

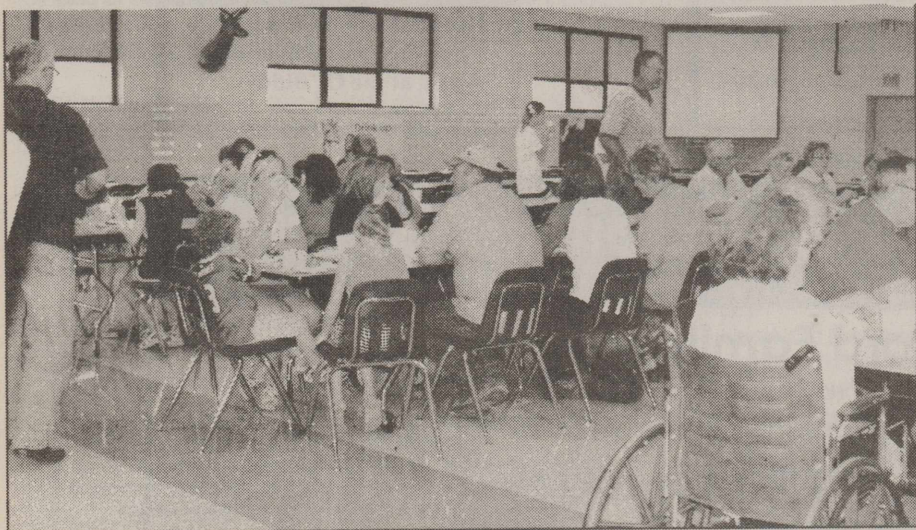
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XIT Presents Check
 Shown at left is Lupe Duarte (left), XIT Communications Customer Service Representative presenting a donation check to Tiffany Hudson (right) from the Sherman County Circle of Friends. XIT provided the donation for the annual Sherman County Circle of Friends fundraiser, which was held on Saturday, August 25th in Stratford. XIT Communications provides local phone, high speed internet and IPTV services to Stratford and the surrounding areas.



The Back to School Hamburger Supper sponsored by Stratford ISD Board of Trustees and Administration was delicious and lots of folks came to enjoy the meal. The Stratford Schools also held an Open House on Thursday, August 23 and it was a huge success. Lots of parents and visitors came out to visit the teachers and administration.

Lady Elks Basketball girls to run in Race for the cure in Amarillo

The Lady Elk Off - Season Basketball girls will be running in the Greater Amarillo Race for the Cure on September 29th. For 22 years the Greater Amarillo Race for the Cure has made a difference in the fight against breast cancer. Please help the thousands of Panhandle area residents obtain much needed breast health and breast cancer care. The girls will be asking for donations for the cause and any amount will be greatly appreciated or for more information you can call: Coach Candice Wyatt 1-806-674-3512, Coach ViAnn Reed 1-806-753-7795 or the school at 806-366-3351.

Elks vs Friona Game Pre-Game Ticket Sales

On Friday, August 31, 2012 the Elks will travel to Amarillo to play Friona at Dick Bivins Stadium at 4:30 pm. You can purchase a ticket early at a discount.
 Adults - \$5.00
 Students - \$2.00
 Tickets will be \$7.00 for all fans at the gate that night.
 Deadline to get your ticket early is Friday, August 31, 2012 at 12 noon. See Penny in the Superintendent's Office to purchase your ticket.
 Go Elks!

ATTENTION

Farmers Market Friday September 7, September 21 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. East side of the Cimarron County Conservation District Building, 210 S. Cimarron, Boise City, OK. **WE NEED VENDORS** to sell their extra produce, home made items, etc. **MANY BUYERS** have stopped by but no produce has been available. Please consider setting up at the Market and selling that extra garden produce, adding extra income. If vendors need additional days, it may be possible to increase the market to every Friday. Contact: Cim. Co. cons. Dist (580)544-3048 or email: CimarronCCD@conservation.ok.gov

SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Season football tickets go on sale Thursday, August 9, 2012 in the office of the Superintendent. There are five (5) home games this year. The first home game is Friday, September 7, 2012 against Canadian.
 Cost of seats for District 1-A for the season:
 Adults - \$20.00
 Child/Student - \$ 15.00
 If you plan to keep or give up your seat, call Penny at 366-3305. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 am — 4:00 pm.

Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

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

The Stratford Star will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2012 in observance of Labor Day
Early deadline is Friday, August 31, 2012 12 noon
 Thank You

Special (Wednesday thru Tuesday)
 2 p.m. till closing
 Don't forget
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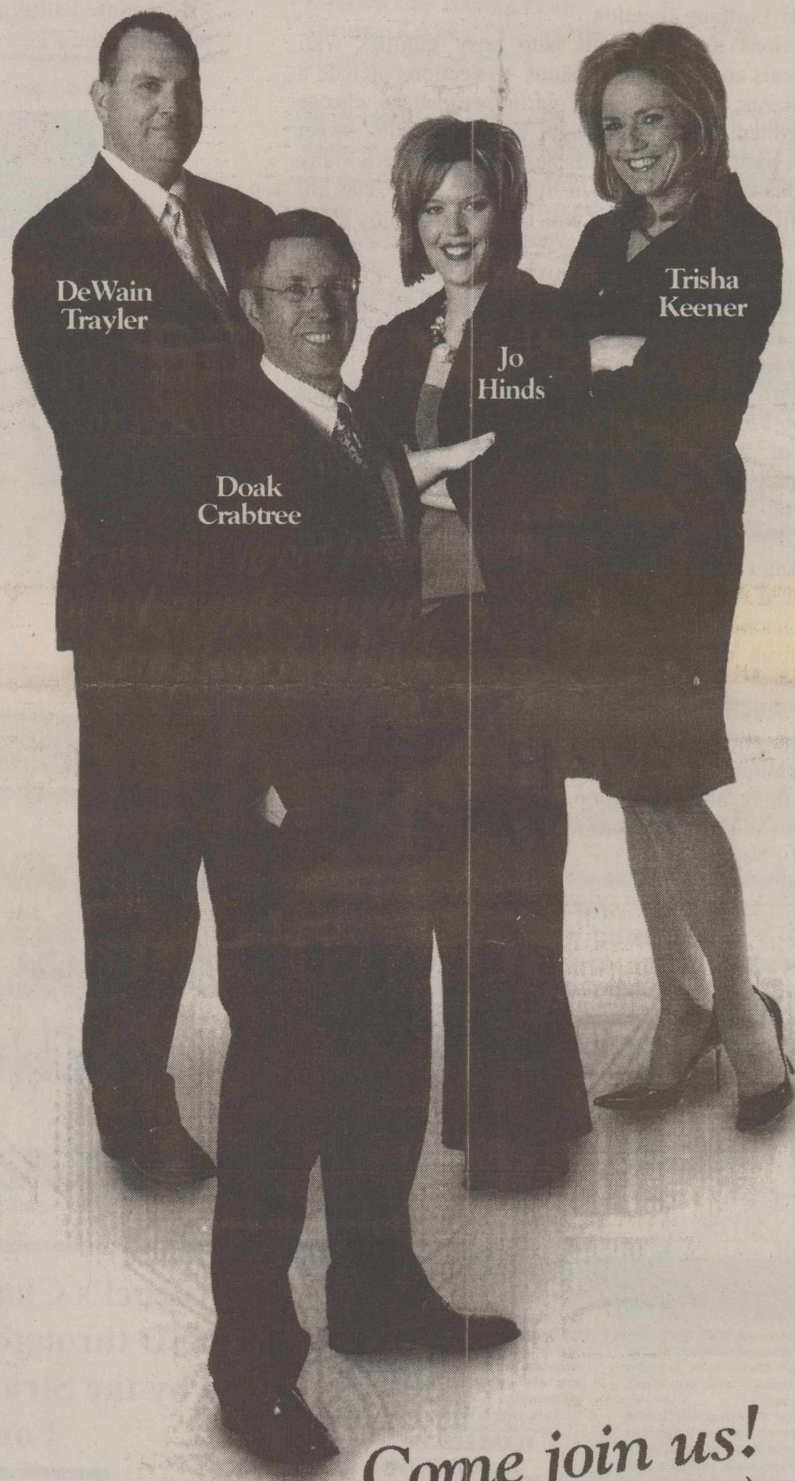
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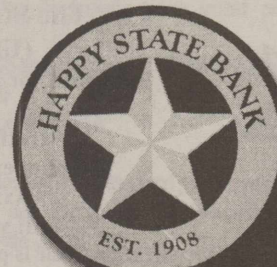
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Paid Political ad paid for by Derrek Judd, PO Box 84, Stratford, TX 79084

Lollipop's Fund Raiser Begins August 29

August 29 through September 12, Lollipop Junction will be taking orders for Deli International Frozen Food items. This sale campaign is one of two fundraisers conducted by Lollipop Junction.

Food selections available will help busy families with everyday meals and special occasions. Selections include a variety of pizzas, flatbread pizza, garlic breadsticks, cheese bread, assortment of cookie dough, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, pies, pastries, and main dishes will be offered. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk quantities. The fall holidays will be arriving soon and these food items are a great way to help prepare for those occasions.

Sale brochures are available from Lollipop Junction board members, staff, families of children enrolled at Lollipop Junction, and at the child day care center. To place an order, contact Crystal Mariscal at 366-3734, or Lollipop board members, Valarie Naugle 366-2862, Martha Duncan, 366-3557 Kristal Johnson 966-3367, Desine Garza 366-3346, or Wesley or Susie Spurlock 396-2864. In addition, individuals may contact Lollipop Junction, telephone 366-5886.

Orders may be placed anytime during the time period of August 29 through September 12th. Payment will be expected at time of order. Orders will be available for pickup on October 1 at Duncan Chevrolet.

Proceeds from the food sales will benefit the nonprofit childcare center operations. The center cares for 35 children and offers activities that promote physical and emotional development and assist in helping children prepare for formal education.

To learn more about Lollipop Junction and its programs and activities, visit www.stratfordchildcare.com or visit the center at 210 N. Main.

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A Paid political ad paid for by Yvonne Miller, PO Box 447, Stratford, TX 79084

American Legion Post Schedules Meeting

The American Legion Post 262 in Stratford will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. This will be a very important and informative meeting. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions contact in of the following Post Officers: Sgt-at-Arms Robert McGinnis at 396-2212, Post Adjutant Aaron Sheehan at 806-680-4573 or Post Commander Robert Marr at 806-827-7415.

REMINDER:

The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their fall tree sales. Contact Terry at 396-5517 ext. 3 for order forms and information. Fall is a great time to plant trees to establish them over the winter for the spring growing season.



From the Desk of
Chief Powell

SHAKE A FIREMAN'S HAND THIS WEEK

On Friday night, YOUR Fire Department worked a house-fire on the north side of town. Because of their knowledge, training, and professionalism, it was contained to only that area. I just wanted to ask each of you to make sure and thank a Fireman this week. Some Firemen say they would never be able to do what Police Officers do, but I guarantee there are lots of Police Officers who could not do what these Firemen do. Just knowing they are here for our protection, should the situation ever arise, is a good feeling. Great Job, Stratford FD H! Please keep the Hacker Family in your prayers as well

CROSSING GUARD VOLUNTEER NEEDED

YOUR Police Department, along with Stratford ISD.....needs your help!!! We are seeking someone who would be willing to assist us as a CROSSING GUARD in the SCHOOL ZONE on 54 in the mornings and afternoons during school days. Contact Superintendent Jerry Birdsong or Chief of Police Joe Powell with your interest. Thanks so much.....our children are the future of Stratford

MAY EACH STRATFORD STUDENT HAVE THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR EVER.

TEACHERS AND FACULTY OF STRATFORD ISD YOU ARE THE BEST AND THANK YOU!!!

Have a great week, Stratford!!
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simple challenge to anyone who will
accept it - treat others with
kindness and compassion and you
just may change the world you live
in.

WHEN / WHERE:

Rachel's Challenge
September 4, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Stratford H.S. Gym



COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL
A TIME TO REMEMBER
A TIME TO HOPE

Notice Of Tax Revenue Increase

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court conducted public hearings on August 31, 2012 and September 5, 2012 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Sherman County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.99981 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of 0.45631 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,145,574.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.43916 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,268,033.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 0.43916 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,276,639.

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 11, 2012 at the Sherman County Courthouse, Commissioners' Courtroom, 701 N 3rd St., Stratford, Texas 79084 at 8:30 a.m.

FREE Pronghorn Youth Hunt

How would you like the rare opportunity to hunt a pronghorn buck, for free? If you are 13 to 17 years of age and have never hunted pronghorn before, here is your chance:

One lucky teenager will get the chance to go on a Moore county ranch and hunt a pronghorn buck. This event is completely free of charge and the selected teenager will be accompanied by the local Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist as well as the local Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden. There's no hunting experience or equipment needed (only a hunting license).

If the winner is successful in harvesting a pronghorn buck, the winner's family has the option of getting a free European mount (donated by Frank Williams of Trophy Taxidermy of West Texas 4(806) 342-5000) or having the animal mounted at their own expense. The family also has the option of donating the meat or having it processed at their own expense.

"Thanks to the generous donation of a valuable pronghorn permit by a Moore County landowner, we are able to offer this fantastic opportunity" says Texas Parks and Wildlife Biologist Joachim Treptow. "Together with the local Game Warden we will show the winner how to shoot a rifle, talk about Pronghorn habitat and their biology and finally go out and try to harvest one".

"I've always felt that getting kids out and hunting is a great way of connecting the younger generation with nature" says Herschel Neal, the Moore county landowner that donated his permit for this event.

Are you interested?

Then don't wait! Send a handwritten letter to Mr. Herschel Neal, 9700 US Hwy 287, Channing, TX 79018 explaining why you are interested in hunting pronghorn. The letter needs to be postmarked no later than September 15th 2012.

All letters will be read; the winner will be notified for further arrangements. Good luck!

If you have any questions, please contact Joachim Treptow, TPWD Wildlife Biologist, at 806-249-1818 or achi.treptow@tpwd.state.tx.us



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Pastor: Rev. Gary C. Smith
Church Office: 806-366-2301
Email: ffcc1@xjt.net



Have you been thinking that you really need to get back to church? It is so easy to get out of the habit when there are so many things happening and vacationing in the summer. Come join us at the First Christian Church. You'll be glad you did!

Back In the Saddle Sunday
September 9, 2012 - 10:45 am

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Rachel's Challenge Coming to SISD

Rachel Scott, the first person killed in the Columbine High School shootings on April 20, 1999 left behind an amazing legacy and a simple challenge to anyone who will accept it - treat others with kindness and compassion and you just may change the world you live in. Rachel's Challenge, encouraging a chain reaction of kindness, is the largest K-12 school assembly program in the nation.

All students, K-12, at Stratford ISD will experience Rachel's Challenge to kick off the new school year on Tuesday, September 4. There will be an elementary assembly, a secondary assembly, a secondary peer training session, and a community event to take place in the high school gym at 6:30 that evening. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this exciting and inspirational community and family event. Rachel's Challenge is made possible through a grant provided by the Stratford Education Foundation. Many thanks to the foundation's board and all who have so generously contributed over the years!

**Deadline for
The Stratford Star**
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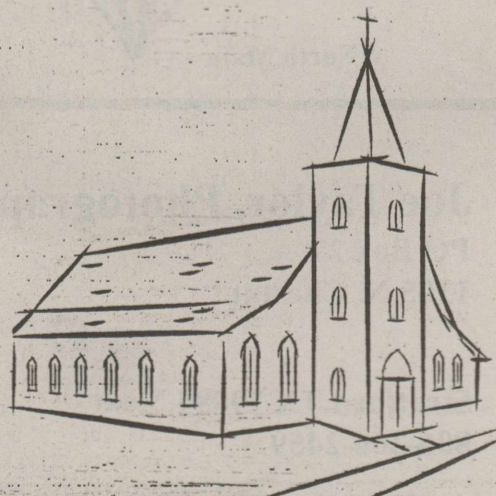
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

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Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
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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.

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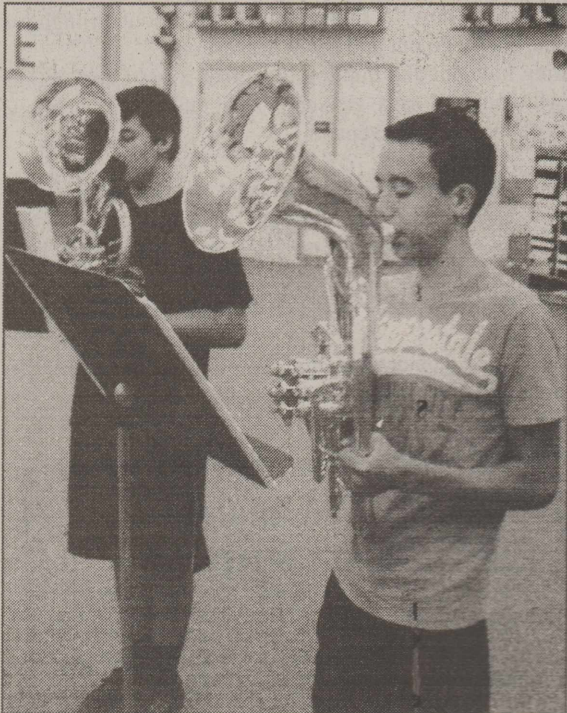
Stratford "Big Blue Band" Prepares for Upcoming Marching Season

Since August 1 the Stratford High School Marching Band has been rehearsing in preparation for the upcoming marching season.

Following three days of rehearsals for incoming freshmen only, the band had three 2-hour sectionals for each different instrument and one full band 3-hour rehearsal each of the next two weeks. During last week's teacher in-service the full band had two 2-hour rehearsals. From 60 to 72 band members attended these full band rehearsals. Over 90 students attended at least one rehearsal.

Band uniforms were also checked out during this time and opportunities for All-Region Band practice were provided.

The students and staff look forward to another successful performance and contest season this school year for the 2012-13 "Big Blue Band".



Daniel Acosta and Sean Godsey rehearse UIL Contest Music during a baritone sectional.



Brittany Law reads her drill chart at a marching sectional.



Branson Palmer is fitted for a uniform by (left to right) Senior Drum Major M'Lynn Wells; and Junior Drum Major Katy Moore and MaryAnn Spurlock.

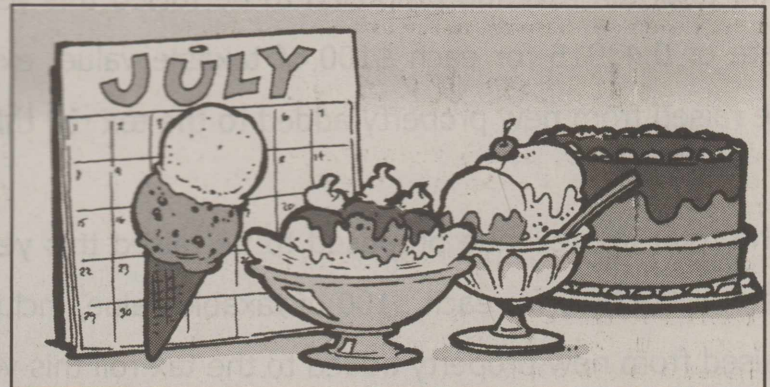


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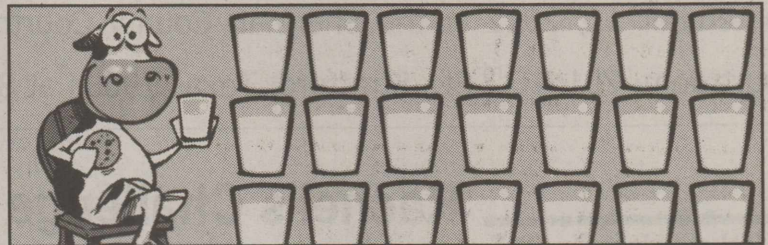
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In 1984, President Ronald Reagan declared July as National Ice Cream Month, citing the food's "nutritious and wholesome" qualities. He decreed that patriotic Americans should mark the month with "appropriate ceremonies and activities."



One cow produces from 200,000 to 350,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.

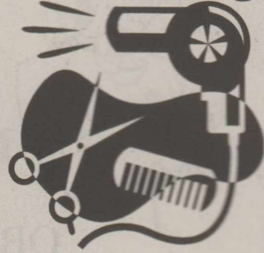
There is no pleasure worth forgoing just for an extra three years in the geriatric ward.
—John Mortimer

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**STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION
August 16, 2012**

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday, August 16, 2012. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, DeWain Trayler, Chet Everett, Tres Hess, and Greg Wright and Barney Willborn. Michelle Lutes was absent.

Staff present: Misti McBryde, Paul Uttley, Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford. Mrs. McBryde led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong introduced Rachael and Brad Reed as guests.

Joe Reinart read a thank you note from the family of Wilma Lee Cameron.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported that Nita Barnard has volunteered to take care of the raised flower bed in front of the school. He reminded the board of the deadline to sign up for the trustee election in November. He reported on AYP. The junior high and high school campuses met AYP (adequate yearly progress) and the elementary and district did not. He explained the process of meeting the standard for AYP. He went over estimates for a fence at the Mary Allen. He invited the board members to go look at the new stands on the visitor side of the football field. He passed out a handout on topics for the Level II board training. He passed out district football passes to all board members.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager's report. Monthly expenditures are at 75.58%, revenue 95.26%, and all tax collections are delinquent.

Mrs. McBryde gave the junior high report for Mr. Seward. She reported a projected enrollment of 145. The new teachers will have a staff development day on Friday, August 17, 2012. Summer maintenance went well and the building looks great. Staff development was conducted on "Project Share" and "Prezi" this week. The ELA teachers met with a representative from the service center this week focusing on improving reading and writing instruction. She then gave the elementary report. She reported on vandalism at the Mary Allen campus. The case has been turned over to the Stratford Police Department. Several staff members attended staff developments throughout the summer. She passed out a sample newsletter that she will be going home to parents on her campus this year. She also went over a program that the elementary will participate in the year called "Just Do the Right Thing." She reported a projected campus enrollment of 286.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He went over recognition from the summer. It was as follows:

On June 28th, 49 people were treated to a backstage tour, dinner, and a performance of Texas at Palo Duro Canyon thanks to the generosity of a Stratford couple.

2. From June 2nd through the 9th, Shyanne Acker and Katy Moore attended Broadway Academy of Performing at Seward County Community College in Liberal. On the 9th they gave a public performance of Pippin. Shyanne played the role of the "Leading Player" and Katy was Catherine. Both students had big parts, and the girls did an outstanding job!

3. From June 17-24, Mary Ann Spurlock attended speech camp at WTAMU and spent the week learning about CX debate as well as competing. Autumn Card also attended but soon moved from Stratford.

4. From July 15th through the 20th, four Stratford students - Shyanne Acker, Adrian du Plessis, Allissa Palmer, and Chisum Rutherford attended speech camp at Cameron University in Lawton, OK. Shyanne worked on two events - Oral Interpretation and Extemporaneous Speaking. She won 1st place in Extemporaneous Speaking during the competition rounds at the end of the week. Allissa Palmer attended the Lincoln-Douglas debate sessions, and won an outstanding debater trophy at the end of the week. Adrian and Chisum partnered for CX debate with Adrian winning an outstanding debater trophy as well.

5. From July 21st through the 28th, three students attended the second session of Broadway Academy of Performing, and on the 28th performed The Sound of Music for a full house. Shyanne Acker played the role of Liesl with Victor Castro as Max Detweiler and Adrian du Plessis as Franz. It was a beautiful performance, and the Stratford students shined! We always get so many compliments about the Stratford students at BAP!

He reported on End of Course summer testing test results. He went over some data from the senior survey from the last two years. He discussed with the board the possibility of the band playing at graduation. He reported that Stratford ISD is one of 23 finalists for the Monsanto grant. There will be a football scrimmage Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in Dalhart and Wellington will come here on the 24th to scrimmage at 5:00 PM. He reported that there are 86 students in athletics and 94 in band. He reported a projected enrollment of 173.

Greg Wright made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented Rachael Reed for employment. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to accept employment subject to assignment. Motion carried.

The board conducted a budget hearing at 7:40 PM.

Mr. Birdsong presented the 2012-2013 budget by function. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Greg Wright to adopt the local budget by function as presented. Motion carried.

Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to adopt the Food Service budget by function as presented. Motion carried.

Chet Everett made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to adopt the Debt Service budget by function as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the commitment of the fund balance. Barney Willborn made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to approve commitment of fund balance as presented. Motion carried.

There were no budget amendments at present time. Greg Wright made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to authorize the superintendent/business manager to amend fund 199, 240 and 599 by function to actual if necessary. Motion carried.

Dr. Uttley went over proposed changes to FNCE (Local) policy pertaining to personal telecommunication/electronic devices. Greg Wright made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to approve the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over parking lot quotes for repair at the Mary Allen and high school parking lot and new parking lots at the football field and Mary Allen. Discussion was held. Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve repairs to the field house and west parking lot at Mary Allen and paving the south parking lots at the Mary Allen. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong reported that one bid had been received for the Van Hool activity bus. Chet Everett made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the bid received from Red Devil Diesel Services. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the teacher appraisal calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the TRE Presentation to board. Discussion was held.

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

**Friday, May 18, 2012-SC Appraisal
District Board of Directors hold meeting**

The Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors met on Friday, May 18, 2012 in the appraisal district board room. Board members present were Roger Wells, David Jackson, Tim Hudson, Dana Buckles, Mel Yates, and Tom Moore. Chet Everett and Valerie McAlister were not present. Chief Appraiser Teresa Edmond and John Merriss with Doshier, Pickens & Francis were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Wells at 7:05 a.m. An error in March's minutes was noted. Yates moved that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as corrected. Moore seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The January through March 2012 balance sheets were presented. The bills for these months were presented and approved at the March meeting. The April Financial Report and bills were presented and reviewed. Buckles moved that the report be approved and the bills be paid and Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

At 7:13 a.m., Chairman Wells called to order the Public Hearing for the Sherman CAD 2013 budget. The floor was opened for public comments. No one was present with comments. Wells then declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:14 a.m.

The board then continued in regular session. Chief Appraiser Edmond reported on the votes on the proposed budget from the member jurisdictions. Seven jurisdictions have voted yes, one voted no, and there was one tie vote. Several other jurisdictions have not held their meetings yet or have not placed our proposed budget on their agenda. With seven yes votes, a majority of the jurisdictions have approved the proposed budget.

Moore moved that the proposed 2013 budget be approved. Yates seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Merriss, CPA with Doshier, Pickens and Francis presented the 2011 Appraisal District audit report. Merriss explained the basics of the report and stated that it was a "clean report". Yates moved that the audit report be accepted. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chief Appraiser Edmond reported that the unpaid 2011 tax statements are being mailed and the 2012 Notices of Appraised Value will be mailed next week. Edmond stated that this year an appraiser from the Texas Comptroller's Office will be coming to review our records and check properties. Also, she is working on completing some details on last year's MAPS review. Betty has been working on collecting delinquent taxes and sending more reminder letters in an effort to improve the amount of delinquent taxes collected.

Hudson moved the meeting adjourn. Buckles seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

If you are snacking on an apple, be sure to eat the skin. It contains an antioxidant chemical called quercetin, which is thought to boost the immune system and help fight off illness.

**COMMUNITY WIDE
TAILGATE PARTY
AND DANCE**

**STRATFORD, TX
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
STRATFORD COUNTRY CLUB
7-11 p.m. Bring Your Lawnchairs**

\$15.00
Per Person
school age and over
Includes food
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**Music Provided by
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out application. For
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information call:
Lance - 930-3299
Dinah 753-7053
or Alicia-753-7406
email: horsford@xit.net
All applications due
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The Stratford Star will be closed
on Monday, September 3, 2012
in observance of Labor Day
Early deadline is
Friday, August 31, 2012
12 noon
Thank You

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The _____ City of Stratford _____ will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 1.80 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 9-7-12 @ noon at _____ City Hall _____.

The second public hearing will be held on 9-12-12@noon at _____ City Hall _____.

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

FOR: Joe Zak, Brad McBryde, Ricky Reed, Ann Johnson, Brad Williams
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in _____ City of Stratford _____ last year was \$ 60,447 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older) _____ . Based on last year's tax rate of \$.895924 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 541.56 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older) _____ .

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in _____ City of Stratford _____ this year is \$ 66,104 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older) _____. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.880080 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 581.77 (tax on average taxable value of a residence in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older) _____ .

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.895924 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 592.24 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older) _____ .