

# The Stratford Star

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## Stratford Ex-Students

By Gaynelle Riffe

Stratford Ex-Students for honored classes ending in 7 was a little disappointing for. Some of the classes. Some traveled from great distances to see classmates that did not show. Even town classmates did not bother and that is sad

The thought was, everyone is on facebook so they keep up with classmates. Is that like speaking face to face??

Town people who helped make the Friday Night event smooth: Joe Zak, hamburger chef. Rex Sladek helped: Duane, Yvonne Pittman, Pat Johnson. Money changers: Märi K and Marihoward Engelbrecht, drinks; Kay Bachman and Ann Johnson, distributed the ice Cream. Making the Ice Cream; Becky Asher, Sue Hudson, Kathy Riffe, Linda Spurlock, Tana Pemberton, Cindy Jackson, Gaynelle Riffe.

Who will take the responsibility for contacting Ex-student's in 2018????

Aug. & September try to get new addresses for returned mail. Oct. get date on county Barn Calendar. January, honored classes ending in 8 contacted to start updating addresses and make plans for their class activities. April; Mailing list complete and class activities. May 2000 newsletters printed, stuffed, stamped in the mail. June/July try to update returned mail and arrange for help for Friday Night.

Last week in July, is it worth it? Friday Night, yes it is... It has been great fun since 1964. Hopefully someone will have a great interest in keeping the string attached to Stratford Ex-Students.

Gaynelle Riffe, once an Elk always an Elk

## Back to School Hamburger Supper

Stratford ISD Board of Trustees, and Administration would like to invite you to our Annual Back to School Hamburger Supper. The supper is free to the public. We will serve hamburgers, chips, and tea. The supper will be held in the High School Cafeteria on Monday, August 21, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come Join Us!!!

## Stratford Schools Open House

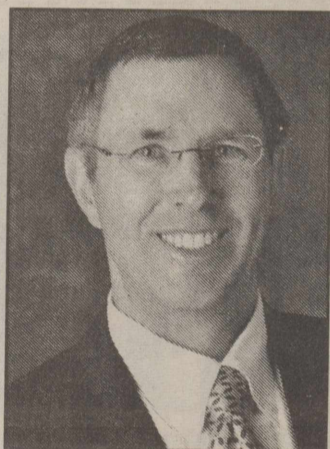
Stratford ISD invites you to come by each campus and meet and greet our employees. Open House is on Monday, August 21, 2017. Be sure to join us in the High School Cafeteria for the Annual Back to School Hamburger Supper during your visit!

The schedule is as follows:

Mary Allen Elementary 5:00 pm-6:00 pm  
Junior High 4:00 pm-5:00 pm  
High School 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

## Independent Bankers Assn. of Texas Elects Stratford Banker as Immediate Past Chairman of Leadership Board

Doak Crabtree of Happy State Bank to Continue Service on Leadership. Division Board of Directors



AUSTIN, Texas—The Leadership Division of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas

(IBAT) recently elected new board members during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual IBAT Leadership Conference at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Horseshoe Bay, June 22-24, 2017. Doak Crabtree, president at Happy State Bank (Stratford), now serves as immediate past chairman.

Crabtree has 30 years of experience in the community banking industry. He has been with Happy State Bank in Stratford for 15 years, beginning when the branch opened. It was Happy State's first branch outside of its home territory and based on its success, the bank has expanded into many other communities. Happy State is one of the largest agricultural lenders in Texas, and Crabtree sits on the Executive Agriculture Loan Committee. A native of Boise City, Oklahoma, Crabtree is a graduate of Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, the Texas Tech School of Banking and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking. He remains involved in his family's ranching business in Oklahoma. Married for 35 years, he has two children and a granddaughter.

Other executive board members named to guide the Leadership Division include Chairman Hazem Ahmed, executive vice president at-Integrity Bank (Southeast Houston); Chairman-Elect Christy Hester, executive vice president and chief credit administration officer at Texas Bank and Trust (Longview); and Secretary-Treasurer Marty Rivers, executive vice president, chief credit officer and board member at First State Bank (Gainesville).

The IBAT Leadership Division is divided into 13 regions, each of which hosts education and networking events for community bankers in the area throughout the year. Each region also has its own president, who also serves as the region's board member. Several new board members were elected to represent their region. Geoff Phemister, vice president of commercial lending at Happy State Bank (Amarillo), is the

Region 1 director; Chad Golden, corresponding lending officer at TIB-The Independent BankersBank (Farmers Branch), is the Region 4 and Justin Steinbach, senior vice president at Frost Bank (Dallas), is the Region 5 director.

The newly elected board members of the nearly 700-member division will serve through 2017-2018 with several members staying on through 2019. The complete list of Leadership Division Board members can be found at [www.ibat.org/leadership/board-of-directors](http://www.ibat.org/leadership/board-of-directors). The IBAT Leadership Division was founded in 1985 and is dedicated to the development of tomorrow's leaders in community banking. Austin-based IBAT represents more than 2,000 independent banks and branches in 700 Texas communities.

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About the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT)  
Formed in 1974, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) represents Texas community banks. The Austin-based group is the largest state community banking organization

## Spirit Camp-August 7-10

9:30-11:00

PRE-K THRU 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (AS OF FALL 2017)

Meet in front of the High School

Monday: Registration Tuesday: Picture Day Wednesday: Crazy Day (Wear your craziest outfit!)

Thursday: Camp If you did not register early, you may still register your child on the first day of Camp, but will not receive a camp T-shirt. T-Shirts were pre-ordered according to early

Registration

Questions: 806-753-6105

## LOLLIPOP IS 25 AND GROWING

By Susie Spurlock

June 15th marked the 25th Anniversary of Lollipop Junction providing childcare for families in Stratford. Opening day enrollment on June 15, 1992 was 12; enrollment on June 15, 2017 was 45!! The childcare center serves 32 families and there is a waiting list for those seeking infant care. Erika Duran Gonzales is the director of the center.

With growth of serving children, the center is expanding its physical space also. Earlier this year, Lollipop Junction acquired the building next door and plans to convert the space for an expanded infant care center and food preparation and storage area. This expansion is in the planning/design stage with immediate repairs being replacing the roof of the building. This step of the building renovation is being made possible with a grant from the Stratford Area Foundation.

The Board of Directors are working on the renovation plans, securing bids for necessary work to be performed, and exploring grants for funding the project. In addition, local fundraisers will be conducted to assist with this growth project.

Fundraisers planned for the fall include Pumpkin Roll and Cheese Sales with Bity Pies and Zak's Cheese. Reindeer Dash is planned for December 9th with runners/walkers being able to enjoy the Christmas lights of Stratford while getting exercise and fresh air.

Individuals and businesses that would like to help with this expansion project are encouraged to contact any Lollipop Junction Board member. Board members are Randy Hooks, Macy Begley, Koreley Whittington, Christina Brown, Brent Reed, Tracy Hicks, Jennifer DeAnda, and Susie and Wesley Spurlock.

Together we can help Make Stratford Great by meeting the needs for childcare of our community.

## NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that application for a place on the Stratford Independent School District Regular election ballot may be filed July 23, 2017 thru August 22, 2017. Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday, August 22nd, 2017 office hours 8:00 AM - 5 PM. You may file applications in person at Stratford ISD Administration Office, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

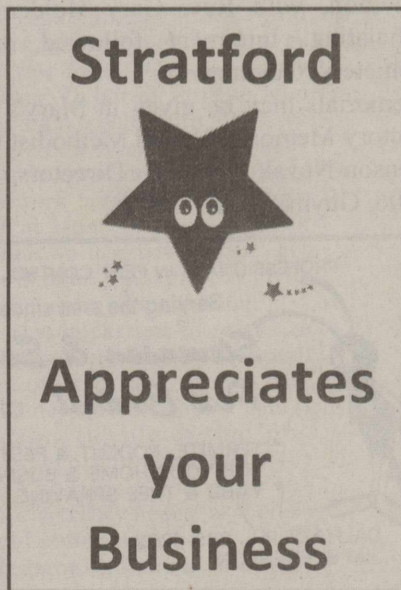
Board members whose terms will expire are Walt Berry and Tim Hudson. Holdover members are Brad McBryde, Dan Law, Jo Hinds, Brian Clift and Tres Hess.

## Stratford Hospital District News

Three Members of Board terms to end

The time is soon coming for three of the five Stratford Hospital District board members' terms to end. The Stratford Hospital District needs volunteers from the community to replace these members. Board members must be a qualified voter and a resident of the Stratford Hospital District (same as Stratford Independent School District). The deadline for signing up to run as a board member is quickly approaching. Anyone interested must bring their voter registration card and pick up an application in person at the business office of Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday. The last day to sign up is August 26 so don't delay. For questions or additional details, please contact Donna Zimmer at 806-396-5568

The Stratford Hospital District could not exist without members of the community taking an active role on the board. We send out a sincere thank you to those who are currently serving on the board as well as those who have served in the past. By being a member of the Stratford Hospital District Board, you are doing your part to ensure the betterment of healthcare for the residents of Sherman County



## Notice of Deadline to File Applications for Place on the Ballot

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Stratford regular/special election ballot may be filed July 24, 2017 thru August 21, 2017 during the office hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may file applications in person at City Hall, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas.

Expiring two-year terms are: Greg Wright, Ann Johnson and Kyle Sandvig. Due to a resignation, a one-year term is open. Holdover members are Ricky Reed and Joe Zak.



## OBITUARIES



### Mary Long

December 2, 1929-July 25, 2017

Guymon, Oklahoma - Mary Long, 96, passed away at her home Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Mary Eva Alexander Hart Long was born December 2, 1920, in the home of her maternal grandparents, Mary Kelley Allen and Alfred Waggoner Allen. She moved with her parents, Maude Allen Alexander and Harley Patrick Alexander to Gruver, Texas to farm and ranch. Mary's early childhood years were full of picnics, driving her father's model T, riding horses, and skiing. Mary graduated from Gruver High School in 1937, and from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, in 1941.

Mary married her childhood sweetheart, Walter Hart of Gruver, on March 7, 1942. In 1945, Walter Hart was killed in action in the Pacific Theatre, World War II.

As a young War widow, Mary purchased the Frisco River ranch, south of Guymon, Oklahoma, with another young widow, Margaret Cochran, and began ranching in 1944. David Long, a World War II veteran and insurance salesman, met Mary when he arrived to the ranch for an insurance appraisal. David and Mary were married during a blizzard on March 1, 1948 in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the Methodist church parsonage. They shared 63 years of life, love and laughter. Along the way, they raised four children, Pat, Lisa, Stephen and Homer.

Mary was a devoted and active member of Victory Memorial United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her family and friends and was always supportive of their many activities. Mary belonged to P.E.O., Chapter FQ, Macombo Dance Club, and Laff-a-Lot bridge club. She and David traveled widely and often enjoyed their mountain home near Nathrop, Colorado. In 2000, Mary was honored as the Texas County Pioneer Queen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C. David Long; son, Homer Phillip Long; brothers, George Alexander and David Alexander; sister, Frances Murrell and daughter-in-law, Debbie Long.

Survivors include her three children, Pat Long and wife, Shawn; Lisa Gordon; Steve Long and wife, Karri; seven grandchildren, David and Jennifer Long, Sally and J.D. Conway, Patrick Long, Adam Gordon, Alissa and Henry Heinerscheid, Jake Long, Lindsey and K.W. Cryer. Mary's great grandchildren were one of her greatest joys. They are Davis Long, Brooke and Colin Heinerscheid, Campbell, Henley and Hayes Cryer. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Buddy Murrell of Gruver and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday morning, July 28, 2017, 10:00 A.M., at Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, 523 North Roosevelt, Guymon, with Rev. Gary Holdeman, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Elmhurst Cemetery, Guymon.

Memorials may be given in Mary's memory to Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.



### Marjorie Louise Pilch February 21 1926-July 27, 2017

Marjorie Louise Pilch, 91, of Stratford, died Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Cesar Gomez as celebrant. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford, 311 N. Main.

Marjorie was born Feb. 21, 1926, in Fort Collins, Colo. She was a homemaker and a cafeteria cook at Stratford High School.

Marjorie was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Joseph Pilch.

Survivors include a daughter, Andrea Slaton and husband Russell, of Milford; a son, Michael Pilch and wife Cara, of Mansfield; 6 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.boxwellbrothers.com](http://www.boxwellbrothers.com).

## SCOT Monthly Activities

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

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes  
Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Exercise have been canceled until fall  
when school starts again

Cindy is back And Ladies yoga with Cindy  
Jackson is Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4<sup>th</sup> Thursday-12 noon  
(covered dish Luncheon)



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## STRATFORD ELKS SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Season Football Tickets go on sale Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Dept. of Student Services located across from the High School Library. There are five (5) home games this year. If you plan to keep or give up your seat, call Annie at 366-3322. **Tickets need to be picked up and paid prior to first home game.**

Cost per seat for District 2-A for the season (5 Home Games):

Adults - \$20.00

Child/Student - \$15.00

The first ELK home game is Friday, September 15th vs Guymon. GO ELKS!!

Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 am-3:30 pm.

## Home Gate Ticket Prices for the 2017 Football Games

### Varsity Game

Adults - \$4.00 Students - \$3.00

### JV- Jr High Game

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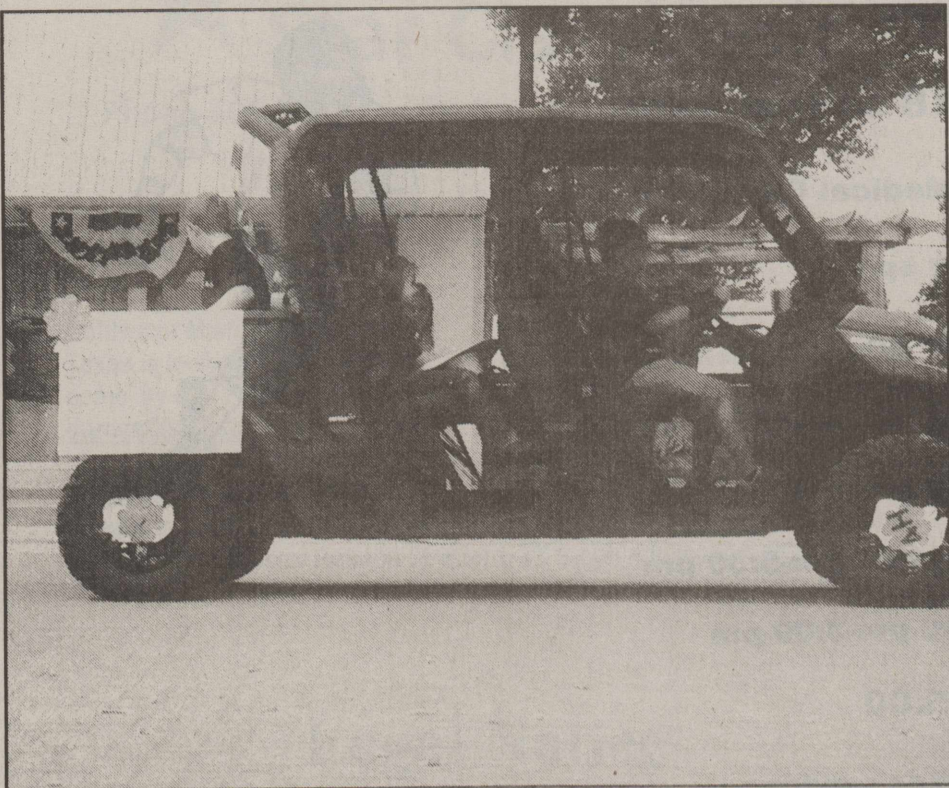


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 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**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.  
 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)  
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 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.

**Heritage Bible Baptist**  
 Pastor Mark Looney  
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 Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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**Church of Christ**  
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 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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July 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm-5:30 pm

August 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Price \$25.00

Payment is due upon service

Only for this dates, after these dates

Regular office visit fee will be charged \$65.00.

If you are planning on doing any type of sports or UIL activity during the school year you must get a sport physical.

You don't need an appointment they will be first come first serve you must have paperwork filled out and signed by a parent and student. Physical won't be done if forms are not completed and signed.

If you want to use Insurance you must make an appointment for another day.



## Business Directory

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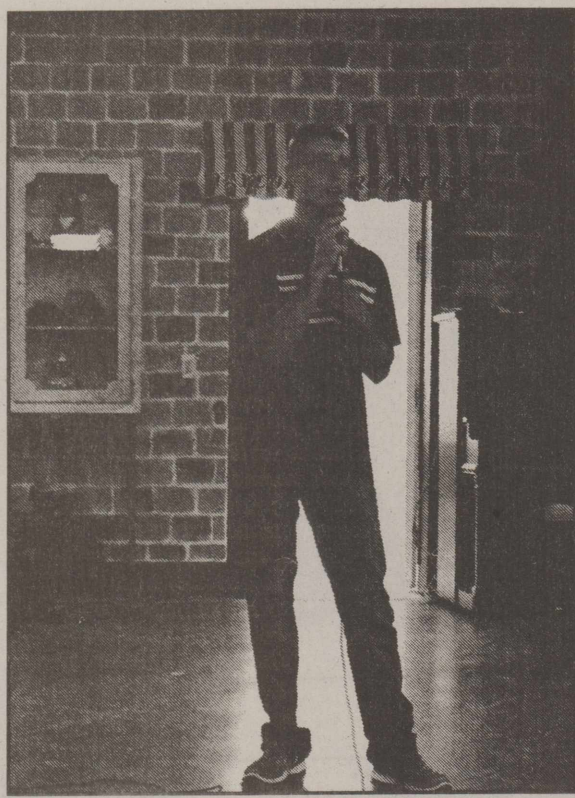
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## SCOT Luncheon

SCOT Luncheon which was held Thursday, July 27th. Tables were decorated in Stratford blue and white colors; along with past school yearbooks and other school related objects. Many of the members and guests wore Stratford blue shirts. Levi Springer sang a variety of songs for the entertainment. He received many well wishes, as he will soon be leaving for college.

Hosts for the luncheon were Jim and Pat Hartman; Cecil and Pat Wright; and Mary Lou Albert. Hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled by Jim and Cecil. Trimmings for the hot dogs and hamburgers were furnished by the hosts. Members brought side dishes, salads and desserts.

SCOT's next luncheon and meeting will be August 24th with Janice Sladek; Jim and Ineta Chesher and Don and Gaynelle Rife as hosts.



### Amarillo Football Chapter Texas Association of Sports Officials

The 2017 high school football season will be here soon, and the Amarillo chapter of football officials is currently recruiting and taking applications for anyone interested in becoming a high school football official.

The Amarillo chapter is looking for individuals who feel they can give back to the sport they know and are looking for a longer term advocacy/hobby to keep them involved with in local football activities. Becoming a high school football officials allows one the opportunity to build camaraderie with fellow officials, develop new life-long friendships, provide physical activity to get or stay fit and earn extra income that many use to offset expenses for vacations, holidays or pay extra bills. We are looking for individuals who want to experience the feel of Friday night lights in the State of Texas.

If you are interested and want additional information please email amarefs@outlook.com or call Kelly Jones at 806-282-2513 or Wayne Bernier at 806-674-1937. For additional information please visit the Amarillo chapter website at www.amarefs.org or the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) website at www.taso.org.

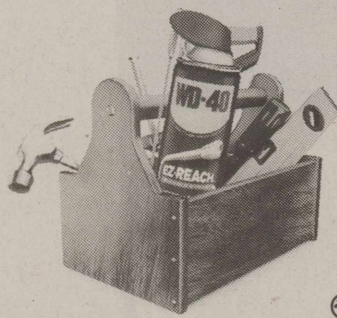
### Three Ways To Be More Efficient And Get The Job Done Right

(NAPS)—When it comes to work and performing tough jobs, efficiency is key. Regardless of your profession or hobbies, here are ways to ensure you get the job done right.

#### Put an End to Multitasking

Because our brains are hard-wired to focus on only one task at a time, humans are inherently bad multitaskers. In fact, studies have shown that multitasking often kills productivity and can cause poor short-term memory.

Instead of tackling a painting project at the same time you're redoing your master bathroom, focus on one activity at a time. With less distraction, you'll get more done.



The right tools can make any task easier to do.

#### Use the Right Tools

Just like firefighters wouldn't use a garden hose to do their job, using the best tools for the project at hand makes life easier.

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#### Take a Break from Your Routine

Learning new things keeps the mind young and active. If you're putting in long hours on a project, take an extended break so that your mind is sharper upon return. Breaks keep us from getting bored and help us make connections we might otherwise miss.

Plan something fun, go on a short walk, meditate or simply step away. When you return, you'll likely have a new solution, or at least a different way of looking at things.

For more efficiency tips, visit <http://wd40.com/powerof5>.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM August 17, 2017 in High School Library - 503 N 8th Street  
Stratford, TX.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
**School Debt Service Tax**  
**Approved by Local Voters** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or 3.17 % (decrease)  
Debt service \_\_\_\_\_ % increase or \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)  
Total expenditures .4 % increase or \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)\*\*

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 850,450,072	\$ 855,168,583
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 2,079,960	\$ 5,196,020
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 418,271,642	\$ 413,372,686
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 2,045,410	\$ 5,196,020

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

\*\* "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0.00

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0*	\$ 1.17	\$ 8,698	\$ 2,8166
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.30902	\$ 0*	\$ 1.3092	\$ 9,369	\$ 2,773
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0*	\$ 1.17	\$ 8,665	\$ 2,773

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 77,273	\$ 77,568
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 52,273	\$ 52,568
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 611.59	\$ 615.05
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 3.46

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.17.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,750,000.0
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

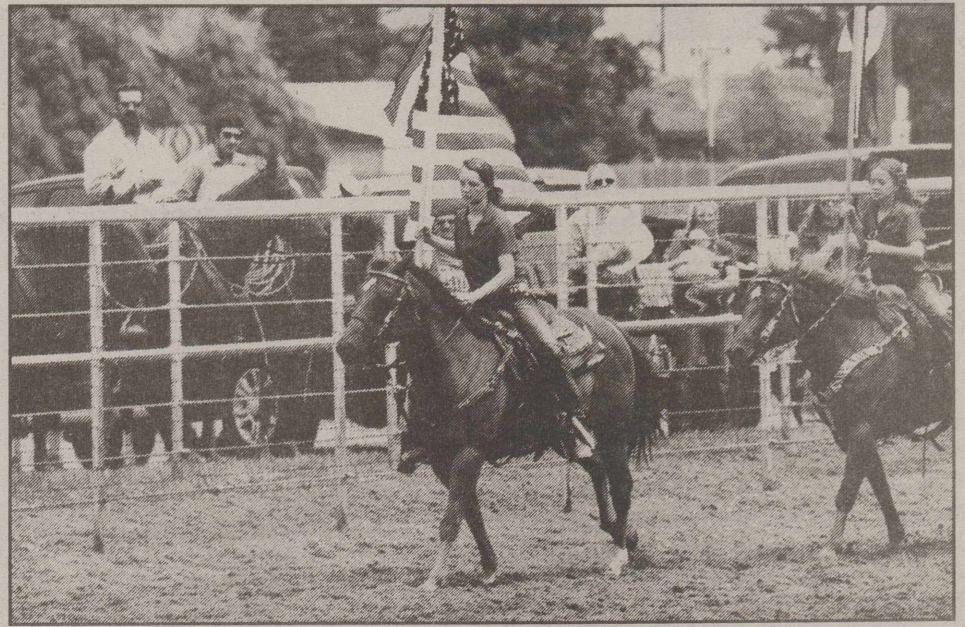
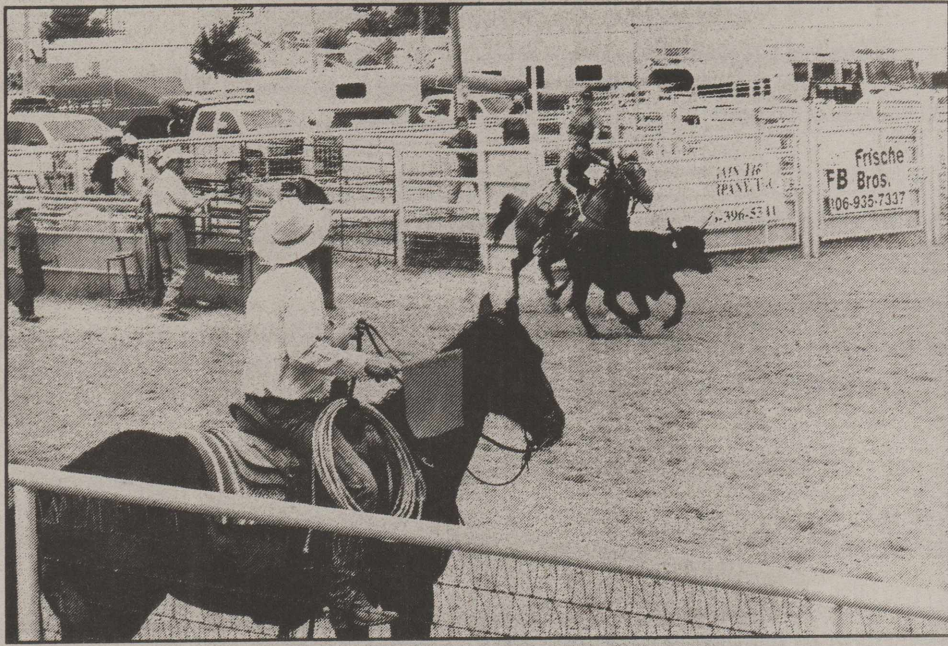
## SSRC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Stratford Junior Rodeo

Shown at Right-Buckle winners were L to R Front Row: Victoria, Miguel and Alyssa. Back row: Kaitlyn, Chloe, Kaytly, Stevan, Solana, Snow and Sofia.

### Shown below

Kaytly Clift winning Steer Daubing with a time of 1.910 seconds!

Silver Spurs Rodeo Club 2017 Ambassadors Kaytly Clift posting the American Flag and Morgan Clift posting the Texas Flag during the 2017 Stratford Ranch Rodeo. Photos courtesy of Brendi Brown with Brendi Shay Photography.



## SSRC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Stratford Junior Rodeo Was a Success

What a turnout! We had 32 competitors attended our first annual Jr Rodeo on Saturday, July 29! Those competitors came from all over the including Canyon, Claude, Amarillo, Guymon, Fritch, Boise City, Happy, Texhoma, Dumas, Dalhart, and your very own, Stratford. Thank you to Brown's Meat Locker for the burger meat donation, to MC 3 Cattle Company for the use of the steers, to 4C Farms for the calves, to Lynn Allan, Jared Goolsby, and the countless other dads for their arena help, and finally the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department and Sherriff Ted Allan for the nice grounds to run on!

Local businesses graciously sponsored twenty-one buckles to give out for first place. The buckle winners were the following:

- Senior: Steer Daubing, **Kaitlyn Meister**, buckle sponsor CPEC  
Breakaway, **Bree McCleskey**, buckle sponsor Biddy's On Main  
Goat Tying, **Snow Lopez**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Poles, **Bree McCleskey**, buckle sponsor Jack Oldham Oil  
Flags, **Bree McCleskey**, buckle sponsor Gary Clements Insurance  
Barrels, **Bree McCleskey**, buckle sponsor McKay Insurance
- Intermediate: Steer Daubing, **Kaytly Clift**, buckle sponsor Star of Texas RV Park & Horse Hotel  
Breakaway, **Kaytly Clift**, buckle sponsor Star of Texas RV Park & Horse Hotel  
Goat Tying, **Sofia Joyner**, buckle sponsor MC 3 Cattle Company  
Poles, **Chloe Northrup**, buckle sponsor Main Street Essentials  
Flags, **Sofia Joyner**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Barrels, **Sofia Joyner**, buckle sponsor McKay Insurance
- Junior: Steer Daubing, **Stevan Martinez**, buckle sponsor MC 3 Cattle Company  
Goat Tying, **Solana Vargas**, buckle sponsor Jack Oldham Oil  
Poles, **Miguel Vargas**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Flags, **Miguel Vargas**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Barrels, **Miguel Vargas**, buckle sponsor CPEC
- PeeWee: Goat Ribbon Pull, **Alyssa Ortega**, buckle sponsor Jack Oldham Oil  
Poles, **Alyssa Ortega**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Flags, **Victoria Joyner**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed  
Barrels, **Alyssa Ortega**, buckle sponsor Channel Seed

Second received a 40% cash payback and third place received a 20% cash payback. The turnout was a success and we were glad to provide this type of thing for our community! A special thank you to Sherman County Commissioners for the many updates to the arena! It made for an easy and special time for all those involved in the rodeos this past weekend. We could not have done it without all of our sponsors, helpers, and supporters so again, Thank You!

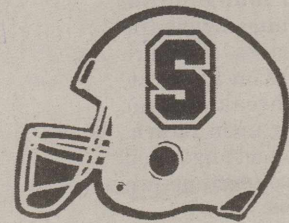
# MEET THE ELKS

THURSDAY, AUG 24

7:00 P.M.



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Coldwater Manor in Stratford, Texas is now accepting application for a person to work in the Dietary Department and Housekeeping. If interested come by 1111 Beaver Road in Stratford, TX for an application. EOE

**Legal Notice**

Ty A. Hacker, Mildred Hacker reside at 409 North Chestnut, Stratford, TX Betty Laxson is not responsible for any of Ty A. Hacker or Mildred Hacker, former indebtedness or future bills. Betty Laxson is not Mildred Hacker Power of Attorney or Medical Advocate effective 09/15/16. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, July 27, 2017, Thursday, August 3, 2017 and Thursday, August 10, 2017

**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Albert LeRoy Baker, Deceased, were issued on July 27, 2017, in Cause No. 2271, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Arlene Jean Baker. 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: Arlene Jean Baker  
1300 Harrison Apt. 509  
Amarillo, Texas 79101

DATED: this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

Signed:  
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Attorney for Arlene Jean Baker  
State Bar No.: 12199270  
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396-5568 Mark Moore, LNFA

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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.

**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

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES IMMUNIZATION CLINIC SCHEDULE**

**August 2017**

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

08/10/2017	Clarendon	Burton Memorial Library 217 S Kearney Street	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
08/17/2017	Canadian	Hemphill Co Library 500 Main Street	10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**DSHS Pampa Clinic**  
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday  
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121 S. Gillespie  
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Telephone number: 806-665-1690

Clinics will be closed on holidays and last 2 business days of each month:

\*\* This month we will also be closed on the following dates:  
Every Tuesday &  
August 30 and 31, 2017

We will no longer offer immunizations on a regular basis in McLean, Texas and Canadian, Texas.

If you are in need of immunizations, please contact:  
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121 S. Gillespie  
Pampa, TX 79065  
806-665-1690

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Leigh Johnston at 806-783-6412

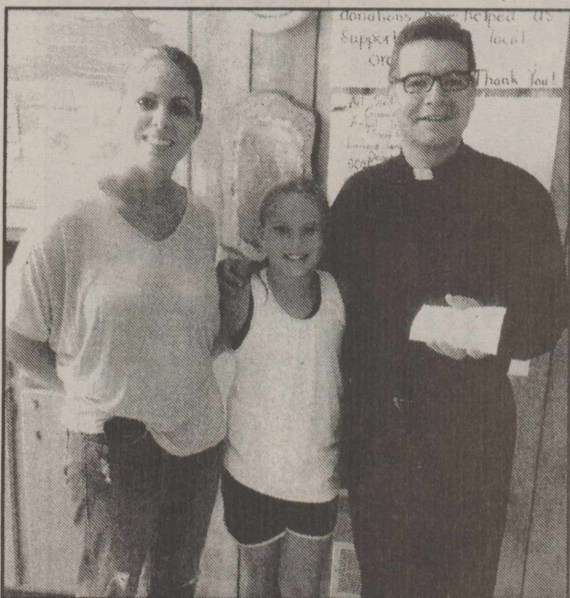
# FIVE YEARS OF GIVING



Wayne Smith accepts a monetary gift from Sonja Ragsdale, Community Thrift Store on behalf of the Church of Christ and Stratford Cemetary Association.



Sonja Ragsdale presents a check from the Community Thrift Store to Angela Valenzuela and Ally Gonzalez of the Temple Ebenezer Hispanic faith congregation.



Accepting a gift from the Community Thrift Store on behalf of St. Joseph's Catholic Church are Heather Braden and daughter Maddie and Father Cesar Gomez.



D'Lynn Reed, Billye Zak, and Jeanie Bell of the Prayer Quilt Group, Crochet Angels members Bobbie Strong and Kay Payne along with Alicia Law, CASA 69 Board Member accept monetary gifts from the Thrift Store.



Lupe Duran and Gennifer Batson representing Stratford Youth Sports, Martha Mitts of the Depot Museum, Lynn Wells and Terri Carter of SCOT, Heather Braden representing Stratford Education Foundation, and Laurie Spurlock, Imagination Station Board Member accept gifts from Linda Spurlock, Community Thrift Store Volunteer.



Linda Spurlock and Sonja Ragsdale presented checks on behalf of the Thrift Store to members and pastors of the First Baptist Church, Heritage Bible Baptist Church, First Christian Church, Assembly of God, First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, a Mission Bautiste, and Baptist Food Ministry. Representatives of those groups at the presentation were Christine Brown, Darla Looney, Mark Looney, Lorelyn Powers, Sandra Gutierrez, Kevin Anderson, Vicki Whitt, Kay Bauchman, Damon Stalvey, Linda Swain, Joyce McBryde, Tim Boyer, Rachele Long, Gustavo Gutierrez, and Ron Whitt.

Community Thrift Store celebrates five years of giving this summer. Nineteen churches and/or non-profit organizations received gifts from the Thrift Store.

Churches receiving gifts were: Temple Ebenezer Hispanic, La Mission Bautiste, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Assembly of God, First United Methodist Church, Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, Heritage Bible Baptist Church, and First Christian Church. In addition, the Baptist Food Ministry received a gift for their use.

Stratford non-profit organizations Depot Museum, Cemetery Association, SCOT, Stratford Education Foundation, Prayer Quilt group, Imagination Station, Stratford Youth Sports, Crochet Angels, and CASA 69 also received funds from the store.

Recognizing a need for members of our community who have limited resources for purchasing clothing, shoes, baby items, and household goods, the late Betty Chamberlain provided the leadership for the Thrift Store with the support of her church, First United Methodist. Betty and her husband, RJ, offered store space in the former Sherman Implement Company building located on Highway 54 East. Staffed by community volunteers who organize the inventory of donated items, the store has given back to community groups over \$66,000 since opening in 2012.

Other groups who have received monetary gifts from the store the past five years include Good Samaritan, Angel Tree, The Pantry, Lollipop Junction, Sherman County Library, Snack Pak 4 Kids, Stratford Fire Department, Ministerial Alliance, Lion's Club, EMT Association, Coldwater Manor Activity Fund, Salvation Army Fritch Wildfire, and the American Legion. Funds have also been given to assist purchasing of school supplies for needy students of Mary Allen Elementary and Stratford Middle School and supporting the Stratford High School Student Council.

On behalf of Betty's family, Community Thrift Store Volunteers, and the organizations who have benefited from the store, THANK YOU for your support of donated items for the customers of the store. Thrift Store is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am till 4:00 p.m.



## STRATFORD ELKS SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Season Football Tickets go on sale Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the Dept. of Student Services located across from the High School Library. There are five (5) home games this year. If you plan to keep or give up your seat, call Annie at 366-3322. **Tickets need to be picked up and paid prior to first home game.**  
Cost per seat for District 2-A for the season (5 Home Games):  
Adults - \$20.00  
Child/Student - \$15.00  
The first ELK home game is Friday, September 15th vs Guymon. GO ELKS!!  
Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 am-3:30 pm.

## Home Gate Ticket Prices for the 2017 Football Games

**Varsity Game**  
Adults - \$4.00 Students - \$3.00  
**JV- Jr High Game**  
Adults - \$4.00 Students - \$3.00

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### 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

## Health Awareness

### Stroke Incidence In The United States: What You Didn't Know

(NAPS)—In the United States, someone has a stroke every 40 seconds<sup>i</sup>, accounting for one in 20 deaths.<sup>ii</sup> A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries blood and oxygen to the brain is blocked by plaque or a blood clot (acute ischemic stroke) or ruptures and bleeds (hemorrhagic stroke).<sup>iii</sup>

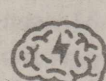
However, the prevalence and death rates from stroke vary widely across the U.S. In eight Southern states called the "Stroke Belt,"<sup>iv</sup> the death rate from stroke is more than 20 percent higher than the U.S. average.<sup>v</sup>

While these states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas<sup>vi</sup>—are known to have a higher prevalence of stroke, anyone can be at risk wherever one lives.

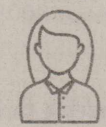
There are several types of risk factors for stroke, some of which are hereditary such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.<sup>vii</sup> Others are preventable, including smoking and the use of tobacco, an unhealthy diet, excessive alcohol consumption and a lack of daily exercise.<sup>viii</sup>

Stroke risk also increases with age, but strokes can and do occur at any age.<sup>ix</sup> Compared with the 1995-99 period, the rate of stroke in 2010-14 increased by 147 percent in people 35 to 39, by 101 percent in people 40 to 44 and by 68 percent in those 45 to 49.<sup>x</sup> It's the fifth leading cause of death<sup>xi</sup> and kills more than 130,000 Americans each year.<sup>xii</sup>

Recognizing and understanding the signs and symptoms of a stroke is crucial. Immediate medical attention may limit



More people in the U.S. **EXPERIENCE A STROKE** than a heart attack.



Each year, stroke kills **TWICE AS MANY WOMEN** as breast cancer.

**If you think someone is having a stroke, call 911 and act fast.**

the effects of a stroke, so it is imperative that people call 911 at the first sign.<sup>xiii</sup>

#### Always Act F.A.S.T.

If you or someone you know begins to show signs and symptoms of a stroke, there's a four-letter acronym, "F.A.S.T.," which corresponds to a test that can be used as a quick screening tool:<sup>xiv</sup>

- **F=FACE**, loss of function on one side of your face, which may look like drooping.<sup>xv</sup>
- **A=ARMS**, sudden weakness on one side, which may mean you can't hold the arm up.<sup>xvi</sup>
- **S=SPEECH**, as in slurred speech.<sup>xvii</sup>
- **T=TIME**, time to call 911.<sup>xviii</sup>

If the person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 or get to the hospital immediately. Time is brain.

To learn more about stroke, visit [www.strokecall911.com](http://www.strokecall911.com).

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## News For Older Americans

### What To Consider When It's Time To Stop Driving

(NAPS)—If you're worried about the safety of an older adult who is driving and probably shouldn't—or about your own safety on the road because your skills aren't as sharp as they used to be—you're not alone.

These are common problems—and they now come with expert solutions thanks to health care professionals at the American Geriatrics Society (AGS). With support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), AGS experts in caring for older adults have put together a toolkit for understanding and assessing safe driving as you age. The toolkit is available from [www.HealthinAging.org](http://www.HealthinAging.org) and it addresses a range of important topics—especially how to talk about when it's time to stop driving.

That's an important conversation, since stopping driving can affect health and independence as people age. Giving up the keys can be linked to depression, for example, and may speed up declines in physical and mental health. That makes it crucial to have alternative plans for transportation when it's time to stop driving independently.

#### Having the Talk

When you've determined that you or an older adult should stop driving, it's important to make an action plan.

**Enlist support.** Talk to family and friends. If you need to start a conversation about driving abilities, rehearse the discussion you'd like to have. Depending on the circumstances, you may want a friend or family member to be present to offer support.

**Have a compassionate conversation.** No one wants to feel "ganged up on," so frame conversations in a supportive way. Don't let anxiety or fear make you sound angry, for example.

#### Discuss specifics and avoid blame.

Cite examples: "I'm concerned that we didn't stop at the intersection," or "You seem to be having some trouble driving home." Health care professionals such as occupational therapists can offer driving evaluations to help you get a sense of driving abilities.

#### Becoming an Older Nondriver

Driving often represents independence for older adults. Creating alternative travel plans can help with maintaining that independence even when personal driving isn't an option.

**Make a transportation plan.** Consider how you or an older person you know drives. Note how frequently you drive and the specifics of each trip (destination, distance, time of day and so on). Knowing this information can help you look for alternatives.

**Research travel options.** Your health care professional or an Agency on Aging ([www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov)) can point you in the right direction when looking for what's available in the neighborhood. Transportation options may include:

- **Volunteer Programs.** Some faith-based and community organizations have people who volunteer to drive older adults. Each organization offers different options. Sometimes, rides are free; other times, they may come with a donation or membership dues.
- **Paratransit Services.** These include minibuses and small vans run by public transportation systems, aging organizations and private agencies. They may require reservations in advance but they often offer flexible scheduling options. Generally, paratransit services are provided "curb to curb," meaning that a rider meets the vehicle at the curb and gets dropped off at a curb. In some cases, paratransit is offered at reduced fares for older adults.

• **Door-Through-Door Services.** Some agencies provide drivers or escorts to help older adults get from their homes into a waiting vehicle. This service is particularly helpful for people who have trouble moving or need support while walking. Agencies on Aging can help you see if this service is available to you.

• **Public Transportation.** Buses, trains, subways, trolleys and other mass transit options have established routes and times. They may offer reduced fares for older adults and are generally (but not always) accessible for people with disabilities. The public transportation department can provide information about fares, schedules and accessibility. Look at options carefully to find a route that fits your health and personal needs.

• **Taxi Services.** Several options exist for accessing private car services. In some cities, you can hail a cab on the street or call ahead for one. Ride services such as Uber or Lyft may be good alternatives if you have a smartphone. If you are a caregiver, arranging these services in advance may give you greater peace of mind.

"The bottom line is: Select options that match specific needs for each trip," said Alice Pomidor, M.D., M.P.H., A.G.S.F., an AGS expert who led the development of the new driving toolkit.

"You might even want to list them on your transportation plan." For example, if you're worried about attending a weekly faith-based activity, maybe people from the community can offer rides on a rotating basis. The key is making sure you've got all the trips covered with a transportation option that can support staying involved in activities and events that are meaningful.

### Keeping Kids' Brains From Going On Vacation During Summer Break

(NAPS)—With millions of children across the U.S. on summer break, now is an important time to focus on the year-round support kids need to ensure their development doesn't go on vacation.

To do this, YMCAs across the country are helping kids have "the best summer ever" by dedicating thousands of hours to youth development. By nurturing children's cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development at 2,700 YMCA facilities in 10,000 communities nationwide, the Y is helping kids reach their potential this summer.

#### Stopping the Summer Slide

Parents know that when summer starts, it can be tough to get kids to think about school, let alone prepare for the upcoming academic year. "Summer is often a time of learning loss for many students, especially those from low-income environments, meaning the achievement gap can widen after a long summer with minimal educational engagement," said Jorge Perez, Sr. VP Programs & The Y Experience at Y-USA.

To help prevent summer learning loss and fight the achievement gap, the Y offers the Power Scholars Academy™ to support K-8 students in literacy, math, enrichment activities in STEM and the arts, along with a health curriculum. Children who participate in Power Scholars Academy™, gain, on average, 2 months of reading and 3 months in math skills, with 91 percent of parents reporting improvements in scholar's confidence and attitude toward school and learning.

Younger children reading below grade level can participate in the Y's Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program, designed for children in first and second grade. The program aims to help children read at grade level by third grade, a key milestone in children's academic careers.

#### Fighting Family Food Insecurity

When school is out, millions of kids and teens who rely on school to provide free and reduced cost meals are at an increased risk of going hungry. The Y's Summer Food Program helps fill this gap and is available to kids and teens at more than 1,500 locations across the country. The program provides meals, snacks and enrich-



**When school's out, kids can keep up their learning skills while still having fun.**

ing activities at YMCAs, as well as parks and apartment complexes, so that transportation is not a barrier for children and their families.

In five years, the Summer Food Program and the Y's Afterschool Meal Program have served more than 53 million healthy meals and snacks to over 460,000 youth. "Thanks to the partnership with the Walmart Foundation since 2011, the Y is better able to nourish the potential of youth in need. This summer we aim to serve 5 million healthy meals and snacks to 250,000 kids," said Mr. Perez.

#### Happy Campers

In addition to educational enrichment, the Y is also known for their camp and swimming programs. The Y offers a variety of different types of camps (Overnight Camp, Day Camp and Specialty Camps) as well as outdoor leadership development (BOLD/GOLD) program excursions in national parks.

"Camp, like many Y programs, is about learning skills, developing character and making friends. Few environments are as special as camp, where kids become a community as they learn both how to be more independent and how to contribute to a group while engaging in physical, social and educational activities," said Mr. Perez. "Attending summer camp is beneficial to every child's development. The experience teaches essential leadership and social skills and helps youth develop the confidence and independence needed to reach their full potential."

#### Learn More

Families interested in finding out more information on all of the summer programs and resources the Y provides all year round, can visit [YMCA.net](http://YMCA.net) to find a local Y near you.

### Power Is The Priority With An At-Home Office

(NAPS)—According to the US Census Bureau, a summary of trends indicates that 3.7 million employees now telecommute at least half of their work week. In fact, the number of work-at-home individuals who are not self-employed has grown by 103% since 2005. These work trends support an urgent need for uninterrupted electricity in the home to reduce lost work time and other avoidable disruptions.

Working from home has a number of employee benefits: the morning commute can't be beat and every day is casual Friday. And one perk that benefits both employee and employer is that studies show individuals tend to work more productively from a quieter, well-connected environment. However, when threatening weather is in the forecast, the flow of work from home to corporate office may also be at-risk. Formulating a backup plan in the case of a power outage should be a significant part of a home office business model.

Every responsible home office business model should consider a continuous source of power. Home standby generators, like the Guardian series by Generac Power Systems, turn on automatically when utility power goes out and stay on until utility power is restored. The benefits of installing a backup power system include uninterrupted, continuous power; communications connectivity for all business and home needs; protection for expensive computer equipment; and overall peace of mind.

More than just an inconvenience, a power outage also means productivity losses that can ulti-



**Working from home needn't stop during a power outage if you have a back-up generator.**

mately result in lost income and missed opportunities. In Beaver Dams, New York, a Generac generator saved Deborah Purdue who shares, "I am a goldsmith and have my shop in my house. In the past I lost hundreds of dollars not being able to work because of an outage. I work at least 70 hours a week and when we lose power I just get further behind. This unit has given me tremendous peace of mind!"

It's also important to prioritize those items the home office will need in order to stay up and running. Generac.com offers a generator sizing calculator that provides recommendations for options that accommodate the home's electricity needs, as well as personal preferences.

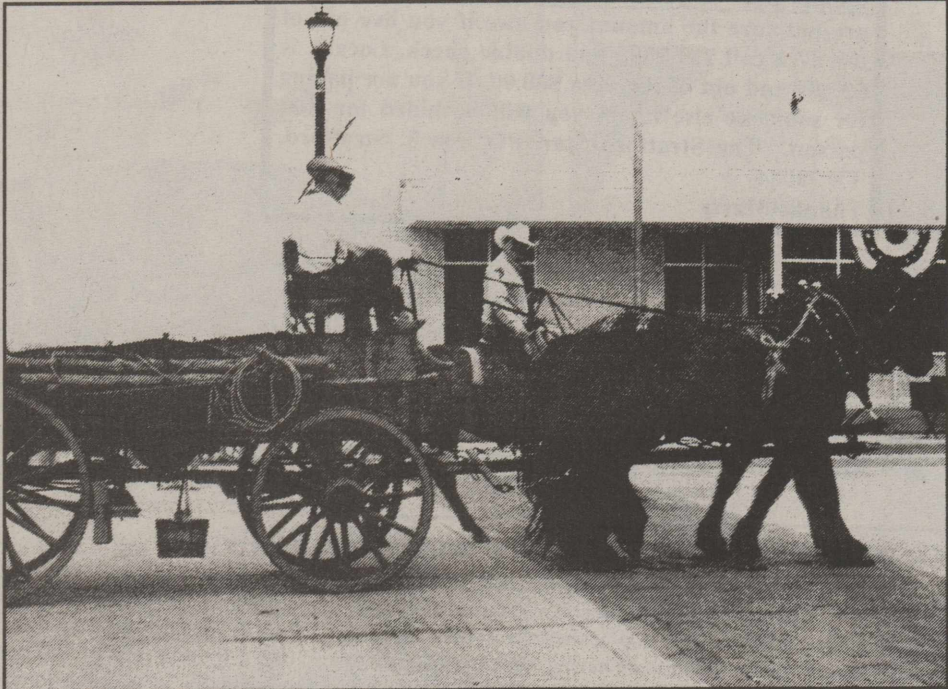
"Ensuring the power is always on is the right decision for today's telecommuters," says Jodi Marose, Generac Power Systems, Inc. spokesperson. "A home standby generator will automatically keep your equipment running which allows you to focus on keeping your business running."

#### Learn More

For facts and advice about investing in a reliable backup power system, visit [Generac.com](http://Generac.com) or call (888) GENERAC.

## A Little Bit of Pronger Family History

### First Pioneer Family & Descendants of Sherman County-2017



Chuck wagon style wagon and team owned and driven by John Salisbury of Vici, Oklahoma, descendant of Pronger Family, outrider is Ted Allen.



Team and wagon owned by Messenger Cattle. Driven by Mark Messenger and Jaco Messenger from Woodward, Oklahoma, - members of the Pronger Family.

The Pronger Brothers (Percy James and Alfred or Fred) were born in England and came to America in 1886. They first migrated to Florida, then Texas. They came to Sherman County about 1903, originally living in a dugout, then progressing to a wooden house. The headquarters about 9 miles South of Stratford came to include several houses, barns, corrals and small buildings. Many community weekend parties, hayrides, Easter Egg hunts and Family Dinners have been staged on the premises.

In 1905 Alfred Pronger married Ivie Pinkerton from Wichita Falls. They had 5 children branching out into the Summerour clan, the Bennett clan, the Dyess clan and two Pronger clans. The family has expanded too many families - too numerous to name here.

They started raising horses and mules, selling them to the U S Cavalry for World War I. They got into the Registered Hereford Business around 1908 and became one of the largest Registered Hereford Breeders in the Nation. The brothers expanded the ranching and farming business until eventually operating on about 35 Sections.

Sometime during the "teens" the brothers joined with Mr. L. M. Price and W. H. Fuqua to become the owners of First State Bank in Stratford. They were also interested in the Local Schools and served on School Boards. One of the country schools in Sherman County was named The Pronger School.

In 1949 they built a brick home at 610 N Main which is still standing. Several families have lived in the house after the last member of that first generation was deceased in 1969. It has been updated and is currently a beautiful home.

The Pronger Family and the many descendants are truly honored to be chosen as the 1st Annual Pioneer Family of Sherman County in 2017

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