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5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert Thursday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. **High School Gymnasium** 







8th grade Band members display the "Sweepstakes" plaque won at UIL Region 1 **Concert Band Competition** 

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#### Stratford Ex-Students Planning Reunion July 27-28, 2012

**By Gaynelle Riffe** 

It is time to mail out the Reunion/Jamboree Schedules. The following classes should have their corrected mailing list and their plans made for the class reunions: 1962, 1982, 1992 have made their plans. Classes 1972 and 2002 Plans at this time are as follows: Friday 7:00 p.m. Hamburgers at the Sherman County Exhibit Building; Saturday, July 28: 9:00 A.M. Old Timers Program at The Imagination Station; 11:00 A.M. Parade; 11:30 Lions Barbeque at Pendleton Park,

Old Timers (over 55) served at the Sherman County Exhibit Building; 12:30 P.M.?? Kids Games at the park; 1:30-4:30 Quilt Show at SCOT Hall; Visit Depot Museum;

6:00 P.M. Stratford Education Foundation, Ex-Student

program at The Imagination Station.

7:00 P.M. Sherman Co Economic Development Block Party/Food booths 9:00 Main Street Dance.

# To all citizens of Stratford:

In an effort to cut the cost of recycling and the transfer of trash at the waste transfer/roll-off station, the City will set new hours. Starting June 1, 2012 the Recycle Center and transfer/roll-off station will only be open to the public during the hours listed below.

We recognize that recycling is a major concern for the public and we wish to acknowledge all those that do their part in the City's recycling efforts. However, reality is that keeping the facility open 40 hours per week is not cost

Therefore, in an effort to keep our facility operating and to maintain our green goals, we have determined that fewer hours is the best way to solve this issue at this time. We encourage all citizens to continue the great job you are doing in recycling and hope this change is not too much of an inconvenience.

Recycling containers will be available near the entrance of the Recycle Center for 24 hour drop-off of recyclable materials only. In an effort to keep the area clean, do not unload transfer/roll-off station waste in these containers.

The hours of operation to have access to the transfer/roll-off station are necessary to make sure that all waste brought to the station meet with disposal regulations.

RECYCLE AND TRANSFER/ROLL-OFF **STATION HOURS** 

Monday thru Friday: 11 am to 12 noon and 4pm to

Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm Sunday: Closed

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Tommy R. Bogart City Administrator 806-366-5581

#### Caravan Sales for the Blind

Stratford Lions Club will have their annual Broom & Mop Sale at the First State Bank on Friday, May 11, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m. Fully Guaranteed. Quality Blind-Made Products help the Blind help themselves and Help our Club and Help Our City. Also many other items, Quality Cleaning Aids for Home, Business, or Industry.

# **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 or visit our website http://www.stratfordisd.net/band/index.html. Thank you for your continued support of the band program.

#### FIRE CAUTION!

We are <u>not</u> 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.

> **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

#### **USDA** Crop Certification **Deadline for Sherman** County is May 15, 2012

(Stratford, TX), April 25, 2012 - Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill, reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for spring- seeded crops is May

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Sherman County ESA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the May 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Hemphill.

Producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster of as soon as the loss is apparent.

Producers with interest in multiple counties should check the crop certification deadline for each county because there are three deadlines statewide.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211.

#### 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>.

### Special

(Wednesday thru Tuesday) 2 p.m. till closing Happy Hour 2-5 p.m. Any size drinks - 85 cents "Something special coming soon"

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# THE OL' BIDDY IS COMING TO STRATFORD!!

Keep watching the Star for more details!

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#### Choo, Choo, Lollipop News Lollipop will be 20 years old!!!

Lollipop Junction will be 20 years old this year and the Board is planning a Street Fair to celebrate Saturday, May

Lollipop Junction is a non-profit child care center funded through private, public, and parental support. The center is licensed through federal and state regulations and provides quality, dependable and affordable child care for minor

How important is Lollipop Junction to our community? Forty-four children are enrolled at the child care center and an average of 29 children are provided daily care so their parents may be gainfully employed. This number of children represents 39 families who utilize Lollipop's services. Employers such as Stratford Independent School District, area feedyards, state, county, and city government, Stratford Grain, and Stratford Hospital District are just a few of the businesses whose employees depend upon

Lollipop Junction employees five full time and 3 part time individuals in providing a safe environment that nurtures positive mental and physical development for children. The center has an annual payroll of \$118,500 which is 77% of the annual budget. The employee's earnings "roll" through the local economy by purchases of other consumer goods and services creating an economic impact of \$188,400.

Lollipop Junction operates on an annual budget of \$156,000. Parental support accounts for 76% of the budget with other funds coming from private donations, federal and state nutrition programs, and fundraisers conducted by the board of directors. The center is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) 3 non-profit, so charitable gifts are tax deductible. In addition, the center accepts donations of canned foods and volunteer time assisting with tasks associated with the upkeep of the facility. For more information on how individuals can contribute to Lollipop Junction, please contact Brio Beckett at 366-5886.

Just as fast as children grow up, Lollipop Junction has grown up, too!! So remember to circle the date, May 26th 10 am to 12 Noon, 3rd and Main Street, Stratford to join Lollipop's 20<sup>th</sup> celebration!!!!!



#### Red Hatters To Meet May 3rd

Red Hatters will meet Thursday, May 3, 2012 at First United Methodist Church at 6

# **Volunteers** Needed

Stratford Youth Baseball League needs volunteers. If you are interested, please call Tammy Couch 806-305-2618. We are in need of coaches. coaches, coaches!!! 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 team!



When you are through changing, you are through. -Bruce Barton

# From the desk of Chief Powell

Our sign-up night for the Public Safety Explorer Program was a big success. We want to thank each one of you who came to the Police Department last week to sign up your children for this amazing new program being hosted by YOUR Police Department. I want to send out another Thank You to our local EMS, Sheriff's Office, and Fire Department for jumping on board with this also. I believe this will be a great program for our children. They will be able to work with each of the local emergency services and have an opportunity to see what we do and how we serve our community. From here forward, there is open-enrollment. Please visit the Police Department for an application. Children ages 14 and up are invited to sign up. The program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America but it is not necessary to be a scout to participate. This is a co-ed program so both males and females can join us. Have a great week, Stratford!!

A Medical Fund has been set up for

Jessica Acosta at the First State Bank

of Stratford

Chief Joe Powell

Imagine That at The Imagination Station

The Imagination Station hosted a "Ports of Call" dinner Friday, April 27. There was quality participation for the event in "Hawaii, China, Italy and France". (The desserts from France were outstanding) The quantity was a little disappointing but those who attended and those who bought tickets were very much appreciated.

The next event Saturday, June 9, 9:00 to 1:00 will be the "Minnow of a Sale". The minnow might turn into a Whale as there are 3 hide-a- beds, 2 recliners, one chair and ottoman, lamps, tables, Carpet, bathroom sink, and treasurers. All items not sold will be sent to other not for profits. (This fundraiser helps keep the lights on) A Science Week for 4th 815th grades will be held June 11-14. Watch for registration coming soon.

Drama Camp will be held July 9-12 (new stage! And hopefully a sound

July 28 Jamboree Old Timers; Parade; Education Foundation Program; Block Party.

**Old West** Heritage Rendezvous May 4 & 5

Ed Benz 806-274-3239

Kwahadi Kiva Museum 9150 1-40 East, Amarillo is the site for Old West Reenactors, Kwahadi Dancers, Tipi Village, Cavalry Camp for an Old West Heritage Rendezvous. For more information, contact

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

## Sign-Up and Re-Enrollment deadline Extended for CRP General Sign-Up 43

WASHINGTON, April 4, 2012 -U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson today announced that the sign-up deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been extended to April 13,

"Due to strong interest in CRP, the decision was made to extend CRP sign-up 43 for an additional week. I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in CRP," said Nelson. "Whether new enrollees or re-enrolling existing CRP contracts, producers who sign up for CRP help to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources.'

After the CRP general sign-up ends on April 13, FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index (FBI). The FBI takes into consideration variables such as wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction, air quality protection and other enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1,

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

#### **American Legion Schedules Meeting**

decorations

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly Meeting on Thursday, May 3 2012 at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. 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 806-827-7415, Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-680-4573.

### Stratford Babe Ruth Baseball

Now taking registration for players ages

13, 14 and 15 years old

Registration forms can be picked up at Junior High, High School, or from Daniel Hernandez or Tammy Couch

> Deadline for Registration is April 30<sup>th</sup>

Season Plays on Saturdays from May 5th to June 9th in Dalhart. For more information call **Tammy Couch-205-2618** 

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Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof. -John Kenneth Galbraith

The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the

-William Blake

## Attention to all subscribers!! Rate changed

The Stratford Star is no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 Thanks-Marty

# Stratford Hospital District

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 acc

## **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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AFTERNOON "REBOOT"
TRAIL MIX WITH
CALIFORNIA RAISINS
2 cups cocoa roasted almonds
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup natural California Raisins
1 cup pistachio kernels
1/2 cup golden California Raisins
1/2 cup cashews

Place almonds and cinnamonin large bowl; toss well to coat. Add remaining ingredients and toss again. Store in an airtight container. This recipe may also be prepared with 2 cups of cinnamon almonds tossed with 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder. Shake off excess cocoa in a colander before mixing with other ingredients.

# Sherman County 4-Hers Compete at District Fashion Show

Two local youth competed on Saturday, April 21st at Amarillo in the District 4-H Fashion Show with four more competing in the Storyboard Competition. Overall they represented Sherman County very well with Abby Ely placing first in the Construction Dressy Category and Bryce Killian placing fourth in the Construction Specialty Category. For the first time we also had youth competing in the Fashion Storyboard Competition, which is very similar to a scrapbook placed on a single board to describe an outfit, accessory, pet clothing, or non-wearable item. Mary Ann Spurlock placed first in the Wearable Category and Bryce Killian was fourth. Abby Ely was the winner of the Accessory Category and Russell Spurlock was the winner of the Non-Wearable Category. Mary Ann's Storyboard is eligible to compete at the State Competition at State 4-H Round Up in Lubbock in June. Congratulations to these 4-Hers for all of their hard work.

The Education Foundation received some really great thankyou letters from the 5<sup>th</sup> graders for the Kindle readers they received this year. Heather Braden wanted to share some of the letters with our readers: Thanks Heather!

Dear Education Foundation,

Thank you for the kindle. I enjoyed it; it was the coolest thing ever. The story I really liked best is Storm Breaker. It was the coolest thing I ever read off of. Education Foundation, thank you so very much!

Sincerely,
Junior Rosales

Dear Education Foundation,

Thank you for our kindles. It is so much better than a book. My favorite book that I read was Star Girl. It was an interesting book about a girl who was new in town. I also can't wait until we get the other kindles.

Sincerely,

Natalia Reta

Dear Education Foundation,

Thank you for the kindles so much. I loved to take it home and show it to my mom. My favorite book was Star Girl. I enjoyed it a lot. I liked changing the font size. Once again, thank you so much. My classmates and I loved it.

Sincerely, Eimy Mendoza

Dear Education Foundation,

Thank you for the money for the kindles. I really liked the kindle.

The reason why I like the kindle is because you can change the font size. The other thing is it is better than a book because you don't have to turn pages and you can use the dictionary when you are reading. Sincerely,

Damian Maldonado

Dear Education Foundation,

Thank you for the kindle. They are a lot of fun! It makes books easier to read, especially when you can change the font size and use the dictionary. My favorite book was The Name of this Book is a Secret. I think everyone enjoyed using it!

Sincerely,
Carlos Gonzalez



Swoosh Basketball team wins Hoop 10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Division in Amarillo recently. Back L to R: Macy LeGrange (Guymon), Jordan Pritchard (Guymon), Shaylee Audrain, Coach Jessica Audrain. Front L to R; Kenlee McBryde, Marlie Kelp (Spearman), Reaghan Audrain, Cambri Cummings.



The Roman emperor Augustus, it is said, was so afraid of thunder, he would hide in a closet whenever a thunderstorm came up.

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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
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. 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
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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



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Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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Community Building
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
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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

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. "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 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.
- Go to your local county tax office within 30 days to title the vehicle in your name.

#### **A Creative Way To Help**

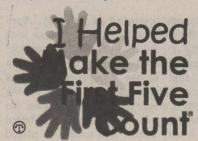
(NAPS)—If you enjoy crafting, there's a fun way to help kids with autism and other disabilities.

For three years, A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts, Inc. has teamed up with Easter Seals to raise awareness and funds for kids with autism and other disabilities.

There are a couple of things you can do. Customers at any A.C. Moore store can donate \$1 to Easter Seals at checkout or they can purchase a T-shirt and decorate it for free at a special crafting event. And you can always say thank you for supporting Easter Seals when you shop at A.C. Moore year-round.

Your creativity will help support Easter Seals and its Make the First Five Count initiative, which raises awareness and funds for young children with autism and other disabilities. Funds raised support Easer Seals and autism services in the same communities the stores are based in, giving thousands of children and adults with autism access to critical services.

There's no known cause or single effective treatment, but people with autism at any age can make significant progress and lead meaningful lives. Getting the right support at the earliest stage in life can help a child gain the skills he or she needs to be successful. Detecting developmental



By decorating a T-shirt, you can help make the first five years of life count for kids with autism.

delays like autism during the first five years of a child's life can really make a difference.

Today, one in 88 children is diagnosed with autism and there's an increasing need for funding, services and support. A new case of autism is diagnosed every 20

"We know that through early detection and individualized intervention, children with autism and other disabilities make significant progress," explains Dr. Patricia Wright, MPH, Ph.D., national director autism services, Easter

A. C. Moore's crafts bring families together for fun through creativity. And A.C. Moore knows how important it is to give all kids the best start in life. For more information, visit www.MaketheFirstFive



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Without accepting the fact that everything changes, we cannot find perfect composure. But unfortunately, although it is true, it is difficult for us to accept it. Because we cannot accept the truth of transience, we suffer. —Shunryu Suzuki

- 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 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.



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When Buying A Booster Seat, Check With The Experts

(NAPS)-Before you shop for a booster seat, there's one thing you ought to know: Not all booster seats on the market will provide the right fit for the car you drive.

Using a booster seat is important. With a booster seat, children ages 4 to 8 are 45 percent less likely to sustain injuries in crashes than when they're in belts

Fortunately, your efforts to choose the right seat can get a boost from some expert guidance. Following the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety ratings can make it easier to select boosters.

Unlike child restraints with built-in harnesses, a booster seat relies on a vehicle safety belt to buckle the child in. Its purpose is to make the adult belt fit the child

Safety belts are designed with adults in mind, not kids, but when a booster seat does its job, the vehicle belt will fit a child correctly. That means the lap belt will lie flat across a child's upper thighs, not across the soft ab domen, and the shoulder belt will cross snugly over the middle of a child's shoulder.

The Institute assigns tested seats into four categories:

Best Bets are seats that provide good fit for typical 4- to 8year-olds in almost any car, minivan or SUV.

Good Bets provide acceptable fit in most cars, minivans or

Not Recommended don't provide a good fit and should be

Check Fit applies to booster seats that have varied results depending on child size and vehicle model



Unlike child restraints with builtin harnesses, a booster seat relies on a vehicle safety belt to buckle the child in.

**Checking Booster Fit** Both the lap and shoulder belts

must fit your child correctly. To check the lap belt fit, make sure it lies flat and on top of the thighs, not higher up on the abdomen.

To check the shoulder belt fit, make sure it fits across the middle of the child's shoulder. If it falls off the shoulder or rests on your child's neck, it won't work as well An improper fit could encourage your child to move the belt to a dangerous position, such as be-

hind the back or under the arm. The Institute assesses boosters using a special crash test dummy representing an average-sized 6year-old. Engineers measure how three-point lap and shoulder belts fit in each of the tested boosters under conditions that span the range of safety belt configurations in vehicle models.

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May 17, 2012. Contact Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 for

more information. Bids can be mailed to Hope Appel,

Superintendent, Texhoma ISD, PO Box 709, Texhoma,

OK 73949. Hand delivery will be accepted until

Thursday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. to Texhoma Elementary,

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Fourth and Denver, Texhoma, Texas.

and Thursday, May 3, 2012

All Nursing Homes Are Required, by Law, to Have a Non-Discrimination Policy At Coldwater Manor, We Live and Love It.

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#### **Notice of Public Hearing**

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received applications for zoning variances from:

\*Pedro Hernandez 617 N. Poplar Lots 7 & 8 Block 20

\*Cary Smith 419 N. Fulton Lots 11, 12, & North 17ft of lot 13 Block 45

\*Karl Punch 1313 Division South 4ft of Lot 2 and North 42ft of Lot 3 Block 3 Unit 1 Elk Subdivision.

\*Gary Graham 406 S. Pearl Lots 16, 17, & South 'A of Lot 18 Block 123

Please be advised that the City of Stratford has received an application for a zoning change from: Lorenzo Fierro Lots 1-10 Block 72

The zoning change request public hearing will be conducted on May 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3rd.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 3, 2012, Thursday, May 10, 2012 and Thursday, May 17, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Stratford Hospital District will be holding a public informational meeting regarding the potential purchase of a new ambulance for the Stratford Emergency Medical Service. The informational meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 8:00am in the board room at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. This meeting is open to public attendance and comment. Published in The Stratford Star Thursday, May 3, 2012.

#### Pets

(NU) - Periodontal disease, the leading health condition affecting threefourths of dogs and cats age three and up, is often the result of pet owners not regularly providing at-home oral care and veterinary assessments.

Plaque on pets' teeth forms as bacteria and food particles coat teeth and develop a biofilm. If not removed, plaque irritates the gum line and may cause gingivitis and tartar build-up. With more accumulation, gingivitis may progress to periodontal disease. Diseased gums can act as a bacterial superhighway into the circulatory system of the pet and may adversely affect viThe man who looks for security, even in the mind, is like a man who would chop off his limbs in order to have artificial ones which will give him no pain or trouble. -Henry Miller



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# Stratford 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> **Grade Band Students** Attend "Shrek- The Musical"

On Wednesday, April 18, following a busy day of classes, band performances, and band competition the Stratford 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands were treated to a performance of "Shrek The Musical" at the Amarillo Civic Center. This opportunity was made possible by a grant received from the Stratford ISD Education Foundation.

Before attending the show, both bands attended their morning classes at school, then performed their contest music at the UIL Concert Contest held at Canyon High School. The grade performed in place of their usual contest held at Highland Park and the 8th grade performed in UIL competition receiving very high marks (see related story). Following a wonderful supper at the West Texas A & M cafeteria (complete with ice cream and favorite toppings) the band traveled to Amarillo for the Broadway show.

Some of the highlights of the show for the students were the Pied Piper with his dancing rats; the Prince who performed the entire show on his knees (he had fake legs secured to the top of his thighs creating some very humorous action); the singing, flying Dragon; the dancing dolls; and even a cow jumping over the moon! Musically, "I'm a Believer" was a favorite song, along with the amazing voice of the actress performing the young Princess Fiona role. Following the show, students moved to the front of the auditorium to look at the orchestra pit. There they saw how and where the nine musicians were set up, complete with microphones, headphones, and many electronic devices. The musicians performed on two keyboards, guitar, violin, trumpet, French horn, trombone, drums, piccolo, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, and baritone

Following a busy, eventful, educational, and fun-filled day the students returned to

Thanks go to Mr. Seward for driving a bus and the parents who acted as sponsors for the trip. And a special "Thank You" goes to the Stratford ISD Education Foundation for making possible the experience of attending "Shrek-The Musical".

#### Stratford 8th Grade Band Receives "Sweepstakes" Award at UIL Region 1 Concert Band Contest

On Wednesday, April 18, the Stratford 8th Grade Band traveled to Canyon High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sight-reading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces in the Concert portion of the contest receiving an overall Division I (Superior) Rating from the three judges. Some comments from the judges were "Many fine players and good work going for you", "Congrats on a great performance today. I enjoyed it", and "Nice job of preparing notes and rhythms band — very impressive". The band then sight-read a piece of music they had never seen before and all three judges gave them a Division I rating. Comments from the Sight-reading judges were "Good focus by students during the explanation period", "Nice style throughout. Tuning and balance very good. Good dynamics and phrasing", "Congrats- I enjoyed your performance", "Very good rhythmic precision. Great attention to details", "You should be very proud of your outstanding performance. Congrats to all!", and "Overall great band sound and great players! An excellent job of reading this piece."

Of the 13 Conference C Junior High bands performing at the UIL Contest only 4 bands received a Division I rating in Concert competition. In addition to Stratford, those bands were Clarendon, Panhandle, and Bushland . Junior High bands that receive a Division I rating in both Concert and Sight-reading competition are award the "Sweepstakes Award". This is the highest award presented to Junior High bands by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). There were only 4 of the 18 total bands playing on Wednesday that received this award. In addition to Stratford Jr. High School, Borger Middle School, Bushland Jr. High, and Panhandle Jr. High received the Sweepstakes

Please congratulate all students for their hard work and great effort in representing Stratford so well at the contest. Also, thanks go to our school administrators (Mr. Birdsong and Mr. Seward), and the parents for supporting the band with their attendance

Please support the band students in the upcoming Community Birthday calendar Fundraiser and also attend their Spring Concert to be held Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym. The band will also perform with the High School Band on Thursday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

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Some companies actively seek to recruit Gen Xers. For example, Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (Guardian) has found Gen Xers a good fit with its entrepreneurial Rusiness model of independent sales. For more information, visit www.GuardianLife.com.

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The Administration on Aging, in cooperation with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, AARP Foundation and the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, is developing a National Resource Center for Engaging Volunteers in the Aging Network to serve as an aide to organizations interested in engaging older volunteers. For more information, call (800) 677-1116 or visit www.agingnetworkvolunteers.org.



7th and 8th Grade Band members take time to pose for a picture in front of the Amarillo Civic Center before entering to watch "Shrek-The Musical"

#### Turfgrass care booklet available for Texas Panhandle

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - About 2 million acres in the state of Texas are planted to turfgrass. With the increasing water shortages, it is important that homeowners learn to manage this valuable resource and avoid severe restrictions in the future, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

A handbook titled "Turfgrass Management for the Texas Panhandle" is now available to help homeowners grow beautiful, but water-smart, landscapes. The publication was put together by the AgriLife Extension specialists in Amarillo.

Homeowners can find information in it covering grass types, establishment, lawn care, weed control, insects and diseases.

"Homeowners need to learn to apply only the necessary water, as well as nutrients and pesticides, to their lawn," said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist and coauthor of the book. "Continued water issues could lead to severe restrictions in available water for lawns in the future.'

Turfgrass should be watered just prior to visible signs of water stress. The information includes the best times to water, how to determine how much water to apply and when to turn the sprinklers off, Bean said.

"Experience and observations have shown that most homeowners over-water their landscapes," he said. "It is estimated that as much as 20 percent to 25 percent of municipal water in the spring and fall and up to 60 percent in the summer is being used for irrigation of home landscapes."

Factors to consider when establishing a watering or irrigation plan are: turfgrass species, soil type, management practices and weather conditions, Bean said. The publication outlines the most commonly grown grasses in the Panhandle and the differences in their needs when it comes to water and fertilizer.

Also offered are the following tips on water savings when it comes to lawn care:

- Run the irrigation system on a set schedule and adjust the run-time incrementally to water just enough to avoid visual signs of stress to the grass.
- Irrigate for longer but less frequent periods of time. This will promote a deep root system. However, do not apply any more water than the soil will absorb at any one time, or water will run off the lawn and be wasted.
- Check the irrigation system for problems such as broken heads, leaking valves, heads not popping up properly, etc. All these problems will result in more water being applied than is required.
- Water during the early morning hours.
- Use best management practices for fertilization, mowing and aeration to avoid plant stress conditions.

Bean said when possible, homeowners and other turfgrass managers should use rainfall and freeze sensors to override programmed watering during rainfall or freeze events to prevent over-watering.

In case of large rainfall events, manual overrides should also be used to skip the next watering event, he said.

"Rainfall and freeze sensors are required on all new landscape irrigation systems in Amarillo and are a good practice to add to existing systems throughout the Panhandle,"

For a version online, homeowners can go to http://amarillo.tamu.edu/agronomy and click on the Turfgrass link. Published copies of the booklet will be available at AgriLife Extension county offices throughout the High Plains beginning in May, Bean said.



"Bottom fishing" is financial slang for picking stocks that are reduced in price after a large sell-off or drop in the market.