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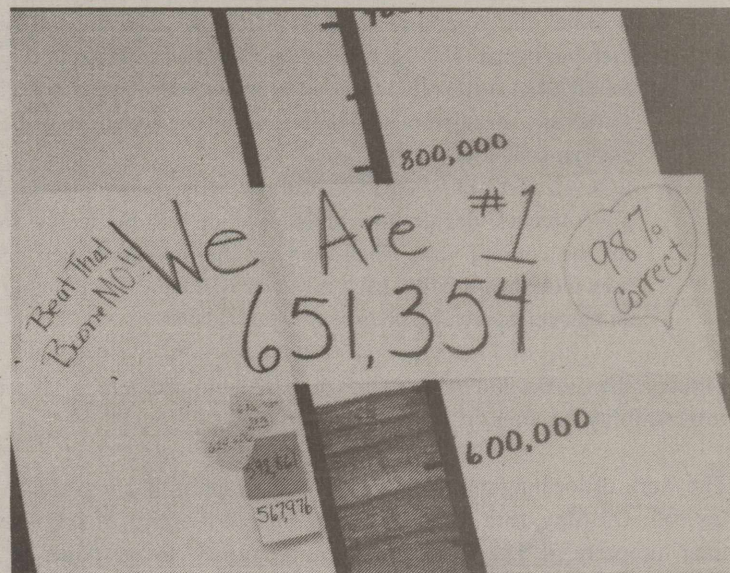


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Scot News

SCOT Members were treated at their May 26 luncheon with delicious Chicken Fried Steaks prepared by Old Biddy's Cafe, which is now open at its new location on Main Street. Marihoward Engelbrecht's piano students provided the entertainment. Local talent performing were Luke and Bryce Braden; Tripp and Tate Hudson; Bo and Max Engelbrecht, Kayly Clift and Wesley Miller. Hosts for the luncheon were Clara Updegrave, Martha Mitts, and Bill Cox.

SCOT is planning an outing June 9 to the Chicken House. Members planning to attend must sign up on the sign-up sheet posted at SCOT Hall or they may call Lynn Wells at 396-2011. We will meet in front of SCOT Hall and leave at 6pm SHARP! Next SCOT luncheon is June 23 at noon with Dick and Jo Davenport and Ken and Lynn Wells as the hosts. Make plans to join us for these events.

USDA Offers Targeted Farm Loan Funding for Underserved Groups and Beginning Farmers

(COLLEGE STATION, Texas) – May 24, 2016 -- USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Judith A. Canales, reminds producers that FSA offers targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

"Each year, a portion of FSA's loan funds are set aside to lend to targeted underserved and beginning farmers and ranchers," said Canales. "Farming and livestock production are capital intensive business ventures and FSA is committed to helping producers start, expand and maintain their agricultural operations."

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

"During fiscal year 2015, Texas FSA obligated \$157.6 million in loans and guarantees to assist 1,592 targeted underserved and beginning producers," said Canales.

The direct and guaranteed loan program provides for two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn, promote soil and water conservation and development and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use and other similar improvements.

In addition to customary farm operating and ownership loans, FSA now offers Microloans through the direct loan program. The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations, such as truck farms, farms participating in direct marketing and sales such as farmers' markets, CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture), restaurants and grocery stores, or those using hydroponic, aquaponic, organic and vertical growing methods. Microloans are available for both ownership and operating finance needs. To learn more about microloans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the Government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

To qualify as a beginning producer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation.

For farm ownership purposes, the applicant must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm in the county at the time of application. All direct farm ownership applicants must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least three years out of the last 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted. If the applicant is an entity, all members must be related by blood or marriage and all entity members must be eligible beginning farmers.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and targeted underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or contact your local FSA Office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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The Great American Challenge

An update on the 3rd and 4th graders efforts in The Great American Multiplication Challenge:

On Wednesday, May 18, THEY TOOK 1ST PLACE IN THE NATION!!! They celebrated together with a special movie day hosted by the 4th graders.

This competition includes 2,894 counties that are signed up to compete. These counties stretch from New York to California and from North Dakota to the southernmost county in Texas. Our kids have steadily passed each and every one on their way to the top. Their percent correct is figured into their placement. Because our students have maintained a 98% accuracy rate, they have often moved ahead of other counties long

Our students have been really working hard both at school and at home. At school, we only worked on this competition 5-10 minutes a day. In this amount of time, they have often averaged an increase of approximately 4,000-6,000 problems in a day if each section is able work on it. As of today, they have completed well over A HALF MILLION multiplication problems. Their current total is 660,505 problems with a 98% accuracy. Second place at this time has completed 638,001. They have taken 1st in both percent correct and total problems worked.

What an amazing job well done!

Mr. Nussbaum has recently added a Great American Division Challenge also. We are ranked 75th.

Editors Note: Want to take a moment to tell folks that this week's issue does not have everything we intended to print. But my son-in-law had an emergency medical issue happen. And he has been in the hospital since Saturday night and my daughter has been right by his side along with his kids and other family members. We want to take this time to say thank you to all who have called or came to the hospital to be with the family, text or whatever. I know they are so grateful and thankful. Long road ahead I am sure but we have an amazing God and lots of folks praying for us now. WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!

CORRECTION ON DATES

FUMC Invites Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

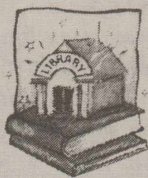
A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at First United Methodist Church from **Sunday June 12th thru Tuesday, June 14** At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:30-8:00pm.

Cave Quest is for kids going into Pre-K to 6th grade and will run from 5:00-8:00 PM each day. For more information, call VBS Director Cass Hudson (806) 290-1808

REMINDER:

**FREE HOT
DOG FEED
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THURSDAY
JUNE 2, 2016
11:30 - 1:30**

Summer Reading Program



**Sherman County Public Library
Wednesdays during June 2016
9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Movie Madness @ Your Library
Tuesdays starting June 7-August 9, 2016
1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Attention: TAXPAYERS

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.
2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of six local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.
3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2016 tax roll. On May 18th taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. **NOW is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 5th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value.** The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

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Elk Pharmacy

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

366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD, RPH

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Mark Moore, 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.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

ARE NOW BEING SOLD IN THE

SHERMAN COUNTY TAX OFFICE

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Sanchez named to University of North Texas Dean's List

Cain Sanchez student at University of North Texas was recently named to the Dean's List for the 2016 spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, Undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9

Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule June 2016

Clinic hours are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

6- 9-16	Clarendon	Burton Memorial Library 217 S Kearney Street	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
6-16-16	Dalhart	Frank Phillips College Dalhart Center, 402 Denver Avenue	10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Services will be provided at the DSHS Pampa Clinic

Monday thru Friday

8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm

The clinic will be closed on the last 2 business days of each month.

DSHS Pampa Clinic

121 S. Gillespie, Pampa, TX 79065

Telephone number: 806-665-1690

Attention Stratford Residents,

Please be advised that high grass and weeds are a fire/health/safety issue and must be kept under control per Stratford Ordinance Sections 6.03.00 1 and 6.03.002. The City Code Enforcement Officer will be checking properties in the upcoming weeks for compliance with these and other ordinances. Citations for non-compliance may be issued. Please be sure to keep your property, including behind fence lines and up to the alleyways, free of high grass/weeds and other debris in order to avoid a Citation. For further information, call 806-268-4158.

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

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Thanks-Marty

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

USDA Extends Deadline for Recording Farm Structure Gives Non-Family Farming Operations More Time to Restructure in Response to 'Actively Engaged' Farm Management Rule

WASHINGTON, May 27, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced a one-time, 30-day extension to the June 1 deadline for recording farm organization structures related to Actively Engaged in Farming determinations. This date is used to determine the level of interest an individual holds in a legal entity for the applicable program year. Farming operations will now have until July 1 to complete their restructuring or finalize any operational change. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued the extension in response to farmers and ranchers who requested more time to comply, and to assure that everyone has enough time to provide their information under the new rules.

"Most farming and ranching organizations have been able to comply with the actively engaged rule," said Vilsack. "This one-time extension should give producers who may still need to update their farm structure information the additional time to do so."

The 2014 Farm Bill provided the Secretary with the direction and authority to amend the Actively Engaged in Farming rules related to management. The final rule established limits on the number of individuals who can qualify as actively engaged using only management. Only one payment limit for management is allowed under the rule, with the ability to request up to two additional qualifying managers operations for large and complex operations.

The rule does not apply to farming operations comprised entirely of family members. The rule also does not change the existing regulations related to contributions of land, capital, equipment or labor, or the existing regulations related to landowners with a risk in the crop or to spouses. Producers that planted fall crops have until the 2017 crop year to comply with the new rules. The payment limit associated with Farm Service Agency farm payments is generally limited annually to \$125,000 per individual or entity.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion of disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like to Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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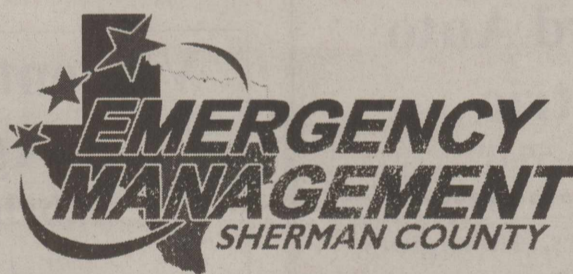
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- Missing Children
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- Severe Weather

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
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.
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Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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302 S. Main
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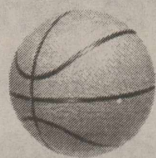
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Garzas here in
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SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-
Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F
10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Monthly Luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
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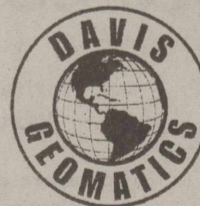
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JOB APPLICATIONS

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<http://jobs.pilotflying.com/travel-center-jobs>

Elevator laborer wanted. Must have valid Texas Driver's License and a working knowledge of the English language. Apply in person at Stratford Grain Co. 4 N. Main

Stratford Hospital District is now accepting bids for mowing the properties of Stratford EMS, Stratford Family Medical Clinic and the lot north of Coldwater Manor. Please submit your bids to Donna Gross at Coldwater Manor 6-2- & 6-9

Houses for Sale

Home for Sale-3 Bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, wood burning fireplace, large laundry room, all new kitchen + dining room, sprinkler system, large 24 x 30 ft. shop. Double car garage. 2914 total. Sq. Ft. 1220 Olive. Call 806-753-6187 or 806-753-6735

House for Sale - 411 N. Fulton 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, totally remodeled home. Call for apt. (806) 570-8857 or (806) 674-6593 3-3-tfn

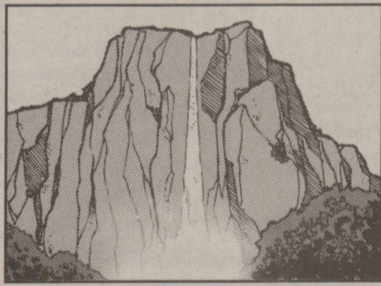
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Home for Sale-701 Purnell in Stratford: 3 Bedrooms, 1.75 Bath, 2690 sq. ft., brick. Features 3 large bedrooms with large closets. Large open family room and dining room. Nice sized kitchen with walk in pantry, Utility room with full laundry hook ups, and bonus office room with separate entrance. Accessible attic offers additional storage space. Corner lot with sprinkler system, fully fenced backyard and two garden sheds. Walking distance to both schools Please call: 620 424-7282 or 806-930-6875 4-28-tfn

House for sale: 2 living areas, 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath, fireplace, nice yard, approx. 2,000 sq. ft. 1313 N. Chestnut St. 806-366-2478, 789-7956 5-2-tfn

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Multifamily garage sale
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY LOU WALDEN were issued on the 17th day of May, 2016, in Cause No. 2256, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, as Independent Executor to:

Philip Leon Walden
6411 County Rd. CC
Stratford, TX 79084

The attorney representing such Estate is as follows:

William Hunter
Hunter & Oelke, PC
507 Denrock Ave.
PO Box 792
Dalhart, Texas 79022
Telephone (806) 244-5632
Telefax (806) 244-2863

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 this the 17th day of May, 2016

HUNTER & OELKE & PC

By: William Hunter

State Bar Card No. 10304000

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Card of Thanks

The Family of Sis Steinberger would like to say Thank You for all the cards, sweet messages and kind words, Sent to her for her 95th Birthday. She enjoyed hearing from everyone.

Children's Fishing Tournament Lake Fryer Ochiltree County, Texas Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM at the Pavilion located east of the Lobo Restaurant. There will be a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. A limited number of fishing poles and t-shirts will be provided. However, last year we had more contestants than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!!

S Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages and no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 12 Noon with prizes awarded at 1 PM.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups:

*****Age Groups *****

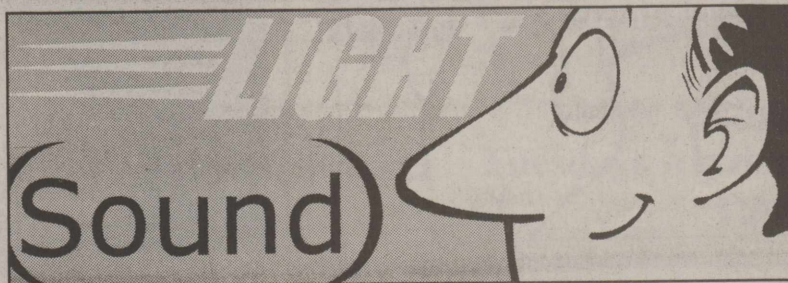
Ages 3-6

Ages 7-10

Ages 11-14

Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, Ugliest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled the Furthest.

For further information please contact Kay Allison at 806-228-5338

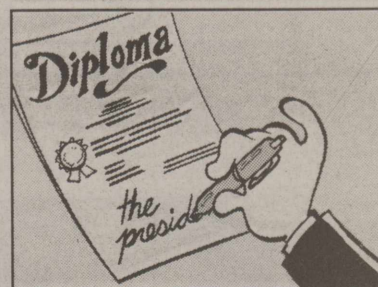


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2016 "Big Blue Band" Seniors Collect Impressive Amount of Hardware In Seven Years of Competition

This year's Stratford High School Band seniors have been very successful each and every year at band competitions as evidenced by the hardware they have collected through the years.

Beginning as 6th Graders in 2010, the band travelled to the Dalhart Band Festival and received a Division I (Superior) Rating in concert band competition. Likewise in 7th Grade the band received a Division I Rating in both Concert and Sight Reading at the Highland Park Band Festival. In 2012, as 8th graders, the students received Sweepstakes at the UIL Region 1 Concert Band contest by earning Division I ratings in both Concert and Sight-reading.

In the Fall of 2012 the students joined the "Big Blue Marching Band" and competed at their first UIL Regional Marching Contest receiving a Division I rating plaque. That Spring they also received Division I ratings in both Concert and Sight-reading at the UIL Regional Concert competition. The Division I ratings in these 3 areas qualified the band for the Sweepstakes trophy for 2013.

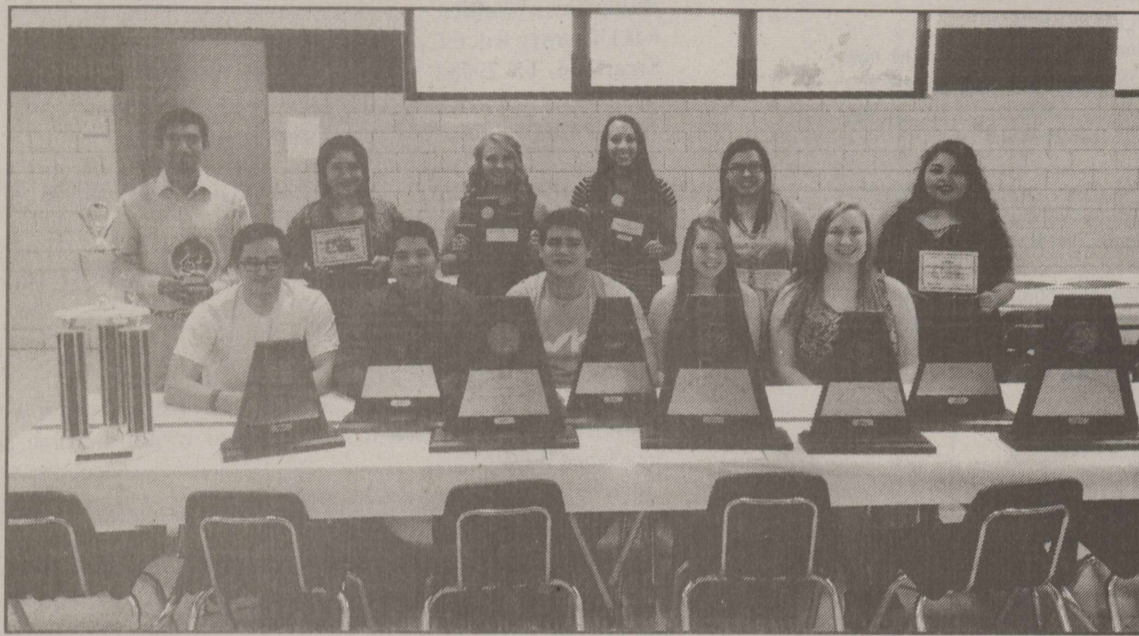
The Fall of 2013 the band again received a Division I Rating at the Regional Marching Contest. Since it was an "advancing year" (State Marching Contest for Class A Bands) the band competed at the UIL Area Marching Contest in Odessa. They received a "Top Ten Finalist" plaque by advancing to finals competition in the evening.

The Fall of 2014 as Juniors the students met a tough judging panel and received ratings of I, II, II from the three judges. However, they redeemed themselves by receiving straight I's in Concert and Sight Reading in the Spring.

The Fall of 2015 the band again received a Division I rating at Regional Marching contest. This was also an "advancing year" and the students again reached the finals competition at the UIL Area Marching Contest in Amarillo. Finally, just this Spring, the Senior Class led the band to straight Division I ratings in Concert and Sight-reading. So again the "Big Blue Band" received the Sweepstakes plaque.

Because most contests require three judges, the Seniors had a total of 49 different ratings over their 7 years of participating in contests. Of those 49 ratings there were only 4 division II ratings. The other 45 were all Division I ratings.

The 2016 "Big Blue Band" Seniors should be congratulated for representing Stratford Schools so well at all the band contests they've participated in over the years.



Front row (L-R): Orlando Mayorga, Julian Licon, Juan Camberos, Kelsey Pickens, and Tommie Long. Back row: Kevin Hernandez, Monica Reyes, Alexie Wright, Chesney Rendon, Vanessa Barajas, and Paola Vasquez.

Stratford High School Big Blue Band

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