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Bret Barnard



Russell Spurlock

2013 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Named for Stratford Junior High

Bret Wade Barnard is the 8th grade Valedictorian for the 2012-2013 school year at Stratford Junior High School. Bret is the son of Pat and Nita Barnard. His grade point average is 98.761

During junior high Bret has been involved in football, basketball and track. He is a member of the Gifted and Talented organization and has been a member on the Number Sense, Social Studies, Listening Skills, Spelling, and Oral Reading teams for UIL competition.

Bret's 4-H activities include showing registered Longhorns and Shooting Sports. He also raises Longhorns cattle with his Dad. He has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Bret is active in the United Methodist Church and with the Youth group of the Church.

Bret's hobbies include hunting and shooting, hanging out with his friends and traveling. Congratulations Bret on a great accomplishment. We are proud of you.

Russell Spurlock is the 8th grade Salutatorian for the 2012-2013 school year.

Russell is the 14-yr old son of Brent and Laurie Spurlock. His GPA is 98.428. Russell played football, basketball and ran track during junior high. His UIL activities include Number Sense, Maps-graphs and Charts, and Oral Reading. He earned his Eagle Scout Award this past December. Russell has played AAU basketball the past two summers. He is active in 4-H: he serves as Vice-President of the Sherman County 4-H Club, is on the Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team, Swine, Food and Nutrition, Photography and Clothing and Textiles. He attends First United Methodist Church and is active in their Youth Group. In his spare time, he can be seen out in one of the neighborhood driveways playing basketball.



Grand Opening Held

B-Dect Union Café and Coffee Bar, held their Grand Opening on Thursday, May 9, 2013. Shown above seated left to right are Erin Wilkins, Barbara Wilkins and Bob Phillips Standing: Jamie Genn, Angela Whoperer, Kathy Sams and Ed Bryson. Congratulations and good luck! If you have not been in to visit and eat, put it on your list to try them out this week.

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NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court voted to enact a burn ban again. Sherman County is now under a

BURN BAN

The Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District Cordially invite you to attend a retirement reception honoring

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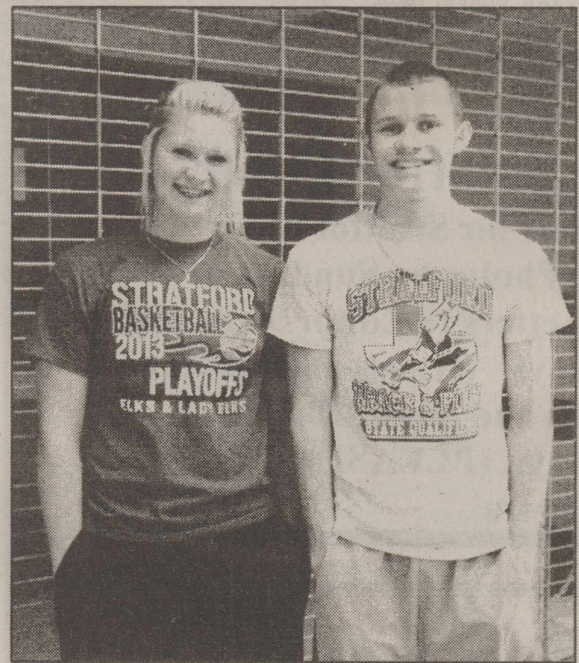
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BUILDING ON MAIN

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Everett & Gonzalez place 7th and 5th at state

Bethany Everett, daughter of Paula and Chet Everett and Grayson Gonzalez, son of Dwayne and Suzanne Trayler recently competed at Austin in the State Track Meet. Bethany threw the discus and came in 7th place in State and Grayson ran the 800 meter and came in 5th. Congratulations to these two individuals, you should be proud of yourself, you represented Stratford Well. Thanks!

The Stratford Star will be closed on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21. Deadline for next week's issue is Friday May 17th at 4 p.m. Thank you all in advance.

GRAND OPENING

The Ol' Biddy Café

May 22nd, 23rd & 24th

Doesn't seem possible but we've nearly been open a year and it's all due to the support we've received from the community. We want to show our appreciation so stop by during our Grand Opening and enjoy our special - buy one (1) burger basket* & get one (1) free!!

*Cheese & drink extra. Limit one special per customer per day.

Thank You Stratford & Sherman County!!



From the Desk of
Sheriff Powell

Ethan McGinnis: Recognized by the Office of the Sheriff: The Office of the Sheriff would like to recognize Ethan McGinnis. Ethan was elected President of the Public Safety Explorers during the first part of this year by his peers. He is a hard working student who has dedicated hours of his time to serve this community. Ethan strives to show his love for the people of this community by serving in any capacity he can. A few weeks ago, I called on him to help out at the cemetery when we were one man short. It was an early Saturday morning and he had just woken up. He responded within minutes, provided excellent service, and said he was proud to help. He has been a tremendous help to his neighbor's and the B-Dect Union as well. Ethan is a hard-working student who we believe needs to be recognized for his service. His leadership and willingness to help is appreciated many. Thank You, Ethan!!

Sheriff Powell

Rifle Shooters Place
Second at District

By Brad Easterling

The Sherman County 4-H Shooting Sports Club attended the District Rifle competition May 4-5 and performed up to their usual expectations. The Junior Teams got things started off Friday night by finishing 5th overall. The Junior Team of Charlie Harbour, Slate Anderton, Dempsey Collums, and Hannah Sims did a fine job for their first time out. Sherman Co. also had a partial second squad made up of Justin Duran and Nicholas Payne.

On Saturday the Intermediate Team of Bret Barnard, Abby Ely, Karl Punch, and Luis Mendoza finished in 4th place. Kory Punch also shot as an Intermediate Individual on Friday morning. In the Senior group, Garrett Ely, Mary Ann Spurlock, Connor Lowry, and Trenton Stone were the second place team overall. Garrett won the Shoot Out that was held after the match for the top 12 highest scoring individuals at the match.

The Senior Team of Garret, Mary Ann, Connor, and Trenton will be traveling to the 2012 State Roundup Indoor Rifle Match to be held in Levelland this year with the move of State 4-H Round Up to Lubbock on June 11-15. We wish them the best of luck this year.

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What's Happening
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Bain in Hospital

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Update on Donna

Donna Gillenwaters has been moved to Craig Methodist Rehab and is in Room 530.

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Attention: Prom time

Prom is almost here! The sophomore servers will present the skit to the community on Friday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the County Barn. Final prom decorations can be viewed on Saturday between 2-2:30!

Scholarship Information

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.

Address for Donna Gillenwaters

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters, PO Box 437, Bushland, TX 79012 and he will get the cards to her.

Volunteers Needed at Depot Museum

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

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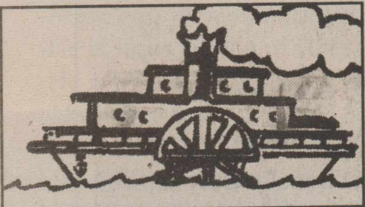
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Attn: Farmers & Landowners

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The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 28, 2013 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2013 tax roll. Sherman county Appraisal District, 402 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX or call 806-366-5566.

Deadline for
The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

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Snacking on cherries may help to relieve the pain of osteoarthritis. Montmorency cherries, a variety of tart cherry, is said to improve pain and joint function in about eight weeks when taken in supplement form.

May is
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Thank you



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Thanks-Marty



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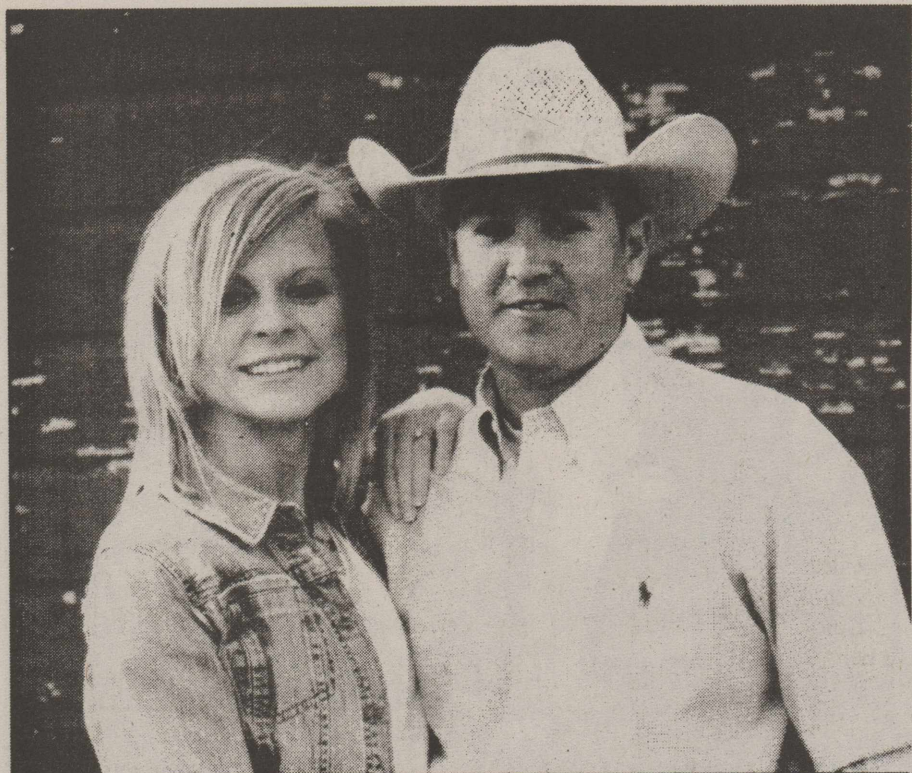
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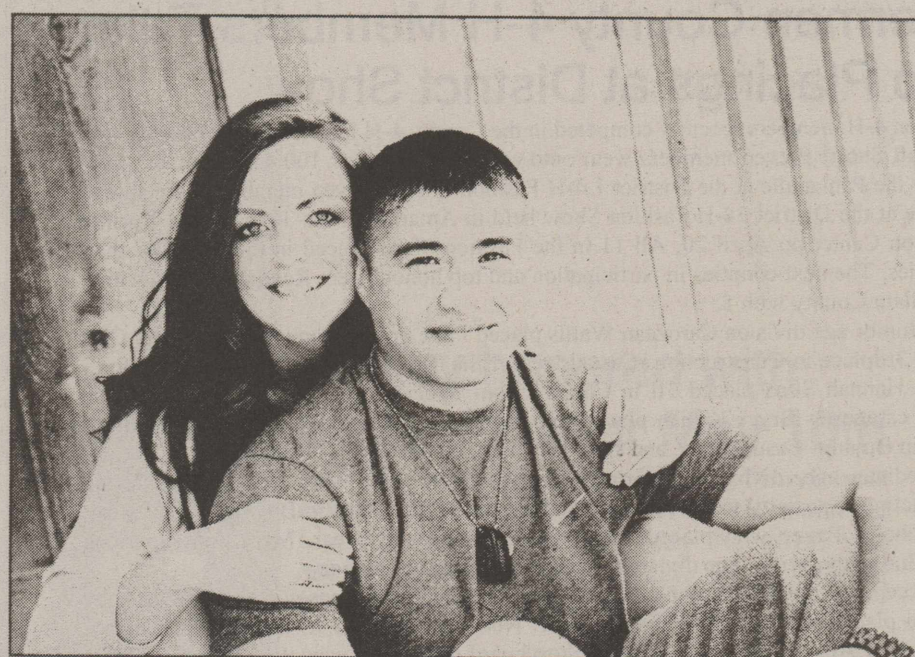
9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

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



Engagement Announced

Mitchell and Kim Smiley of Friona are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Blair Nicole, to Barry Keith Morris, son of Keith and Jan Morris, of Muleshoe. Blair is a 2008 graduate of Friona High School, and a 2011 graduate of West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed by Stratford I.S.D. as an elementary teacher. Barry is a 2005 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Cactus Feeders. The couple will exchange vows on August 3, 2014 in Friona.



Engagement Announced

Billy and Kim Mizer are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassidy to Cervando Rosas, son of Ricardo and Maria Del Rosario Rosas. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Duane and Waunita Ferguson of Boise City, OK and the late Billy Jim and Wanda Mizer, of Boise, OK. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Andres and Aurelia Rosas and Del Fina Puebla and the late Pedro Puebla. Cassidy and Cervando are both Boise City graduates, classes of 2005 and 2003, respectively. Cassidy graduated from OPSU in 2009 with a major in mathematics education. She is employed by Stratford ISD in Stratford, TX. Cervando graduated from OPSU in 2011 with a major in industrial technology. He has served his country as an active member of the New Mexico National Guard. He has been deployed active duty twice to Iraq. Cervando is currently employed at Stratford Grain, soon to be employed at West Texas Gas. The wedding will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist church, Boise City, OK on August 10, 2012. The couple will reside in Stratford, TX.



Boyd Honored with Grandma Baby Shower

Penny Boyd was honored with a Grandma/Baby Girl Shower on Tuesday May 7th, 2013 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. New granddaughter is Tenley Dawn Boyd.



Garza honored with Bridal Shower May 5th

Cassi Garza bride elect of Scott Hudson was honored with a Bridal Shower Sunday, May 5, 2013 in the home of Tami King. Shown at right left to right seated Shari Hudson, Ramona Spurlock, Cassi and Michelle Garza. Back row Kay Fuqua, Marty Robertson, Brittany Haynes, Heather Robertson, Chelsea Garza and Darcy Weber holding Grayson.

Outdoors

(NU) - The buzzing of stinging insects is perhaps one of the most unwelcome sounds. For some, it evokes fear of being stung, but bees, wasps, yellowjackets and hornets can cause more than pain. Stinging insects send more than 500,000 people to the hospital annually.

Protect against stinging insects, and watch for signs of hives. Pay attention to common nesting spots: overhangs, eaves and the underside of porches and decks. If you see signs of an infestation, contact a licensed pest professional. Even if you are not allergic, remember that anyone can be at risk if a colony attacks.

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Sherman County 4-H Members Take Top Placings at District Show

Eighteen 4-H members recently competed in the County 4-H Fashion Show, StoryBoard, and Craft Show. Eleven members went onto compete with over 100 4-H members from all over the Panhandle at the District 14-H Fashion Show. Eleven members were able to compete at the District 14-H Fashion Show held in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Center on April 20. All 11 in the Fashion Show placed in the Top 3 of their categories. The next counties in participation and top honors were Randall County with 9 and Dallam County with 5.

In the Junior age division Carozan Wallis placed 1 in Construction -Active, Kaytly Clift tied for 3rd place in Construction -Casual wear, Lilia Trayler placed 3d in Construction -Dressy, Hannah Sims placed 3fl in Construction- Specialty. In the Junior age division Buying categories Bryce Killian placed 1St in Buying- Active wear, Dempsey Collums placed in Buying- Casual wear, and Lara Wells placed in Buying-Dressy.

Intermediate age division participants were Abby Ely who took 1st place in Construction- Specialty wear, Russell Spurlock who placed 3rd in Buying-Casual wear, and Nicholas Payne who placed 1st in Buying- Specialty wear. Mary Ann Spurlock placed 2nd in the Senior age division Construction-Dressy category.

Also accepting top honors that day were Lilia Trayler and Dempsey Collums and Abby Ely who placed with their storyboards in Jr. Non-wearable and Jr. and Int. Accessories respectively. Also in the top 3 of their Storyboard categories were Jr. Wearable- Bryce Killian 2nd; Placing 3rd were Hannah Sims Jr. Pet clothing, Russell Spurlock Int. Accessories, Nicholas Payne Int. Pet clothing, and Mary Ann Spurlock Sr. wearable.



Mary Ann Spurlock placed 2nd at the District 4-H Fashion Show.



Sherman County 4-H Members place in Top 3 at the District 4-H Fashion Show. Shown are Lilia Trayler, Abby Ely, Bryce Killian, Dempsey Collums, Lara Wells, Kaytly Clift, Carozan Wallis, Nicholas Payne and Hannah Sims. Not pictured Mary Ann and Russell Spurlock.



4-H Clover Kid Morgan Clift models the skirt she made.



Junior Age Group Competitors at Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show Shown L to R Bryce Killian, Lara Wells, Kaytly Clift, Hannah Sims, Sydney Palmer, Lilia Trayler, Carozan Wallis, Dempsey Collums, and Payton Berry.

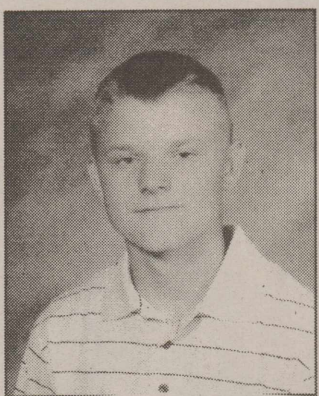


Intermediate Age Group Competitors at Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show. L to R Amanda Harbour, Abby Ely, Russell Spurlock, Daniella Valdez, Kaitlin Berry and Nicholas Payne.



Smiley honored with Bridal Shower May 10th

Blair Smiley, bride-elect of Barry Morris was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Linda Haynes on Friday, May 10, 2013. L/R Ashley Gutierrez, Kim Smiley, Barry Morris, Blair, Kellie Morris and Jan Morris.



Rogers Advances to Nationals

Slade Rogers, a ninth grade student at Stratford High School and the son of Jason & Laura Rogers, advanced to nationals in the National Youth Hunter Education Challenge. He shot ruffle, muzzle loader and archery at the Sneed Ranch in Moore County in conjunction with Moore County 4-H. He will compete in Raton, NM in July and is sponsored by 4-H and the NRA.



A Miracle Adoption for Miracle

In May 2013, Miracle found a permanent home when she was adopted by Micheal and Mary Jo Dickens who opened their hearts to Miracle and gave her a forever home. CASA Assistant Director Liz Tuttle and Volunteer Anita Ralston celebrated with the Dickens and family members when Judge Delwin McGee presided over the Moore County adoption hearing that concluded their case in just a little over one year.

Pictured above from left to right: David Montgomery, Liz Tuttle, Mary Jo Dickens, Micheal Corey Dickens, Marietta Montgomery, Judge Delwin McGee, Micheala Dickens, Miracle Dickens, Micheal Dickens, Marissa Dickens, Danett Lowe, Tyler Lowe, Anita Ralston

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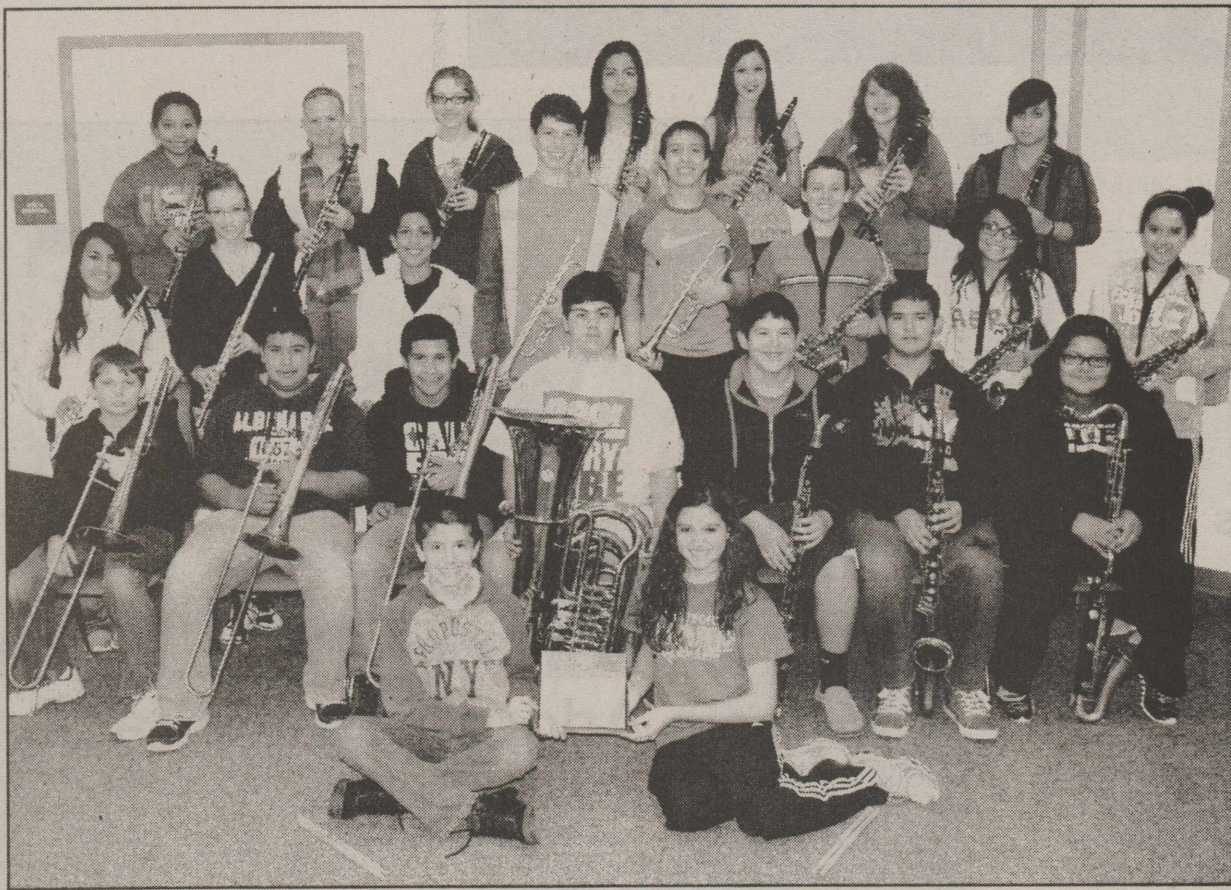
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**Stratford 8th Grade Band
Participates in UIL Concert Band Contest
Stratford 7th Grade Band
Participates in Highland Park Music Festival**

On Wednesday, April 17, the Stratford 8th Grade Band traveled to Canyon 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 one Division I (Superior) Rating and two Division II (Excellent) Ratings from the three judges. This resulted in an overall Division II Rating. Some comments from the judges were "A very nice band sound! Well controlled and defined"; "Super performance today, band! Congratulations to students and directors!"; "What a well-rehearsed ensemble." The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and all three judges gave them a Division I rating. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Overall a really Fantastic Band Sound!", "You've obviously paid attention and worked hard to become so awesome! Thanks for an enjoyable performance today.", "Intensity is awesome", "Loved the sound and music you made", "Bravo! I enjoyed it! What a Fine Performance! Congrats!"

Of the 13 Conference C Junior High bands performing at the UIL Contest only 3 bands received a Division I rating in Concert competition. Obviously the judges had a very high performance standard that day. Of the 8 conference C Junior High bands that feed Class A high schools only Stratford and Memphis received Division I ratings from all three judges.

Please congratulate all students for their hard work and great effort in representing Stratford so well at the contest. Also, thanks go to Mr. Birdsong and the parents for supporting the band with their attendance at the contest.



8th Grade Band members display the Division I Sightreading plaque won at UIL Region 1 Concert Band Competition

Seated (L-R: Francisco Barajas and Nicolle Law. First Row: Alex Spurlock, Alexander Aldavaz, Johnny Rivas, Kobi Garza, Edward Licon, Juan Machado and Marina Barajas. Second row: Yasmin Medrano, Hannah Franklin, Julio Duran, Russell Spurlock, Fernando Jacquez, Zorro Daniels, Daniela Reyes and Agustina Eizmendi. Third row: Stephanie Vasquez, Rael Leigh Willborn, Karina Henderson, Kimberly Loya, Nancy Garay, Amanda Harbour, and Esperanza Hernandez.

Three days later on Saturday, April 20, the Stratford 7th Grade Band travelled to Highland Park High School to participate in the Highland Park Music Festival. The band played two prepared selections on stage receiving a Division I (Superior) rating from one judge and a I+ (Superior plus) from the second judge in Concert Competition. Some comments from the judges were "Many great things are happening. Many great players." "Fantastic job- super preparedness- Great Job Elks!" and "My pleasure to hear you today!" The band then was given a piece of music they had never seen before. After a 5 minute preparation period the students performed the song in the Sightreading portion of the contest. Again the band receive a I rating and a I+ rating. On this competition judges said, "Wow - great band sound."; "Super-super job"; "Wow - credit to Stratford. Thank you for being here today"; and "Enjoyed hearing you today".

Congratulations go to all students for representing Stratford Junior High so well. And thanks go to the parents who attended.

Please support these students, the 8th grade band, the 5th grade band, and the 6th grade band by attending their upcoming Spring Concert on Thursday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.



7th Grade Band members display the trophy won at the Highland Park Music Festival

First row (L-R): Noah Harris, Pedro Ortega, Baruc Ortega, Jazmine Castaneda, Daniel DeCasas, Sergio Guerrero, Jennifer Chavez, Kory Punch, and DarCee Robinson. Second row: Brett Coke, Karl Punch, Brandon Mireles, Courtney Griffin, Ailyn Duarte, Zachary Lujan, Kade McBryde, Shay Hess, Tucker Summers, Angel Guerra, and Erika Lopez. Third row: Grady Pickens, Natalia Niave, Blake Rios, David Hernandez, Ruben Gonzalez, Levi Norby, Sonia Lopez, Allie James, Chantal Guel, and Robert Ruiz. Fourth row: Lucero Robles, Giselle Marquez, Libbie Uttley, Daniela Valdez, Carlee Metcalf, Laynee Burr, Rebecca Couch, Raelynn Mungia, Taylor Aduddell, and Vanessa Gonzalez. Not pictured: Matthew Sandvig and Colten Lanning.



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104 N. 7th St. 1,836 sq ft manufactured home with 4 bdrms and 2 baths. Ceiling fans, fireplace, and two nice storage buildings. Lots of room for the money! \$69,000.00

Country living within the city limits on Purnell Ave. 2,432 sq ft modular home with 4 bdrms, 3 baths, office, mud room, 2 living areas, and a nice kitchen. Two stall horse barn and another barn with 4 horse stalls and a lean to. \$175,000.00

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Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:
-Assistant Mill Department Manager
-Management Trainee Mill Department
-Mill Maintenance
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-Pen rider
17 miles S. Keyes, OK on HWY 171
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Apply in person: M-F 8 a.m.-3p.m. or call (580) 543-6383
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Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F
JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding is an equal opportunity employer

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Business for Sale

Great Lengths Salon. For more information call 806-396-5004 3-21-tfn

For Sale

St. Joseph's church has sausage for \$4.50 per pound. Please contact Heather Braden at 366-3224. 4-18 4-25c

Recipe

(NU) - Feeding a big family requires knowing how to stretch a dime. One tip: cheap side dishes. The California Raisin Bacon Brussels Sprouts recipe at loveyourraisins.com is a money-wise example. At less than a dollar per serving, it doesn't break the bank. Raisins provide a delicious burst of sweetness to the savory Brussels sprouts and salty bacon.

Not only are raisins ranked as the most economical dried fruit by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but you can also feel good about adding all-natural California Raisins to any dish. The small but mighty fruit delivers fiber, potassium and antioxidants.

The Stratford Star will be closed on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21. Deadline for next week's issue is Friday May 17th at 4 p.m. Thank you all in advance.

More economical!

Differences between electric and hydraulic-driven systems

Have you seen the ads that insist hydraulic-driven systems are the better way to irrigate? Make sure to read between the lines - and we don't mean the oil lines. Fact is, Reinke® Electrogator® and Alumigator® electric-driven irrigation systems are, and have always been, among the safest, most reliable and cost-effective methods available to get water to your thirsty crops. Reinke encourages you to "stop to compare" the electrical energy requirements of electric and hydraulic driven machines. You will be amazed by the dollars you can save by going electric.

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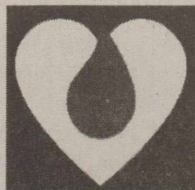
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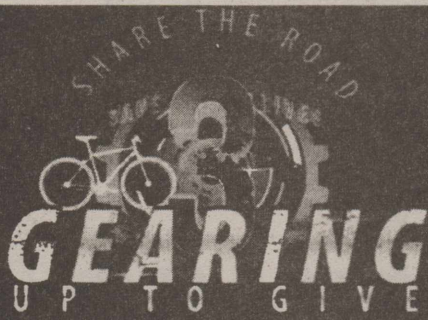
BLOOD DRIVE

May 20th, 2013
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
County Barn
5th and Maple

Every eligible donor who presents to donate in May will receive a free Gearing Up t-shirt and a chance to win one of two bicycles! (bike value \$500 each)

Requirements

Photo ID or Donor ID card
Must be at least 17 years old; 16 year olds may donate with signed parental consent.



Appointments

Call 331-8800.
Walk-ins welcome!

More

Ask about giving to maximize your donation! to 7500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX
www.thegiftoflife.org

HEALTH

Chiropractic Care First

NewsUSA

(NU) - There may be a new mantra when it comes to treating back pain: chiropractic care first, medicine second and surgery last.

Many of those suffering from the often debilitating condition already know first-hand that traditional treatments—costly surgery, steroid injections and prescription medicines—can result in complications and negative side effects. And with the Centers for Disease



What are your care options?

Control and Prevention reporting that nearly 80 percent of Americans will experience such pain at some point in their lives, chiropractic care is increasingly viewed by health experts as a potentially safer alternative.

"It's fast becoming the first option in providing a drug-free, non-invasive approach to effectively manage back pain," says Gerard Clum, a spokesperson for the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress.

In fact, a recent study on Washington State workers who'd suffered job-related back injuries, which was conducted by such prestigious institutions as Dartmouth College's Geisel School of Medicine, documented positive outcomes and significantly reduced odds of surgery for those whose first provider was a chiropractor.

Learn more by visiting www.yes2chiropractic.org.





Patriots compete

Stratford Patriots competed in the Spring Games Regional Track meet in Boys Ranch on May 4th. Bethany Diller-100 Meter run-Gold medal and Softball Throw-Gold Medal. Linda McKinney 50 meter run-silver medal and softball throw 4th place ribbon Great job Girls!



"Yes, we have no potatoes"!!!! Potatoes were only one of the staple items given out during the First Baptist Church Food Ministry on Wednesday. Helping to organize, fill boxes and distribute food were Martha Ellison, Joe Pete Albert, Shirley Durham, Lorelyn Powers, Dick Bachman, Janice Sladek, Charlie Crabtree, Donny Ellison, Karen & Deryll Perrin, Kay & Bill Mires. This group was presented a check for \$500 from the Community Closet Thrift Store to help pay for the groceries distributed this month. Thank you to FBC for their participation and heading—up this worthy cause in Stratford.

Blessed Assurance

By Darla Anderson
Blessed Assurance

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. (1 John 5:12 NLT) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 NLT) And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. (John 17:3 NLT)

Are you living in that blessed assurance?

Assurance is a positive declaration intended to give confidence! Belief in. **Jesus is our blessed assurance!**

I. Blessed Assurance is; Knowing that we have Eternal life in Jesus Christ the son of God!

- And it cannot be possessed or received any other way!
 - Only through Jesus! -He is the only way!
 - There is No life without Jesus- in this life and the life to come!
 - Eternal Life is Christ life in us!
 - It can only be maintained thru our relationship in CHRIST!
 - He is Jesus the son of God!
 - He is life and he is Eternal Life!
 - This should be every Christians desire to have an assurance of Salvation!
 - To be sure that when Christ comes or death comes we will go to be with him!
- I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13 NLT)
- To assume that we possess eternal life based solely on our past experiences is foolish! It is a great danger!
 - There is no eternal life without an earnest Faith in Jesus that confess him as the son of God! He is ETERNAL!

2. We have blessed assurance of eternal life IF; We honor Christ as Lord of our lives and obey his word!

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. (1 John 2:3-5 NLT)

Jesus said, I tell you the truth, anyone who obeys my teaching will never die!"

- Blessed assurance - Jesus is mine! Oh! What a foretaste of glory divine!
- The attempt to be justified thru faith in Christ without a commitment to follow Christ is to our destruction!

An assurance of salvation comes by honoring Christ as Lord of our lives and obeying his words!

3. We have blessed assurance of eternal life IF; We practice righteousness rather than sin! Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children. (1 John 2:29 NLT)

Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. (1 John 3:7-10 NLT)

-The. Word of God declares ... they cannot go on sinning or continually making sin a way of life, because God's life cannot exist in those who practice sin!

The Blessed assurance of eternal life- Live Righteous! Do what is right!

4. We have the Blessed Assurance of Eternal life IF; We are earnestly looking and longing for his return!

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going." (John 14:1-4 NLT)

The blessed assurance of eternal life! Jesus is the Way! He has gone on to prepare a place for you and just like he left this world someday he will return to receive his bride, The Church!

Eternity is going to be worth it ! For those in Christ..eternally with Jesus! BLESSED ASSURANCE.....THIS IS MY STORY THIS IS MY SONG....PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG!



Danny Davis, Fire Chief for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department accepted a check in the amount of \$500, from the Community Closet Thrift Store this week. The Thrift Store appreciates all the time and effort given by the volunteers on the fire department. This is just one more local organization the Thrift Store has been able to support, due to the outstanding response of the community to the Community Closet. Thank you Stratford for supporting us!!!



SNACK PAK 4KIDS
Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

- 1 year- \$133 (number of children _____)
- 1 month-\$14 (number of children _____)
- 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children _____)
- other- \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

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School you are sponsoring _____

Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

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