



Stratford Receives Beneficial Snowfall
Show at left are Tate Hudson (son of Tim and Tiffany) and Bill Mires scooping snow away on Main Street on Tuesday, February 12th, 2013. Stratford received between 8 and 9 inches of perfect snow. Fell straight down; do not get that very often in the Texas Panhandle.

Irrigation Strategies Meeting Set for Feb. 28th in Stratford

By Brad Easterling

Texas AgriLife Extension in Moore and Sherman Counties will host an Irrigation Strategies meeting on Thursday, February 28th. Registration will take place at 9:00 and the program will start at 9:30 a.m. at the County Barn in Stratford. Program topics will include Extension's EPIC Demonstrations, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation Districts 200/12 Demonstrations, technology available to assist with water conservation, market implications, and more. Three TDA CEU's will be offered. For more information please contact Brad Easterling at the Extension office at 366-2081.

Any Individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

Main Street Observation

By Gaynelle Riffe

Have you ever tried to back out of a parking place on Main Street after looking for a clear path down the Street only to have someone swing across the street to park beside your car? Dangerous and Frightening! The practice of backing across traffic into the opposite lane is more freighting. Do you remember when we had a double yellow stripe down Main Street to curtail that practice? (I would hate to have to paint our beautiful street to make people drive responsibly) We still have some yellow brick in the brick curb inset as a reminder. Perhaps removing the U turn signs on 1st and 4th would allow traffic to have access to the proper lane to park properly without going around the block. You know you can park and walk across the street. Isn't that a novel idea?

Putting sand down on the ice on Main Street was sort of helpful. What to do with it now. The City is considering a street sweeper which will be nice but what to do in the meantime? There is something old fashioned called a broom and shovel.



Aurochs was a large-sized cattle species. It is recorded to have gone into extinction in 1627. It is said that this cattle breed evolved from India, migrating to the Middle East and reaching as far as Europe.



Neckties were first worn in Croatia. That's why they were called "cravats."

Fire Caution

We are NOT currently under a BURN BAN, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you **use caution** with any fire. Please **monitor** any fires and make sure fire is **completely extinguished** before leaving the area.

A Medical Benefit Account has been set up at Happy State Bank for Jimmy Lanning. Jimmy is a dedicated, hardworking member of this community who daily gives his time and heart for all members of this community in their time of need. Will you please stop by Happy State Bank and show your support for Jimmy in his time of need. Thank you in advance.

Friends and Family of
Jimmy Lanning

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER
Sunday, February 24th, 2013 in the
Sherman County Barn
From 10:00am to 2:00pm
ADULTS: \$8.00-CHILDREN (5-12): \$5.00
CHILDREN 4 & UNDER EAT FREE!!
Cooked & Uncooked Sausage will be available @
the County Barn to take home and
Now available with jalapeño flavor!

Sherman County Director resigns from North Plains GCD Board

County board representative, Wesley Spurlock, Spurlock submitted his resignation citing other obligations that are interfering with his ability to devote the time necessary to do the job. Spurlock serves as the finance chairman of the National Corn Growers Association Board. He is a liaison to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and also an elected board member of the Texas Corn Producers Association and is serving as treasurer. He has served on the Texas State Technical Committee in cooperation with Farm Service Agency. Spurlock has represented Sherman County on the North Plains GCD Board for ten years. Wesley's father, Neal Spurlock represented the county on the board from 1982 until Wesley took over the seat in 2003. Spurlock recommend Justin Crownover of Stratford to complete the remainder of his term. The board voted to accept the recommendation pending Crownover's acceptance of the appointment.

The General Manager presented a draft proposed amendments to the District's rules for discussion by the board. Over the next months the board will review amendment options to the District's rules to achieve the District's desired future conditions for the Ogallala and Dockum aquifers. The board will propose rules for public comment later in 2013.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to reject the application of a well owner for an exception to Rule 2.1 (Classification, Spacing, Density, and Production Provisions) Paragraph A2 (Property Line Spacing Easement). The owner had declared the well abandoned and plugged with the District in 1975. Since the well is registered as abandoned the District requires the well to be permitted as a new well. However, the owner has been unable to secure the required property line easements necessary to legally permit the well under current District rules.

Another application for an exception to Rule 2.1 (Classification, Spacing, Density, and Production Provisions) was also not approved because the applicant drilled the well as permitted by the District and there was no need for the exception. The owner can continue to use the well as the owner had originally intended. The exception to Paragraph A (Well Spacing) was filed by a well owner on the grounds that the well spacing issue only affected the owner's property and would not conflict with any other well or property line spacing rules.

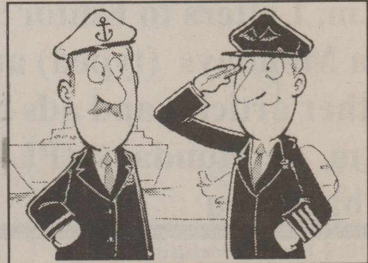
The board received several reports including a legislative report on relevant bills filed during the 83rd Texas Legislature, a report from Texas AgriLife Research regarding activities at the District's research field, and a report regarding the District's 200-12 demonstration program and High Plains Initiative. The board also discussed the need for additional personnel to enhance the District's Conservation Projects and Programs, and directed the General Manager to solicit applications the fill that need.

For more information about the board meeting or North Plains Groundwater Conservation District call 806-9356401 or visit the website at www.northplainsgcd.org. You can also "like" the North Plains Groundwater page on Facebook to receive updates on District activities.



Wesley Spurlock resigned from his position as Sherman County representative to the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District board after 10 years of service. Spurlock is shown here receiving the "KGNC Radio and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce 2012 Farmer of the Year" award during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show in November.

Snakes do not have eyelids, so even when they're asleep, they cannot close their eyes. They do have a protective layer of clear scales, called brille, over their eyes.



Pan American World Airways started the use of nautical terms in connection with air travel. Words like "captain" and "stewards" were used to attract customers who were accustomed to luxury ship travel. The airline also began dressing the crew in naval-style uniforms.

Attention Parents

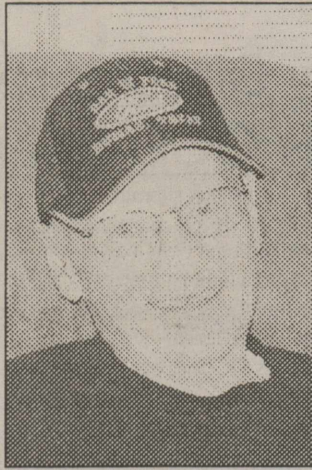
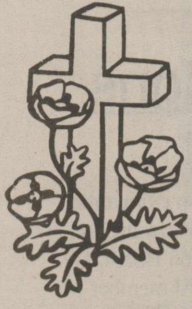
Stratford Youth sports will be meeting on February 28th at 7 p.m. at Happy State Bank. We need volunteers for our kids, baseball, basketball and soccer programs. Please come if you are interested in helping with any if these organizations. Any questions contact Brian Clift at 806-679-9421 or Jode Anderton at 396-2809

Sherman County Historical Commission Upcoming plans

The Sherman County Historical Commission met Feb. 12 in the Commissioners Court Room. Plans for the year were discussed as follows:

1. The County Judge pictures will be rehung in the Courthouse. The Commission is seeking good pictures of T. O. James, County Judge 1899-1901 and C. H. Rowland 1915-1917. Can anyone give us a lead to finding these pictures?
 2. We will continue to work with the City to place the Quanah Parker Trail Arrow.
 3. We continue to work on the preservation of interview tapes.
 4. Events Proposed: April 20 - Sons of the Confederate Celebration at the Stratford Cemetery at 10:00 May 28 or 29 Memorial Program held at the Coldwater Cemetery. October 5 Remembrances of Pronger Families at the Stratford Cemetery.
- The Sherman County Historical Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00, September, October, November, February, March, April. Anyone interested in Sherman County History is invited to attend all meetings.

OBITUARIES



Alton John Blades
February 21, 1932
February 14, 2013

Alton Blades, 80, formerly of Sunray, died Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Alton was born February 21, 1932 in Stratford to Orville John and Eula Lee Blades. He proudly served his country in the Navy from 1951-1955 on the air craft USS Badoeng Strait. He was a Second Class Petty Officer in the Korean War. He worked at American Zink for 15 and Swift for 19 years. He and his wife lived in Sunray for 60 years and moved to Amarillo in 2010. He enjoyed fishing and loved his family.

Alton married LaNell Naugle on September 3, 1955 at the First Christian Church in Stratford.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Luther Blades; and a sister, Sylvia Roper McAdam.

He is survived by his wife LaNell Blades; a son, Johnny Blades and wife Jan; a daughter, Karen Montana and husband Rick; two sisters, Carolyn Sue West and husband Roger, and Tacy; five grandchildren, Laura Flores, Amber Barbour, Matthew Blades, Stephanie Lopez; and Amy Warren; and nine great grandchildren.

Musicians Wanted For Community Band

Whether you still play- a musical instrument regularly or would like to reacquaint yourself with your High School band instrument consider joining the Community Band. Participation promises the great rewards of musical performance with a very manageable time investment. Two concerts are planned, one for 4th of July and one for Christmas. Practice is scheduled for four Monday nights in June, 8 to 10 pm for the July concert and beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving, 8 to 10 pm, for four Mondays for the Christmas concert.

If you play any of the following instruments and would like to join please call Denice Hutchinson at 244-7349. The minimum instrumentation needed 5 trumpets, 2 baritones, 4 trombones, 1 tuba, 3 percussion, 2 flutes, clarinets and 4 saxophones.

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Down on the farm Feb. 2nd

The Hee Haw Band at The Imagination Station "Down on the Farm" Supper Feb. 2.
L/R front: Ann Wells, Chris Coke, Lisa Moore
L/R Back row Duane Pittman, Russell Spurlock, Billy Bell, Dorene Harrison (hiding), Nick Sanchez, Kathy Switser (Blocked) Pat Barnard, Ashley Wyatt, Sharon Engelbrecht, and Bud Shields.

Texas Wheat Board to Hold Biennial Election

AMARILLO, Texas - The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) is holding its biennial election to elect five board members to fill expiring positions. The election, to be held by mail, officially begins March 23, 2013 and will conclude April 9, 2013.

Terms expiring in 2013 include Cagle Kendrick of District I, Tommy Womack of District II, Fred Dwyer of District III, Ken Davis of District IV, and Jack Norman also of District IV.

Any person who is engaged in commercial wheat production in Texas is eligible to vote for the district in which they reside. This includes owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers if they are subject to paying the assessment that is collected on wheat within the following counties:

District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.
District II: Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

District III: Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay.
District IV: All other counties in Texas.

Ballots are available from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Farm Service Agency offices in each Texas county, local elevators or by mail from the TWPB office between March 23, 2013 and April 9, 2013. Ballots must be mailed to the TWPB, 5405 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, and will not be valid with a postmark date later than April 9, 2013.

Current TWPB members whose terms are not expiring are Bob Beakley of Ennis, Jody Bellah of Throckmorton, Collin Bowers of Spearman, David Cleavinger of Wildorado, Glen Gibson of Lometa, Ron Kuehler of Groom, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton, Gary Murphy of Dawson, Ben Scholz of Wylie and Freddie Streit of Vernon.

Board members are responsible for the allocation of funds from a state-wide wheat producer assessment of two cents per bushel. These funds are applied to wheat research, education and market development. The Texas Agricultural Commodity Referendum Law prohibits such funds from being used for lobbying or legislative efforts. For more information, contact the Texas Wheat Producers Board office toll-free at 1 (888) 40-WHEAT or (806) 352-2191.

You Missed It.

By Gaynelle Riffe
The LaRita Theatre in Dalhart has had two very special musical programs lately.
"Showcase in a Suitcase" flutist from WTAMU in January and the Glen Miller Orchestra Feb. 13.

Cimarron Country Music Theater 4th Saturday Night of Each Month

Cimarron Country Music Theater in Boise City, OK has a show each 4th Saturday night of the month All local & area talent - good family entertainment - The great "12 Gauge" Band, comedy, cowboy poetry & lots of good Western & Religious singing.

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013 doors open 6:00 pm - show 7:00 pm, 106 North Cimarron St - Boise City, OK Tickets are \$10

We need & want entertainers if interested Call Michelle at 580 516 1968 or Sandy Hawkins 806 674 5147 to audition for upcoming shows or more info.

It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly
turns to compassion and understanding.

—Erma Bombeck

**Happy 90th Birthday
Erma Houston**
Erma Houston, formerly of Stratford, Texas, celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on February 16, 2013 in Canyon, Texas.

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Beckett honored with Baby Shower

A Baby shower was held in honor of Brio Beckett February 3, in the home of Lisa Moore. The shower was hosted by: Dana Buckles, Sue Cullum, Brittany Daffern, Marian Hembree, Lisa Moore, Terry Smith, Suzanne Trayler. Pictured above is Donna Beckett & Brio Beckett.



Marriage Announced

Vicki Jo Hayes and Preston Hemphill proudly announce the marriage of their sister Rebecca Hemphill to Mr. Gary Lowe. They were married in Rolla, Missouri on February 14, 2013.

Power of the Purse April 17, 2013 featuring Giuliana Rancic

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health will celebrate the 5th anniversary with the 4th Power of the Purse luncheon and Purse Auction, Thursday April 17, in the Amarillo Civic Center.

The guest speaker is Giuliana Rancic the co-host/anchor for E News Live' and host for the Miss USA 2011 beauty pageant. She founded FabFitFun, a women's health, beauty and fashion site featuring WELLNESS/BEAUTY/STYLE/HEALTH/FITNESS

The fund raising event will benefit SimCentral, a medical education simulation unit, training health care professionals and students.

For more information, contact Angela Knapp at 806-356-4617 ext. 271

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Benjamin James proved recently to be a very lucky little boy! He competed in the Ft. Worth Stock Show this month and won Breed Champion Chesher with his pig and placed 6th in his class with his steer! Way TO GO BENJAMIN!!!!

Heath and Dempsey Collums went skiing in Angel fire, NM over the weekend. They stayed at the old St. James in Cimarron. Their room was on the historical side and was the room that Jesse James stayed in. No ghost sightings were reported by either one!

Doug Taylor has had the horrible dreaded flu! Though feeling much better now, he will be getting his flu vaccine in the future.

Patti McDaniel came home and visited over the weekend.



SHS's Sweetest Guy and Gal!

What could be a better time to honor the sweetest students at Stratford High School than on Valentine's Day? Students were chosen by a school-wide vote of students and teachers. Elk Express sponsored the Contest. Shown above are Junior Adrian du Plessis and Sophomore, Jacie Seward.

Upon occasion, a horse's shoes were put on backwards to mislead a pursuing enemy. It was used in the 11th century by King Alfonso in his escape from Toledo, Spain.

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Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5:30 PM
366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS

9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

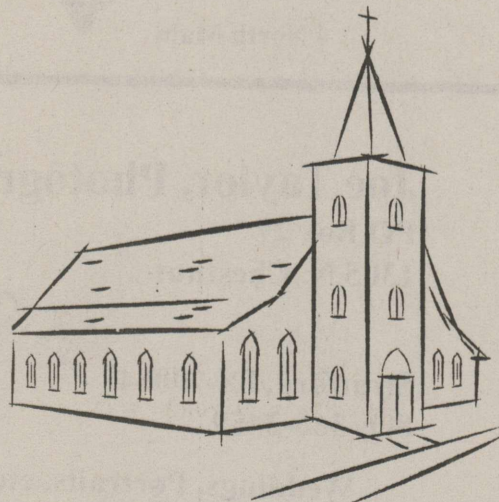
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
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Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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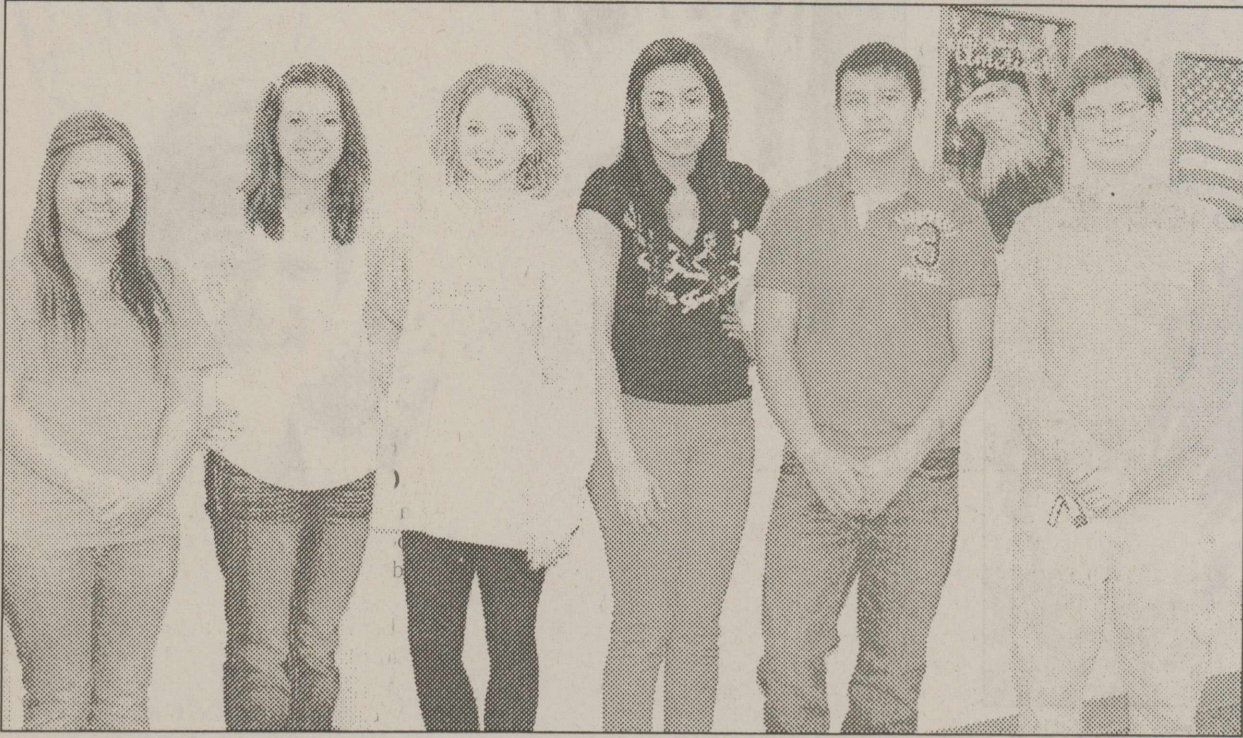
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Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Students who placed at Canadian Practice UIL Tournament

Students who placed at the Canadian Practice UIL Tournament held on February 9th. Ricky Garay placed 6th in number sense. Vanessa Mendosa placed 6th in spelling. The account team placed 2nd, and individually, Macy Everson placed 2nd, Mary Ann Spurlock 3rd and Adrian du Plessis 4th. Allissa palmer won 5th in prose. Mary Ann Spurlock won 1st I prose, and Macy Everson won 4th in poetry. Congratulations to these students and all the SHS students attending the tournament! From left Macy, Mary Ann, Allissa, Vanessa, Ricky and Adrian.



Kelly's Gymnastics starts competitive season

Kelly's gymnastics has started their competitive season. Their first meet was in Levelland Feb 2. Pictured above is JoJo Salas with United States Olympic Trampolineist Dakota Earnest.



Sr. Lady Elk Karen Lozoya dribbles past Claude defense in the Lady Elks Bi-District loss.



Lady Elk senior Elizabeth Reyes gets set at the free throw line on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in the Lady Elks loss to Claude.



It's believed that Charles Dickens' initial choice for Scrooge's statement "Bah Humbug" was "Bah Christmas."

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TO: ESTATE OF YURIDIA GONZALEZ, DECEASED, C/O ANTONIA RAMOS, 8461 CASTNER DRIVE, EL PASO, TX 79907

Greetings: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 69th District Court, Sherman County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said county in Stratford, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the PLAINTIFFS ORIGINAL PETITION OF MATTHEW CHRISTIAN, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 6th of August, 2012, against ESTATE OF YURIDIA GONZALEZ, DECEASED ANTONIA RAMOS, and said suit being Number 5053 on the docket of said Court and entitled: MATTHEW CHRISTIAN VS ESTATE OF YURIDIA GONZALEZ, DECEASED

The nature of which suite is a request to: This lawsuit involves a motor vehicle accident which occurred on August 8, 2010 in Sherman County, Texas. The vehicle driven by Defendant Yuridia Gonzalez crossed over the center line on U.S. 54, traveled onto the shoulder and struck a semi-trailer occupied by Plaintiff Matthew Christian. Such collision caused Plaintiff's semi-trailer to jackknife and skid into a ditch, therefore resulting in Plaintiff's injuries and damages. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER my hand and seal of said Court at Stratford, Texas, on the 25th day of January, 2013 Gina Gray, 69th, District Court Clerk, Sherman County, Texas

CLERK OF THE COURT

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NOTICE OF TEXHOMA ISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

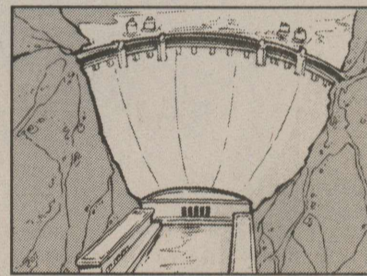
Notice: Texhoma ISD will have a school board election and special school board election on May 11, 2013. Persons interested in running for the school board must make application by March 15, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. Application may be picked up at Texhoma ISD, Fourth and Denver, Texhoma, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Terms are for four years and the special election term is the remaining two-year of the four year term. Contact Hope Appel, Superintendent for more information at 806-827-7400.

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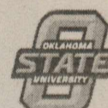
Card of Thanks

AT THE AGE OF 61, I AM JUST NOW "BEGINNING" TO UNDERSTAND HOW WONDERFUL LIFE IS, AND HOW IMPORTANT TRUE CARING FRIENDS AND FAMILY AREA. UNTIL ONE REACHES THE POINT OF NEEDING ASSISTANCE, ONE NEVER TRULY APPRECIATES THE HUMAN SPIRIT OF GIVING. WE PRAISE AND THANK GOD FOR IT ALL, AND I PROMISED A LONG TIME AGO TO PAY IT FORWARD WHEN I CAN. JACK & I LOVE AND THANK YOU ALL.

JACK & VICKY GORE



The Hoover Dam was built to last 2,000 years. The concrete in it will not even be fully cured for about another 500 years.



SPRING 2013 SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS DROUGHT OUTLOOK AND ASSESSMENT FORUM

March 7, 2013

Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center
Highway 54 and County Road 23
Goodwell, OK

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), NOAA and Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP) will be presenting a regional Drought Outlook and Assessment Forum on March 7 in Goodwell, Oklahoma. The Forum, hosted by the Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center (OPREC), is the fifth in a series since the drought became firmly established in 2011. The morning session focuses on the evolution and outlook of the drought, including presentations from those involved in monitoring, assessing and predicting our climate. The afternoon session features panel discussions on issues of concern and management practices relative to the multi-state region. The panels will feature researchers, managers, extension, and producers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Colorado. To RSVP contact OPREC at 580-349-5440.

- 9:30 Registration and refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:10 Regional climate services in response to the Southern Plains drought
- 10:30 Current status and evolution of the 2010-2013 drought
- 11:00 Seasonal outlook and prospects for improvement
- 11:30 Long-lead climate outlook and the role of La Nina in the Southern Plains drought
- 12:00 Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 Crop Water Management (panel)
- 1:30 Water supplies (panel)
- 2:30 Rangeland management (panel)
- 3:30 Wrap-up & Adjourn

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The feeling of "aha, that's it," which accompanies the clothing of a situation with meaning, is emotionally very satisfying and is the major charm of scientific research, of artistic creation, and of the solution of crossword puzzles. It is why the intellectual life is fun.

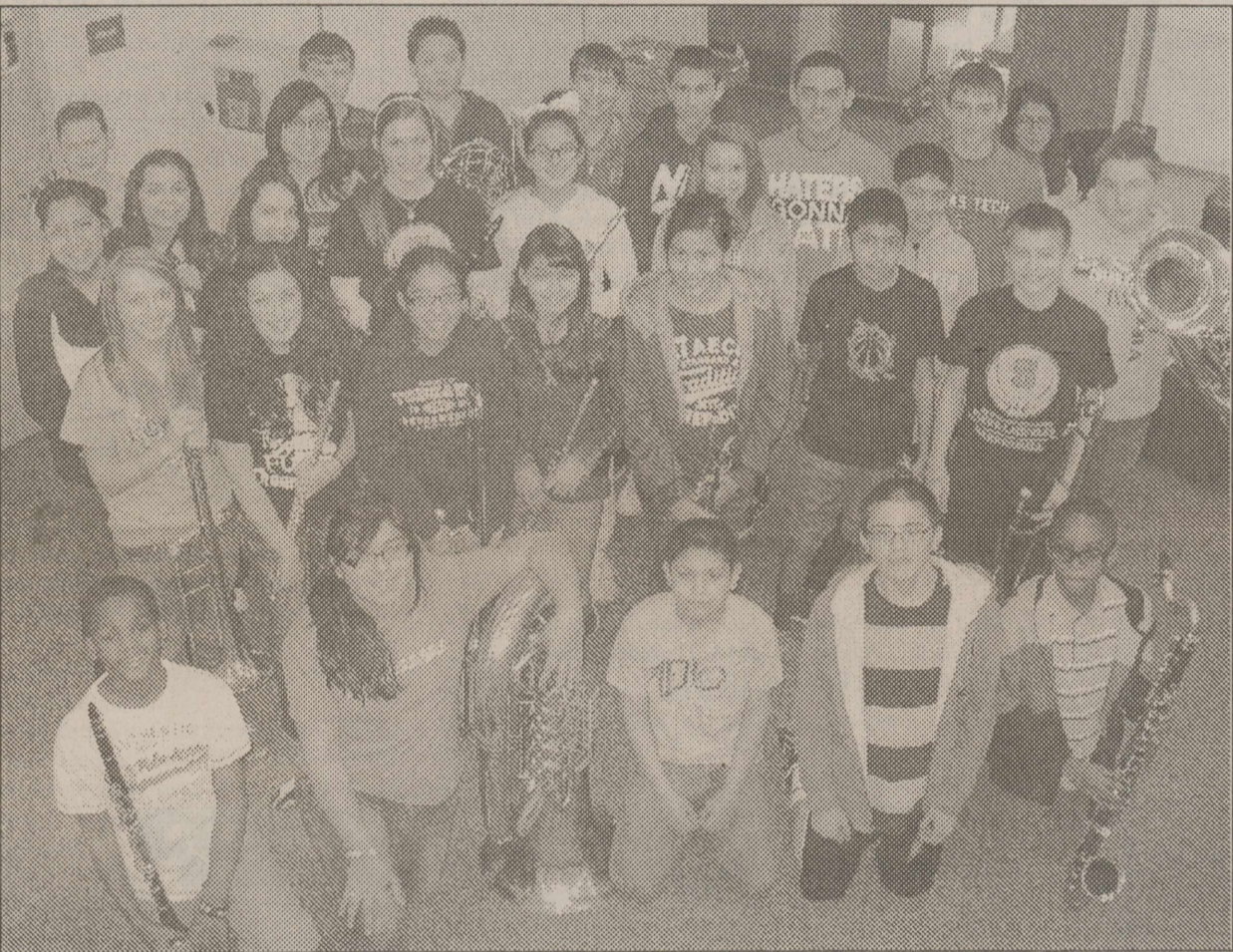
—Hudson Hoagland

Congratulations Band



8th Grade Band

(in no particular order) Hannah Franklin, Yasmin Medrano, Nancy Garay, Daniela Reyes, Agustina Eizmendi, Stephanie Vasquez, Karina Henderson, Amanda Harbour, Marina Barajas, Juan Machado, Zorro Daniels, Julio Duran, Fernando Jacquez, Kobi Garza, Francisco Barajas, and Nicolle Law.



7th Grade Band

(no particular order) Taylor Aduddell, Vanessa Gonzalez, Laynee Burris, Lucero Robles, RaelLynn Mungia, Daniela Vasquez, Giselle Marquez, DarCee Robinson, Chantal Guel, Karl Punch, Kory Punch, Colten Lanning, Levi Norby, Ruben Gonzalez, Noah Harris, Blake Rios, Shay Hess, David Hernandez, Tucker Summers, Sonia Lopez, Ailyn Duarte, Brandon Mireles, Erika Lopez, Courtney Griffin, Jennifer Chavez, Jasmine Castaneda, Sergio Guerrero, Pedro Ortega, and Daniel DeCasas

Stratford Band Students Receive Highest Ratings At UIL Solo/Ensemble Contest

On Friday, February 8, 47 Stratford Band students traveled to Canyon and the Canyon High School campus to perform in the UIL Regional Instrumental Solo and Ensemble contest. Of 25 separate events entered, 20 received Division I (Superior) Ratings. This is the highest rating given at UIL music contests. The 47 students received a total of 48 medals for their efforts.

Receiving Division I (Superior) Ratings on their ensembles were the following: Jasmine Castaneda, Daniel DeCasas, Sergio Guerrero, and Pedro Ortega (percussion quartet). Nicolle Law and Francisco Barajas (percussion duet). Shay Hess, David Hernandez, and Tucker Summers (brass trio). Erika Lopez and Brandon Mireles (brass duet). Shay Hess, Colten Lanning, and Blake Rios (brass trio). Karl and Kory Punch (woodwind duet). Giselle Marquez, RaelLynn Mungia, and Daniela Valdez (woodwind trio). Ailyn Duarte, Sonia Lopez, and Blake Rios (brass trio). Ruben Gonzalez and Noah Harris (brass duet). Jennifer Chavez and Courtney Griffin (mixed duet). Laynee Burr and Lucero Robles (clarinet duet). Taylor Aduddell and Vanessa Gonzalez (flute duet). Amanda Harbour and Karina Henderson (clarinet duet). Hannah Franklin and Yasmin Medrano (flute duet). Agustina Eizmendi, Yasmin Medrano, and Daniela Reyes (saxophone trio). Nancy Garay and Hannah Franklin (woodwind duet). Stephanie Vasquez and Nancy Garay (clarinet duet). Zorro Daniels and Daniela Reyes (alto saxophone duet). Julio Duran, Kobi Garza, and Fernando Jacquez (brass trio). Karina Henderson and Stephanie Vasquez (clarinet duet). Receiving Division II (excellent) ratings on their snare drum solos were Francisco Barajas and Nicolle Law. Receiving II ratings on the ensembles were the following: Levi Norby and Colten Lanning (trumpet duet). Chantal Guel and DarCee Robinson (woodwind duet). Marina Barajas and Juan Machado (bass clarinet duet). (SEE PICTURES)

Congratulations go to all band students for their hard work and effort given to represent Stratford Schools so well at the Solo/Ensemble Contest. Also, thanks go to Lupita Henderson for acting as a sponsor on the bus and helping students get to their performance room and to Mr. Clint Seward for helping drive the junior high bus.