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Reception held for Killian August 10

Jill Killian was honored with a welcome reception on Friday, August 10th at the Extension Office. Jill has been named the new Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family & Consumer Science Agent for Sherman County. Shown above left to right are Brad Easterling-CEA-AG/NR of Sherman County, Billye Zak-Secretary/Office manager, Jill and Sherman County Commissioner Dana Buckles.

From Sheriff Elect Joe Powell

I want to say how absolutely humbled I am to have been chosen by YOU to be YOUR next Sherman County Sheriff. I promise I will work hard to earn YOUR respect and trust. To take office in January behind such a man as Sheriff Jack Haile is an honor. Also, I would like to say Thank You to Mr. Ted Allen for his kind words last week. I will forever respect him for the way he ran his campaign. Anymore these days, it seems it is hard to find a political campaign that is clean and where neither party throws mud at the other. He and I entered this race as gentlemen and we both made our exit the same way. Again, Thank You to those who supported me throughout this lengthy campaign and for those of you, who did not, I consider it my responsibility to prove myself and earn your trust and support in the

Sheriff Elect Joe Powell

Stratford Independent School District chosen as finalist to compete for up to \$25,000 Grant

Local farmers nominate school districts for America's Farmers Grow Rural Educations"

STRATFORD, TX. (August 8, 2012) — Winning a grant of \$10,000 or \$25,000 can enhance educational opportunities for a school district in a rural community. Stratford Independent School District in Stratford was recently named as a finalist to receive consideration for an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education' grant. Stratford Independent School District is one of 23 finalists in Texas.

"We received so many outstanding applications from rural school districts across the county," said Deborah Patterson, President, Monsanto Fund. "The finalists truly went above and beyond what was expected and stand out as top tier choices."

More than 61,000 farmers shared their passion for rural education by nominating more than half the eligible school districts. Finalist schools were chosen for their program ideas and funding needs. Stratford Independent School District also benefited from community support through numerous farmer nominations which strengthened the district's

The grant review process includes an online application scoring system based on merit, need and community support; a review by science and math teachers from ineligible school districts; and a farmer advisory council.

Now that the finalists have been chosen, the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Advisory Council, a group of 26 farmer leaders from across the country, will select the winning grant applications. In 2012, the Monsanto Fund plans to award nearly \$2.3 million to eligible school districts across the country. To see the full list of finalists please visit GrowRuralEducation.com

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education started with a successful pilot in Illinois and Minnesota, in which farmers were given the opportunity to nominate a public school district in 165 eligible counties in those two states. The Monsanto Fund awarded more than \$266,000 to local schools in 16 CRDs. Now, the program has expanded to 1,245 eligible counties in 39 states.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to help farmers positively impact their communities and support local rural school districts. This program is part of the Monsanto Fund's overall effort to support rural education and communities. Another program that is part of this effort is America's Farmers Grow Communities, giving farmers the opportunity to enter to win \$2,500 to donate to their favorite community nonprofit organization in their county. You can participate in this program between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30 by visiting growcommunities.com. About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the farm communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.



A beaver can hold its breath for about 45 minutes.

Accepting applications for part timesecretary. Pick up application at First Christian Church, 420 N. Main (Mon-Fri 10-12 & 1-3 p.m.) 806-366-2301

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

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.

Back to School Hamburger Supper

Cost of seats for District 1-A for the season:

Another DWI Crash in Stratford

Just months after Joe Powell took over as Police Chief, he was called to the RR Tracks at Main Street and Highway 54 where he and his officers worked a case of a drunk driver who had tried to beat the train. The train won, the car was totaled, and the driver was charged with DWI. Well, here we go again. Early Saturday morning, Officer Jon Cooley was called to First Street in Stratford for a traffic accident. Upon his arrival, he learned that a resident of Stratford had been traveling eastbound when he collided with a parked car. Both vehicles appear to be totaled and the driver, who was not injured, was placed under arrest for DWI and transported to the Sherman County Jail where a blood warrant was obtained for the driver to determine his blood alcohol content.

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE **APPLICATIONS FOR** PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that application for a place on the Stratford Independent School District Regular election ballot may be filed July 25, 2012 thru August 20, 2012. Office Hours: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Monday - Friday, August 20th office hours 8:00 AM- 5 PM. You may file applications in person at Stratford ISD Administration Office, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

Board members whose terms will expire are Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, and Tres Hess. Holdover members are DeWain Traylor, Chet Everett, Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn.

Pick-up Schedule

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:00-10:30 a.m. Seniors 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Juniors Thursday, August 16, 2012 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sophomores 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Freshmen

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

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

Dear Band Parent:

It's that time of year again! The Big Blue Band is working hard to have another successful year. As parents of band students we need to meet in order to get organized and offer our support.

On Thursday, August 23, Stratford ISD is having their annual "Back to School Night" and Hamburger Feed from 5:30 to 7:30. The Boosters will have a short meeting in the Band Hall at 7:30.

The Agenda is as follows:

- 1. Review minutes from precious meeting
- 2. Treasurers' report
- 3. Election of Officers
- 4. Band Director's report-Kyle Wynn
- 5. Homecoming meal/Other project
- 6. Committee Assignments 7. Monthly Booster Club Meetings
- 8. Band Facebook pages-good way to communicate with band members, parents, others

The Band Booster Organization doesn't work without you! The young men and women of the Stratford High School Band have always made us proud through their hard work, so let's show how much we appreciate their efforts by our support. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Thanks-Clint Seward-Band Booster President.

Stratford ISD Board of Trustees and Administration would like to invite you to our Annual Back to School Hamburger Supper. The supper is free to the public. We will serve hamburgers, chips, and tea. The supper will be held in the High School Cafeteria on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come join us!

7, 2012 against Canadian.

Child/Student - \$ 15.00

Adults - \$20.00

Stratford Schools Open House Stratford ISD invites you to come by each campus and

meet and greet our employees. Open House is on Thursday, August 23, 2012. Be sure to join us in the High School Cafeteria for the Annual Back to School Hamburger

The schedule is as follows: Mary Allen Elementary-5:30 pm-6:30 pm Junior High-6:00 pm-7:00 pm High School-6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Lollipop Junction Fund Raiser August 29

Lollipop Junction is again conducting Frozen Food Sales from Deli International. Orders for the frozen food items will begin August 29 and end September 12th.

Food selections include a variety of pizzas, flatbread pizza, cheese bread, cookie dough, cinnamon rolls, pretzels, and garlic bread sticks. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk quantities.

To place an order, contact Crystal Mariscal, or Lollipop board members, Valerie Naugle, Martha Duncan,, Kristal Johnson, Desine Garza, or Wesley or Susie Spurlock. In addition, individuals may contact Brio at Lollipop Junction, telephone 366-5886.

Proceeds from the food sales will benefit Lollipop Junction, Strafford's nonprofit child care center. The center cares for 30 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 visit www.stratfordchildcare.com or stop by the center at 210 N. Main and see what activities are offered.

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bituaries





Ross Edward Wells June 22, 1922- August 13, 2012

Ross Edward Wells, 90 of Stratford, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2012. Graveside services were held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Anderson, pastor of First Assembly of God in Stratford officiating. A flag detail was provided by American Legion Post 262 of Stratford. There was a family visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at the funeral home in Stratford. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors. Ross was born on June 22, 1922 in Griggs, Oklahoma to Glenn and Leona (Speer) Wells. He was a graduate of Boise City High School. Ross honorably served his country in the US Army, and was a Veteran of WWII. During his time in the army, he served from Normandy to Berlin. After the service, Ross was a farmer and rancher in Sherman County. He was also a Mason. He had been a resident of the Stratford community for seventy years, and was a member of the First Christian Church. Ross was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Ruth Franz, Helen Taylor and Betty Mannes; and one, brother,

Ross leaves behind one daughter, Leslie Wells of Amarillo; two sons, Mike Wells and wife Nora, and Roger Wells and wife Brandi, all of Stratford; three brothers, Don Wells of Boise City, OK, Virgil Wells of Buffalo, OK, and Kenneth Wells of Stratford; two sisters, Nellie George of Washington, DC, and Phyllis Wells of Colorado Springs, CO; four grandchildren, Parker Wells and wife Melissa of Colorado Springs, and Lara Wells, Addie Wells, and Maylee Wells, all of Stratford; and two great grandchildren, Jacob Wells and Chloe Wells of Colorado Springs.

Kindle Drawing@Your Library

The Sherman County Public Library is pleased to be able to award a Kindle e-Reader to one lucky reader from our library. To enter, library patrons must come by the library and pick up a purple reading log. Readers must then write down every book that you read from our library. For every book that you check out and read, you will be entered into a contest but, remember, the books must be from our library. One book equals one entry.

Reading logs must be turned in no later than 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27th, the first day of school, with the drawing to take place on Wednesday morning, August 29th. Contest is open to all age groups so get busy and read! For more information about this contest contact the library at 366-2200.

Imagine That, The **Imagination Station**

The Imagination Station next big event is the "Whale of a Sale" Sept. 14 & 15. Modern Woodman will match the proceeds from the sale. Thank you to those who are offering items for our sale, the garage is filling up. We have many items from estates. Items at this point: Furniture- chair and ottoman, dining room chairs, lamps; Kitchen items; Decorator items and linens; Pictures and frames; Holiday items- Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and even some Easter!; books and [8 track tapes!]; Toys & Games; Craft items; Clothing- ladies, men's and children's-Coats, shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, purses; Luggage, Luggage. Tools, Chain, etc. Sept. 14 is Sneak a Peak for \$1.00 and Sept 15 is open from 9:00 to 2:00. All items remaining will go to other

What is next: Haunted House, Fall Exhibit "Dust Bowl", something new for the family, "Breakfast with Santa" December 8.

The Imagination Station can be rented for business, clubs and family gatherings. (When we are not busy!)



From the Desk of **Chief Powell**

I guess like everyone else, we are looking forward to the Fall Weather. A few of these recent breezy days have caused us to start cleaning up the PD and preparing early for the holidays ahead. Soon, the kids will be back in School and YOUR Police Officers will be walking the halls while our future leaders get their education. Don't forget to show your support for the best Football team in the Panhandle this year. Take your family and friends to the stands and support our Stratford Elks!!

Have a great week, Stratford & Thank You for your continued support!!

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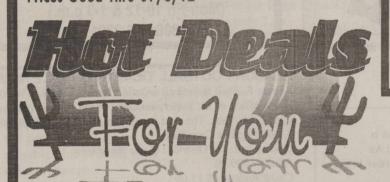
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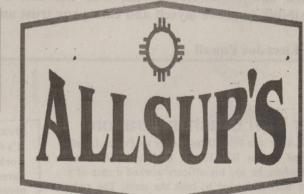
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel Chris and Durden Keathley and their three children visited family in Tennessee.

Brenda Taylor has been home from Denver for a few days. Kaylee and Kaden Gillenwaters of Bushland spent sometime with their grandparents, Bill and Donna.

ATTENTION ALL LITTLE ELK CHEERLEADERS:

Don't forget about Spirit Camp on August 20th-23th

- Monday is Welcome to camp day! Find out what you will learn the rest of the week.
- Tuesday is Crazy Day, wear your wacky outfit but make sure you can still cheer!

Wednesday is picture day!

On Thursday, due to the hamburger feed/parents'
night, we have a little time change. The girls will
practice from 4:00-5:30p.m. Then parents bring
your cheerleader back at 7:50p.m. and we start
showing off what we learned all week at 8:00p.m.
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Thank you for supporting us and we look forward to a great week with your kids!

-SHS Cheerleaders

You can learn little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat.

—Christy Mathewson

My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.

—Hank Aaron

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Singles Scene

UnTied Singles Fellowship met Aug. 7th for movie night. The group decided to take a trip to Dumas on August 18th for their monthly outing. Anyone interested in viewing the Dumas museum should meet at the 1st United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m. for the carpool trip. David Swinford has donated the office fixtures and personal items from his office in Austin, and this display is one of the newest features of the museum. After visiting the museum, the group will eat dinner before returning home.

The September meeting will be held; September 4th again at the Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Ann Wells will give the program about her recent trip to the British Isles. Remember to bring you own supper. The outing for this month will be a guided tour to the Adobe Walls battle site. The Borger museum is hosting this event, and further information will be available at the meeting on the 4th.

Programs for the fall include: "Inventions" given by Charlie Crabtree and "American Indians of the Plains" given by Richard Ragsdale. The fall outing events discussed included a trip to view the fall foliage, and the balloon festivals in New Mexico. All singles are encouraged to come and enjoy the fellowship. For more information, contact Paula Nusz (*06) 753-6489).

2" Annual Stratford Community Tailgate Party and Dance Saturday, September 8, 2012 Stratford Country Club

No entry fee - Cash prizes
for top three entries
You provide all items you need for cooking
your item, equipment you need for set up,
electricity, etc.

Meal — 7:00 PM
Dance — 8:00 PM — 11:00 PM
Di —Joe Powell

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

All proceeds go to

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Deadline for The Stratford Star

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

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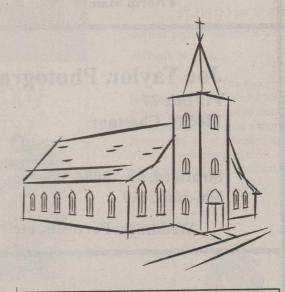
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> Stratford Community Tailgate Party and Dance Saturday, September 8, 2012 **Cook Application**

> > **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

NAME: EMAIL: FOOD YOU WILL COOK: AMOUNT: WHAT TIME YOU WILL NEED TO SET UP: SIZE OF SPACE NEEDED: CASH PRIZE TO TOP 3 ENTRIES RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Lance Horsford P.O. Box 1041 STRATFORD, TEXAS 79084 806-930-3299 EMAIL TO: HORSFORD@XIT.NET 806-753-7053 (DINAH) Underlying the whole scheme of civilization is the confidence men have in each other, confidence in their integrity, confidence in their honesty, confidence in their future. -William Bourke Cockran

This will only affect the school

Stratford Ex-Students Reunion July 26, 27, 2013.

Honored classes ending in a "3" will be requesting new mailing address. Address updates will begin now for lost ex's.

It is hoped that pictures of class reunions will make the Stratford Star. Not having a Saturday banquet has stopped getting class group pictures and this news item is left up to

The Friday Night Visiting was well attended but was missing some, as the younger classes had other plans. The Friday Night proceeds finances the mailings. Stratford Grain donated the meat, 10 persons donated ice cream, and the City sales tax contributes to help mail over 1700 invitations and some of them twice.

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion is a great way to tell our former residents that we still think about them and want them to know



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Harrington Breast Center Mobile Coach Coming to Stratford

The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach will be in Stratford at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic on Tuesday, August 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to provide women 40 and older in the area with their yearly mammograms.

Featuring the largest program of its kind in the state of Texas, the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach has provided mammograms to women of the High Plains region since 1989. Our program features full-field digital mammography equipment, screenings performed inside our self-contained unit, fast appointments at convenient times and quick reporting back to patients.

For appointments and cost information, please contact the Harrington Breast Center at 1-800-377-4673. The Stratford Family Medical Clinic is located at 1220 Purnell. We look forward to serving you during our visit.

Sherman County Irrigation Field Day- Friday, August 24th

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Sherman, Moore, Dallam, and Hartley Counties along with the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will be hosting an Irrigation Field Day in Stratford on August 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the County Barn, 501 S. Maple. We will depart from the County barn at 9:00 a.m. for our field stops covering the NPGCD's 200/12 Irrigation Project as well as the Extension EPIC Irrigation Project.

We will return to the County Barn for our noon meal, speakers, and sponsor's presentations. Three CEU's will be provided and the registration fee and meal will be provided by local sponsors and the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District. Please RSVP for the meal by 8/23 at 366-2081. For more information contact the Sherman County Extension Office.

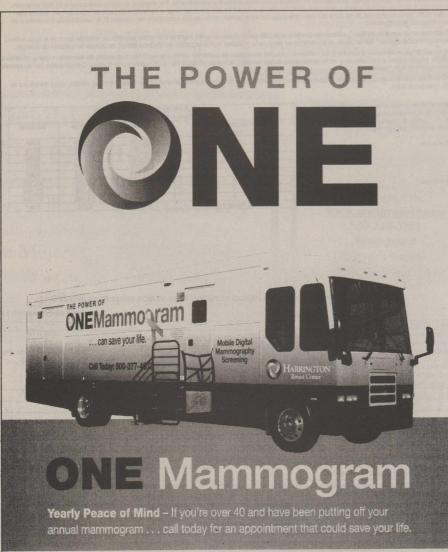
Rachel's Challenge Coming to SISD

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.



Lighting the Olympic flame is a practice continued from the ancient Olympic Games. In Olympia, the site of the ancient Greek games, a flame was ignited by the sun and then kept burning until the closing of the games.



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

I am sure that you are as excited as I am about getting the 2012-2013 school year started. A new school year brings optimism and energy to a community. There is something special about the first football game, cold front and the excitement of kids returning to classes.

Challenges in education continue to be great. Our faculty and staff took a great step during the 2011-12 school year with the implementation of the STAAR/EOC exams. The progress must continue. Evaluating our curriculum and reaching all of our students will have a direct impact on what kind of success that we will have during the 2012-13 school year. Time after time Texas teachers have responded to new challenges and I am confident that Stratford ISD teachers and staff are up to meeting the needs of our students and community.

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 begins 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's 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 services will be a fiscal decision.

Our Maintenance & Operation tax rate has been \$1.04 per \$100 since 2006. If your district adopts an M&O tax rate that is higher than the rollback rate (\$1.04), it will trigger a Tax Ratification Election (TRE). On August 2, 2012, the board of trustees adopted a tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 for the M&O tax rate and TRE was called for September 8, 2012.

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 four 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 will be on the ballot for voter approval.

Early voting runs from August 27 through September 4, while the election date is September 8, 2012. The county courthouse will be the polling place.

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.

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rollback tax rate.

GAGAINST

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

The successes that Stratford ISD has had are a direct reflection of the support 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. After completing graduation requirements, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military options or further their education. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.



London played host to the Summer Olympic games in 1908 and 1948. When it hosts again in 2012, the British capital city becomes the first city in history to host the Olympic games three times.

Texhoma Independent School District

Texas Department of Agriculture

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING FREE & REDUCED PRICE BENEFITS JULY 1, 2012-JUNE 30, 2013

FAMILY	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$14,521	\$20,665	\$1,211	\$1,723	\$606	\$862	\$559	\$795	\$280	\$398
2	\$19,669	\$27,991	\$1,640	\$2,333	\$820	\$1,167	\$757	\$1,077	\$379	\$539
3	\$24,817	\$35,317	\$2,069	\$2,944	\$1,035	\$1,472	\$955	\$1,359	\$478	\$680
4	\$29,965	\$42,643	\$2,498	\$3,554	\$1,249	\$1,777	\$1,153	\$1,641	\$577	\$821
5	\$35,113	\$49,969	\$2,927	\$4,165	\$1,464	\$2,083	\$1,351	\$1,922	\$676	\$961
6	\$40,261	\$57,295	\$3,356	\$4,775	\$1,678	\$2,388	\$1,549	\$2,204	\$775	\$1,102
7	\$45,409	\$64,621	\$3,785	\$5,386	\$1,893	\$2,693	\$1,747	\$2,486	\$874	\$1,243
8	\$50,557	\$71,947	\$4,214	\$5,996	\$2,107	\$2,998	\$1,945	\$2,768	\$973	\$1,384
9	\$55,705	\$79,273	\$4,643	\$6,607	\$2,322	\$3,304	\$2,143	\$3,050	\$1,072	\$1,525
10	\$60,853	\$86,599	\$5,072	\$7,218	\$2,537	\$3,610	\$2,341	\$3,332	\$1,171	\$1,666
11	\$66,001	\$93,925	\$5,501	\$7,829	\$2,752	\$3,916	\$2,539	\$3,614	\$1,270	\$1,807
12	\$71,149	\$101,251	\$5,930	\$8,440	\$2,967	\$4,222	\$2,737	\$3,896	\$1,369	\$1,948
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T. CHALL	\$5,148	\$7,326	\$429	\$611	\$215	\$306	\$198	\$282	\$99	\$141

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Children need healthy meals to learn. Texhoma ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00; lunch costs \$1.25. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

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1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your hiousehold. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Michel Meyer, 808-827-7400

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to the school nutrition office to be certified for free meals. If a child in your household is directly certified due to receiving SNAP or TANF benefits, all children of your household are eligible for free meals. If a child in your household is not included on the Letter of Direct Certification, sent to you by the LEA, or if you have questions, call the school at 806-827-7400.

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3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however, read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 808-827-7400 if you have questions or a member of your household is not listed on the letter. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the arguounts listed on the federal income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to the school nutrition office. Head Start/Early Head Start students, Even Start children, and certain foster children also qualify for free meals.

4. Can foster children get free meals? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.

5. Can homeless, runaway, and migrant children get free meals? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant quality for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Camelia Holguin (homeless) or Barbara Limas (migrant) to see if your child(ren) qualify.

6. Who can get reduced-price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income

7. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out another one? Yes, your child's application is only good for the school year and for the first 30 operating days of the new school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.

8. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

9. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving SNAP, TANF or other benefits (such as unemployment benefits).

11. What If I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to Hope Appel, PO Box 326, Texhoma, TX 73960.

12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

13 Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live 112 with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.

14. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income. If you have had your hours or wages reduced, use your

15. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military House Privatization initiative, do not include your housing allowance.

16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone; is her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment, and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your sol for more information.

Each additional person:

17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for other assistance benefits, dial 2-1-1.

If you have other questions or need help, call 806-827-7400. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 2-1-1. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 806-

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Reviewing Official's Signature:

Follow-up Official's Signature:

Note: Temporary approval of an application is no longer applicable because of the year-long duration of eligibility

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Los niños necesitan comida nutritiva para aprender. Texhoma ISD ofrece comidas nutritivas cada día escolar. El desayuno cuesta \$1.00 el almuerzo cuesta \$1.25. Su niño(s) podría calificar para recibir comidas gratis o a precio reducido. El precio reducido es \$0.30 para el desayuno y \$0.40 para el almuerzo.

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1. ¿Necesito llenar una solicitud para cada niño? No Liene una solicitud para solicitar las comidas gratis o a precio reducido nara todos los estudiantes de su hogar. No podemos aprobar una solicitud que no esté completa, por lo que debe llenar toda la información necesaria. Envie de veueta la solicitud completa a Michel Meyer, 808-827-900.

2. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas gratis? Los niños en un hogar que reciba beneficios del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria o SNAP (conocido antes como Cupones para Alimentos) o del programa TANF pueden recibir comidas gratis lindependientemente de su ingreso. Su carta de beneficios de la Comisión de Salud y Sorvicios Humanos de Texas (HHSC) sive como su documentación para las comidas gratis. Si todavia no ha recibir comidas carta de su escuela indicáncide que su hogar catifica para recibir comidas gratis, puede llevar su carta de beneficios de HHSC à la oficina de nutrición de la escuela para que le cartifique n para recibir comidas gratis. Si algún niño de su hogar recitaz porque tiene beneficios de SNAP o TANF, todos los demás niños de su hogar también califican para recibir comidas gratis. Si algún niño de su hogar roe está incluido en la Carta de Cordificación Directa que la Agencia de Educación Local (LEA) le envió a usted, o si tiena alguna pregunta, llame a la escuela al 806-827-7400.

3. ¿Debería yo llenar una solicitud si recibi una carta esta año escolar en la que me Indican que mis niños están aprobados para recibir comidas gratis o a precio reducido? En la mayoría de los casos, no; sin embargo, lea culadosamente la carta que recibid y siga las indicaciones. Llame a la escuela al 806-827-7400.

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4. ¿Pueden recibir comidas gratis los niños de crianza? Si, los niños de crianza bajo la responsabilidad legal de una agencia de cuidado de crianza o de un tribunal, califican para recibir comidas gratis. Cualquier niño de crianza del hogar califica para recibir comidas gratis, sin tenen en cuenta ingresos. 5. ¿Pueden recibir comidas gratis los niños sin hogar, los niños fuglitivos y los niños migrantes? Sí, todo niño que puede ser definido como de no tener hogar, de ser fuglitivo o de ser migrante califica para recibir comidas gratis. Sí no le han indicado que sus niños pueden recibir comidas gratis, por favor lame o envie un correo electrónico a Camelia Holguin, Homeles, or Barbara Limas, Migrant, para ver si su niño(s) califica.

6. ¿Quiénes pueden recibir comidas a precio reducido? Sus niños pueden recibir comidas a bajo precio si el ingreso de su hogar está dentro de los limites de la Tabla de Ingresos Federales que aparece en esta carta. 7. La solicitud de mi niño fue aprobada el año pesado. ¿Necesito llenar otra solicitud? Si, la solicitud de su niño sólo sirve para un año escolar y para los primeros 30 días hábites del año escolar nuevo. Debe enviar una solicitud nueva a no ser que la escuela le haya indicado que su niño califica para el año

9. ¿Se va a revisar la información que yo envie? Si, podríamos pedirle que envie pruebas por escrito.

10. SI no califico ahora, ¿podría presentar una solicitud después? Sí. Puede solicitar en cualquier momento durante el año escolar si aumenta el número de personas de su hogar, o si empieza a recibir SNAP, TANF o algún otro beneficio (tal como beneficios por desempleo).

11. ¿ Qué pasa si no estoy de acuerdo con la decisión de la escuela acerca de mi solicitud? Debería habiar con los representantes de la escuela. También puede pedir una audiencia imparcial, dirigiéndose con una llamada o por escrito a Hope Appel, PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73960, 806-827-7400. 12. ¿Puedo presentar una solicitud al alguien de mi hogar no es ciudadano de Estados Unidos? Sí. Ni usted ni su niño(s) tienen que ser ciudadanos de Estados Unidos para calificar para las comidas gratis o a precio reducido.

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3. ¿A quiénes debo incluir como milembros de mi hogar? Debe incluir a todas las personas que viven en su hogar, sean o rid parientes suyos (tal como abuelos, otros parientes o amigos) quienes compartan ingresos y gastos. Debe incluirse a usted mismo y a todos los niños que viven, con usted. Si vive com otras personas que son independientes económicamente (por ejemplo, personas a quienes no mantiene, que no compartan ingresos con usted ni con sus niños y que pagan parte proporcional de los gastos), no incluya a esas personas. 14. ¿Qué pasa si mi ingreso no es Igual stempre? Indique la cantidad que recibe normalmente. Por ejemplo, si recibe normalmente \$1,000 cada mes, pero no trabajó un poco el mes pasado y sólo ganó \$900, escriba que recibe \$1,000 por mes. Si gana normalmente pago de sobre tiempo, incluya esa cantidad como parte del ingreso. Si no gana normalmente pago de sobre tiempo, no lo incluya como parte del ingreso. Si le han reducido sus horas o su sueldo, utilice su ingreso actual.

15. Estamos en el servicio militar; ¿utilizamos nuestro subsidio para vivienda como ingreso? Si recibe subsidio de vivienda fuera de la base militar, debe incluirlo como ingreso. Sin embargo, si su vivienda es parte de la iniciativa de Privatización de Vivienda Militar, no incluya su subsidio de vivienda. 16. A mi cónyuge le llamaron a una zona de combate; ¿cuenta su sueldo de combate como ingreso? No, si el sueldo de combate lo recibe además de su sueldo básico debido a ser llamada, y no lo recibió antes de ser llamada, el sueldo de combate no se cuenta como ingreso. Comuniquese con su escuela para obtener más información.

17. Mi familia necesita ayuda adicional. ¿Existen otros programas a los que podríamos solicitar? Para averiguar cómo solicitar otros beneficios de ayuda, marque al 2-1-1.

Si tiene otras preguntas o necesita ayuda, llame al 806-827-7400. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono: 2-1-1. Si vous voudriez d'alde, contactez nous au numero: 806-827-7400.

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MULTI-CHILD FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FOR 2012-2013

Part 1. Children in School Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial) Check box if a foster child (legal responsibility of welfare agency or court)		School Name		Securi I.D. or	Last 4 digits of Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)		Grade Eligibility Group i for SNAP or TANI (If any)		
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SOLICITUD DE COMIDAS GRATIS Y A PRECIO REDUCIDO PARA VARIOS NINOS PARA 2012-2013

Agencia de Educación Local Parte 1. Niños en la escuela Nombre de todos los niños en la escuela (Apellido, nombre y primera letra del segundo nombre) Últimos 4 dígitos dei # de Seguro Social, Identificación del estudiante o fecha de para SNAP o TANF (si existe) Nombre de la escuela Marque la casilla si es niño de crianza (responsabilidad legal de agencia de bienestar o tribunal) (OPCIONAL) Si indicó un # de Calificación de Grupo para SNAP/TANF, sáltese a la Parte 4. Parte 2. Sin hogar, migrante o fugitivo Nombre. (Incluya a cada persona del hogar, incluso a los 2. Ingreso y la frecuencia en que lo recibe.
Frecuencia = Semanal (W), Cada 2 Semanas (E), Dos veces al mes (T), Mensual (M) Marque si NO HAY estudiantes que aparecen en la Parte 1.) Ejemplo: Smith, Jane B. Parte 4. Firma y número de Seguro Social (Debe firmar un adulto.) Un adulto que es miembro del hogar debe firmar la solicitud. Si se ha llenado la Parte 3, el adulto que firma el formulario también debe escribir los últimos 4 dígitos de su número de Seguro Social, o marcar la casilla que dice "Yo no tengo Número de Seguro Social". (Vea la Declaración de la Ley de Privacidad en la página de "Instrucciones para la Solicitud".)

Yo cartifico (promeio) que loda la información en esta solicitud es verdadara y que se ha reportado todos los ingresos. Yo entiendo que la escuela recibirá fondos federales basedos en la información que doy. Yo entiendo que los representantes de la escuela pueden verificar (revisar) la información. Yo entiendo que si doy información falsa, sabiéndolo, mis hijos podrían perder sus beneficios de comida, y yo podría ser procesado. Firmar aqui: O Yo no tengo número de Seguro Social. Teléfono de la casa: ___ Nombre en letra de molde: __ Dirección postal: _____Ciudad: _____Estado: ____Código Postal: ____ Multiple income frequencies must be converted to annual amounts and combined to determine household income. Do not convert if only one income frequency is provided by the household. If converting income to annual, round only the final number.

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Meal Eligibility: Free: ____ Reduced: ____ Denied: ____ Reason: _ Reviewing Official's Signature: Confirming Official's Signature:
Follow-up Official's Signature: Date: Note: Temporary approval of an application is no longer applicable because of the year-long duration of eligibility.

2012-2013 Spanish Multi-Child Application



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-Management Trainee Yard 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

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

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 *Operating heavy equipment

*Assisting in maintenance/housekeeping of facilities

Full time position offers competitive pay with full family benefits offered for under \$40 per week.

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic is seeking a receptionist (bilingual preferred). Applications can be picked up at the business office of Coldwater Manor. Questions may be directed to 806-396-5568.8-16-c

CLASS A CDL TRUCK DRIVERS-Prestage Farms of Oklahoma LLC., has immediate openings for full-time Live Haul and Utility Driver. Requirements are a valid Class A driver license, 6 months to 1 year experience, and a good driving record, and 21 years old. Must be able to pass a complete DOT physical and drug test. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Come see what makes Prestage Farms of Oklahoma the company of choice in the Oklahoma Panhandle. For application information call Rina or Ana at (580) 423-1404, Prestage Farms of Oklahoma LLC, Attn: Human Resource Dept. PO Box 509, Texhoma, OK 73949. Fax: 580-423-2416. EOE M/F/V/D 8-16-8-23-c

Card of Thanks

LIFE HAS BEEN QUITE A ROLLER COASTER IN OUR FAMILY THIS SUMMER. OUR FRIENDS AND EXTENDED FAMILY HAVE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE THROUGH ERWIN'S THREE HEART PROCEDURES AND MOTHER'S STROKE AND DEATH. WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS, CONCERN, AND KIND WORDS DURING THESE TIMES. GOD'S LOVE HS BEEN VERY EVIDENT! THANK YOU!

ERWIN AND TAMRA ELMS

Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION (Rule 114 —Rules of Civil Procedure)

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALLEN W. ORR, DECEASED

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of September 2012, at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 69th District Court of Sherman County, at the Courthouse in Stratford,

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on 23rd day of May 2012, in this case, numbered 5037 on the docket of said court, and styled 21st MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS ERICA N ORR AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ALLEN W ORR DECEASED

The addresses and residences of are all unknown. This suit is a suit to:

A SUIT TO JUDICIALLY FORECLOSE ON **PROPERTY** DESCRIBED IN ORIGINAL PETITION & MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: LOTS SEVEN (7), EIGHT (8), NINE (9), TEN (10), ELEVEN (11) AND TWELVE (12), BLOCK THIRTY (30), ORIGINAL TOWN OF TEXHOMA, SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS"

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows,

Declare and enter judgment as to all Defendants that Plaintiff has superior title to the Property secured by a Deed of Trust lien.

Right of title and possession to the Property against all Defendants by foreclosure of the Deed security interest

Right to foreclose the Deed of Trust lien and the security interest.

Declare and enter judgment that after enforcing its Deed of Trust lien and security interest. Recover reasonable and necessary attorney fees under Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §38.001 et seq. due to the material breach of the Note.

of said as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs Petition on

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law

directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Stratford, Texas, on the 24th day of

July, 2012. District Clerk

ATTEST: Sherman County, Texas

By: Deputy

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Legal notice

Sherman Co. Crimestoppers pays cold cash for hot tips. Stolen from central Sherman Co. four steers, mixed breed, app. 500 to 550 lbs. branded with a bar U on the left hip. Stolen from south of Stratford one heifer app. 600 to 650 lbs. branded with an N on the left hip. Stolen in Dallam Co. south of Conlen six black baldy breed heifers, app. 1000 lbs. with a rafter W on the left hip. Anyone having information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible will receive up to a \$1000.00 reward. All calls remain confidential. Leave a message at the Sherman Co. Crimestoppers answering machine leaving a code name and phone number at 806-366-TIPS (8477). Or contact the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at

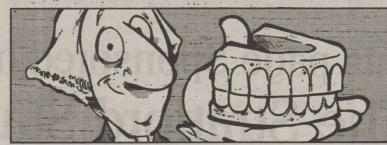
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There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second. -Logan Pearsall Smith

Before winning the presidential election in 1860, Abraham Lincoln had lost eight elections for various offices.

> A wise prince will seek means by which his subjects will always and in every possible condition of things have need of his government, and then they will always be faithful to him.

-Niccolo Machiavelli



George Washington's false teeth were made of whalebone.

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 DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE.

AGAINST

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

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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

A FAVOR

(ROLLBACK).

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.

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 enviar a:

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 62 de agosto de 2012.

Secret s, Consejo de administración Distrito escolar

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School Supply Lists



STRATFORD ISD -MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2012-2013

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 BOX OF KLEENEX
- 1 BACK PACK
- 1 BOTTLE OF GLUE 2 BOXS LRG SIZE CRAYOLA CRAYONS

KINDERGARTEN

- 20 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
- 2 BOXS OF KLEENEX
- 2 LG GLUE STICKS or 4 SML GLUE STICKS
- 1 BOXS OF 24 CRAYONS
- 1 PAIR OF FISKAR SCISSORS
- 1 SML SCHOOL BX (NO ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG)
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 1 REST MAT-
 - (NO BLANKET, EXERCISE MAT/ **SLEEPING BAG)**

FIRST GRADE

- 24 #2 YELLOW PENCILS 2 BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS (NO
- FLUORESCENT) 1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 1 PAIR POINTED SCISSORS
- 1 SUBJECT NOTEBOOK (60-100 PAGES)
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 4 LRG GLUE STICKS- (NO PURPLE GLUE)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDS THINGS WITH HIS/HER NAME!

NO PENCIL SHARPENERS

SECOND GRADE

- **2 LRG ZIPPERED PENCIL BAGS**
- **2 BOXES OF 24 COUNT CRAYONS** 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEXS
- 1 PAIR OF SCISSORS
- 20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 1 LRG PACKAGE OF RED PENS
- **2 PINK ERASERS 3 GLUE STICKS**
- **2 ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS**

THIRD GRADE

- 2 BOXS OF 24 CRAYONS
- 20 #2 PENCILS
- **2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX**
- 1 PAIR SCISSORS
- 1 POCKET FOLDER- NO BRADS **2 GLUE STICKS**
- **3 ERASERS**
- **3 PKGS WIDE RULED NOTBOOK PAPER**
- 2 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (60-100 PAGES) ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG
- 1 ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS
 - NO BINDERS OR TRAPPER

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (1 SUBJECT)
- 1 PKG 12 COLORED PENCILS
- 3 LARGE BOXS OF KLEENEX
- 20 2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL) 1 PAIR SCISSORS
- 1 LARGE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTER MARKER
- 1- 2 POCKET FOLDER- NO BRADS NO TRAPPER KEEPERS

Stratford Junior High School **Supply List**

2012-2013

5th Grade

- pencils red pens
- erasable blue or black pens
- colored pencils zippered pencil bag
- 1 pkg. wide-rules notebook paper (English)
- 1 large spiral-not perforated (social studies) 1 single subject 70-sheet spiral (reading)
- 1 pocket folder (math)
- 1 (1½ inch) binder (reading)
- 1 (2 inch) binder (science)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex

If you buy stretchy book covers, use extra-large for Social Studies and Math

Please put your name on all your items

6th Grade

- pencils
- red pens
- erasable blue or black pens colored pencils
- zippered pencil bag 1 large spiral- not perforated (social studies)
- 1 wide-ruled spiral (English)
- 1 pocket folder (math) 2 (1 inch) binders (reading and technology
- 1 (2 inch) binder (science) 5 tab dividers (technology)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- If you buy stretchy cloth book covers, use extra large for Social Studies and Math

Please put your name on all your items!

Stratford Junior High School **Supply List** 2012-2013

7th grade

- 1 pkg notebook paper
- 12-#2 pencils
- 6 ball point pens (black or blue)
- 6 red ball point pens
- 3 (1 subject) spiral notebooks
- 1 large spiral notebook
- 2 folders w/brads & pockets
- 1 folder with pockets OR 1 small 3-ring binder
- 1 large Kleenex box

8th grade

- 1 pkg notebook paper
- 12-#2 pencils
- 6 ball point pens (black or blue) 6 red ball point pens
- 3 (1 subject) spiral notebooks
- 2 folders w/pockets & brads
- 1 folder with pockets OR 1 small 3-ring binder 1 large Kleenex box
- Please put your name on all your items!

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