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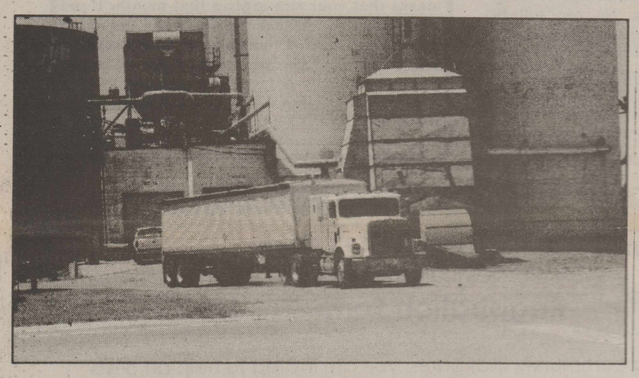
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Wheat Harvest update

Wheat harvest has almost come and went as of today Monday, July 7, 2014. Stratford Grain said the quality of wheat was pretty good, only thing only about 30% of the crop was harvested. Irrigated yields were between 30-80. There was no dry land wheat. Andy Riffe stated he thinks everything will be out by Friday, July 11, 2014. We are hoping corn will be a better outcome.



Exciting News from the Stratford Education Foundation!

The Stratford Education Foundation has received a fundraising challenge from an anonymous donor! The SEF Board has been challenged to raise $25,000 by December 31, 2014, and the anonymous donor will match the $25,000! Foundation board members shall be contacting individuals, groups, and past graduating classes about donating in honor of a favorite teacher or administrator or in memory of deceased classmates or faculty members.

The current Foundation board members include: President Jackie Gilley, Vice President Pat Barnard, SISD Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, SISD School Board President Joe Reinart, Secretary Lynda Hauser, B.A. Donelson, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Wesley Spurlock, Roger Wells, Brent Spurlock, Doris Parsons, Becky Asher, Kenton Kimball, Gracie Fierro, and Ann Wells.

Donations may be given to any board member or mailed to: Stratford Education Foundation, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084-0108. If a donation is made in honor or in memory of someone, please note who should be notified about the donation. Farmers and land owners may also donate grain through either Stratford Grain Company or the Sunray Co-op.

The Stratford Education Foundation is a 501-C3 entity. All donations are tax-deductible. The donor will be mailed a receipt for tax records. Thank you for supporting all students of the Stratford Schools, present and future!

Classes of 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, & 2014 are challenged to see which class will donate the most during Ex-Students Reunion Weekend!

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion and Jamboree July 25-26

Ex-Student mail has returned. About 125 have been returned with maybe 60 forwarding addresses and maybe 20 contact calls and calls and calls to mail again. **Can you help?** 1948 Clyde Hudson,1955 Beth Pemberton *Fox,1958 Joyce Fisk Dove, 1968 Jack & Roxy Kyle Newcomb,1971 Judy Florida,1973 Michelle McGowan Sieg, Denton & Connie Huereca Harryman,1973 Curt Pate, 1975 Mark & Cindy Stokes Beaty,1977 Johnny Powers, Tommy Carter, 1979 Kennetha Melton Seawright, 1981 Soren Gibson, 1983 Sharla Wisdom,1985 Amy Wisdom Dolezal 1986 Tim Cummings,1990 Robert Jeffries,1993 Matt Thompson 1987 J. B. Presley.1998 Kyla Helmuth Bell, Casey Switser, Justin Starnes, Oscar Aguilera. 2001 Carlos Ortega. Janet Witcher, 2002 Marca Ewers.

Friday Night $5.00 Hamburgers 7:00 at the County Exhibit Building. Jeff Kautz cook, Stratford Grain to furnish meat for 200. We need 10 freezers of Ice Cream in cup servings. These funds are for mailings and we thank the City of Stratford for one half the mailing funds from the Hotel/Motel tax. (Heads in Beds) Friday, Saturday Class activities, noted on schedule.

Please call Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303 for address updates and offers for Ice Cream.

Other activities on Saturday. Fun Run. Old Timers program, Parade, Barbeque, Games, Jack Gilley's Birthday Party, Visit School and Museum. Block Party.

RED, WHITE & BLUE JAMBOREE BANNERS

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept has agreed again to handle the patriotic banners during Jamboree Week. This is a fundraiser for our VOLUNTEER Fire Dept. Most people don't see the firemen doing these things for the community but the last couple of years they've been out on a Sunday afternoon in temps well over 100 degrees hanging decorations for everyone to enjoy. The next weekend they spend their time taking them down. Last year some banners were ordered but never paid for so we're doing things a little different for 2014. This year the banners are $50 and we're asking everyone to prepay. You can mail your fee to the SVFD @ Box 45 or drop it by the SCDC office.

***ALL* proceeds go to the Fire Dept - Please support them!!**

He's 90 years young and still in his glory.
We are all blessed to share in his story.

Please join us for a celebration of
Jack C. Gilley's 90th Birthday!

Saturday, July 26, 2014, 2-4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church
520 N. Main Street,
Stratford, Texas

Please bring a birthday card with your favorite "Mr. Gilley memory."
If you are unable to attend, cards may be mailed to
Jack C. Gilley, PO Box 657, Stratford, TX 79084.

No gifts, please, but donations in honor of Mr. Gilley
may be made to the Stratford Education Foundation,
PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084.

What's Happening In Stratford

Vacation Bible School
Great Kings of the Bible, July 12th, 8:45-3:30
Ages 4 yrs-6th grade, Church of Christ

Stratford Ex-Students July 25th and 26th

Imagine That at The Imagination Station.

By Gaynelle Riffe

What is happening this summer?

Drama Camp July 7-10, Public performance July 10 at 5:00 p.m. $1.00 admission.

4-H Main Street Fun, June 26; July 17, August 14.

Jamboree July 26, Old Timers Program, Block Party: Baked potatoes, watermelon, face painting, game.

"Whale of a Sale" September12, 13 Collecting treasures.

The Imagination Station has received a grant from Pioneer Seed thanks to Gary Hudson and Nita Barnard. A much Needed exhaust fan has been installed in the kitchen.

Main Street Fun at the Imagination Station Thursday July 17th

Beginners 9:30-11am
Some sewing experience 11am-3pm
$10 supply fee Age- entering 3rd grade -up Younger children may attend with older assistance.
Pre-registration required
To register or for more information call 806-366-2081 or 806-753-7755

2014 STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE -
Saturday, July 26th @ 11 a.m.

If you plan to participate in the parade be at the High School by 10:15 a.m. Staff people will get you in line while judges are looking over the entries. This year's parade theme is ***In the Good Ol' Summertime!*** Guest Announcer for the parade will be KFDA Channel 10 Weatherman Allan Gwyn!

Obituaries



Gertrude E. Blake
September 9, 1917 - July 3, 2014

Gertrude E. Blake, 96 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, July 3, 2014. A Funeral Service was held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, July 7, 2014 at First Baptist Church of Stratford with Pastor Ron Whitt and Glenn White, officiating. Interment followed at Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Gertrude was born September 9, 1917 in Post, TX to C.L.E. and Clara (Jaeger) Meil. She was fourth of eight children. On December 27, 1933, she was united in marriage to L.B. Blake. They shared their life together for 66 years before his passing in 2000. Gertrude was a loving and devoted homemaker, who loved taking care of her family. She was a wonderful cook and especially enjoyed cooking for her family, as well as working in her garden. Gertrude was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford; and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, L.B., she is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter: Opal June Bell; a grandson: Drew Blake; a granddaughter: Sandy Bell; and three sisters and one brother.

She is survived by two sons: Orval Lynn Blake and wife Phyllis of Canyon, and Larncie Glen Blake of Waco; one sister; two brothers; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Kerry and Brenda Bell and Melanie Ortega. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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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.

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

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Henry H. Harrison, Deceased, were issued on June 30, 2014, in Cause No. 2227, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Patricia Dorene Harrison.

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: **Patricia Dorene Harrison**
PO Box 1055
Stratford, Texas 79084

DATED the 30 day of June, 2014.

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

Stratford ISD is accepting requests for fuel proposals

The proposals are for the period of September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM August 6, 2014. Any proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to (806) 366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent's office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The proposals will be opened August 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. No one will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

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Health

(NU) - Whooping cough can take a toll on anyone, but it can be deadly for young children. Today, there are cases in every state, and the country is inching toward the most reported cases since 1959.

Protection starts before a baby is even born. Pregnant moms should get a Tdap vaccine, which is a booster shot combining protection against whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria. Protection will be passed on to the babies.

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Thanks-Marty

Stratford Reunion Weekend Fun Run & Youth Bike-A-Thon

Saturday July 26, 2014

Registration Form

As a member of a community that cares, you are invited to help an area family in need of some extra support, by participating in a one-mile Fun Run/Walk & Youth Bike-A-Thon.

Proceeds from the 2014 Fun Run will benefit the Salma Iliana (Aguilera) Ortega Family. They are experiencing medical expenses from 7-year-old Salma's recent brain surgery and continued medical procedures in Dallas, Texas.

Run or walk the one-mile course, or just relax at home as a **Couch Potato Participant**. Children ages **10 and younger** are invited to join the fun by riding along in the Youth Bike-A-Thon. All registered participants will be entered in a drawing to win fantastic prizes and will receive a *free* race T-shirt!

REGISTRATION FEE: $15 per person with pre-registration before July 5th
$17 per person after July 5th

Race T-shirts are only guaranteed to those who pre-register before July 6th.
To pre-register, submit this completed form and your registration fee to *Duncan Chevrolet* or *Happy State Bank*
or mail to
Reunion Weekend Fun Run, PO Box 344, Stratford, TX, 79084

RACE DAY: Registration for the race will be held July 26, 2014 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on the Stratford High School lawn. The race will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., starting and finishing at the intersection of Main Street and North 8th Street.

PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING:

- RUN/WALK – 1st through 3rd place runners will be recognized after the race
- YOUTH BIKE-A-THON - Open to children 10-years-old or younger
- COUCH POTATO PARTICIPANT - Support the cause from the comfort of your home *and* get a race T-shirt when you pre-register!

NAME & ADDRESS: _____

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T-SHIRT SIZE_____ PHONE NUMBER:

I herby certify that I am not unmindful of the danger of competing in road races and I agree to assume the risks that, in the event of my injury or death while racing in the Reunion Weekend Fun Run/Walk & Youth Bike-A-Thon or participating in any other activity remotely associated with the race, neither I, nor my relatives or representatives will sue any person or organization helping with the race for damages; even if my injuries were their fault. I have confirmed with my doctor that I am physically sound and ready to run, walk or bike in the race and I assume responsibility for my own physical well-being before, during and after the race.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT_____

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(A parent or guardian must sign if the participant is under age 18.)

TRAVEL

GPS Is Not Foolproof. A Map Still Makes the Most of Summer Travel

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's the season of sunshine and road trips—and if you want to get the most out of your four-wheeled adventure, you better pack a map to go along with that electronic GPS.

"The best reason to keep paper maps in your vehicle, especially on long road trips, is because GPS isn't always reliable," says Cynthia Ochterbeck, editorial director of Michelin Travel Partner.



Make the most of your road trips this season.

Confirming this trend, a 2013 Harris Interactive survey of 2,200 U.S. drivers who use GPS found that 63 percent say that the technology has led them astray at least once by pointing them in the wrong direction or creating complex, confusing and incorrect routes.

So, while it may seem that paper maps have gone the way of Atari's Pong, they are still just as important as ever—not to mention many other benefits that you don't get with some GPS devices.

"One of the greatest characteristics of paper maps is that you get all of the details, [such as] points of interest," says Ochterbeck. "Plus, you don't risk getting lost when you lose the signal or the battery dies on your cell phone or GPS device."

Another benefit is that, in addition to printed maps providing efficient ways of understanding road networks that surround particular areas, the information is very reliable. Plus, new specialized maps, like Michelin's Zoom Maps, are aiming to enhance the paper map experience.

Most people recognize Michelin for its tires, but, unknown to many, it also has a 112-year history of creating maps and travel guides. In fact, it provided the maps that were used by the Allies for the D-Day invasion. Improving on this history, the new Zoom Maps offer seven regional maps for travel in the U.S., with the ability to zoom in on more detail in urban areas. In addition, the new maps have a "not-to-be-missed" event calendar for regions, in an easy-to-fold system so you don't have to unfold the entire map.

"Technology is great, but a printed map is one of the most important tools a traveler in an unfamiliar setting can have—the battery doesn't die, it is easy to use, and it allows you to make decisions on route changes if necessary," says Ochterbeck. "Even better, there are no roaming or data charges to worry about."

For more information, visit www.michelintravel.com.

Travel

(NU) - Visitors often ask where to find the best views of the Great Smoky Mountains that frame Pigeon Forge, Tenn. There are three new vantage points.

The Wild Ride. Wild Eagle, a roller coaster at Dollywood, was the first of its design in the U.S. It rises 21 stories into the sky atop Dollywood's highest ridge, for a spectacular view.

The Giant Balloon. Wonders of Flight is a blue and green French-built helium balloon 72 feet in diameter.

Hollywood Wax Museum. If you visit an exterior observation level, the building offers a stunning view of Mt. LeConte.

Pursuit of Happiness: Retrospection

By Joniah Hyssop

Our Founding Fathers declared our right to the pursuit of happiness but neglected to provide any further instructions on the topic, leaving us to our own devices. In my opinion there seems to be an innate drive to seek happiness. I recall feelings of joy and sadness back into my very early memories of myself. My early years and teen life provide endless examples of my emotional ups and downs. Beginning in my young adult life there is evidence that I was engaged in MORE than the pursuit of happiness. I was unknowingly entangled in a life or death struggle with an inner force propelling me forward in its desperate search for happiness. In retrospect my life's story could easily be titled the up, down, back, forth, and sideways adventures of Joniah.

At this juncture of life I have determined that much is to be learned from retrospection, self-reflection, and self-evaluation. Retrospection is my lens to view the past. The steering wheel to my future is self-reflection and self-evaluation is the rear view mirror. Glancing backwards it is evident, the route I chose toward happiness has been, although interesting, a dismal failure.

I was one of those miserable teens who concluded I must escape all parental authority and taking control of my own life was my only chance for achieving happiness. By the way, there was a debonair young gentleman who volunteered to serve as the main ingredient in my happiness recipe. I can hear you laughing. Of course you already know where this is going, but let me tell you anyway. My Prince Charming turned out to be a lying, cheating, abusive, alcoholic, frog! Failed happiness attempt number one. Unfortunately, this recipe for failure was replicated on numerous occasions, using different frogs, of course.

A retrospective lesson learned--another person is not a totally dependable source for one's - positive emotional state. Other people often fail to represent our best interest. You see, my happiness needed a more reliable, longer lasting, and unfailing source.

Let's examine one example of my failed attempt in pursuit of happiness. After tossing my Prince Charming/frog back into the lake I threw myself passionately into pursing another path that would surely end my search for soul satisfaction--A NEW JOB!

After getting the news I was selected for the job I felt sweet ecstasy. Happiness at last!! I was simply giddy. Oh my!! What to do next? Well, with a new car and new house my joy would be complete. UTOPIA!! Well you know, I WOULD have been happy if I didn't have problems with childcare, or that mean supervisor would stop bugging me about productivity, or my jealous coworker would stop talking about me behind my back, or if I didn't have so many bills...

I was right back where I started when .1 left home. I wish I could say that right then and there the light came on. I regret to inform you, this up, down, back, New towns, new jobs, new houses, new friends, new cars, and new insignificant others. Until finally, my pursuit of happiness landed me on my knees with the demons of a deep dark depression sweetly suggesting suicide. Having reached the end of my rope, I blamed others for my unhappiness and decided it was equally futile pursuing life and happiness.

Thankfully God sent an angel who whispered to me a different message. One of hope. She invited me to visit her church. I accepted Christ into my heart and began a new life. My merciful, loving, Father in heaven, saved me from self-destruction because he loved me and wanted me to find the life (in him) he planned for me. He gave me the wisdom to see my poor choices and know that preserving my life depended on me choosing a God-centered path. He gave me life-saving understanding. Wisdom entered my head as understanding and my heart as guidance for future choices. .

Meditation: Do I allow wisdom and knowledge into my heart and soul?

When wisdom entered into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: (Proverbs 2:10. 11 KJV)

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. (Proverbs 3:13 KJV)

Your feedback is welcome joniahhyssop@gmail.com=.

FOOD

3 Unique Ways to Expand Your Grilling Repertoire

NewsUSA

(NU) - Each grilling season, traditional cuisines, like hamburgers and hotdogs, rule the day. However, don't forget that there are many other ways to liven up your grill.



Keep the family captivated with unique eats this grilling season.

"While I love the summertime grill favorites as much as the next person, anything goes on the grill these days … from meatballs to pineapple to pancakes," says Joan Hanson, test kitchen director for Hormel Foods. "It's time to add some unexpected foods to your flame."

If you're looking to expand your palate when it comes to grilling, look no further than the following tips:

- **Introduce bacon to the grill.** Tradition states that bacon is typically a breakfast side. But what about other meals? No longer does bacon have to be cooked by itself on the stove top or in the microwave. Bacon is fast becoming the unlikely go-to ingredient to pair with a variety of ingredients such as ice cream, chocolate and even alcohol. Instead, bring this savory trend to the grill this summer. It can make for a tasty accompaniment to any meal.
- **Think outside the (pizza) box.** When pizza is on the menu, it's sure to satisfy the whole family—especially when it's cooked on the grill. To get that crisp wood-fired taste, try pizza paninis—all you need are bread, pizza sauce, pepperoni slices, mozzarella cheese and any variety of meats and vegetables that fits each person's tastes. You can even make a unique combo of barbecue chicken or pork with shredded meat, red onion and cheddar. Or, put out a variety of veggies, meats and cheese, and people can create their own personal pizza.
- **Import island flavors into your home.** Bring home the love affair of the south seas and Hawaii with inspired cuisine, such as a teriyaki SPAMburger, featuring a delicious combination of SPAM and pineapple that offers island-inspired flavors.

For more innovative grilling ideas, visit www.HormelFoodsRecipes.com.

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You



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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

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TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION IDENTIFIES A PRIORITY PROJECT IN THE AMARILLO DISTRICT TO REDUCE CONGESTION, IMPROVE MOBILITY

Dalhart to receive $8 million to improve clearance under Union Pacific Railroad overpass

AUSTIN — In support of efforts to enhance safety and reduce congestion across the Lone Star State, the Texas Transportation Commission recently approved $8 million of the estimated $10.5 million construction cost for lowering US 87 under the UPRR overpass, which is to be included in the Unified Transportation Program, a 10-year plan to guide and fund transportation project development in the state. This action is part of an on-going process and commitment from the Texas Department of Transportation to act upon requests from the legislature, community leaders, public and local transit authorities to identify those projects that will improve mobility across Texas.

"Identifying this project as a priority demonstrates the understanding that rural Texas has been, and continues to be, a vital piece of our state's transportation puzzle," said Commissioner Fred Underwood, Texas Transportation Commission. "This project will allow citizens to have greater connectivity and a safer roadway. I'm pleased to see it moving forward."

The newly-funded project will utilize the just approved $8 million with an additional $2.5 million provided by the Amarillo District of TxDOT to increase the vehicle clearance under the rail overpass from the current 13 ft 7 inches to approximately 15 feet 6 inches. This will allow higher profile vehicles and commercial traffic coming from US 54 and US 87 to use the underpass, avoiding a lengthy alternate route. The first part of the project will lower the roadway under the rail overpass and improve the intersection north of the overpass. Future efforts to increase the clearance will involve discussions with the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern rail roads to eventually raise the overpass itself to allow for even greater clearance. The overpass is a vital part of the Ports-To-Plains corridor, and this project will provide an immediate need for improved safety and mobility in the Dalhart area. Design and environmental work are underway with a target bid-letting of August, 2015.

This project represents the Commission's priorities for the UTP and will be included in future updates to this plan based on updated financial forecasts. The project will also be subject to further public involvement.

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

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THE TREASURE HUNT IS ON IN VEGA on July 18-19, 2014 in Vega. It is time for the Oldham County Chamber of Commerce's 25th annual COMANCHEROS de VEGA. Community-wide garage sales throughout the town of Vega and surrounding area will be open and ready to make deals with numerous single and multi-family, and organizational garage sales. This yearly sale will take place all day on Friday and Saturday. If you live in the country or in another community and are interested in setting up a garage sale on the Courthouse Square, let us know.
You can pick up garage sale maps and listings at the Oldham County Chamber Office, Hickory Inn Cafe, and Taylor's Vega Market, or Dairy Queen in Vega or the Bluegrass Festival which is taking place at the Vega City Park on the same weekend. For information on either event contact: Oldham County Chamber of Commerce at 806-267-2828.

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Pick up maps at: Taylor's Food Market, Dairy Queen, or Hickory Inn Cafe.
JOIN US AT THE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL AT THE VEGA CITY PARK
July 18-20 TOO!

Grab Your Banjo, Fiddle & Toe Tappin' Shoes for the PBOMA Bluegrass Festival in Vega,TX

The VEGA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL presented by the Panhandle Bluegrass & Old Tyme Music Association will be held in Vega at the Vega City Park, July 18-20, 2014. The annual festival will showcase three days of pickin' and grinning fun! The festival will feature several Bluegrass bands including the Batten Family from Lubbock, Blocker-Stephens from Seminole, Oklahoma, Larry Ford from Leedy, Oklahoma, Music Mountain from Amarillo, Wichita Mountain from Mountain Park, Oklahoma. "It's always exciting to host the Annual Bluegrass Festival at Vega," said Oldham County Chamber Manager, Deborah Sue McDonald. "It's a great family friendly event that provides three days of entertainment for a very reasonable cost. We hope you'll join us in Vega." Each year this event is held in conjunction with the Community-wide Comancheros Garage Sales, so there will definitely be lots going on in town." Bring your blankets, chairs, and come visit Vega. The schedule is Friday 6 pm – 11:00 pm, Saturday Noon – 10:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am – Noon. Advanced tickets can be purchased for only $17 and $20 for tickets purchased at the gate for the two days. Friday Only - $10 or Saturday Only - $15, and Sunday is free. There is no charge for kids 13 and under. For information on either event contact: Oldham County Chamber of Commerce at 806-267-2828.

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Help Wanted

Coldwater Manor is taking applications for Housekeeping & Laundry. Apply in person. From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. EOE

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. 5-15-c

Happy State Bank is looking for custodian. Please see Doak or Trisha 806-366-2265. 6-12-tfn

Stratford ISD is seeking a Director of Maintenance to manage maintenance and district's custodial operations. Applications available on school website. For more information, please call (806) 366-3300.

Stratford Hospital District is seeking full time office manager. Apply in person at 1111 Beaver Rd. Stratford, TX 79084 7-10 & 7-17c

Coldwater Manor is seeking full time & Part time C.N.A.'s. Apply in person at 1111 Beaver Road 6-26, 7-3, 7-10,-7-17c

Stratford Hospital District is seeking a Maintenance Director. Apply in person at 1111 Beaver Road. 6-26, 7-3, 7-10, 7-17

Coldwater Manor is seeking full time & part time Dietary staff. Apply in person at 1111 Beaver Rd. 6-26,7-3,7-10,7-17

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:
*Feed Mill Maintenance Team Member
*Feed Truck Driver
*Pen Rider
17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171
15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287, then right 5 miles on HWY 171
Apply in Person: M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or call (580) 543-6383
Great benefits for full-time positions that include:
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JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding is an equal opportunity Employer.

Prestage Farms of Oklahoma, LLC, a pork production business, has immediate openings in the following positions in Texhoma, OK.
Entry Level Herd Technician-We're offering quality full-time employment in entry-level animal production with training available. Earn up to $10.75/hour plus an excellent benefit package for full-time employees.
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Must have Class A or B CDL, full time position-local route, medical, dental, vision, 401 K & Paid Time off available. Please call 806-344-7422 or 806-293-4413 4-10-tfn

FULL TIME TELLER

Happy State Bank in Stratford has an opening for a full-time Teller. Responsibilities include providing quality customer service, financial transfers, selling negotiable instruments and bank products. Candidates must have customer service experience and 6 months of cash handling experience. Must be able to pass background and credit screening process.

Apply at
www.happybank.com
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Houses for Sale

Newly renovated. Move-in-ready, 2500 sq. ft., 4 b/r, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 1 car garage and 2 car carport. 602 N. 4th, Large corner lot, nice neighborhood, in-ground storm shelter, $139,000. Lots of extras. Call for appointment 806-753-7411.

House for Sale-413 N. Grace, 2 Bdroom-1 bath, 960 Sq. Ft. $55,500.00. Contact Houlette Real Estate at 935-2863 or Paul Moreno at 930-0932 7-3, 7-10, 7-17, 7-24

For Sale

For Sale...The Snow Cone Zone. Available for bid. Deadline to respond Wednesday, July 16th at noon. Contact Lorie Vincent at 806-683-2553 or pick up a Sales Information Packet at the Snow Cone Zone during working hours.

Lost & Found

Found by post office, Chihuahua dog. Claim by describing. Call 366-3245. 7-10-c

For Rent

Office building for rent on N. Main (across from the First State Bank). Centrally located in downtown Stratford. Call 806-570-0441

School Supply Lists

STRATFORD ISD
MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY-
SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2014-2015

PPCD/LIFE SKILLS
2 LARGE GLUE STICK
3 BOXES OF KLEENEX
1 BOTTLE OF GERM-X
1 BACKPACK

PRE-KINDERGARTEN
1 BOX OF KLEENEX
1 BACK PACK
1 BOTTLE OF GLUE

KINDERGARTEN
1 POCKET FOLDER
20 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
2 BOXES OF KLEENEX
2 LG GLUE STICKS or 4 SML GLUE STICKS
1 BOX OF 24 CRAYONS
1 PAIR OF FISKAR SCISSORS
1 SML SCHOOL BX (NO ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG)
2 PINK ERASERS
1 REST MAT
- **(NO BLANKET, EXERCISE MAT/SLEEPING BAG)**

FIRST GRADE
24 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
2 BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS (NO FLUORESCENT)
1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
1 PAIR POINTED SCISSORS
1 SUBJECT NOTEBOOK (60-100 PAGES)
1 BIG ERASER
2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
4 LRG GLUE STICKS
- **NO PENCIL SHARPENERS**

SECOND GRADE
2 LRG ZIPPERED PENCIL BAGS
2 BOXES OF 24 COUNT CRAYONS
2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
1 PAIR OF SCISSORS
20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
1 LRG PACKAGE OF RED PENS
1 WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
2 PINK ERASERS
3 GLUE STICKS
2 ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS

THIRD GRADE
20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
1 PAIR SCISSORS
1 POCKET FOLDER- NO BRADS
1 POCKET FOLDER WITH BRADS
2 GLUE STICKS
3 ERASERS
3 PKGS WIDE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER
2 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS-WIDE RULED(60-100 PAGES)
ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG
1 BOX QUART BAGGIES- GIRLS
1 BOX GALLON BAGGIES- BOYS
- **NO BINDERS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS**

FOURTH GRADE
1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (1 SUBJECT)
1 PKG 12 COLORED PENCILS
3 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
1 PAIR SCISSORS
1 PACKAGE NOTEBOOK PAPER
2 GLUE STICKS
- **NO TRAPPER KEEPERS**
- **NO PENCIL BAG**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDS BELONGINGS WITH HIS/HER NAME!

Stratford Junior High School
Supply List
2014-2015

5th	6th
pencils	pencils
red pens	red pens
erasable blue or black pens	erasable blue or black pens
colored pencils	colored pencils
zippered pencil bag	zippered pencil bag
1 pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper (English)	1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)
1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)	1 wide-ruled spiral (English)
1 single subject 70-sheet spiral (Reading)	1 pocket folder (Math)
1 spiral notebook (Math)	1 spiral notebook (Math)
1 pocket folder (Math)	3 (1 inch) binders (Reading,Technology & Science)
2(1 1/2 inch) binder (Reading & Science)	5 tab dividers (Technology, Science)
2 large boxes of Kleenex	2 large boxes of Kleenex
5 tab dividers (Science)	personal earbuds or headphones (Technology)

If you buy stretchy book covers, use extra-large for Social Studies
Please put your name on all your items!

7th	8th
1 pkg notebook paper	1 pkg notebook paper
12 - #2 pencils	12 - #2 pencils
6 ball point pens (black or blue)	6 ball point pens (black or blue)
6 red ball point pens	6 red ball point pens
2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & History)	2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & Health)
2 (1 subject) spiral notebooks (Science,History)	2 (1 subject)spiral notebook (Science & Health)
2 folders w/brads & pockets (English,Reading)	2 folders w/brads & pockets (English,Technology)
1 folder with pockets (History)	1 large spiral with pocket inserts (History)
1 large Kleenex box	1 large Kleenex box
	personal earbuds or headphones (Technology)

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Wheat Harvest update

Wheat harvest has almost come and went as of today Monday, July 7, 2014. Stratford Grain said the quality of wheat was pretty good, only thing only about 30% of the crop was harvested. Irrigated yields were between 30-80. There was no dry land wheat. Andy Riffe stated he thinks everything will be out by Friday, July 11, 2014. We are hoping corn will be a better outcome.



Exciting News from the Stratford Education Foundation!

The Stratford Education Foundation has received a fundraising challenge from an anonymous donor! The SEF Board has been challenged to raise $25,000 by December 31, 2014, and the anonymous donor will match the $25,000! Foundation board members shall be contacting individuals, groups, and past graduating classes about donating in honor of a favorite teacher or administrator or in memory of deceased classmates or faculty members.

The current Foundation board members include: President Jackie Gilley, Vice President Pat- Barnard, SISD Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, SISD School Board President Joe Reinart, Secretary Lynda Hauser, B.A. Donelson, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Wesley Spurlock, Roger Wells, Brent Spurlock, Doris Parsons, Becky Asher, Kenton Kimball, Gracie Fierro, and Ann Wells.

Donations may be given to any board member or mailed to: Stratford Education Foundation, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084-0108. If a donation is made in honor or in memory of someone, please note who should be notified about the donation. Farmers and land owners may also donate grain through either Stratford Grain Company or the Sunray Co-op.

The Stratford Education Foundation is a 501-C3 entity. All donations are tax-deductible. The donor will be mailed a receipt for tax records. Thank you for supporting all students of the Stratford Schools, present and future!

Classes of 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, & 2014 are challenged to see which class will donate the most during Ex-Students Reunion Weekend!

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion and Jamboree July 25-26

Ex-Student mail has returned. About 125 have been returned with maybe 60 forwarding addresses and maybe 20 contact calls and calls and calls to mail again. **Can you help?** 1948 Clyde Hudson,1955 Beth Pemberton *Fox,1958 Joyce Fisk Dove, 1968 Jack & Roxy Kyle Newcomb,1971 Judy Florida,1973 Michelle McGowan Sieg, Denton & Connie Huereca Harryman,1973 Curt Pate, 1975 Mark & Cindy Stokes Beaty,1977 Johnny Powers, Tommy Carter, 1979 Kennetha Melton Seawright, 1981 Soren Gibson, 1983 Sharla Wisdom,1985 Amy Wisdom Dolezal 1986 Tim Cummings,1990 Robert Jeffries,1993 Matt Thompson 1987 J. B. Presley.1998 Kyla Helmuth Bell, Casey Switser, Justin Starnes, Oscar Aguilera. 2001 Carlos Ortega. Janet Witcher, 2002 Marca Ewers.

Friday Night $5.00 Hamburgers 7:00 at the County Exhibit Building. Jeff Kautz cook, Stratford Grain to furnish meat for 200. We need 10 freezers of Ice Cream in cup servings. These funds are for mailings and we thank the City of Stratford for one half the mailing funds from the Hotel/Motel tax. (Heads in Beds) Friday, Saturday Class activities, noted on schedule.

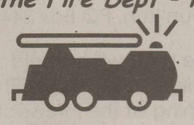
Please call Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303 for address updates and offers for Ice Cream.

Other activities on Saturday. Fun Run. Old Timers program, Parade, Barbeque, Games, Jack Gilley's Birthday Party, Visit School and Museum. Block Party.

RED, WHITE & BLUE JAMBOREE BANNERS

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept has agreed again to handle the patriotic banners during Jamboree Week. This is a fundraiser for our VOLUNTEER Fire Dept. Most people don't see the firemen doing these things for the community but the last couple of years they've been out on a Sunday afternoon in temps well over 100 degrees hanging decorations for everyone to enjoy. The next weekend they spend their time taking them down. Last year some banners were ordered but never paid for so we're doing things a little different for 2014. This year the banners are $50 and we're asking everyone to prepay. You can mail your fee to the SVFD @ Box 45 or drop it by the SCDC office.

ALL proceeds go to the Fire Dept - Please support them!!



He's 90 years young and still in his glory.
We are all blessed to share in his story.

Please join us for a celebration of
Jack C. Gilley's 90th Birthday!

Saturday, July 26, 2014, 2-4 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church
520 N. Main Street,
Stratford, Texas

Please bring a birthday card with your favorite "Mr. Gilley memory."
If you are unable to attend, cards may be mailed to
Jack C. Gilley, PO Box 657, Stratford, TX 79084.

No gifts, please, but donations in honor of Mr. Gilley
may be made to the Stratford Education Foundation,
PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084.

What's Happening In Stratford

Vacation Bible School
Great Kings of the Bible, July 12th, 8:45-3:30
Ages 4 yrs-6th grade, Church of Christ

Stratford Ex-Students July 25th and 26th

Imagine That at The Imagination Station.

By Gaynelle Riffe

What is happening this summer?

Drama Camp July 7-10, Public performance July 10 at 5:00 p.m. $1.00 admission.

4-H Main Street Fun, June 26; July 17, August 14.

Jamboree July 26, Old Timers Program, Block Party: Baked potatoes, watermelon, face painting, game.

"Whale of a Sale" September 12, 13 Collecting treasures.

The Imagination Station has received a grant from Pioneer Seed thanks to Gary Hudson and Nita Barnard. A much Needed exhaust fan has been installed in the kitchen.

Main Street Fun at the Imagination Station Thursday July 17th

Beginners 9:30-11am
Some sewing experience 11am-3pm
$10 supply fee Age- entering 3rd grade -up Younger children may attend with older assistance.
Pre-registration required
To register or for more information call 806-366-2081 or 806-753-7755

2014 STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE -
Saturday, July 26th @ 11 a.m.

If you plan to participate in the parade be at the High School by 10:15 a.m.
Staff people will get you in line while judges are looking over the entries.
This year's parade theme is ***In the Good Ol' Summertime!*** Guest Announcer for the parade will be KFDA Channel 10 Weatherman Allan Gwyn!