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Modern Woodmen Present Check

The Modern Woodmen Camp 12423 of Stratford recently held a matching fund project in conjunction with the Stratford Patriots fundraising efforts at the Jamboree Rodeo concession stand. The Patriots raised enough funds for Modern Woodmen to match \$2500.00. The presentation took place at the Chicken House at the Camp's Gold Level Achievement Party. According to Cindy Lawrence, Stratford Patriots volunteer, all the kids will now be able to go to state competitions. Shown is Walt Berry, local Modern Woodmen agent, presenting Cindy the check.

Elks Play Levelland Aug. 31

The Elks will play Levelland at Dick Bivins stadium in Amarillo on Friday, August 31st at 4:30 PM. The Elks will sit on the EAST side and will be the visitors. Tickets are available in the Superintendent's office. Prices will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. ALL TICKETS AT THE GATE WILL BE \$6.00. Tickets will be on sale in the Superintendent's office until 10:00 AM on Friday, August 31st.

I am grateful for all my problems. I became stronger and more able to meet those that were still to come.
—J.C. Penney

Season Football Tickets on Sale Now!!!!

Season football tickets are on sale now in the office of the Superintendent.

Officer hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Monday, September 3. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 5 home games this year. Costs of seats for District 2A for the season:

Adults-\$20.00
Child-\$10.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support. Call Penny at 366-3305 to hold or give up your seat, or for more information. GO ELKS.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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Jesse Resendes-366-3134
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Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We would be happy to mail you one by calling Penny at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. For previous cards holders, there is no need to renew each year as "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Seating Section at the stadium; those tickets must be purchased in advance for the season.

Whips and Wheels Saturday, September 22

By Gaynelle Riffe
After the presentation (last weeks paper)

The Country Drive is a timed 7.4 mile drive thru town.

Places for spectators to watch.

1. Coldwater Manor- Stop and Stand horse(s) for 3 minutes.

Groom or passenger to head the horse(s).

(The first vehicle should be at this stop 9:15

to 9:30 and the rest to follow in 10 to 15 minute increments.

2 Cul-de-sac on Kay Street.

Weave through cones in a serpentine, turn around at last cone and weave back.

3 Sherman County Museum-PUB-HUB. Try to get right front hub as close to the cone as possible, distance is measured.

Driver must pay a quarter and one penny for each inch you are away from the cone.

4. Sherman County Rodeo Arena- Cones course.

Sherman County Craft Show at the County Barn, Saturday September 22.

The Imagination Station Whale of a Sale September 15

By Gaynelle Riffe

Some items of interest: hollow core doors, upholstered full head board, baby bed, lamps

Occasional tables, clothes dryer, sectional sofa, lighting fixtures, computer desk, lots of linens/bedspreads, curtains, sheets,; luggage all sizes.

Quarterly Transportation Meeting Thursday, Aug. 30 Noon

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Stratford Quarterly Transportation Meeting did not meet last quarter pending the arrival of the new city manager.

This meeting will be held at Elk Junction on Thursday, Aug. 30 at noon.

An update on construction improvements for US 54, US 287 and the Main Street project will be presented by District Engineer Mark Tomlinson, Amarillo and Project Engineer Corky Neukam, Dumas. Other members of TXDOT staff will be in attendance. The Public is invited to attend.

4-H PCS CLUB TO MEET SEPTEMBER 10

By Susie Spurlock

"Beefing It Up in 4-H" will be the theme of the Sherman County 4-H PCS (Foods, Clothing, & Surprises Club) meeting on Monday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Ann E. Freeman of Texhoma will present her award winning TCFA speech, Nutrition of Beef and Katie Killian will share information on Certified Beef products. Members will learn about food and nutrition projects and achievement events of county Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. Eric Burton will present the demonstration, "The Food Show Interview" to those in attendance.

Refreshments of Hot Beef Sundaes will be served. Club members and parents are encouraged to attend. This is the first meeting of the new 4-H year and club officers will be elected.

For more information, contact the County Extension office at 366-2122.

4-H Council Meeting

By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County 4-H Council will meet Sunday, September 2, 2007 following Achievement Banquet set-up at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

Items of business will include District 4-H Council meeting announcements, program planning for 2007-2008; and plans for national 4-H Week.

All 4-H Council members are asked to attend.

To Listen to Sports on the Internet-you will need to upgrade

If you listen to Greg Wright on the Sports Network on the internet, you will need to download a new upgrade to your media player. Follow the instructions for your particular media player and you should be able to receive the broadcasts. Go to <http://www.tsrnsports.com/downloads.htm>

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET SEPTEMBER 3

By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments at the 4-H Centennial Celebration on September 3rd at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. All former 4-H Gold Star recipients and former county Extension agents are invited to Achievement Banquet.

Highlights of the evening will include the announcement of the 2007 Gold Star Award recipient, Outstanding 4-H Leader, Business Friend of 4-H, and Friend of 4-H.

The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. with covered dish meal. The banquet is being coordinated by adult leaders Cindy Russell, Jill Killian, and Dinah Horsford. These leaders are being assisted by members of the Sherman County 4-H Council and Sherman County Extension Education Club members.

Banquet sponsors include First Ag Credit of Dalhart, First State Bank, and Joe Pete Flores.

The planning committee and 4-H Council members will meet on Sunday, September 2nd at 1:00 p.m. to decorate for the banquet. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Labor Day Celebration on Sunday!!

By Gaynelle Riffe

Stratford Country Club will hold their annual Labor Day Celebration and last day of swimming on Sunday, September 2 due to school on Monday.

Covered Dish Lunch at 12:30 with the adult golf scramble to begin at 1:15. Members are invited to enjoy the last family event of the summer.

State Senator Kel Seliger
invites the citizens of Sherman County to a
Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 2007
11:30 a.m.
Stratford High School
503 North 8th Street
Stratford, Texas
If you have any questions, please contact
Christy Bertolino in my Amarillo District
Office at (806) 374-8994.

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USDA ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF \$21.9 MILLION IN HIGH ENERGY COST GRANTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20, 2007 - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced the availability of \$21.9 million to help rural communities cope with extremely high energy costs. Communities have until October 1 to apply for grants under this program.

"These grants will help rural residents and businesses upgrade energy infrastructure and make other energy efficiency improvements," Johanns said. "The rising cost of energy can challenge economic growth and opportunity. These grants are another example of how USDA works to help rural communities overcome economic obstacles and create opportunity."

Funds may be used to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Grants are available to individuals, businesses, non-profit entities, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes. Grants may not be used to pay utility bills or to purchase fuel. Also, grant funds may not be used for the sole benefit of the applicant.

Applications for grants must be postmarked by October 1. The grant announcement and application guide for this grant program can be found at

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FIRST STATE BANK
3rd Annual Tailgate Party
Elks vs. Childress Bobcats
September 7 at 5:00 p.m.
First State Bank will be having their 3rd Annual Tailgate Party; it will be on the south side of the bank on the lawn. There will be a pig roast, drinks and music.
Come bring your chairs and join us for some fun before the Elks take on the Childress Bobcats.

Ask the Geek

By Kevin McDonald

Dealing With Viruses and Spyware – Part 3

Let's just skip through all the "how'dya do's" and get right to the meat of today's article. You need a *great* anti-virus program, and I don't believe you should spend your hard-earned money on one that might *not* be great. In today's article, I'm going to help you get one that's both *free* and *great*. It's what I've used and recommended to my clients for years because I've not seen it miss a virus attack when it is installed and updated properly, and it doesn't hog system resources.

The program is called AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition. It's made by a software company called Grisoft. They offer it for free for home and non-commercial use, but businesses can purchase their for-pay edition at a *very* reasonable price, and even get more bells and whistles.

- First, you've got to download the installation program from their web site: <http://free.grisoft.com>
- You'll see on their site that they offer the "Free basic protection" version. That's what you're looking for. Click "Download!"
- On the next page, they show a comparison chart between their free version and the non-free versions. If you're still happy with the free version, click "Download" again at the bottom of that third column. (If you'd like, you can always upgrade later.)
- On the next page, at the time of this writing, there's a "recommended download" area that's in all orange. This will redirect you to "download.com" where you can download the file. Personally, I recommend that you use the *next* area, in blue, which lets you download the file directly from Grisoft. You'll click the link that says "AVG 7.5 Free for Windows." Your web browser will probably prompt you to save the file somewhere. I recommend putting it on your Desktop so you won't lose it.
- A link to open the documentation for the software is in the next section. Grab it if you'd like. That's all you'll need from this site.

After the installation file has finished downloading, run it. It will take you through the easy installation procedure, then automatically launch itself and walk you through getting the first round of updates. AVG checks for updates daily, so you'll always have the latest protection as long as you let AVG do what it likes.

This is important: *If you're replacing a different anti-virus program with AVG, make sure AVG is fully installed and updated before you remove the other program!* It's ok to run them both at the same time for a little while (but you won't want to for long – it'll hog memory). You just don't want to open yourself up for a virus attack even for a few minutes while you switch from one program to another. If you run into snags, or if you have other problems, feel free to write with your questions!

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637. Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegeek@definitioncomputers.com.



Mary Ann Spurlock, Linda Spurlock and Makenna Tallant

#2 In the Nation

Makenna Tallant daughter of Paul and Mary Beth (Spurlock) Tallant played in the USA/ASA Class A Fast Pitch Softball National Championship tournament in Auburn, Alabama. Her team the 96 Diamonds of Mesquite, TX won 5 straight games to put them in the championship. Beating the L.S.O. Riptides of Westchester, Ohio 8-0, Corona Angels of Bueno, Park, California 9-2, Southern Hurricanes of Hattiesburg, MO 2-0, Birmingham Thunderbolts of Birmingham, AL 5-0 and Georgia Impact Red of McDonough, GA 8-0. The Diamonds lost to Indiana Thunder of Goshen, IN 3-0 in the final game. #2 in the nation but #1 in the hearts of family and friends. Makenna suffered a broken arm and was unable to play the last 2 games. Mary Ann Spurlock and Linda Spurlock were there to cheer on the team.

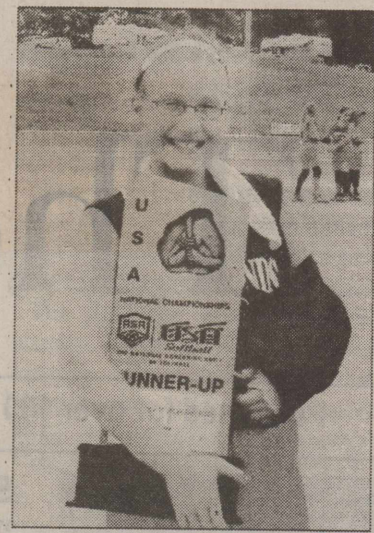
Nicely Spicy Grilled Chicken

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon fennel
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup bottled water
- 1 2 1/2- to 3-pound broiler-fryer chicken, quartered
- 2 tablespoons honey

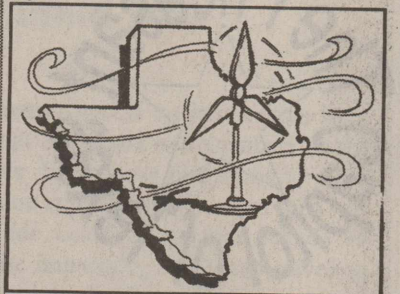
Combine first seven ingredients. Place chicken in plastic bag set into a shallow dish. Add marinade; seal bag. Turn chicken to coat well. Chill for 6 to 24 hours, turning chicken occasionally. Remove chicken from bag. Discard marinade. Arrange preheated coals around a drip pan in a covered grill. Place chicken, bone side down, on grill over drip pan. Cover and grill for 50 to 60 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink, brushing occasionally with honey the last 5 minutes of grilling. Serves 4.

The goal of effective communication should be for listeners to say, "Me, too!" versus "So what?"
—Jim Rohn

Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone.
—Gladys Brown Stern



Makenna Tallant



Texas is known for its oil, but the state is also a leading wind energy producer, with wind projects generating over 1,200 megawatts.

The organization that can't communicate can't change, and the corporation that can't change is dead.
—Nido Qubein

USDA

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<http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric> and at <http://Grants.gov> under Code of Domestic Federal Assistance (CDFA) Number 10.859.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. USDA Rural Development has invested more than \$76.8 billion nationwide since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in home ownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

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Movies Beginning August 31

Balls of Fury
PG-13 Dan Fogler George Lopez

Halloween
R Brad Dourif

The Last Legion
PG-13 Colin Firth

Daddy Day Camp
PG Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Nanny Diaries
PG-13 Scarlett Johansson

Sicko
PG-13 Michael Moore

Superbad
R Seth Rogen

Rush Hour 3
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PG-13 Matt Damon

Underdog
PG Jim Belushi

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CAMP ABC Graduation - July 13, 2007 at The Imagination Station

Shown are Abby Law, Ashton Lavake, Benjamin James, Brody Wheeler, Payton Berry, Reese Schoonover, Rhett Green, Trevor Bell, Tyler Smith (hidden from view) and Tyson Brooks.

Study Club to have First Meeting of New Club Year

By Marylou McDaniel

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will have its first meeting of the new club year on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The 5:00 p.m. meeting will be at the Sherman County Library. The program is on Conservation, saving water and electricity with information on plans for Main Street and going green.

Members are asked to bring last year's yearbook.

Lunch & Learn

By Marylou McDaniel

Lunch & Learn met Thursday, August 23, at the Extension office. The program by Susie Spurlock was "Kitchen Safety, Bag, Bottles and Beyond".

A short business session was held and plans for the future on the club were discussed. Club will meet Oct. 9 and there will be only one club in the county.

Interested persons are invited to join in this club that meets and eats in one hour.



Congratulations Mary Ann Spurlock!!!

Mary Ann Spurlock read 100 books this summer. Anyone who read 100 books during Sherman County Public Library's Summer Reading Program was awarded one free book of their choice. Mary Ann received the newest edition of Harry Potter as her book choice. Congratulations! Shown with Mary Ann is Sandy Baskin, Librarian

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Reed Schoonover had an "end of summer and almost birthday" celebration last week. The overnight event was enjoyed by Tanner Wright, Alex Chavoya, Kelly Hartman, Colton Rendon and brother Rett.

Donna Gillenwaters is doing some better, but it's going to take a while.

Visiting with Jo June McDaniel last week were son Whit of Dumas and Rustin and M'Kayla also J.L. Kuykendall.

Recently, I was asked if I was going to fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$600,000. No, I replied, I just spent \$600,000 training him. Why would I want somebody to hire his experience?
—Thomas J. Watson

Happy "50th"



Best Wishes, D & J

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The Children and Grandchildren of Raymond and Geraldine Self invite you to the

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on

Sat. September 1, 2007

Dalhart Senior Center, 610 Denrock Avenue, Dalhart from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Raymond & Geraldine have lived most of their married life in Dalhart & have three children, David Self of Flower Mound, Brenda Moody of Dalhart & Mike Self of Amarillo. Their grandchildren are Leslie and T.J. Self of Flower Mound, Shelby Moody of Dalhart & Taylor, Michael & Mindy Self of Amarillo.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton

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

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed 5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
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.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette 520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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—6:00, youth—7:00

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista 401 S. Wall 396-5376

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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

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The one who sets high standards for himself may also demand that others conform to these standards. He may find fault with, criticize, even condemn those who seem to fall short of his expectations. Jesus said, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." He also said, "Judge not, that you be not judged." If we are tempted to be critical of others, let us also remember Jesus' words, "What is that to you? Follow me!" As we seek to express the highest and best that we know, as we follow the inner Christ in the way of love and peace, we do not criticize, find fault with, or condemn anyone. We hold to our vision of the Christ self of others. We bless others, pray for them, and feel our oneness with them in the Chris love. We are loving, understanding, patient, and harmonious with all persons, under all conditions.

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another," —John 13:35

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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



September National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. Preparedness is everyone's job. Not just government agencies but all sectors of society -- service providers, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, industry associations and neighborhood associations, as well as every individual citizen -- should plan ahead for disaster. During the first few hours or days following a disaster, essential services may not be available. People must be ready to act on their own. Listen to radio and television announcements to provide information on what to do, how to do it and where to go (if evacuation is needed) and follow instructions from emergency responders and local officials.

Throughout September, Department of Homeland Security and coalition members are highlighting the importance of individual emergency preparedness and encouraging Americans to get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan and be informed about the different types of emergencies that may affect them.

Taking personal responsibility for yourself and family members is a first step. You can begin with **Planning For Emergencies**... You can begin this process by gathering family members and making sure each person is well-informed on potential hazards and community plans. Discuss with them what you would do if family members are not home when a warning is issued. Additionally, your family plan should address the following:

- Escape routes
- Evacuation plans
- Family communications
- Utility shut-off and safety
- Insurance and vital records
- Special needs
- Care for pets: Information for pet owners
- Care for livestock: Information for livestock owners
- Safety skills

Join your neighbors and friends in volunteer community organizations such as Volunteer Community Responders. The Volunteer Community Responders organization has been trained according to Community Emergency Response Team requirements and is equipped and trained to assist first responders during times of disasters. More information and publications can be found at www.ready.gov or from your local emergency management official.

Older Americans can take an active role in planning for and assisting during times of emergencies. While each person's needs and abilities are unique, every individual can take important steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies and put plans in place. By evaluating your own personal needs and making an emergency plan, you can be better prepared for any situation. A commitment to planning today will help you prepare for any emergency situation. Preparing makes sense. Get ready now. Consider how a disaster might affect your individual needs.

- Plan to make it on your own, at least for a period of time. It's possible that you will not have access to a medical facility or even a drugstore.
- Identify what kind of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if they are limited or not available.
- Get an **emergency supply kit**.
- If you must evacuate, take your pets with you, if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside.
- Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency.

Create a Support Network

- If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster talk to family, friends and others who will be part of your personal support network.
- Write down and share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your support network.
- Make sure everyone knows how you plan to evacuate your home or workplace and where you will go in case of a disaster.
- Make sure that someone in your local network has an extra key to your home and knows where you keep your emergency supplies.
- Teach those who will help you how to use any lifesaving equipment, administer medicine in case of an emergency.
- Practice your plan with those who have agreed to be part of your network.

Medications and Medical Supplies

If you take medicine or use a medical treatment on a daily basis, be sure you have what you need to make it on your own for at least a week, maybe longer. Make a list of prescription medicines including dosage, treatment and allergy information.

- Talk to your pharmacist or doctor about what else you need to prepare.
- If you undergo routine treatments administered by a clinic or hospital or if you receive regular services such as home health care, treatment or transportation, talk to your service provider about their emergency plans. Work with them to identify back-up service providers and incorporate them into your personal support network.
- Consider other personal needs such as eyeglasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries, wheelchair batteries, and oxygen.

Emergency Documents

Include copies of important documents in your emergency supply kits such as family records, medical records, wills, deeds, social security number, charge and bank accounts information and tax records.

- Have copies of your medical insurance and Medicare cards readily available.
- Keep a list of the style and serial number of medical devices or other life-sustaining devices. Include operating information and instructions.
- Make sure that a friend or family member has copies of these documents.
- Include the names and contact information of your support network, as well as your medical providers.
- If you have a communication disability, make sure your emergency information notes the best way to communicate with you.
- Keep these documents in a water proof container for quick and easy access.

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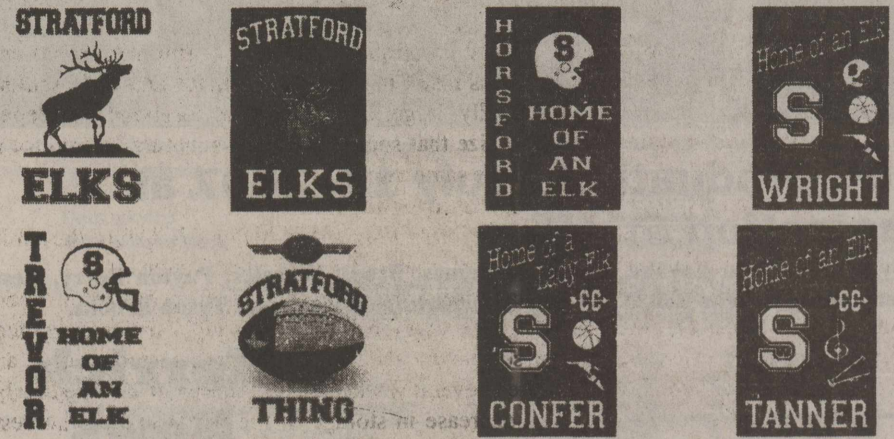
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Selecting Quality Wheat Seed

Gaylon Morgan - College Station, TX
Brent Bean - Amarillo, TX
<http://varietytesting.tamu.edu>

Several regions of the state have endured some weather conditions and diseases that are detrimental to wheat seed quality. This includes a late freeze in the Concho Valley and Rolling Plains and extremely wet conditions in the Blacklands, NE Texas, and Rolling Plains that prevented or continues to postpone harvest. These wet conditions have led to Black point disease and pre-harvest sprouting in many areas of the state. Additionally, stinking smut (also called common bunt) and some loose smut have caused some major problems in parts of the Panhandle.

Each of these factors (pre-harvest sprouting and diseases) all affects wheat seed quality and should be considered before purchasing or planting seed this fall. Remember, good seed equates to better plant stands, better fall growth, and higher grain yields, especially when planting conditions are less than ideal.

There are several questions a person should ask before keeping or purchasing seed this year, including:

- Does the seed look healthy? Plump seeds with good color and no swollen or sprouting seeds are ideal. Large, plump seeds contain more energy and thus result in better plant stands and early season forage growth, than smaller shriveled seed. Additionally, larger seeds are more forgiving on deeper planting depths. Keep in mind when comparing seed size that some varieties just naturally produce a larger seed than others. Always compare seed size of the same variety.
- What is the test weight (bushel weight)? Test weight is a good initial indicator of seed quality, but is not an absolute. If the bushel weight is below 58 lbs/bu, then this warrants further investigation into the seed quality. Seed tags should state the test weight.
- Does the seed have good germination? Good quality seed should have a > 85% germination. Seed (1 lb.) can be sent to the TDA Seed Quality Lab for a germination test and/or a vigor test (accelerated aging) for \$9 and \$12, respectively. See addresses below. Note: If pre-harvest sprouting is observed, then a germination test should be conducted several weeks before planting, not immediately after harvest. This is because the germination will decrease in storage, if the wheat had pre-harvest sprouting.

- TDA Seed Testing Lab, P. O. Box 629, Giddings, Texas 78942, 979-542-3691
- TDA Seed Testing Lab, 4502 Englewood Av, Lubbock, Texas 79414, 806-799-0017
- TDA Seed Testing Lab, 241 East McNeil St, Stephenville, Texas 76401, 254-965-7333

4. Has the seed been exposed to stinking smut (common bunt) or loose smut? If so, the seed should be treated with the appropriate seed fungicide. See publication at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat/index.htm>. Very low levels of these diseases can cause substantial problems in next year's crop. In 2007, several producers were unable to sell their wheat due to stinking smut.

5. Make sure the wheat seed is not contaminated with weed seed. If the seed is certified, the percentage of weed seed (noxious and non-noxious) will be stated on the tag. However, it does not state what type of weed seed. If buying non-certified seed be sure to inspect the seed for weed seed, particularly hard to control weeds such as bindweed, Italian ryegrass, wild oats, and jointed goatgrass.

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Agronomist, Texas Cooperative Extension

Irrigated Trials

TAM 111 had the overall best yield average of all hard red winter wheats, only being bested by *Aspen* (by 6 bushels) a white wheat (Table 1). Other varieties topping the irrigated trials were *Fuller* (KSU), *Dumas* (AgriPro), and *Duster* (OSU). These varieties yielded in the top 25% in at least three of six irrigated locations. Other noteworthy varieties were T81 (Trio), and *Overley* (KSU). TAM 304 (TAMU) finished just out of the top 25 and will be marketed by Scott Seed in Hereford. Over the last three years, TAM 111 has been the most consistent irrigated wheat, yielding in the top 25% in 13 of 19 locations. The variety has stripe rust resistance, good straw strength, and is unlikely to shatter. *Fuller* is a Kansas State University wheat that we have tested the last two years. It has *Jagger* in its background and has stripe rust resistance and some resistance to wheat streak mosaic. *Duma* continues to consistently produce a high yield under irrigation and has very good straw strength.

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Many of the varieties that performed well under irrigation also yielded well in dryland trials. Topping the trials were *Fuller*, *Hatcher* (CSU), TAM 111, TAM 112 (TAMU), *Keota* (Westbred) and TAM 304 (Table 2). Both *Fuller* and TAM 111 were in the top 25% in five of six locations. *Hatcher* is a Colorado State variety that has yielded well the last two years. TAM 112 is a green bug tolerant variety that had an excellent year in 2006. *Keota* has only been tested for two years, but it is one to keep and eye on in 2008. TAM 304 will likely not yield as well in a dry year like what was experienced in 2006. Other varieties with high yields over multiple locations were *Duster* and TAM 203, which was released in 2007 and will be marketed by AgriPro.

Recommendations

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The public hearing will be held on September 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse AND September 11, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Steve Pemberton, Randy Williams, David Hass, Tommy Asher, Terri Carter
AGAINST: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Expenditure Category	Percentage Increase or Decrease	or	Percentage
Maintenance and operations	3.3278% (increase)	or	_____ %
Debt service	0.0000% (increase)	or	_____ %
Total expenditures	3.3278% (increase)	or	_____ %

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value As calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

Year	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax
Total appraised value of all property	\$817,973,606.00	
\$848,338,470.00		
Total appraised value of new property	\$ 505,870.00	\$
996,720.00		
Total taxable value of all property	\$634,038,196.00	
\$626,680,270.00		
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Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ 0.40146 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$ 0.41969 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ 0.01823 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year 4.541% Increase OR Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

Year	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 40,378.00	\$ 43,609.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 40,378.00	\$ 43,609.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$162.10. The tax that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$183.02. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$20.92 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$84,705.43, a 3.3278% increase, and of that amount, \$4,183.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

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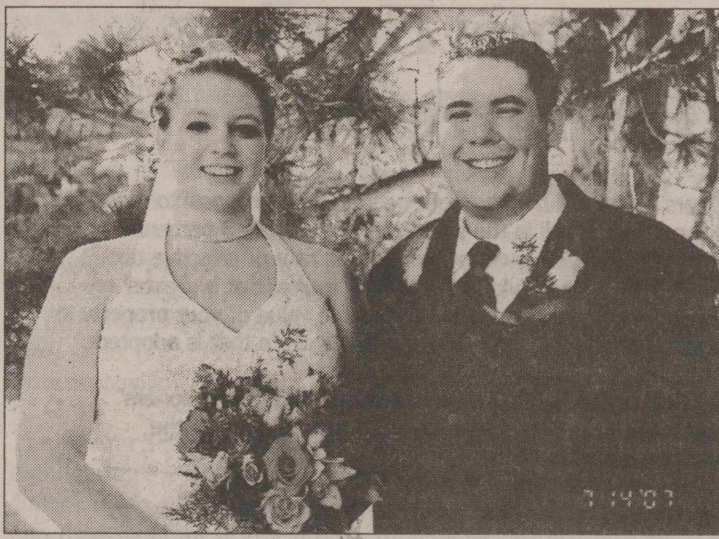
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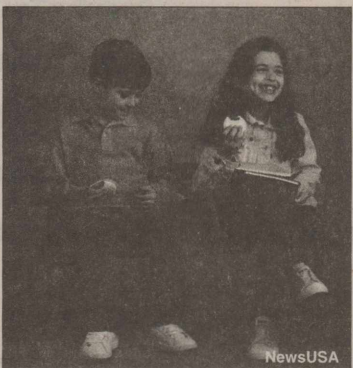
Herl & Wright Exchange Vows

Lindsey Herl and Justin Wright, both of Guymon, OK. Were married Saturday July 14th at the Kuhrt Ranch and Resort in Goodland, KS. Lindsey is the daughter of John and Judy Herl of Goodland, KS. Justin is the son of Mark and LaRenda Wright of Stratford, TX Following the honeymoon to Las Vegas, NV, the couple resides in Guymon, OK.

Tips That Take the Chaos out of After-School Activities

NewsUSA

(NU) - Back-to-school means more than just backpacks, school buses and homework; it also means the beginning of after-school activities. Between soccer practice, piano lessons, art class and club meetings, after-school schedules may have parents' heads spinning. With a full after-school calendar, parents can find themselves feeling like time-crunched chauffeurs driving kids from one event to the next.



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When it comes to after-school activities, a little preparation can go a long way. In order to help make parents' lives easier, the makers of Smucker's® Uncrustables® sandwiches have created some tips to help with back-to-after school:

- **Carpool** - Other parents are going in your direction. Simplify things by taking turns bringing the kids to practice. It will give you and the other parents a few nights off and form friendships between the participating families, just make sure the children know who is picking them up.
- **Keep a Detailed Calendar** - Write down every practice, game and meeting - include start and finish times plus the location. Plan your routine in advance, and keep the calendar with you. Keep important phone numbers on the calendar as well - everyone from the coach, babysitter, other carpool parents and the doctor. Go to www.uncrustables.com for a free calendar you can download.
- **Have Easy Snacks on Hand** - After a long day at school, children will need an afternoon snack to keep up their energy for their after-school activities. Whether it's a simple snack for one child or the whole team, Smucker's Uncrustables sandwiches are convenient and portable for

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- **Label Everything** - Write your child's name in permanent marker on everything, including shoes, bags and uniforms. This will help to save you time sifting through soccer balls and water bottles to make sure you bring home the right one.
- **Don't Over-Schedule** - Make sure your child isn't doing too much. Younger children can't handle as many activities as older children. Talk with your children and see how they feel.

With these simple tips, after-school will be much less stressful and more fun for both parents and children.

What do you do to get through your after-school activities? The makers of Uncrustables sandwiches invite you to share your own ideas for making Back-to-After-School easier. For a limited time, visit www.uncrustables.com to share your tip, to receive a free Smucker's Uncrustables prize.

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The public hearing will be held on September 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. City Hall
September 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. City Hall

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Connie Quinn, Keri Harris, Ernie Maiwald, Duane Mungia
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jolie Asher

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.17 % (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Debt service	7.57 % (increase)	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	7.19 % (increase)	or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 56,315,545.00	\$ 60,381,967.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 275,390.00	\$ 79,590.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 52,296,985.00	\$ 56,494,327.00
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Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 3,345,000.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.90 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$.89632 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.00368 per \$100 in value

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7.19 % Increase
OR
% Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Form 50-197 (Rev. 05-06/10) (Back)

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 41,310.00	\$ 44,630.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 41,310.00	\$ 44,630.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 371.79.

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 400.02. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 28.23 or a decrease of \$ in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

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

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.



London's Big Ben is named after Sir Benjamin Hall, the Chief Commissioner of Works when the bell was cast.

The oldest map known is a clay tablet found in Iraq. Made about 2300 B.C., it probably shows a man's estate in a valley.

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Help Wanted

Western Organics is looking for someone to fill a Warehouse position. Apply at 110 S. Spruce. 9-20-4x's

Stratford Family Medical Clinic is taking applications for a Medical Office Assistant. Please apply in person 1220 Purnell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mon-Thurs. and 8 a.m. till noon on Fridays. 9-6-c-4x's

Cimarron Feeders needs a part time member to join the Doctor Crews. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Must be able to work weekends and some weekdays. Questions? Call: Garrett @580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE 8-30-2x's

Counter Sales person needed at A&I Parts in Stratford. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Jerry at 806-366-5592. We are an equal opportunity employer. 4-12-tfn

Lollipop Junction is searching for a new director. Also need dependable adult. Must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma or equivalent. Must love children. Hours may vary. Send resume to Box 411 or contact Wesley Spurlock-Board present at 753-7215. 6-7-tfn

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental Insurance as well as 401 K, vacation & bonuses. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE 8-30-2x's

Coldwater Creek Cattle Company, a feed yard located 3 miles West of Stratford is seeking a full time employee. Duties include working with cattle and yard maintenance. Applicants must be dependable and responsible! References are required. For more information, please call (806) 727-4646. 9-6-2x's

For Rent

House for Rent: 519 N. Grace, 2 Bdrm, 2 bath, huge backyard. NO SMOKERS & NO PETS. For more information call 753-7052 or 753-7092. 8-16-tfn

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GAYLAND WARD SEED
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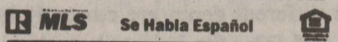
Houses for Sale

House for sale by owner-1210 N. Division, 3 bedrm, 2 bath, fenced yard, storage building, sun porch, close to schools. 396-2484 7-19-c

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 front Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment. See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org 6-28-tfn

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1214 Butler St—\$130,000
3/2/2. The enclosed patio is a perfect second living area or game room/office.

207 West Texas Ave—PRICE REDUCED! \$129,000
Commercial Building.

For Sale: 816 N. Maple, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home. Call 753-6677 or 366-7664-iv message 5-17-tfn

NEW LISTING! For sale by owner. 314 S. Fulton. 1662 total sq. ft. 3 bed/2bath. CH&A. Single garage/double driveway. Large deck. Cash back at closing incentive. Will show by appt. 806-683-2553. 8-9-tfn

Approx. 640.7 Acres of land, w/dbl. wide mobile home w/garage \$640,700.00

Approx. 640.7 acres of land, 1/old abandoned house & Quonset barn—\$640,700.00

Approx. 640.7 acres of land—\$961,050.00

All acreage has irrigation equipment. All crops and farm equipment will be retained by seller. Seller will sell CRP land.

408 N. 8th—Stratford—\$85,000.00
3/1 3/4/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.

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301 N. Poplar—Stratford—\$275,000.00
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103 S. Poplar

7-25-c

Used Tire sale: Duncan Chevrolet
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7-28-tfn
For Sale or Lease—212 N. Poplar—40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585 4-1-tfn

For Sale or Lease—Morten Building, 54' x 72' x 16. 396-2305. 6-22-tfn

For Sale: 2005 Dodge 3500 4 x 4 diesel. 2002 4x4 Yukon. Call 580-543-6431 or cell 580-519-1953. 8-30-4x's

FOR SALE: Dining Table 44 x 66 w/18" leaf and 6 cushioned chairs, Bowflex ultimate gym system-like new. 366-5808 8-30-2x'c

Legal Notice

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for HVAC Repairs and Security Cameras. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM September 3, 2007. 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 3, 2007 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Nellie Larue Miller, Deceased, were issued on August 24, 2007, in Cause No. 2125, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Belinda Gann.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Belinda Gann
1661 Deerwood Trail
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

DATED the 24th day of August, 2007.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 30, 2007.

Cards of Thanks

The Family of Tommy "TJ" Bench would like to thank everyone for their love & support. TJ was a wonderful man & will be deeply missed.

Beth & Kathy Bench & Shelby Long
Bob & Kaye Lewis
Jeremy, Mandy & Sarah Bench
Stan & Sundie Millwood

To the wonderful people of Stratford We would like to thank all of you for all the prayers, cards, flowers & food during our time of sorrow. A special thanks to the community choir and to the E.M.S. for all the times they helped us with Steve. It is very heart warming to know you have people who care about you. This is a special little town. Thank you again for everything.

The Family of Steve Griffith
Judith & Aaron

A big thank you for every prayer you prayed for me during my knee surgery. To the Doctors, Nurses & Stratford EM's. The visits, the delicious food that was brought for 2 weeks. The flowers that made my day. The get well cards, the telephone calls. For my church family & family who encouraged me on and to Nancy who came by every day to check on me. The kindness every one showed to me I will never forget. May God richly Bless you all.

Marlene & Bob Hurt

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Chief Larry Penfold reported for the month of June:

* 20 citations, 10 warnings, 61 calls for service, 32 cases

* No pedophiles currently in Sherman County

* Officer Jimenez made a drug bust - \$96,000 in drugs, \$300 in cash

* Chief Penfold is going on vacation

* Officer Penfold thanked Council for their continued support

* Duane Mungia gave appreciation to Officer Henley for his efforts and support of the community

Judge Cindy Jackson was not present. Reported for the month of June:

* Violations: 20
* City Ordinance: 1
* Criminal: 3
* Juvenile: 1
* Traffic: 15

* Fines and court costs: \$3,762.50

* Will be attending Legislative Update in Lubbock on August 6-7

Interim City Administrator Chris Coffman reported on the following:

* Incode proposal for pooled cash set-up and training will be \$4,278

* The highway 287 and 54 project cleared the Federal Environmental study. State can now purchase the radius property and should send the City a check for the engineering cost

Reimbursement.
* Seal coating will be July 30 and 31

* Discussion on the booster pumps. New pump station would cost approximately \$220,000

* TCEQ should formally accept agreed order for the compliance on cleanup at Recycle Center

* City was awarded ORCA Community Block Grant in the amount of \$250,000

* Ditch on Beaver Road has been cleaned out

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the June Financial Statements, Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Connie Oquin motioned to appoint Ernie Maiwald Mayor Pro-Tem, Duane Mungia seconded, Ernie Maiwald abstained, all else in favor, motion carried.

Council consensus was for Ernie Maiwald to represent the City at Commissioner Court concerning sirens.

Interim City Administrator Chris Coffman recommended approval for the proposed plat for land located at 1306 Purnell. Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the plat, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion concerning an ordinance regarding sex offenders. City Attorney Rob Elliott will research and develop an ordinance and present to Council for approval.

Council recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion took place concerning the members of the Sales Tax Corporation Board. Ernie Maiwald motioned to appoint City Administrator Ted B. Dodd as of August 1, 2007 to replace B.A. Donelson. Council expressed their appreciation for the efforts and time given by B.A., Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There was information in Council packets concerning mosquito control equipment and supplies.

Council recessed at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Connie Oquin motioned to approve the accounts payable, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL ITEMS

* City Administrator Ted B. Dodd needs to schedule a transportation meeting

* Sales Tax Fund will pay for training expenses when attended by Council

* Need to research and develop an ordinance for executive session prohibiting disclosure

Of information
* Discussion of policy concerning public discussion of terminated employees

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

COLD BREW LEMON LIFT COOLER

(Makes 4 8-ounce servings)

- 4 cups cool water
- 2 Lipton Cold Brew Family Size or 6 Cold Brew Glass Size Tea Bags
- 1 can (6 oz.) frozen lemonade concentrate, partially thawed and undiluted

In 2-quart pitcher, pour cool water over Lipton Cold Brew Family Size Tea Bags; brew 3 minutes, dunking tea bags occasionally.

Remove tea bags. Stir in lemonade concentrate until blended. Pour into ice-filled glasses and garnish, if desired, with mint.

WHITE TEA SMOOTHIE

(Makes 2 1/2 cups)

- 1 1/2 cups of frozen fruit (berry medley – includes raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries)
- 3/4 cup of soy milk
- 1/4-1/2 cup of brewed Salada 100% Pure White Tea, depending upon desired strength
- 1/2 cup of natural pomegranate or pomegranate/blueberry juice
- 1 banana

Put frozen fruit, soymilk,

white tea, juice and banana in a blender. Cover and blend until smooth.

Another recipe from Salada, featuring white tea, that is perfect for the summertime is white iced tea:

WHITE ICED TEA

(Makes 4-6 glasses)

- One quart boiling water
- 4 Salada 100% Pure White Tea or 100% White Tea Asian Plum White tea bags
- Fresh raspberries, orange slices or lemons

Place tea bags in a glass pitcher. Add boiling water. Steep for five minutes. Pour into ice-filled glasses. Add fresh raspberries, orange slices or lemons for natural flavor and sweetness.

For more recipes, and further information regarding white tea, please visit www.greentea.com.

Health

(NU) - Healthy hydration, especially during the warmer months, is of the utmost importance. On hot days, your body naturally uses more water, and health experts say you should replenish every ounce you lose.

The American Dietetic Association suggests drinking between eight and 12 cups of water a day; carrying a water bottle makes it easier to meet this quota.

Tea, which naturally contains flavonoid antioxidants, is another option. Bob Greene, exercise physiologist and trainer to Oprah Winfrey, recommends Lipton tea in his book "The Best Life Diet", and for a refreshing drink in minutes, Lipton Cold Brew brews directly in cold water — healthy hydration made easy.



The Great Sphinx of Egypt was built to face the sunrise of the vernal or spring equinox.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

BOOKS

Frommer's Experts Name Top U.S. Cities

NewsUSA

(NU) - Bert Sperling and Peter Sander, authors of "Cities Ranked & Rated" (Wiley, \$24.99), are out to help Americans find their ideal city.

Their new book analyzes more than 400 metro areas in the U.S. and Canada. To compile their rankings, the authors evaluated cities with several variables in mind, some including the economy, crime, art and culture, cost of living and education.

The book names Gainesville, Fla., as the best city in the country for its "Florida climate and intellectual stimulation without the high prices, tourist bustle and stigma most commonly associated with the state."

The other top-ranking cities are: Bellingham, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Vancouver, Wash.; Beaverton, Ore.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Ogden, Utah; Clearfield, Utah; Asheville, N.C.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Loveland, Colo.; San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Paso Robles, Calif.; Boise City, Idaho; and Nampa, Idaho.

Whereas most magazine surveys show only the big picture, "Cities Ranked & Rated" delves into the detailed reasons why one city might be preferable to another. For each metro area, the book provides statistics about the city's white-collar versus blue-collar jobs, the average cost of a visit to the doctor and even more trivial topics such as the city's total number of Starbucks coffee shops.

"Cities Ranked & Rated" is available in bookstores nationwide.

Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

If you don't give people information, they'll make up something to fill the void.

—Carla O'Dell



Field Day attendees touring NC+ test plots on a farm near Hartley
Photo by Bailey Naugle

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—La-Z-Boy offers something for every decorating taste, from the Inspired Living by La-Z-Boy "Annabel" sofa with its classic style, for those looking to give their room a more traditional feel, to the "Quinn" sofa, which features a more contemporary look. For more information, visit www.lazboy.com.

Designed for outdoor use, the Masterbuilt Electric Smokehouse features a push-button digital control panel that allows users to set the thermostat at a precise temperature, ranging from 100° to 275°F. For additional information, visit www.masterbuilt.com.

Perfect for picnics or fine dining banquets beneath breezy tents, S.Pellegrino Sparkling Natural Mineral Water and Acqua Panna Natural Spring Water in half-liter plastic bottles are ideal for outdoor entertaining. You can learn more online at www.nestle-watersna.com.

Aquafresh White Trays, which were designed by cosmetic dentists, fit differently than strips, are easier to apply and have a clean, fresh taste. The trays and generous portion of gel inside help mold to your teeth, providing more consistent tooth coverage to whiten around and even in between teeth.



Rich Peters of BioFuture explains how beneficial traits are injected into genomes. Photo by Bailey Naugle

New Technologies in Corn Seed Discussed at NC+ Field Day

By Bailey Naugle

NC+, along with BioFuture, recently hosted an informative field day where NC+ customers, potential customers and members of the NC+ Dealer Network came together from across five states to share their experiences and new information concerning NC+ corn seed.

The field day was held on Wade Lenz's farm, just outside of Hartley, where attendees visited the impressive BioFuture traveling learning center and toured test plots featuring numerous seed varieties. For information concerning these varieties contact Ron Joiner, NC+ District Sales Manager, at 806-674-1460.

The original BioFuture research facility is located in Huxley, Iowa. In order to bring growers an "inside look at the NC+ product pipeline," BioFuture created a "mini" version of the facility - a semi-truck, decked out with the latest electronics and teaching tools to help growers better understand the technologies realized by BioFuture. "We want to bring technology out to the field," said Jeff Dilbeck, president of NC+. "These events help keep growers informed of the new trends and technologies," Dilbeck said. "It's changing so quickly. Even for someone in the industry it's hard to keep up," he said.

One such progressive development is marker assistance. In theory it is similar to a bookmark for genes. According to BioFuture, genomes consist of approximately 50,000 genes. Marker assistance makes finding the most effective combination of traits much easier. It actually increases the odds of finding a useful combination from one in a trillion to one in five.

Significantly greater efficiency of plant breeding and biotechnology means more advanced features in seed which result in higher levels of production. Another trait that is in the works for corn is drought tolerance.

"Drought resistant corn is still four to five years out, but its coming... it's in the field," said Dilbeck. In one Nebraska plot the innovative variety was compared side-by-side to non-drought resistant corn at 102 degrees. "The regular plant leaves were rolled up tight," he said, "but the drought tolerant plant leaves were open."

Corn plants will roll their leaves in the heat of the day to prevent excessive transpiration. The drought tolerance trait is expected to have a huge impact in the corn industry and throughout the world. Two different genes are currently being researched: D1 - for dryland use, and D2 - for irrigated production. Developers expect a 30-40% reduction of water use from D2 seed.

The process of genetically enhancing seed is lengthy. Aside from the trait insertion process there is extensive testing from the Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration before the seed can be approved.

Some of the other traits that are in the developmental stages are corn bore resistance, nitrogen efficiency and cold tolerance.

Rich Peters of BioFuture believes that corn bore resistant varieties of corn will enable lower refuge requirements, but he noted that the issue will be determined by the USDA. The trait for increased nitrogen efficiency is considered a High Impact Technology by BioFuture. HITs are considered priority and all available resource are focused on their development so that they will be eligible for approval as soon as possible.

The corn of today ceases to operate at temperatures below 50 degrees, Peters said. The cold tolerance trait that is being explored would enable corn to continue to function at temperatures below the 50 degree mark, he said.

"Modern seed is more expensive," said John Schletzbaum, Southwest Regional Sales Manager for NC+, "But it contains a lot more technology."

Technologies that will help growers meet the rising demand for corn due to the increasing world population, diminishing amount of arable land and a growing grain based fuel industry.

Visit <http://www.nc-plus.com/technology/bijouterie.cfm> for more information on NC+ BioFuture

FINANCE

Budget-Wise Tips for Managing College Costs

NewsUSA

(NU) - The months before entering college are busy ones for students and parents alike. Purchasing new clothing, shopping for furnishings and heart-to-heart conversations about the importance of putting classes above socializing are all part of the pre-college routine.

Less likely to be discussed is the importance of money management. But the average college student spends nearly \$3,000 for various expenses beyond tuition, according to the College Board.

Good financial habits learned early will serve the student throughout his or her college years and well beyond, says Rich Lindsay, president of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He offers the following tips to help parents and their college-bound children:

- **Begin with the basics.** Begin early to ensure your child knows the basics of maintaining balances for checkbook and savings accounts, ATM fees, debit cards and such.

- **Discuss expectations — both yours and your child's.** Work with your son or daughter to develop a reasonable budget. If you're planning to send money to help subsidize day-to-day expenses, this is also a good time to discuss any rules regarding how money is to be spent.

- **Consider on-campus versus off-campus housing.** For most, dormitory living is more economical than off-campus apartments, many of which require 12-month leases. But if you choose off-cam-



pus housing, shared apartments can reduce expenses.

- **Plan for dining arrangements.** Evaluate the pros and cons of campus meal plans and off-campus cooking or dining out. Many parents appreciate that campus meal plans have set costs, which is helpful when trying to develop a budget. Campus meal plans also save students the time of shopping, cooking and cleaning up, and save more money than dining at a restaurant.

- **Prepare for incidental expenses.** Some parents are comfortable letting their child use a credit card for whatever needs come up, while others prefer to limit credit cards for emergencies. Because credit card debt can so easily add up, many parents choose to give their student a lump sum of money at the beginning of each semester or send a monthly check.

- **Stay organized.** Whether your student pays cash, writes checks or uses a card, careful recording of expenses will help your child stay within budget. And such discipline has rewards far beyond college.

For more information, visit www.financialpro.org.

Finance

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