they learned about how water was used, as well as how water was conserved. They also took trips to a power plant, the Odessa water treatment plant and viewed the use of mulch in landscaping.

At some of the agricultural field trip sites, students learned about irrigation efficiency and the use of drip irrigation systems. Students also learned about wastewater recycling and energy production using water. Kelsey was assigned to one of four teams of students at the camp, each of which worked together on activities and experiments, and then reported back to the group at the end of every day as to what they had done and learned.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) sponsors students who live within the boundaries of NPWD to attend the camp each summer. Students must complete an

application, along with a short essay on why they would like to attend the camp. Those selected to attend then contact the NPWD office to have their travel arranged and expenses paid to the camp. NPWD's Education Coordinator states "It is one of the goals of NPWD to educate today's youth about their water resources and their role in conserving those resources for the future, since they will be the decision makers of the future. Giving them this week-long intensive learning experience about water and its importance to the state of Texas is one way to encourage them to become good stewards of their water resources for the future." Anyone interested in obtaining information about next year's water camp when it becomes available can contact Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or at artho@npwd.org.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires water suppliers to develop drought contingency plans to manage water usage, reduce peak demand, and extend supplies. June ended with 119 community water systems asking customers to limit outside water usage. An additional 78 systems were added to the list as of July 28. Of these systems, 22 are not allowing any outside watering at all, 104 are requiring mandatory watering restrictions based on address and day of the week, and 71 are asking for their customers to voluntarily reduce usage.

You may receive notices from your local water supplier about water restrictions. The TCEQ breaks down restrictions into four stages. Under Stage I and II restrictions, customers are asked to conserve water. Mandatory restrictions come into play in Stage III and involve limiting lawn watering to specific days of

the week and prohibit other non-essential water use to reduce the demand on the system by a certain percentage. If these efforts fail to sufficiently reduce usage, Stage IV restrictions may be implemented. These critical water use restrictions prohibit all outdoor watering and using water to wash vehicles of any kind. However, one size does not fit all situations in our big, diverse state. Since local decisions best reflect local conditions, restrictions issued by your water system may vary.

There's no need to wait until conditions are dire. Conservation keeps a bad situation from worsening. There are things each individual Texan can do to conserve water. Some ways to reduce water usage are:

- \$ water your lawn no more than twice a week and only during early morning hours,

- \$ use a drip irrigation system instead of sprinklers,
- \$ wash full loads of dishes or laundry,
- \$ cut back on washing your vehicle,

- \$ replace old plumbing with water saving fixtures,
- \$ consider installing a cistern to catch rainwater for future use,
- \$ plant native plants (that require less water).

The "Know Your Water I.Q." program at www.wateriq.org is an excellent resource for learning more about water conservation. Cities and communities across Texas are joining the "Water IQ" program to increase public awareness of the need to use water more efficiently.

As a rancher, I know that nature does not always cooperate. Population growth coupled with increased demand in a dry climate make it imperative that each Texan makes every effort to conserve water. Our quality of life depends upon our wise use of

this precious and limited resource. Texas is blessed with tremendous water resources in our many rivers and aquifers. Let's all use them wisely.

Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever.
—Napoleon Bonaparte

Those of you who come in with me now will receive a big piece of the pie. Those of you who delay, and commit yourselves later, will receive a smaller piece of pie. Those of you who don't come in at all will receive—Good Government!
—Huey Long

STRATFORD ISD

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STRATFORD, TEXAS 79084

Stratford Independent School District has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch program and/or School Breakfast Program. The cafeteria has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$12,740	18,130	1,062	1,511	245	349
2	17,160	24,420	1,430	2,035	330	470
3	21,580	30,710	1,799	2,560	415	591
4	26,000	37,000	2,167	3,084	500	712
5	30,420	43,290	2,535	3,608	585	833
6	34,840	49,580	2,904	4,132	670	954
7	39,260	55,870	3,272	4,656	755	1,075
8	43,680	62,160	3,640	5,180	840	1,196
9	48,100	68,450	4,009	5,705	925	1,317
10	52,520	74,740	4,378	6,230	1,010	1,438
11	56,940	81,030	4,747	6,755	1,095	1,559
12	61,360	87,320	5,116	7,280	1,180	1,680
For each additional family member add:						
	+\$4,420	+\$6,290	+\$369	+\$525	+\$85	+\$121

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of the free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Business Manager will review application and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Tim Gilliland, Superintendent PO Box 108 Stratford, TX 79084 Phone (806) 366-3303.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800)795-3272 or (202)720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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.

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