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## State law requires private sale vehicle buyers to title in 30 days or face financial penalties

Not transferring a vehicle in 30 days can cost Sherman County residents big money.

A new state law requires those who purchase vehicles in a private sale, whether it's in or out of state, to obtain a new title within 30 calendar days or face financial penalties.

"In some counties people are finding they owe hundreds of dollars in title penalties for failing to title within a month of purchasing their new car or truck," said Valerie McAlister, the tax assessor-collector for Sherman County. "Please don't let this happen to you," McAlister added.

Failure to title within the 30 days results in an automatic \$25 penalty, plus another \$25 for each month the title is late. There are no waivers for these penalties, which means the Sherman County Tax Office and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles cannot reduce or forgive what you may owe.

The law does grant an additional 30 days to active-duty military personnel, which gives them 60 days to transfer the title before facing late title penalties.

While the penalties may seem harsh, it's important to remember this helps to protect you when you go to sell a vehicle. "When vehicle buyers don't put the title in their name when you sell them a car or truck, anything they may do with that vehicle is going to trace to your name," McAlister explained.

Sellers don't have to rely solely on the buyer to do the right thing.

Whenever you sell a vehicle yourself or even trade one in to a dealer, it is important to file the free Vehicle Transfer Notification on the TxDMV website, [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov). "Sellers must file the Vehicle Transfer Notification within 30 days to receive the state-guaranteed protection from liability," McAlister said. "This way you cannot be held responsible for anything the buyer does with your old vehicle."

Buyers need to realize that titling the vehicle in their name also offers protection. "When a vehicle is titled in your name it gives you proof of ownership," McAlister said.

McAlister offers these tips for people planning to buy or sell a vehicle.

### Texas Buyers

- For your protection, never buy a vehicle in a private sale without receiving the title and a bill of sale.
- Be sure the seller gives you the title. If the title is from Texas, you can go to Title Check at [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov) to see if it's a clean title.
- The seller must sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the title back.
- Be sure the seller signs, dates and enters the sales price on Form 130-U. If you are purchasing the vehicle out of state, have the seller download the form from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website, [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov).
- Go to your local county tax office **within 30 days** to title the vehicle in your name.

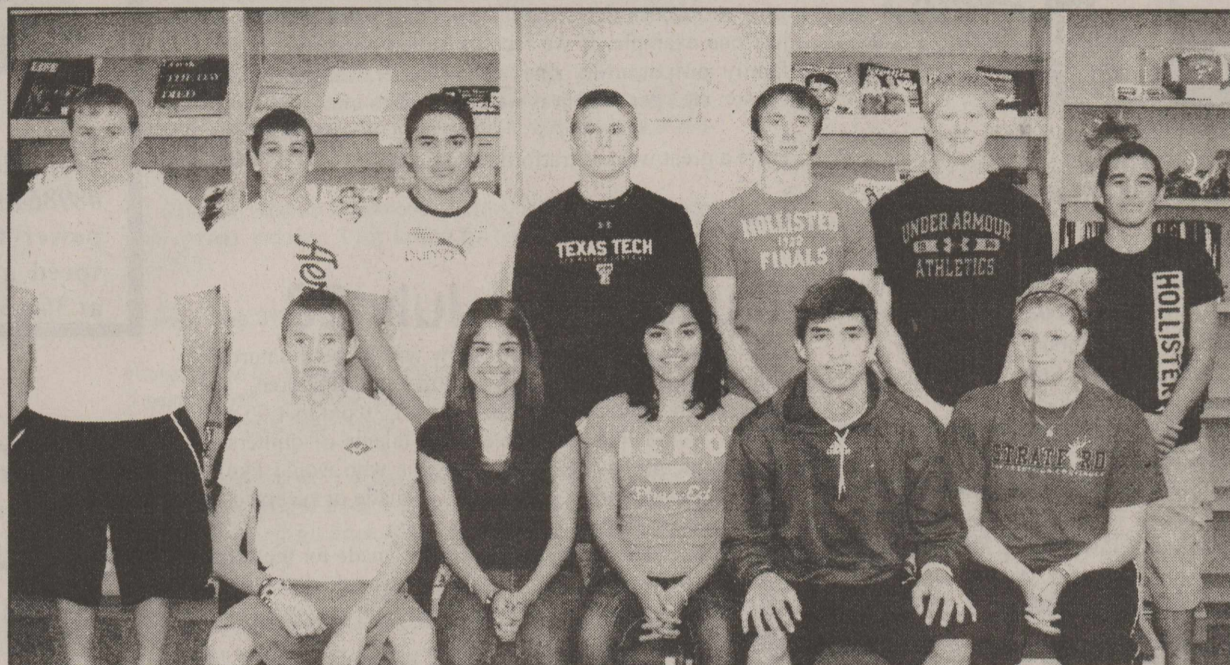
### Texas Sellers

- Sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the back of the title.
- Fill out your section of the mandatory Form 130-U. The buyer needs this to title the vehicle out of your name.
- Take off the license plates and transfer them for free to the new vehicle you buy. (That plate number ties directly to your name.)
- File the Vehicle Transfer Notification online at [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov) to remove your liability for the vehicle in the event the buyer does not transfer the title. You only have 30 days to file the Vehicle Transfer Notification to receive this state-guaranteed removal of liability.

## American Legion Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 62 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2012 at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. All Legionnaires are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a very important meeting as new officers will be selected. If you have any questions about the American Legion, please contact any member or you may contact Bob Marr, Post Commander at 06-827-7415, Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-680-4573.

**Attention Stratford: prom decorations needed: we need clear lights, any greenery. If you want it returned after the prom please put your name and phone number on it and deliver to Crystal Pitti at her house. All junior parents are meeting Tuesday's at 7 p.m. at the high school for decorations**



## Regional Track Qualifiers

Qualifying for the Regional Track Meet on Friday, April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> at South Plains College in Levelland, TX standing L/R: Casey Lantelme, Colten Rendon, Neftali Valenzuela, Kelby Hartman, Rett Schoonover, Justin Mungia, Jiovani Romero and seated L/R: Grayson Gonzalez, Nohemi Ruedas, Jackie Gonzalez, Sterling Audrain and Bethany Everett. Congratulations and Good Luck!

## Upcoming Events

Untied, the adult singles fellowship of the Stratford area will hold their monthly meeting-May 1. The meeting will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be adult health. Bring your own supper.

The group went to Alibates Flint Quarry National Monument on April 14<sup>th</sup>. They also visited the Lake Meredith Wildlife Museum in Fritch. The monthly outing for May is still pending.

Come and join the fun on May 1. For more information, contact Paula Muss (805-753-6489).

## Choo, Choo, Lollipop News

**Save the Date, Come help Lollipop Celebrate**  
Lollipop Junction will be 20 years old this year. To celebrate this occasion the board is hosting a special Street Fair on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. From 10 am to 12 noon, games, entertainment, and food will be offered free to the public at the intersection of Main and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

The Street Fair is Lollipop's way to say "Thank You" to the community for supporting the non-profit child care center and the programs it offers. Look for more information in upcoming editions of the Stratford Star or at [www.stratfordchildcare.com](http://www.stratfordchildcare.com).

Remember to circle the date, May 26<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 12 Noon, and join the celebration!!!!

## CANDIDATES FORUM - MAY 1, 2012

**7 p.m. @ the Sherman County Barn**

*If you have questions for the candidates email them to [sherman@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sherman@ag.tamu.edu) or drop them off at the Extension Office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Questions from the floor will be answered if time allows.*

## Imagine That At The Imagination Station

The Imagination Station program for "Week of the Young Child", April 16- 18-20, hosted 333 pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children plus teachers from Sunray, Dumas, Goodwell, Ok. and Stratford The theme was "Transportation"—feet, bikes, skis, airplane, train, cars.

American Airlines stewardess, Carol Cheshier took the students on an Imagination airplane trip. Students were served Girl Scout cookies for the 100 anniversary of Girl Scouting. Those assisting were Ineta Cheshier and Lisa Moore.

The students had a ride on the Museum train with engineer Jack Gore and Dick Bachman. They also got a quick look at the Fire Rescue and Fire Truck. Monday and Wednesday, Andy and Karen Rife took them on a ride with the horse and wagon.

Each child received a passport with their picture thanks to: Erin Garrod, Heather Braden, Sonja Ragsdale, and Holly Floyd.

Imagination Station Board members maiming the Stations: Terri Teig, Laurie Spurlock, Yvonne Pittman, Jill Killian, Gaynelle Riffe.

Next year "Week of the Young Child" is in the planning for "On the Farm"

## Band Calendar Sales Underway

Members of the Stratford band program have begun their annual Community Birthday Calendar sales. The calendar runs from August 2012 thru July 2013 and includes birthdays and wedding anniversaries of over 1,000 individuals. Also listed is the Stratford School calendar including sporting events, concerts, contests, banquets, school holidays, six-week periods, etc. This can be very helpful to parents with children in school.

Cost of the calendars is \$5.00 for an individual, \$7.00 for a couple (w/anniversary listed), \$10.00 for a family; and \$3.50 for additional calendars. Students will be collecting money when the orders are taken. Calendars will arrive in July and be delivered by the students.

If you wish to purchase a calendar and have not been contacted by a student, please call the Band Hall at 366-3339 or visit our website at <http://www.stratfordisd.net/band/index.html>. Thank you for your continued support of the band program.

**Depot Museum  
Annual Mexican pile on  
Sunday May 6, 2012  
Sherman County Barn  
11:30 to 1:30  
Free Will donation  
Everyone welcome  
Need cakes call 396-2097  
or 366-7679**

## Stratford Youth Baseball needs volunteers!!!!

Stratford Youth Baseball League needs volunteers!! If you are interested, please call Tammy Couch at 806-205-2618.

We are in need of Umpires!! In order to have a successful year we need adults to volunteer their time, knowledge and leadership to our youth. Without your help our kids won't have a season. Last day to accept player's registration is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## FIRE CAUTION!

We are not currently under a BURN BAN, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you use caution with any fire. Please monitor any fires and make sure fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.

**Special  
(Wednesday thru Tuesday)  
2 p.m. till closing  
Happy Hour 2-5 p.m.  
Any size drinks - 85 cents  
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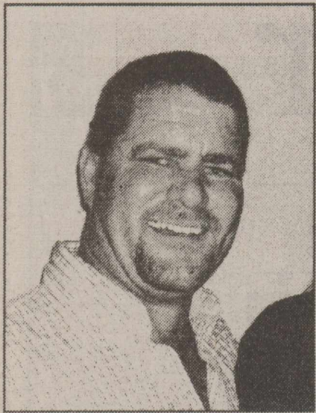
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## El Primo's

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1120 E. Texas Hwy 54



## Obituaries



Aron "Ace" Goule  
Sept. 22, 1969 - April 16, 2012



Aron "Ace" Goule was born in San Antonio, TX to the late Larry Goule and Mary Jo Laughlin and step father the late Jackie Laughlin. He died April 16, 2012 in Ft. Worth, TX. Aron was a resident of Granbury TX for over 15 years and graduated from Tarleton State University and was owner of Ace's Auto in Granbury, TX.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 pm Friday, April 20, 2012 at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel. He is survived by wife, Nicki Goule, Dozer and Simba of Granbury, TX; Step-children, Taylor Ramsey and husband Josh and their daughter Klowie from Alvarado, TX, Beau Burns from Granbury, TX, and Marcus White and wife Allison of Granbury TX; Mother, Mary Laughlin Pontiac MI.; Sister and husband, Lea Ann & Michael Spake; Niece & Nephew, Danika Spake, Kelby Spake, from Auburn Hills MI; Brother, Chandler Goule of Washington DC.; The extended family of Jackie Laughlin of Morgan Mill, TX; Numerous Aunt, Uncles, and Cousins; and a host of lifelong friends.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in memory of Aron Goule to: Jackie Laughlin Endowment Scholarship at Tarleton State University or Boy & Girls Club of Hood County.

Online condolences may be made at [www.stephenvillefh.com](http://www.stephenvillefh.com).

### Story Time@Your Library

The spring session of "Story Time" will begin on Monday, March 19th at the Sherman County Public Library. Mrs. Yvonne Pittman will be in charge of this session and all children are sure to enjoy the stories and activities. "Story Time" will be held on Monday, March 19, April 2, April 23, and April 30. Please call the Sherman County Library at 366-2200 to enroll your child or if you have any questions concerning this matter.

## From the desk of Chief Powell



By now I am sure that some of you have heard about the residential burglary that occurred last we on North Fulton in broad daylight. Guns, checkbooks and other items were taken from the home and damage was done inside the house. YOUR Stratford Police Department worked the crime scene as evidence was processed and fingerprints were lifted. Thanks to the officers and Detective Gabehart a suspect is being held in San Antonio, awaiting extradition back to Sherman County.

Most small agencies are not fortunate enough to have an officer on hand who possesses the investigative skills and training that Detective Gabehart has. Some ask me why we need a detective in this small town and this is just one example. If we recover stolen property for one family or put away one sex offender, burglar, child abuser, etc., per year, it is well worth it to me.

Have a great week, Stratford and be safe!

Chief Joe Powell

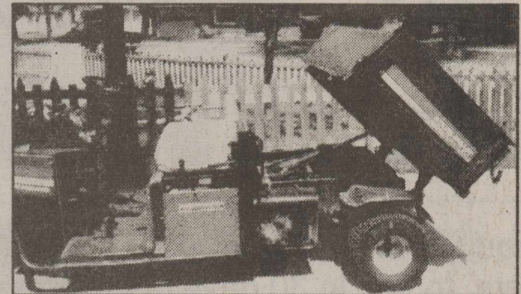
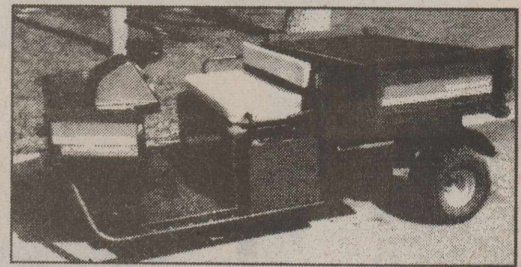
## Quilt Show July 28

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual SCOT Quilt Show will be held Saturday, July 28 in conjunction with Stratford Days Jamboree. The show will be held at SCOT Hall from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. SCOT would like to showcase the talents of quilters in our community at this event. Anyone who would like to display a quilt (either one they have made or received) is encouraged to do so.

So that adequate arrangements can be made for the show, persons interested in exhibiting quilts are asked to contact Susie Spurlock at 396-2864 or email [lockspur@xit.net](mailto:lockspur@xit.net) as soon as possible.

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## For Sale



For Sale: Cushman Truckster 1986 model #898530=8610 three wheeler, working power take off, hydraulic dump bed, two speed axel, tachometer. Call Jack Vincent at 366-5388

A Medical Fund has been set up for Jessica Acosta at the First State Bank of Stratford

## 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 access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

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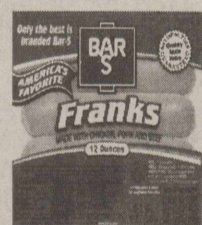
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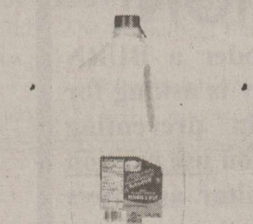
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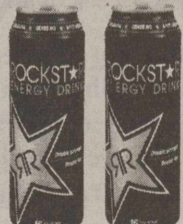
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| Tic Tacs<br>each .....                             | <b>99¢</b>            |
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## Gutierrez honored with Baby Shower

A baby shower was held for Kristian Gutierrez on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Sherman County Barn. Pictured (not in order) Maria Gutierrez, Valerie Salas, Becky Brooks, Tracy Gutierrez, Jessie Valenzuela, Becky Asher, Lori Elam and Charlotte Eudy "Aunt"

### April Prom Special

Order your tux in the month of April with 10% deposit for your chance at winning your tux for free



Drawing will Be May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Great prices starting for complete tux \$70.00  
Hair Creations  
396-2809



## Bell honored with Baby Shower Saturday

Katie & Christopher Bell were honored with a baby shower on Saturday, April 21, 2012 in the home of Valerie Naugle. Shown above left to right are Mandi Haynes, Geneva Bell, Jeanne Bell holding Lindsay Haynes, Katie and Mika Bell. Standing in front are McKenzie and Addison Bell. The couple is expecting a girl in May.

## Stratford Middle School Bands Present Spring Concert Next Thursday May 3

The Stratford 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands will present their annual Spring Concert in the school Gymnasium next Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will begin the concert with three selections. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform next also playing three songs. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will play the two songs they performed in exhibition at the UIL Contest in Canyon and one more selection on their own. Then the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will play the three selections that they performed at the UIL Contest in Canyon. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students played very well at this contest and received some of the highest ratings in their class - Conference C. On stage they received I, I, II ratings and in sight-reading they received I, I, I, ratings. This qualified them for the "Sweepstakes Award" - the highest award given to Junior High Bands by UIL. The combined 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will close the concert with 2 additional songs.

Please support these students with your attendance at the concert. Everyone is invited and there is no cost for admission.

Mr. Coons, Mr. Parham and all the band students want to thank the many parents who supported the band members with their attendance at all band events throughout the year. Also, thanks go to the Stratford ISD Administration team who also were well represented at each and every Band Contest throughout the year.

### Mitchell Theaters

Northridge 8  
Guymon, OK  
[www.northridge8.com](http://www.northridge8.com)  
580-338-3281  
Southgate 6  
Liberal, Kansas  
[www.southgate6.com](http://www.southgate6.com)  
620-624-5573  
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

**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. David Terry  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m.  
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 Jason Stone  
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.

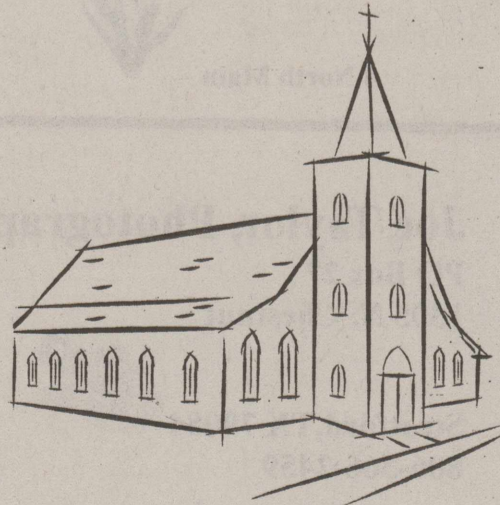
**Church of Christ**  
Brad Beckett  
N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**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

**La Mision Bautista**  
Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo (Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio  
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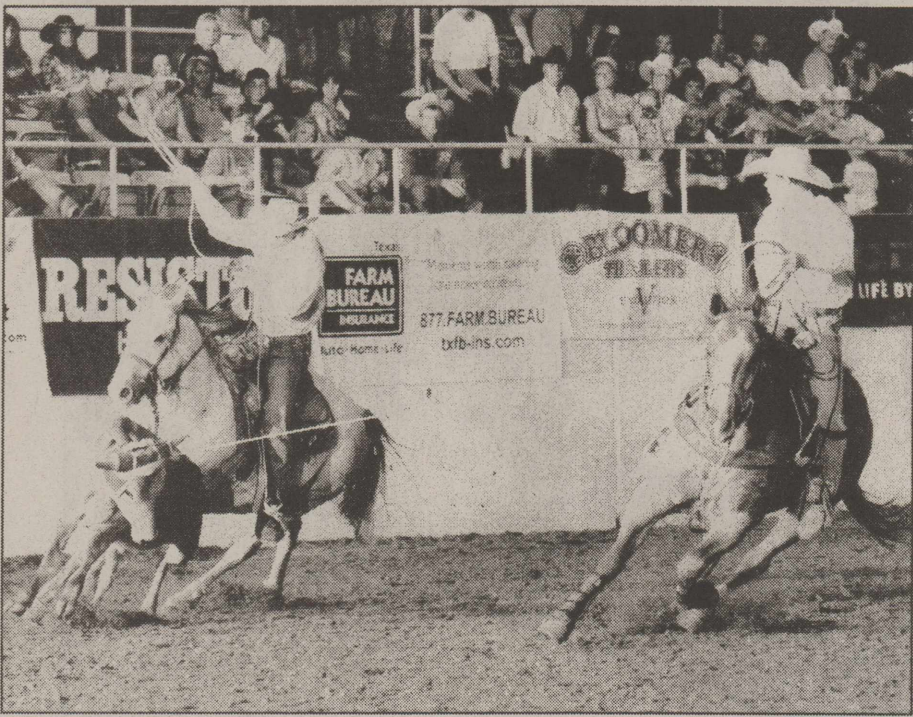
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**Burr Headed to State High School Rodeo Finals**

Preston Burr (shown at left) has qualified for Tri-State Rodeo Finals in Vernon, TX May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> in bareback riding. He will also represent Region 1 at the Texas High School Rodeo State Finals in Abilene, TX June 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Preston will be competing against the top 10 cowboys from the other 9 regions in Texas. He is a member of the Gruver Rodeo Club where he served as Vice President. Preston attends Stratford High School and is the son of Ed and Christy Burr. Good Luck Preston!!



**Team Ropers Headed to State Rodeo Finals**

Will Gaillard of Texhoma and Preston Burr of Stratford have qualified for Tri-State Rodeo Finals in Vernon, TX May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Will and Preston will also represent Region 1 at the Texas High School Rodeo State Finals in Abilene, TX in June. Will is the son of Steve and Regina Gaillard of Texhoma and Preston is the son of Ed & Christy Burr. Good Luck!!!!!!

**First State Bank's Retirement Reception Honoring Sherry Phelps**  
Friday, April 27th, 2012 1-3 p.m.



After marrying the man of her dreams, Dennis Phelps, and having her first child, Jan, Sherry Phelps decided to start what would become a very successful banking career. Sherry began her banking career with First State Bank on August 20, 1973. Her first position was in the bookkeeping department. After taking off a little time to have her second child, Nick, she was moved over to act as the bank Receptionist and Assistant Loan Teller in 1976. She became Harold Oquin's secretary in 1978 and was also promoted to Assistant Cashier. In the years to come, Sherry took over as the New Accounts/CD/Ira's Representative and was promoted to the position of Vice President. Much to Sherry's surprise BA Donelson appointed her to be First State Bank's first Bank Secrecy Officer and she has held that title ever since. The latest role Sherry added to her responsibilities was in 2008 when George Odom appointed her as the Deposit Compliance Officer. Almost 39 years later she has decided to retire from her very long and successful banking career but the legacy she leaves behind for the many customers she has served and the employees she has worked with will be remembered for years to come.

*Please come and help us celebrate this special occasion with Sherry as she closes the door on a wonderful banking career and opens another one filled with all the joys that retirement will hold for her and her family.*

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Thanks-Marty

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**Vincent Insurance Agency**

Sabrina Melton  
PO Box 739 Office: 806-396-2456  
Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512  
Email: vincins@xit.net

**Great Lengths Salon**



Walk-ins always welcomed

Melissa White  
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**Stratford Auto Electric**

119 S. Wall, Stratford, TX 79084  
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Roy McAlister

**A & I Parts Center**

Automotive and Industrial Parts  
201 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street-Stratford, TX 79084  
Tel: (806) 366-5592  
\*Toll-free 800-624-5494  
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Shown at above left the 21 gun salute, and above the "Widow" dressed in 'widow's weeds' accompanied by the Confederate enactors as she laid a rose at each of the 8 Confederate and 2 Federal graves.

## Celebrating Confederate History

The Sherman County Historical Commission with Rocky Sprott, Chaplin of the Plemons Shelby Camp 464 Amarillo, Texas, Sons of Confederate Veterans celebrated confederate History Month with the Stratford Community, Saturday, April 21.

Most of the counties west of the 100th longitude in Texas were organized after 1876, more than 10 years after the Civil War, and largely by ex-Confederate soldiers seeking a new start for their families. They were a great pioneer generation which laid the foundations of government, industry and agriculture upon which the prosperity of subsequent generations was built.

Those contributing to the service were: Sherman County Sheriff's Department, Stratford City Maintenance Department, Sherman Co. Historical Commission, The High Plains Brigade of the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and 26th Texas Cavalry Dismounted CSA. Stratford volunteers were John Hussman, Johnny Pulliam, Richard Ragsdale, and Michael Hipp.

The program began with the posting of the colors, an invocation by David Terry, pastor of First Methodist Church and a greeting by Sherman Co Historical Commission chairman, Gaynelle Riffe. The Confederate History and Heritage Month, Texas Senate Resolution No. 526 was read and Rocky Sprott gave a history of the 8 Confederate veterans buried in the Stratford Cemetery as well as acknowledging the 2 Federal veterans. A 21 gun salute was fired for the Confederates and the Sheriff's Dept. fired a 21 gun salute for the Federals.

The program finished with singing "Dixie", a benediction, "God Bless America". A widow dressed in "widow's weeds" accompanied by the Confederate enactors laid a rose at each of the 8 Confederate and 2 Federal graves.



Study Club met on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church. Gaynelle Riffe was our International Program of the year. She talked about her recent travels up the Canadian coast, and to Greenland, Iceland and Scotland. She told us fascinating stories about the places she visited and the things she saw (such as the icebergs). She also shared the agriculture backgrounds of each place. Shown in the picture are Gaynelle and Linda Swain, Program Chairman.

## From the Bird's Nest-April, 2012 By Jerry Birdsong-Superintendent

Hang on – the mad dash to the finish line is here. It has been an unbelievable year. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. Graduation is just around the corner.

April is full of competition and testing. As we turn to May, we begin our celebrations with banquets, honor assemblies and graduation. We have a lot to be proud of at Stratford school and none of it is possible without a supportive community.

While our district is financially sound, the board of trustees and the administration has been looking into the future – looking to ensure the quality of services that the district provides will continue. As we look down the road, the future of school financing is murky at best. It is a difficult task to explain school financing in sound bites when the school funding formulas are complicated. Recent legislative actions have reduced Stratford ISD revenues \$350,245 for the current school year and \$525,143 for next year. We are not necessarily looking to provide more, but to maintain our current level of services. This year we are operating with a deficit budget and we will have a deficit budget again next year.

The two areas that we have been studying are the personal property taxes and a tax ratification election (TRE). By eliminating the personal property tax and having a successful voter-approved TRE, the district can realize \$375,000 of more revenue while giving overall tax relief to a large majority of taxpayers.

I encourage you to pull out your property tax bills out for 2011. Look at only the Stratford ISD levy and see what an additional 13 cents per \$100 would cost you. Then subtract the amount of personal property tax paid. Most taxpayers will pay less, while the school will replace some funding that the legislature cut. We will dig a little deeper on the how and why we are where we are in upcoming Bird's Nest – I just want to get the conversation started as we look for the best ways to maximize our tax revenues and provide first-class education services at Stratford ISD. When you have questions, please come by a see me – these types of decisions affect all of us.

Two weeks ago, Stephanie and I had the honor to represent the district at a Great Plains Ag Credit annual meeting in Amarillo. As a community service project, the organization has created a partnership with other entities to provide Automated External Defibrillators to first responders and public schools. Stratford ISD received an AED at the meeting. It is my hope that we never use it, but it is comforting to know we have one more readily available if necessary. If you are involved with Great Plains or know someone who is, please let them how much you appreciate their gift to our school.

This week we have transformed ourselves from an educational organization into a testing organization. We will nearly need to use every letter in the alphabet to describe next week - TAKS/STAAR/EOC. I am satisfied that our staff and students have done everything possible in preparation for the test and the results will take care of themselves. It is unbelievable to me the number of assessments that the state requires for our students to take. It really takes time from instruction.

This time of also brings about staff changes. We have several that have chosen to live the district due to retirement or other opportunities. The principals and I are working diligently to replace several key positions. We have had some outstanding applicants to choose from – but there probably won't be enough opening to hire all of them. I am proud of our staff - we have some tremendous people working with our students. Although we are always seeking ways to get better in our classrooms, our staff is full of competent, capable professionals.

Many of younger students took advantage of a program at the Imagination Station recently. The theme of the display and activity concerned transportation. The volunteers that participate in the Imagination Station activities do a tremendous job.

Congratulations to the Junior High Band for its outstanding performance at the UIL Concert competition last week at Canyon High School. The band received 1's in concert and sight-reading. Great job from our young musicians and directors.

The band also took advantage of the Stratford ISD Education Foundation grant and attended the "Shrek" performance at the Amarillo Civic Center following the contest. Thanks to the Foundation for its generosity.

The young Elks and Lady Elks had a dominant performance at the District Zone Track Meet two weeks ago in Sunray. Our student-athletes won three of the four division and we had many district champions crowned. Great job!

The One-Act Play performed at the Regional competition in Levelland last weekend for the first time since the 1980s. With 81 schools in our region, our kids finished alternate (third in regionals) for the state competition – just a whisker from Austin. Our cast, crew and directors managed to overcome adversity and have made us proud.

The OAP performance capped off a stellar performance from our fine art programs this year. The Big Blue Band gained sweepstakes this year and art classes are constantly producing high quality projects.

Stratford will be represented at the State UIL meet in academics. We qualified one journalism student for the Austin competition that will take place in May. Congratulations and good luck.

We will wind up our regional competition this weekend in Levelland. Stratford has a number of student-athletes that will compete in track and field. At stake will be a trip to Austin also in May.

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. This is possible because of the excellent staff, along with the great support of the community. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.



Prospectus Study Club recently gave two books to the library. These books were in honor of recent speakers we had at our meetings. The first book was titled "As a Farmwoman Thinks" and was given in honor of Millie Hacker and Sisty Vincent for doing our Texas Heritage Program. The second book was in honor of Dr. Paul Uttley for giving our Education Program. It is titled "Never Work Harder Than Your Students". Both of these books are available at the Sherman County Library. Shown with the donated books are Margaret Reed, Michelle Lutes and Linda Swain.

## "Pigeon Fever" in Horses Update

By Brad Easterling

Contrary to what the name might imply, pigeons have nothing to do with transmission of the equine disease known as "pigeon fever", which is also called Dryland Distemper. "Pigeon Fever" causes abscesses and swelling in the horse's pectoral region (breast muscles) causing a "pigeon-like" appearance, and is caused by the bacteria *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*. Pigeon fever is most common in dry areas of the Western United States, but cases diagnosed in other parts of the country may be on the increase.

Cases of pigeon fever tend to be seen more in summer and fall but can happen anytime of the year. While the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) regulates a number of equine and livestock diseases, the TAHC has no specific authority to regulate pigeon fever and therefore does not require vets to report cases. However, the TAHC has noted an upswing in calls and questions about this disease. The Texas Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory obtained over 350 positive cultures for *C. pseudotuberculosis* in 2011 compared with less than 100 cases each year from 2005-2010. The Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at Texas A&M diagnosed more than 4 times as many cases in 2011 compared with 2010. A number of factors could be at play, including the recent severe drought, as well as fly activity.

Horses affected by pigeon fever can show a variety of signs including fever, weight loss, swelling of the breast muscles or ventral abdomen (belly), and other areas of the body. Abscesses caused by the disease are usually external, and so the swelling is visible. Less commonly, the abscesses form inside the horse's body where they are more difficult to detect. Treatment of horses with internal abscesses can be difficult, with major complications possible. Prompt veterinary care greatly increases treatment success and reduces complications in any case of pigeon fever.

It is important to realize the bacteria can live for extended periods of time in dry soil. Research shows that flies carry the disease and are crucial to transmission, so good fly control is a must. Basic sanitation is also critical - affected horses should be isolated, and abscess drainage (pus) should be disposed of properly. The draining material contains large amounts of the bacteria and contaminates the area around the horse, potentially spreading the disease. It is also important to promptly treat any wounds that could become contaminated by flies or dirt.

Because of this infectious disease and many others that can affect your horse, the TAHC encourages you to call your veterinarian at the first sign of any illness or injury.

Additionally, if you organize an equine event, pigeon fever is one of many infectious diseases for which planning is encouraged. The California Department of Agriculture recently released a helpful Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events. They include tips to prevent the spread of abscess diseases like pigeon fever and strangles, as well as a wide variety of other infectious diseases. The toolkit is available online at [http://www.cdafa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\\_health/pdfs/Biosecurity\\_Toolkit\\_Part\\_2.pdf](http://www.cdafa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/pdfs/Biosecurity_Toolkit_Part_2.pdf) The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) also has information about pigeon fever available at [http://www.aaep.org/health\\_articles\\_view.php?id=358](http://www.aaep.org/health_articles_view.php?id=358)

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