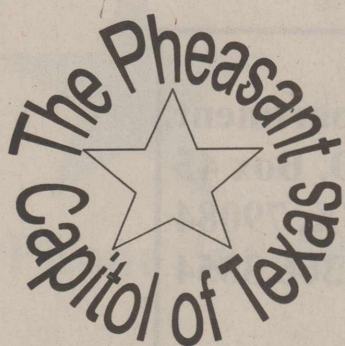


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## Punch family loses everything in house fire, March 29th

On Saturday afternoon March 29<sup>th</sup> the home of Karl & Ruby Punch in Kerrick was completely destroyed by a fire that was started by someone burning tumbleweeds while the wind was blowing. The Punches house was totaled and Heath & Kenna Collums had some damage also to their house. The Karl Punch family lost everything in this fire. Fire Departments that responded to this fire were Stratford, Dalhart, Boise City and Griggs. There has been a fund set up at Happy State Bank to help this family. Sizes for the family are Karl-shirt XXL, Waist 42-44, Length 30-32 and shoe size 14. Ruby Size 10 and shoe size 10. Patrick shirt XXL, 44 waist, 30 length and shoe 11 1/2. Twin boys Karl and Kory Shirt-14 or medium, 18 youth jeans 1-slim and 1-regular. Shoes 11 & 10.5. Items can be dropped off at Hair Creations-Jode. (Photo by Mike McDaniel)

### Punch fund set up

A fund has been set up at Happy State Bank for the Karl and Ruby Punch family who lost everything in a fire that destroyed their house on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in Kerrick.

### A reminder to all

Please **do not burn** on days that there is a high wind warning and fire warning. When you do a burn anytime, please call the Sheriff's office and report it. **PLEASE**. The Karl Punch family lost everything in a fire on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in Kerrick. There was also damage to Heath and Kenna Collums home. Three area fire departments besides Stratford responded to this fire. Dalhart, Boise City, & Griggs.

Junior Parents/Students we will be working on prom decorations every Monday starting March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the high school. We need lots of help!

### Stratford Youth Sports

Stratford Youth Sports baseball exercises will be Thursday, April 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the baseball field. There will be an open meeting Thursday April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Happy State Bank. If anyone has questions or ideas we hope to see you there! Thank you to all of the coaches and volunteers!

## What's Happening In Stratford

### Fundraiser for Stratford Fire Dept.

Fundraiser will be held this Sunday, April 6, 2014 at the Stratford Fire Department from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come out and bring the kids for a delicious Mexican Pile-On dinner. Silent Auction. Raffle for a Homemade quilt by Diane Coaly. Kids can check out the Fire Trucks. Hope to see you there.

### Sherman County Public Library hours

Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.

### Address for Donna Gillenwaters

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters, PO Box 437, Bushland, TX 79012 and he will get the cards to her.

## Stratford OAP to perform at La Rita Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be performing their competition play Anatomy of Gray this Thursday, April 3 at the La Rita Theatre in Dalhart. Their performance will begin at 6:00. There is no need for advanced ticket purchase or reservations. There is no charge and there will be open seating. There will be 2 additional performances of one act plays that night. Come for one or stay for all three! Everyone is invited to come join us for a great night of theatre at the fabulous, historical La Rita!

## SHS OAP Advances to Area Competition

The SHS OAP competed at the district competition held in White Deer on Tuesday, March 25 and will advance to the area competition to be held at Randall High School on Wednesday, April 9. In addition to being one of the two advancing plays, they took home six individual acting honors. Victor Castro, Taylor Wright, and Mazie Vincent were awarded Honorable-Mention All-Star Cast, and Mary Ann Spurlock, Adrian du Plessis, and Katy Moore were awarded All-Star Cast. Congratulations to these students and to all the Anatomy of Gray cast and crew!

**May 10<sup>th</sup> Steak Dinner & Auction**  
To benefit Nora Grace Tuttle  
Details to follow  
Please #prayforNora

### 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.

### ANNUAL SHERMAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD MEETING

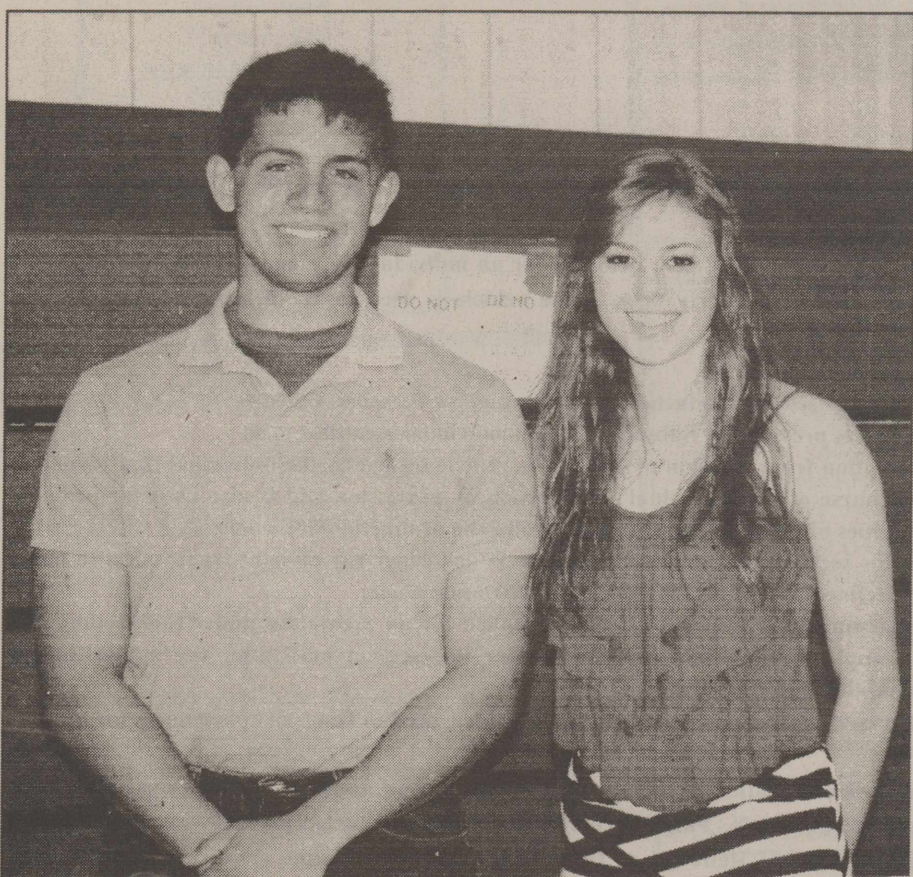
The Sherman County Livestock Show Board will hold their annual meeting Monday, April 7th, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the Sherman County Barn to nominate new board members, elect officers, and set a date for the Tailgate Party.

### Pantry List for April

Baptist-Cereal  
Assembly of God-Canned Fruit  
Catholic-Tuna  
1<sup>st</sup> Christian-noodles  
Methodist-Mac and cheese  
Church of Christ-spaghetti sauce  
Spanish Assembly of God- Fruit juice

## BUSINESSES

**Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your property now! Deadline: April 15, 2014**  
If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3<sup>rd</sup> in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.



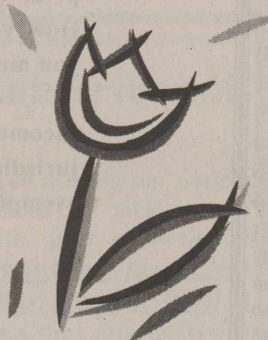
## Hamburger Fundraiser Held

Chisum Rutherford, son of Kenny and Rhonda Rutherford and Jaci Seward, daughter of Clint and Cindy Seward will be attending Boys State and Girls state in June, 2014. The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion held a Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday March 30, 2014 to help defray the expenses of attending these programs. The fundraiser was held at the Sherman County Barn. Shown above are Chisum and Jaci. Congrats! And Enjoy the Program.



### ADVERTISE YOUR JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

If your class is having a reunion or your group's sponsoring an event during the Stratford Jamboree send the details to SCDC and it'll be posted on the website free of charge. You can email it to [scdc@xit.net](mailto:scdc@xit.net), fax it to 366-3025 or write it up and drop it off at the office located at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Main.







**Stratford Volunteer Fire Department**  
P.O. Box 45  
Stratford, TX, 79084  
PH: 806.366.3054

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department would like to extend a huge thank you to Jeff Kautz and Kautz Lawn Service for all of the time and hard work that is going into improving and maintaining the lawn of the fire station. Kautz has very generously volunteered to install a sprinkler system and to maintain the fire station's lawn weekly – all at no charge. We feel that Stratford's fire station is a reflection of our community, so we are very excited about the improvements which will help our fire department look even better! Thank you for supporting our volunteers and our community as a whole.

**MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY 2014-15 Early Enrollment for Mary Allen Elementary PK & new Kindergarten students BEGINS, MONDAY April 7th (from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm).**

- To be eligible for Pre-K, student must be 4 years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- To be eligible for Kindergarten, student must be 5 years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Please bring the following information to the Mary Allen Elementary office to register: **BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & SHOT RECORD**

Thank You!

**MARY ALLEN tendrá Inscripciones Temprano para el año escolar 2014-15 para**

**Estudiantes nuevos de Mary Allen Elementary PK y Kinder y Empezan el LUNES, 7 de Abril (de 9:00am hasta las 2:00pm).**

- Para ser elegibles para Pre kinder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 4 años de edad en o antes del 1° de Septiembre del 2014.
- Para ser elegibles para Kinder, su hijo(a) debe de tener 5 años de edad en o antes del 1° de Septiembre del 2014.

Por favor de traer la siguiente información a la oficina de Mary Allen para el registro: **CERTIFICADO DE NACIMIENTO, SEGURO SOCIAL Y LAS VACUNAS.**

Gracias!

### Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack Announces Increased Opportunity for Producers as part of New Farm Bill

Farm Loan Program Modifications Create Flexibility for New and Existing Farmers and Ranchers Alike

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2014 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced increased opportunity for producers as a result of the 2014 Farm Bill. A fact sheet outlining modifications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs is available here.


"Our nation's farmers and ranchers are the engine of the rural economy. These improvements to our Farm Loan Programs will help a new generation begin farming and grow existing farm operations," said Secretary Vilsack. "Today's announcement represents just one part of a series of investments the new Farm Bill makes in the next generation of agriculture, which is critical to economic growth in communities across the country."

The Farm Bill expands lending opportunities for thousands of farmers and ranchers to begin and continue operations, including greater flexibility in determining eligibility, raising loan limits, and emphasizing beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

Changes that will take effect immediately include:

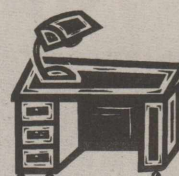
- Elimination of loan term limits for guaranteed operating loans.
- Modification of the definition of beginning farmer, using the average farm size for the county as a qualifier instead of the median farm size.
- Modification of the Joint Financing Direct Farm Ownership Interest Rate to 2 percent less than regular Direct Farm Ownership rate, with a floor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the rate was established at 5 percent.
- Increase of the maximum loan amount for Direct Farm Ownership down payments from \$225,000 to \$300,000.
- Elimination of rural residency requirement for Youth Loans, allowing urban youth to benefit.
- Debt forgiveness on Youth Loans, which will not prevent borrowers from obtaining additional loans from the federal government.
- Increase of the guarantee amount on Conservation Loans from 75 to 80 percent and 90 percent for socially disadvantaged borrowers and beginning farmers.
- Microlans will not count toward loan term limits for veterans and beginning farmers.

Additional modifications must be implemented through the rulemaking processes. Visit the FSA Farm Bill website for detailed information and updates to farm loan programs.



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**From the Desk of Sheriff Powell**

### National Public Safety Dispatcher Week April 13 - 19, 2014

Each year, the second week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety Tele-communicators.

In 1991, Congress proclaimed it a nationally recognized week of recognition for these professionals.

Sherman County Sheriff's Office celebrates this year's National Tele-communicators Week - April 13-19 in honor of their dedicated dispatchers who handle hundreds of 9-1-1 calls each month in the county. They dispatch Stratford City Police, Fire Response Team, Medical Services, and the County Deputies to the needs of the public in emergencies and routine basis

### REMEMBER - 9-1-1 IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!

When you call 9-1-1 you will reach one of our professional dispatchers. We are proud to announce that our dispatch staff has a combined 31+ years of experience to help you with your emergency.

Penny Gilbert - Almost 14 years  
Terry Mathews - 8 years  
Shephanie Wright - More than 7 years  
Jennifer Spurlock - Almost 2 years

OUR 4TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK WILL BE 11AM TO 1PM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH.....

STRATFORD POLICE, FIRE, & EMS ARE ON BOARD AS WELL AS YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES & SHERIFF.....

ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED (PLASTIC EGGS, CANDY, ETC.) IN THE PAST 3 YEARS, WE HAVE HIDDEN APPROX. 1600 EGGS EACH EVENT & WE RAN A LITTLE SHORT.....

Sherman County Emergency Services - Caring about our kids!!!!!!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!  
Sheriff "Joe"

### Multi-use exemption applies to some taxpayers

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 11.254, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

#### 11.254. Motor Vehicle Used for Production of Income and for Personal Activities

- Except as provided by Subsection (c), an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of one motor vehicle owned by the individual that is used in the course of the individual's occupation or profession and is also used for personal activities of the owner that do not involve the production of income.
- In this section, "motor vehicle" means a passenger car or light truck as those terms are defined by Section 502.001, Transportation Code.
- A person who has been granted or applied for an exemption under this section may not apply for another exemption under this section until after the application or exemption has been denied.
- This section does not apply to a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. The exemption form must be filed prior to April 30. Annual Renewal of this exemption is no longer required (Sec.1 1.43c). However the exemption is for a specific vehicle, so if you change vehicles or replace the tag you must file a new exemption form.

Income producing vehicles are and continue to be taxable. The law allows the local taxing jurisdictions to choose to tax personal vehicles. The legislature did not exclude the multi-use exemption in jurisdictions that tax vehicles for personal use.

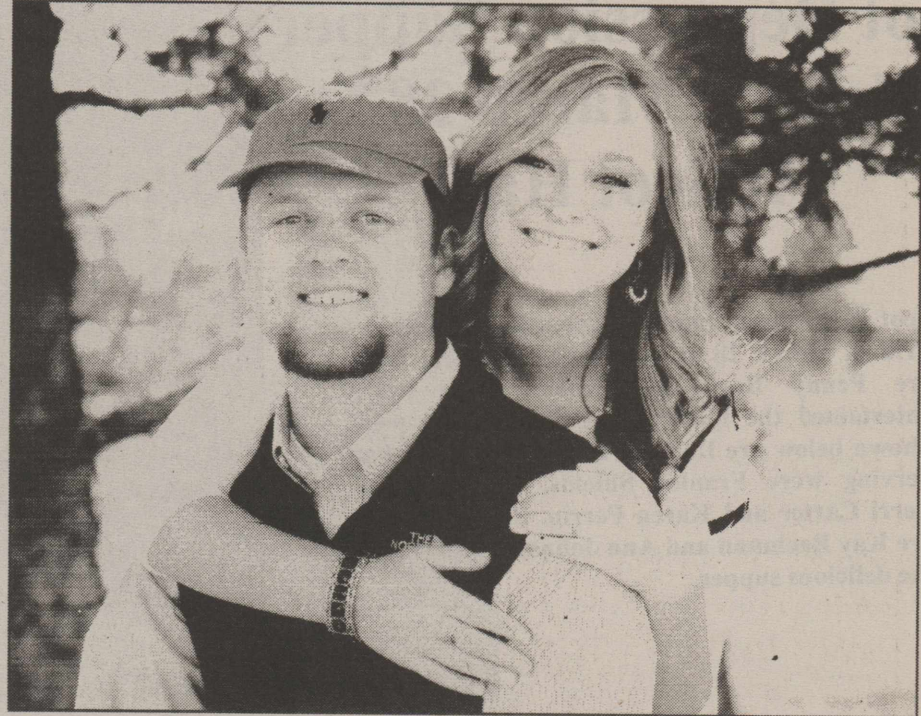
Capsaicin is the alkaloid ingredient that gives peppers their heat. The capsaicin content is greater in the hot peppers than the bell peppers. It is also affected by climate conditions, geographic location and the age of the fruit.





## "Fancy Nancy" Brunch held March 22

"Fancy Nancy" Brunch helpers: Russell Spurlock, usher & sound system; Mary Ann Spurlock, Style Show narrator; Britney Daffern, Lilia Trayler, Nadia Fierro, table servers; Don Riffe, Doorman; Sadie Anderson, server; Kathy Switzer Melton Story teller. Board member: Cindy Jackson, Laurie Spurlock, Nita Barnard, Gaynelle Riffe. (Note: Mary Ann's dress was purchased at the "Whale of a Sale" last year.) Remember our treasurers at the Whale of a Sale. Shown below Lovely young ladies in the Style Show during the "Fancy Nancy" Brunch Saturday, March 22 at The Imagination Station.



## Engagement Announced

Lance and Dinah Horsford of Stratford are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Kaleb to Renae Fangman, daughter of Fred and Sharon Fangman of Vega. The wedding will be at Country Home Weddings in Canyon on June 14, 2014.

Kaleb is a 2009 graduate of Stratford High School, Renae is a 2009 graduate of Vega High School and they both are graduates of West Texas A & M University. Renae is currently a teacher/coach at Bowie Middle School in Amarillo. Kaleb is employed by Spurlock Farms.



## Mendoza and Everett to be honored

Vanessa Mendoza and Bethany Everett, both of Stratford will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation program at a Conservation Honors Banquet for Area I on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

The Banquet will be held at 7:00 PM at the College Heights Baptist Church located at Eight and Quincy in Plainview, TX.

Area I consists of 51 counties in Panhandle.

Categories in which awards may be presented include outstanding conservation District.

Conservation Farmers; Conservation Teacher; and Wildlife Conservationist. Awards will also be presented to area youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas, State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 SWCDs in Texas.

**Medical/Expense Fund** has been set up for **Salma Iliana Ortega Aguilera** at First State Bank. Salma is a 6 year old daughter of Sarah D. Ortega and sister of Baruc, Vinny and Lui. Salma will be undergoing brain surgery in the near future and will be out in Dallas for 2 months during that time. We ask for **many** prayers as the family is undergoing tough times but also want to thank you all for the words of strength, prayers and help received from this wonderful Stratford Community. Words cannot express the true gratitude we feel towards the great people of Stratford and what they have done for Salma and the entire family. May God bless all of you and we thank you in advance for your help.

**April Prom Special**  
Order your Tuxedo w/\$25.00 deposit & get 10% off of Tuxedo Hair Creations  
218. N. Main  
396-2809

## Stratford Hospital District

"Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County"  
Stratford Family Medical Clinic

### Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Mon. - Thurs 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

### Elk Pharmacy

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 PM  
"Check our Competitive pricing"  
"Compounding Available"

366-5505 Tom Armstrong, RPH

### Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Tom Henton, 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.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

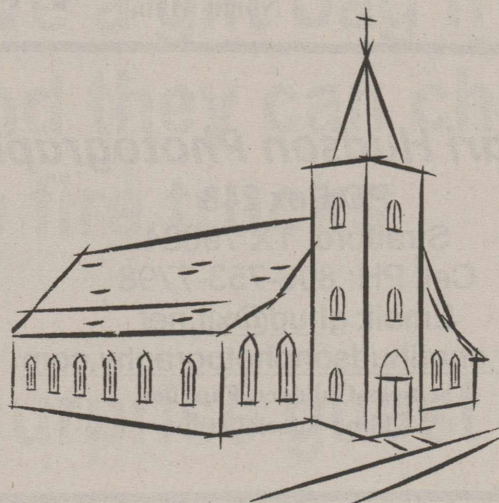
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**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. Steve Ulrey 396-2178  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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

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



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Juan Campos  
N. 3rd & 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 Mark Looney  
302 S. Main  
For more info-call 396-2212  
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Thurs. Service 7:00 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  
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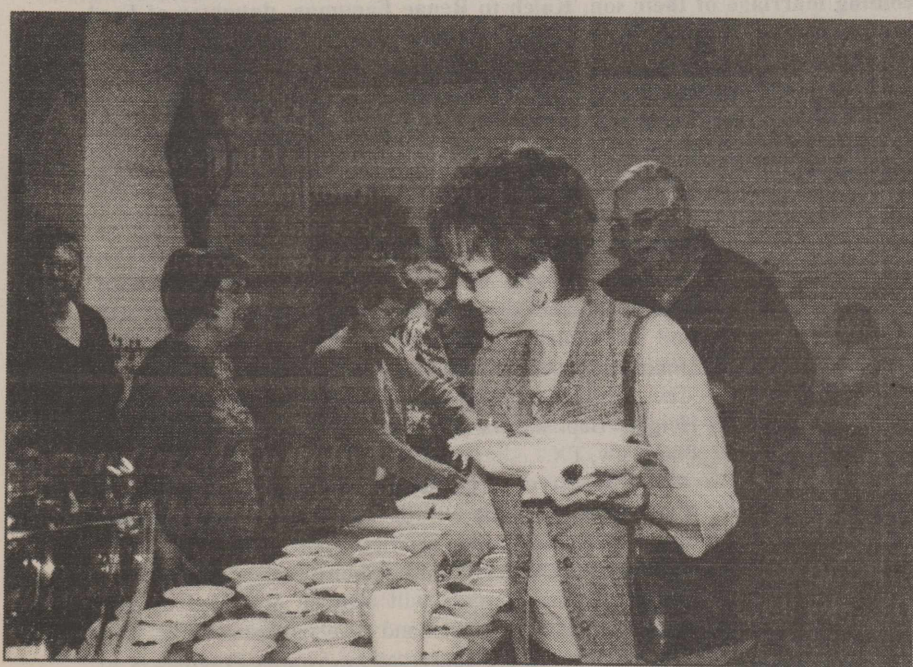
**Kerrick Community**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**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  
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 2 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
Susunos Durante El Servicio



## Scot Depression Supper Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> At Scot Hall

Scot held their annual Depression Supper on Friday, March 28 at Scot Hall. Shown at Right are Penny Boyd and Mike Boyd. Penny entertained the folks during the evening meal. Shown below are Doris & Larry Parsons in line. Serving were Frankie Shields, Martha Mitts, Terri Carter and Karen Perrin. Shown at right are Kay Bachman and Ann Johnson, also serving the delicious supper.



# Business Directory

### Vincent Insurance Agency Sabrina Melton

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 Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512  
 Email: vincins@xit.net

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 CALL 366-5885  
 E-mail [stardm@xit.net](mailto:stardm@xit.net)  
 Fax: 366-5884

### Stratford Auto Electric

119 S. Wall, Stratford, TX 79084  
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### 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  
 Fax: (806) 366-2583

### Stratford Grain Company

Stratford 396-5541  
 Lautz 769-4485

4 North Main



### The Cleaning Station

Dry cleaning &  
 Starch & Ironing  
 410 N. 4th

### Structured Touch Massage Therapy Clinic

Cece Yelek, CMT, LMT  
 401 N. Third #11. or 7199 Co. Rd P  
 Stratford, TX - Sunray, TX  
 Office 806-366-ahhh (2444)  
 Cell 806-290-3655  
 9-5 M-F-Sat. by apt

### Shari Hudson Photography

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 Stratford, TX 79084  
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[www.sharihudsonphotography.com](http://www.sharihudsonphotography.com)  
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**The Mexican Pile On dinner to  
benefit the Stratford Fire  
Department will be held on  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at the  
Stratford Fire Department  
from 11:30 to 1 p.m.  
There will be a raffle and a  
Silent Auction**

If you would be interested in helping with  
this fund raiser, please call  
Marty Robertson at  
753-7373 or 366-5885  
E-mail [stardm@xit.net](mailto:stardm@xit.net)  
Thank you

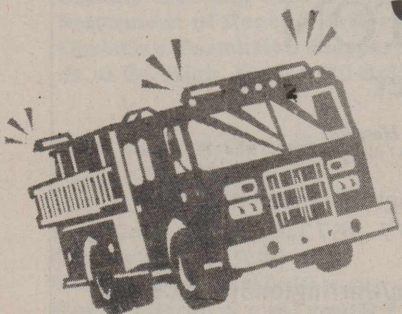
**Everyone is invited!!!**

**Please bring your kids cause this day is very  
kid-friendly.**

**All kids will receive a gift bag from the fire  
department and they can check out  
the fire trucks**

**(A special surprise guest also)**

**So come out & have a great time**





COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 25, 2014

Stratford City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 with Mayor Ricky Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Greg Wright, Joe Zak, Ann Johnson  
Absent Council: James Lutes  
City Attorney: Rob Elliott  
City Administrator: Tommy Bogart  
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon  
City Planner: George Harding

Others: Kathy Allen, John Merriss

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and Ricky Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on January 28, 2014
- Accounts Payable for January 2014
- Financial Statements for January 2014
  - Joe Zak motioned to approve the consent agenda items, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Presentations to the Council

- None

Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: Doshier, Pickens and Francis to present FY 12/13 Audit Report
  - John Merriss of Doshier, Pickens and Francis presented the City audit. He also stated the audit went very well and the City is in very good financial condition.
- Discuss and consider action re: Resignation of Councilmember Becky Lowe
  - Ann Johnson motioned to accept the resignation with regret, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: designate Cassi Hudson as an additional signatory
  - Greg Wright motioned for approval, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: first reading of **ORDINANCE #2014-0225** -- an ordinance of the City of Stratford, Texas relating to the authorization of non-stationary food vendors in the city; the operational requirements of non-stationary food vendors within the city, and providing for the requirement of a permit to operate as a non-stationary food vendor within the city
  - The City regulates time, place and manner only. All else is regulated by the State.
    - Joe Zak motioned to approve the first reading, Ann Johnson seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: amendment to zoning ordinance regarding bathroom/shower requirements for RV parks
  - Joe Zak motioned to remove the requirement, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Administrator Report

- Property acquisition for swimming pool
  - A property has been secured through Clift Realtors. The 40'x100' building will stay with the property. The property can be utilized by the current owners until December 31, 2014 so they can have time to remove their items.
- Property Contract with Mr. Price
  - The City is requiring a General Deed as opposed to a Special Deed. Tommy will contact Mr. Price regarding this. The City is looking to utilize Sales Tax funds to make the payments for this property.
- Grant for Recycle Department
  - The City was fully funded for this grant.
- Request for Sales Tax funds
  - A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday morning at 7 am regarding this topic.
- Bid property located at Hwy 54 and South Spruce
  - The City is currently accepting bids. Consideration of the bids will be addressed at the next Council meeting.
- Concrete Plant
  - The City is considering purchase of this property.

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no citizen comments.

Items from the Council

- Options for open Council position are:
  - Appointment, special election, or leave open

Adjourn

- Ann Johnson motioned to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

## USDA Encourages Early Registration for FSA Programs

WASHINGTON, March 24, 2014 —The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today recommended that farmers and ranchers who plan to participate in FSA programs register in advance. Producers are encouraged to report farm records and business structure changes to a local FSA Service Center before April 15, 2014.

Enrollment for the disaster programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will begin by April 15, 2014.

"We expect significant interest in these programs," said Garcia. "Early registration should help improve the sign-up process and allow us to expedite implementation of the programs. I strongly encourage producers to complete their paperwork ahead of time."

Examples of updates or changes to report include:

\*New producers or producers who have not reported farm records to FSA.

\*Producers who have recently bought, sold or rented land. Those producers need to ensure that changes have been reported and properly recorded by local FSA county office personnel. Reports of purchased or sold property should include a copy of the land deed, and if land has been leased, then documentation should be provided that indicates the producer had/has control of the acreage.

\*Producers that have changed business structures (e.g. formed a partnership or LLC) need to ensure that these relationships and shares are properly recorded with FSA. Even family farms that have records on file may want to ensure that this is recorded accurately as it may impact payment limits.

Farm records can be updated during business hours at FSA Service Centers that administer the county where the farm or ranch is located. Producers can contact their local FSA Service Center in advance to find out what paperwork they may need. In addition, bank account information should be supplied or updated if necessary to ensure that producers receive payments as quickly as possible through direct deposit.

While any producer may report farm records and business structure changes, it is especially important for producers who suffered livestock, livestock grazing, honeybee, farm-raised fish, or tree/vine losses for 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014, and may be eligible for assistance through one of the four disaster programs.

For further information about our disaster programs and USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit FSA's 2014 Farm Bill Web page. FSA Service Center locations can be found on the FSA website.

## Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

### Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

### What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

### What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

### What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension to May 15 is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days to an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District  
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2BR, 1 bath apartment close to school. No pets. Tenant pays electric/water 806-244-3418.

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## Houses for Sale

419 N. Fulton, 3 bed, 2 bath, basement, man cave, hot tub, gazebo, new heating and air, water softener w/filtration system. Call Laura at 806-753-7411- 2/13/tfn

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Stratford, Texas

## Card of Thanks

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A Jim Owen Everson Memorial fund has been set up at Happy State Banks anywhere in Texas.

## Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. 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

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Ordinance No. 2014-0225

An ordinance of the City of Stratford, Texas relating to the regulation of Non-Stationary food vendors as to time, place, and manner of operation: Providing for the requirement of a permit to operate as a non-stationary Food Vendor; and providing for a penalty for the violation thereof.  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 3, 2014, and Thursday, April 10, 2014.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Katherine Jones, Deceased, were issued on March 25, 2014, in Cause No. 2217, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Pamela Brennaman.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Rick L. Russwurm  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 718  
Dumas, Texas 79029-0718  
DATED the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

Rick L. Russwurm  
Attorney for Pamela Brennaman  
State Bar No.: 17443550  
PO Box 718  
Dumas, Texas 79029-0718  
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Facsimile: (806) 935-9354

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Priscilla Sue Fleming, deceased were issued on March 13, 2014 under Docket 2216, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

Robert Glenn Fleming  
PO Box 10128  
Texhoma, TX 73960

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative,  
Estate of Priscilla Sue Fleming, Decades  
C/o Greg Oelke  
HUNTER & OELKE P.C.  
507 Denrock Ave., PO Box 792  
Dalhart, Texas 79022

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

DATED: March 13, 2014

Hunter & Oelke, P.C.  
By Greg Oelke  
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# SWEEPSTAKES!



On Wednesday, March 5, the Stratford High School Band traveled to Panhandle High School to participate in the UIL Regional Concert and Sightreading Contest. The band played three prepared pieces in the Concert portion of the contest receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings from all three judges. This is the highest rating a band can receive in concert competition. Some comments from one of the judges were "Many good players in this band" and "Really enjoyed your performance." A second judge stated "Nice full band ensemble sound!". The final judge wrote "Overall a good performance today" and "Enjoyed your performance."

The band then sightread a piece of music they had never seen before and again the three judges all gave them Division I ratings. Comments from the Sightreading judges were "Very good concept of tone quality and ensemble sound"; "Good style and interpretation"; "Excellent job today, band. Congratulations!"; "Great looking group!"; and "Band- You enjoy making music and you did that very well today! Keep up the hard work!! Congrats!!!"

By receiving Division I ratings in both Concert and Sightreading competition at this contest and by receiving a Division I rating in Marching competition last fall Stratford's "Big Blue Band" achieved the highest UIL award given to bands in Texas - "Sweepstakes". Of the 12 Class A panhandle high schools participating in both Concert and Marching Contest this year only two - Stratford and Booker received this UIL Sweepstakes Award. Of the 15 Class A bands performing at Wednesday's contest only 5 bands received Division I ratings from all six judges. In addition to Stratford they were Panhandle, White Deer, Gruver, and Booker.

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. Seward and Mr. Birdsong), the bus driver (Rudy Salazar); and the many parents and friends for supporting the band with their attendance at the contest.

Please support the band students in the upcoming Community Birthday Calendar Fundraiser and also attend their High School Band Spring Concert to be held Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.



Senior Band members display the plaque won at UIL Region 1 Marching Band Competition and the plaque representing the UIL Band Sweepstakes Award (Division I ratings in Concert and Sightreading)

Front row (left to right): Mazie Vincent, Katy Moore, Noemy Franco, Ana Guerra, Suzzette Palma, and Ricky Garay. Second row: Mary Ann Spurlock, Alberto Pale, Adrian Du Plessis, Pedro Hernandez, Laura Torres, Citlaly Soto, and Kathy Brooks. Third row: Carlos Trejo, Adi Loya, Mario Rivas, Daniel Acosta, Britney Garza, and Mayra Sanchez. Not pictured: Dylan Keener, Nohemi Ruedas, and Selina Terrazas.

## Congratulations