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## Customer Appreciation Dinner held Friday

Texas Electric Company held their annual Customer Appreciation dinner on Friday, November 30, 2012. Shown above left to right are Chuck Harbour, Cody with Reinke, Angela Harbour, Joe O'Brien Reinke Territory Representative, Charles Harbour, Edwin Smith with Senninger, Adriana Barajas and Brad Williams. A delicious meal was served and the winners of the Drawings were held. Winner of the Grill was Ed Moczygemba, Leatherman Tool-Galen Giesbrecht and Reinke Tumbler-Riley Bierschenk.



## Prospectus Study Club hosts Membership Drive

Prospectus Study Club is an organization that was founded in 1955 and

#### USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for 34 Counties in Texas

**Good luck Elks** 

(Stratford, TX) – November 30, 2012 - Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Rebecca Hemphill today announced that Sherman County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

The following Texas counties are approved for emergency grazing: Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hardeman, Hemphill, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

CRP emergency grazing authorizations for the above counties will begin no earlier than December 1, 2012 for a 90 day period, not to exceed February 28, 2013.

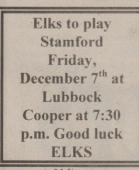
Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011 or 2012. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Hemphill. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," she said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211.



#### Red Hats To meet Thursday

Red Hats will meet on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6 p.m. Ol' Biddy's café. For gift exchange bring a gift value of \$8 to \$10.00.

#### Breakfast with Santa Sat. Dec. 8th

The Imagination Station is hosting a "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday. December 8, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Reservations and tickets on sale until <u>Friday. December</u> 7. at Stratford Grain Co. and Laurie Spurlock 366-2772 or Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303. Adult and child \$15.00, extra child \$5,00. An elegant breakfast will be served. singing, craft. Please join The Imagination Station for a special holiday treat.

#### American Legion Post Scheduled Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. This will be the year end meeting and some plans for next year will be liscussed. All Legion nembers are encouraged to ttend.

federated in 1956. We are federated with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Even though founded over fifty years ago, our main focus is still on our community. We raised the funds to build the Sherman County Library back in the 1970's. In early 2000, we raised funds and literally put up the playground equipment at Pendleton Park. We have sent kids to leadership camps, given out 92 scholarships and hosted the Old Timers King and Queen Program. We deliver Meals on Wheels and host a Coldwater Manor Birthday Party. As you can see we are very busy and active in our community. We however, are looking for some new members to help serve our community. We are hosting a membership drive at The Imagination Station, December 5 from 4-5pm and would love for anyone interested to come see what we are all about. After our membership drive, we will then get to enjoy the last day of the exhibit "Dirty Thirties" at The Imagination Station. Hope to see you for refreshments, fellowship and fun.

## First State Bank

Wishing you a

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

302 N. Main invites you to join us for our

### **Customer Appreciation**

### **Open House**

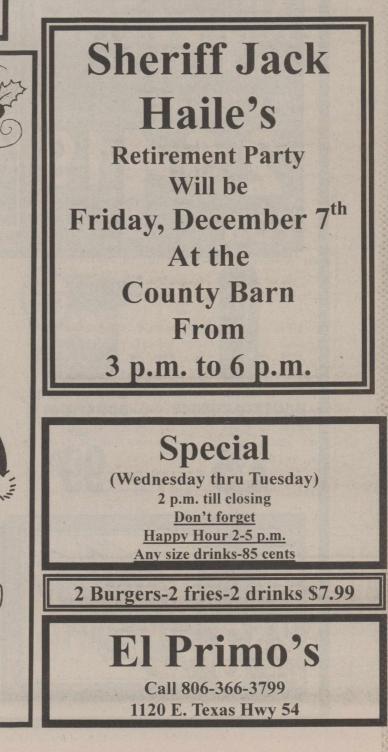
Refreshments will be served and we will have a drawing for two \$50.00 gift cards.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (

Santa will join us at **2:00** p.m. so bring the kids by to get their photo. Luck Elks <u>Tri-Corner Artists</u>! Shop at Home and support your local artists. Items will be on Display from

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your local artists. Items will be on Display from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn Every Tuesday Starting November 20<sup>th</sup> until Christmas. Come and browse and see what we do-You may be surprised.



## **Obituaries**

**Charles Don Mitchell** Charles Don Mitchell 59 of Stratford died Monday, December 3, 2012. Services pending at press time with Morrison Funeral Directors-Stratford.



#### Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

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The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. <u>I will be putting "Stars" on the current</u> <u>month"</u> If you have a Star on your label it <u>means that your sub expires that month.</u> If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 Thanks-Marty Attention- It's that time of the year again, Santa Letters. If you wish to send one to Santa the Star will see that it gets mailed on to Santa and we also will publish the letters in our Annual Christmas Edition.

Mailbox will be at Mary Allen School, Ivy Insurance, or mail to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or bring to Marty or Shari's homes.

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Please have your letter to the Star by Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Christmas Edition December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Community Closet Thrift Store News

The Community Closet Thrift Store has been busy during this fall season. When the coats and sweaters were put out for sale, the customers flocked in for their new winter "cozies". There are still plenty of winter clothes if you haven't been by the store to look. At this time, all winter clothes...except coats....are on sale for \$.25....yes, one quarter per item!!!

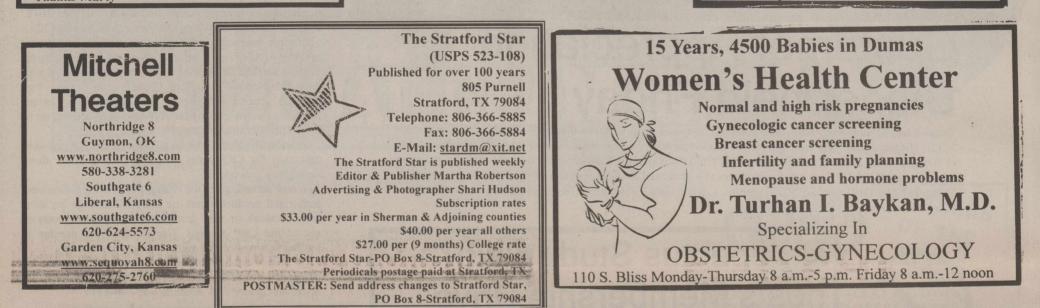
Thanks to the success of The Thrift Store, another group has been awarded a donation. Lollipop Junction received a check for \$1000 this week as did S.C.O.T. organization last week. Only because of the faithful customers of The Thrift Store can we continue to support the local groups. Donations to the Thrift Store have been of top quality and in abundance.

The Community Closet is a community project run by volunteers who can give a few hours from time to time. If you are interested in helping at The Thrift Store, come by any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10:00 until 4:00. Also the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 until ???. You can stay as long as your schedule permits.

Again, thank you for the local support of The Community Closet Thrift Store.

### **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







## Card Party Held Nov. 29th

A post-nuptial shower honoring Stephanie and Marcus McAlister (son of Roy and Valerie McAlister of Stratford was held Thursday, November 29, 2012 in the home of Brenda Brownlee. The "Card party" was held for the newlyweds as they live in Florida and couldn't come home for the party. Valerie shared the wedding video with everyone. Congrats to Stephanie and Marcus. Shown above are seated: Martha Mitts, Billie McAlister, and Clara Updegrave. Standing are Louise Dettle, Valerie McAlister and Benita Keener.



## **Kerrick News**

By Marylou McDaniel

Jackson Collums celebrated a 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday over the weekend. Guests were Heath, Kenna and Dempsey Collums, Leonard and Peggy Hawkins. Victor Carrera. Brenda Bell, Marylou McDaniel and Brandi, Lara, Addie and Maylee Wells. They enjoyed fun with family and lots of gifts were received!

Amarillo will present A Tuna Christmas December 6-16, 2012 at Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage Auditorium 2015 Civic Circle. ALT audiences are guaranteed to love this special holiday confection!!! Make your reservations today. Show dates are December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16 at 8:00 pm and December 9 and 16 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are available at the

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Starting November 20th until

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Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355- 9991. Tickets may also be reserved by e-mailing

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Amarillo will present A Tuna Christmas December 6-16, 2012 at Amarillo Little Theatre Mainsttage Auditorium 2015 Civic Circle. Tickets can be purchased at Amarillo Little Theatre Box office (806) 355-9991. God rest ye merry gentlemen,

it's time to kick up your heels with this hilarious sequel to the hit comedy, Greater Tuna! Amarillo Little Theatre is very

pleased to present the outrageously mad cap comedy, A Tuna Christmas as the second Main stage

the second Main stage production of the 2012-13 season!!

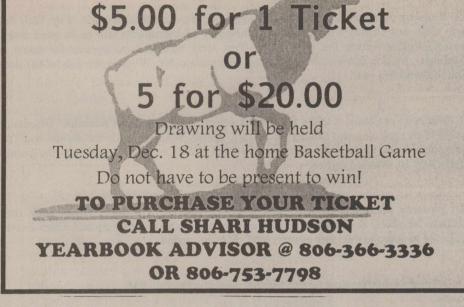
It's Christmas in the third smallest town in Texas. Radio OKKK station news personalities, Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie, report on various Yuletide activities, including hot competition in the annual lawn display contest. In other news, voracious Joe Bob Lipsey's production of "A Christmas Carol" is jeopardized by unpaid electric bills. Bertha Bumiller's drunken husband hasn't come home, her kids are messes, and a Christmas Phantom is destroying the town's Xmas decorations. Many colorful Tuna denizens, some you will recognize from Greater Tuna and some appearing here for the first time, join in the holiday fun! Two actors. Twelve days of Christmas. Twenty-four hilarious characters to put a jingle in your sleigh!

ALT has cast two of its most beloved and versatile actors to portray all of the eccentric and hilarious citizens of Tuna, Texas. The cast includes Jeff Jarnagin and Jeffrey Pickens. These two great actors are sure to keep audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter. Artistic Director for this production is Allen Shankles with Kate Felkins Jones as Assistant to the Director.



### Stratford Hospital District "Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County."

Stratford Family Medical Clinic



Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8AM - 3 PM 396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

> Elk Pharmacy Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5:30 PM 366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility 396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

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

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and acces

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Church of Christ Brad Beckett N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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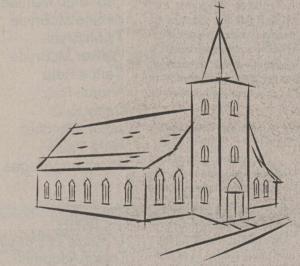
First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church Pastor Gary Smith 5<sup>th</sup> & 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 6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl Rectory 366-5687 Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish) Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t. Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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



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## **Stratford Independent**

## **School District News**

#### STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSEES REGULAR SESSION November 15, 2012

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 15, 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, Chet Everett, Tres Hess, Brad McBryde, Barney Willborn, DeWain Trayler and Michelle Lutes.

Staff present: Misti McBryde, Paul Uttley, Lynette Kautz, and Dinah Horsford. Kyle Winn arrived at 8:00 PM.

Guest present: Coy Barton, Jose Ramos

Mrs. McBryde led the invocation.

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Mr. Birdsong introduced Coy Barton and Jose Ramos of Keeney, Hembree & Company as guests.

The Board of Trustees canvassed the school board election returns.

Lynette Kautz administered the oath of office to Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess and Brad McBryde.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported a district enrollment of 593. He passed out the district basketball passes. He went over the TASB board training hour requirements. He told the board that the district has put out a survey to see if there is any interest in providing a community ESL and GED class. He updated the board on the school finance law suits. The team building session will be on February 28, 2013. He passed information on the Winter Governance conference on March 7-9, 2013.

Lynette Kautz gave the business manager's report. Monthly expenditures are at 10.96%, revenue 23.84%, and tax collections are at 73.63%. Transportation costs for the month was .76¢.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported a large turnout for the Thanksgiving dinner. The 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks will end on Friday, November 16. Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 20. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are currently taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of benchmark tests. The third grade students attended their annual WOWW program titled "Fiddle vs. Violin." She reported that the MAE has experienced an early flu season this year. She commended Mrs. Joli Hauser – school nurse for her work in contacting the Stratford Family Medical clinic to sponsor an in-school flu shot clinic. She congratulated Cole Mungia and Rese Schoonover from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade for being selected as the Fall Festival Prince and Princess. About 30 students will be competing in

Tuesday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Juniors and seniors will be able to talk to several college representatives. He commended the student council on the Veteran's Day assembly. He reported on the TAKS Exit level re-test results. He reported a campus enrollment of 174.

Mr. Birdsong went over the Highly Qualified Teacher report.

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

Coy Barton of Keeney, Hembree & Company presented the 2011-2012 financial audit to the board. Discussion was held. Chet Everett made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the district's FIRST rating.

Mr. Birdsong presented the 2012 tax rolls. The amount of tax roll is \$490,832,380. The amount of tax levy is \$5,271,192.36. Tres Hess made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the 2012 tax rolls as presented. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess.

Chet Everett nominated Brad McBryde to serve as the district's representative to the Sherman County Appraisal District board. Barney Willborn seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1. Discussion was held on nominations for the two positions that are currently held by Tom Moore and David Jackson. Chet Everett made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to nominate Tom Moore to another term. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the budget amendment. Tres Hess made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the TASB legal update 95. Chet Everett made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to approve the update as presented. Motion carried.

Per Senate Bill 81 enacted by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature, all public entities authorized to exercise power of eminent domain in Texas are required to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing their legal authority to exercise this power. Mr. Birdsong presented a resolution to be approved to allow the board to continue eminent domain. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the eminent domain resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented a quote from Mr. Winn for band instruments. Mr. Winn feels that

the UIL Academic meet on Friday in Borger. She commended the students for their work. Staff working with UIL participants includes Belinda Hamilton, Nikie Berry, Linda

Haynes, Christy Burr, Stacy Metcalf, Dana Uttley, Stephanie Birdsong, Susan Wheeler, Lorree Nusz and Jennifer Harris. She reported a campus enrollment of 275.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He went over the special recognition. He Congratulated to the following students for competing and placing in the Regional 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl: The intermediate team consisted of Libbie Uttley, Carlee Metcalf, Kade McBryde, and Russell Spurlock placed 1st . A second intermediate team consisted of DarCee Robinson, Tucker Summers and Nick Payne placed 4th . Kenlee McBryde competed on a Jr. Team and they placed 3rd. He congratulated the Jr. High Cross Country runners for representing SJH at the District Meet in Amarillo. The Jr. High girls' team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vanessa Gonzalez place 1<sup>st</sup> and received a medal. The Jr. High boys' team placed 3rd. Julio Duran placed 6th and Blake Rios placed 7th and received medals. He congratulated the following Jr. High Students who participated in the 4-H "Share the Fun" skit. They placed 1st in their competition: Carlee Metcalf, Libbie Uttley, Russell Spurlock, DarCee Robinson, RaeLeigh Willborn, and Nick Payne. He congratulated the following Jr. High Students who participated in the 4-H "Food Show". Russell Spurlock, Lilia Trayler and Nick Payne placed 1st and will be advancing to district. Luis Mendoza placed 1st and qualified for district, but unable to attend. Brieanna Rich placed 2nd and will be advancing to district. He reported a campus enrollment of 143. The 5th graders attended the WOWW Science Collaborative in Amarillo on October 16th. The UIL Ready Writing and Editorial Writing competitions have already been completed and the results will be announced at the UIL meet on Friday. The 7th grade band attended a WTAMU football game and the 8th grade band went to the Texas Tech game on Saturday, November 10. He thanked the high school student council for the great Veteran's Day program. His students and staff enjoyed the speaker, the band, and the opportunity to thank the veteran's for their service. The JH GT students attended the "Cirque Dreams" in Amarillo on November 15th. They had a great trip. He thanked Lanette and the cafeteria staff for the outstanding thanksgiving lunch. He reported that the junior high football teams have concluded their football season. They got better each week. Basketball season for the junior high teams is now underway. The 5th grade students will attend the Dust Bowl exhibit at the Imagination Station on November 20th. The junior high band will be going to the All Region tryouts in Panhandle on November 27th. The 8th graders took the EXPLORE tests and should be getting their results soon. This is the pre-ACT.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. He went over the special recognition. The JV girls placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the district meet. Individual places were: Sidney Turner, 1<sup>st</sup>, Rubie Jimenez, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kelsey Pickens, 4<sup>th</sup>, Jacie Seward, 7<sup>th</sup> and Erika Ortega, 9<sup>th</sup>. The varsity girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> as a team and Samantha Gonzalez placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Grayson Gonzalez won the district meet. At the regional meet, the varsity girls place 3<sup>rd</sup> as a team and advanced to the state meet.

Samantha Gonzalez placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Members of the team are: Samantha Gonzalez, Karen Lozoya, Erika Robles, Nohemi Ruedas, Noemy Franco, Alexie Wright and Yadhira Chavoya. Grayson Gonzalez placed 6<sup>th</sup> and advanced to the state meet. The Fall Production raised \$1,500 for Kenedi Groves at their Dinner Theater. The 2013 OAP cast and crew has been selected. They are as follows: Cast :Allissa Palmer, Mary Ann Spurlock, Adrian du Plessis, Taylor Wright, Shyanne Acker, Katy Moore, Victor Castro, Mazie Vincent, Macy Everson, Branson Palmer and John McBroom, Alternates: Chase Lutes, Kaylee Sandvig, Alexie Wright, and Sidney Turner and Crew: Val-Mari du Plessis, AJ Riffe, Jacie Seward, Tyler Seward and Logan Uttley. The debate students participated in debate competition on November 9th at WTAMU. Adrian du Plessis and Mary Ann Spurlock competed in cross-examination and Allissa Palmer in Lincoln- Douglas. The State Cross Cauntry meet was held in Round Rock on November 10. The Elks and Lady

Elks did very well. Samantha Gonzalez placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall and the girls team placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Grayson Gonzalez placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall. The Elks finished their season as district champs. They will play the winner of Anson and Windthorst in Lubbock on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The JV Elks finished their season as district champs also. Basketball season for the Lady Elks has begun. He commended the students, parents and staff on a successful Fall Festival. Mrs. Garza hosted a financial aid night for the juniors and seniors. Parents received information of financial options and filing the FAFSA. There will be college day this

once these instruments are received, the inventory of instruments will be in good shape. Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the quote as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Birdsong commended Mr. Winn on the job he has done with the band this year.

Mr. Birdsong presented a quote for various vehicles from Duncan Chevrolet. Discussion was held on replacing two smaller, older cars. Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the purchase of a 2013 2WD Chevrolet Suburban in the amount of \$34,409.40. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the letter of engagement for the 2012-2013 school audit from Keeney, Hembree & Company. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to approve the letter as presented. Motion carried.

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

Stratford Junior High School 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll 2012-2013

#### <u>5th grade</u>

Toni Lopez Fernando Martinez Kenlee McBryde Ty McBryde Walker McBryde Carlos Reta Annahi Ruiz Daisy Ruiz Jacob Sanchez Akira Vacio Abraham Villegas

#### 7th grade

Taylor Aduddell Laynee Burr Juan DeCasas Noah Harris Shay Hess Colten Lanning Erika Lopez Sonia Lopez Kade McBryde Carlee Metcalf Natalia Niave Lucero Robles Libby Uttley

#### 6th grade

Yamileth Almendarez Shaylee Audrain Adamaris Castro-Gonzalez Carlos Gonzalez Irene Henderson Luis Mendoza Francisco Olmos Nicholas Payne Astrid Valenzuela

#### 8th grade

Alex Aldavaz Francisco Barajas **Bret Barnard** Gage Brooks **Zorro Daniels** Julio Duran Hannah Franklin Nancy Garay Ella Godsey Karina Henderson Fernando Jacquez Nicolle Law **Daniela Reyes** Alex Spurlock Russell Spurlock Stephanie Vasquez RaeLeigh Willborn

## Stratford Hospital District News

There is a lot happening in the pharmacy industry, especially when dealing with insurance. Here are a few of the changes that the Elk Pharmacy would like to make sure you are aware of.

\*The deadline for signing up for Medicare Part D is Friday, December 7, 2012.

\*Community Care Rx is now called Silver Script. The Elk Pharmacy may not be listed as a preferred provider on some lists, BUT WE ARE!! Silver Script does offer a mail order option and will be encouraging their members to try it, BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE to mail order if you do not want to leave the Elk Pharmacy.

\*There is an alternative insurance that was started by the same company that ran Community Care Rx. This alternative is called SMART Rx, and it utilizes only community pharmacies and allows members to receive 90 day supply of their medications. The Elk Pharmacy may not be listed as a preferred provider on some lists, BUT WE ARE !! For more information, you can contact SMART Rx by phone at 855-5-SMART-1 or online at www.smartdrx.com. There are also information packets available at the Elk Pharmacy.

\*The Elk Pharmacy is now a preferred pharmacy for Teacher Retirement insurance. The Elk Pharmacy may not be listed as such on some lists, BUT WE ARE!! You are not required to change pharmacies or change to mail order...you can keep your prescriptions at the Elk. "Check out our competitive pricing"

As always, feel free to call and ask for Angie at the Elk Pharmacy if you need help or more information with your prescriptions or prescription insurance. (806) 366-5505

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. The Elk Pharmacy has a \$1.00 rack filled with Christmas items, including: boxed Christmas cards, gift tags, bows, stickers, gift bags, tissue paper, and more. Also, Angie is putting together Christmas bundles in categories such as diabetic supplies and spa products. By purchasing several items in the bundle, you will be able to receive a discount on the purchase.



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**Free Poetry Contest** 

1. You support jobs for your friends & neighbors.

You receive better customer service.

You keep local businesses thriving.

2. You keep tax \$\$\$ in Stratford & Sherman County, TX.

The Christian Poets Society is sponsoring a free poetry contest open to everyone.

The Benefits of Shopping at Home during the Holidays -

3. You help pay for services like fire dept, law enforcement & streets.

6. You help your town & county to improve, not another community.

Poems of 21 lines or less on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Dr. Jerome Cousins. 'We love encouraging poets with cash prizes," he says. "We trust this contest will produce exciting results!" Send poem to: Free Poetry Contest, 106 Cambria Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Or enter at www.freecontest.com. Deadline for entering is Dec. 31, 2012.

Include your name and address on the same page as your poem. For a winners' list please enclose a stamped return envelope. It will be posted online also.

#### Language development workshop offered to parents Dec. 14 in Wichita Falls

Writer: Kay skledbetterdag@ag.tamu.edu

Contact: Fred M. Hall, 940-716-8610, fmhallAag.tamu.edu WICHITA FALLS — Parents with children ages 0-5 will have the opportunity to attend a language development workshop from 5:30-8 p.m. Dec. 14 at Washington-Jackson Elementary School.

The school is located at 1300 Harding St. in Wichita Falls, said Fred Hall, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent for Wichita County. Participants will be served a light meal before the workshop, and there will be child care available.

"Children who are consistently exposed to a variety of language uses and forms develop more effective language skills and a larger vocabulary," Hall said. "Both are important to their academic and social success."

Cathy Cole from Kaplan Early Learning Company in California will be the presenter.

In this workshop participants will develop an understanding of appropriate language modeling practices to intentionally encourage, expand on and respond to children's speech, Hall said.

Parents will learn to develop and enhance their skills and abilities in asking open-ended questions, using self-talk and parallel talk, promoting child-initiated conversations and the use of advance language by working through both small and large group activities and discussions.

This workshop is hosted by AgriLife Extension's Wichita County office, the North Texas Area United Way, the North Texas Child Care Association and Region IX Education Service Center.

Hall said seating is limited and preregistration by 5 p.m.

Dec. 13 is required to ensure enough meals and child care providers are available.

To preregister or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Wichita County at 940-716-8610 or

http://wichita.agrilife.org/early-childhood-deve lopment/.

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Come by for your 2013** calendars, pens and a snack Sign up for our Door prize 专家 这 这 \* 这 · 这 \* 这

## **Good Luck Elks**

**Remember to get your Santa** Letters in by December 13<sup>th</sup> Thank you

#### It's that time of the year

Get your Santa Letters to The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or take them by the Mary Allen School, Mail Box located there. Or e-mail to <u>stardm@xit.net</u>. Or bring to Marty's or Shari's homes. Deadline is Thursday, December 13th at 3 p.m. They will appear in the Christmas Edition December 20, 2012 Be sure and give us plenty of time to forward all letters to Santa at the North Pole.





Stratford Police Chief, Joe Powell shares with the children at Lollipop Junction information about the numerous task police officers perform daily to keep the community safe.

## Stratford Police Department Visit Lollipop Junction

Stratford Police Department staff members visited Lollipop Junction on November 27 as the final learning session about Community Helpers.

Chief Joe Powell and two fellow officers visited the child day care center and told the children about their jobs as police officers and how they promote safety in the community and help protect citizens from dangerous situations. They police officers taught the children how to buckle seat belts properly, allowed the children to see the inside of the police cars, and presented each child with a police badge sticker along with a treat of candy.

Lollipop Junction is extremely grateful to Chief Powell and fellow officers for for sharing their time telling the children about their jobs and how they help the Stratford community be a safe place to live. A big thank you to extended to this individuals.

To learn more about the child day care center and educational activities conducted at the center, visit <u>www.stratfordchildcare.com</u>.

## It's time to say "Thank You"

to our local servicemen and women and their families. We'll be firing up the cookers on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn to cook for the servicemen & women and their families in Sherman County. If you know someone that's serving their country and they have family here, contact Richard Chumley, Larry Parsons or Lynn Allen. If you'd like to donate to this great cause, there's always a need for beef, wood, charcoal or cash to buy supplies. Our service people take care of us, let's show our appreciation and take care of them and their families. Thanks for your support! *No meat will be cooked for the public this year.* 

## **Business Directory**



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## It Pays To Look In The

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## Star Classifieds

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#### Houses for Sale

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Coldwater Manor is seeking a full time CNA, please apply in person at 1111 Beaver RD, Stratford, TX EOE

Looking for part-time work? Love kids and willing to teach them new things? If so, Lollipop Junction is seeking you! Must be willing to work at least 30 hours per week, be 18 years of age or older, and have a high school diploma. If interested, contact Brio Beckett at Lollipop Junction, 366-5886. Lollipop Junction is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions: -Assistant Mill Department Manager -Management Trainee Mill Department -Feed Truck Driver 17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171 15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287, then right 5 miles on HWY

## Legal Notice

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine off premise beverage permit by Convenience Beverage, INC. DBA Convenience Beverage, Inc. #361 located at 10 S. Maple Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Robert Marrufo, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, November 29, 2012 and Thursday, December 6, 2012.

## **Public Notice**

#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 54066

APPLICATION Cargill Incorporated has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 54066, which would authorize continued operation of a Grain Elevator. The following directions were provided: The facility is located approximately 1000 feet south of the intersection of Highway 287 and FM 807 on Santa Fe Trail, Kerrick, Dallam County, Texas 79051. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. hittp://www.tceq.texas.tov/assets/public/hb610/index.html ?lat=36.500555&ling=102.242222&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities are

authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 12, 2012. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Dalian/ County Library, 420 Denrock Avenue, Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ. The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case heating, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "|I/we| request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing

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In 1798, Ell Whitney, secured a U.S. government contract for \$134,000 to produce 10,000 Army muskets. and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this

notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request** is received within **this** 

15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(0) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and lithe hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the,Commission's decision on the application. Further, the chief clerk at the address serent these on the highlight

list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at

www.tceq.texas.goviabout/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-400.

Further information may also be obtained from Cargill Incorporated, P.O. Box 517, Kerrick, Texas 79051-0517 or by calling Mr. Aaron Clotts, AECOM at (651) 367-2323.

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## **Card of Thanks**

THANK YOU STRATFORD !!!!

LOLLIPOP JUNCTION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE STRATFORD COMMUNITY FOR THE FINANCIAL GIFT FROM THE COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE AND SUPPORT OF THE RECENT FUND RAISER, ZAK'S CHEESE SALES. THESE ACTS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL ENABLE THE CHILD CARE CENTER TO PURCHASE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES THAT WILL ENHANCE LEARNING CENTERS CHILDREN UTILIZE DAILY. IN ADDITION, THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS. LOLLIPOP JUNCTION IS RECOGNIZED BY THE IRS AS A 501(C) (3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. GIFTS TO THE CENTER ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND APPRECIATED AS THE CENTER CONTINUES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WITH CHOICES FOR CHILD CARE. THANK YOU, STRATFORD FOR SUPPORTING YOUR NON-PROFIT CHILD CARE CENTER.



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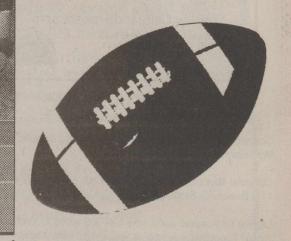
# Stratford Elk Football 2012



Stratford 38-Panhandle 20-Refs who knows-Refs who knows!

The Stratford Elks played Panhandle Panthers Friday night at Dick Bivins and came out on top. The offense controlled the line of scrimmage almost all through out the night. Led by Alex, Kolby, Tanner and the get after ya o-line. The Defense hit like there was no tomorrow! Leo, Chase and the rest of the hard hitting D showed their toughness!

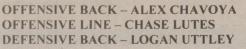
> Play hard and good things will follow! Next up at the Quarterfinal game it's the Stamford Bulldogs out of District 4-1A-Just north east of Abilene. This reporter has heard of this good QB named Hagen Hutchinson who is real good! I say bring him and the rest of the Bulldogs ON!! We will need a complete game and I think we will! No mistakes, period! Brad please check your headlights, a little more often! Elk pride is alive! Please pray for Kenedi! Once an Elk always an Elk!!!!



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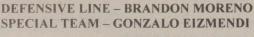
WEEK

The Stratford Elks beat Panhandle 38-20 in the Regional round of play-offs and will now face Stamford in the Quarter-Final round on Friday, December 7 at Lubbock Cooper at 7:30 p.m. Good Job Elks-Keep it up!!!

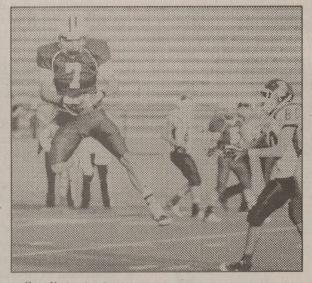




Panhandle player is brought down by Stratford Elks Leo Ibarra, Logan Uttley and Chase Lutes in the Elks Regional win.

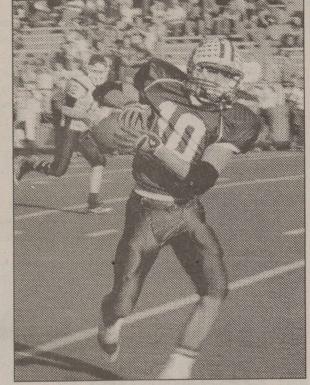






Sterling Audrain intercepts a pass in the Elks 38-20 win.

Attention: You can send "ELK MAIL" to your favorite players through the website@www.stratfordsportsnetwork.com The game will also be broadcasted on KDDD again for this week's game. Game is at 7:30 p.m. in Lubbock, TX Lubbock Cooper Stadium



Colten Rendon catches pass from quarterback Tanner Wright to score in the Elks win on Friday night against Panhandle.



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