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Helping to send items "Treat 'N Troops" are left to right Ann wells, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Joyce McBryde, Maurine Plunk, Kathie Altman and Janice Sladek. Not pictured Gene Weinette and Sue Hudson.

## Treat 'N Troops

Ann Wells, Kay Payne, Betty Carter, Joyce McBryde, Maurine Plunk, Kathie Altman, Janice Sladek, Gene Weinette, and Sue Hudson met recently to send gifts to two local soldiers and their unites. Josh Marshall received gifts for his unit of 15 soldiers. The gifts are all made possible by the donations of family and friends of these young men. THE General Store was one of the local businesses that made it possible for each soldier to receive hand sanitizer. Treat 'N Troops would like to say THANK YOU to all who have donated and made this project a success. With your continued donations, there will be other local soldiers serving in Iraq that will receive a special "box" from Treat/N Troops.

Words has been received that Bill Walker, who was our first Treat 'N Troops soldier to receive the gifts, will be returning home very soon. Let us all remember our troops with prayers for a safe return home.



## Pronger Brothers Ranch 1904

Can you pick out which ones are Fred Pronger and Perc Pronger from these five Pronger Brothers who came to the United States from England in 1886. The Pronger Brothers of Stratford came from a family of 5 boys and 2 girls. They were very young when they left England. This photograph was made in 1905, April. Fred married Ivie Pinkerton in August that year. Be sure and stop by the Sherman County Depot Museum and see the display on the Prongers. It will be worth your time. Hours 8 a.m. till 12 noon and 2-4 p.m.

## Elks Win Homecoming

The Stratford Elks celebrated Homecoming with a 24-13 win over Panhandle.

Josh Lanning completed 2 of 4 passes for 22 yards. Brady Bell led the Elks in rushing with 116 yards on 11 carries and two touchdowns followed by Gustavo Rosales with 84 yards on 14 carries and Josh Lanning carried the ball for 77 yards on 9 carries and one touchdown. Lanning also intercepted the ball and scored another touchdown for the Elks. Case Crabtree finished the night with 12 yards on 1 reception.

Brady Bell and Jonathan Licon led the Elks defense with

10 tackles each followed by Jeffrey Frizzell with 7 tackles and Craig Kautz with 6 tackles. Craig Kautz, Jonathan Licon, Brady Bell, Martin Beltran, and Gilbert Reta each finished the night with a quarterback sack. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Steven Rueda, Hunter Buckles, Josh Lanning, Case Crabtree, Rudolf Portillo, and Scott Hudson.

Players of the Week for the game performance were Harrison Walden - Offensive Lineman; Brady Bell - Offensive Back; Martin Beltran - Defensive Lineman; and Jonathan Licon - Defensive Back.

The Elks will travel to Spearman on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with kick-off time at 7:30 p.m. Let's Go Elks! Get a Lynx!

## Consumers Inc. Shareholders Approve Proposal

On Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, a meeting of Consumers, Inc. Shareholders was held. The group voted to approve a proposal presented by the Sherman County Development committee. The proposal gives the SCDC authorization to verify all financials and tax status, and also to seek agreements with creditors and collect all Acct. Receivables. Over the next few weeks, Kathy Allen, Director for SCDC said she and the SCDC Board will be cleaning up the property, counting inventory on the remaining products, tanks, vehicles, etc. An auction will be held later to liquidate the inventory with vehicles being sold by private treaty. All sales will be final subject to Shareholders' approval. For more details you can call the SCDC office at 806/366-2897 or 806-753-6897.

**Homecoming story and Pics will be in next week's edition due to early deadline**

## Good Luck Stratford Elks

Good Luck Cross

Country Girls We're behind you all the way!!

## Cooking for 1 or 2 Class to be Held

Cooking for one is no fun and cooking for two can be a challenge too. To assist individuals and couples who struggle with this issue, Cooking for Spares and pairs, cooking class will be offered in September.

The first session will be held Monday, September 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall. During the two hour session, participants will gain tips for preparing foods to meet special food needs such as low sodium, low sugar, and high fiber. In addition, participants will learn ways to reduce recipes designed for large groups, new food preparation tools and equipment for ease in food preparation and food safety tips.

A repeat session will be held on Monday, September 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall.

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension-Sherman County in collaboration with Sherman County Older Texans, the cooking school is open to all persons regardless of age, socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

For more information or to pre-enroll in the class, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122.

## Parents Night September 12

Back to school night (Parents Night) for Middle School, Junior High and High School will be Monday, September 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.

## Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Special Session August 30, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 30 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Tim Gilliland, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Garek McBryde, DeWain Trayler.

Guests present were Lynette Kautz and Dinah Horsford.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

At 7:03 the board held a public hearing on the 2005-2006 proposed tax rate and budget.

DeWain Trayler arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Gilliland explained the maintenance and operation budget. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to adopt the Maintenance and Operation budget by function as presented in the amount of \$5,719,578.00. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #1

Mr. Gilliland explained the tax levy. Steve Hays made the motion to move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.42. Barney Willborn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to adopt the debt service (interest and sinking) budget by function as presented in the amount of \$235,269.00. SEE ATTACHMENT #2.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to adopt the interest and sinking tax rate of \$.06503 for the debt service budget. Motion carried 6-0. Joe Reinart read an ordinance confirming the tax rate set by the board. SEE ATTACHMENT #3.

## Stratford Volunteers Attend American Red Cross Disaster Relief Training

Stratford volunteers attending the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Training in Amarillo on September 1, 2005 were Joe and Viola Abeyta, Jesus Mariscal, Zelda Pickens, Eddie Williams and Sandy Williams.

Information on sheltering and mass care was presented the very large group of volunteers from Amarillo and the area.

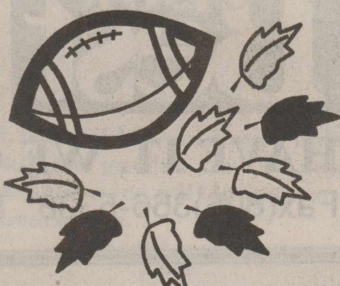
Sherman County Emergency Management will be kicking off a community drive for volunteers to help with disaster relief operations in Sherman County. Volunteers will be asked to staff shelters and provide food in the event a need arises in our community.

In accordance with #152.013(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, salaries of Sherman County elected and precinct officers are proposed to include 3% COLA and 2% increase for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

## Public Hearing to be Held

Stratford Hospital District will have a Public Hearing on September 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building-regarding the Tax Rate.

PRAISE SERVICE  
7:30 P.M.  
Each Wednesday  
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**SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup> CONSUMERS, INC SHAREHOLDERS MEETING POSTPONED**  
Action taken by the Shareholders at the Consumers, Inc. August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, has given cause to postpone the meeting scheduled for September 8th

## Treat'n Troops

### Life Insurance Awareness Month

Forty-four percent of U.S. households (48 Million) say they need more life insurance coverage, according to LIMRA International's 2005 Life Insurance Ownership Study of household financial decision makers.

Perhaps the biggest barrier to people getting the coverage they say they need-78 percent of Americans say they don't have a personal life insurance agent.

September marks the second-annual observance of Life Insurance Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and educate consumers about the importance of life insurance coverage and the professional financial services representatives trained to help them get the adequate financial protection they feel they need.

Led by the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education, more than 100 life insurance organizations and their representatives, including local Modern Woodmen of America agent Walt A. Berry will mark the occasion by providing information regarding the role of life insurance in a sound financial plan.

"Life Insurance Awareness Month is a great time for people to evaluate their personal situation," says Berry. "There's a big gap between the coverage people have and what they feel they need. That's where an adviser's role comes in-to help people who have these concerns but aren't sure where to turn to determine their needs or how to meet those needs."

Modern Woodmen members and others can find life insurance information and online financial planning calculators at

Or, they can contact Berry at 806-366-7684 about a free life insurance analysis.

Modern Woodmen representatives help more than 750,000 members meet quality-of-life needs for their families and communities through financial advice and products, and fraternal programs.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families thought-out the United States.

Our troops need our thoughts and prayers...and care packages. These items will be packaged and sent to a specific local soldier who will in turn distribute them to troops in his platoon/unit.

- Camouflage Aqua Cool Scarf
- White crew type socks (packages in mens and ladies sizes)
- Small packs Gatorade/tea/Crystal Lite etc. (this is a powder)
- Travel size packages of wet wipes
- Lotion/shampoo/soap-hotel size (conditioner is not needed)
- Disposable razors
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Eye drops (small)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Lip balm (Carmex in a tube is preference)- Paperback books & playing cards
- Foot powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby powder, etc.
- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.
- Gum
- Snack foods
- Band Aids
- Q-Tips
- Pens & Pads
- CASH for postage
- AA Batteries

We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist church. Donations may be mailed to the church or to Sue Hudson. Drop boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up.

If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.

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## Good Luck Stratford Elks

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Childhood is a unique time to discover and wonder--a time of growing curiosity and boundless imagination. Lollipop Junction taps into children's natural zest for learning and equips them with tools they need for continued, joyful learning that will last a lifetime.

During the preschool years, children begin to develop an understanding of themselves and an awareness of the world around them. It's the perfect time to nurture those new interests and skills that will continue to grow. Lollipop's program for preschool age children target school readiness and the development of critical skills through the newly adopted Texas Education Agency curriculum.

All the children at Lollipop experience daily opportunities to grow in four key areas: social, physical, emotional and intellectual.

Birthdays celebrated during June included Ty and Walker McBryde; July were Remie Seward, Luis Molina and Julie Ortega; August were Slate and Lashala Anderton and Cheryl Jones and September is James DeAnda. Happy Birthday everyone.

Next month's article will explore the possibilities and opportunities for the toddlers at Lollipop Junction.

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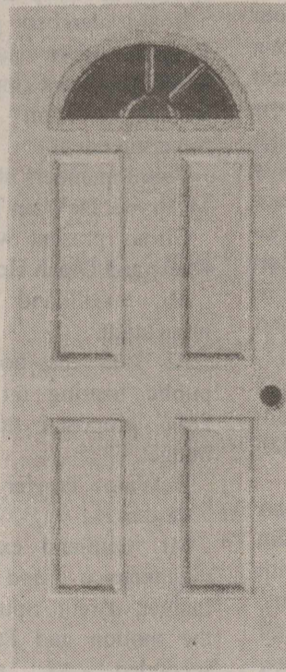
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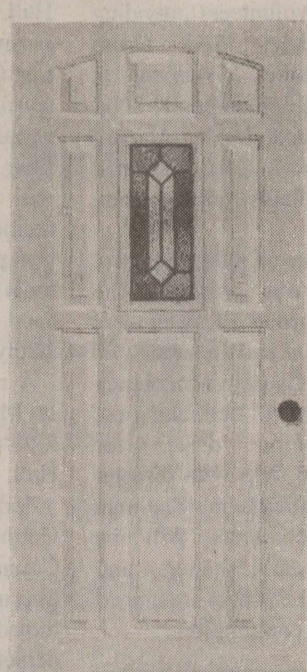
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## Tips on Effective Home Schooling

NewsUSA

(NU) - With mounting concerns about overcrowding and the quality of public education, parents are increasingly considering the home schooling alternative. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the number of students being home-schooled is about 1 million and growing.

While there are many philosophies and approaches to home schooling, all parents want to see their children reach their full potential. Here are some tips from SFK Media Specially for Kids Corp., the company that developed the Read-Ent at-home learning program.

- **Learn about your local regulations governing home schooling.** Education laws vary by state and town.

- **Involve your child in the curriculum.** Let your child choose some of the workbooks for each subject, but steer him or her to the appropriate grade level. The more your child is involved in the process, the more excited he or she will be about the subject matter.

- **Designate a separate area of your home to serve as the "classroom."** It should be someplace that is comfortable and free of distractions.

- **Connect with other home-schooling families through community groups or online.** Such groups often organize field trips, discuss approaches to home schooling and share stories and advice.

- **Keep your child active.** It is important that home-schooled



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Home schooling is becoming more commonplace today.

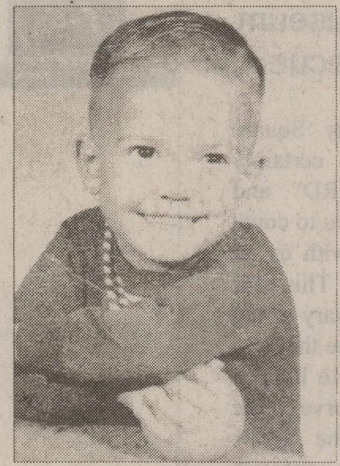
children socialize with others. Encourage your child to become active in sports, music or clubs, just as any child attending school.

- **Look for "teaching moments."** For example, if you bake cookies at home, ask your child how many you baked. If you take a walk in the park, turn it into a lesson in science and nature.

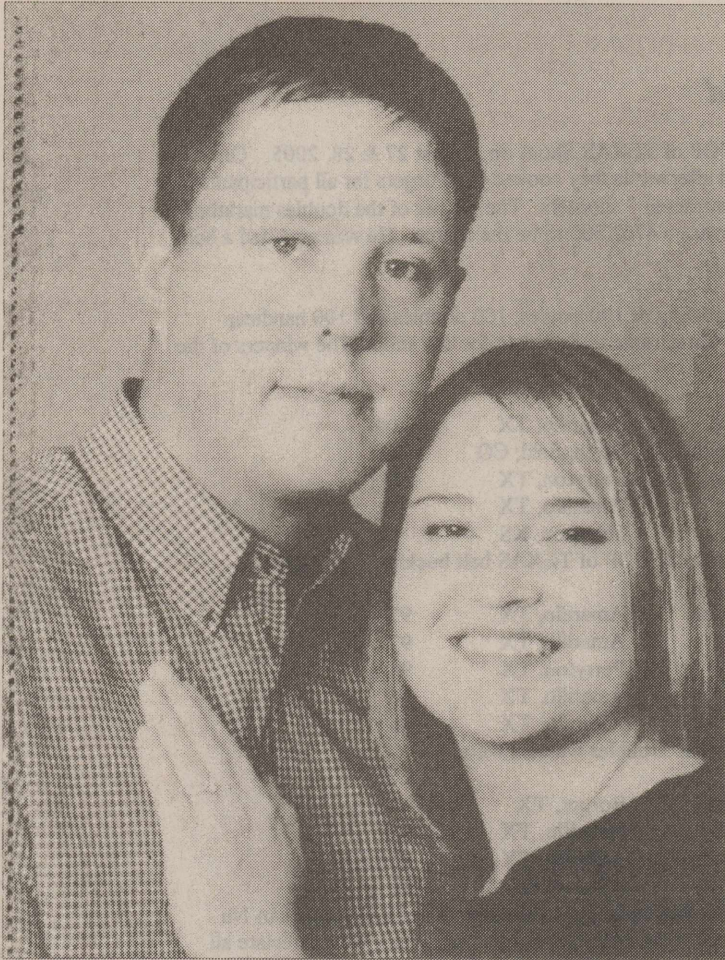
- **Use unique learning tools to keep your student interested.** SFK's Reading Movies, for example, improve reading comprehension and vocabulary skills and are entertaining at the same time.

These interactive movies use a patented technology called Action Captions in which each spoken word appears on the screen in real time, without interfering with the flow or entertainment of the movie. As a result, reading and spoken language skills develop naturally. The movies are available in a set of three DVDs featuring such classics as "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," "Gulliver's Travels" and "The Trojan Horse."

For more information, visit [www.readingmovies.com](http://www.readingmovies.com) or call (866) SFK-READ (735-7323).



Oh Lordy,  
Look Whose Forty



Carrie Newcomb and Jason Nusz

## Engagement Announced

Sandy Newcomb and Lorree Nusz are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children Carrie and Jason. Carrie is also the daughter of the late David Newcomb. Both will be graduating from Panhandle State University in May of 2006. Carrie will receive a BA in Business Administration/Finance, and Jason will receive a BS in Ag Business. The nuptials will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at the First Christian Church of Stratford. A cake and punch reception will follow the ceremony.

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed.: Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chl 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  
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Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### ACCEPT THE INVITATION

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners like you and me! He came to save men and women from eternal death in hell, to grant them forgiveness, to wash away their guilt, and to lead these same men and women on the path to heaven. He says, Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest! (Matthew 11:28). This is Christ's gracious invitation to you. Why don't you accept this invitation? This is the alternative to living with a constant load of guilt because of sin. You are responsible to God. You know you have not lived up to His standards. But the alternative is forgiveness! The wonderful option is a clear conscience. Some laugh and say, "I ignore those feelings of guilt. They will go away!" But they never really do! Others say, "Religion is a crutch I can do without." But can you do without the blessing of a clear conscience? Why not respond to Christ's offer of Himself? Trust Him as your sin bearer. Ask Him to wash you clean on the inside. Believe in Christ as your way to heaven? He promises, "The one who comes to me I will certainly not cast out" (John 6:37). So do not delay! Christ is calling you and saying, "Come to me." Accept His invitation!

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### Home

(NU) - Savvy consumers know the secret to cleaning household mishaps with no mess and no fuss. It's called Mr. Clean Magic Eraser, a cleaning pad made of an innovative material that lifts away dirt and grime with only water. This cleaning tool is so versatile that its uses are virtually limitless. Mr. Clean wants to hear from you on the new uses you've found. Log on to [www.mr-clean.com/eraser](http://www.mr-clean.com/eraser) to submit your favorite. For each use submitted, Mr. Clean will donate \$1 to Hands On Network, a network of organizations dedicated to addressing critical needs in communities nationwide.

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### More About Family: by JA Lasley

Remember that I wrote Derrek was here, on Vacation time and before his designated time he was called back to immediately fly out?!

Four weeks ago he called his Mom and to Gran Lynn. He had returned to Baltimore with something very wrong with his left eye. He was being sent to Eye Specialist in Baltimore, but only one good eye and his driving and traffic horrendous he called wanting Lynn to come there. Of course with Kenneth recent surgery she couldn't go. Then he wanted his Mom to come and there was no way. "Maybe G.G." I told him with me under the wheel not only his eye-but much much more. So he flew into Amarillo and in the two weeks plus and visits to Amarillo Eye Specialist the eye was much better. And he returned. He called me this Past Monday and he was going to fly out to Germany. Also he would be flying to Egypt, a place he'd not been to and the eye 99% healed.

\*and you recall early on I had written about Jolina, the stay at home Mom, Well! And e-mail and a returned phone call to the Principal of Park High School South, she became a hired Technology Specialist (this occurred while she was here in Stratford) in July). When she arrived back in Kansas City, MO she met with the principal and signed a contract. So what does a Technology Specialist title include? She helps the teachers, students, staff and administration with Computer

problems-such as software, e-mails, etc. Early on, before school began she was on the job. They had major problems

with the Network kinks! However by the time school began, all was up and going.

Jolina found a good clean Daycare ctr. Mom is at work by 7 a.m. so Jason, the Dad takes Jackson to the Day Care Ctr and Jacob to his school.

Jolina leaves the school at 3 p.m. and retrieves both sons and home. She says it is early hours but she does have time in the afternoon with Jacob and homework and to nurture an 18 mo. Old!

After months and a letter requesting the article \* had written and sent along with photos regarding the Big Blue Marching Band, I requested that the article and photos be returned. Later I called the Amarillo Globe News and spoke with a lady regarding my request. This lady assured me she handled all of the mail and didn't remember the Lg. envelope within large letter indicating Photos Enclosed. She would search out the article with the photos. Still no story and no returned photos.

But since I read the Amarillo paper each morning-the weather forecast, then the Sports Section, early this past week "Tidbits by Clarkson" caught my eye-Low and behold a 2" x 2" spot read "Elk Pride". I almost missed it and maybe you did to. It read:

'The Best small town band in the land comes from Stratford. These kids are good. They play with a big sound and sharp marching and put on an entertaining show that would shame many of their big-city counterparts. Randy Hunsaker is an institution in Stratford. The Elk band has won 34

straight first divisions (equivalent to a district title) a University Interscholastic League marching competition

dating to 1971 including the past 26 under Hunsaker. If you get a chance to see them, do so. They are worth it!"

The article that I sent was the same the Stratford Star printed, Early history and band directors that have been a part of this band-has been missed.

Still haven't gotten the article back and the photos, my next visit to Amarillo, will be to stop in at the Amarillo Globe News.

#### Quiche in Pepper Pots 2 servings

2 medium (about 4 oz. each) green, yellow or sweet red peppers  
1/2 cup (about 8 oz.) frozen vegetable blend, thawed  
2 eggs  
1/4 cup skim or low-fat milk  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning, crushed

Cut tops off peppers and remove seeds. Sawtooth or scallop pepper edges, if desired. Stand peppers upright in custard cups or muffin-pan cups. Spoon 1/4 cup of the vegetables into each pepper. In small bowl, beat together eggs, milk and seasonings until well blended. Pour about 1/3 cup of the egg mixture over vegetables in each pepper.

Bake in preheated 325° F oven until knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 60 to 70 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

*Nutrition information per serving of 1/2 recipe using green and yellow peppers; broccoli, sweet red pepper, mushroom and onion vegetable blend; and skim milk: 119 calories, 5 gm total fat, 213 mg cholesterol, 89 mg sodium, 283 mg potassium, 10 gm carbohydrate, 9 gm protein and 10% or more of the RDI for vitamins A, B<sub>12</sub> and C, riboflavin, phosphorus*

**Big Blue Band**  
**You are sounding terrific and**  
**looking good**  
**Keep up the good work**

## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Sherman County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5 percent on September 12, 2005 and September 16, 2005.

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 20, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sherman County Commissioners' Courtroom.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Stratford Hospital District property tax rate was \$ .027. That rate raised \$ 856,707.60, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

**Medical Service, Maintenance, and Operations for:**

**Coldwater Manor**

**Stratford Emergency Medical Service**

**Stratford Family Medical Clinic.**

This year, Stratford Hospital District is proposing a property tax rate of \$ 0.26000. That rate would raise \$ 904,887.59, which is \$ 48,179.99 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on 9-8-05 at 7:00 p.m. at **Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg.** The second hearing will be held on 9-12-05 at 7:00 p.m. at **Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg.**

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

## Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Stratford Hospital District conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Stratford Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.29 percent on September 8, 2005 7:00 p.m. September 12, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The Stratford Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public Meeting to be held on September 15, 2005 7:00 p.m. at Stratford Emergency Medical Service Bldg.