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## CONGRATULATIONS



Pictured here are the cast, crew, directors and alternates of this year's One Act Play. This year's play is Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play by Laurie Wilson published by Dramatists Play Service. The play has advanced from both the zone and district levels and will compete at the area competition on Thursday, April 11 at Randall High School. Also pictured are the recipients of the individual honors awarded at both competitions. At the zone competition, Shyanne Acker and Victor Castro received Honorable Mention All Star Cast and Mary Ann Spurlock and Katy Moore received All Star Cast. Logan Uttley was also honored as the Outstanding Stage Manager. At the district competition, Taylor Wright received Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and Katy Moore, Shyanne Acker, and Victor Castro received All Star Cast. At both competitions, Adrian du Plessis was awarded Best Actor. Congratulations to all of these students who have given their time, talent and dedication to making Chemical Imbalance the best show it can be. We would like to thank everyone in the community for all the support. It means so much to us as we continue our journey. GO SOAP!!!



Receiving individual awards at district competition from left, Adrian du Plessis - Best Actor, Katy Moore - All-Star Cast, Shyanne Acker - All-Star Cast, Victor Castro - All-Star Cast and Taylor Wright - HM All-Star Cast.

### Stratford OAP to perform in Dalhart April 8

The cast and crew of SOAP will perform their contest play Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the LaRita Theatre in Dalhart. Everyone is invited and there is no admission charge. We would love to see the community support SOAP as we take our show on the road to the historic LaRita Theatre.



Receiving individual awards at the zone competition for One Act Play from left, Mary Ann Spurlock All-Star Cast, Katy Moore - All-Star Cast, Adrian du Plessis - Best Actor, Logan Uttley - Outstanding Stage Manager, Victor Castro- HM All-Star Cast and Shyanne Acker - HM All-Star Cast.

### ATTENTION: PROM TIME

We will begin working on prom decorations **EVERY** Monday night at 6:30 p.m. starting March 25, 2013 at the high school building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We need **EVERYONE** to attend please.

Red Hats will meet Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Ol'Biddy's Café.

### State Fair of Texas Lamb, Goat, and Swine Tags and Steer State Tag Orders

The time has arrived to start ordering your Lamb, Goat, and Swine ear tags for the State Fair of Texas this fall. We are also taking orders for Steer tags for the 2014 Major Stock Show Season. Anyone needing to order tags please come by or call the Extension office at 366-2081 and place your order. **The deadline to order tags is April 13<sup>th</sup>.** All tags will be \$8.00 a piece and validation will take place during the month of June. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters PO Box 437, Bushland, TX and he will get the cards to her.

Any Individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as **deadline for this year.**

**Used Book Sale**  
**Postponed until**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**  
**Sherman County Library**

### Cemetery Clean-Up Saturday April 6

Time to retire winter decorations, (tumbleweeds) and trim trees and bushes. Please bring hand trimmers for trees and bushes, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows to fill in depressions.

In case of bad weather, it will be Saturday April 13. The Sons of the Confederate will have a memorial service Saturday April 20 at 10:00 a.m. and Memorial Day Service May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

### Stratford Ex-Students Reunion July 26-27

By Gaynelle Riffe  
Chuck Harbor will cook the Hamburgers for Friday Night. A need for volunteers for 12 freezers of ice cream (in cups)  
Updated mailing list for the classes of 1943, 53, 83,93,2003.  
Classes of 1963 and 73 have really worked on their lists. I only have Mathew Tallifero's address for 2003. Why is it so hard to get a mailing address when everyone wants to be on Facebook?

### Fire Caution

We are **NOT** currently under a BURN BAN, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you **use caution** with any fire. Please **monitor** any fires and make sure fire is **completely extinguished** before leaving the area.

### BUSINESSES

**Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your property now! Deadline: April 15, 2013**

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3<sup>rd</sup> in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.



## 4-H Fashion Show April 9th

The 2013 Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday, April 9th at the Imagination Station. The Public is invited to attend the Fashion Show at 6:30 p.m. The county fashion show is an important part of the 4-H clothing project. 4-H members will show their 4-11 clothing projects and fashion storyboards. 4-H Fashion Show categories are Casual, Dressy, Specialty, Active and Formal. The members may enter in the Construction or Buying Division. Fashion Storyboards may be entered in one of five categories- wearable, non-wearable, accessories, jewelry, and pet clothing. Members compete in three age groups- Junior (9-11 year olds), Intermediate (12-13 year olds), and Senior (14-19 year olds). The 4-H Craft Show will also be on display. Winners at the county show will then be eligible to compete at the District 1 4-H Fashion Show in Amarillo April 20th. The state competition will be held at state 4-H Roundup at College Station in June. Sherman County has had a very successful 4-H clothing project with several recent state competitors Jenny Spurlock, Katie Killian, Kavan Killian, Rhyon Burton, and Mary Ann Spurlock.

The public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Make plans to join us!!

## Stratford United Methodist Church

April 14-17

Kids 6:00 PM Worship and Drama 7:00 PM



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### Volunteers Needed

The Depot Museum is in need of Volunteers from April through October-2 hours a month. Call 366-2202 or 366-7679

## Guest Missionaries at First Assembly of God Church Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Sunday, April 7th, First Assembly of God Church in Stratford guest missionaries Richard and Sara Michalski from Redmond, Washington.

Richard and Sara are children of Polish and Russian World War II refugees. Richard, born of a German mother and Polish father, in a displaced persons camp in North Germany, came to the United States in January 1951. Sara was born in Kuldja, Red China, as her parents had escaped from Russia to live in China for 25 years. Sara's heritage is from Russian, Ukrainian and Jewish background. Her family immigrated out of China in 1959, residing in Australia before immigrating into the United States.

Upon marrying, Richard and Sara returned back to the Communist Block to minister in nations where their parents once fled. For more than forty-two years, this couple has ministered extensively throughout Eastern and Western Europe, Siberia, the Far East, Latin America and China.

The Michalski's have planted hundreds of churches in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and throughout Europe. They have also bought and distributed Bibles, sent and distributed hundreds of containers that contained medical supplies, vitamins, food, shoes and clothing to foreign countries. The couple has also built orphanages, churches and Bible camps in numerous Eastern European countries.

Come hear Richard and Sara Michalski pour out their heart from the mission fields of the former Soviet Union, Latin America and China. The service will be held Sunday, April 7th at the First Assembly of God Church, 921 North Fulton. The service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

## Snack Pak 4 Kids holds Pop-Tart drive

-by Bailey Naugle

The launch of Stratford's Snack Pak 4 Kids program is scheduled for April 12th, and a supply of 160 Pop-Tarts are immediately needed for the first sack packing on April 10th. A total of 400 Pop-Tarts are needed for Paks throughout the 2013 school year.

Snack Pak 4 Kids is a weekend backpack program that provides nutritious snacks for students who live in food-insecure homes where the child may go more than 66 consecutive hours without food.

Bags are filled once per month with nutritious snacks including crackers, a shelf-stable milk, a shelf-stable protein - such as a beef stick or Chef Boyardee, juice, canned fruit, nuts and Pop-Tarts. Each Friday the bags are discretely placed in the backpacks of participating students to be taken home for the weekend.

Jo Hinds, director of Stratford's Snack Pak program, orders all food for the Paks from Labatt Food Service - except the Pop-Tarts. "Pop-Tarts are their treat," she explained. "And it is something we can't order from our supplier, so we reach out to the community."

Twenty-six Stratford students have already been identified for the program and will be receiving Snack Paks at the first distribution on April 12th. Organizers anticipate that number to increase to 40 Snack Paks per week.

Pop-Tart donations are currently being accepted at both local banks: Happy State Bank at 100 N Main and First State Bank at 302 N Main in Stratford. "Snack Pak truly is a community effort. There is no one entity or person behind this," explained Hinds. "It takes everyone; churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals," she said.

Please help to ensure that all little ones in our community have enough to eat by supporting Snack Pak 4 Kids with a donation of Pop-Tarts.

You may also sign up to sponsor a child by submitting a Snack Pak 4 Kids donation form, located on the back page of this week's issue of The Stratford Star. Donations should be made payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in the memo line of your check.

Financial donations can be delivered or mailed to Jo Hinds at PO Box 781 Stratford, TX 79084; or mailed directly to Snack Pak 4 Kids 701 Park Place Ave. Amarillo, TX 79101.

To learn more about Snack Pak 4 Kids in Stratford and how you can help, contact Jo Hinds at 806-570-6624.

## Happy to Help the League House - April collections

Throughout 2013 the Stratford branch of Happy State Bank is assisting the Medical Center League House of Amarillo by collecting specific items to stock the House. During the month of April items needed are white card stock, copy paper and sympathy cards.

The League House is a nonprofit hospitality house in the heart of Amarillo's medical center that provides safe, comfortable and affordable lodging to adult patients and their families who must travel to Amarillo for medical treatment.

Guests stay at the League House for many reasons. Some simply have a long trip home after a doctor's appointment, some stay during ongoing treatments, and some guests stay so that they can be near a family member who has entered hospice.

No matter the reason a guest visits, your donations make the League House feel like home to the patients and families who stay during times of medical treatment.

Please join with us in showing support for this wonderful service that benefits so many in the Stratford community by helping us gather these necessities. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of Happy State Bank at 100 N. Main in Stratford.

To learn more about the League House and opportunities for financial giving including the League of Hearts program, visit [www.leaguehouse.org](http://www.leaguehouse.org) or call Sue Hudson at 806-366-5916.

The Medical Center League House is collaboration between Baptist Community Services, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Junior League of Amarillo.

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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

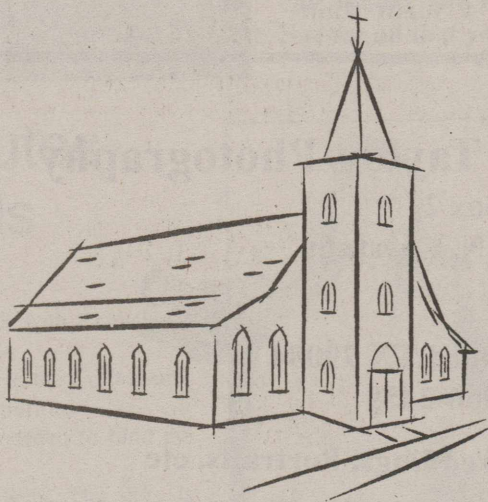
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
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## Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

### Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

### What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

### What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

### What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2013 renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District  
402 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Stratford, TX 79084  
(806) 366-5566



Or contact:  
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs  
Property Tax Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

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Or find us online at: <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax>



A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.



### XIT Presents donation to Coldwater Manor Nursing Home

XIT Communications recently made a donation to the Coldwater Manor Nursing Home in Stratford to assist with the residents' room renovations they are currently working on. Kathy Duggan (back left); XIT Assistant Manager is shown here, presenting a check to Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Administrator, Karl Punch. Shown with them are (back left-right) Cece Yelek, Gail Schmidt-Witcher and Katie Page. Nursing home residents sitting in front include (left-right) Geneva Bell, Vivian White and Betty Sue Mizer. XIT Communications is a proud supporter of local organizations and activities within our service area. XIT offers local phone, high speed Internet and IPTV services to the Stratford and surrounding communities.

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### Moore going to State

Katy Moore, a junior at Stratford High School and the daughter of Bret and Lisa Moore, competed in UIL Vocal Solo and Ensemble competition on February 23, 2013 at Canyon High School. She received a 1 rating and will be going to the state competition held in Austin the end of May.

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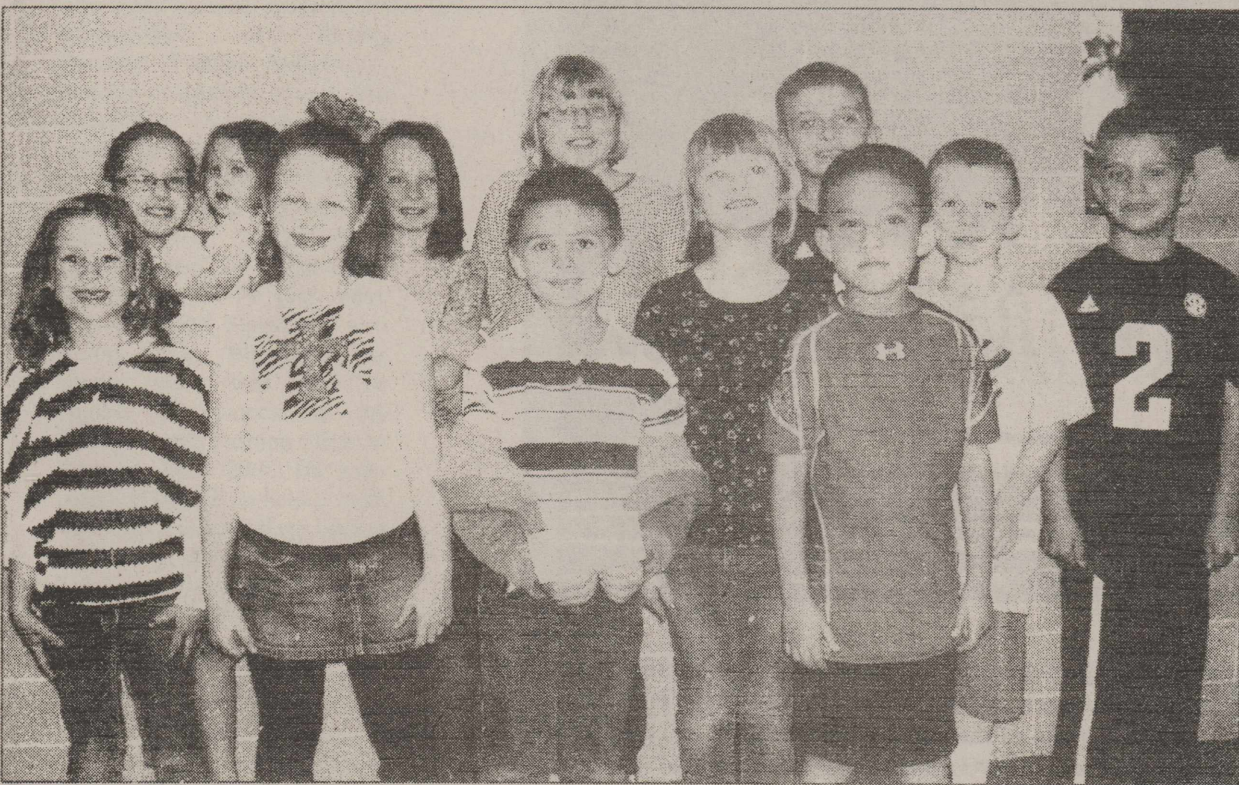
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# COMMUNITY CLOSET DONATIONS



This group of Stratford Youth Sports Association were on hand to register for T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Little League at Mary Allen Elementary. They were excited to learn the Community Closet Thrift Store was donating \$500 to the Association for the sports leagues to be played in our community this year. Shown from back row: Chloe Watson, Kaytly Clift, Victoria Maxzgemba, Luke Brayden, Tripp Hudson, Bryce Brayden, Morgan Clift, Sarah Bench, Levi Easterling holding donation, Jasmin Moczemba, and Abraham Ortega. Congratulations to these youth and good luck this season!!!



Spring seems to have "Sprung"!!! The Easter Bunny has been sighted!!! There is talk of April Showers...or snow!!! All this put together has given the Community Closet Thrift Store a good reason to share what has happened during the winter months at their store. Shown above are Martha Duncan and the children at Lollipop Junction receiving a \$1000 donation from the Community Closet. We feel the children of our community are our greatest asset and responsibility. I guess it really does "Take a Village." Congratulations to Lollipop Junction, its Board, staff and students



Before I begin, I want you to know that I...Sue Hudson...Am responsible for taking pictures and getting them to the Stratford Star to be published in behalf of the Community Closet. That in itself is a little scary!!! Somehow between "Episodes" in my life, I failed to acknowledge the Sherman County Museum with their gift from the Thrift Store. Shown is Ellen Tillery, Volunteer with the Community Closet, presenting a check to the Sherman County Museum Board. Board members are Kay Bachman, Karen Perrin, Martha Mitts, Shirley Durham, Butch Ellison, Richard Ragsdale and Dick Bachman. I apologize to the Board!!! And to the Community Closet!!! Editors Note: Sue is doing a fantastic job and she should not beat herself up. Thank you Sue for all that you do!

Thank you  
"Community  
Closet" for all  
that you are  
doing for our  
"Community"  
You are the  
best.

## Community Closet contributes \$1,000 to Snack Pak 4 Kids

-by Bailey Naugle

On Thursday March 28th The Community Closet presented Jo Hinds with a check for \$1,000 to benefit the Snack Pak 4 Kids program in Stratford.

"On behalf of Snack Pak 4 Kids we want to give a big Thank You to the Community Closet!" said Hinds, who is spearheading the Snack Pak program in Stratford.

The donation was a huge step in reaching a \$2,000 goal which is needed to fund the Snack Pak program through the end of the school year and into June.

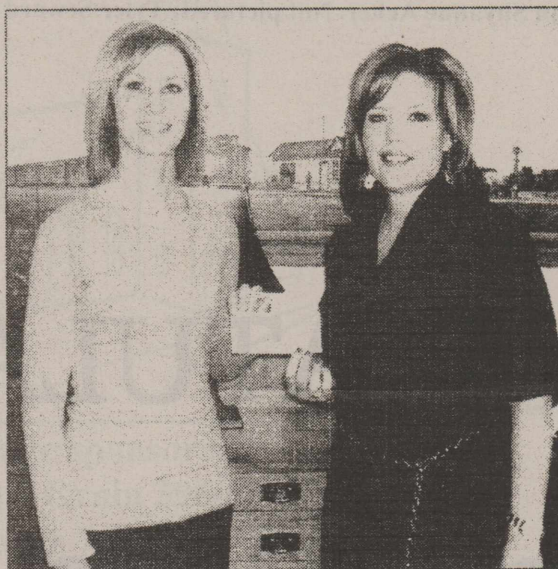
The Community Closet is a local thrift store that is run by volunteers. The store is stocked with donations of gently used clothing and household items. "We take anything and everything," said Betty Chamberlain, founder of The Community Closet.

The Community Closet, located at 1114 Texas Ave. Highway 54 in Stratford, is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM or later.

Proceeds generated from the store are used to assist local charities and organizations within Stratford. Since its establishment in the summer of 2012, The Community Closet has contributed approximately \$9,000 to local charities and organizations. Chamberlain explained, "All of the money we bring in goes back to the community."

Much like The Community Closet, the Snack Pak program can only be successful with hometown support. "This is truly a community effort," said Hinds, "And we've been amazed at the support we've received!"

For more information on The Community Closet contact Betty Chamberlain 806-335-6195.



Shown above Bailey Naugle and Jo Hinds

# SWEEPSTAKES!!!!



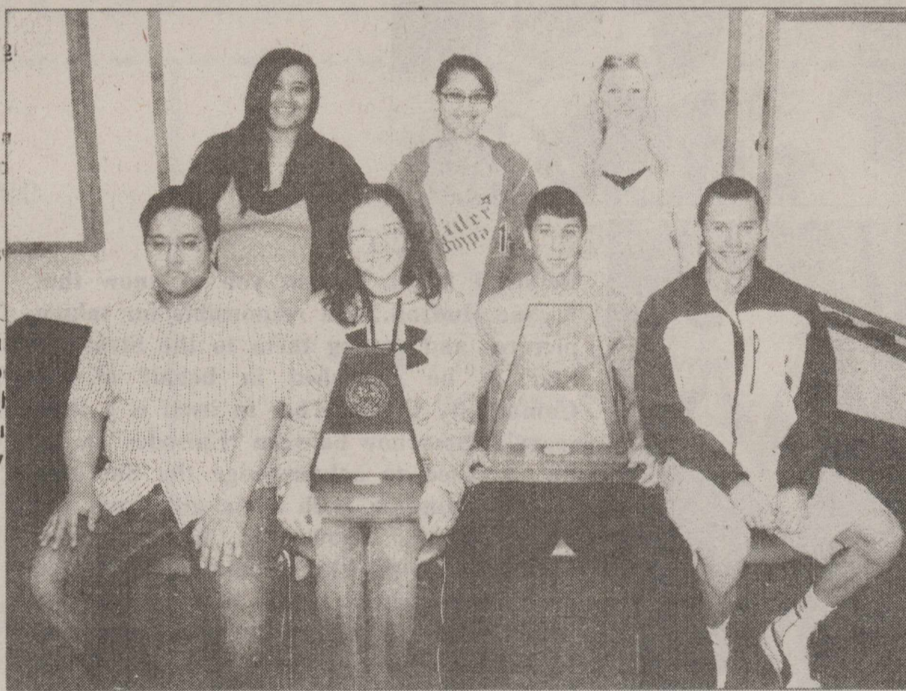
On Wednesday, March 6, the Stratford High School Band traveled to Panhandle High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sightreading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces in the Concert portion of the contest receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings from all three judges. This is the highest rating a band can receive in concert competition. Some comments from one of the judges were "Mature sounds. Bravo! Great Job! Very nicely done. I thoroughly enjoyed your performance today". A second judge said "All sections have quality sounds. This band plays with extreme accuracy. So mature, exciting but in control. Well-prepared and very well played. Thanks for making music today. I enjoyed it thoroughly." The final concert judge said "A really fine performance by a group of fine musicians. A truly "Superior" Performance today! Congratulations."

The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and again the three judges all gave them Division I ratings. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Very musical performance! Much evidence of fine teaching and really great learning and application by band. Congrats! Thank you." And "Overall a good reading of the piece."

By receiving Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading competition at this contest and by receiving a Division I rating in Marching competition last fall Stratford's "Big Blue Band" achieved the highest UIL award given to bands in Texas - "Sweepstakes".

Please congratulate all students for their hard work and great effort in representing Stratford so well at the contest. Also, thanks go to our school administrators (Mr. Seward and Dr. Uttley), the bus driver (Dr. Uttley); and the parents for supporting the band with their attendance at the contest.

Please support the band students in the upcoming Community Birthday Calendar Fundraiser and also attend their High School Band Spring Concert to be held Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.



Pictured above are the Senior members of the Stratford High School "Big Blue Band" holding the plaques they earned this year for a Division I (superior) Rating at Regional Marching Contest and for a Division I Rating in Concert and Sight-reading competition (Sweepstakes Plaque). Front row (L-R) Roberto Cruz, Itzel Salcido, Colten Rendon and Grayson Gonzalez. Back row: Jessica Couch, Karina Aldavaz, and Jordan Shyanne Acker. Not pictured: Tyler Seward and M'Lynn Wells.

## CONGRATULATIONS !!

# Big Blue Band



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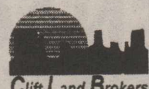
T&T Fireworks-stand operator needed June 24<sup>th</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>. Must be 18 and have camper. Call Frank at 806-676-8739 4x's thru April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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## COUNCIL MINUTES February 26, 2013

Stratford City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 with Mayor Ricky Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Becky Lowe, Ann Johnson, Greg Wright  
Absent Council: James Lutes  
City Attorney: Rob Elliott  
City Administrator: Tommy Bogart  
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

Others: Kathy Allen, Cynthia Jackson, Darla Anderson, Richard Coborn, JD Howell

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm and Ricky Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on January 24, 2013
- Accounts Payable for January 2013
- Financial Statements for January 2013
  - Joe Zak motioned to approve the consent agenda items, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### Presentations to Council

- There were no presentations.

### Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: livestock permit at location of lot between Spruce, Grace and Fourth (south)
  - J.D. Howell to present
    - Mr. Howell is requesting a livestock permit for 2 horses at the above location. Permit will be non-transferrable. Becky Lowe motioned to approve the permit, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: **Resolution No. 13-0226** supporting the legislative activities of the alliance of Xcel Municipalities (AXM) during the 83<sup>rd</sup> legislative session of the Texas Legislature with regard to regulation of electric utilities
  - Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Racial Profiling report
  - Chief Aaron Sheehan to present
    - Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: new printer for Municipal Court
  - Quotes were presented from Paradigm Technologies and SPC. After review of the quotes, Greg Wright motioned to approve the purchase from Paradigm, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion.
- Discuss and consider action re: Municipal Court Clerk training for Darla Anderson
  - The training is being conducted July 15 thru the 18<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia Jackson she will be working the extra hours that week in order that Municipal Court would remain open for the regular scheduled hours. Ricky Reed asked if there were funds in the budget for this. Tommy Bogart stated currently there were not, but a budget amendment could be presented if necessary. Becky Lowe motioned to approve, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: online payments for Municipal Court
  - Items presented were informational only. Council is requesting review of the information and further research to be presented at a Council meeting in the future. No action at this time.

### g. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the interviewing, appointment, hiring, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of the Chief of Police

- Council convened into Executive Session at 6:47 pm
- h. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
  - Council reconvened into open session at 7:33 pm with no action taken.

### Citizen Comment Period

- There were no citizen comments.

### Items from the Council

- Becky Lowe commented re:
  - Clean out of ditch between Purnell and Beaver Roads. Won't drain properly.
- Greg Wright commented re:
  - All except (1) tornado sign is working properly
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at the Fire Department is the new date for the storm spotter training
- Ricky Reed commented re:
  - Back-up generator is not wired in. Texas Electric will hook this up any time.
  - Reminded Council of the Fire Department banquet
- Joe Zak commented re:
  - Codification. Tommy advised it will be approximately 11 weeks to completion.
- Ann Johnson commented re:
  - She will be absent for the next Council meeting. Attorney Rob Elliott advised that "proxy" is not allowed.

### Adjourn

- Joe Zak motioned to adjourn at 7:44 pm, Becky Lowe seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

## STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION March 19, 2013

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Chet Everett, Tres Hess, Brad McBryde, Barney Willborn, Michelle Lutes and DeWain Traylor.

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

Dr. Uttley led the invocation.

Joe Reinart read a thank you note from the Willborn family.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported a district enrollment of 596. He went over information on the Spring TASB Legal seminar that will be held on the WTAMU campus on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He told the board that he visited with Rep. Four Price over spring break while he was in Austin and shared information from the visit. He talked to the board about the employee appreciation meal. This year there is no workday on the last day of school and so it will not be possible to have a noon meal because the students will be fed. He mentioned the possibility of having a short awards presentation with finger foods instead. He talked to the board about a possible land donation to the school. Money received from the land would be used for scholarships for students. He reported that the bank depository proposals have been sent out.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager's report. Monthly expenditures are at 41.51%, revenue 89.77%, and tax collections are at 98.19%. Transportation costs for the month was \$.74. She then gave the quarterly investment report.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He congratulated RaeLeigh Willborn on her 9<sup>th</sup> place ham pig at the Houston Stock Show. He reported a campus enrollment of 143. He updated the board on the junior high track teams. He reported that Lifetouch school pictures will be taken on Wednesday. The first round of STAAR tests will be given in April.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He went over the monthly recognition. The Big Blue Band received Division I Ratings in Concert & Sightreading on March 6<sup>th</sup>. They also received a Sweepstakes. SHS Students attending Boys and Girls State this year will be Adrian du Plessis, Logan Uttley, Katy Moore, Mary Ann Spurlock and Mazie Vincent.

District honors for basketball have been named. Making the Academic All District team for the Lady Elks was: Alex Asher, Meghan Brooks, Bethany Everett, Desinya Garza, Jackie Gonzalez, Karen Lozoya, Matalin Mace, and Elizabeth Reyes. Making the All District team was: Defensive MVP, Elizabeth Reyes, Jackie Gonzalez, Bethany Everett and Karen Lozoya. Elks on the Academic All District team were: Sterling Audrain, Kelby Hartman, Ty Hess, John McBroom, Jack McBryde, Trevor Melton, Tanner Stone and Logan Uttley. All District honors went to: MVP, Kelby Hartman, Defensive MVP, Sterling Audrain, Trevor Melton and Tanner Wright. Congratulations

to these basketball athletes on their honors. Cheerleading tryouts were held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Making the junior varsity squad was: Rubie Torres, Alexie Wright, Magaly Guerrero, RaeLeigh Willborn, Whitney Stone and Allissa Palmer. The varsity squad will be: Bethany Everett, Nohemi Ruedas, Chesney Rendon, Madison Mungia, Nicollee Law, Desinya Garza and mascot Kaylee Sandvig. He congratulated M'Lynn Wells on placing 11<sup>th</sup> with her pig at the Houston Stock Show. He reported on the loss of a student in an accident over spring break. Prom will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the county barn. The junior class selected the servers today. They are: Bethany Everett, Desinya Garza, Magaly Guerrero, Brittany Law, Daniela Morales, Madison Mungia, Trevor Melton, Jio Romero, Daniel Sanchez, Rett Schoonover, Jesus Tarango and Aron Villegas. The One Act Play dinner theater was a tremendous success. They raised \$1900.00 and will perform Thursday at White Deer for district competition. Katy Moore will compete in the State UIL Choir competition on May 27<sup>th</sup> in Austin. The UIL Academic meet will be at Amarillo College on Friday, May 22. 38 students and 7 teachers will be attending. Spring Open House was well attended. End of Course testing will be the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported on the high school track teams. He reported a campus enrollment of 173.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She congratulated Reagan Audrain for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> with her Cross pig at the San Antonio Livestock Show in February. She also recognized the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. They were the winners of our Spring Battle of the Box Tops at Mary Allen. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students turned in 837 Box Tops from February 11<sup>th</sup> - March 8<sup>th</sup>. In all, Mary Allen collected 3,492 Box Tops during this submission period. Box Tops are worth 10 cents apiece when mailed in during one of the two regular submission periods hosted by General Mills each year. Those proceeds are deposited into the Mary Allen Activity Fund and used towards needed playground improvements. She reported that STAAR testing will begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Open house was well attended with about 250 guests. She commended the teachers on the creativity of presented student work and projects. She passed a pamphlet on the Snack Pak 4Kids program. She reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks A/AB honor roll. She plans to have a staff meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin planning for the next school year. Pre K enrollment will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She reported a campus enrollment of 281.

Mr. Birdsong briefly discussed the investment policy. Chet Everett made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried

Mr. Birdsong went over TASB Legal Update 96. Tres Hess made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the update as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the resolution to purchase property. While surveying the bus barn property it was discovered that some of the barn was not on school property. Barney Willborn made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried, Joe Reinart abstained.

The board took a short recess. Mr. Birdsong explained the budget amendment. Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried Mr. Birdsong presented the anti-voucher resolution. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the dates for ESL Summer School and the summer federal lunch program. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to approve the dates as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented her teachers for contract renewal. Mr. Birdsong recommended accepting the contract renewals as presented subject to assignment. Tres Hess made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Seward presented his teachers for contract renewal. Mr. Birdsong recommended accepting the contract renewals as presented subject to assignment. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Uttley presented his teachers for contract renewal. Mr. Birdsong recommended accepting the contract renewals as presented subject to assignment. Brad McBryde made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 8:23 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and reconvened at 8:41 PM.

Tres Hess made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded that the boards finds it doubtful whether a professional employee should be given a term contract, and authorizes the individual to receive a probationary contract for a fourth consecutive school year. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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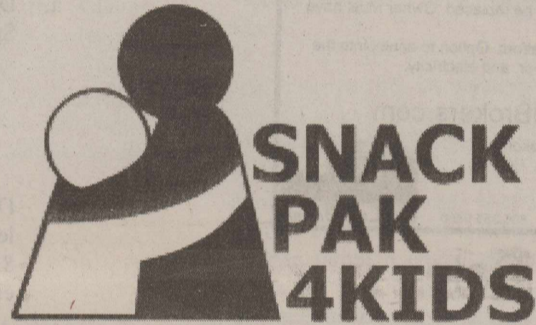
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