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Stratford, TX-All first graders at Stratford Elementary were given free prevent tooth decay kits on Thursday, May 12. In total, nearly 400 kits were delivered to first graders in Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas, and nearby communities. The project, called the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club, is a program of Masonic Children & Family Services <<http://www.mcfstx.org/>> (MCFS) to prevent children from suffering with toothaches, reduce missed school days due to dental problems, and cut costs for dental treatment. Dayland Bollinger with Rock Island Masonic Lodge #869 in Dalhart, Carl Unlaub with Dumas Lodge #1009, and Cecil McClellan with Triangle Masonic Lodge #1135 in Texline, organized the project. Lodge members assembled and will deliver kits to the school.

Prevent tooth decay kits contain: toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, healthy teeth sticker, two minute timer (optimal brushing time), "Tips for Healthy Teeth at Any Age" educational flyer for parents in both English and Spanish, and a summary of MCFS services and grant opportunities. According to Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General, tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease-five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Poor children are affected by this epidemic more frequently than other children, with nearly 12 times more restricted-activity days due to dental issues than children from higher-income families. A recent study from The Texas Kids Count Project showed more than 1.5 million Texas children living in Poverty-another indicator of the great need for this type of program.

In addition, dental problems directly affect success for children, with more than 51 million school hours lost each year to dental-related illness. Teachers have judged both classroom performance and classroom behavior to be significantly poorer among children in need of dental care. Pain and suffering due to untreated dental disease can also lead to problems in eating and speaking.

Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas (MCFS) is a non-profit organization, with a history spanning more than 100 years, of helping children across Texas. Services include, but are not limited to:

Fantastic Teeth Fan Club - Prevent tooth decay program for children, with a goal of teaching children to properly care for their teeth and providing parents with basic information on good dental habits. Focus is on preventing pain and suffering, as well as,

Reducing the cost of dental services. The program is in response to requests for financial aid for children's dental services-many of these problems result from lack of basic dental care.

Referral and funding of the following services and more for qualified children:

- Medical, dental, and prescription services
- Tutoring, career counseling, tuition assistance, and educational scholarships
- Counseling and psychological services

Information and referral services The MCFS staff is glad to answer questions or further explain services Contact the organization at toll-free 1-877-203-9111;

The Stratford Star will be closed on Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Deadline is Friday the 27th of May at 12 Noon. That means pictures and articles. Thank you and have a safe Memorial Day.

FSA County Committee Nominations Start June 15

(Stratford, TX) .. May 17, 2011 —Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill, announced that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2011. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2011 deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community," said Hemphill. I would like to see a high level of participation in this year's nomination and election process," she said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates. Nominees must participate in a program administered by PSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A, the form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

"It is important that the county committee reflects the demographics and agricultural interests of the community these individuals represent," Hemphill said. "I strongly encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," she said.

County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 2, 2012.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2011.

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2011 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NSLP SUPPLEMENT

Texhoma, Texas ISD, Elementary School at 4th and Denver Street in Texhoma, Texas announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. The program includes serving breakfast and lunch. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meals will be provided at the elementary school cafeteria. This program is free for all children between the ages of 1 and 18. No applications are necessary. However, we would appreciate notification the day before if you intend to eat breakfast and before 9:00 a.m. on the day you plan to eat lunch. This will help us prepare enough food for each meal.

Schedule of Open Days

June 2—June 3
June 6—June 10
June 13—June 17 June 20—June 23

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STRATFORD ISD SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

The Stratford Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at the Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria. We will feed breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from June 1 through June 30, 2011. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 8:30 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Summer Food Service program provides free meals to all children from age 1 to 18. These meals provide essential nutrients for active, growing kids.

To participate in the free meals program all kids have to do is show up at the above times. You don't need proof of income. You don't need proof of age. You don't need to register. You don't need meal tickets. SORRY THIS PROGRAM IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY ADULTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

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4-H Fundraiser on June 1st

There are eleven 4-H youth that will be going to State 4-H Roundup in College Station and Rosenberg the second week of June. These kids will be having a hamburger fundraiser on June 1st at Stratford Grain's feed store on Main St. The fundraiser will be from 11:30am-1:30pm (or until food runs out). This will be a free will donation and will help the kids with all their expenses associated with their representing Sherman County at Roundup. Four of the kids are part of the Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team, four are part of the Shooting Team, two are going in Clothing and Textiles, and one as part of the Scholarship Program. Our community should be proud to send this many kids down state so let's all please come support them on June 1st.

Reminder Stratford Star Fax number is 366-5884 Office phone 366-5885



Memorial Day Monday, May 30th



A benefit fund has been set up for Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

Special (Wednesday thru Tuesday) 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

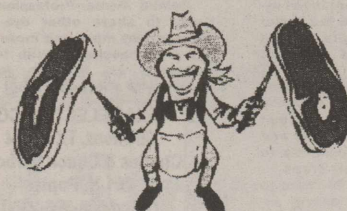
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YAHOO!!!

SCDC's hosting a SUMMER BLOCK PARTY on Main Street during the July Jamboree & we'll be honoring all the Ex-Students. It'll kick off early in the evening with lots of activities. Watch the Stratford Star for more details!





Obits

Chester Johnson

Chester E Johnson, of Texhoma, Texas, 83, passed away Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Coldwater Manor, Stratford; Texas.

Chester was born in Fletcher, Oklahoma to Daniel and Frances (Wimberly) Johnson on February 2, 1928. The family moved to Montague County, Texas in the fall of 1929. Chester graduated from Bowie High School and was a graduate of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. Chester and Emelia Siegman were united in marriage on May 1, 1955. Emelia preceded him in death in 2000.

He joined the United States Air Force in June of 1946, retiring August 1, 1973. He was a Vietnam Veteran. While in the military, he served as bi-vocational pastor to churches in Texas, New York, Wyoming and Nebraska. After his retirement from the Air Force, he was ordained to the gospel ministry December 18, 1974 and served as a full time minister until his retirement in 1991. Chester loved the Lord and was a dedicated servant wherever he went. He was responsible for organizing the J.O.Y. Club for senior adults, at the First Baptist Church of Texhoma and later Panhandle Seniors for Christ for the Panhandle Baptist Association.

He married Mary Lou Kenney October 27, 2001 and moved to Texhoma, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Emelia Johnson; daughter, Rebecca Sarrach; three brothers and six sisters.

Survivors include his wife, May Lou of the home, three children, Stephen Paul Johnson, Brunswick, GA; Thomas Brian Johnson, Cheyenne, WY; and Rachel Pence and husband John of Manhattan, KS; son-in-law James Sarrach of Burleson, TX; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was also survived by three stepsons, Stephen W. Norris and wife Meradith of Hitchcock, OK; Daniel V. Norris and wife Teresa of Guymon; Joe Norris of Houston, TX; and nine step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, May 19th, 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church, Texhoma with Pastor Tommy Hull officiating and Rev. David Moore, assisting. Military graveside rites were Friday afternoon, May 20th, 2:00 P.M. at the Sunset Cemetery, Bowie Texas. Services were under the care of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be given to the Mission Fund, First Baptist Church in Texhoma, OK. Memorials will be accepted at Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

Friends may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.hensonnovak.com

Douglas Cathey

Douglas Cathey, 83, of Amarillo died Friday, May 20, 2011.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Memorial Park Cemetery with Haun White, minister of visitation at The Church of Christ at The Colonies, officiating. Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Douglas was born April 24, 1928, in Pride to Henry and Eula Cathey. He was raised in O'Donnell, where he attended O'Donnell High School.

He married Lola Mae Saunders Nov. 16, 1950, in Clovis, N.M.

Douglas spent 50 years in the trucking industry, most of that being as an over-the-road driver. During his career he drove through all of the continental United States, with the exception of New York. In his spare time, he loved to fish, especially for red snappers.

In his younger days he thrived in riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Of all the things he enjoyed, his favorite was aggravating and teasing his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Eula Mae Cathey; and a brother, Jack Cathey.

Survivors include his wife, Lola Mae Cathey of Amarillo; two sons, Rodney Cathey and wife Lisa and Ricky Cathey, all of Amarillo; five granddaughters, Casie Tucker, Cristi Gooding, Jessica Trione, Katelyn Gage and Rikkele Maas; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Cleo Parker of LaMesa and Margaret McLaurin of Lubbock.

Sign the online guest book at www.lv.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com. Amarillo Globe-News, May 22, 2011

SCOT Hall Scuttle

By Cindy Jackson

SCOT received a beautiful quilt from the ladies that quilt on Monday nights for us to raffle off as a fund raiser. It will be displayed at the noon luncheon and around town. You will want this quilt so get your raffle tickets from any board member or at the place it is being displayed.

Prayer's and thoughts go out to all of our sick and to those in need.

We are almost finished with the painting and the cabinets are getting better. Thank you goes out to all the painting and staining girls (you know who you are) and everyone who has helped in anyway. We are a great organization because of you. Thank you Connie Bidy for stopping, the other day and helping with our pots out front, Lynn and M'Lynn Wells are the gardeners in charge. Thank you girls.

Martha Stewart asked me the other day if I knew what made pink lemonade pink? I said: "No I don't Martha, what makes pink lemonade pink"? It is grenadine. Every day you can learn something and sometimes we don't even know we are doing it. Did you know, exercise helps arthritis pain? There are two main types of arthritis: Osteoarthritis is the "wear and tear" type, in which the slippery cartilage that covers the ends of bones in a joint wears out, causing pain and loss of movement as bone begins to rub against bone. It is the most common form of arthritis. Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease, in which the person's body begins to attack its own joints, causing inflammation and pain. Rheumatoid arthritis is one of the most serious and disabling types. It affects mostly women. ROM (range of motion) exercises keep joints flexible by moving them as much as possible. ROM exercises relieve pain, maintain normal body alignments (positions), help prevent skin swelling and break-down, and promote bone formation. When exercising, take each movement only as far as the joint will go into a comfortable stretch. (Mild discomfort is okay, but if should go away quickly.) Use slow, steady movements to help relax muscles and increase joint range. Luncheon Hostesses are: Martha Mitts, Shorty Albert, Oline Caraway and Dorothy Haile.

We still have a few Memorial Day flowers left. Call Karen Perrin @ 396-2097.

May 24th-SCOT Hall Board Meeting 5 p.m.

May 25th-Exercise class starts @ 8 a.m.

May 26th-Noon Luncheon

Thank you for being a part of the SCOT Hall family.

Pulliams Attend Concert

Karen and Johnny Pulliam were in Albuquerque May 15th to attend the first piano recital of their Grandson, Benjamin. Benjamin's first song was Marche Slave (Opus 31) by Tchaikovsky. His second song was a duet with Mary E. Beach of I'm Popeye the Sailor Man by Lerner. Benjamin is the 9 year old son of Ron & Eileen Pulliam of Albuquerque.

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For more information about county committees, please contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov

Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station is collecting for the "Minnow of a Sale" to be held Saturday, June 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Some items collected, Day bed, baby mattress, chairs: Clothing: men's XXL, children's (swim suits, shorts and longs, Tee's) Sheets, towels, and other treasures.

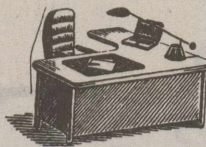
The Imagination Station is getting a new face lift in June to go with the new street scape. Hopefully an awning will follow.

Main Street Art and Fun will again be in partnership with 4-H. Two events are planned in June, the first, Friday, June 3 "Ice Cream"

Attention to all subscribers!!

Effective immediately The Stratford Star will no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$30.00 and out of the area \$37.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. Due to the rising cost of postage, etc. we feel this is the best solution for us at this time. Thanking you in advance.
Marty

From the desk of Chief Powell



I am very proud to report zero D.W.I. arrests and zero accidents this past weekend. On Thursday and Friday of last week, our agency, along with assistance from the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, put on a D.W.I. awareness class at the Stratford High School. D.W.I. simulated goggles were used while the students were administered the standardized field sobriety tests. Then, they were asked to operate a golf cart as they maneuvered through traffic cones to simulate operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. I was extremely impressed, as always, at the student's attention and behavior. We were proud to spend our time with them as they were made aware of the dangers and possible consequences of driving while under the influence.

On Saturday night, the officers and I visited the High School and spent a little more time with the students. It was a pretty nice set-up inside and again, I was very impressed.

Thank you Stratford students for playing it smart this past weekend and we hope you had a great time!!

Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

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OPSU President Dave Bryant presents a plaque to Evlyn Schmidt at her retirement reception held Monday, May 9. Laura Hays photo.

Schmidt Plans Busy Retirement

—Released by OPSU Campus Communications on 05-19-2011

By Laura Hays

—Evlyn Schmidt claims she won't miss getting up for work on Monday mornings, but she will miss interacting on a daily basis with students and co-workers. After 14 years as Director of the Marvin E. McKee Library, she plans to retire this summer.

It will be difficult to find a replacement for this well-educated and experienced professional. Evlyn worked in her high school library and knew that was career for her. She earned a bachelor's in library media specialist and elementary education from Northwestern in Alva. She also holds a master's in librarianship of North Texas and has been an academic librarian during her entire professional career, holding positions in public schools and universities as well as in public libraries. Evlyn's energy and enthusiasm also led her to travel for 4-1/2 years with "Up With People," the international community leadership and service organization.

Husband John is already retired from his job as a physician assistant and the couple plan to travel and also spend more time with their daughter, 2 sons, and 4 grandsons. The couple met while he was serving as an officer in the Air Force, and married 41 years, they

already have plans to visit Seattle in July for the Li nvention and will vacation in Hawaii in November with their family.

Evlyn also plans to feed her passion for reading and will continue to volunteer with the Girl Scouts. She and John also will remain avid OPSU athletics fans and will also attend campus concerts and plays. John and Evlyn are also known for the vineyard they maintain in Guymon. The harvested Riesling grapes are sent to a winery where they are processed and bottled and some of the finished product is available at a retail outlet in Guymon.

Perhaps the most difficult thing to replace will be Evlyn's ardent support of OPSU. We hope to see you in the gym this August during volleyball season!

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Dempsey Collums celebrated his ninth birthday Saturday with a party at the county barn in Stratford. Several friends came for games, snow cones, and cup cakes.

Adults present were Heath and Kenna Collums, Peggy Hawkins, Sue Holladay and Brandi Wells.

Present were Lara, Addie and Maylee Wells, Tyson Brooks, Benjamin James, Eryck Mendoza, Rein Petit, Eshaan Patel, Neisha Patel, State Anderton, Luis, Bryce Killian, Nicholas Pain.

Bill Boren had a stroke Friday afternoon. He is in ICU at BSA in Amarillo.



Retirement Reception Held Sunday

Stratford ISD held a retirement reception on Sunday May 22, 2011 in the High School Library. Shown above from left to right are Lynda Hauser with 31 years of service all in Stratford. Yvonne Pittman with 14 years in Stratford and 21 years over all. Patty Brown with 21 years in Stratford and 39 years over all and Jim Bob with 21 years in Stratford and 34 years overall.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION May 12, 2011

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, May 12, 2011. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, DeWain Trayler, Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess, Chet Everett and Barney Willborn.

Staff present: Clint Seward, Misti McBryde, Lynette Kautz and Dinah Horsford.

Guests present: Blair Smiley, JereDon Keener and Terri Keener.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong introduced the guests.

Joe Reinart read a thank you note from First State Bank for extending the depository contract for the next two years and Tamra Elms for the new science lab equipment.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent report. He went over the list of end of year events for the district. He went over the enrollment report. He went over the list of dates for 2011-2012 school board meetings. He reminded the board of the TASB Legal Seminar in Canyon on Wednesday, May 18th. He informed the board that Stratford ISD will apply for all federal grants that are available.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager report. Monthly expenditures are at 62.11%, revenue 100.27%, and all taxes collections are at 98.19%. Cost for transportation for the month was .89¢.

Dr. Uttley was at the State Track meet in Austin so Mr. Seward gave the high school report. He reported on the monthly recognition. The following students placed at the Regional UIL Academic Meet - Casey Lantelme - 1st, Headline Writing, and M'Lynn Wells 6th, Spelling. Ragan Foss placed 3rd at the Regional Golf Meet. The following students placed at the Regional Track Meet - Casey Lantelme 2nd, Discuss, and Kelsie Keener 7th, 300 Hurdles. Good luck to Casey as he prepares for State. Congratulations to Rudy Salazar for being named Firefighter of the Year for Stratford. Student Council elections were held on Wednesday, May 4th. The following students were elected:

Freshmen Class - Vanessa Mendoza - Class President, Jacie Seward, and Desinya Garza
Sophomore Class - Katy Moore - Class President, Victor Castro, and Mary Ann Spurlock
Junior Class - Kelby Hartman - Class President, Shyanne Acker, Tyler Seward
Senior Class - Derek Vasquez - Class President, Kammi Birdsong, Justin Mungia. He congratulated Mr. Wright and the FFA Livestock Judging team for placing 36th at the state meet. A total of 90 teams competed. Team members were Trevor Christian, Kyle Horsford, Kavan Killian and Rhyon Burton. He congratulated Casey Lantelme who placed 7th at the State UIL Academic meet in Headline Writing. There will be a scheduling meeting May 16th at 7:00 PM for all incoming freshmen and their parents. May 19th and 20th, the juniors and seniors will participate in a "Fatal Vision" activity to demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving. Stratford Police will assist with the demonstration. The band will leave for Denver at 6:00 AM on Friday. The Spanish CLEP test was held on May 7th. He reported a campus enrollment of 179.

Mr. Seward went over the junior high report. He went over the monthly recognition. Junior High cheerleading tryouts were held on May 6th. The following were elected - 7th grade - Daniela Reyes, Hannah Franklin, Nicolle Law, Kyfar Ontiveros, and RaeLeigh Willborn - 8th graders - Alexie Wright, Diana Franco, Chesney Rendon, Yadhira Chavoya, and Whitney Stone. He reported a campus enrollment of 163. The junior high band concert was May 5th. They went on their end of year Wonderland Park trip on May 6th. The 6th grade band performed ensembles and duets for their parents on May 11th in the band hall.

The junior high cheerleaders hosted a dance on Saturday night, May 7th. Chief Powell was the DJ and Mr. Seward thanked him. The 5th - 7th awards assembly will be on May 19th at 10:00 AM in the activity gym. He reported on dates for the end of the year activities. 8th grade graduation will be on May 26th at 8:00 PM. The 5th and 8th grades will take the Math and Reading TAKS retakes next week.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported on TAKS. Parent conferences are being conducted. Plans are being finalized for summer school. Bullying prevention curriculum has been purchased to be used next year. She reported on year end activities at the Mary Allen. She reported a campus enrollment of 243.

Greg Wright made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The board took a short recess at 7:40 PM. The board reconvened at 8:05 PM.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Terry Davis. Chet Everett made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Shanda Davis. Tres Hess made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried.

Mr. Seward presented Terri Keener for employment subject to assignment. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the employment subject to assignment. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented Blair Smiley for employment subject to assignment. Greg Wright made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to approve the employment subject to assignment. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde updated the board on reassignment of personnel at the Mary Allen Elementary.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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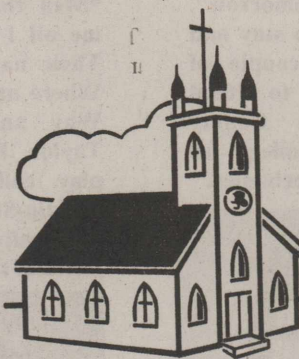
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ Brad Beckett
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.



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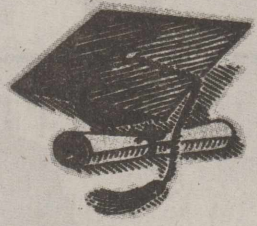
Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more info-Call 396-2212
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

First Baptist
Pastor Jason Stone
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee-8:30
Sunday School-9:30
Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m., youth-7 p.m.

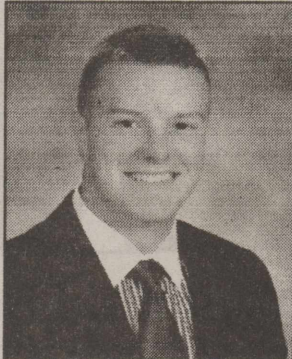
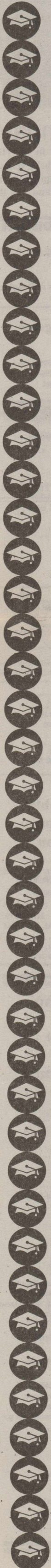
La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuete Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m.-Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
Sesiones Durante El Servicio

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela-
806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.-12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service



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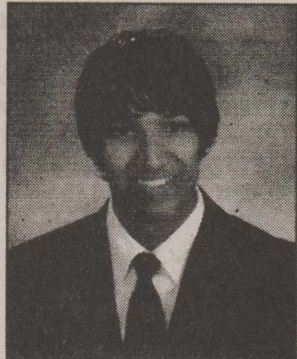
Tyler Wright
Valedictorian

Tyler is the 18 year old son of Greg and Marsha Wright. Motto: "The biggest enemy of best is good, If you're satisfied with what's good you'll never be the best." Tyler plans to attend WTAMU to do Pre-Med.



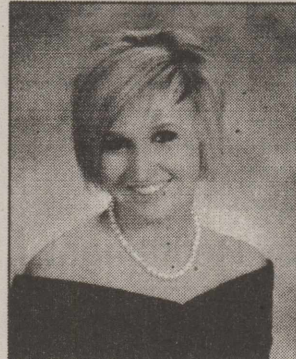
Heidi Christine Brooks
Salutatorian

Heidi is the 18 year old daughter of Ron and Margaret Brooks. Motto: "We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better."-J.K. Rowling. Heidi plans on attending WTAMU and majoring in either English or education.



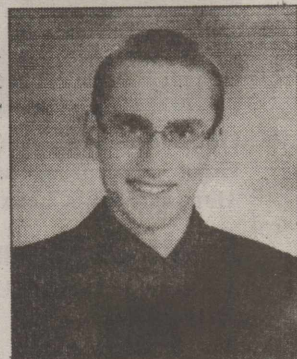
Carlos Ivan Armendariz

Carlos is the 18 year old son of Maria S. Botello. Motto: "Don't do things you will regret later on in life". Carlos plans to attend Universal Technical Institute and after attend the University of Texas and study Mechanical engineering.



Morgan Carter

Morgan is the 17 year old daughter of Mary and Curtis Carter. Motto: We have no right to express an opinion until we know all the answers- Kurt Cobain. Morgan plans to go to OPSU.



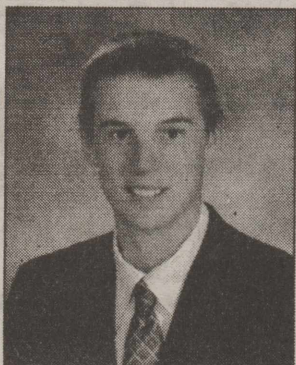
Matthew Chaffee

Matthew is the 18 year old son of Bill & Tiffany Chaffee. Motto-I am but an individual." Plans after graduation to move to Dallas and see lots of Doctors.



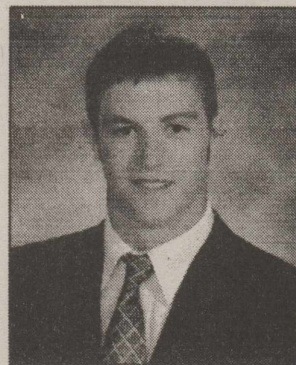
Brianda Chavoya

Brianda is the 18 year old daughter of Marisol and Manuel Chavoya. Motto: "Nothing worth doing comes easy". Brianda plans to attend Amarillo College and major in Nursing.



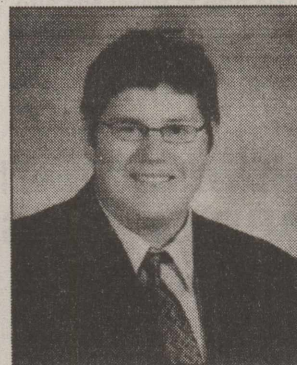
Trevor Christian

Trevor is the 18 year old son of Max and Lori Christian. His motto "The Road to success is always under construction" Trevor plans to attend Tarleton State University after graduation.



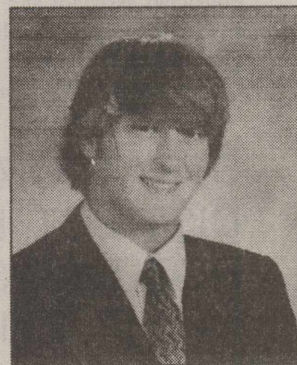
Bryce Grady Cummings

Bryce is the 18 year old son of Brett and Cindy Cummings and Talle Cummings. Motto: "It is character that gets us out of bed, commitment that moves us into action and discipline that enables us to keep going!" Bryce plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in physical therapy.



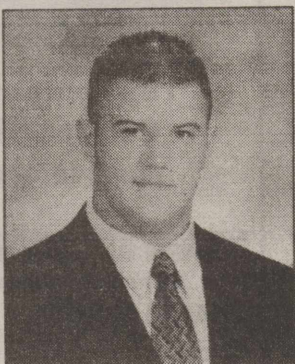
Wells Daniels

Wells is the 17 old son of Phillip and Janice Daniels. Motto-Bring the rain". Plans to go to OSU college after graduation.



Coy Dean

Coy is the 18 year old son of Bill and Merlene Dean. Motto-"Who are you to judge the life I live? I know I'm not perfect and I don't live to be-but before you start pointing fingers....make sure your hands are clean-Bob Marley. Coy plans to go to Amarillo College



Byron DeAnda

Byron is the 18 year old son of Janet Garza and Daniel DeAnda. Motto-"Life's to short to dwell on the yesterdays, so look for tomorrow". Byron plans to stay and work for a couple of years then try to attend Seward County Community College for Agriculture Mechanics.



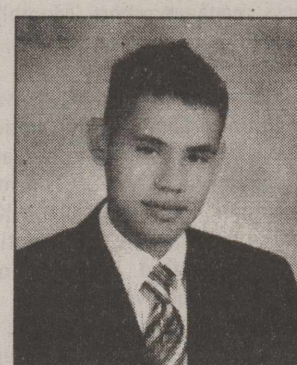
Ragan Foos

Ragan is the 18 year old daughter of Gerry & Kim Foos. Her Motto: "Men that have taught me all I need to know. Their names are What, Where and When: How, Why and Who."-Fred Taylor. Ragan plans to play collegiate golf at Hardin-Simmons University and major in physical therapy.



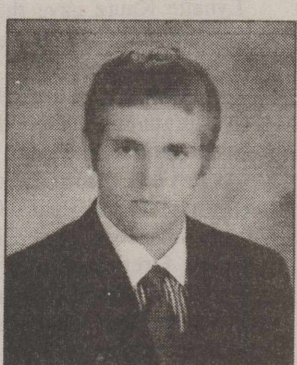
America Elida Gonzalez

American Elida Gonzalez is the 17 year old daughter of Elida Gonzalez. Motto-"it's never too late to be what you might have been-George Eliot" America plans to attend WTAMU to major in music education.



Jorge Antonio Gonzalez

Jorge is the 19 year old son of Julia and Georgina Duran. Motto: "Try and fail, but don't fail to try." Plans to attend Amarillo College for Heating and Cooling.



Chris Hart

Chris is the 18 year old son of Kathy Hart and Jon Hart. Motto-"If you believe in nothing, then you'll fall for anything". Chris plans to attend WTAMU for his basic classes then transfer to College Station to get a degree in Mechanical engineer.



Courtney Hartman

Courtney is the 18 year old daughter of Mark Hartman and Stephanie Hartman. Motto: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-6" She plans to attend West Texas A&M University to major in Graphic Design



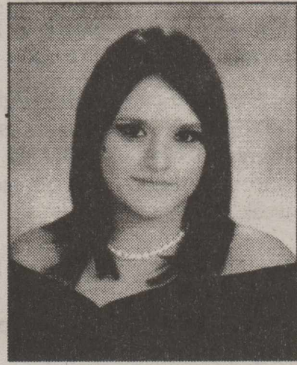
Kyle Horsford

Kyle is the 19 year old son of Lance & Dinah Horsford. Motto "One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching" Kyle plans to attend Angelo State and major in Animal Science.



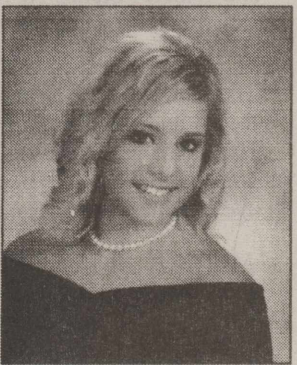
Jessica Ibarra

Jessica is the 17 year old daughter of Margarita and Agustín Ibarra. Motto: "Remember yesterday, live for today, dream for tomorrow. She plans to go to Northeast Arkansas Dental School.



Jacqueline Jacquez

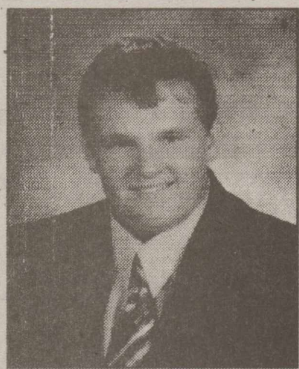
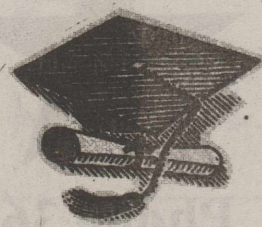
Jacqueline is the 18 year old daughter of Jose Jacquez and Maria Morales. She plans to go to college after graduation.



Kelsie Mae Keener

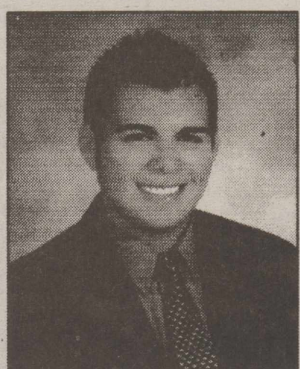
Kelsie is the 18 year old daughter of Mark Keener and Kaylynne Doss. Motto-"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13" Kelsie plans to attend Black River Tech and major in Nursing.

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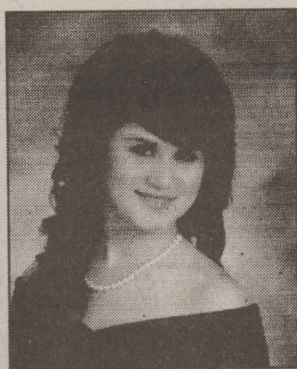
Rowdy Lerman

Rowdy is the 18 year old son of Ray and Tammi Lerman. His motto "Finish what you started" Rowdy plans to go to college and become a police officer.



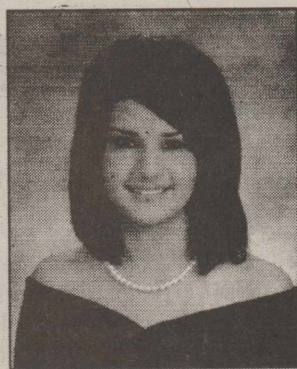
Obed Lopez

Obed is the 18 year old son of Rosa & Jose Lopez. His motto is "Leave no stone unturned and keep looking forward to better things." He plans to get to work after graduation.



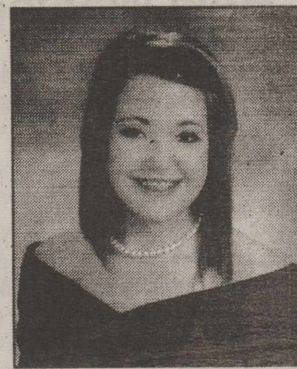
Beatriz Marquez

Beatriz is the 18 year old daughter of Adolfo & Socorro Marquez. Her Motto is "As you grow older you will discover you have two hands; one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." Her plans after graduation are to go to Amarillo College and pursue a career in the medical field



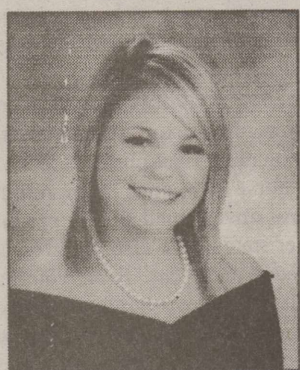
Griselda Mayorga

Griselda Mayorga is the 18 year daughter of Ricardo & Teresa Mayorga. Motto-"We should all start to live before we get to old-Fear is stupid, so are regrets" She plans to work after graduation.



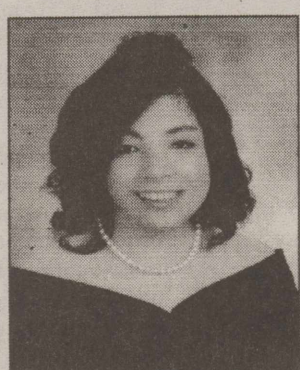
Kimberly Melton

Kimberly is the 18 year old daughter of Travis and Sabrina Melton. Motto-"Don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is better than silver and gold"-Bob Marley. Kimberly plans to go to Amarillo College and try to get into their Sonogram program.



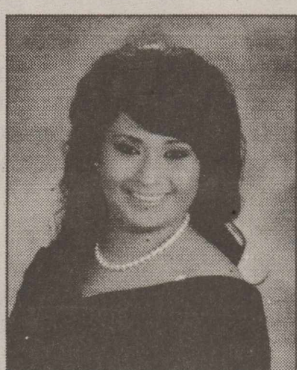
Taylor Nichole Melton

Taylor is the 17 year old daughter of Randy and Patty Melton. Motto-"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1". Taylor plans to attend WTAMU to study education



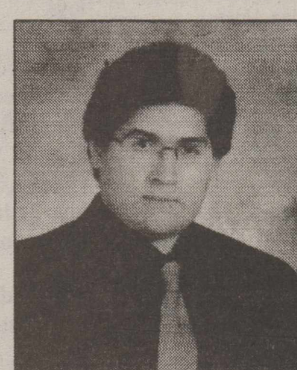
Stephanie Molina

Stephanie is the 19 year old daughter of Luis Molina and Reyna Sauzameda. Motto-"You can't judge a book by its cover." She plans to live in Amarillo after graduation.



Maribel Morales

Maribel is the 18 year old daughter of Jose and Margarita Morales. Motto: "Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's much to smile about". After graduation Maribel plans to go to Wade Gordon Hairdressing Academy



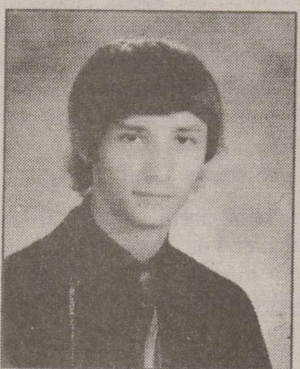
Eduardo Niave

Eduardo Niave is the 17 year old son of Ricardo Niave and Alicia Lujan. Motto-"To each man his own. Take not from him what is dear." He plans to attend college at OPSU.



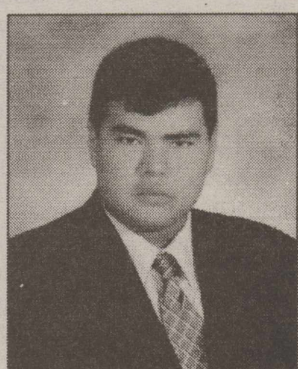
Miranda Olivas

Miranda is the 17 year old daughter of Albert and Delinda Olivas. Motto-"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring-Marilyn Monroe". Miranda plans to attend Amarillo College to get basics then transfer to the University of Florida to study Criminal Justice.



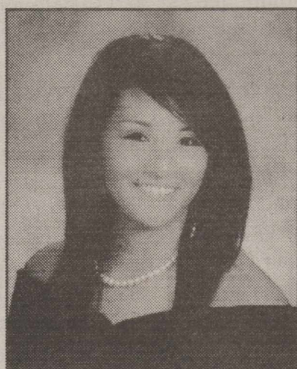
Michael Ortega

Michael is the 18 year old son of Maria Ortega. Motto-"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow". Michael plans to study Architecture at the University of Texas at Arlington.



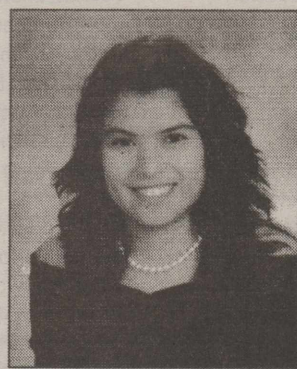
Erik Porras

Erik is the 18 year old son of Flor Miranda. Plans to work after graduation.



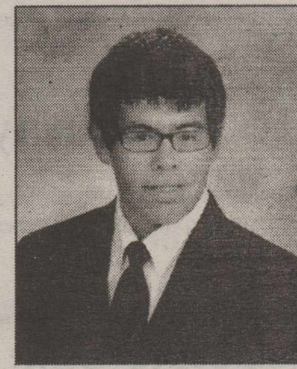
Rubi Rueda

Rubi is the 18 year old daughter of Ramona and Cipriano Rueda. Motto "Be who you want to be, not what others want to see" She plans to go to Amarillo College and Major in Social work.



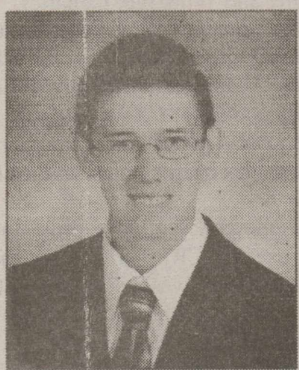
Daisy Jessica Ruvalcaba

Daisy is the 19 year old daughter of Rebeca and Ambrocio Favela. Motto-"Keep a smile on your face and let your personality be your autograph" She plans to go to Amarillo College to become a Radiologist.



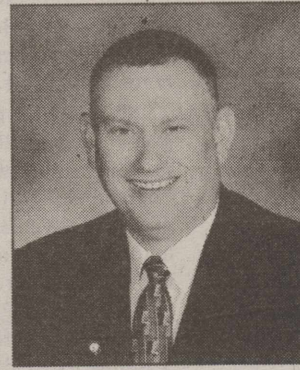
Cain Sanchez

Cain is the 18 year old son of Daniel and Maria Sanchez. Motto-"It's not what I am underneath, but it's what I do that defines me". Cain plans to attend West Texas and major in Criminal Justice.

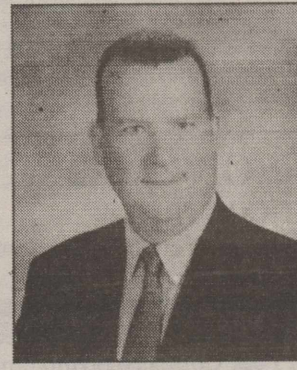


Stephen Terry

Stephen is the 18 year son of David Terry and Belinda Terry. Motto-"Live life to its fullest and never surrender. He plans to attend College at McMurry in Abilene to major in Physics.



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Mill Laborer- Part-time Office Clerk
17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171 or 15 miles N. of Stratford, TX on HWY 287 then right 5 miles on HWY 171 Apply in person: M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Great benefits for full-time positions that include: Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401 K and paid time off. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F

Lollipop Junction daycare is seeking a motivated, loving individual to care for children. If interested, please inquire at Lollipop Junction or call 366-5885 ask for Breo 1-20-tfn

Coldwater Manor is seeking an R.N. to work at least 8 hours per day on Saturdays and Sundays. If interested, please contact Shelly Turner, R.N., Director of Nurses at 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 or call 806-396-5568 4-14-tfn

Stratford ISD is seeking a Director of Maintenance to manage maintenance and district's custodial operations. Applications available on school website. For more information, please call (806) 366-3300 5-5-12

Stratford Hospital District is seeking a District Business Manager to be responsible for the successful oversight of the District Businesses including Elk Pharmacy, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Stratford Emergency Medical Service and Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. Necessary skills needed accounting knowledge, multitasking, computer skills, proficient in Quickbooks. HR experience, public relations, team player. Stratford is a small town in the northern Texas Panhandle. Send resume to Board President, Stratford Hospital District, gssw05@xit.net, or P.O. Box 1189 Stratford, TX 79084. Phone 806-396-5568 EOE. 5-26-6-6-9c

Coldwater Manor is seeking full time C.N.A. Apply in person 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX EOE 5-26-6-2-6-9-6-16-c

Houses for Sale

Home for sale at 411 North Fulton: 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, office, large kitchen with gas fireplace, covered patio, privacy fence, attached 2 carport, attached 1 car garage. CH/A please call and leave message at 806-396-5673 or 806-753-6721. 4-7-tfn

Home located 2 miles West of Stratford, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, spare room, large open floor plan, 2 car garage, acreage and 36 x 36 horse barn and roping arena (optional). Call 806-396-1156 or 753-7709 leave a message. 2-3-tfn

For Sale by Owner-218 Purnell-3 Bdrm-1 bath, brick-single garage. Central H/A 366-7664 or 753-6677. 6-10-tfn

For Sale by Owner-319 South Main, 3 bdrm-1 bath Stucco Corner Lot-Central H/A 366-7664 or 753-6677. 2-18-tfn

House for Sale-3 BR, 1 1/2 Bath, new kitchen, new roof, new windows & flooring. Near schools-1306 Putnam call 806-769-4464 3-24-tfn-

HOUSE FOR SALE-801 N. Maple, 2 BDRM, 1B, large utility, attached 1 car garage. New roof, A/C Unit, carpet, linoleum. Large backyard. Close to schools. Call 366-2019 or 753-7227. 4-28-5-4-c

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2005-Impala-\$8500.00
2006 Impala-\$9995.00
2007 Silverado Ext. Cab - \$15,000.00
2008 Suburban 4 x 4 \$29,900.00
2009 Traverse-\$29,000.00
2005 Dodge Cummings-\$22,500.00
2008 Silverado Reg. Cab \$7500.00
2008-Dodge Quad Cab SLT-\$14,500.00
2007 HHR-\$9995.00
2007 Crew Cab Chev-\$14,000.00
2008 Chevy Duramax-\$36,500.00
2004 Lincoln Navigator-\$14,500.00
Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557

Legal Notices

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued by the County Court at Law, Number 2 of Midland County on the 7th Day of May, 2008, in a certain cause numbered CC14547, wherein WTG Fuels, Inc. is Plaintiff and Troy Franklin is Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff for the sum of \$13,463.37 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, the total of which would be \$18,492.37 Dollars that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiff in the Court, less payments for a total of \$4,492.37, plus cost of publication. I, as Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas, did, on the 14th Day of April, 2011, at 12:55 o'clock P. M, levy upon as the property of Troy Franklin and will, on the 7th Day of June, 2011, at the Courthouse door, in the City of Stratford within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the Defendant, to-wit:

A tract of land lying and being situate in the South Half (S/2) of Section 163, Block 3-T, T&NO RR Co. In Sherman Co. Texas containing 4.18 acres, more or less.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$4,493.37 Dollars in favor of plaintiff and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof. Witness my hand the 2nd Day of May, 2011.

Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman Co. Texas

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Funding Priorities Needed for EQIP Program

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be held at Happy State Bank in Stratford, TX. This meeting will be on June 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Sherman County.

Input received will allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding. Recommendations provided by the LWG meeting will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Stratford at 806-396-5517 EXT 3. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotope, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Rodney Weiser at 806-396-5517 EXT 3 at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

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The Stratford Star will be closed on
Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.
Deadline is Friday the 27th of May at 12
Noon. That means pictures and articles.
Thank you and have a safe Memorial Day.

Card of Thanks

Thank you all so much for all your love and thoughtfulness through cards, food, flowers, and prayers in memory of my father. Thank you.

Johnny & Elaine Mungia & Family

Nationwide Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1) Investigation Underway

By Rodney Weiser

AUSTIN - Animal Health officials nationwide are currently investigating the possible spread of the neurologic form of Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) disease, which has been detected in horses that participated in the National Cutting Horse Association Western National Championships in Ogden, Utah from April 29 - May 8. EHV-1 is a viral disease of equine which does not affect humans. The neurologic form of the disease can manifest itself as hind limb weakness, tremors, recumbency or other nervous system type symptoms which may be preceded by fever or respiratory signs. The disease is most commonly spread by aerosol transmission and can result in death of the affected animal. Texas Animal Health Officials are currently investigating approximately 20 horses in Texas that were reported to have attended the event. All horses known to have attended the event are under movement restrictions.

Texas has only one confirmed clinical case of neurologic EHV-1 so far, which was a horse originating from New Mexico that sought treatment at a vet clinic in West Texas earlier this week. The horse has since been returned to New Mexico and is now quarantined on its premises of origin. A number of other states have also reported clinical cases in horses that attended the event. Texas veterinarians and TAHC officials will continue to monitor all exposed horses closely and it is possible that new cases will be diagnosed. "Strict adherence to the imposed movement restrictions and practicing good biosecurity procedures by the involved horse owners will be the key to limiting the scope of this situation", stated Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas' State Veterinarian.

"The TAHC has not recommended the cancellation of any events or imposed more stringent interstate entry requirements at this time, but that decision will be re-evaluated daily", added Dr. Ellis. Horse owners are advised to contact their veterinarian or local TAHC office if they have any questions concerning the health of their equine. Biosecurity measures recommended for the exposed horses include isolation, daily temperature monitoring, use of separate tack and buckets, use of protective outer clothing by caretakers, disinfectant foot baths, and handling exposed animals last when feeding or providing care.

Horse owners planning on attending upcoming events are encouraged to contact event organizers in advance in case they have voluntarily cancelled the event. Horse owners should also contact the state of destination for any out of state shows they wish to attend to determine their latest entry requirements. The TAHC will continue to monitor the current situation and will provide timely updates as new information is received.

For information regarding EHV-1, visit

www.tahc.state.tx.us. Several useful links can also be accessed through our website. You can also keep up with EHV-1 information through our Facebook (www.facebook.com/TexasAHC) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/TAHC).

USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for 27 Counties in Texas

(Stratford, TX) - May 20, 2011 - In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 27 Texas counties effective May 12, 2011.

Emergency grazing of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Armstrong, Borden, Carson, Castro, Collingsworth, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hansford, Haskell, Kent, Knox, Lipscomb, Lynn, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Scurry, Sherman, Stonewall, Swisher and Wilbarger Counties.

According to Hemphill, the current CRP emergency use authorization permits grazing only. No haying of CRP acres is allowed at this time. Additionally there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions. Emergency grazing of eligible CRP acres has been authorized through September 30, 2011.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer the use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to the acreage within the approved counties.

Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

For more information on and eligibility requirements for USDA disaster assistance, contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211.