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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 Laurne 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 awared 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.

The cast and crew of SOAP will perform their contest play Monday, April 8th 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, 2nd floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please.

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 13th. 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.

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 3rd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

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

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

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 changes to current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

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,

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

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

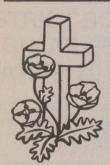
Time to retire winter decorations, (tumbleweeds) and trim trees and bushes. Please bring hand trimmers for trees and bushes, rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows to fill

In 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.

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 THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, April 4, 2013 Page 2

OBITUARIES



Luzelle Lowe July 18, 1930 March 28, 2013

Luzelle Lowe, 82 of Amarillo, formerly of Stratford entered into her heavenly mansion Thursday, March 28, 2013. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at South Georgia Baptist Church, 5209 S. Georgia, Amarillo, TX with Rev Bob Miller officiating. A Graveside Service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 1, 2013 at Stratford Cemetery in Stratford. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Luzelle was born on July 18, 1930 to William Andrew Ellis Brazell and Debris Viola (West) Brazell in Lone Wolf, Ok. She had been a resident of Stratford since 1954. She married Doyle William Roberson of Elk City, OK in 1946; he preceded her in death in 1968. In 1969, she married James Foster Lowe of Stratford and in 2005 they moved to Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 2007. Luzelle was a dedicated and talented servant of the Lord. She was a loving Mother and mentor to her children and if you received one of her crafted beaded spiders; then you knew you touched her heart. Luzelle was a member of South Georgia Baptist Church and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands; son:

Gary Don Roberson and three sisters. Luzelle is survived by three daughters: LaVada Kaye Gunkel, Ethelia Gaye McKinney and Melody May French and husband Gary all of Amarillo; son: Rodney Ray Roberson of Amarillo; ten grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and numerous foster children and special Christian friends. The family would like to voice their appreciation to the staff at BSA Hospice for all their compassion and help

through this difficult time. The family suggests memorials be to South Georgia Baptist Church, 5209 S Georgia, Amarillo, TX 79110, or BSA Hospice, 1600 N Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79107.

From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

Traffic Accidents - 6 Missing Child -Animal Calls – 3 Intrusion Alarm Vagrant - 3 Attempt to locate Prisoner transport Traffic complain Suspicious vehicle Vehicle search Traffic Warnings - 16 Traffic Citations - 15 Arrested / brought to jail - 5 Current jail population – 2

Your Sheriff and Deputies are consistently walking the school hallways at both Stratford and Texhoma Schools. Property checks and business checks are performed each shift as well. We would also like to thank everyone who helped us out with our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park. We had a great time out there and WOW what a

As I end the first quarter of the first year of my term, I want to say that things are going great. Also, as the end of March only leaves us with 6 months to go in our budget year, our numbers are looking great as we are working hard to stay on target. We are receiving a great deal of positive feedback from Sherman County residents as well as outside citizens and agencies about our new look and

the professionalism of our staff. Thank you for supporting our efforts as we work hard to protect and serve. "Firm but Fair" Sheriff Joe Powell

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims

Must be Filed by MAY 1, 2013

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2013- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the extension of the voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades. All claims must now be filed by MAY 1, 2013.

"Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have additional time to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and to file their claim packages on or before May 1, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to visit the website at any time or to contact the call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Claim packages and other documentation may be mailed to Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. Claim packages and other documentation may also be emailed to claims@hwfr.org. Claimants may also fax claims packages and other documentation to (855) 626-8343. Completed forms and documentation must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on May 1, 2013.

Once a claim is submitted to the Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will determine if it is timely and complete. If it is, the claim will move to the Claims Adjudicator for a determination on the merits of the claim. USDA may submit evidence to the Claims Adjudicator regarding the claim. If a claim is deemed incomplete, a claimant will be notified by the Claims Administrator and given the opportunity to provide additional information within a certain timeframe. Claimants may check the status of their claims on the claims website.

Website: www.farmerclaims.gov Phone: 1-888-508-4429

Fax: (855) 626-8343 Email: claims@hwfr.org

Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - May 1, 2013.

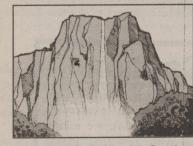
Independent companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want

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Toucans are found only in tropical areas of Central and South America. Some toucan species have bills more than half as long as their bodies.



Angel Falls (Salto Angel) in Canaima National Park, Venezuela is the highest waterfall in the world at 3,212

3rd ANNUAL SCDC

BLOCK PARTY

This year's Block Party will be held during the Stratford Jamboree on Saturday evening, July 27th. Non-profit and for-profit organizations, private businesses & citizens are invited to sign up for a designated space as early as possible. Vendor forms will be ready April 1st @ the SCDC Office and need to be returned by July 1, 2013. A group has already signed up to sell cold drinks, water, ice & cups. Beginning May 1st a list will be posted in the front window of SCDC and updated weekly, showing who will be selling what item, food, etc or what activity will be going on at a certain location. Last year many wanted a cook-off and we tried it; 13 forms were sent out and 1 cook showed up. There's no cook-off this year. Groups, restaurants, individuals - anyone who wants to sell any type of food - burgers, ice cream, cookies, ribs, etc - fill out a form now. Vendors selling merchandise other than food or drink are invited to reserve their space also. There is no charge for spaces. If you have questions contact SCDC at 366-2897, email scdc@xit.net or drop by 301 N. Main St.

Se Amplia Fecha Limite: Agricultores y Ganaderos Hispanos, y Mujeres Agricultoras y Ganaderas **Deben Enviar Reclamaciones** Antes del 1 de Mayo de 2013

WASHINGTON, 25 de marzo de 2013 - El Secretario de Agricultura Tom Vilsack comunicó hoy que se amplía el plazo del proceso voluntario de reclamaciones para agricultores y ganaderos hispanos y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas quienes alegan discriminación en las últimas décadas por parte del USDA. Las reclamaciones ahora deben presentarse en o antes del 1 de mayo de 2013.

"Los agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas que consideran que enfrentaron prácticas discriminatorias de parte del USDA tendrán tiempo adicional para presentar un reclamo y tener la posibilidad de recibir un pago en efectivo o condonación de deuda", afirmó el secretario Vilsack. "El USDA insta a los reclamantes potenciales que se comuniquen con el Administrador de Reclamos para obtener información y envien sus paquetes de reclamación a más tardar el 1 de mayo de 2013".

El proceso ofrece una alternativa voluntaria al litigio a cada agricultor o ganadero hispano, y mujer agricultora y ganadera que pueda probar que el USDA negó su solicitud de préstamo o de asistencia con servicio de préstamos por razones discriminatorias durante ciertos periodos entre 1981 y 2000.

Según como se anunció en febrero del 2011, el proceso voluntario de reclamaciones pondrá a disposición al menos \$1.33 mil millones para indemnizaciones en efectivo y ayuda con el pago de impuestos, además de hasta \$160 millones en condonación de deudas agrícolas a los agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas que cumplan con los requisitos. El programa no requiere pago alguno por participar o para presentar una reclamación.

Para comunicarse con un representante del centro telefónico debe llamar al 1-888-508-4429. Los reclamantes pueden inscribirse para recibir los documentos de reclamación (al llamar a ese número o visitar el sitio de Internet) o pueden descargar los documentos del sitio de Internet. Se alienta a todos los interesados en recibir información adicional sobre

el proceso de reclamación y en recibir el paquete de documentos de reclamación a visitar el sitio de Internet en cualquier momento o llamar al número telefónico para reclamaciones durante el horario de atención de lunes a viernes entre las 9 de la mañana y las 8 de la noche, hora del

Los paquetes de reclamación y demás documentación se pueden enviar por correo a: Hispanic and Women Farmer and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. El paquete de reclamación y demás documentación también pueden ser enviados por correo electrónico a claims@hwfr.org. Los demandantes pueden también enviar sus paquetes y documentación por fax a (855) 626-8343. Los formularios completados y la documentación deben ser recibidas antes de las 11:59 pm PDT (hora de verano del Pacífico) el 1 de mayo de 2013.

Una vez que la reclamación le llegue al Administrador de Reclamaciones, el Administrador de Reclamos determinará si es oportuna y completa. Si es así, el reclamo se trasladará al Árbitro ("Adjudicator") de Reclamaciones para una decisión sobre el fundamento de la reclamación. El USDA podrá presentar pruebas al Árbitro de Reclamaciones con respecto a la reclamación. Si la reclamación se considera incompleta, el reclamante será notificado por el Administrador de Reclamos y dada la oportunidad de presentar información adicional dentro de un plazo determinado. Los reclamantes pueden verificar el estado de sus solicitudes en la página web de reclamaciones.

Sitio de Internet: www.farmerclaims.gov Teléfono: 1-888-508-4429 Fax: (855) 626-8343 Correo electrónico: claims@hwfr.org Periodo de reclamaciones: 24 de septiembre, 2012 – 1 de mayo de 2013.

Empresas independientes de servicios legales administrarán el proceso de reclamación y realizarán las adjudicaciones. No se requiere abogado para participar en el proceso de reclamaciones, pero las personas que deseen asesoría jurídica pueden ponerse en contacto con un abogado u otro proveedor de servicios legales.

Bajo el liderazgo del Secretario Vilsack, el USDA ha establecido un plan integral para ayudar a fortalecer el Departamento como un proveedor de servicios modelo y para asegurar que todo agricultor y ganadero reciba un trato equitativo y justo en esta "nueva era de derechos civiles" en el USDA. En febrero del 2010, el Secretario anunció el acuerdo Pigford II con agricultores afroamericanos y en octubre del 2010, anunció el acuerdo Keepseagle con agricultores indígenas norteamericanos. Ambos acuerdos

han recibido aprobación judicial. A diferencia de los casos entablados por los agricultores afroamericanos e indígenas, los casos presentados por agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas hace más de una década no fueron declarados demandas colectivas. El proceso de reclamaciones ofrece a los agricultores y ganaderos hispanos, y a las mujeres agricultoras y ganaderas una alternativa voluntaria en lugar de continuar litigios si desean usarla.



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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, nonwearable, 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, Rhyan 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

Volunteers Needed

The Depot Museum is in

need of Volunteers from April

through Ocvtober-2 hours a

month. Call 366-2202 or 366-

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



UM Evangelist
Wesley Putnam
proves there's
more than
one way
to preach
the
Gospel

Guest Missionaries at First Assembly of God Church Sunday April 7th, 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.

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 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.

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.

Stratford Hospital District

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8AM - 3 PM

396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

"Compounding available" Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5:30 PM 366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

"Check our competitive pricing"

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility
396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS

9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and acces to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

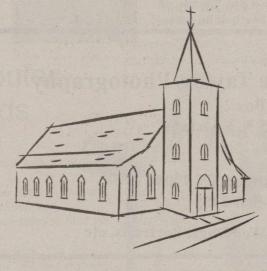
First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

First United Methodist Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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Stratford Star 366-5885 Church of Christ
Brad Beckett
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more info-call 396-2212
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased

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.

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 3rd 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

or call: 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu

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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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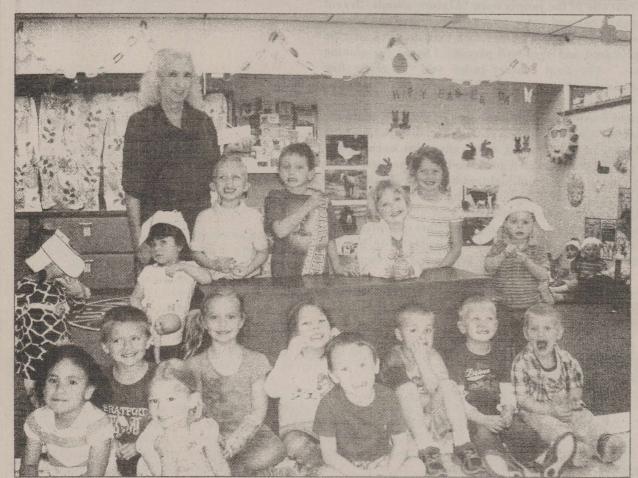
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COMMUNITY CLOSET DONATIONS



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-



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."

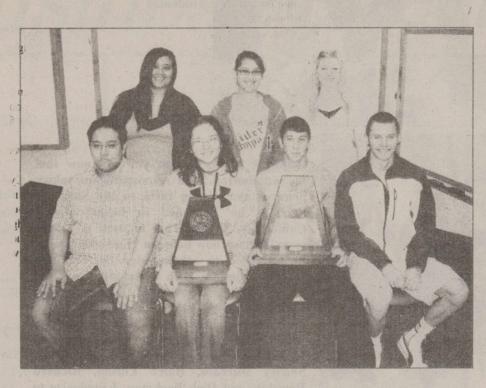
The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and again the three judges all gave them Division I ratings. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Very musical performance! Much evidence of fine teaching and really great learning and application by band. Congrats! Thank you."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

mess for Sale



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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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

- a. Minutes from regular meeting on January 24, 2013
- b. Accounts Payable for January 2013
- c. Financial Statements for January 2013
 - o 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

- a. Discuss and consider action re: livestock permit at location of lot between Spruce, Grace and Fourth (south)
 - o 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 83rd legislative session of the Texas Legislature with regard to regulation of
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. 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.
- d. 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,
- e. Discuss and consider action re: Municipal Court Clerk training for Darla
 - The training is being conducted July 15 thru the 18th. 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.

- f. 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.

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

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:
- o All except (1) tornado sign is working properly
 - April 2nd 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.

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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 Trayler.

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

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 15th. 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 9th place hamp 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

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He went over the monthly recognition. The Big Blue Band received Division 1 Ratings in Concert & Sightreading on March 6th. 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

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 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, Nicolle Law, Desinya Garza and mascot Kaylee Sandvig. He congratulated M'Lynn Wells on placing 11th 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 18th 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 27th 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 1st. He reported on the high school track teams. He reported a campus enrollment of

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She congratulated Reaghan Audrain for placing 3rd with her Cross pig at the San Antonio Livestock Show in February. She also recognized the 3rd grade class. They were the winners of our Spring Battle of the Box Tops at Mary Allen. The 3rd grade students turned in 837 Box Tops from February 11th March 8th. 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 2nd for the 4th 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 4th six weeks A/AB honor roll. She plans to have a staff meeting on April 3rd to begin planning for the next school year. Pre K enrollment will begin on April 1st. 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.

presented. Motion carried.

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

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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