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Will change Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## What's Happening In Stratford

Check in paper for complete information

Fresh Hot Tamales, deadline to  
order February 28<sup>th</sup>

Annual Boys and Girls state Hamburger Feed,  
Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> at County Barn

Daylight Savings Time  
March 8, 2015

Schedule of all 2015 4-H & Clover Meetings  
*Dates are subject to change with weather  
or mandatory meetings*

All meetings for both clubs are at 6 p.m.  
4-H Meetings- March 16,  
April 13, and May 4  
Clover Kid Meetings- March 30, April 27  
and May 18

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One Act Play Dinner Theatre coming up

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## Sheriff's Traffic Report

On Sunday February 22, 2015, emergency service personnel responded to an accident approximately 3 miles east of Stratford on Hwy 54. Snow and icy conditions were a contributing factor.  
-Sheriff Joe Powell-

## TxDot, Texas high schools focus on saving teen lives

'Click It or Ticket' campaign aimed at increasing seat belt use among teens  
AUSTIN - Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers. In an effort to curb this deadly trend, the Texas Department of Transportation is partnering with more than 900 Texas high schools to remind teens to "Click It or Ticket."

"All traffic fatalities are tragic, but it's especially difficult to hear about teenagers having their lives cut short," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're asking families, teachers and peers to remind teens to buckle up every time they get in a vehicle. It's the law and it can save their lives. Don't let your child be the next fatality."

In 2014, 293 teen drivers and passengers (ages 15-20) died as a result of traffic crashes in Texas. Of those fatalities, 134 (46 percent) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

To help raise awareness and save lives, TxDOT is sending free "Teen Click It or Ticket" educational toolkits to high schools across the state. Each kit contains banners, posters, brochures and parking lot signs reminding students to wear their seat belts or face costly tickets, injuries or even death.

Throughout the spring, TxDOT also will promote "Teen Click It or Ticket" at University Interscholastic League (UIL) competitions. A real-life, mangled truck display and an audio recreation of what happened to the teens who survived it, will be set up at boys' and girls' state high school sports tournaments in San Antonio, Georgetown and Austin.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), properly worn lap-shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent. Texas law requires all vehicle drivers and passengers to be buckled in a seat belt or face fines and court costs up to \$200.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

## Texas History

### Sherman County Historical Commission

1835 December, Mexico Congress declared all foreigners taking up arms against Mexico would be shot.

1836 Feb. Siege of Alamo Begins

March 2 Texas Declaration of Independence at Washington on Brazos, David Barnett elected interim President.

March 6 Alamo falls 180-250 Texans, Tejanos, Angelo died March 27 Santa Anna captured and executed 400 Texans at Goliad

April 21 Battle of San Jacinto defeated the Mexican Army securing Texas Independence from Mexico.

June 15 Defeated Mexican Army retreated south of the Rio Grand.

## American Legion

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Hamburger Feed Fundraiser

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Sherman County Barn

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## Study Club to Host Social

Prospectus Study Club will host a social at Laurie Spurlocks' house, 1210 NW 1st from 5:30-6:30pm on Monday, March 2nd. Study Club is a 60 year old Stratford organization that is dedicated to the community and we are looking for some new members. Please come by, ask questions and just learn more about this worth-while group of ladies. Hope to see you then!

## Texas Sheriffs Visit Capitol During 84th Legislature

Sherman County Sheriff, Joe Powell was one of more than 120 Sheriffs and other law enforcement officers from around the state that visited the 84th Legislature on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The Sheriffs traveled from near and far in an effort to express their interest in what legislative actions are taken, show their support of lawmakers, and exhibit a strong unity among the Sheriffs of Texas.

The Legislative Committee and staff of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas coordinated this special event to facilitate the Sheriffs' involvement in the legislative process. Resolutions were passed in both the House and Senate recognizing the Sheriffs and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Sheriffs spent the remainder of the day meeting with their individual Senators and Representatives to discuss pending legislation and provide input on bills that affect the citizens of the State of Texas. The Sheriffs feel this contact is crucial to providing meaningful law enforcement in their counties.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. The Legislative Committee is appointed by the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and is composed of Sheriffs from around the state. For more information on the Sheriffs' Association of Texas visit [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org) or call 512.445.5888.



# Obituaries

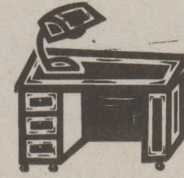
**Florine B. Smith**  
February 13, 1929 - February 23, 2015

Florine B. Smith, 86, of Williamsburg passed away on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Fulton Presbyterian Manor. She was born February 13, 1929 in Tulia, TX, the daughter of the late William "Bob" Dudley Burgess and the late Minnie (Timmons) Burgess. On September 18, 1948, Flo was united in marriage to Philip M. Smith, III. He preceded her in death in 1995. Flo worked as a social worker for the Division of Family services. Those remaining to cherish her memory include three daughters, Ellen Koehler (John) of Joplin, Sharlyn Swenson (Greg) of Rapid City, SD, and Barbara Smith of Joplin; brother, Rex Burgess (Jean) of Spearman, TX.; sister, Ann Johnson of Stratford, TX.; brother-in-law, Oscar Wilson of Stratford, TX.; grandchildren, John Koehler, Jr., Kathryn Harryman, Joel Koehler, Alicia O'Brien, Nathaniel Swenson, Miki Brown, and Eliza Smith; and fourteen great-grandchildren. Along with her husband and parents, Flo was preceded in death by son, Philip "Monty" Smith IV; brother, Noble Lee Burgess; and sisters, Betty Ledbetter and Bobbie Wilson. Services to honor Flo's life will be held at a later date. Condolences can be left for the family at [www.maupinfuneralhome.com](http://www.maupinfuneralhome.com)

## Card of Thanks

We don't begin to know how to express our appreciation for each of you that have been praying for Wendy and our family during this time. Wendy is home with her family doing all the things that a wife and mom does. God surely does answer prayers! Thank you again for all the love that has been shown to our family. May God bless each of you!

In Christ's love-Jim & Rinda Allison



## From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

This week, the Sherman County Sheriff's Office recognizes Jailer/Dispatcher/911 Operator, Terry Mathews.

Terry attended Stratford Schools, graduating in 1965. He attended New Mexico and Texas Tech Universities. He was a member of the New Mexico National Guard from 1967 to 1973 and the Army Reserve out of Amarillo, Texas in 1980. During the 70's, he spent much of his time working with heavy equipment in this area. During the 80's and early 90's, he was in retail and also the insurance business. Terry moved back to Stratford in 1995, working as a truck driver and water well drilling.

2004-2006 he worked for the TDCJ Prison System in Dalhart. Finally, in 2006, he began working at the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. His hobbies and current interests are sports and politics. He says he finds his job to be "very challenging."

We appreciate his dedication to the Office of the Sheriff and to his community!

-Sheriff Joe Powell-

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# A New Creation: Change Begins in the Mind

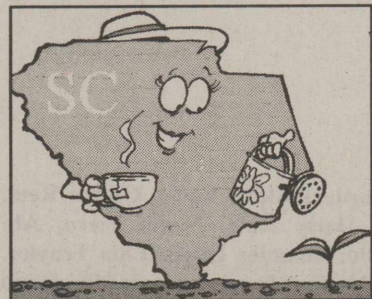
Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2 TLV)

Have you ever tried to control your thoughts? Put down the paper and do this little experiment. Take a moment, close your eyes and listen to your thoughts. You might start out thinking about your thoughts and controlling what you think, but just wait a few moments longer. It won't take long and you will soon see your mind has a life and a will of its own!!

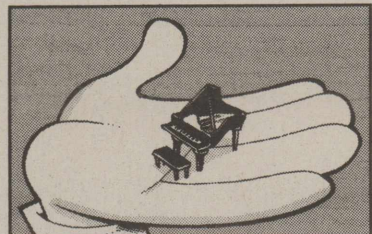
What did your mind do? If it is like my mind, it rambles and runs like a rolling river. The thoughts are constant and never ending. Some are good, some are not so good. Although our thoughts (and thinking in general) might seem harmless, they indeed control our lives. Thoughts lead to feelings and feelings lead to action. Can you remember having a particular problem that was worrisome? You might have devoted some quiet time to focus on this problem. You ponder it in your mind, searching your brain for the right resolution. You think and think until a workable solution pops into your head. You are ecstatic! You have found your answer! The very next thing you will do is form a plan of action. You have resolved a problem in your mind, but that is just the beginning. You exert all of your power putting your plan into action. You don't stop until you accomplish that thing you imagined in your mind. You have turned thoughts into action.

Thus the proverb: as a man thinks--so he is.  
In Romans 12:2, Paul is reminding us that as God's new creations we must work to reject focusing our thoughts on fascinations in this fleeting environment (Earth). We should NOT be transfixed on its temporary things. We must change our way of viewing life. We need to acquire a new mental perspective. The word "transformed" is from the Greek "metamorphoo" meaning we must undergo a metamorphosis. Simply put, Paul is saying we must change our thinking. From the little experiment we just did with our thoughts, we realize that changing our thinking definitely leads to changes in our behaviors. What is now our goal for Christian thinking? Ultimately a Christian's main objective is to leave behind the yearning for things of this world and set our sights on our Heavenly Father. How do we change the focus of our thinking? Actually it's easier than you might think. We already know how to center our thinking on a particular problem seeking an inspiration. We must now train ourselves to use that same energy focusing on God's word and praying, thus allowing him to guide our inspiration. Inspirations from the Holy Spirit reveal God's will for us straight to us. Focusing on God transforms our thoughts and our behavior.

Meditation: Am I changing my thinking to focus on God?  
Philippians 4:8 Romans 12:1-2 Ephesians 4:2 1 Peter 1:13 Joshua 1:8 Proverbs 23:7  
Feedback welcome. joniahhyssop@gmail.com



The first tea farm in the U.S. took root in 1890 near Summerville, S.C.



The world's smallest grand piano was created by Sega Toys Company. Available in Japan, it's equipped with an 88-key keyboard. It's four millimeters wide and weighs in at about 8 pounds. There's an appropriately sized bench that goes with it.



In 1973, in pursuit of a listing in the Guinness Book of World Records, Eric Meissner created the world's smallest violin. It measured just over 1.6 inches long.

# SHS Announces One Act Play Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Monday, March 23 at the Mary Allen Cafeterium. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's UIL One Act Play. The cast and crew will be going to district competition on Wednesday, March 25 at West Texas High School. Stratford High will be the first school to perform at 2:00.

The play is Moon Over Buffalo by Ken Ludwig and is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. and directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. George and Charlotte Hay, an acting couple out of their prime, are on tour in Buffalo in 1953. Fate gives them one more shot at stardom when director Frank Capra plans on attending the matinee performance. You won't want to miss this backstage farce full of hilarious misunderstandings and misadventures. It's sure to be a crowd pleaser!

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children and students and went on sale Thursday, February 12. Tickets go fast so don't delay. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund. For tickets, see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to enjoy an evening of great food and fun at the theatre!

### 2015 GAP Cast, Crew and Alternates

Branson Palmer	AJ Riffe
Allissa Palmer	Val-Mari du Plessis
Carlee Metcalf	Matalin Mace
Taylor Wright	Bret Barnard
John McBroom	Daniel Sanchez
Chesney Rendon	Aron Villegas
Brantley Powers	Russell Spurlock
Juan Camberos	Daniela Valdez
Jacie Seward	

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**"10 Things I am**

**Teaching Our Children"**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28th @ 8:00 a.m. Men's**

**Breakfast**

**"Godly Men Leading the Way"**

**6:00 p.m. What Influence Do Media and Pornography**

**Have on One's Family**

**7:00 p.m. The Heart of the Matter - Godly Character**

**SUNDAY, March 29th @ 9:30 a.m. "Honor. A Thing of the Past?"**

**10:30 a.m. "What does it mean to build**

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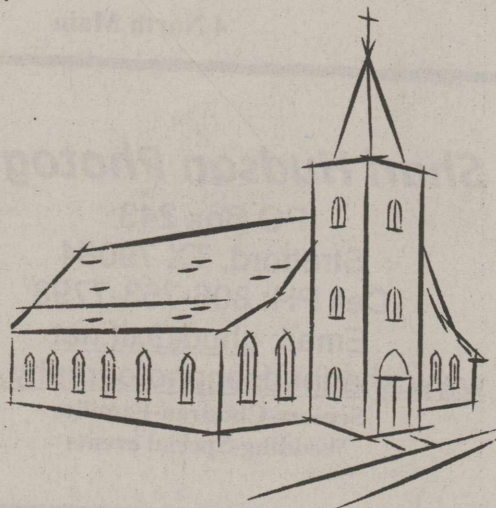
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
Pastor Gary Smith  
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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  
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Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
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Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
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Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
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## All Stratford Band Students Receive Highest Rating At UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest

On Friday, February 6, 42 Stratford 7th & 8th Grade Band students traveled to Canyon and the Canyon High School campus to perform in the UIL Region 1 Instrumental Solo! Ensemble Contest. Of 21 separate events entered, Stratford received 21 Division I (Superior) Ratings. This is the highest rating given at UIL Music Contests. The 42 students received a total of 56 medals for their efforts.

Receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings on their ensembles were the following: Eugenia Almendariz, Adamaris Castro, and Natalia Reta (clarinet trio); Emily Barajas, Xenia Franco, Eiyelene Mendoza, and Elizabeth Martinez (alto saxophone quartet); Sherridan Powers, Renee Lawrence (flute duet); Lilibeth Ibarra, Nadia Ortega, Victor Torres, Jennifer Torres (brass quartet); Justin Duran, Luis Mendoza, Katelin Berry, and Annahi Ruiz (percussion quartet); Rylie Long, Itzel Botello, and Jalmet Bravo (Flute! Clarinet trio); Carlos Reta, Carozan Wallis, and Oscar Sauzamedia (Woodwind Trio); Daisy Ruiz and Akira Vacio (saxophone duet); Brenda Portillo and Eimy Mendoza (clarinet duet); Elizabeth Martinez and Eiyelene Tones (saxophone duet); Eimy Mendoza and Natalia Reta (clarinet duet); Xenia Franco and Emily Barajas (alto saxophone duet); Abi Gomez and Walker McBryde (trumpet duet); Ty McBryde and Abraham Villegas (Brass Duet); Abi Gomez, Walker McBryde, Luis Molina, Toni Lopez, and Jesus Duran (brass quintet); Xhander Lewis, Luis Molina, and Jacob Sanchez (brass trio); Nadia Fiero and Toni Lopez (trombone duet); Jennifer Tones and Astrid Valenzuela (brass duet); Turner Smith, Astrid Valenzuela, and Carlos Quintero (trumpet trio); Victor Tones, Nadia Ortega, and Carlos Gonzalez (brass trio); and Lilia Trayler (flute solo).

Congratulations go to all band students for the hard work and effort given to represent Stratford Schools so well at the contest.



**8th Grade Band**

(in no particular order) Eugenia Almendariz, Emily Barajas, Xenia Franco, Lilibeth Ibarra, Elizabeth Martinez, Eimy Mendoza, Luis Mendoza, Eiyelene Torres, Nadia Ortega, Sherridan Powers, Natalia Reta, Jennifer Torres, Victor Torres, Renee Lawrence, Adamaris Castro, Katelin Berry, Brenda Portillo, Carlos Gonzalez, Carlos Quintero, Turner Smith, and Astrid Valenzuela. Not pictured: Justin Duran



**7th Grade Band**

(in no particular order) Akira Vacio, Carlos Reta, Carozan Wallis, Daisy Ruiz, Nadia Fiero, Abi Gomez, Itzel Botello, Xhander Lewis, Lilia Trayler, Toni Lopez, Luis Molina, Oscar Sauzamedia, Jacob Sanchez, Abraham Villegas, Lily Gonzalez, and Annahi Ruiz.

Not pictured: Jahnet Bravo, Ty McBryde, Walker McBryde, Rylie Long, and Jesus Duran.

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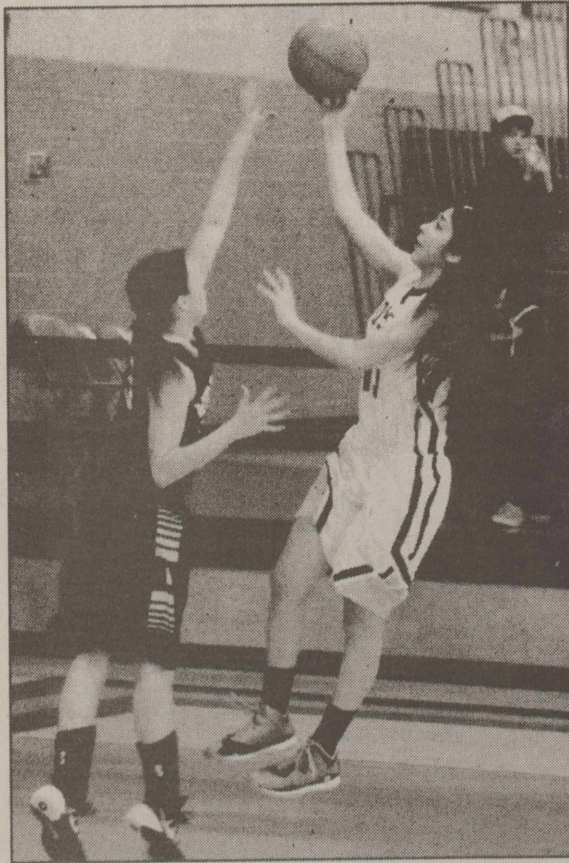
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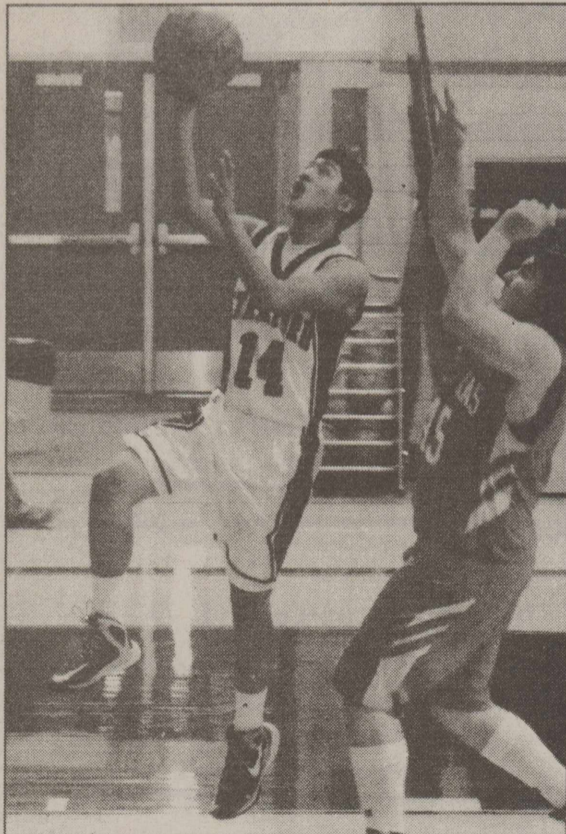
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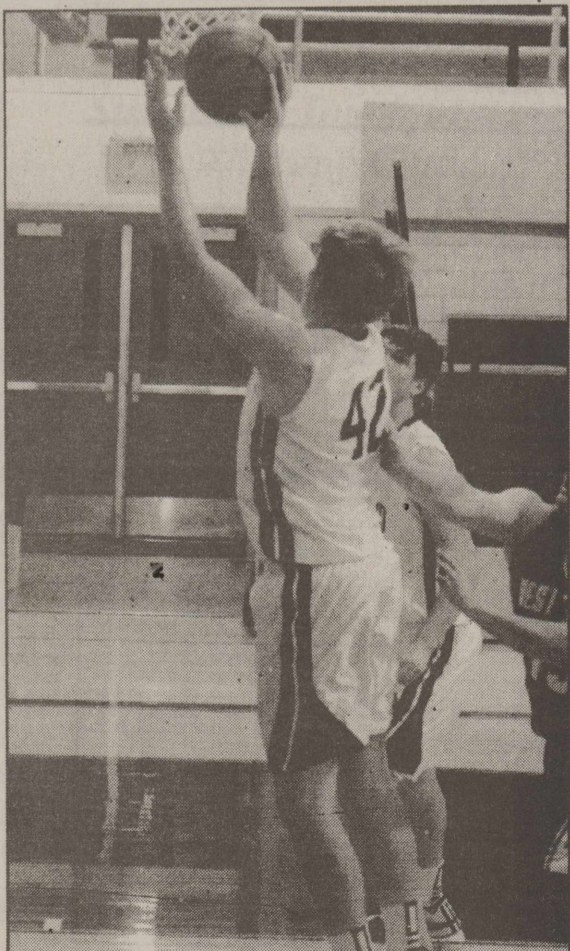
Lady Elk Yadhira Chavoya goes up with the lay-up in the Lady Elks bi-district loss to Wheeler on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.



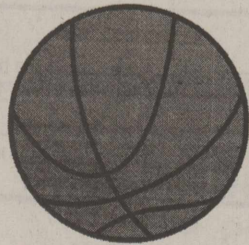
Lady Elk #11 Allie James shoots over Wheeler defender in the Lady Elks bi-district loss on February 15, 2015.



J.V. Elk #14 Sergio Guerrero shoots the lay-up in their last district game over West Texas on Monday, February 16, 2015.



Stratford Elk #42 Parker Hanna goes up strong with the shot in the Elks district win over West Texas. At press time the Elks played Shamrock in the bi-district round.



## STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION February 12, 2015

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday February 12, 2015. President Brad McBryde established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board members present: Brad McBryde, Michelle Lutes, Chet Everett, Clint Black, Tim Hudson, Jo Hinds and Walt Berry.

Staff present: Jerry Birdsong, Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, PJ Hanna, Misti McBryde, Clint Seward, Cindy Franklin and Nikie Berry.

Guests: Abby Law, Kenlee McBryde, Kaci McBryde, Gwneda Hanna, Krista Skiles, Jeb Skiles, Scott Law, Dan Law, Alicia Law, Stewart Skiles, Payton Berry, Katelin Berry, Laurie Spurlock, Nita Barnard, Kade McBryde, Russell Spurlock, Parker Hanna, Nicolle Law, Bret Barnard, Francisco Barajas

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong recognized the following students for winning with their livestock exhibits: Lillie Skiles - Champion Hereford -Fort Worth Stock Show

Champion Maintainer Heifer-Western National, Denver Colorado

Stewart Skiles -Champion Chianina Heifer- Western National, Denver Colorado

Champion Percent Simental - Western National, Denver Colorado

Champion Prospect Heifer - Western National, Denver Colorado

Reserve Division Angus - Western National, Denver Colorado

Abby Law - Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb - Sherman County Stock Show

Kenlee McBryde - Reserve Champion Pig - Sherman County Stock Show

Payton Berry - Grand Champion Heifer - Sherman County Stock Show

Katelin Berry - Reserve Champion Heifer - Sherman County Stock Show

Allie James - Grand Champion Pig - Sherman County Stock Show

He recognized Trevor Melton and Tanner Stone for being named to the 2A All State Texas Sports Writers Team. Trevor was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> team Tight End and Honorable Mention Defensive Line and Tanner was Honorable Mention Linebacker.

He recognized Nancy Garay, Vanessa Mendoza and Stephanie Vasquez for qualifying for the state solo and ensemble contest as a clarinet trio. They will compete in Austin in May.

The freshmen and sophomore GT students presented a robotics demonstration to the board. They have been building and programming robots as their GT project this year.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported a district enrollment of 579. He passed out a list of upcoming district events. He went over the agenda for the Winter Governance conference. Discussion was held on the bank depository bid.

Lynette Kautz gave the business managers report. Monthly expenditures are at 36.66%, revenue 66.27%, and tax collections are at 91.60%. Cost of transportation for the month was .90¢.

Mr. Hanna gave the high school report. He reported that the basketball playoff games. The girls will play a seeding game against Sunray in Spearman on Friday, February 13, 2015. The boys game with West Texas on Tuesday, February 17 has been changed to Monday, February 16 and they will play a practice game at Randall High School on Friday, February 20 at 5:30 PM against Nazareth. Other playoff information will be published as it is available. He passed out the track and golf schedules. He recognized the students that won honors at the Sherman County Stock Show.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. The reading and math classes are working on STAAR benchmarks. Terri Keener and Cindy Seward attended the State Technology conference in Austin and brought back a lot of great ideas for integrating technology into everyday activities in the classroom. He reported that the junior high basketball

seasons are complete. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams ended up being district champs. Several junior high band students performed at the UIL regional solo/ensemble contest in Canyon. They returned with 56 medals. He congratulated those students. He recognized the students that won honors at the Sherman County Stock Show.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. The elementary students are participating in various tests. The 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks will end the Friday and report cards will go home on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The spring Battle of the Box Tops will begin on Monday.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade music classes will go to Coldwater Manor to sing at the monthly birthday party. Mrs. Mungia's PE classes participated in the Hoops for Heart fundraiser campaign. They raised \$8900.00 for the American Heart Association. She congratulated those students that won honors at the Sherman County Stock Show and Caitlyn Skiles for placing 4<sup>th</sup> with her Shorthorn steer at the Fort Worth stock show.

Chet Everett made the motion and Tim Hudson seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the staff development and early release waiver for 2015-2016. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Clint Black seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the 2015-2016 school calendar submitted by the SBDM committee. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Walt Berry seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the Sherman County Appraisal District nominee. Tim Hudson made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to nominate Nathaniel Walden as the Stratford ISD nominee. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Dallam County Appraisal District nominee. Tim Hudson made the motion and Clint Black seconded to nominate Trew James as the Stratford ISD nominee. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the E-Rate Proposals for 2015-2016. Tim Hudson made the motion and Walt Berry seconded to approve Region 16 proposal for internet service contract and interactive video connectivity, XIT for LAN line phone service and CDW-G for wireless access points as presented. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess.

Discussion was held on the administration contracts and salaries. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Tim Hudson seconded to extend Clint Seward's contract through 2017. Motion carried.

Tim Hudson made the motion and Clint Seward seconded to extend Misti McBryde's contract through 2017. Motion carried, Brad McBryde abstained.

Chet Everett made the motion and Walt Berry seconded to extend PJ Hanna's contract through 2017. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the counselor's contract. Tim Hudson made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to renew the contract. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the facilities and grounds.

At 9:13 PM the board entered into executive session pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act section 551.074 to discuss personnel. At 9:57 PM the board reconvened into regular session.

Walt Berry made the motion to incorporate goals into the superintendent evaluation and Tim Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM



The bird with the longest feathers is the onagadori, a domestic strain of red jungle fowl. Its feathers span more than 34 feet.

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All that I have accomplished has been by that plodding, patient, persevering process of accretion which builds the ant heap particle by particle, thought by thought, fact by fact.  
—Elihu Burritt

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Lack of money is the root of all evil.  
—George Bernard Shaw