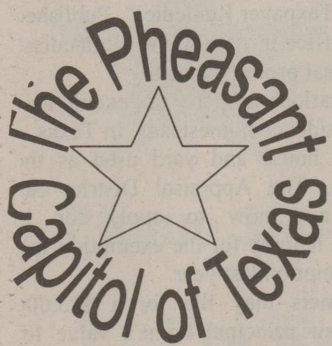




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Sherman County Recognized as a StormReady County

The National Weather Service in Amarillo, Texas would like to recognize Sherman County, Texas as a renewed StormReady County.

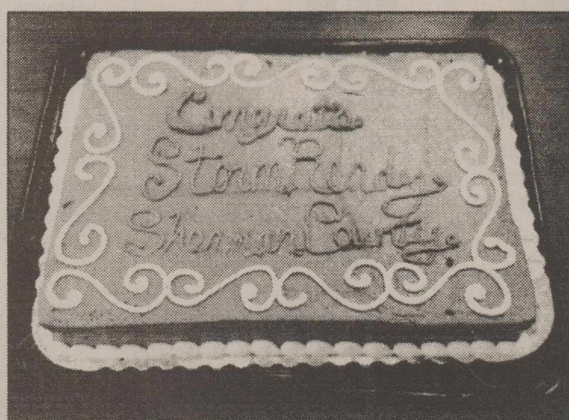
StormReady, a voluntary program, is designed to help communities take a proactive approach to the kinds of severe weather that affect their area by improving local hazardous weather operations and heightening public awareness. Communities work with the local National Weather Service office, state, and local emergency managers to become "StormReady".

The program was started by the National Weather Service Office in Tulsa, OK as an effort to educate residents about storm safety. It is now expanding nationwide in an effort to spread information about severe weather preparedness and what to do when severe weather strikes. Currently, there are almost 2200 StormReady sites across the United States and its territories.

For a county or community to be recognized as "StormReady", they must meet predetermined criteria as set by National, Regional, and Local StormReady Advisory Boards. The criteria includes things such as a 24-hour Warning Point and/or Emergency Operations Center, placing NOAA Weather Radios in all locally owned government facilities, and maintaining National Weather Service trained spotter networks.

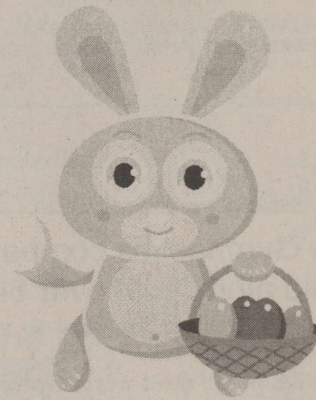
The goal of achieving StormReady status is to increase the chances of local citizens surviving a tornado, hurricane, flash flood, tsunami, or whatever other type of severe weather that threatens their community. "Obviously, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are the primary focus of the NWS Amarillo StormReady program," said Krissy Scotten, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist. "We hope many other panhandle counties will apply and work towards gaining StormReady recognition just like Sherman County, Texas." Sherman County is 1 of 12 counties recognized as a StormReady County in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

For additional information, or to request an application, contact Kristin.Scotten@noaa.gov, or visit our website at aaa.weather.gov/ama



A StormReady Ceremony recognizing Judge Carter and Emergency Management Coordinator, Margaret Ewers for all of their hard work to achieve this status was held on Tuesday, April 8th during Commissioner's Court. Pictured (from left to right) Jose Garcia, Meteorologist-In-Charge at NWS Amarillo, Margaret Ewers, Emergency Management Coordinator for Sherman County and Judge Terri Beth Carter, Sherman County Judge. A special cake was prepared for this ceremony (shown above). (Photos by Krissy Scotten, Warning Coordination Meteorologist-NWS Amarillo)

Happy Easter



Stratford Youth Sports

Opening ceremonies for baseball will be Saturday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the baseball park. This will also be a benefit for Salma Iliana Ortega Aguilera who will be undergoing brain surgery soon and the Punch family who lost everything in a house fire. Come out and have a burger with us! Stratford is a great community and we are blessed to live here! Can't wait for a great baseball season! Thank you for supporting youth sports.

What's Happening In Stratford

Funds have been set up at Happy State Bank and First State Bank for the Karl Punch family who lost everything in a house fire.

May 10th dinner & auction to benefit Nora Grace Tuttle

Snak Pak for Kids form page 7

Duncan Chevrolet Chevy Open House Event Friday May 2nd

Good Friday, April 18, 2014

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2014

Easter Egg Hunt at the Park 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2014

Connie Huereca Harryman to speak at Stratford High School Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Sherman County Public Library Hours-Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.- Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.

Win a Custom Golf Cart

The Stratford Country Club is selling raffle tickets for a custom golf cart valued at \$5,000. Tickets are \$25 each or five tickets for \$100.

The winner will choose their own customization, done by Dave's Custom Carts in Lubbock. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for maintenance projects at the Stratford Country Club. To purchase tickets see Roger Allen, Trey Wyatt, Jana Clift, Walter Spurlock or Bailey Naugle.

AgriLife Extension to host cattle, wildlife conference April 25 in Canadian

CANADIAN - A Beef Cattle, Range and Wildlife Conference will be held April 25 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for Hemphill County, 10865 Exhibition Center Road in Canadian.

The AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resource agents hosting the program are J.R. Sprague, Lipscomb County; Scott Strawn, Ochiltree County; Michael Wilkes, Roberts County; and Andy Holloway, Hemphill County.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program following at 9 a.m. There will be a \$10 registration fee, payable at the door. A noon lunch will be provided by Capital Farm Credit. Those planning to attend should register in advance by contacting Kristi Huffman at the AgriLife Extension office in Hemphill County at 806-323-9114.

"We are in the driest 42 months in recorded history, so rangeland is not in good shape, and ranchers need to look at their stocking rates," Sprague said. "And we've recently had the lesser prairie chicken listed so ranchers need to know what this means to them."

The program will include the following topics and speakers:

- Stocking Rates on Native Rangeland, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

- Rangeland Recovery/Renovations, Dr. Tim Steffens, West Texas A&M University/AgriLife Extension range specialist, Canyon.

- Prairie Chicken Habitat—What is it?, Jeff Bonner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department technical guidance biologist, Pampa.

- What Now with the Prairie Chicken?, Sean Kyle, Texas Parks and Wildlife wildlife diversity specialist, Lubbock.
- Texas State Beef Checkoff, Ross Wilson, Texas Cattle Feeders Association president, Amarillo.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one in laws and regulations and one in integrated pest management - for pesticide applicators will be offered for a two-hour portion of the program beginning at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact any of the AgriLife Extension offices in Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree and Roberts counties.

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Sherman County Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes, as follows:

1. All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the effective date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.

2. This Court may terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if this Court determines that drought conditions no longer exist. The County Judge is also hereby designated, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081(e), to terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if the Judge determines that drought conditions no longer exist.

3. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:

- 1.firefighter training;
- 2.public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;

- 3.planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.

- 4.. In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

EXECUTED this 8th day of April, 2014 with an effective date of April 9, 2014. Terri Beth Carter, Sherman County Judge
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 17, 2014

Punch fund set up

Funds have been set up for the Karl & Ruby Punch family, who lost everything in a fire that destroyed their house in Kerrick on Saturday, March 29th at First State Bank and Happy State Bank.

Pantry List for April

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

May 10th Steak
Dinner & Auction
To benefit Nora Grace Tuttle
Details to follow
Please #prayforNora

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

Baseball gloves needed

Youth sports would like to ask for donations for used or new baseball gloves for the children who cannot afford one. If you do not have a glove, but wish to donate, we will also be accepting money. You can take these items to Happy State Bank or Stratford Grain from now until April 26th. Thank you in advance.



Kelly's Gymnastics competed in the state Championships this weekend in Amarillo along with over 600 athletes from the state of Texas.

14 of the 22 gymnasts qualified to go on to the National Championships held in Seattle Washington this summer.

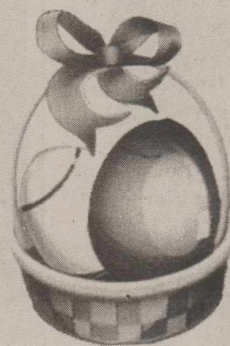
Participating in the meet were: Grace Adams, qualifying on the floor, Marley Ames qualifying on tramp and placing in the top 10 on all three events, Christina Barrow, Jacqueline Berry, Madison Braden placing in top 11 on all three events, Cayl Cobb, Alliebeth Coleman qualifying on floor and trampoline placing top ten on floor and tramp, Jaelin Cox, qualifying on double mini, Kamryn Cox, Denisia Garcia, qualifying on tramp, CamTree Harrison qualifying on double mini, Hannah Hernandez, Cadance Holland qualifying on double mini and tramp and placing top ten on all three events, Emmalee Johnson placing top ten on all three events, Maddie McCoy qualifying on floor and top ten on double mini, Claire Miller qualifying on trampoline, Dylan Moore, top ten on floor, Carly Neeley, top ten all three events, Evelyn Quiroz qualifying on tramp and double mini and top 12 all three events, Jazmine Quiroz, Luz Ruedas top ten all three events, JoJo Salas qualifying on trampoline, Holly Sladek, Jordyn Stewart placed top ten on double mini, Reagan Stroud qualified on trampoline and double mini and top ten on both events, Kari Whitehead qualified on double mini and placed top ten on all three events, Luke Grajada qualified on double mini and top ten all three events and Dathan Nicholson placed top ten all three events.

The kids will have one more chance to qualify in May at the regional meet in Lubbock. State Champions were: Madison Braden, Luke Grajada and Dathan Nicholson.

Shown in photo above are - First place: Madison Braden, Third place: Carly Neeley (Sunray) & 4th place: Luz Ruedas

Brown Makes Dean's List

Southeast Community College in Nebraska has released its Dean's List for the quarter recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford Campuses. To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six quarter credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5. Classes with a grade of "P" (pass) do not count toward the six-hour minimum. Caleb James Brown of Stratford, Diesel Ag Equipment Service Tech met this requirement. Congrats Caleb.



Exemption Information Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owner a pamphlet called "Property Taxpayer Remedies". Published by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, the "Remedies" pamphlet explains the appraisal protest process.

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemption offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. In Texas, homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The Appraisal District can explain each exemption and how to apply for it. Homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the Exemption last year.

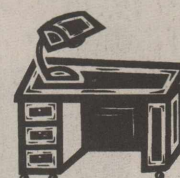
For example, all homeowners may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their home.

Disabled Veterans with a service-connected disability may present the Appraisal District with proof from the Veteran Administration to qualify for exemptions based on the percent of disability. Veterans designated 100% disabled or unemployable may qualify for a 100% homestead exemption.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural landowners.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners to read the pamphlet and learn about possible property tax relief.

Remember, taxpayers must file an exemption application with the Appraisal District office no later than April 30. The "Remedies" pamphlet and all exemption forms are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling (806) 366-5566.



From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

REMINDERS: 1. This week is National Public Safety Dispatcher Week!! Please thank a dispatcher this week!!

2. This Saturday at 11am - 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park!! Music, Eggs, Candy, Etc...

Also, on Friday April 11th, in the afternoon, an 18 wheeler driver blew a tire and lost control while he was headed southbound on 287, just south of Stratford. The rig turned over, but no major injuries were reported. I'd like to say THANK YOU to our TXDOT crew, Stratford FD, Texas DPS, Stratford PD, and our deputies for coming together as a team when things like this happen.

Have a great week, Stratford, Texhoma, & all of Sherman County!!

Sheriff

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TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS

Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current taxes on their homes. They can take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Sherman County Appraisal District office.

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. The tax deferral only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. Penalties and interest will continue to accrue on the deferred property.

This deferral applies only to homesteaded property. It does not include other real property or personal property taxes.

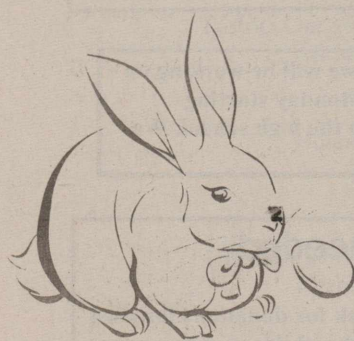
The form and more information are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 31d Street in Stratford or call (806) 366-5566.

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We all have a role to play in ending child abuse

By: Edye Cunningham, Executive Director CASA 69, Inc.

By the time you finish reading this article, more than 30 cases of child abuse will have been reported to authorities nationwide. By the end of today, that number will swell past 9,000. And four of those children will die at the hands of their abuser. All in a single day.

When we take stock of these sobering statistics during April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month - it's easy to be overwhelmed and to ask yourself, "What can I possibly do to make a difference?"

The answer is, you can do a lot. Everybody can play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect by becoming advocates for children.

For some of us, that advocacy comes in a formal role. Teachers, child care workers, health care providers and others who come into daily contact with children can be vigilant for signs of abuse and neglect. Their actions to report suspected abuse or to offer extra time and attention to fragile children can do more than make a difference. It can save lives.

CASA (court-appointed special advocate) volunteers stand up for abused and neglected children, giving them a voice in an overburdened child welfare system that is hard-pressed to meet their individual needs. A CASA volunteer's intense advocacy can break the cycle of abuse and neglect.

Children with CASA volunteers find safe, permanent homes more quickly, are half as likely to reenter the foster care system, and do better in school. That's making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of abused and neglected children across the country - 48 in the last year right here in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties. But there are far too many children who are left to fend for themselves.

CASA 69, Inc. is one of more than 900 CASA programs across the country committed to more than doubling our corps of volunteers by 2020 so that every child who needs a CASA volunteer has one.

CASA volunteers are people just like you - teachers, businesspeople, retirees, grandparents who are:

- Willing to participate in an in-depth training program
- Strong communicators
- Willing to commit to at least one year of service
- Able to pass a criminal and Child Protective Services background check
- Over age 21



Mary Allen Students visit PPHM

Shown above and at right are the students of Mary Allen Elementary, Stratford ISD, who visited the Panhandle Plains Museum. They learned about the inhabitants of the Panhandle and significant events in American history that affected them from about 12,000BC through 2000AD. They saw Paleo-Indian exhibits and artifacts, exhibits of the area Indians, exhibits of the Woodland and Plains Village period displaying potter, bows, hunting and farming. They also saw exhibits of establishment of cattle ranching in Palo Duro Canyon. They also saw displays of animals native to the area.



Not everyone can be a CASA volunteer, but everyone can be an advocate. Here are some steps you can take to make our community safer for our children.

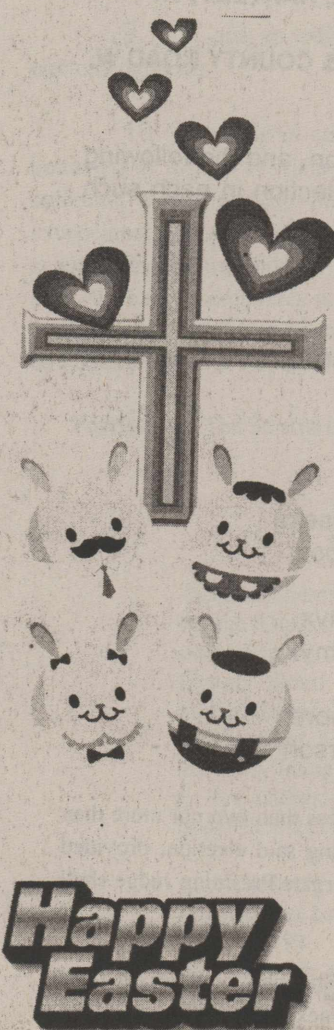
Keep our state's toll-free child abuse hotline number close at hand 800-252-5400. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, you can report your suspicions confidentially.

Donate or volunteer for a social service agency that helps children who have been abused or neglected, such as the YMCA, Care Net or Safe Place.

Educate yourself—and others - about the devastating toll that abuse and neglect take on children and our society as a whole.

Your advocacy for children will not only help end child abuse, it will improve our community for everyone who lives here. Children who are abused and do not get the support they need to heal are more likely than other kids to drop out of school, end up homeless, turn to crime, and rely as adults on social welfare programs. When we work together to protect vulnerable children, it saves lives while also saving tax dollars. We all have a role to play. What will yours be?

Edye Cunningham, Executive Director, CASA 69, Inc. Find out more at www.casa69.org



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Stratford Ex-Student Reunion July 25-26

Having sent over 25 notices to Stratford honored class years of 1944,54,64,74,84,94,2004- for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 at The Imagination Station, I was disappointed that not one person showed and not one person made the call to say they would not attend.

About this time of year, I wonder why I make the effort and then on the Friday night Hamburger supper in July. I know why when out of town Ex-Students are so excited to see classmates and friends. I still need updated mailing lists and class activity plans.

& Gaynelle Riffe, 396-5303

LaRita Theatre Free Concert April 26

The LaRita Theatre in Dalhart will present an evening of song and entertainment from R. J. Vandygriff, 2013 Academy of Western Music Best Western Male Vocalist. The program Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. is Free. Reserved Seating tickets are available at The Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646

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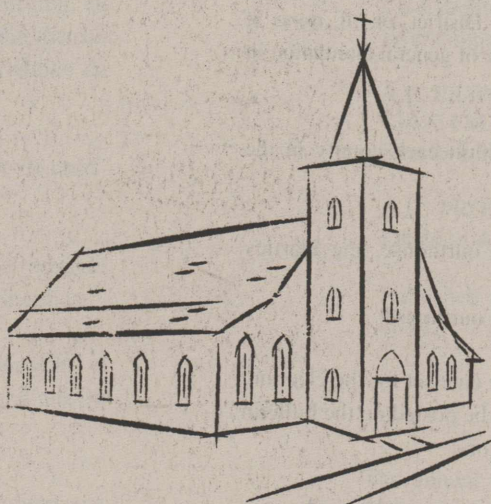
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

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

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
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First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
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Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF A BOND ELECTION FOR MAY 10, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MOORE MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors of the Moore County Hospital District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

1. That an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 10, 2014 in said District at the following designated polling places:

**DUMAS JR HIGH CAFETERIA, 5TH & MADDOX
SUNRAY CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM, 405 MAIN, SUNRAY, TX
CACTUS CITY HALL, 201 S HWY 287, CACTUS, TX
COMMUNITY BUILDING, 815 CENTRAL AVENUE, HARTLEY, TX
79044
SHERMAN COUNTY BARN, COUNTY ROAD 24 & COUNTY ROAD W,
SUNRAY, TX 79086**

There shall be five (5) voting precincts for said election, and the following election officers are hereby appointed to hold said election in each such precinct.

Dumas Jr. High	
Presiding Judge:	Jan McBee
Alternate Presiding Judge:	Teresa Henry
Sunray City Hall	
Presiding Judge:	Linda Tims
Alternate Presiding Judge:	Nora Reed
Cactus City Hall	
Presiding Judge:	Mary Lou Baeza
Alternate Presiding Judge:	Christie Tabos
Hartley Community Building	
Presiding Judge:	Richard Amyx
Alternate Presiding Judge:	Rebecca Amyx
Sherman County Barn	
Presiding Judge:	Carolyn Moore
Alternate Presiding Judge:	Traci Anderson

2. That each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two nor more than seven qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. That early voting for voters in Moore and Sherman Counties shall be conducted by personal appearance at 310 E. 1st First Street Annex, Dumas, Texas 79029, and early voting for voters in Hartley County shall be conducted by personal

appearance at the Hartley County Courthouse, 900 Maine, Channing, Texas 79018 and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 28, 2014 through May 6, 2014, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerks shall keep said early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.

Early voting by mail applications for all voters in all counties will be received at: Moore County Clerk 715 Dumas Ave. Room 107, Dumas, Texas 79029 beginning March 11, 2014 through May 1, 2014.

The early voting clerks for the election shall be: Jan McBee and Sharon Pack (for Moore and Sherman, County voters) and Melissa Meade (for Hartley County voters).

4. That an early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting ballots, and Clint Glazner is hereby appointed as the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the board.

5. That all resident, qualified electors of said District shall be entitled to vote at said election.

6. That a substantial copy of the election Order shall serve as proper Notice of said election, and the President of the Board of Directors shall cause said Notice to be published in English and Spanish, as required by law, including:

- (i) to be published twice, on the same day in each of two consecutive weeks, with the publications being not more than 30 days and not less than 14 days before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation published in said District or, if none if published in said District, in a newspaper of general circulation in said District;
- (ii) to be posted at three public places within each county in the District;
- (iii) to be posted at the Moore County Courthouse, the Hartley County Courthouse, and the Sherman County Courthouse.

In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election, the President of the Board of Directors shall cause said Notice to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Directors.

7. That at said election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Directors of said District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in an aggregate maximum principal amount of \$49,000,000, having a maximum maturity not to exceed 40 years, at an interest rate not exceeding the maximum rate allowed by law, payable from ad valorem

taxes, for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, acquiring and equipping of land, buildings, and improvements for a new hospital and an assisted living facility within the District; and shall the Board of Directors be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, within the rate allowed by law, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund to redeem the bonds at maturity?

8. That the official ballots for said election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

PROPOSITIONS

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$49,000,000 OF BONDS, FOR PURCHASING, CONSTRUCTING, ACQUIRING, AND EQUIPPING LAND, BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR A NEW HOSPITAL AND AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

AGAINST

9. That, in all respects, said election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

10. As of the beginning of the fiscal year in which this bond election is ordered (i) the District has no debt outstanding secured by ad valorem taxes, and (ii) there is no outstanding interest due on any outstanding obligation of the District secured by ad valorem taxes. At the time the election was ordered, the ad valorem debt service tax rate of the District was zero (0). The estimated maximum interest rate on the bonds, based on the market conditions at the time of the election order is 5.60% per annum for any series of tax exempt bonds, and 8.50% per annum for any series of taxable bonds

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LEGAL NOTICE ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Sherman County Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burnings; **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes, as follows:

1. All outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the effective date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court.
2. This Court may terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if this Court determines that drought conditions no longer exist. The County Judge is also hereby designated, pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081(e), to terminate the prohibition on outdoor burning prior to the expiration of 90 days if the Judge determines that drought conditions no longer exist.
3. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:
 1. firefighter training;
 2. public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
 3. planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; orburns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code § 153.047.
4. In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

EXECUTED this 8th day of April, 2014 with an effective date of April 9, 2014. Terri Beth Carter, Sherman County Judge
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AVISO DE UNA ELECCION DE BONOS PARA EL 10 DE MAYO DE 2014

ESTADO DE TEXAS CONDADO DE MOORE MOORE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Considerando que esta junta directiva de la Moore County Hospital District (el "Distrito") considera aconsejable llamar la elecciOn en 10 sucesivo ordenado;

POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENO POR LA JUNTA DE DIRECTORES DEL DISTRITO HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE MOORE:

1. que las elecciones se celebrarán entre el horario de 7:00 a 19:00 el 10 de mayo de 2014 en dicho distrito en los siguientes lugares de votación designado:

DUMAS JR alta cafeteria, 5TH & MADDOX
SUNRAY AYUNTAMIENTO COMUNIDAD HABITACION, 405 MAIN,
SUNRAY, TX AYUNTAMIENTO DE CACTUS, 201 S HWY 287, CACTUS,
TX
COMMUNITY BUILDING, 815 CENTRAL AVENUE, HARTLEY, TX 79044
SHERMAN COUNTY granero, COUNTY ROAD 24 & COUNTY ROAD W,
SUNRAY, TX 79086

Habrà 5 cinco recintos electorales para dicha elecciOn, y los siguientes funcionarios electorales nombro a realizar dichas elecciones en cada distrito electoral de tal.

Dumas Jr. High
Juez: Jan McBee
Juez suplente: Teresa Henry
Ayuntamiento de Sunray
Juez: Linda Tims
Juez suplente: Nora Reed
Ayuntamiento de cactus
Juez: Mary Lou Baeza
Juez suplente: Christie Tabos
Hartley Community Building
Juez: Richard Amyx
Juez suplente: Rebecca Amyx
Sherman County granero
Juez: Carolyn Moore
Juez suplente: Traci Anderson

2. que cada magistrado designara a no menos de dos ni más de siete secretarios de elecciones calificado para servir y ayudar en la realizaciOn de dicho elecciOn; siempre que si el magistrado que en realidad sirve coma era de esperarse, el magistrado suplente Serà uno de esos empleados.

3. que la votaciOn anticipada para los votantes en los condados de Sherman y Moore se llevarán a cabo por la apariencia personal en 310 E. 1st primera calle anexo, Dumas, Texas 79029, y la votaciOn anticipada para los votantes del Condado Hartley se llevarán a cabo por presentarse en el juzgado del Condado de Hartley, 900 Maine, Channing, Texas 79018 y durante el periodo de votaciOn temprana es requerido 0 permitido por la ley, siendo el 28 de abril de 2014 a través de 06 de mayo de 2014, las horas designadas para la votaciOn temprana en persona será de 8:00 a 17:00 todos los días excepto los sábados, el domingos y festivos de estado legal; y los empleados de votos tempranos deberán mantener dicho lugar de votaciOn temprana abierta durante esas horas para la votaciOn temprana en persona.

La votaciOn anticipada por las aplicaciones de correo para todos los votantes en los condados se recibirán en: Moore County Clerk 715 Dumas Ave Room 107, Dumas, Texas 79029 comenzando el 11 de marzo de 2014 a través de 01 de mayo de 2014.

La votaciOn temprana comienza por la elecciOn será: Jan McBee y Sharon Pack (por Moore y Condado de Sherman votantes) y Melissa Meade (para los votantes del Condado de Hartley).

4. que una junta de votaciOn temprana queda creado al proceso de las boletas de votaciOn anticipada, y Clint Glazner es nombrado por la presente el juez presidente de dicho Comité. El juez designará a al menos dos otros miembros de la junta.

5. que todos los electores calificados, residentes de dicho distrito tendrán derecho a votar en elecciones, dijo.

6. que una copia substancial de la orden de elecciOn servirá de aviso apropiado de dicha elecciOn, y el Presidente de la Junta de directores deberá causar dicho aviso se publicará en ingles y espanol, como es requerido por ley, incluyendo:

(i) que se publicará dos veces, el mismo día en cada uno de dos semanas consecutivas, con las publicaciones no que más de 30 días y no menos de 14 días antes de la fecha de la elecciOn, en un periódico de circulaciOn general publicado en dicho distrito 0. Si ninguno Si publica en dicho distrito, en un periódico de circulaciOn general en dicho distrito;

(ii) para ser publicada en tres lugares públicos dentro de cada condado en el distrito;

para ser enviado a la corte del Condado de Moore, el juzgado del Condado de Hartley y el juzgado del Condado de Sherman.

Además, no más tarde del día 21st antes de la fecha fijada para la elecciOn, el Presidente de la Junta de directores deberá causar dijo aviso a ser publicado en el tablOn de anuncios utilizado para publicar avisos de reuniones de la Junta de directores.

7. que en dicha elecciOn las proposiciones siguientes se presentarán con arreglo a ley:

PROPOSICION

La Junta Directiva de dicho distrito estará autorizada a emitir bonos del distrito, en una o más series, en un monto principal máximo total de \$49,000,000, con una madurez maxima no debe exceder de 40 años, a una tasa de interés no exceda la tasa maxima permitida por la ley, pagar de impuestos ad valorem, con el fin de adquirir, construir, adquisiciOn y dotaciOn de tierras, edificios y mejoras para un nuevo hospital y un centro de vida asistida dentro del distrito; 6y la Junta de directores se autorice a prometer, levy y causar a ser evaluadas y recogidos, los impuestos ad valOrem anuales, en todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el distrito, suficiente, dentro de la tasa permitida por la ley, para pago de principal e intereses sobre dichos bonos y para proporcionar un fondo concursable para redimir los bonos al vencimiento?

8. que el funcionario votos para elecciOn será elaborado según el cOdigo electoral de Texas que permitan a los electores a votar "para" o "En, contra", dijo la propuesta mencionada con las papeletas que contienen tales disposiciones, marcas y lengua como requerido por la ley y con tal proposicion expresarse substancialmente como sigue:

PROPOSICIONES

PARA)

LA EMISION DE \$49.000.000 DE BONOS PARA ADQUIRIR, CONSTRUIR, ADQUIRIR Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE TERRENOS, EDIFICIOS Y MEJORAS PARA UN NUEVO HOSPITAL Y UN CENTRO DE VIDA ASISTIDA Y EXACCION DEL IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE LA MISMA

CONTRA)

9. que, en todos los aspectos, dijo elecciones se efectuarán segUn el cOdigo electoral de Texas.

10. desde el comienzo del año fiscal en que se ordena esta elecciOn de bonos (i) el distrito no tiene ninguna deuda pendiente asegurada por los impuestos ad valórem., y (ii) no hay ningún interés excepcional debido a cualquier obligaciOn excepcional del barrio del asegurado por los impuestos ad valórem. En el momento de que la elecciOn fue ordenada, la tasa de impuesto ad valorem deuda servicio del distrito fue cero (0). La tasa de interés maxima estimada de los bonos, basado en las condiciones del mercado en el momento de la orden de la elecciOn es 5.60% anuales para cualquier serie de bonos exentos de impuestos y 8.50% anual para cualquier serie de bonos gravables.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bernice Christian, Deceased, were issued on March 17, 2014, in Cause No. 2218, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Rexan Gerard and Max Christian..

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: Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney at Law
PO Box 792
507 Denrock Ave.
Dalhart, TX 79022

DATED the 17th day of March, 2014.

Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for Rexan Gerard & Max Christian
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of A.E. PRONGER, JR., Deceased, No. 2,220 in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas. Probate Matter:

The undersigned having been duly appointed an Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of A.E. PRONGER, JR., Deceased, by the Judge of the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 7th day of April, 2014, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against this Estate to present them to the Co-Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

A.E. PRONGER, III
13410 FM 2014
Stratford, Texas 79084

A.E. PRONGER, III, Independent Co-Executor of the Estate of A.E. PRONGER, JR., Deceased

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Public Notice

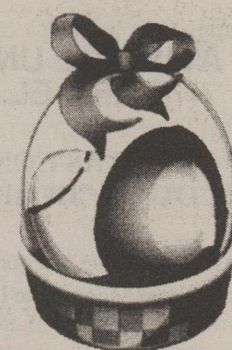
The annual report of the Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so request within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust, The First State Bank of Stratford, Trustee, 302 N. Main Street, Stratford, TX
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Conchita-
Migrant Farm Worker

Connie Huereca Harryman-
Far Left.



Center photo Connie and her husband Denton Harryman, who also grew up in Stratford-Leonda Fedric is his sister, High School Sweetheart. Connie will be speaking to the students on Wednesday April 30th at 9:30 a.m. in the "new gym/all purpose building" to all the SHS students. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Success Begins in a Small Town

By Connie Huereca Harryman

It seems as if my successful life began in Stratford, Texas as an eight year old Mexican-American migrant farm worker. We worked in the fields and my tiny brown hands gripped the two foot long machete in the hot Texas sun. Alongside my eight brothers and my parents, we whacked at the weeds from early sunrise until sunset.

Together, we barely made enough money to feed ourselves. We lived in a barn made of cinder blocks that had previously sheltered pigs. My parents owned neither a car nor a telephone.

Stratford is a small town in Texas. There you will find superb teachers within a fine school defined by a well maintained campus. This was my school for most of my life. The school reflects the pride and values of this close knit community.

My high school English teacher, Mrs. Carter, had placed a sign on the wall. It simply said, "Believe It! Act It! Become It!" Her wisdom inspired me and this simple statement became the philosophy propelling me away from the constraints of poverty towards my prosperous future.

For those of us who grow up in a small town, we grow up knowing that people know our names and they care about us. The values one learns from our community include developing a strong work ethic as well as a sense of integrity. These values prepared me for my future success. Upon graduation from Stratford High School, I dared to venture out into the world.

You would have to dream very large to anticipate the wonderful life that lay ahead of me. My high school sweetheart, Denton Harryman, and I wed and a baby arrived immediately while I was still a teenager. Because of my determination to go to college, I enrolled at a nearby university in Canyon, Texas.

High school teachers taught me to type and it became one of my first skills. Various employers hired me to work as a data entry clerk. Although these jobs could be very demanding, they only paid the minimum wage. Whenever I saved up enough for my college tuition, I signed up for a college class. My college classes had to fit around my work schedule and time for homework took place at night after the baby was put to bed.

Imagine my delight when they called my name to receive my bachelor's degree in business. Every penny that paid for my education came from my efforts, because my parents did not have any extra money to help me pay for college.

Immediately after college, AT&T hired me. My new career included selling emerging technologies to multimillion dollar companies. My new offices are located in a skyscraper in Atlanta, Georgia. When we worked in the fields, my work outfit included a large straw hat, long sleeved cotton shirts, and scratchy oversized blue jeans. My new job

involved an introduction to beautiful new clothes and a brand new car. We lived in a brand new magnificent house in a beautiful neighborhood.

We lived in Brussels and travelled throughout Europe. We enjoyed a romantic dinner on top of the Eiffel Tower while admiring the twinkling lights of Paris. My entire family snow skied several times on the Swiss Alps.

Today my education includes a Master in Business Administration. As an international speaker and writer, my topics include my early life, sales, social networking and creative thinking. Leaders at Singapore Management University asked me to speak to members of the United Nations and the U.S. Embassy at an International Women's conference in Singapore.

Growing up in a small town like Stratford prepared me for success because of our close knit community. There are some significant advantages when you grow up in a small town. Developing a love for reading in the quiet countryside is one of those advantages.

Today my blog posts, tweets, and international white papers are read by some of the smartest people in the world.

My youngest daughter now works at Microsoft as a solutions architect. Both of my daughters have their college degrees as well as professional careers. We were able to pay for all of their expenses while they acquired their education.

The benefits of my financial success included the ability to take my parents on many wonderful trips and to buy beautiful things for them. After their many years of hard work in the fields, they deserved nice experiences.

Why do I share this story? Perhaps some young person will also be inspired to develop a love for reading and will continue their education. Reading coupled with a strong work ethic builds a strong foundation. This prepares you to take advantage of new opportunities.

Please know that all your dreams are possible but you have to intentionally set out to make them come true. You just have to dare to go out into the world and work hard to achieve your goals by creating a plan and then following it with a laser focus. If you want to become successful, then speak to people who are already successful to find out how they achieved their goals. You are surrounded by people who care and who want to see you succeed.

Here is a final thought for you, "Believe It! Act It! Become It!" Unimaginable success is waiting for you.

You are invited to connect with Connie Harryman:

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Help Wanted

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B-DECT Union is seeking part time help. Hours and positions vary. Please apply in person. 207 N. Main

Sherman County Sheriff's office is currently taking applications for the position of dispatch/jailer. Must have a High school diploma and be bondable. Applications may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX or email to dispatch@co.sherman.tx.us
Sherman County is an equal opportunity employer. 4-10-tfn

TNT Fireworks stand operator needed. June 24th-July 4th. Must be 18 and have camper. Call Frank at 806-676-8739
4-14-4-24-5-1-5-8-c

For Sale

Shower selections for Kaleb Horsford & Renee Fangman at Acquisitions

Card of Thanks

We would like to express a special Thank You to each of you in the community, for the support, prayers, cards, calls and acts of kindness shown Oline Caraway and family in the past years! Our appreciation goes out to the police department for the Escort on April 8th, 2014. May God Bless Each of You.

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Multi-use exemption applies to some taxpayers

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

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

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

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. The exemption form must be filed prior to April 30. Annual Renewal of this exemption is no longer required (Sec.11.43c). However the exemption is for a specific vehicle, so if you change vehicles or replace the tag you must file a new exemption form.

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



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

___ 1 year- \$133 (number of children ___)
___ 1 month-\$14 (number of children ___)
___ 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children ___)
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Team - 2nd
Editorial Writing - Britney Garza - 5th
Lincoln Douglas Debate - Allissa Palmer - 1st
Cross Ex Debate - Team 3rd
News Writing - Ellie Daniels - 3rd
Persuasive Speaking - Chisum Rutherford - 4th
Poetry Interpretation - Kaylee Sandvig - 2nd
Mazie Vincent - 4th
Yara Duarte - 5th
Prose Interpretation - Mary Ann Spurlock - 1st
Jacie Seward - 4th
Speech - Team - 2nd
Ready Writing - Sidney Turner - 3rd
Biology - Ricky Garay - 1st
Science - Ricky Garay - 4th
Social Studies - Bethany Everett - 3rd
Brantley Powers - 5th

JUNIOR HIGH:

Houston Stock Show Results:

- Benjamin James - 1st Place - Chianina Steer

He then gave the junior high report. He reported a campus enrollment of 167. He reported that the 7th grade boys and girls teams finished 2nd at the district track meet and the 8th grade boys and girls teams were district champs. Individual results will be reported at the next meeting. The Junior High band will go to Canyon High School on Wednesday, April 16th for their concert/sightreading contest. Cheerleader tryouts will be on May 2nd. The first administration of the STAAR test was given last week and the remainder of the tests will be administered the week of April 22nd.

Mr. Birdsong then gave the high school report. He commended Mrs. Chavoya and the high school staff for their help in keeping the High School running well. The OAP will compete at the Area completion on Wednesday, April 9th. Two of the six plays will advance to the Regional competition. The District track meet will be on Friday at Sunray. He went over the year end activities scheduled at the high school. He reported a campus enrollment of 170.

Mr. Birdsong went over the Federal (NCLB) school report cards.

Barney Willborn made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the Sherman County Appraisal District Budget for 2015. Teresa Edmond answered questions that the board had. Barney Willborn made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented Kristin Thomas for employment. Clint Black made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to hire Kristin subject to assignment. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented Ashly Lavake for employment. Bryan Clift made the motion and Brad McBryde seconded to hire Ashly subject to assignment. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented Mary Beth Hicks for employment. Brad McBryde made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to hire Mary Beth subject to assignment. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess at 8:05 PM.

Mr. Birdsong presented the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for the district. Brad McBryde made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented TASB Update 99. Discussion was held. Michelle Lutes made the motion and Bryan Clift seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong updated the board on personnel vacancies for the 2014-2015 school year.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Congrats to the One Act Play Cast & Crew You did good!!!



Pictured here are the SHS students participating in this year's One Act Play competition. Their production of *Anatomy of Gray* advanced from the district competition and they competed Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at the Area competition held at Randall High School. They did not get to advance, but had a great year.



Pictured are the members of *Anatomy of Gray* who received individual acting awards at the district completion. Mazie Vincent, Victor Castro and Taylor Wright received Honorable Mention All Star Cast awards and Mary Ann Spurlock, Adrian du Plessis and Katy Moore received All Star Cast awards. Congratulations to these students! Shown above are Adrian du Plessis, Mazie Vincent, Katy Moore, Taylor Wright, Mary Ann Spurlock and Victor Castro.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION April 8, 2014

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Michelle Lutes, Brad McBryde, Clint Black, Chet Everett, Barney Willborn and Bryan Clift.

Staff present: Jerry Birdsong, Lynette Kautz, Misti McBryde, Dinah Horsford and Clint Seward.

Guests present: Ashly and Marcus Lavake, Mary Beth Hicks and Teresa Edmond.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent report. He reported a district enrollment of 604. He passed out a list of year end events for the district. He briefly explained the report of findings from the March GermBlast treatment. He passed out some quotes for repair to concrete at the 3 campuses. The board looked at new seating options for the gym. The board signed up for speaking parts at the Scholastic banquet and the Employee Appreciation banquet.

Lynette gave the business manager report. Monthly expenditures are at 51.37%, revenue 83.72%, and tax collections are at 97.40%. Cost of transportation for the month was \$1.76.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. The Week of the Young Child at the Imagination Station will be next week and the PK-2nd students will attend. STAAR testing has begun with the remainder of the test being administered on April 22-23. End of year TPRI and AIMSweb testing are also being administered. Early registration for PK and Kindergarten students began on Monday. The 3rd grade will go on a WOWW trip to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens on Thursday, May 1st. She reported a campus enrollment of 267.

Mr. Seward gave the monthly recognition for the High School and Junior High. It was as follows:
HIGH SCHOOL:

1. Houston Stock Show Results:
Madeline Drake – 3rd place Poland
Madison Mungia – 5th place Chester
RaeLeigh Willborn – 10th place Cross
2. Zone One Act Play Contest –
All Star Cast – Adrian duPlessis
Best Actress – Katy Moore
Honorable Mention – Allissa Palmer
Mazie Vincent
3. District One Act Play Contest
All Star Cast – Adrian duPlessis
Mary Ann Spurlock
Katy Moore
Honorable Mention – Mazie Vincent
Victor Castro
Taylor Wright
4. UIL District Academic Meet Results:
Accounting – Mary Ann Spurlock – 1st
Vanessa Mendoza – 2nd
Ana Guerra – 5th
Mazie Vincent – 6th
Team – 1st Place
Computer Science – Adrian duPlessis – 5th

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Farm Bill Basics meeting set April 21 in Wichita Falls.

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WICHITA FALLS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a "Farm Bill Basics" meeting April 21 at the Region 9 Education Center, 301 Texas Loop 11 in Wichita Falls, according to David Graf, AgriLife Extension agent for Wichita County.

"Even though there is a lot of excitement since the farm bill was passed, it will take several months for USDA-FSA to interpret the changes in the new bill and be ready to implement it for producers," Graf said.

There are, however, some significant segments of the new program in place and producers can learn about these at the meeting, he said. Then as final details are added, it should be much easier for producers to use the decision aids that will be available.

The event will begin with registration at 6 p.m., followed by the meal at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

Opening the program will be Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist from Vernon, and Caleb Pool, representative for U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry of Amarillo.

An "Overview of the Farm Bill" will be given by James Richardson, co-director of The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University in College Station. Bevers will wrap up the evening with "Basics of the New Forage Program" followed by questions and answers.

The cost is \$10, including a meal, and preregistration to the AgriLife Extension office at 940-716-8610 is required for planning purposes. Those unable to attend can access the presentations via the Internet through the services of Region 9 by contacting the AgriLife Extension office as well.

Help for Stuttering in Teens is as Close as Your Library

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on teenagers. Help is available at most public libraries in the form of a video. A DVD version is available free to libraries who will shelve it.

"It's meant to encourage teens, to tell them that there is hope out there," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of three nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation.

David Wilkins, a high school student who stutters, narrates the video. It features students from junior high school through college talking about their experiences with stuttering and what they found to be helpful. They talk openly about the ridicule they faced from classmates and how their stuttering affects their lives.

"We really try to emphasize the embarrassment and frustration factor, and we think teens will relate to that," adds Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech-language pathologists Dr. Barry Guitart of the University of Vermont and Dr. Hugo Gregory of Northwestern University.

The three experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

Books and DVDs produced by the 66-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation are available free to any public library. A library that will shelve them can contact the Foundation at 1-800-992-9392, e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or visit www.stutteringhelp.org or www.tartannudez.org.

National Stuttering Awareness Week is the second week in May each year. International Stuttering Awareness Day is October 22nd each year.

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

