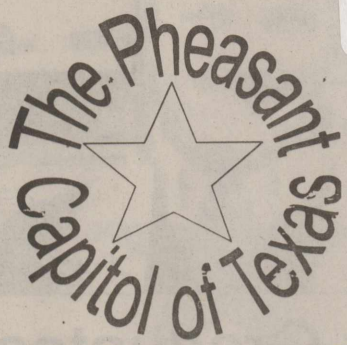


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Wind damage last week

High winds last week blew over this tree in Johnny Garza's back yard. Tree branches, and even an air conditioner ended up in the middle of the highway. Typical day in the Texas Panhandle I guess.



Fire May 30th

Shown above is Cecil and Pat Wright's house which sustained damage last Thursday, May 30 from a grease fire. Stratford Fire Department and Stratford Ambulance responded to the morning fire.



Moore brings home the Gold

Moore Competed at State May 27, 2013
Katy Moore competed at Austin on Monday morning, May 27th, 2013. She received a Gold/and received a Superior Rating at Contest. She is the daughter of Bret and Lisa Moore. Congratulations Katy. A job well done!!!

What's Happening In Stratford

Movie Madness

Movie Madness at Library every Wednesday, June 13th-August 21st at 1:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program

Reading program begins Thursday, June 14th at 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Sherman Co. Library

Stratford Reads Program

Starts Monday, June 3rd and ends Monday, August 26th.

Auction & Moving Sale

Kathy Bonds & Others Saturday June 8th, 10 a.m. Hwy 54 East (behind Thrift Store)

Snack pak for kids

Don't forget snack pak for kids, form on page 8

Ol' Biddy Cafe

Friday night buffet June 7th 6-8 p.m.

Meeting June 6th

American Legion Meeting June 6th

Prom Pictures:

Prom Pictures can be viewed & purchased online at www.sharihudsonphotography.com

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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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

NOTICE

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

BURN BAN

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FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET

June 7th 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

It's the end of the week and way too hot to cook - you deserve a night out. Come join us for our first buffet of the season. Extended hours that day - 6 a.m. till 8 p.m.

- We appreciate your business!

American Legion Schedules meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. All Legion members are encouraged to attend. New officers will be selected for the coming year and other important business will be accomplished. If you are a member, we need you! If you are a veteran and have questions about the Legion, please contact Robert McGinnis or Aaron Sheehan

Obituaries

Nola Cummings

Nola Cummings, 94 of Amarillo (formerly of Stratford) died Sunday, June 2, 2013. Services will be at 2-p.m. Thursday June 6, 2013 in First United Methodist Church in Stratford, burial will follow in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford. No other details available at press time. Full obit in next week's edition.

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.

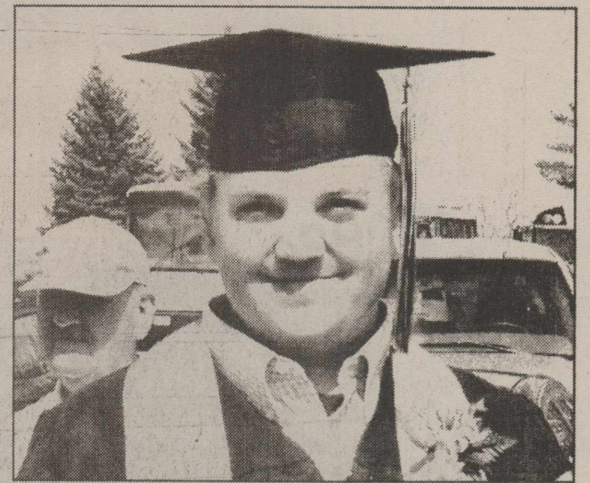


From the Desk of Sheriff Powell

CRIME REPORT/MAY 2013

Felony Theft /Fraud - 1
Burglary - 1
Domestic Disturbance - 3
Terroristic Threats - 1
Criminal Trespass - 1
Traffic Accidents - 5
Fire Assist - 2
Vagrants - 3
Suspicious Vehicle - 1
Traffic Complaints - 3
Traffic Control - 3
Motorist Assist - 1
Civil Calls - 2
Animal Complaints - 7
Traffic Citations - 66/ Warnings - 40
Total in custody - 5 / Total incarcerated as of May 31st - 2

Congrats, again to our Graduates of 2013 !! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!
Sheriff Joe Powell



Wright Graduates

David Bryan Wright II graduated from Killdeer High School, in Killdeer North Dakota on May 26, 2013. He is the son of Stephanie and Bryan Wright of Stratford, and the grandson of Cecil and Pat Wright of Stratford. He is currently employed by NAPA in Killdeer and plans to attend college in the fall.



Neutrals Make A Splash In Kitchens And Bathrooms

(NAPS)—A growing number of decorators—and homeowners—are expressing positive opinions about the trend of using neutral colors.

Survey Shows

According to the National Kitchen & Bath Association's annual design trends survey, gray is currently used in 55 percent of kitchens and 56 percent of bathrooms, creating chic, sophisticated spaces.

Other popular looks for kitchens include:

- white painted cabinetry
- glass backsplashes
- LED lighting
- water-saving faucets
- satin-nickel finishes.

In the bath, look for more and more:

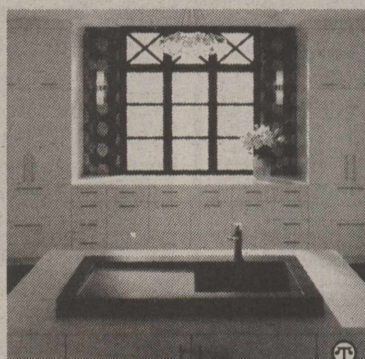
- ceramic and porcelain tiles
- undermounted sinks.

What Homeowners Want

In both, the big idea is an increase in the expression of individuality. As more and more people are deciding to stick with the home they have, many are also working on ways to improve it to please themselves as well as prospective buyers when that time comes. Kitchen and bath remodels are particularly popular and shades of white, gray and beige are what's in.

For example, consider the color called Cinder, a striking shade of dark gray with a natural, stonelike appeal and delicate hints of brown that give it an inviting warmth.

This timeless modern hue is reminiscent of dark natural stones such as slate and goes very well with stainless appliances.



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Thanks-Marty

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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



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Going Away Party Held

A "going away" party was held on Friday, May 31st to bid farewell to Melissa of Great Lengths Salon. Melissa and her family are moving to New Mexico. Just a few of the folks who came by to wish her good luck were Honoree-Melissa, Karen Pulliam, Cece Yelek, Terri Carter and new owner Rocio Torres. Good Luck in your new venture and Stratford will miss you.

Fabulous Flax Smoothie

- 1 cup ice cubes
- 1 frozen banana
- 2 cups frozen fruit (raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, peaches)
- 4 kale leaves, center ribs removed, optional
- 1 Tbsp. ground flax
- 1 cup almond milk or orange juice

Fill blender container with ingredients, beginning with ice cubes and pouring almond milk or orange juice in last. Blend until smooth and creamy. Makes 2 large servings.

Visit www.ameriflax.com for information and recipes.

Stratford Ex-Student Reunion July 26-27

By Gaynelle Riffe

The schedules for the classes and activities are on their way to 1725 ex-students. The honored classes are on the 10's, 1943,'53,'63, 73,'83,'93, 2003. Now we wait for those returned with incorrect addresses and the hunt will be on again. The city has provided the funds for mailing, Stratford students labeled and stuffed envelopes & the First State Bank provided the postage meter. Funds for the remainder of the mailings and supplies come from the Friday Night Hamburger & Ice Cream. Because the meat and ten freezers of ice cream are donated, enough is made for the other half expenses. Chuck Harbor has agreed to cook the hamburgers and volunteers are needed to make ice cream (in cups).

Watch for missing ex-students lists in the Star. Any help is very much appreciated.

Unexpected Blessings

By Rev. Jim Smith

The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans chapter 8, verse 14, that "all who are led by the spirit (of God) are the children of God." The longer I live, the more I realize that God wants to lead us to experience good things and sometimes they are things that we never expect, things that we don't deserve or things that we've not earned, or just things that work out better than we thought they would, but to experience those blessings we must be willing to be led by his spirit.

I retired in 2007, after serving as a pastor of local churches for 41 years. All through my ministry I've experienced blessings that I never expected and good things that were not the result of my own work, and it happened again in the spring of 2012, when my Bishop called and asked me to be the pastor of the Methodist Church in Stratford for one year. I told him I would pray about it because I feel that all of us should pray before we try to decide what to do. As I thought and prayed, something within my spirit made me feel that this was a way that I could continue to serve the Lord in a meaningful way, and I felt that it must be something from the Lord because there was not a way that I could have arranged for this opportunity to come my way, so I called the Bishop and told him I would be glad to be the pastor in Stratford this year.

Being here has been one of the great unexpected blessings of my life. I've met a lot of wonderful people and been a part of a wonderful community. I've had the opportunity to know people in the Methodist and Baptist and Christian and Roman Catholic and Assembly of God and Church of Christ and Hispanic Assembly and Hispanic Baptist churches as well as a lot of other good people across this community. What a thrill it has been to be a part of this place and serve the Lord here this year. My wife, Lu Ann, and I will always look back on this year as one of the very special unexpected blessings the Lord has given us.

To be led by God's spirit requires us to be willing to be led and I hope all of us have a deep, heartfelt desire for God's spirit to lead us every day, not only in the big decisions of life, but also the small decisions because the God we know through the Bible wants to bless all of us throughout our lives with unexpected blessings. A lot of our blessings have come because of our hard work and good decisions, but there are other blessings that come when we let God's spirit lead us. I want to receive all that God has planned for me and let his spirit lead me to more of the places where I can receive unexpected blessings. Don't you?

Thank you for blessing me this year.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

—Margaret Mead

Stratford ISD is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children ages 1 to 18 years old without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the site and times as follows:

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No Sunday evening Worship Service

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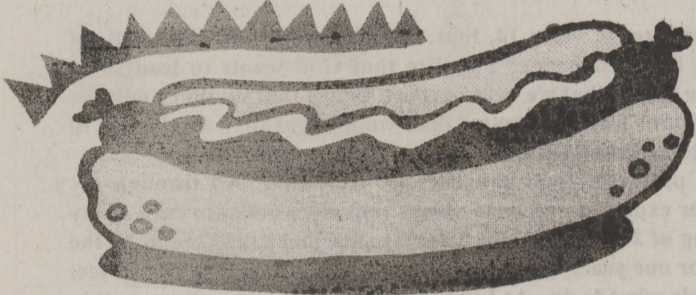
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Times: 8:30am-11:30am
(K-4th grade)
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(5th grade-9th grade)

Location: the Activity Gym, Stratford, TX
• For boys & girls; Ages 6 to 15
• Competitions & skill levels will be divided
• Bring your own basketball (name on it)



Accident in Kerrick

Last week, deputies responded to an accident on 287 in Kerrick where a small van pulled onto the roadway before the driver noticed an oncoming semi. Stratford Fire & EMS were also dispatched to the scene. No life-threatening injuries were reported. Sent from Sheriff Joe Powell

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Home: 816-256-2214

* Please make checks payable to Jason Kline & send check or money order to: Jason Kline, 7612 NW Milroy Dr., Kansas City, MO 64152 *

I hereby release Jason Kline, Stratford High School, Stratford Middle School, the Activity Gym, and the employees of the camp from all liability from any injury, illness, or loss of property, that the above named registrant may occur or suffer while attending the Jason Kline Basketball Academy at Stratford High School / Stratford Middle School Activity Gym. I hereby authorize the employees and agents of the Jason Kline Basketball Academy at the Stratford High School / Stratford Middle School Activity Gym to act on my behalf according to their best judgment to obtain any medical attention for the above named registrant which they shall deem necessary and agree to pay for all charges incurred for the same.

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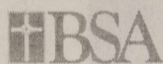
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RanchFest 2013! It's the buzz in Childress and around the state!

Childress' first Red Dirt concert, co-produced by Childress Theatre Company and Jon Herring of Upward Productions, will be staged lakeside in the panhandle town's historic Fair Park Saturday, June 29, From 4 p.m. till midnight.

The event will have ALL the facets of a country music festival—first and foremost, the entertainers! Coming to Childress for your entertainment are **Charla Corn, Zach Edwards, Thrift Store Cowboys, and Trent Willman**, all dynamic rising stars on the Texas music scene.

Event hosts guarantee there will be dancing in the park to the "WOW!" sounds of these exciting bands. Attendees are invited to bring yard chairs and "rear back" in the seven acre park for hours of contemporary Texas country music.

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RanchFest 2013 is sponsored by the Palace Theater Restoration Committee of Childress Theatre Company. Information about The Palace and RanchFest 2013 can be viewed on their Facebook page "RanchFest 2013" and on their website, www.rememberthepalace.com.

Stratford Reads Program

By Sandy Baskin-Sherman County Librarian

The Sherman County Public Library is excited to introduce the "Stratford Reads Program" for the summer months. Beginning on Monday, June 3, 2013, and ending on the first day of school, August 26, 2013, library patrons of all ages will have a chance to be entered for a chance to win a Kindle e-reader by simply reading books from the library. Student's grades 6th through adult will get a chance for every 100 pages they read while students' grades 1st through 5th will get a chance for every title. This year the library will be giving away two Kindle e-readers, so come by the library, get the details, pick up your reading log and **START READING!**

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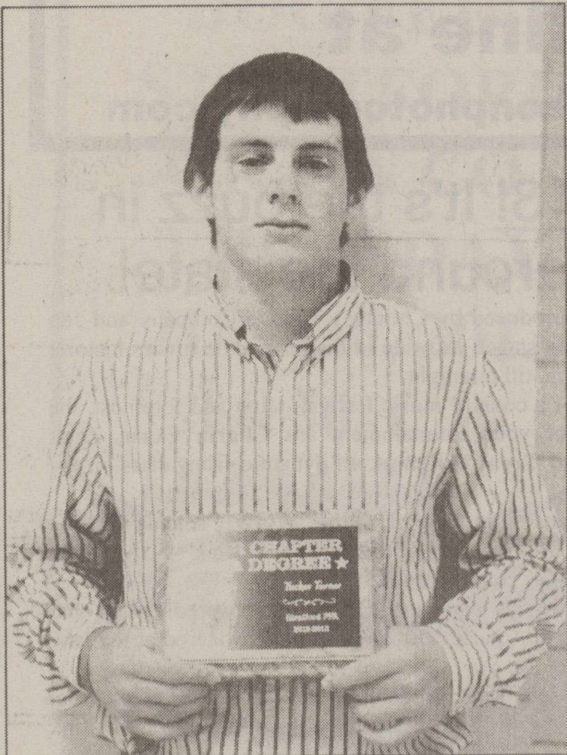
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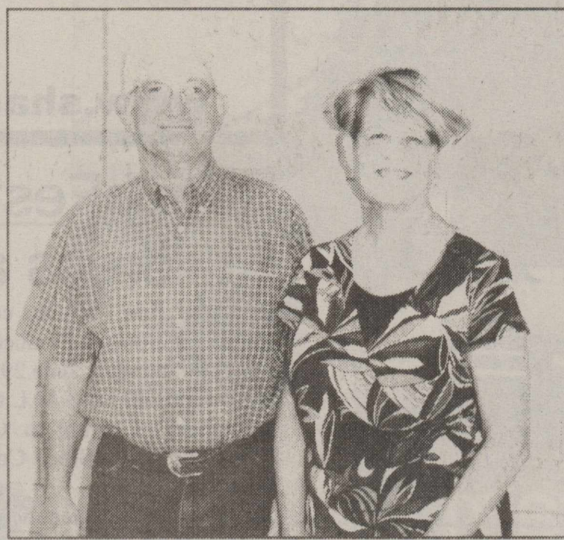
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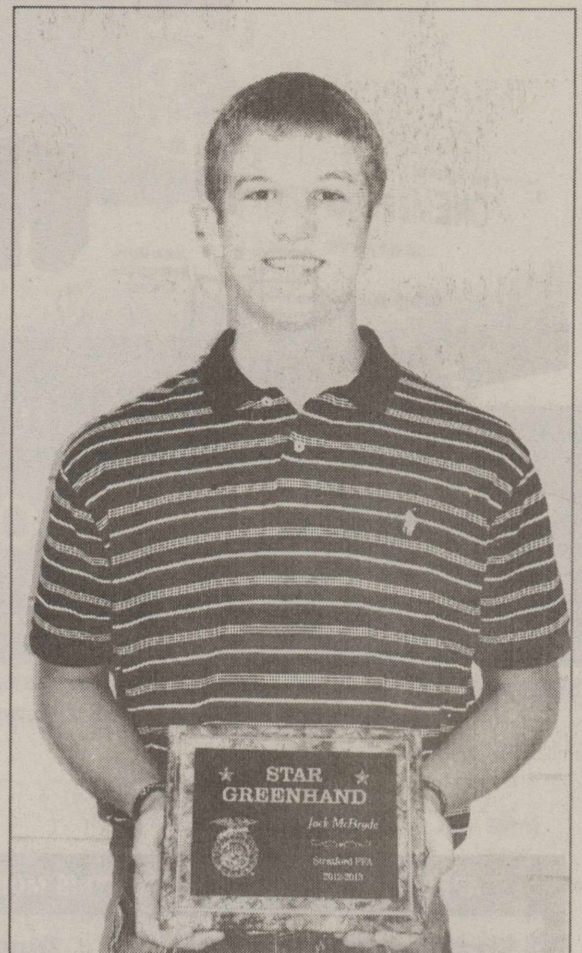
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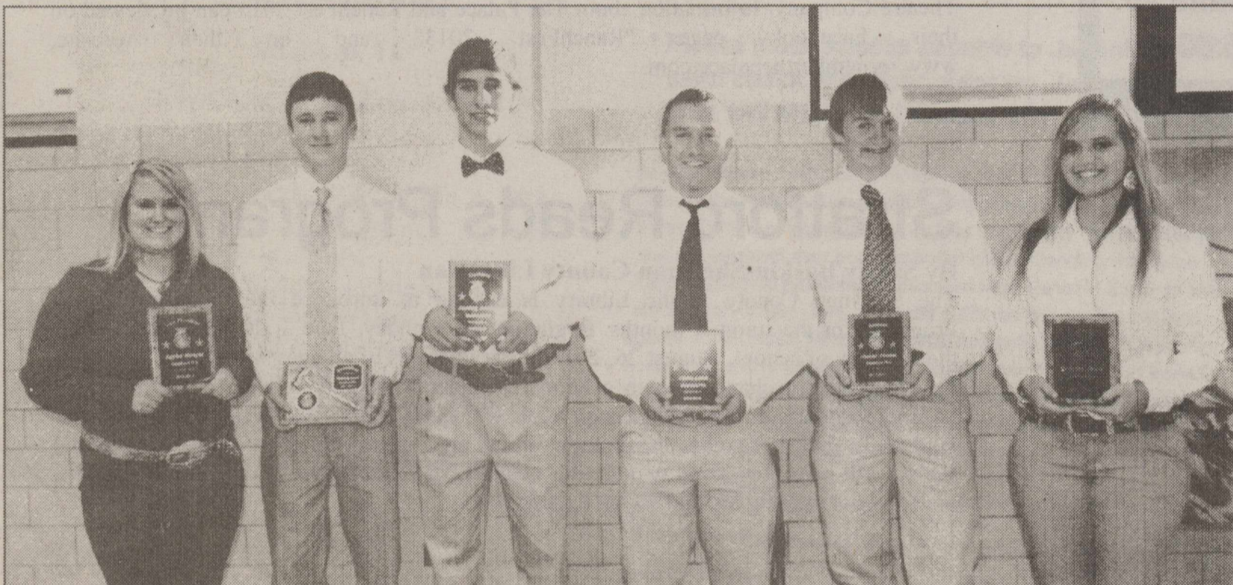
Tucker Turner received the Star Chapter Award.



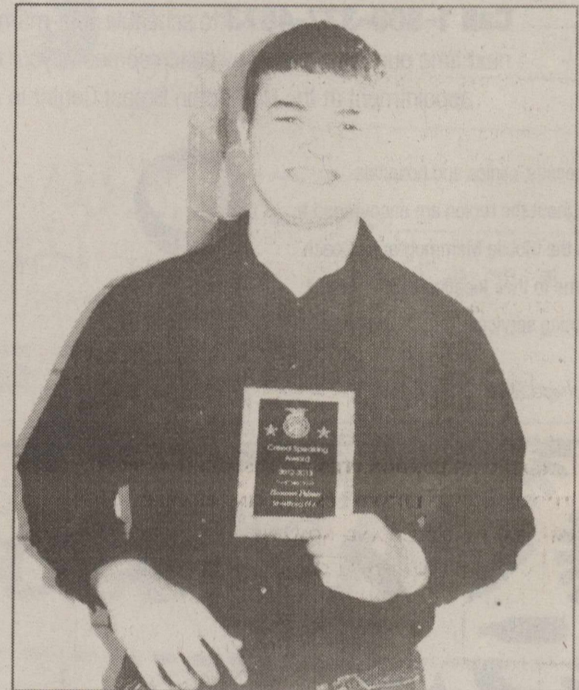
Community Service award was presented to Dr. Jack Swain. Shown with Jack is his wife Linda.



Jack McBryde received the Star Greenhand Award.



FFA Officers L/R: Vice-President Kaylee Mungia, President Reed Schoonover, Treasurer Sterling Audrain, Reporter Chase Lutes, Sentinel Hunter Everett and Secretary Madeline Drake.



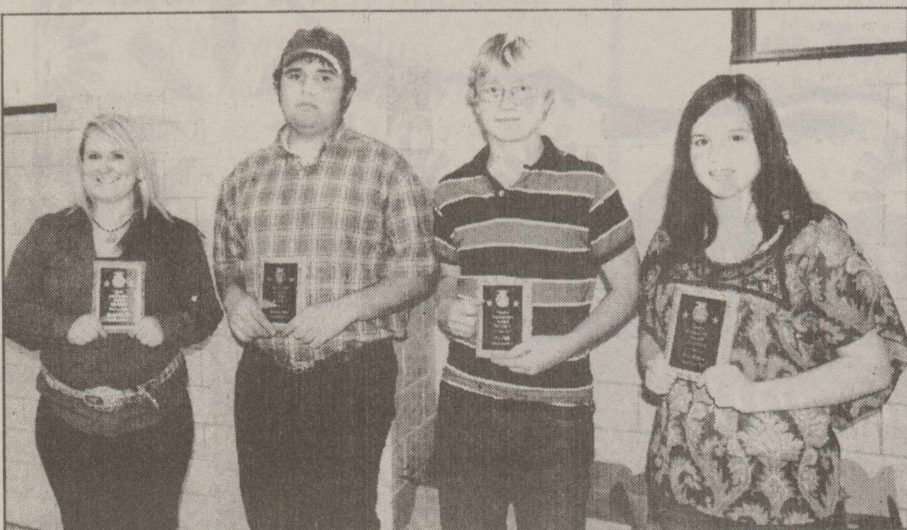
Creed Speaking Award - Branson Palmer.



Junior FFA winners, Kade McBryde, Raeleigh Willborn and Carlee Metcalf



Sr. Ag Mechanics was presented to Reed Schoonover and Jr. Ag Mechanics was presented to Austin Aduddell.



L/R: Beef Production award presented to Kaylee Mungia, Goat Production Trenton Stone, Poultry Production - AJ Riffe, and Swine Production - Erin Wilkins.

**Congrats to all
 the recipients
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- Mill Maintenance
- Feed Truck Driver
- Pen Rider

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Coldwater Manor is taking application for housekeeping and laundry.
Apply in person from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Applications are now being accepted for a Clerk position in the
Sherman County Justice of the peace office. 6-6 & 6-13 2 x's

Garage Sale

Garage Sale 604 S. Fulton, Friday, June 7th from 6-9p.m. and
Saturday, June 8th from 8-12.

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Channing-Hartley-Dalhart-Textline
June 7 & 8- Start times vary
For details go to www.dalhart.org

For Sale

0'4 Club car (golf cart) call 753-6691 or 396-2305. 4x's 6-6-13-20-27

Card of Thanks

JIM AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO SENT CARDS, CALLED, DONATED TO HIS MEDICAL FUND, AND THOSE THAT LIFTED US UP IN PRAYER. HIS TREATMENTS ARE OVER AND NOW WE WAIT AND PRAY THAT THEY WORKED. SPECIAL THANKS TO GREG WRIGHT, MARTHA MORILLON, LARRY NORRIS AND RICKY REED. THIS IS A SPECIAL COMMUNITY AND WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO BE A PART OF IT.

THANK AGAIN

JIMMY, SHEILA, JOSH & COLTEN LANNING, JUSTIN,
VERONICA AND AIDEN LANNING

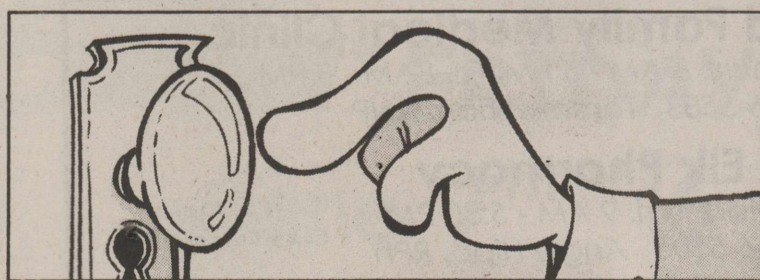
Card of Thanks

THE HOWARD NORVELL GREEN POST 262 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN STRATFORD WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR THE WONDERFUL ATTENDANCE AT THIS YEAR'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALLISSA PALMER FOR HER WONDERFUL SPEECH. WE WOULD ALSO EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ONE OF OUR OWN: MR. DONNIE ELLISON. WE APPRECIATE DONNIE PLACING THE WREATH AT THE MEMORIAL THIS YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LEGION. A THANK YOU TO GAYNELLE RIFFE FOR THE USE OF HER SOUND EQUIPMENT AND ARRANGING THE REFRESHMENTS. FINALLY A THANK YOU TO THE CITY OF STRATFORD-APPEARANCE OF THE CEMETERY LOOKED VERY NICE!

Card of Thanks

COACH EDDIE METCALF AND STAFF:
THANK YOU FOR HONORING US AT THIS YEAR'S ALL SPORT'S BANQUET WITH FAN OF THE YEAR. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

DOUG & JOYCE



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Houses for Sale



New Listing!! 403 N Purnell—3/2/2, large backyard with new fence & garden shed. Kitchen with new remodel, lots of storage, and a covered back patio.

201 N. 7th St. Nice 3 bdrm/1 bath brick home with lots of storage. The windows are new and there is a finished basement with laundry area. Detached garage has room for four vehicles. Corner lot. \$85,000.00

104 N. 7th St. 1,836 sq ft manufactured home with 4 bdrms and 2 baths. Ceiling fans, fireplace, and two nice storage buildings. Lots of room for the

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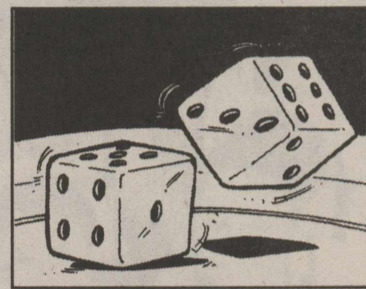
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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

For questions or concerns, property owners may call or come to the office any time prior to the Appraisal Review Board Meeting on July 10th to discuss their property and try to resolve any problems concerning 2013 values.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

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

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to District Court, Binding Arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Sherman County Appraisal District
402 N 3rd, PO Box 239, Stratford TX 79084
Telephone (806) 366-5566

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

The Protest Deadline for the 2013 ARB is June 24, 2013
The Appraisal Review Board will meet July 10, 2013

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

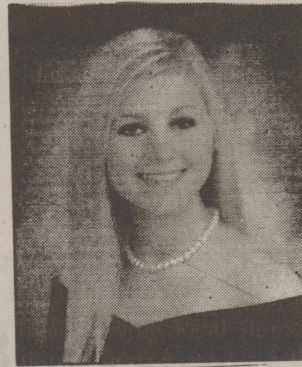
* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



Katy Moore

Local Youth to star in Annie

Katy Moore and Jordan Shyanne Acker of Stratford will be featured in Annie, by Thomas Meehan and Charles Strouse. The production is the culmination of a week of rehearsals at Broadway Academy of Performing, a musical theatre camp for kids ages 11—20. The cast is comprised of campers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado. Annie will be presented in the Showcase Theatre at Seward County Community College/ Area Technical School at 2:00 p.m. on June 8th. Broadway Academy of Performing is sponsored by Gypsy Theatre Company, a professional theatre based in New York City, NY. Camp staff includes Alison Bridget Chambers, camp producer and choreographer, from New York City and the Director of Theatre at SCCC/ATS, Marilyn Gates, director of Annie, from Tulsa, OK, Thesa Loving, Musical Director from New York City, NY and Becky Robison, as accompanist from Forgan, OK. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$8 for adults and are available at the door. Annie is a family friendly show. This marks 16 years of Broadway Academy of Performing.



Jordan Shyanne Acker



Sparks win Tournament

Sparks win Hoop 10 Summer Bash JV tournament in Amarillo June 1 & 2. They beat Colorado Premier of Denver CO in the championship game 50-25. Pictured from left back row: Whitney Stone, Taylor DeGrate (Dumas), Laynee Burr, Nicolle Law. Front row: Jade Eudey (Dumas), Brittany Law, Klaire Irwin (Gruver), Sarah Jackson (Gruver), Madison Mungia. Team is coached by Scott Law. Good job girls!!! Thank you to Mungia's Heating and Air for sponsoring them in this tournament!

Busy Summer for Library

The library is the place to be this summer! Beginning on June 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., the library will host the first "Wednesday Movie Madness!" Movies will be held every Wednesday, (with the exception of the week of July 4th) until Wednesday, August 21st. This year we will be showing both new and some very old classic movies. Summer Reading Program will begin on Thursday, June 14, 2013 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. for the reading portion of our summer. Program director Erin Gerrond has arranged some very fun programs all with the theme of "Dig Into Reading". This will be the library's first year of being in a collaborative program with other libraries across the United States. The Texas State Library, due to budget cuts, no longer supports this program so we are very excited to see how this endeavor works out.



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)
- 1 month- \$14 (number of children)
- 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children)
- other- \$

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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
701 Park Place Ave
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Attention: TAXPAYERS

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions.

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.
2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of six local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.
3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2013 tax roll. On

May 24th taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. **Now is Your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 10th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value.** The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8 AM - 3 PM
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

Elk Pharmacy

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

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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.