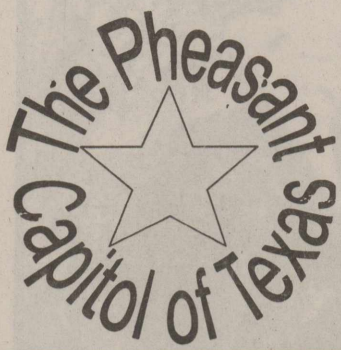


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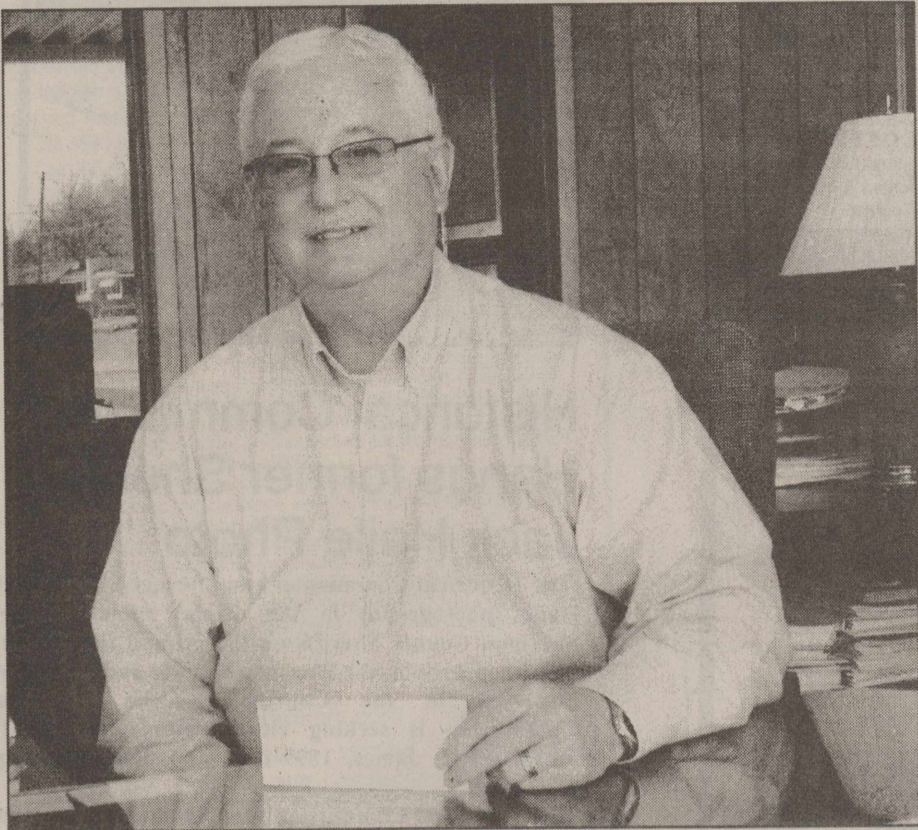


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Cemetery Association Accepts \$500 Donation

Wayne Smith, President of The Stratford Cemetery Association accepted a \$500 donation from The Community Closet recently. The Cemetery Association is the board that watches over the upkeep of the Stratford Cemetery with the City of Stratford furnishing the manpower to keep a groomed cemetery. There has recently been a big expense in tearing down the rock gate to the cemetery. The gate will have to be repaired and replaced so the donation came at a good time for them. The Stratford Cemetery is just another recipient of funds donated back to the community from The Community Closet. Thank you for supporting the Thrift Store. We are coming up on having been open for one year. At this time, \$12,000 has been donated back to Stratford organizations.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEWS

Do you suffer from seasonal allergies year after year? In conjunction with United Allergy Services, the Stratford Family Medical Clinic will be offering allergy testing and immunotherapy beginning in June. Through this service we can potentially reduce or alleviate your allergy symptoms. The unique custom formulated medication therapy can help desensitize you to many of the pollens, molds, and other triggers that cause your symptoms and make you uncomfortable. Give us a call at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic and ask about our new allergy testing services and say goodbye to seasonal allergies!!!! 806-396-5583

NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court voted to enact a burn ban again. Sherman County is now under a

BURN BAN



BUILDING ON MAIN

STREET FOR RENT:

Currently being used as a beauty salon. Contact SCDC @ 366-2897 if interested in the building. Salon equipment for sale - contact Melissa at Great Lengths Salon.

4-H Rifle Shooters Complete at District

By Brad Easterling

I would like to apologize for sending in the wrong article last week. If you happened to read the District Rifle results in last week's newspaper, those were for the 2012 District competition, not the 2013 competition. Here is what really happened a couple of weeks ago in Amarillo.

The Sherman County 4-H Shooting Sports Club attended the District Rifle competition May 3-4 and performed very well. The Junior Teams got things started off Friday night and this year Sherman County fielded two teams of juniors. Sherman #1 made up of Slate Anderton, Dempsey Collums, and Charlie Harbour finished in 7th place while Sherman #2 consisting of Ivan Guel, Bryce Killian, and Hannah Sims finished in 8th place.

On Saturday the Intermediate Team of Abby Ely, Karl Punch, and Justin Duran finished in 5th place while Kory Punch, Nicholas Payne, and Chantal Guel made up the second team and finished in 8th place. In the Senior group, Garrett Ely, Mary Ann Spurlock, Connor Lowry, and Trenton Stone were the second place team overall. Each one of these Seniors improved their scores over last year, some of them dramatically. We also had two individuals shooting in the Senior division, A.J. Riffe and Brett Bernard, both of whom did an outstanding job. Four individuals were in the Shoot Out that was held after the match for the top 12 highest scoring individuals at the match. Three Seniors, Garrett, Mary Ann, and Trenton, as well as Intermediate shooter Abby.

In addition to these 18 shooters, 7 other members have practiced throughout the year but did not attend the District Competition. This year's squad has come a long way. The Senior Team of Garret, Mary Ann, Connor, and Trenton will be traveling to the 2013 State Roundup Indoor Rifle Match to be held in Victoria this year on June 8-9 just prior to State 4-H Round Up. We wish them the best of luck this year.

What's Happening In Stratford

American Legion Hosts Memorial Say Service

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will host the 2013 Memorial Day Service at the Stratford Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The activities will begin at approximately 7:00 a.m. with the "flag-in. This is where the Legion members and other volunteers place flags on the veteran's graves. The actual memorial service begins at 10:00 a.m. This year's featured speaker is Miss Allissa Palmer, a sophomore student at Stratford High School. She is a member of the Student Council and is a state competitor in UIL Debate competition this year. The local Legion post has selected fellow Legionnaire Donnie Ellison to have honor of laying wreath at the memorial this year. The entire community is invited to attend.

Bain in Hospital

If you would like to send a card to Marty Bain, she is in Room 535B-Windflower Rehab at the Craig, 5500 S.W. 9th Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79106 Address to Martha (Marty) Bain. Marty fell and broke her leg on May 4th.

Update on Donna

Donna Gillenwaters has been moved to Craig Methodist Rehab and is in Room 530.

Sherman County Public Library hours

Monday-9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Fridays-9 a.m. 1 p.m.
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Yearbooks on sale Now

Stratford Year book on sale now-Price \$70.00
Order online at www.jostensyearbook.com
Or call Shari Hudson at SHS Library 366-3336 or 753-7798 or Mail to SHS PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084

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 79012 and he will get the cards to her.

Volunteers Needed 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

It's almost time for Hot Dogs at Stratford Grain Co.
Watch for more information in next week's paper!

The Stratford Star Will be closed Monday, May 27, 2013 In observance of Memorial Day Early deadline is Friday, May 24th at 4 p.m. Have a good and Safe holiday

GRAND OPENING

The Ol' Biddy Café
May 22nd, 23rd & 24th

Doesn't seem possible but we've nearly been open a year and it's all due to the support we've received from the community. We want to show our appreciation so stop by during our Grand Opening and enjoy our special - buy one (1) burger basket* & get one (1) free!!

*Cheese & drink extra. Limit one special per customer per day.

Thank You Stratford & Sherman County!!

Letter to the Editor

SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published.

Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear Editor:

Dear Stratford:

Great Lengths Hair Salon will be closing our doors on Friday May 31 at 4 p.m. Family obligations are taking us to New Mexico. I want to thank everyone who has come in over the years. It has been a real pleasure getting to know you all and take care of your hair and pedicure needs. Please drop by and say good bye!

Melissa White

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If you have a bad ant problem and can't get rid of them, just leave a slice of watermelon or cantaloupe in your yard far from the house. They would prefer melon to anything you have in the house most of the time (unless you spilled honey on the floor).

Children's Fishing Tournament Lake Fryer Ochiltree County, Texas Saturday, June 1, 2013

The Wolf Creek Improvement Board will be hosting a Children's Fishing Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Registration will begin at 8:00 AM at the Pavilion located east of the Lobo Restaurant. There will be a \$1.00/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated for improvements to the lake. A limited number of fishing poles and t-shirts will be provided. However, last year we had more contestants than fishing poles so anyone who has a fishing pole is encouraged to bring theirs as backup!!

Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages and no permits will be needed.

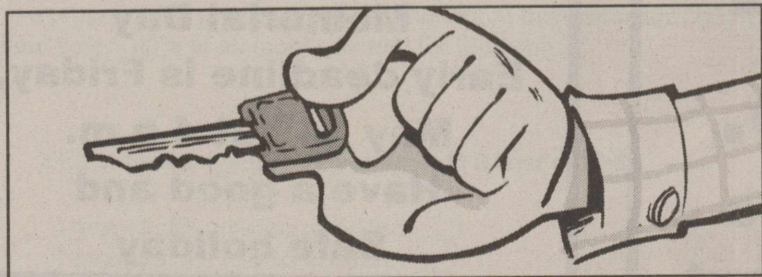
The tournament ends at 12 Noon with prizes awarded At 1 PM.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups:

*****Age Groups *****
Ages 3-6
Ages 7-10
Ages 11-14

Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, Ugliest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found In The Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Furthest.

For further information please contact Kay Allison at 806-228-5338



1949 was the first year when cars were made with an ignition key.



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Imagine That at The Imagination Station

By Gaynelle Riffe

Time for Spring Cleaning. The Imagination Station is preparing for a "Minnow of a Sale", June 8 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please share your treasurers with us. Items not sold are shared with Stratford's Thrift Store, Downtown Women's Shelter, Safe Place, Missions and other not for profits.

Items in the sale: golf clubs, outdoor furniture, garden tools, tables, lamps, clothing, baskets, dishes, decorator items, bathroom sink.

The two sales each year provide funding for 1/7 of expenses. Thank You to those who participate in the sale. Summer events include Drama Camp (almost full) 4-H Main St. Fun Jamboree Street Party, Old Timers and Education Foundation.

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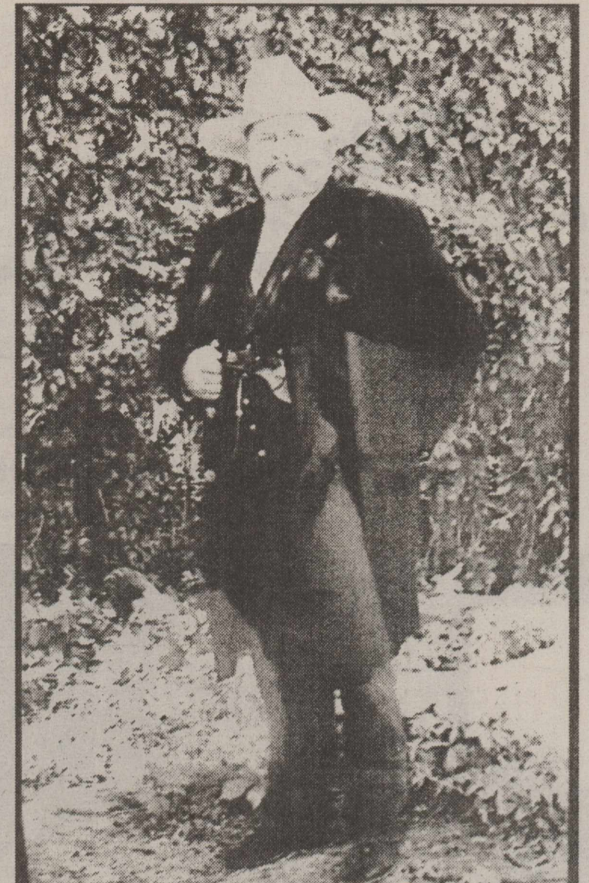
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Historical Commission Hangs former Sheriff Jack Haile Photo

The Historical Commission hung former Sheriff Jack Haile (photograph) in the display of all former Sherman County Sheriffs on the ground floor of the Courthouse. Soon the Sherman County Judges will be displayed in the Courthouse. The Historical Commission is seeking clear pictures of County Judges, T.O. James, 1899-1901 and J. b. Rawling, 1892-1896.

The Historical Commission was planning a Memoria Service at the Coldwater Cemetery in May with Middle School Students but due to conflicts has postponed the event until September.

The Historical Commission will have a Pronge Family remembrance at the Stratford Cemetery in October.

The Sherman County Historical Commission meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. September through April. The public is invited to attend.



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Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

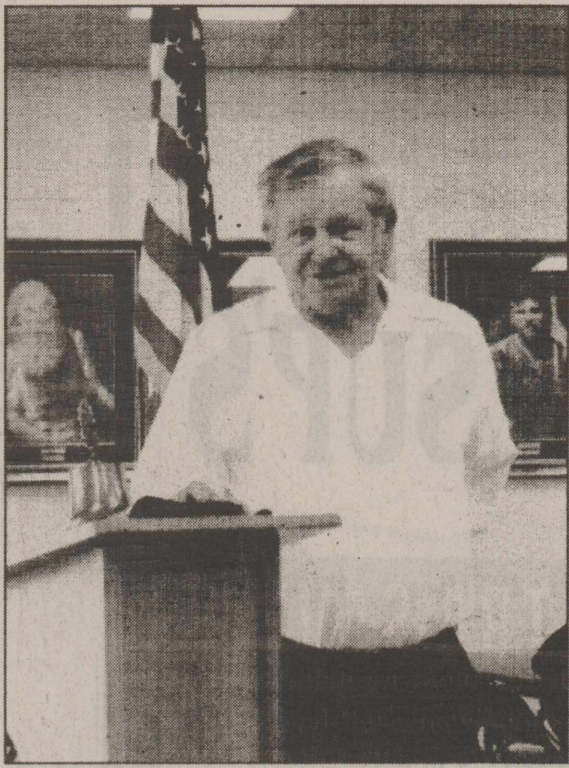
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Thanks-Marty

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



McGinnis giving Presentation

Robert McGinnis from Stratford American Legion giving a presentation to Lion's Club on the services provided to local military personnel and their families.



Terri Carter presented Award

Boss Lion Birdsong is shown presenting Lion Secretary/Treasurer Terri Carter with a Texas Lion's Camp Life Membership plaque for her service to the Stratford Lions Club



Swoosh wins 5th grade tournament in Amarillo on April 28th

Back (l-r): Reagan Audrain (Stratford), Landry Garcia (Dumas), Danica Portillo (Guymon), Tatum Winters (Guymon), Kenlee McBryde (Stratford), Toni Lopez (Stratford), Payton Berry (Stratford),
Front (l-r): Cody-Paige Audrain (Stratford), Ashton Lavake (Stratford), Coach Jessica Audrain



Swoosh wins 7th grade Hoop 10 tournament in Amarillo on April 28th

Back (l-r): Katelin Berry (Stratford), Aspen Valliquette (Guymon), Kenzie Yates (Texhoma), Jordan Pritchard (Hooker), Vanessa Gonzalez (Stratford), Allie James (Stratford),
Front (l-r): Taelor Parker (Hooker), Shaylee Audrain (Stratford), coach Jessica Audrain.



Great Lengths Salon on Main Street is closing; Melissa & her family are moving to New Mexico. On Friday, May 31st we'll have a "going away" party from 10 a.m. till noon at the salon, so feel free to stop by and wish her luck.



Memorial Day
Monday
May 27, 2013



The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

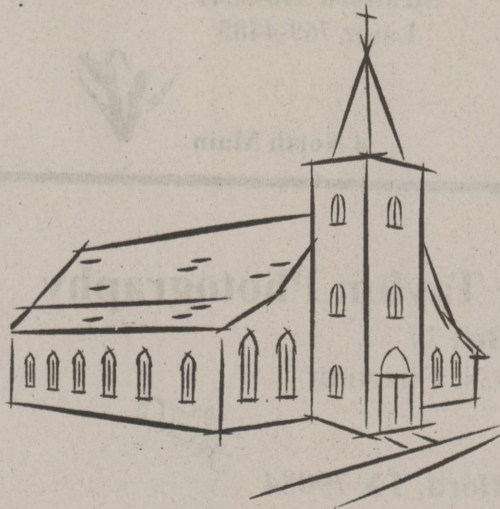
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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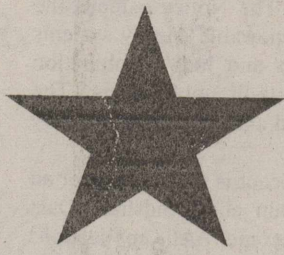
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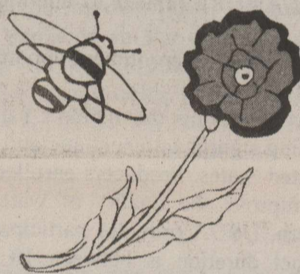
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June 3-5, 2013

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The cost is \$30.00. (Please make checks out to Lady Elk Basketball.) This will include 3 days of instruction (and competitions), a camp t shirt and a basketball.

Sessions:

Incoming 3rd-5th graders- 9:00 am -12:00 pm

Incoming 6th- 9th graders- 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

If there is a low number of participants, we will combine both sessions into the morning group.

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Shirt size (circle one) :

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Mt. Taylor Ranger District postpones start of personal woodcutting permit season

Grants, NM, May 15, 2013. Mt. Taylor District Ranger Mall Reidy announced that they are postponing the start of the personal woodcutting permit season. "We normally begin selling personal use woodcutting permits in mid-May," said Reidy. "But due to the continued drought and fire restrictions, we decided to delay the season," he added.

The Mt. Taylor Ranger District is in Stage I fire restrictions. However, if the drought continues, the district may soon move into Stage II fire restrictions. "Stage II restrictions bans the use of chainsaws during the day, which would make it difficult for most people to cut wood," Reidy said.

The woodcutting season will begin when there is enough precipitation to decrease the likelihood of human-caused wildfires. The district will issue a media release and post information on the web to announce the beginning of the season.

For more information, please call the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at 505.287.8833.

The current fire restrictions and information about woodcutting permits can be found on the Cibola's webpage:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola>



XIT Presents check to Snack Pak 4 Kids

Accepting a monetary donation check from XIT Communications for the Stratford Snack Pak 4 Kids Program are (left to right) Jo Hinds, Program Community Coordinator, and Misti McBryde, Program School Coordinator and Principal at Mary Allen Elementary School. The new program provides food to school-aged children in the community who are food needy. XIT Communications provides local telephone, high speed Internet and IPTV services to Stratford and the surrounding communities.

Editor's note: This article was written by Randy York's of N-Sider Blog, The Official Blog of the Huskers.

Sunny Russell Taking Aim as Husker Leader

Randy York's N-Sider Blog The Official Blog of the Huskers

The vast majority of Nebraska fans have never been to a rifle meet. Many don't even know the Huskers compete in an Olympic sport so specialized that 96 percent of perfection is considered marginally competitive while 98 percent of perfection is NCI4A record-setting territory. In that two-percentage point spread is greatness, and Nebraska has a junior Air Rifle, Small Bore shooting specialist from Stratford, Texas, who not only is taking aim at her sport, but also shooting higher for all 600-plus student-athletes at Nebraska.

Meet Sunny Russell, who this week was elected president of Nebraska's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). That means Russell looks at total student-athlete development in terms of lifetime success because she, in essence, leads the group that is considered "the voice" of all student-athlete experiences. Talk about a talented young lady who exemplifies the student-athlete experience.

Rifle Coach: Sunny's Name Reflects Her Personality

"Sunny is one of those people who any coach would enjoy having on your team," Nebraska Rifle Coach Stacy Underwood said. "She's obviously very coachable and also has the personality that her teammates respect. She really embraces leadership and likes to help others. She looks at SAAC as one very important way she can pursue leadership while she's still in college." Sunny fights up a room when she walks in. "Her name reflects her personality," Underwood said. "She's all sunshine and makes everyone's day a little bit better. Everyone who has ever been around her knows its going to be good attitude and good vibes all the way around with her."

Underwood also knows that Nebraska Athletics is loaded with capable leaders, but few match Russell's skill sets. "Maybe its because her personality isn't overbearing," Underwood said. "She just seems to be a little bit more open to others. So much so that others feel they can communicate easily at any time. I think Sunny will be a great liaison between the athletes and the Athletic Department and everyone else she will communicate with in the Big Ten." Sunny just has that humble attitude," Underwood added. "She doesn't take life so seriously, but clearly understands when things have to be very serious. She communicates very well and interacts well and connects with all the student-athletes around her. They see her as a great advocate for them and as someone who will be on their side and represent them very well."

Given Nebraska's high level of success in academics, athletics and life skills, leadership is crucial. "Sunny sees the vision of Nebraska Athletics very clearly in terms of honoring tradition and making sure we have a top-notch program all the way around and making sure that our student-athletes are well taken care of," Underwood said. "I'm confident that her perspective and her leadership will lead to some positive changes in different ways."



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.

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Deadline for Rural Energy for America Program Applications Extended

Temple, Texas, May 13, 2013- USDA Rural Development has announced that an amendment to the Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program was published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register. The Notice extends the application period from April 30, 2013 to May 31, 2013 for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvement projects grants and grant and loan combination applications, and for renewable energy system feasibility study applications. The Guaranteed Loan only application deadline is not being modified and will remain as July 15, 2013.

The notice also clarifies the regulatory requirement that an applicant is not eligible for an award if the System for Award Management (SAM) and Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirements are not met. All applications wishing to compete for funding consideration must have a DUNS number which is registered and current in the SAM system as of the deadline noted above.

The Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10941.pdf>. As indicated in the notice, the Agency intends to publish a separate notice to amend the funding available under REAP.

Rural small businesses and agriculture producers who have interest in renewable energy or energy efficiency projects are encouraged to take this opportunity to submit applications for Fiscal Year 2013 if they have not already done so. If an application has already been submitted for funding consideration, the extension affords an opportunity to enhance or modify the proposal up to the newly published deadline. Please note however, that the application date will be changed accordingly based on the new submission date. Please visit our website for additional program information and for application templates at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TXEnergy.html> or call the Texas State Office Business and Cooperative Programs staff at 254-742-9780.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration - the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$700 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

USDA Announces Conservation Reserve Program Sign-Up

Landowners and Producers Can Now Enroll in Continuous CRP with General Sign-Up to Follow

WASHINGTON, May 14, 2013— Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack today reminded farmers and ranchers that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20 and ending on June 14. Vilsack also announced the restart of sign-up for continuous CRP, including the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement Initiative, the Highly Erodible Land Initiative, the Grassland Restoration Initiative, the Pollinator Habitat Initiative and other related initiatives. Sign-up for continuous CRP began on May 13 and will continue through Sept. 30, 2013.

"As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers," said Vilsack. "CRP is an important program for protecting environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Through the voluntary participation of our farmers and ranchers, CRP helps us to protect our natural resources, preserve wildlife habitat and bring good paying jobs to rural America related to hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation."

Vilsack encouraged producers to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

CRP has a 27-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Currently, 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP through 700,000 contracts on 390,000 farms throughout the U.S., with enrollment in 49 states and Puerto Rico. Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Enrollment authority for all types of CRP, which had expired Sept. 30, 2012, was extended through 2013 by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

Offers for general sign-up CRP contracts are ranked according to an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. FSA uses the following factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage;
- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching;
- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion;
- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period;
- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and
- Cost.

CRP soil rental rates for non-irrigated cropland were updated this year to better reflect location and market conditions. A nationwide cap was placed on the maximum amount that taxpayer dollars are spent in a fiscally responsible manner while producing the maximum environmental benefits for each dollar spent.

CRP is the largest USDA conservation program and continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion, and protect the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail and ducks and is recognized as benefiting certain rare species like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken and other grassland birds. Highlights of CRP accomplishments include:

- The restoration of more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;
- Prevention of more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.
- Providing \$1.8 billion annually to landowners — dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and
- Sequestering more carbon than any other conservation program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2011, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration - the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

The Obama Administration, with Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, maintain a strong farm safety net and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency and resourcefulness of our producers.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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