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PRAIRIE DOG HUNTERS ARE CALLING!!!

The SCDC office gets weekly calls and emails from hunters asking about hunting prairie dogs. If you want to be contacted about hunting on your land we will list your name and phone number on the SCDC website free of charge. All contacts will be between the hunter and landowner. Fax name and phone numbers to 366-3025 or email them to scdc@xit.net. SCDC assumes no responsibility for any hunter(s) and/or landowner(s).

SEN. KEL SELIGER'S TOWN HALL MEETING **COMING TO STRATFORD & SHERMAN COUNTY**

State Senator Kel Seliger continues his tour through the counties of Senate District 31, meeting with the citizens of the Panhandle, South Plains, & Permian Basin to discuss the upcoming 83rd Legislative Session convening in January 2013. Sen. Seliger will be here to visit with you and discuss your concerns about our state government.

> WHEN: Monday, Sept. 10, 2012 WHERE: SCOT Hall TIME: 10 a.m.

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, ViAnn 1-806-753-7795 or the school at 806-366-3351.

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.

Please check out page 8 of this week's issue.

Something New in Star

It is the football page plus one addition this year, Roger Allen has joined us to write the football story in each week's issue. Please take time to read what Roger has to say and who was chosen as Player of the Week by Coach Metcalf and the coaching staff. Thanks Rog!

ANNOUNCEMENT Come Join Cub Scouts! Stratford ISD "Gold Card" On Thursday, September 6th at 5:15 p.m. at the **Available to Those** Stratford United Methodist Church. Cost is \$10.00 62 Years of Age & Above 1st through 4th grade boys!

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

Go Elks Beat Canadian

Ticket prices for 2012 football game **Varsity Game Adults \$4.00** Students-\$3.00

JV Games **Adults-\$4.00** Students-\$3.00

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.

Bring a friend!

Lindsay Waugh/District Executive

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Golden Spread Council

Blood Drive-18 donations

Coffee Memorial Blood Center held a Blood Drive on Monday August 27th in Stratford and had a total of 18 donations.

Attention

There will be a benefit Rib Eye dinner for Kenedi Groves on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 2012 at 5 p.m. at the County Barn starting at 5 p.m. with a live Auction during the evening. More details in next week's edition.

this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. September 12 Deadline

for Lollipop Orders

September 12 will be the last day to place an order for the Deli International Frozen Food Sale sponsored by Lollipop

A variety of pizzas, flatbread pizza, garlic bread sticks, 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.

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 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.



New Flags on Main Street

I am sure everyone has noticed our new flags on the light posts on Main Street. This was the fantastic idea of Ann Johnson. Six businesses donated money for the flags- DUNCAN CHEVROLET, STRATFORD FARM SUPPLY, TECO, A & I PARTS, HAPPY STATE BANK AND STRATFORD GRAIN. Next time you are in one of these businesses be sure and thank them, they are a great addition to our main street to show our support of our school and all of their activities. Thanks to Ann Johnson and Billye Zak who ordered the flags and to Danny Davis and the Stratford Fire Department for putting them up. You might give them a pat on the back also. They deserve it. Go Elks, everyone is behind you no matter the sport or activity.

> A fund has been set up for Millie Hacker due to a house fire on Friday night August 24th It was a total loss. It is the "Millie Hacker Fund" at the First State Bank of Stratford

Red Hats will meet on Thursday, September 6th at 6 p.m. at the Ol'Biddy Café.

Don't forget Election to be held on Saturday, September 2012-Stratford ISD Tax-Election. Ratification Information in the Legal Section of The Stratford Star. You will be voting at Sherman County the clerk's Office 701 N. 3rd St. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Stratford, TX 79084



My name is Derek Judd and I would like to announce formally that I am officially running for the office of Sherman County Sheriff as a "write-in" candidate for the November 6th 2012 general election. As the jail administrator and deputy sheriff for the Sherman County Sheriff's Office I feel a strong sense of pride and responsibility towards the office and believe that the office of sheriff needs to have someone that has the best interest of the people of Sherman County in mind and would like to ask for your support. I will be making my way around the county door-to-door introduce myself and I will be announcing a series of "meet and greets" in both Stratford, TX and Texhoma, TX please view my website (www.juddforshermancountysheriff.com) for up coming details and if you send me an email I am committed to responding quickly. Paid Political ad paid for by Derrek Judd, PO Box 84,

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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.

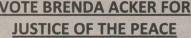


Desk of Joe Powell

This week, we would like to thank Officer Tanner Jensen for his dedicated service to the citizens of Stratford and the Stratford Police Department. Officer Jensen, who moved here from the Houston area almost two years ago, has decided to settle in, here in Stratford and serve our entire community as a Deputy Sheriff. It has been a pleasure working with him. He is not only highly educated, but pleasant to be around and extremely professional in the performance of his duties. He is a stand-up individual both on and off duty. We wish him the best and we are proud to know he will still be right here in our community, so we can continue to work side by side with him. We congratulate Deputy Jensen this week!!

GAME FRIDAY!! GO BIG BLUE!!

Have a great week, Stratford. & be looking for our Halloween and Fall Events!! WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE SUCH AN **AWESOME COMMUNITY!!** Friend us on Facebook!! Chief Joe Powell



Sherman County voters-I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue being your Justice of the Peace. On November 6th, I will be on the ballot as the Republican candidate. Your vote would be appreciated! PLEASE remember to

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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 Jason Stone** 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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> 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.

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

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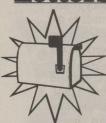
Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE)



Couple honored with Shower

A couple's shower for Liz Holt and Tres Tuttle was held at the Stratford Country Club on August 18th. Pictured above are Larry and Suky Holt, Liz and Tres and Traci Tuttle and fiancé Jeroen Van Der Ploeg.

Letters to the Editor



Letter to the Editor

Why are the taxing entities considering dropping the personal property tax?? The school board has just done this and the city is considering it. They are asking for a tax increase on property! Or the taxes will increase because of Re-evaluation. I understand some tax increases just as there is a decrease in purchasing power but I really want everyone to pay their fair share, not just the property owners. Why should a person who uses all the facilities pay taxes on a \$40,000 property and have \$60,000 worth of personal property sitting in their yard or better yet, rent with a slight increase in rent and still pay no taxes to the entities. Businesses will still be taxed on any vehicles registered in their business. Why must we vote on a tax increase but the entities can discard a tax by a board vote?

Is this Tax the Rich! Which means anyone owning real property so others can ride free?

The rational is this district is one of a few that has a personal property tax..so. Maybe we are one of the a few that are trying to take care of ourselves without the government dole. I personally don't mind giving a little

more and do, but I really want everyone to participate.

Gaynelle Riffe

Once in a Blue Moon

By Gaynelle Riffe

August 31 was the second full moon in the month, a Blue Moon. The first was August 1. Blue Moon means rare, seldom or even absurd. It can symbolize lost love or melancholy as in the Elvis is standard for luna heartbreak, the 1956 pop hit "Blue Moon"

(NAPS)—"This season's friendship bracelet styles include goodluck talisman bracelets featuring charms of evil eyes, religious and spiritual symbols," says Helena Krodel, director of media and special events, Jewelers of America. For more information, visit www.JIC.org and www.facebook.com/Jewelry InformationCenter.



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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

420 N Main • Stratford TX Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Gary C. Smith Church Office: 806-366-2301 Email: ffcc1@xit.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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Cross Country 2012



Stratford Elks Grayson Gonzalez and Kenny Ruiz medal at the Hooker Cross Country meet held Tuesday, August 28.



Cross Country Saturday, Sept. 8th High school and Junior High 9 a.m. at Perryton-Lake Fryer



SPIRIT/US 54 Annual conference Sept 6, 7, 2012

SPIRIT/US 54 (Southwest Passage for Regional and Interstate Transportation) will hold their 17 annual conference at the Mid- American Air Museum in Liberal, Kansas, September 6-7.

The conference will host a reception at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. The Conference program will open Friday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast. The program will begin at 8:30 with a welcome from Liberal Mayor Tim Long followed by a brief history of SPIRIT and keynote speaker Ports-to-Plains Alliance President, Michael Reeves. Speakers for the conference Kansas DOT Secretary Mike King: panel from four State DOT, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico. Following Lunch by Billy's Famous Barbeque, the program continues with" How being on or near a four- lane highway benefits economic development efforts" by Jeff Parsons, Economic Development Director and Ned Fite, with Halliburton Industries," Safety and cost considerations of operating heavy equipment on two lane highways vs. four lanes". The conference will conclude at 3:00 p.m. An added interest, the Mid-American Air Show will be held Saturday,



Lady Elks medaling at the first Cross Country Meet held on Tuesday, August 28 in Hooker from left, Samantha Gonzalez, Yadhira Chavoya, Noemi Franco, Karen Lozoya and Nohemi Ruedas. Results in next edition of paper.

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Farm Service Agency Provides Assistance to Livestock Producers

(Stratford, TX), August 27, 2012 — Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill, announced that special provisions will made to the FSA emergency loan program and to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program in order to provide greater flexibility for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought.

On August 22, 2012, Secretary Vilsack announced that modifications will be made to the emergency loan program allowing them to be made earlier in the season. In the past, emergency loan eligibility was determined after the production cycle. Producers will no longer have to wait until the end of the production cycle to obtain a loan. This change will support producers who currently need assistance to help offset high production costs. Vilsack also announced that a special provision will be made to the federal crop insurance program through RMA that will allow producers to hay or graze cover crops without forfeiting crop insurance eligibility on planted 2013 spring crops. This change is beneficial to livestock producers making forage and feed available this fall and winter. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, producers should consult with their insurance agent, according to RMA.

"Adding more flexibility to current program requirements will make much needed assistance more readily available to producers affected by disaster," said Hemphill. "These changes in particular should benefit livestock producers who are facing higher feed costs or are at risk of liquidating their herd due to the drought," she said.

For more information regarding special provisions to the emergency loan program, please contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.

-Arthur Ashe

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ORDERS WILL ARRIVE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER AT DUNCAN CHEVROLET

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Cheer Camp Held

Stratford Cheer Camp was held Monday, August 20-23 with approximately 90 ladies attending camp! The camp was hosted by the SHS Varsity and JV Cheerleaders!

COMMUNITY WIDE TAILGATE PARTY AND DANCE

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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Tips On Dealing With Bullying

(NAPS)-According to the experts at the National Education Association (NEA), one caring adult can make all the difference in the life of a child who's being

It's crucial for bullied students to know which adults in their school or community they can go to in their time of distress—adults who will really listen to them and then act on their behalf. Bullied students who go it alone because they don't know to whom to turn are far more likely to fall behind in their studies, get sick, miss school and drop out-even commit

Whether you're a parent, a teacher or a friend of the family, there are six steps you can take to help the children in your life.

1. Take complaints seriously. Don't dismiss it as "just teasing." Listen to the problem and tell the child you'll take appropriate action. No allegation about bullying should be ignored because the charge seems improbable or because the behavior seems unlikely to recur or is perceived as a "harm-less rite of passage."

2. Report the alleged bullying. Tell the principal about a school bullying case, especially if the bullying seems to be based on the student's race, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

3. Reassure, don't judge. If a bullied kid comes to you for help, reassure him or her that you will do what you can. Don't, however, ask why the child is being bullied. It's the behavior of the bully that matters. If the child volunteers personal information, keep it confidential.

4. Get the appropriate professional help. If a young person

seems to be in emotional or psy-

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When it comes to bullying, adults can stop it, fix it and prevent it

from happening again.

chological distress, offer to get in touch with a counselor, social worker or school psychologist. Don't give advice beyond your expertise, however.

5. Stand up and speak out for children in need. Learn about bullying. Share what you've learned and advocate for bullied children.

6. Do something. If you witness someone being harassed and humiliated, intervene-but get additional support if necessary. Everyone involved—the victim. the perpetrator and the witnesses—needs to know this is unacceptable behavior.

As one of the world's foremost anti-bullying experts, Psychology Professor Don Olweus notes, "It now all boils down to a matter of will and involvement on the part of adults in deciding how much

bullying will take place."

To that end, the NEA has come up with the Bully Free: It Starts With Me campaign. This aims to identify caring adults who will pledge to help bullied students. The NEA will provide the resources they need to support the bullied student, ask the right questions

and take the appropriate actions. You can learn more and sign The One Caring Adult Pledge at www.nea.org/bullyfree

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The corn in corned beef dates back to a time when "corns" or kernels of coarse salt were used to cure beef. No corn was actually involved in the process.

What's the worst thing that can happen to a quarterback? He loses

-Terry Bradshaw

-Rosalynn Carter



Banknotes issued by hundreds of banks were used as money in the United States during the early and mid-1800s, known as the Wildcat Period of American banking.

You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through.

Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks in great It was two Algonquin tribes, the Michi Gama and the Michi Sepe, and honorable courses with a sure hope and trust in itself. that gave the names to the states of Michigan and Mississippi. -Marcus Tullius Cicero

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Artemio (Cowboy) and Ava Cano have the most gorgeous vines of grapes. They wrap around an entrance into their back yard and on around on the fence. And it just doesn't stop there, you can tell looking at Ava's backyard, she lovingly takes care of it as it is beautiful. Wonderful place to just sit and relax and enjoy. Good Job to the Cano's.

State of Texas

County of Sherman

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Sherman County Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes, as follows:

- 1. All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the effective date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.
- 2. This Court may terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if this Court determines that drought conditions no longer exist The County Judge is also hereby designated, pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081(e) to terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if the Judge determines that drought conditions no longer exist
- 3. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
- 1. Firefighter training;

Attest: Gina Gray- County Clerk

Remember

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Saturday

- 2. Public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
- 3. Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or
- 4. Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under National Resources Code 153,048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code 153,047
- 4. In accordance with local Government Code §352,081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.01

EXECUTED this 14 day of August, 2012 with an effective date of July 14, 2012
Terri Beth Carter-County Judge; Dana Buckles, Commissioner, Pct. 1
Randy Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2; Jeff Crippen, Commissioner Pct. 3
Tommy Asher, Commissioner, Pct. 4



Public notices in your newspaper take some of the guesswork out of what your local governmental bodies are planning to do with your tax dollars. It's your right to know what they're up to.

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The Stratford Star

Food Ideas

(NAPS)—The Yahoo! Sketch-a-Search app lets you draw an area with your finger on a map and retrieves all the restaurants within the outlined area. With the new "dish" filter, you can even sort choices by specific dishes you might be craving.



The versatility and nutritional advantages of California figs make them excellent ingredients in many dishes. Figs deliver fiber, calcium, iron and potassium. For recipes using California figs, visit the Valley Fig Growers website, www.valleyfig.com.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Adding colorful seasonal foods to your plate can make your meal more nutritious, say experts at the American Dietetic Association. A rainbow of foods creates a palette of nutrients, each with a different bundle of potential benefits. For more information, visit www.eatright.org.



Joe Hoegler, a solution architect at Kraft Kennedy, has been designated an Exchange 2010 Microsoft Certified Master (MCM) by Microsoft. For more information, visit kraftkennedy.com or call (212) 692-5610.

From the Bird's Nest September, 2012 By Jerry Birdsong Superintendent Stratford ISD

This Saturday, September 8, 2012, the Stratford ISD will conclude the voting on the District's Tax-Ratification Election. I have made several presentations to the community and the Stratford Star has carried much of the dialogue from the district to the citizens of the community. I appreciate all of those that participated in our presentations and thank you for sharing your opinions. I am thankful that we leave in a place where we do have a voice when it comes to the direction of our community and school.

The board and I are constantly evaluating our expenditures and revenues in order to get the best bang for the buck when it comes to our students and the taxpayers. The revenue funding cuts from the state legislatures from the Spring of 2011 created a situation that could become critical if the variables remain the same. Over time we have absorbed positions we felt were not needed in order to maintain the same level of services that our community expects. But cuts alone will not enable us to maintain top-rated facilities, continue to recruit and retain quality staff, maintain small class sizes at the elementary level, continue to integrate new technologies into classroom to prepare students, and provide a well-rounded educational opportunity — academic and extracurricular.

How did we get here? There are a number of things that will eventually put our backs against the wall. The story actually began in 2006. That year local school property taxes were reduced by one third and replaced with a business margins tax. While the local taxpayer benefited from a reduction in tax rate from \$1.42 per \$100 to \$1.04 per \$100 in our maintenance and operation budget, the state business margins tax has not produced the necessary funds to maintain current funding levels. As a result, during the 2011 legislative session, the legislature underfunded the school financial formulas \$5.4 billion.

Stratford ISD was funded approximately \$350,000 less during last year's budget and that will increase to \$525,000 less for this coming school year. The district operates a budget of approximately \$6.5 million. Last year's budget had a \$500,000 deficit, although penny pinching and no major repairs (new roofs, etc), we should make the books balance. Without a tax-ratification election, this year's projected budget carries a larger deficit (\$600,000) than last years. Our business costs continue to rise for both supplies and services. Our fund balance is healthy but cannot maintain these types of cuts indefinitely. Eventually cuts in staff and services will be a fiscal decision. Our students and community will deal with the consequences of these types of actions.

A voter approved TRE on September 8th would raise the real estate tax 13 cents per \$100 of real property value. A \$100,000 home would pay an additional \$130 of school taxes. The end result would be approximately \$441,708 more for the district, which would help replace some of the \$525,000 to be cut from our 2012-13 budget by the State of Texas. Even with the passing of the TRE, the district would operate with a proposed deficit of \$159,000.

To help offset the real property tax increase proposed, the board this spring eliminated the personal property levy in the district. This portion will be eliminated from your tax statement. The result for the taxpayer with a \$20,000 vehicle will be \$208

less in school taxes. This will only affect the school taxes – the other entities need the personal property levy to meet budgets.

Is there help of the horizon? Currently, there are numerous lawsuits from various school groups against the state in court pending. The lawsuits are seeking adequacy and equity in the state's school funding system. They are tentatively set to begin in October. The next legislative session is scheduled for January 2013. There will be no relief from the cuts for this current year.

Although, the Texas economy is performing better than the national economy, the last estimate that I have seen showed a \$15 billion deficit for the state revenue (That is better than the \$28 billion faced in 2011). Currently, the governor is pushing a no-taxes pledge on the candidates for our legislature. That doesn't look good for the restoration of previous, funding levels, in Texas education, roads or other services that rely on state funds.

Because of the higher appraisal values the district has lowered its Interest & Sinking (I&S) tax rate to \$0.044355 per \$100 – which is over a half a cent less than two years ago. The I&S taxes are used solely for bond payments from 2000 bond election. Combining the M&O and I&S tax rates results in a total tax rate of \$1.214355, which is on the ballot for voter approval.

Tax Rate Rollback Election

For

Stratford Independent School District

September 8, 2012
SAMPLE BALLOT

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to

vote.

□ FOR □ AGAINST

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of

\$1.214355 per \$100 valuation in Stratford Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate.

The successes that Stratford ISD has had are a direct reflection of the support and high expectations that the community has given the district over the years. It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff, and students of Stratford ISD. Stratford ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. Again, I want to thank the Stratford community for its support for its school district.

Only if we can restrain ourselves is good conversation possible. Good talk rises upon much discipline.

-John Erskine

There are many who talk on from ignorance rather than from knowledge, and who find the former an inexhaustible fund of con-

—William Hazlitt

Confidence is the hinge on the door to success.

-Mary O'Hare Dumas



Exactly who started using curling irons remains a mystery but records indicate that the Romans in the reign of Emperor Titus, A.D. 79 to 81, employed little hollow tubes filled with boiling water for that chore.



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Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:

-Assistant Yard Department Manager -Management Trainee Yard Department

-Feed Truck Driver

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171. Apply in person: M-F 8a.m-3p.m. or call (580) 543-6383 Great benefits for full-time positions that include: Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401 K and paid time off. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding is an equal opportunity employer 8-2-tfn

Production Worker-hourly Employee insurance & 401 K after 90 days. Call Edward Ned @ 806-344-7422 5-17-tfn

Cimarron Feeders is now accepting applications for a Mill Laborer

Duties may include *Producing feed via software programs

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*Assisting in maintenance/housekeeping of facilities

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17 miles S. Keyes, OK on Hwy 171 "OR"

15 miles N. of Stratford, TX on HWY 287, then right 5 miles on HWY

Apply in person: M-F 8 a.m-3 p.m. or call (580) 543-6383

We have competitive salary and benefits. 9-20-c 4 x's

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Coldwater Manor is seeking a full time LVN or RN, apply in person at 1111 Beaver Road. Stratford, TX EOE 8-23-tfn Sunray Co-op has positions for full and part time help. 3-Locations Gruver 806-733-2662, Etter-806-966-5424 or Conlen-806-384-2164.

Yard Sales

1220 N. Chestnut-Saturday, Sept. 8th 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Notice To Receive Proposals

The City of Stratford will receive proposals for Housekeeping services for City Hall until September 24, 2012 at 12 noon.

The City of Stratford reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formalities and to accept the proposal deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All proposals received after the closing hour will not be

Specifications for proposals are available at City Hall. All proposals need to be Submitted to City Hall either in person at 518 N. 3rd or via mail at PO Box 188, Stratford,

Aviso Para Recibir Propuestas

La eluded de Stratford redbird propuestas de servicios de mantenimiento para el Municipio haste el 24 de septiembre del 2012 terminando a las 12 pm.

La ciudad de Stratford se reserva el derecho a rechazar cualquier o todas las propuestas, a renunciar a las formalidades y a aceptar la propuesta considerada como la más ventajosa para la eluded. Todas las propuestas recibidas despues de la hora de cierre no seran consideradas.

Especificaciones de propuestas est& disponibles en la Muncipio. Rules las propuestas deben ser presentadas en el Municiplo ya sea en persona en la 518 N. 3ra o por correo a PO Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elizabeth Brewer Sanders, Deceased, were issued on August 27, 2012, in Cause No. 2012, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Jerry Wayne Sanders.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned w within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o Jerry Wayne Sanders 1515 Ave. H Levelland, Texas 79336

DATED the 27th day of August, 20120

Kimberly L. Allen Attorney for Jerry Wayne Sanders State Bar No.: 12199270 Box 986 Stratford, TX 79084 Telephone: (806) 366-2270 Facsimile: (806) 366-3130

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Card of Thanks

VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CIRCLE OF FRIEND'S GOLF TOURNAMENT. THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THROUGH DON & SYBIL HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT IS IN NEED OF FINANCIAL HELP DURING THEIR WALK WITH CANCER-PLEASE CONTACT TIFFANY HUDSON-922-2002.

HERE ARE THE RESULTS FOR THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1ST PLACE-BECKNER-BECKNER-141

2ND PLACE-CRANE/CRANE-147

3RD PLACE D. PITTMAN/Y PITTMAN-150 1st FLIGHT

1ST HINDS/HINDS-151

2ND-HOGAN/HOGAN-155 3RD-MILLER/HINSON-157

2ND FLIGHT

1st-s. Hudson/B. Beattie-157

2ND-T. HUDSON/L. BURLESON-158 3RD B. BYNUM/BAXTER-160

3RD FLIGHT

1st PACK/PACK-165 2ND-MELBANE/MELBANE-168

3RD-WILSON/WILSON-168

4TH FLIGHT

1ST-ISABELL/ISABELL-181-

2ND-HOLDEMAN/HOLDEMAN-178 3RD-B. TAYLOR/L. TAYLOR-181



The first college basketball game using five-player teams took place in Iowa City, Iowa on Jan. 16, 1896. The University of Chicago defeated the University of Iowa 15-12.

Having once decided to achieve a certain task, achieve it at all costs of tedium and distaste. The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense

-Thomas A. Bennett

Families are like fudge...mostly sweet with a few nuts. -Author Unknown

If you don't believe in ghosts, you've never been to a family

-Ashleigh Brilliant

NOTICE OF TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION To the Registered Voters of Stratford Independent **School District:**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District has ordered an election to be held on September 8, 2012, for the purpose of conducting a tax rate ratification (rollback) election. Specifically, the following proposition will be on the ballot;

PROPOSITION-APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.214355 PER \$100 VALUATION IN STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT IS \$0.13 HIGHER PER \$100 VALUATION THAN THE SCHOOL

FOR

AGAINST

DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE.

Voting on Election Day will take place at the polling place listed below, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 2012.

Election Day Polling Place: Sherman County Clerk's Office 701 N. 3rd St. Stratford, Texas 79084

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Sherman County Clerk's Office, 701 N. 3rd St., Stratford, Texas 79084, between the hours of - a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, and ending Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Early voting by personal appearance will not take place on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Gina Gray, Sherman County Clerk Early Voting Clerk P. O. Box 270 Stratford, Texas 79084

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, August 31, 2012.

Issued this 6th day of August, 2012 By Barney Willborn Secretary, Stratford ISD Board of Trustees Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, August 16. 2012, Thursday, August 23, 2012, Thursday, August 30, 2012, and Thursday, September 6, 2012.

AVISO DE ELECCIONES PARA RATIFICAR IMPITESTOS

A los votantes registrados del Distrito escolar independiente de Stratford:

Mediante la presente se comunica que el Consejo de administracion del Distrito escolar independiente de Anton ha ordenado la convocatoria de elecciones el dia 8 de septiembre de 2012, pan ratificar la tasa impositiva conocida como rollback. Especificamente, la siguiente proposición aparecerd en la boleta:

PROPOSICIÓN

APROBAR LA TASA IMPOSITIVA AD VALOREM DE \$1.214355 FOR CADA \$100 DE VALORACION EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INEPENDIENTE DE STRATFORD PARA EL ANO EN CURSO, UNA TASA QUE ES \$0.13 SUPERIOR POR CADA \$100 DE VALORACION QUE LA TASA ILVIPOSITIVA ANTERIOR DEL DISTRITO (ROLLBACK).

A FAVOR

EN CONTRA

La votacion el dia de las elecciones tendra lugar en el centro electoral indicado a continuación, desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 8 de septiembre de 2012.

Centro electoral el dia de las elecciones: County Clerk's Office (Oficinas del Actuario del Condado de Sherman) 701 N. 3"1 St. Stratford, Texas 79084

La votación adelantada en persona tendra lugar diariamente en las Oficinas de del Actuario del Condado de Shetman, 701 N. 3rd St., Stratford, Texas 79084, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 12:00 p.m. y desde la 1:00 p.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m., a partir del miércoles 22 de agosto de 2012 y finalizando el martes 4 de septiembre de 2012. La votación adelantada en persona no tendrá lugar los sabados, domingos y dias feriados legales estatales.

Las solicitudes de boleta para votar per conto se deben Gina Gray, Sherman County Clerk Early Voting Clerk

P. 0. Box 270 Stratford, Texas 79084

Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo se deberan recibir antes del cierre del horario de oficinas el viemes 31 de agosto de 2012.

Hecho pUblico este dia 6_2 de agosto de 2012.

Secret s, Consejo de administración Distrito escolar

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Stratford Elk Football



Stratford Elk Captains Alex Chavoya #35, Victor Acevedo ##71, and Leo Ibarra #62 take the field against Friona on Friday, August 31.

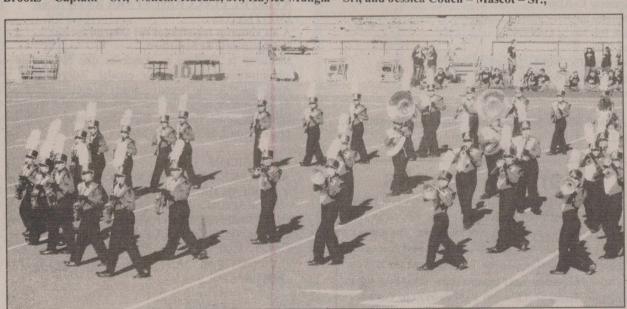
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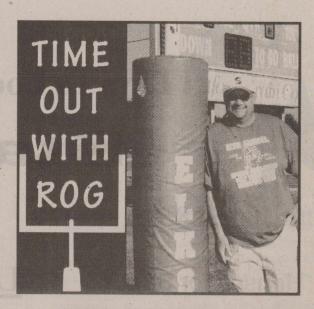




SHS Varsity Cheerleaders L/R: Whitney Stone - Fr., Macy Everson - Sr., Alex Asher - Sr., Meghan Brooks - Captain - Sr., Nohemi Ruedas, Jr., Kaylee Mungia - Sr., and Jessica Couch - Mascot - Sr.,



Stratford High School Big Blue Band in action at Half-time of the Stratford-Friona Game on Friday, August 31, 2012 at Dick Bivens stadium in Amarillo.



The Stratford Elks played the Friona Chieftains at Dick Bivins Stadium on Friday, August 31, 2012. It was a decisive victory 56-14. It was an overall team effort, with several running backs rushing over 362 yards on the ground and passing yards for 136 yards. Colten Rendon rushed for 150 yards on 5 carries followed by Kelby Hartman with 97 yards on 12 carries. Tanner Wright completed 10 of 15 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns. Kelby Hartman caught the ball for 44 yards on 2 receptions followed by Colten Rendon with 32 yards on 2 catches. Albert Ortega, Kelby Hartman and Chase Lutes led the stellar defense with the rest of the Elks. This week we have Canadian Wildcats, one of the biggest rivals in the Texas Panhandle at Sam Bass Stadium and all I have to say is Bring it On! Once an Elk, Always an Elk! Come out Friday, September 7 and support your Stratford



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Tanner Wright scores on the quarterback keeper in the Elks 56-14 win over Friona.



Colten Rendon #10 breaks through Friona defenders in the Elks win Friday night.

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