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Stratford Fire Department held their Fireman's Banquet on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Shown above is Stratford Fire Chief Danny Davis being presented a plaque thanking him for his service as Fire Chief to the Stratford Fire Department. Assistant Chief Dean Hauser presented Danny with the plaque. Congrats Danny!!



Stratford Fire Chief Danny Davis presented Rudy Salazar "Fireman of the Year" Award for 2011. There was no banquet held last year. Congrats Rudy!!



Fire Chief Danny Davis presenting Jack Gore with a plaque thanking him for his many years of Service to the Stratford Fire Department. Assistant Chief Dean Hauser in middle.



Firemen who received Fireman of the year for 2012 left to right are Jessie Mariscal, Dru Spurlock, L.J. Moreno and Rudy Salazar. Congratulations to all of these fine men for their service. And to all who are serving on our Volunteer Stratford Fire Department, We thank you for protecting us.

**ATTENTION: PROM TIME**  
We will begin working on prom decorations EVERY Monday night at 6:30 p.m. starting March 25, 2013 at the high school building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please.

## Five area Teenagers Killed March 10<sup>th</sup>

The Department of Public Safety Identified five teenagers killed in a fiery crash at a rural intersection about 4 miles northeast of Dumas. The teenagers were in a 2012 Chevrolet pickup headed west on Morton Elevator Road about 3:40 -p.m. Sunday, March 10, 2013 and disregarded a stop sign at the intersection with farm-to-Market Road 1284, DPS officials said. A 2012 Volvo Tractor Trailer headed south on FM 1284 struck the Chevy on the passenger side.

All five teenagers in the pickup were pronounced dead at the scene. DPS officials identified the teens as: Jacob Paul Stipe, 16 of Sunray, Christopher Lee Moore, 17 of Sunray. Elizabeth Kay Roys, 15 of Dumas and October Dawn Roys 17 of Dumas and Derrek Lee Hager, 17 of Stratford.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Ezequiel Garcia of Amarillo, was transported to the burn unit of University Medical Center in Lubbock and is listed in critical condition with severe burns to his entire body.

## Cimarron Country Music Theater March 23, 2013

Cimarron Country Music Theater is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night of each month. This Month March 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.-Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The Theater is located on North Main, Boise City, OK. Good Family Entertainment!! Singers, Cowboy Poetry, "12 Gauge" Band, Religious, Country, a little Jazz Music & much more with a little comedy sprinkled in. Call Sandy Hawkins for more information 806-674-5147.

## Stratford Ex-Students Planning Reunion July 26-7

Ex-Student honored classes met March 5, 2013 at The Imagination Station to plan this year's reunion during the Jamboree. The class representatives from 1963, 1973 and 1993 were present. Honored class years ending in a 3 are asked to update the mailing list, provide the class panel picture at the next meeting March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station.

## BUSINESSES

### Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your property now! Deadline: April 15, 2013

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3<sup>rd</sup> in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

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.

## Stratford Youth Sports

It's baseball time again! Registration for t-ball, machine pitch and little league will be Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Mary Allen Gym. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate if this will be their first year to play in Stratford. If you are interested in coaching please contact Jo Hinds at 366-3029. We are looking forward to a great season.

## 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 a 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. 3rd Street in Stratford or call (806) 366-5566.

## 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.

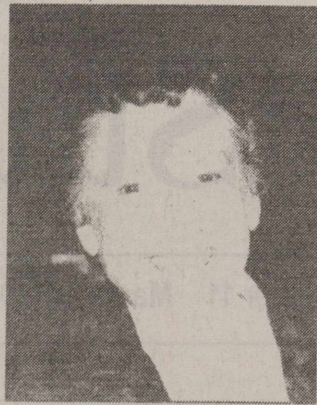
### 11.254. Motor Vehicle Used for Production of Income and for Personal Activities

- (a) 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.
- (b) In this section, "motor vehicle" means a passenger car or light truck as those terms are defined by Section 502.001, Transportation Code.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.

## OBITUARIES



**Velma Jewel "Judy" Oquin**  
Sept. 30, 1923  
March 10, 2013

Velma Jewel "Judy" Oquin, 89, of Amarillo, formerly of Stratford, died Sunday, March 10, 2013.

Memorials services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, in First Christian Church of Stratford with the Rev. Gary Smith, pastor, officiating. Private burial was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo, TX.

Judy was born Sept. 30, 1923 in Turkey to Tom and Ann Hodges. She married O.H. Oquin on August 23, 1946, in Stratford.

Judy was a clerk for the post office in Stratford for more than 20 years, but her preferred occupation was golfing. She also was an excellent cook and artist. She was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, O.H. Oquin on May 18, 2008.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Riffe and husband Steve of Amarillo and Sherry Wisdom of Lake Jackson; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

The family suggest memorials be to First Christian Church of Stratford, 420 N. Main St. Stratford, TX 79084. Sign the online guest book at [www.boxwellbrothers.com](http://www.boxwellbrothers.com)

**Derrek Lee Hager**  
August 16, 1995  
March 10, 2013

Derrek Lee Hager, 17 of Stratford, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Services were pending at Press time with Morrison Funeral Directors.

**October Dawn Roys**  
October 13, 1995-March 10, 2013

October "Tobie" Dawn Roys, 17 of Dumas, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Services were pending with Morrison Funeral Directors at press time.

**Elizabeth Kay Roys**  
June 17, 1997  
March 10, 2013

Elizabeth "Lizzy" Kay Roys, 15 of Dumas, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Services were pending with Morrison Funeral Directors at press time.

**Christopher Lee Moore**  
August 26, 1995  
March 10, 2013

Christopher Lee Moore, 17 of Sunray, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Services were pending with Morrison Funeral Directors at press time.

**Jacob "Jake" Paul Stipe**  
March 5, 1997  
March 10, 2013

Jacob "Jake" Paul Stipe, 16 of Sunray, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Services were pending with Morrison funeral Directors at press time.



Shown above left to right are Logan Uttley, Mazie Vincent, Katy Moore, Mary Ann Spurlock and Adrian du Plessis

## American Legion Post Announces Boys State/Girls' State Delegates

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion is pleased to announce that the following Stratford High School students have been selected to attend Boys State and Girls State respectively. The Boys State Delegates are Logan Uttley, son of Dr. Paul and Dana Uttley and Adrian du Plessis, son of Marius and Mari K du Plessis. The Girls State delegates are Mary Ann Spurlock, daughter of Brent & Laurie Spurlock, Katy Moore, daughter of Bret and Lisa Moore and Mazie Vincent, daughter of Matt and Lone Vincent. All of these outstanding students were nominated by their teachers and administrators at Stratford High school.

This is the first time the local post has had the opportunity to send more than one boy and one girl. From the interviews conducted by the local post it was evident that each of these students represented some of the best and brightest of our local school system. Each one of these young men and women deserve the privilege and opportunity to benefit from these special programs. With this in mind the local post decided to send them all.

Boys State is a week long program conducted at the University of Texas at Austin. The programs' objectives are to develop civic leadership and pride in American leadership, to develop a keen interest in government, to develop in young citizens of Boys state a full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America, to develop in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government and to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation and finally, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

The Girls' State program is also a week in duration conducted on the campus of Texas Lutheran University in Sequin, Texas. This program is sponsored and conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary. The mythical 51st state is a learn-by-doing program which introduces city, county, and state government to the participants, as well as, involves them in political parties and legislative sessions. The citizens of Girls' state have opportunities to run for office, author legislation, and vote. This program is designed to educate our leaders of tomorrow in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. These young women are guided by outstanding staff of former Girl's state citizens and American Legion Auxiliary members.

*There will be a Hamburger Fundraiser to help defray some of the expenses of attending these programs for these fine young men and women on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Sherman County Barn. Serving times are 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free Will donations are appreciated. Everyone in the community is invited.*

## "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming"

By Reverend Jim Smith, First United Methodist Church

Dr. Tony Campolo, an ordained Baptist minister and Professor Emeritus of Sociology, popularized that phrase several years ago when he told about a sermon his pastor preached at Easter. The pastor told how frightened and discouraged the disciples were on the Friday when Jesus was crucified and how most of them ran away because they didn't understand the cross and all of the things that were going on, but the pastor didn't stop with the events on that Friday. He went on to tell about the events that happened on Sunday and how their sorrow was turned to joy, their fears to faith, and their defeat to victory. The difference was the resurrection.

There are a lot of "Friday's" in our lives, days when things don't turn out the way we have hoped and prayed, experiences that bring grief and sorrow, difficulties that are unpleasant and cause us pain, but Campolo would tell us to not loose heart because there is a "Sunday" for ever "Friday" we experience. Whatever we experience that makes us feel discouraged or defeated can be overcome if we hold on.

For the disciples, the difference between that Friday and Sunday was the resurrection, and I believe the difference between the Fridays that cause our greatest heartaches and the Sundays that bring us new hope and courage is Jesus. Everybody needs Jesus.

No one can explain why bad things happen to good people, but we've all experienced them. There are times when all of us go through the deep valleys of life and we need someone to hold on to, and Jesus is the one who gives us the strength we need to go on. All of us have made mistakes that we wish we could go back and undo, but we can't and we need forgiveness, and Jesus is the only one who is able to forgive us completely. All of us face hard choices and we need someone to guide us, and Jesus is the one who is able to give us direction. All of us have experienced the death of someone near and dear to our hearts and we need someone who can give us comfort, and because of the resurrection, Jesus is the only one who promises life everlasting.

This is the time of the year when we hear about high school students across our nation who feels they can't go on and they make the tragic decision to end their lives. It's not just high school students, but others who feel they can't face the future and they make that choice. Every time I hear or read about someone who made that decision, I wish someone who knows Jesus could have talked with them because I believe in Jesus there is hope that overcomes despair and there is a better future than they may be seeing at that moment. If someone who knows Jesus could tell them about his love and promises, it could make a difference.

"It's Friday, but Sunday's coming" isn't just a popular phrase that we need to remember at Easter, it's a promise that we need throughout the year and every year of our lives.



During his lifetime, Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick" sold only 50 copies.

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Thanks-Marty



## Engagement Announced Henderson & Lecrone

David and Tonya Henderson of the Griggs community are proud to announce the engagement of their son Chandler David Henderson to Brooke Nicole Lecrone, daughter of Butch and Joanie Lecrone of McAlister, OK. Grandparents of the prospective groom are James and Loretta Barnes of Guymon, OK and John and Loreta Henderson of the Griggs Community. Grandparents of the bride-elect are James and Eula Richie of Idabel, OK, Joyce Maye of Broken Bow, OK and Fred and Ann Lecrone of Broken Bow, Ok. The Wedding will take place on June 8, 2013 near Oklahoma City.

## SHS Announces One Act Play Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Monday, March 18 at the Mary Allen Cafetorium. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's (UIL One-Act Play). The cast and crew will be going to zone competition on Thursday, March 21 at White Deer High School.

This year's play is *Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play* by Lauren Wilson, published by Dramatists Play Service and directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. Set in Victorian England, *Chemical Imbalance* is a darkly comic adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. It is a fast-paced farce about men and women tightrope walking the line between aristocracy and depravity, and between the twin specters of good and evil.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and children and are on sale now. Tickets go fast so don't delay. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help send interested students to speech, debate, and theatre activities and summer camps. For tickets, see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to enjoy an evening of good food and fun at the theatre!

### CAST

ELIPHONIA JEKYLL.....ALLISSA PALMER  
AMBROSIA JEKYLL.....MARY ANN SPURLOCK  
HENRY JEKYLL.....ADRIAN DU PLESSIS  
LADY THROCKMORTONSHIRE.....TAYLOR WRIGHT  
CALLIOPE AND PENELOPE THROCKMORTONSHIRE.....SHYANNE ACKER  
ROSAMUNDA DEWTHISTLE.....KATY MOORE  
XAVIER UTTERSON.....VICTOR CASTRO  
IVY.....MAZIE VINCENT  
PLODGETT.....MACY EVERSON  
CONSTABLE.....BRANSON PALMER  
POLICE LIEUTENANT.....JOHN MCBROOM

### CREW

LOGAN UTLEY - STAGE MANAGER  
TYLER SEWARD  
JACIE SEWARD  
AJ RIFFE  
VAL-MARI DU PLESSIS

### ALTERNATES

CHASE LUTES  
KAYLEE SANDVIG  
ALEXIE WRIGHT  
SIDNEY TURNER



## Couple Exchange Vows

Pat and Nita Barnard would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Brooke, to Mr. D.J. Wilson of College Station, Texas. Brooke and D.J. were married on December 15, 2012 in Albert, Texas. Brooke is a 2009 graduate of Stratford High School and a December 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Business. D. J. is a 2009 graduate of Franklin High School and a December 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor Degree in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Economics. Brooke is employed with Horizon Landscaping and D.J. with Provident Funding. They reside in Austin, Texas.

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The gap in our economy is between what we have and what we think we ought to have—and that is a moral problem, not an economic one.

—Paul Heyne

## Stratford Hospital District

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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

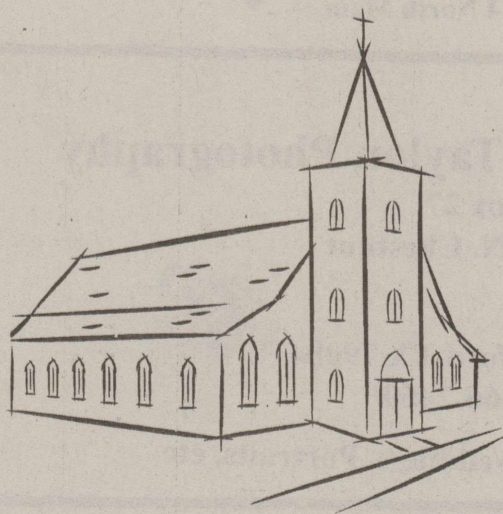
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**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  
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Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Ron Whitt  
702 N. 3rd  
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Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio  
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
Susunos Durante El Servicio



### Community Closet Thrift Store Presents Check

From the First Baptist Church, many local residents are receiving assistance with groceries. Several families and singles are approved for food distribution through the food ministry of First Baptist Church. The program is assisted through the Food Bank of Amarillo. Shown above are Joyce McBryde and Kay Bachman, volunteers for the food ministry, receiving a check from The Community Closet Thrift Store in the amount of \$500.



### McGinnis Receives Award

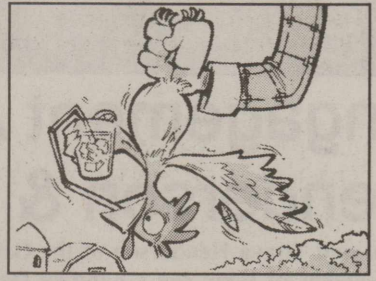
Robert McGinnis (left) is shown above receiving Legionnaire of the Year Award from Robert Marr Post Commander. Congratulations!!!



**Congratulations to Kaylee and Benjamin!**  
 Fort Worth Stock Show.  
Benjamin James-Breed Champion Chester  
Kaylee Mungia-Reserve Breed Champion Chester

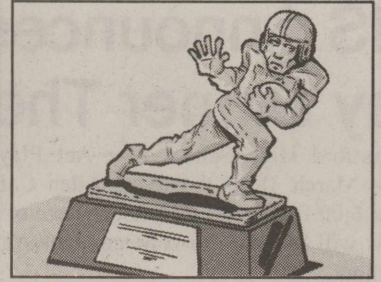
### Fire Caution

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.



Chickens can't swallow while they are upside down.

**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



In 1935, University of Chicago running back Jay Berwanger became the first winner of the Downtown Athletic Club Trophy. It was renamed the Heisman Trophy the following year.

# Business Directory

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 \*Toll-free 800-624-5494  
 Fax: (806) 366-2583

### Stratford Grain Company

Stratford 396-5541  
 Lautz 769-4485



4 North Main

### The Cleaning Station

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 Starch & Ironing  
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Cece Yelek, CMT, LMT  
 301 N. Main St. or 7199 Co. Rd P  
 Stratford, TX Sunray, TX  
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 Cell 806-290-3655  
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Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions

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- Mill Maintenance

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320 +/- Ac Farm approx. 20 miles southeast of Stratford. Two tracts of 160 acres each. Growing wheat crop will convey. One well and two sprinklers. Owner would consider long term lease back if available.

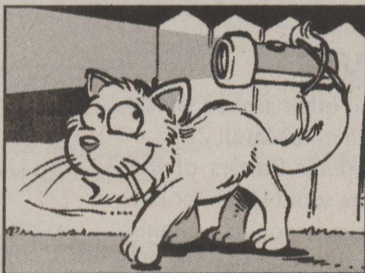
630 +/- Ac Irrigated Farm east of Stratford. Three irrigation wells and one old sprinkler that needs to be replaced. Owner must have a rent back for five years.

28 +/- Ac Tract on the edge of Stratford. Option to annex into the city limits. Available city water, sewer, and electricity.

[www.CliffLandBrokers.com](http://www.CliffLandBrokers.com)

Bryan Clift, Associate Broker  
401 S. Poplar • Stratford, TX  
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In the state of Colorado, a pet cat, if loose, must have a taillight.

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Fish, to taste right, must swim three times—in water, in butter and in wine.

—Polish Proverb

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A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

## Container Gardening: Choosing The Right Plant For The Pot

(NAPS)—It's a growing trend: Twenty-one million households are planting container gardens. It saves space, helps control pests and overcome soil issues, and lets you enjoy fresh, homegrown produce even without a yard.

To ensure your success, it's important to pick the right plant for the pot. Fortunately, seed companies are developing vegetable seeds well adapted for container gardens.

"Today's container gardeners now have access to even more plants that are compact in size, yield more, taste great and feature unique colors and shapes," said John Marchese of Seminis Home Garden seed.

To help you get started, consider these tips from experts at the University of Illinois Extension:

### Choosing a Container

•Anything that holds soil and has drainage holes in the bottom may be transformed into a container garden for terrestrial plants.

•For vibrant plant growth, the containers must provide adequate space for roots and soil media, allowing the plant to thrive.

### Soil

•Soils for containers need to be well aerated and well drained while still being able to retain enough moisture for plant growth.

•Never use garden soil by itself for container gardening, no matter how good it looks or how well things grow in it outside.

•Containers often use soilless or artificial media that contain no soil at all.

•When these mixes are used, they should be moistened slightly before planting. Fill a tub with the media, add water and lightly fluff the media to dampen it.



You don't need a lot of space to enjoy fresh homegrown vegetables.

•When filling containers with media, don't fill the pot to the top. Leave about a one-inch space between the top of the soil and rim of the pot.

### Fertilizer

•A regular fertilizer program is needed to keep plants growing well and attractively all season.

•The choice of fertilizer analysis will depend on the kinds of plants you grow. High-nitrogen sources would be good for plants grown for their foliage while flowering and vegetable crops would generally prefer lower-nitrogen and higher-phosphorous fertilizer types.

### Choosing Plants For Your Container Garden

•Plants that thrive in like soil, watering and light conditions make successful combinations. When combining plants, size, texture, proportion, color, setting and lighting all play a role.

### Caring For Your Vegetables

•Containers offer the advantage of being portable. As the seasons, temperature and light conditions change, you can move your containers so they enjoy the best

conditions for peak performance.

•Most fruit-bearing vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squashes and eggplant require full sun.

•Leafy vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage and spinach can tolerate more shady locations, unlike root vegetables such as radishes, carrots and onions.

•There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to watering. You have to watch your containers and understand how much moisture each plant needs. Feel the soil—if the first inch or so is dry, add water until it starts to drip out of the drainage holes.

### Special Seeds

"Just because they are using a smaller space to grow the plant doesn't mean the fruit has to be small, too," Marchese explained. "For example, if container gardeners are looking for a compact plant that produces large and tasty tomatoes, they should try a new hybrid tomato variety called Debut."

Container gardeners don't have to sacrifice flavor for a more conveniently grown plant either. "Husky Red is a medium-sized tomato hybrid that has great flavor. We have also developed a cherry tomato hybrid version called Husky Cherry Red that has the potential to set lots of sweet, flavorful fruit," added Marchese.

Other compact hybrid tomato varieties include Patio, which produces about a 4-ounce tomato, and a saladette tomato variety called Yaqui that produces large-sized fruit.

### Learn More

For more information on home garden varieties, visit [www.seminis.com](http://www.seminis.com).

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Sales Tax Corporation will hold public hearings on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at noon in the City Council Chambers and on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The hearing will address the commitment made by the Stratford Sales Tax Board to participate in the Star of Texas RV Park Project in the form of a loan.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 14, 2013.

### CITATION FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Harry E. Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dorothy Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dacre Merry Wray; Joe Merry; Cecil Merry; Bill Merry; Bob Merry; Jimmy Merry; Louise M. Woods; Dorothy Merry Oakley; Helen M Bacon; The Unknown Heirs of Johnny Merry; Elizabeth M. Giala; and Charlotte M. Melott, Defendants in the hereinafter referenced cause.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013, that day being the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, in the 69<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Ct., of Sherman County, Texas, at the County Courthouse, 701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, P.O.Box 270 in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. The case is Cause No. 5077, styled Jesus Galaviz vs. George F. Merry, Harry E. Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dorothy Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dacre Merry Wray; Joe Merry; Cecil Merry; Bill Merry; Bob Merry; Jimmy Merry; Louise M. Woods; Dorothy Merry Oakley; Helen M Bacon; The Unknown Heirs of Johnny Merry; Elizabeth M. Giala; and Charlotte M. Melott. The Petition was filed on February 13, 2013. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Kimberly L. Allen, P.O. Box 792, Dalhart, Texas, 79022. The nature of the suit is as follows:

Plaintiff seeks to acquire sole and undisputed title in his name to Lots Eleven and Twelve, Block 14, Town of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas, pursuant to §15.011 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. You may have an interest in this property. If you fail to file an answer, judgment by default may be rendered for the relief demanded in the petition. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this Citation by 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013, a default judgment may be taken against you.

ISSUED this 4th day of March, 2013.

Gina Gray

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# Track

The Lady Elks and Elks track team competed in their first track meet on March 1-2, 2013 in Sunray, TX. Results are as follows: Varsity Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 110 points; Varsity Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 99 points and JV Boys - 5<sup>th</sup> - 78 points.

**Girls 4x100 M Relay:** Elizabeth Reyes, Magaly Guerrero, Desinya Garza, Madison Mungia - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 56.02; **JV Boys - 5<sup>th</sup> - 50.76; V Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 46.25; 100 M Hurdles:** Chesney Rendon - 4<sup>th</sup> - 18.12, Yadhira Chavoya - 6<sup>th</sup> - 18.63; **110 M Hurdles -** Ricky Garay - 6<sup>th</sup> - 19.29; **100 M Dash -** Colten Rendon - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11.31; **800 M Run:** Samantha Gonzalez - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:39.91, Noemy Franco - 2:48.36; **Grayson Gonzalez - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:08.74; David Marquez - 6<sup>th</sup> - 2:15.76; 400 M Dash -** Jiovani Romero - 4<sup>th</sup> - 54.79; **4x200 M Relay -** Elizabeth Reyes, Noemy Franco, Samantha Gonzalez, Karen Lozoya - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1:56.56; **JV Boys - 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:49.08; V Boys - 5<sup>th</sup> - 1:43.29; 300 M Hurdles -** Yadhira Chavoya - 4<sup>th</sup> - 52.68; **Kelsey Pickens - 7<sup>th</sup> - 57.49; 200 M Dash -** Bethany Everett - 4<sup>th</sup> - 29.22; **Madison Mungia - 6<sup>th</sup> - 29.75; JV Boys -** Chisum Rutherford - 4<sup>th</sup> - 26.03; **Chase Lutes - 5<sup>th</sup> - 26.11; V boys -** Christian Martinez - 6<sup>th</sup> - 26.38; **1600 M Run -** JV Boys - Francisco Ramirez - 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:42.60; **V boys -** Grayson Gonzalez - 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:08.11; **3200 M Run -** Karen Lozoya - 4<sup>th</sup> - 13:20.84; **Alexie Wright - 7<sup>th</sup> - 14:06.95; JV Boys -** Andy Reyes - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12:27.10; **Francisco Ramirez - 12:58.65; V Boys -** David Marquez - 5<sup>th</sup> - 11:55.81; **High Jump -** Alex Asher - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14-10.00; **Rubie Torres - 5<sup>th</sup> - 14-08.00; JV Boys -** John McBroom - 1<sup>st</sup> - 5-10.00; **V boys -** Hunter Everett - 3<sup>rd</sup> -

5-4.00; **Pole Vault -** JV boys - Blake Griffin - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8-00.00; **Long Jump -** Samantha Gonzalez - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 14-00.00; **Yadhira Chavoya - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 13-07.25; Madison Mungia - 5<sup>th</sup> - 12-10.75; JV Boys -** Gerardo Romero - 1<sup>st</sup> - 17-05.75; **John McBroom - 6<sup>th</sup> - 16-11.00; V Boys -** Colten Rendon - 1<sup>st</sup> - 19-06.00; **Triple Jump:** - Desinya Garza - 6<sup>th</sup> - 29-04.00; **Samantha Gonzalez and Yadhira Chavoya - 7<sup>th</sup> - 28-08.00; JV boys -** Gerardo Romero - 1<sup>st</sup> - 35-00.00; **Alan DeCasas - 5<sup>th</sup> - 30-08.00; V Boys -** Colten Rendon - 1<sup>st</sup> - 39-10.25; **Ricky Garay - 5<sup>th</sup> - 36-07.75; Alberto Pale - 7<sup>th</sup> - 36-03.50; Discus -** Bethany Everett - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 97-08.00; **Matalin Mace - 4<sup>th</sup> - 89-03.50; JV boys -** Carlos Trejo - 6<sup>th</sup> - 81-11; **V boys -** Trevor Melton - 1<sup>st</sup> - 128-11.50; **Hunter Everett - 112-01; Tanner Stone - 7<sup>th</sup> - 101-05; 4x400 M Relay -** 2<sup>nd</sup> - Noemy Franco, Nohemi Ruedas, Samantha Gonzalez, Karen Lozoya - 4:33.88; **JV boys - 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:04.07; V Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3:41.40.**

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Please bring the following information to the Mary Allen Elementary office to register: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & SHOT RECORD

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### Orders for Spring Fund Raiser Underway

Orders for Lollipop Junction's Spring Fund Raiser, Gourmet Cookie Dough and other frozen snack foods from Little Lambs Gourmet Cooking Dough began on March 11th and will end March 22. Eighteen flavors of Little Lamb Gourmet Cookie Dough will be offered. Popular flavors of the cookie dough are oatmeal raisin, white chip macadamia nut, chocolate chip, double chocolate brownie, peanut butter chip, and snickerdoodle will be available. Each box of cookie dough contains 48 pre-portioned chunks of cookie dough, so one can bake as many as they want, when they want. For more information or to place a pre-order of the cookie dough, contact Valarie Naugle, Martha Duncan, Desine Garza, Christine Brown, Jennifer DeAnda, Lorree Nusz, Krystal Johnson, Susie Spurlock, or Brio Beckett at Lollipop Junction. Sale proceeds will be used toward the operational budget of the non-profit child care center.

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Destiny Paez  
Cesar Pando-Jacquez  
Rein Pitti  
Alejandra Portillo  
Holly Sladek

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Dempsey Collums  
Christian DeCasas  
Israel Guel  
Ashton Lavake  
Josiah Miller  
Francisco Ortega  
Eshaan Patel  
Hannah Sims

#### AB HONOR ROLL

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
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Kaytly Clift  
Sulma Cocoba  
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Andre Duran  
Rebeca Favela  
Sonia Mayorga  
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Nisha Patel  
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Tiara Chavez Jaquez  
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