

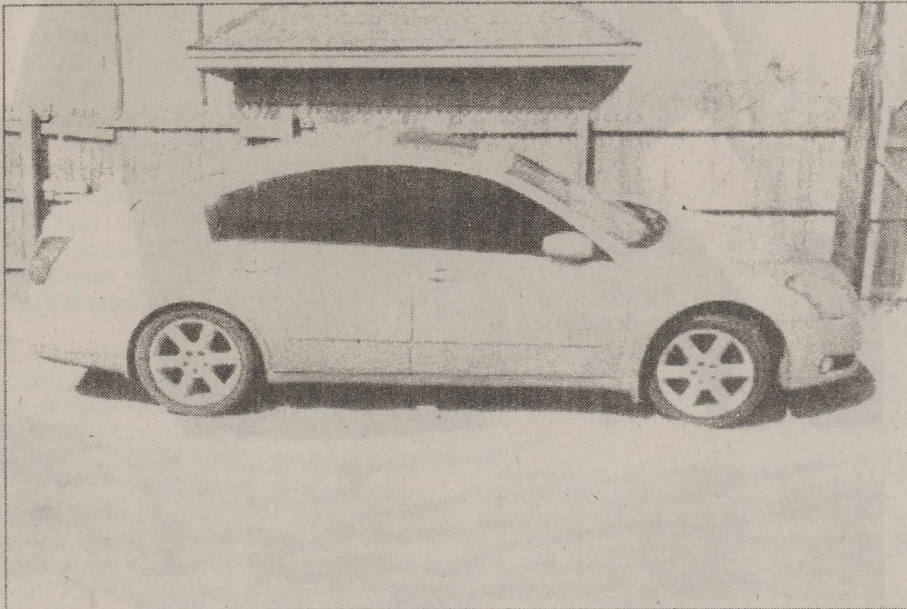
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Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On Friday, April 5th, this vehicle was reported to the Sherman County Sheriff's Office as abandoned at the corner of County Road 7 and Highway 15. Upon investigation, we learned this vehicle had been reported stolen out of Amarillo in early March of this year. If you have any information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in this crime, please contact the Office of the Sheriff. Thank You.....
Sheriff Joe Powell

Attn: Farmers & Landowners

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2012, you need to contact the Appraisal District Now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 28, 2013 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2013 tax roll. Sherman county Appraisal District, 402 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX or call 806-366-5566.

What's Happening in Stratford

Used Book Sale
Saturday, April 13, 2013
\$2.00 a sack, bring your own
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sherman County Library

Master's Storyteller in Stratford

Master's Storyteller in Stratford for 4-days April 14th-17th at First United Methodist Church. Details in this week's issue

Afternoon of Music May 5th

You are cordially invited to an afternoon of music featuring Marihoward & Her Students May 5, 2013 at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church at 420 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas

Annual Sherman County Livestock Show Board Meeting to be held

The Sherman County Livestock Show Board will hold their annual meeting Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn to nominate new board members, elect officers and set a date for the Tailgate Party.

Services to be held at Stratford Cemetery

The Sons of the Confederate will have a memorial service Saturday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. and Memorial Day Service will be held May 27th at 10:00 a.m. Both are at the Stratford Cemetery.

Attention: Prom time

We have begun working on prom decorations EVERY Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Building, 2nd floor. We need EVERYONE to attend please.

Scholarship Information

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.

Address for Donna Gillenwaters

If you would like to send a card to Donna Gillenwaters, you can send it to Jimmy Gillenwaters, PO Box 437, Bushland, TX and he will get the cards to her.

Volunteers Need at Depot Museum

The Depot Museum is in need of Volunteers from April through October-2 hours a month. Call 366-2202 or 366-7679

Computer Training Coming to Library

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

Do you need help with computers? Do you want to upgrade your job hunting or work skills? The Sherman County Public Library is hosting computer classes that can help! Experienced technology trainers from the Texas State Library's Technology Expertise, Access and Learning Project (TEAL) are providing the following 2 hour training sessions at your library free of charge:

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--Computer Basics
Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.--Email
Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--Intro to Microsoft Word
Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-- Intro to Microsoft Excel

Classes are designed to make beginners feel comfortable so do not hesitate—ask your librarian for details and reserve your spot today! Registration deadline is Monday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and classes are limited to 15 students. The Sherman County Public Library is located at 719 N Main and you can learn more about classes by calling 806-366-2200.

Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors Holds meeting

The Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Directors met on Friday, January 18, 2013 in the appraisal district board room. Board members present were Roger Wells, Dana Buckles, Tim Hudson, Brad McBryde, Tom Moore, Mel Yates, Valerie McAlister, and Chief Appraiser Teresa Edmond. Mike Grotegut was not present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Roger Wells. Moore moved that Wells serve as chairman and Buckles as secretary of the board for 2013. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The minutes of the December 7 meeting were presented. Yates moved that the minutes be approved, and Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The December financial report and bills were presented and reviewed. Hudson moved that the report be approved and the bills be paid. Buckles seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The budget funds remaining in the Legal Expense account for 2012 were discussed. Edmond requested that the board consider retaining some of these funds since there are three pending lawsuits. After discussion, Hudson moved that the \$1850 balance in the 2012 Legal Expense budget be retained for the Legal Fund Balance. Yates seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Preliminary Line Item Adjustments for the 2012 budget were presented and discussed. The Contingency Allowance is adequate for these adjustments. Yates moved that these adjustments be approved as presented. Buckles seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Appraisal Review Board members for 2013 need to be appointed. Board members suggested people for Edmond to contact about serving on the ARB. Moore moved that the first two people that agree to serve on the ARB be appointed. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion passed. By law, the appraisal district board appoints the ARB officers. The board agreed to appoint the same ARB officers as last year. These officers are: Craig Cartrite, Chairman; Cindy Miller, Vice Chairman; and Jo Hinds, Secretary.

The following meeting dates for 2013 were selected: March 15, May 17, September 6, and December 20 at 7:00 a.m.

Chief Appraiser Edmond reported that second statements for 2012 taxes and delinquent tax statements were recently mailed. Renditions for 2013 have also been mailed. The role of the Agricultural Advisory Committee was discussed, and board members suggested names for the 2013 Ag Advisory Committee members. There being no further business, Hudson moved that the meeting adjourn. Buckles seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

State Fair of Texas Lamb, Goat, and Swine Tags and Steer State Tag Orders

The time has arrived to start ordering your Lamb, Goat, and Swine ear tags for the State Fair of Texas this fall. We are also taking orders for Steer tags for the 2014 Major Stock Show Season. Anyone needing to order tags please come by or call the Extension office at 366-2081 and place your order. **The deadline to order tags is April 13th.** All tags will be \$8.00 a piece and validation will take place during the month of June. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

One Act Play will perform at Area Competition on Thursday, April 11th at Randall High School in Amarillo GOOD LUCK!!

Congratulations to the Stratford Elks District Champs Football-Basketball-And now Track Good luck on Friday April 12th in Panhandle to the Area Qualifiers

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Dear Editor:

We enjoy the Stratford Star. Enclosed is my subscription renewal.

Wayne Olsen said one way to take care of tumble weeds is Bale them with a small square baler and use them to heat or cook with.

If you cut them when they are purple let them dry and stack wagon them they can be ground and mixed for feed.

Sincerely Mary Olsen

Editor's Note: Thanks Mary for the great tip.

Develop Landscape to Conserve Water

By Brad Easterling

With hot, dry weather looming ahead, homeowners and others involved in landscape development should focus on water conservation.

Water conservation can be practiced in all areas of landscape development and maintenance, including plant selection, irrigation practices and equipment, and soil preparations. These practices can be aesthetic as well as practical.

Homeowners can lower their landscape water usage in several ways:

--Using native and adapted plants. Native plants often thrive on existing growth conditions and reduce the need for extra irrigation. Many plants have been introduced that show adaptability to soil, rainfall and temperature conditions.

--Taking advantage of innovations in irrigation practices and equipment. The landscape irrigation business is experiencing a revolution, with new timing devices, low pressure systems, drip irrigation and other highly specialized water devices focusing on more efficient water usage. Irrigation systems and small ponds and fountains also can effectively use water as an aesthetic addition to a landscape.

--Using mulches for insulation. By providing an insulating layer between the sun and soil, mulches prevent rapid drying and lower soil temperature in hot weather, which keeps the top soil from crusting or hardening. Low-cost materials such as hay, grass clippings, bark and pine needles are excellent for mulching and can add appeal with texture and color.

--Properly preparing the soil. When soil has been loosened and improved with plenty of organic material, such as peat, pine bark or compost, it will hold significantly more moisture and release it over a longer period of time. However, organic materials break down over time and need to be supplemented. A compost pile can be a good source of these materials, allowing the homeowner to recycle leaves, grass clippings and other waste to improve the soil.

These are just a few practices that homeowners can use to significantly reduce water usage in their outdoor environment.

TEXMATI PECAN RICE STUFFING
3 cups cooked Texmati White or Brown rice
1/4 cup margarine
3/4 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning (or to taste)

In large skillet, sauté onions and celery in margarine until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients, mixing well. Spoon into casserole; cover tightly and bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

CRANBERRY PECAN RICE PILAF
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup uncooked Texmati White Rice
1 3/4 cups chicken broth
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
1/4 cup sliced green onions
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Melt butter in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add rice; cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth and heat to boiling; stir once or twice. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, cranberries, pecans and onions. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

By using Texmati White and Brown rice, you're supporting their "Born in the USA" campaign. Learn more at www.Facebook.com/RiceSelect or by visiting www.riceselect.com



Engagement Announced

Mike and Reyna Everett of Stratford are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Joseph Dylan Everett, to Kelsey Leigh Smith. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Sherry Smith of Decatur, TX.

The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry in 2012 with a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He is a graduate of McMurry University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a graduate of Stratford High School in 2003. He is currently attending Baylor College of Dentistry, serving a residency with a specialization in Periodontal Surgery and will graduate in May 2015.

The bride-elect graduated from the University of North Texas in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and is a graduate of Decatur High School in 2005. She is currently attending Baylor University Medical Center Radiology Allied Health School and will graduate in May 2013 as a certified Radiologic Technologist. She is currently employed at South Denton Animal Hospital in Denton, TX.

The couple plans to marry September 1, 2013, at Anthony Chapel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Daniel Rivers of El Dorado, Arkansas will officiate.

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Hope Fest Banquet Thursday, April 18th

Plan on joining us for our annual Hope Fest Banquet on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in the Heritage Ballroom at the Amarillo Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM. This is a great time to enjoy a delicious meal and great entertainment. Our guest speaker this year will be Neal Jeffrey, former Baylor & Pro Quarterback, Pastor, Author & Dynamic Speaker.

NEAL JEFFREY, a stutterer from childhood who struggled daily to live out his dreams, became an All-American quarterback at Baylor University and NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers. As the quarterback who led Baylor to their first Southwest Conference Championship in 50 years, Neal delivers a "pep talk" presentation packed with enthusiasm and passion that is rarely seen anywhere. His background in sports gives him a unique platform to challenge men and women to go "higher, swifter, stronger" in the critical areas of life.

Neal has recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as associate pastor of the 28,000-member Prestonwood Baptist Church of Dallas. Today he is a much-loved minister and popular corporate speaker on the national stage.

Neal's first book, *It! Can. Y-Y-You Can*, has been optioned for a major motion picture. It inspires readers to achieve their highest and noblest dreams through the power of faith, belief and action.

Proceeds will go toward Sharing Hope Ministry and Patsy's Place Transitional Home. Sharing Hope Ministry provides services for women who are incarcerated or who are in addiction rehabilitation facilities in 41 states. Sharing Hope Ministry, Inc. does this by providing the Life Recovery Bible, and Bible study materials free of charge, and after-care assistance to any qualified women. Patsy's Place is a Christ-centered transitional home that mentors and nurtures women as they struggle to cope with the overwhelming obstacles they face upon release from county jail or prison.

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Come later and you could be a charter member, but now you may be eligible to be an organizing member. The organization goals include these objectives: Historic Preservation, Promotion of Education, and Patriotic Endeavor.
Barbara Dawkins
806/249-8138



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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Roy and Cicy Harris recently visited with Donna Gillenwaters at BSA in Amarillo. Marylou and Mike McDaniel were in Denver last weekend. Along with Patti, they saw the Colorado Rockies win their home-opener over the San Diego Padres 5-2. They enjoyed a visit with Sharon Martenson Powell and her daughter's family. Sarah and Chad Lynch, Abby and Max.

The Master's Storyteller in Stratford

By Bailey Naugle

Wesley Putnam, a full-time Evangelist and gifted musician/dramatist/storyteller is bringing his unique style of ministry to Stratford for a four day revival, April 14th - 17th, at the First United Methodist Church.

Putnam, recognized as *The Master's Storyteller*, travels the world communicating the heart of God in ways that are both entertaining and effective.

Through the imagination of Putnam you may meet Elijah as a Bronx cop, or see Daniel from the lion's den as a West Texas cowboy. These and other stories bring ancient characters to life and convey truth in a fresh, relevant way for our generation.

There will be refreshing times of praise and worship as well, as Wesley and his wife Felicia bring an exciting blend of old and new songs to help people express their love for God.

The revival is also a time for children. The children's BibleQuest is a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary students. You will be amazed at how much they learn in a short time! A meal will be provided at 5:45 for the children before BibleQuest begins each evening at 6:00 PM, and complimentary BibleQuest T-shirts are provided.

Please join us for this incredible ministry!

First United Methodist Church | 520 N Main Stratford, TX | 806-396-2178

Sun. April 14	Kid's BibleQuest	9:20 AM
	Revival	10:30 AM
	Kid's meal	5:45 PM
	Kid's BibleQuest	6 - 7:00 PM
	Worship & Drama	7 - 8:00 PM
Mon. April 15	Breakfast	6:30 AM
	Kid's meal	5:45 PM
	Kid's BibleQuest	6 - 7:00 PM
	Worship & Drama	7 - 8:00 PM
Tues. April 16	Breakfast	6:30 AM
	Kid's meal	5:45 PM
	Kid's BibleQuest	6 - 7:00 PM
	Worship & Drama	7 - 8:00 PM
Wed. April 17	Breakfast	6:30 AM
	Kid's meal	5:45 PM
	Kid's BibleQuest	6 - 7:00 PM
	Worship & Drama	7 - 8:00 PM

Welcome To

The Gathering

"A Sabbath Bible Study for the Rest of Us"

For I assure you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all things are accomplished.
Matthew 5:18

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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.

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Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
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Pastor Ron Whitt
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Great Plains Ag Credit Declares \$4.78 Million Patronage

AMARILLO, Texas - Great Plains Ag Credit, an agricultural lending cooperative, recently declared a \$4.78 million patronage to its customers. The amount is a combination of cash and equity allocation. Customers received checks in late March. Patronage payments are based on the amount of business a borrower does with the co-op and lower the borrowers' effective interest rate. As a cooperative, Great Plains Ag Credit is owned by its borrower-stockholders. When the co-op performs well, it shares its earnings with the stockholders.

Of this year's payment, more than 70 percent of the total will be distributed to customers in cash. The remaining amount will be used to strengthen association capital until it is distributed at a future date.

"With all of the uncertainty in our world, from farm policy to commodity prices, we are honored to be a constant in our customers' lives and to continue our strong tradition of paying patronage," said Tim McDonald, Great Plains Ag Credit chief executive officer. "We've returned \$38 million to our customers since 2000."

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Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 15.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2013 renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District
402 N 3rd Street
Stratford, TX 79084
(806) 366-5566



Or contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

or call: 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Service Team.

Or find us online at: <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax>



A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2014 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$384,924
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 9,541
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and special districts served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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402 N. Third, Abstract Building
Stratford, Texas 79084

(806) 366-5566

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Terri Teig, Golden Nail Distinguished Service Award with John Teig

Terri Teig received the Golden Nail Area Distinguished Service Award at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Golden Nail Dinner, Thursday, April 6 in the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza Ballroom. Terri retired from the Stratford School System and is teaching special education part-time in the Sunray School District.

She serves the district as a representative in the Windows on the Wider World Program at the Globe-News Center. She sings in the United Methodist Church choir and helps direct the children's special programs.

Terri is a volunteer for The Imagination Station and serves as a board member that makes everything work. She directs a one week Drama Camp for children ages 4-5 and 7-11 each summer. She is the story teller and directs games for the Week of the Young Child in April, the fall Exhibit and directs the entertainment for the adult fundraising dinners (the latest "Down on the Farm" Hee Haw. Terri directs and supervises high school students who help with the Haunted House.

Terri Teig is a Distinguished Volunteer opening doors and windows for adults and children and is truly WOWW.

Woman knows what man has long forgotten, that the ultimate economic and spiritual unit of any civilization is still the family.
—Clare Boothe Luce

Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work.
—Robert Orben



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

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

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

___ 1 year- \$133 (number of children ___)
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Address _____

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Organization _____

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Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

Snack Pak 4 Kids
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Honor Roll Report Stratford High School School year 2013-Semester 2

A honor roll

9th Grade

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Matalin Mace
Jackson McBryde
Alexander Riffe

11th Grade

Sterling Audrain
Mary Spurlock
Mazie Vincent
Emily York

10th Grade

Bethany Everett
Vanessa Mendoza
Allison Ray
Jordan Ruiz
Rett Schoonover
Jacie Seward

12th grade

Meghan Brooks
Erin Wilkins

Honor Roll Report Stratford High School School year 2013-Semester 2

AB honor roll

9th Grade

Juan Camberos
Yadhira Chavoya
Val-mari du Plessis
Brian Gonzalez
Harold Griffin
Kevin Hernandez
Lizeth Ibarra Robles
John McBroom
Branson Palmer
Andres Reyes
Monica Reyes
Miguel Rosales
Tanner Stone
Whitney Stone
Sidney Turner
Alexie Wright

11th Grade

Kathryn Brooks
Preston Burr
Victor Manuel Castro
Ellen Daniels
Madeline Drake
Adrain Du Plessis
Gonzalo Eizmendi
Hunter Everett
Noemy Franco Orozco
Britney Garza
Ann Guerra
Pedro Hernandez
Chase Lutes
Dennis Mace
Nanci Marquez
Christian Martinez-Rueda
Roberto Olmos
Suzette Palma
Angeliça Reyes
Mario Rivas
Kaylee Sandvig
Citlaly Soto
Selina Terrazas
Carlos Trejo
Logan Utley

10th Grade

Alan DeCasas
Yara Duarte Ontiveros
Desinya Garza
Magaly Guerrero
Amber Jimenez
Brittany Law
Trevor Melton
Chisum Rutherford
Daniel Sanchez
Jesus Tarango
Tucker Turner
Aron Villegas
Taylor Wright

12th grade

Victor Acevedo
Alejandro Chavoya
Grayson Gonzalez
Kelby Hartman
Leobardo Ibarra
Christopher Keathley
Veronica Lemus
Diana Lopez
Karen Lozoya
Elizabeth Reyes
Kenny Ruiz
Reed Schoonover
Tyler Seward
Ryan Wells
Tanner Wright

Consumer

(NU) - According to Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and northern Illinois, smart shoppers take advantage of online reviews on everything from hotels to car dealerships.

Websites with reviews:

Amazon.com: This site has every product under the sun, most of which have reviews.

BBB.org: Business Reviews are based on user comments and professionally compiled.

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National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14 — 20, 2013

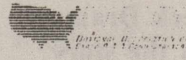
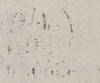
Here's to the hidden heroes.

It takes a special strength to be the voice of calm when lives are on the line. To take control in an emergency using just a telephone. To get the right kind of help to the right location. To give instructions that make a difference, no matter what the situation. Every minute, every day. 9-1-1 professionals like you promise callers that they'll stay with them until help arrives. But we say, when you're on the line, it already has.

National Public Safety
Telecommunicators



The National 9-1-1 Education Coalition



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The men and women serving as public safety telecommunicators are dedicated to saving lives. These 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers and other communication specialists respond to Texans in times of great need, and their specialized skills and calm presence are invaluable to the Lone Star State.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. To highlight the invaluable role of public safety telecommunicators, the commission designates a week in April for an awareness campaign.

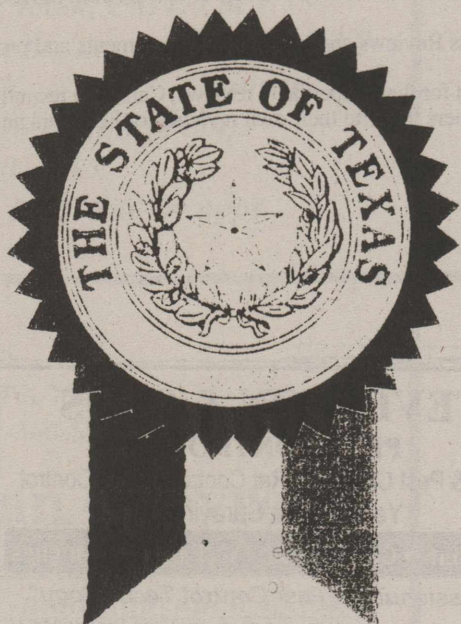
At this time, I encourage all Texans to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. Their diligent efforts ensure that help is on the way when we need it most.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
April 14-20, 2013, to be

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 1st day of March, 2013.



Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

Our local 9-1-1 Center is
Sherman County Sheriff's Office
Stratford, TX

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff's Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week." According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction.

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." In the intervening years, it has become known by several other names, including "National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week" and "International Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week." The Congressional resolution also stated there were more than "500,000 telecommunications specialists," although other estimates put the number of dispatchers at just over 200,000. The Congressional figure may include support personnel and perhaps even those in the commercial sector of public safety communications.

Of course, you don't need NTW to honor your public safety dispatchers for excellence! You can write them a commendation, mention their "good job" at a shift briefing, or just give them a pat on the back.



It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

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PETS

How to Turn a Bad-to-the-Bone Dog Into an Obedient Pooch

NewsUSA

(NU) - Is your dog bad to the bone? Does your sweet Jack Russell guard all doors from intruders - friends and family included? Or is it your Boxer puppy that won't stop shredding socks and underwear? Some of the cutest pooches have the worst manners. Whether you're at work or just in another room, their mischievous play may lead to anything from home repairs to staggering vet bills.

Pooches and owners alike can relate to this common problem, and getting the magical, behavioral transformation you've always fantasized about is closer than you think - pet care authority Camp Bow Wow held a contest, "Bad to the Bone: Camp Bow Wow's Worst Behaved Dog Contest," to discover North America's most ill-mannered dog. The winning pooch received a full year of free services (\$3,000 value) at a local Camp or Home Buddies (an in-home care service offered by Camp Bow Wow) of their choice. Most importantly, the winning dog also received free dog training to correct those bad habits.

If you are a frustrated pet owner who doesn't have time to wait to win a contest like this, here are five dog-training tips straight from the Behavior Buddies experts at Camp Bow Wow to get you started:
1. Proper exercise is key! A majority of behavior issues stem from a lack of proper exercise. At least one 30-minute walk per day is sufficient for most dogs. Playing in the backyard or in the house does not count as exercise.



Is your beloved pet the worst behaved dog in North America?

2. Buy a dog backpack for walks. This allows your dog to have a job and adds weight with objects like water bottles or hand weights so the dog expends more energy.

3. Challenge your dog with brain puzzles. A mentally tired dog will not spend time thinking about how to get in the garbage or waste breath yipping at neighbors.

4. Take a training class. Getting your dog to respect you is critical to having your dog listen to you.

5. Send your dog to Camp Bow Wow or hire a Home Buddies Care Giver to take Fido on a walk. A tired dog is a good dog!

If your beloved Fido is still opening cabinets and devouring furniture, enter him or her in Camp Bow Wow.

For more information, visit www.campbowwow.com to see the location finder for the nearest Camp Bow Wow or Home Buddies near you.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ Wine and Beer Retailer's Off Premise Permit by Toot'n Totum Food Stores, LLC. Toot'nTotum #105 to be located at 119 W. Texas Avenue, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Officers of said corporation Greg Mitchell (CEO/President).
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given that the City of Stratford Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 22, 2013 at noon and a second public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 518 N. 3rd, to discuss the following proposed annexation:

- 605 S. Poplar, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas at the request of Jack Haile dba Star of Texas RV Park

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
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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.

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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 3rd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

Help Us Help You: Your Guide to Calling 9-1-1 Emergency Services



To best respond to an emergency situation, call takers, dispatchers and first responders need your help. Familiarize yourself and those living or visiting your home with the following tips to ensure that the 9-1-1 call taker will be able to process your emergency call efficiently and send assistance as quickly as possible.

9-1-1 NEEDS TO KNOW WHERE TO GO

- When calling 9-1-1, one of the first things you'll be asked to provide is the location of the emergency you're reporting.
- The call taker may not automatically know your location or may ask you to confirm it.
- Make sure you provide as much detail on your location as possible, such as landmarks, cross streets and mileposts.

KNOW YOUR CELL WELL

- The current 9-1-1 system is designed for voice communications only.
- Texting 9-1-1 is not an option in most locales; you must dial 9-1-1 and speak with a call taker.
- Pull over when driving, if possible. This reduces the chance of a dropped call.
- Lock your keypad when you're not using your phone, so 9-1-1 isn't dialed by mistake. For the same reason, don't put 9-1-1 on speed dial.
- Do not give old phones to children as toys. A wireless phone with no active service can still call 9-1-1.
- If you accidentally call 9-1-1, stay on the line and tell the call taker that you do not have an emergency.
- Calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone is always free and it is never necessary to dial an area code.

9-1-1 IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only. It is appropriate to call 9-1-1 when you need to save a life, stop a crime or report a fire.
- 9-1-1 is the right number to call in an emergency

- when a prompt response is needed
- If you are not sure you have an emergency to report, call 9-1-1 and let the call taker decide

KNOW HOW TO USE 9-1-1 WITH THE PHONE YOU OWN

- Before you need help in an emergency, be sure to understand how the type of phone you use affects your call to 9-1-1. It is important to know the capabilities of the device you are using (landline, cellular, VoIP).
- Cell phones may not automatically tell 9-1-1 where you are so be prepared to provide detailed information about your location.

REMAIN CALM, BE PREPARED

- Try to stay calm, give information and follow all instructions.
- Professional call-takers are trained to get information from you. Listen carefully and answer as concisely as possible.
- Remember that even if the dispatcher is still asking questions or giving instructions, help is on the way.

HELP 9-1-1 HELP YOU

The more you know what to expect when you call 9-1-1, the faster 9-1-1 can get you the help you need.

You can save a life! Follow all instructions the 9-1-1 call taker gives you, and don't hang up until the call taker does. If you get cut off, call back and explain that you were cut off.

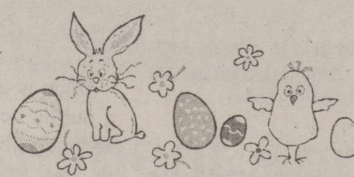
Easter Egg Hunts



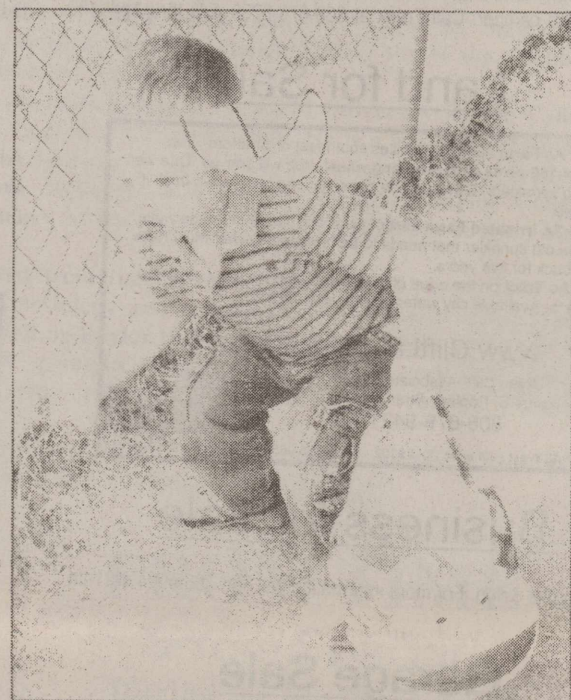
Thirteen pre-schoolers at Lollipop Junction are shown getting ready for their Easter Egg hunt.



This toddler is looking at the Easter Egg he found during the Easter Egg hunt held at Lollipop Junction.



The hunt is on!! Pre-schoolers attending Lollipop Junction are searching the playground area for Easter eggs during the party.



This young man found an Easter Egg during the egg hunt at Lollipop Junction's Easter party held March 28.

Lollipop Junction Host Easter Party

Bright colored baskets, decorated eggs, and bunny ears were abundant at the Easter Party held March 28 at Lollipop Junction.

Twenty children and three parents attended the party which included an Easter Egg hunt and enjoyed refreshments of apples, crackers, juice, cookies, and rice krispie bars under the direction of Lollipop Junction staff members.

Lollipop Junction is proud to be a part of the Stratford community and appreciates the wonderful support from community members. As a non-profit organization, the child care center welcomes gifts that benefits its mission of providing quality child development programs. Persons interested in learning how they may support Lollipop Junction may visit its website, www.stratfordchildcare.com for information to learn what items are needed at the center.



"Hopping" everyone had a great time at the Texhoma and Stratford Easter Egg Hunts this year!! Shown at left (Left to right) are Sergeant G. Gabehart, Sheriff Joe Powell, The Easter Bunny, Corporal T. Jensen, Deputy M. McHugh and Chief Brent Grundstrom (Texhoma Police Department). "Explorer Post 5202 did a great job; thank them for their hard work if you see them this week."

