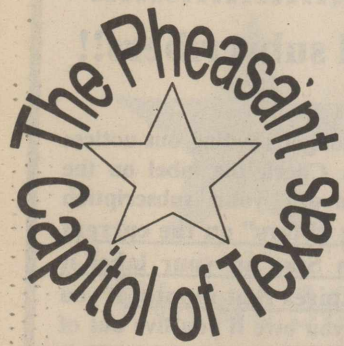


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## Sherman County Run-Off Election

**Tuesday, July 31**

Voting Locations on Tuesday, July 31:

Texhoma Residents will vote in Texhoma

All other Sherman County residents will vote in the Sherman county courtroom in Stratford

**EARLY VOTING: MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**JULY 23-27**

Early voting for all Sherman County Residents including Texhoma residents will be in the Sherman County Clerks office during normal business hours

Residents over age 65 may request a ballot by mail by calling the Sherman County Clerks office 806-366-2371



Kids who participated from Kelly's Gymnastics in California. Congratulations to all of you! You represented yourselves well.

## Kelly's Gymnastics competed at Junior Olympic National Competition

Kelly's gymnastics competed at the junior National competition in Long Beach, California. Each athlete had to qualify to compete at this level. There were over 3,000 athletes representing 48 states. Representing Kelly's gymnastics were: Meghan Brooks, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> on double mini, 4<sup>th</sup> on trampoline and 8<sup>th</sup> on floor. Gage Brooks placing 3<sup>rd</sup> on trampoline, 9<sup>th</sup> on dm and 8<sup>th</sup> on floor. Emmalee Johnson, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> on dm, 3<sup>rd</sup> on floor and 12<sup>th</sup> on trampoline. Reagan Stroud, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> on tramp and 6 on dm. Cambry Laster 6 on dm, 8 on tramp. MacKobe Merwin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on floor. Catelynn Johnson placed 9<sup>th</sup> on floor and 8<sup>th</sup> on tramp. Brooklynn Trimble placed 11 on floor, 6 on dm and 10 on tramp. These kids did an amazing job and will start preparing for next years nationals that will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Water Conservation

Many areas of our state are expecting to face serious water shortages by 2013. And water conservation is an issue that we should all be concerned with. In response to this important issue, the City of Stratford is asking all that we begin a personal water conservation effort to prevent mandatory conservation efforts in the future.

The City of Stratford knows the importance of water conservation and how important it's to save today for a water supply in the future. Using water efficiently and conserving our resources will assist in our efforts to provide a lasting water supply long into the future.

Please join us in this very important endeavor to conserve our water resources.

Sincerely  
Ricky Reed  
Mayor Pro Tem Stratford Texas

## Kindle Drawing@Your Library

The Sherman County Public Library is pleased to be able to award a Kindle e-Reader to one lucky reader from our library. To enter, library patrons must come by the library and pick up a purple reading log. Readers must then write down every book that you read from our library. For every book that you check out and read, you will be entered into a contest but, remember, the books must be from our library. One book equals one entry.

Reading logs must be turned in no later than 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 27th, the first day of school, with the drawing to take place on Wednesday morning, August 29th. Contest is open to all age groups so get busy and read! For more information about this contest contact the library at 366-2200.

## Xcel Energy warns customers about billing scam

AMARILLO, Texas — Xcel Energy is warning customers of an apparent national scam targeting utility customers that involves attempts to obtain Social Security numbers and bank routing numbers.

The scam claims that the federal government is providing credits or applying payments to utility bills. Customers are being told they can make a utility payment by using a bank routing number that is supplied by the scam artists. After the scammers obtain the victims' personal information, customers are given a phony bank routing number to pay their bills.

The scam is being spread via telephone, Twitter and texting. Customers in some states also have reported receiving fliers with similar information.

Customers should only use authorized methods and legitimate banking information to pay their bills. Credit card numbers and any personal information should not be provided to suspicious callers.

Affected customers should call Xcel Energy customer service at 1-800-895-4999 and report the incident to their local police departments.

Xcel Energy is also advising that if a customer has given credit card information over the phone to someone posing as an Xcel Energy employee, the customer should call his or her credit card company and follow the credit card company's recommendations.

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## Run off election for Sheriff

**Tuesday, July 31**

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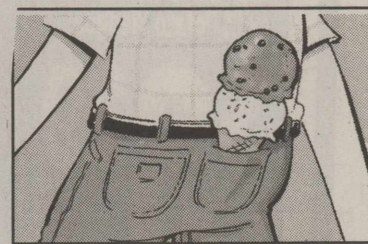
I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed—a democracy a republic, a sovereign of many sovereign states establishing a perfect union, one and inseparable established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which, American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes I therefore believe it is my duty and all American citizens duty to our country, to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag to defend it against all enemies. So help me God. This is the way and the reason the United States of America is such a great place to live and worship "God, but the powers that be are trying to ruin our principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, and our federal government is trying to abolish our second amendment, join me at the election polls and let's vote against the tyrants that are trying to take our civil rights from us. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the battle is not yours but Gods.

Ken Forthman

## Stratford Hospital District News

The time is soon coming for three of the five Stratford Hospital District board members' terms to end. The Stratford Hospital District needs volunteers from the community to replace these members. Board members must be a qualified voter and a resident of the Stratford Hospital District (same as Stratford Independent School District). The deadline for signing up to run as a board member is quickly approaching. Anyone interested must bring their voter registration card and pick up an application in person at in the business office of Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday. The last day to sign up is August 20 so don't delay. For questions or additional details, please contact Katie Page at 806-396-5568.

The Stratford Hospital District could not exist without members of the community taking an active role on the board. We send out a sincere thank you to those who are currently serving on the board as well as those who have served in the past. By being a member of the Stratford Hospital District board, you are doing your part to ensure the betterment of healthcare for the residents of Sherman County.



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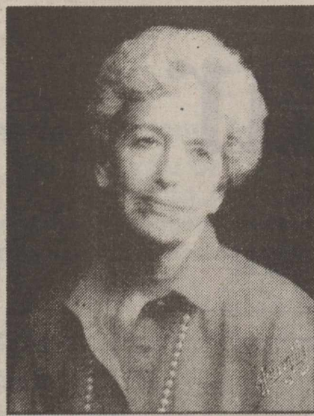
SCOT is proud to sponsor a Quilt Show at SCOT Hall on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> during Stratford Jamboree Days. Meet your friends at the show which will be held from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Something new, something old will be the theme of the quilts on display. Admission is \$5.00 per person and over 30 one of kind quilts will be exhibited at the show. Tickets are available from SCOT Board members. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the show.

Come and enjoy the talents of Sherman County resident's friends and family and support Sherman County Older Texans during Stratford Jamboree.



# Obituaries



**Frances Evelyn Standefer**  
January 7, 1915  
July 10, 2012

Frances Evelyn Standefer, age 97, passed away peacefully at her residence on July 10, 2012. She was born on January 7, 1915 in Kingsville, Texas to parents Oscar and Ella Krohn. Frances graduated from Lamesa High School and from West Texas Hospital of Nursing in Lubbock Texas. After graduating, she worked as a registered nurse.

In 1940 she married Rufus W. Standefer in Texline, Texas. They were married for 66 years until his passing on November 29, 2006. Frances was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in White Deer, Texas. There she was a charter member of the United Methodist Women. She also was in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She served her church and her community in many different ways.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband "RW" and her three brothers; John Krohn of Brownwood, Texas, Howard Krohn of Techachapi, CA, and Ralph Krohn of Portland, OR and her daughter Judy Mansfield of Dallas, TX. Surviving her are her son Jack Standefer of Gillette, WY, her grandchildren Monica Scheinler and husband Bill of Center Valley, PA, Dax McCasland and wife Nicole of Frisco, TX and Jessica Torres and husband Val of Midland, D( Also surviving are 5 great grandchildren.

Family and friends were invited to the funeral home at 9am Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> to pay their respects. Following the viewing, graveside services were held at the Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, TX on Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. The family suggests memorials may be made to the White Deer United Methodist Church, 101 West 8th, White Deer, TX 79097.

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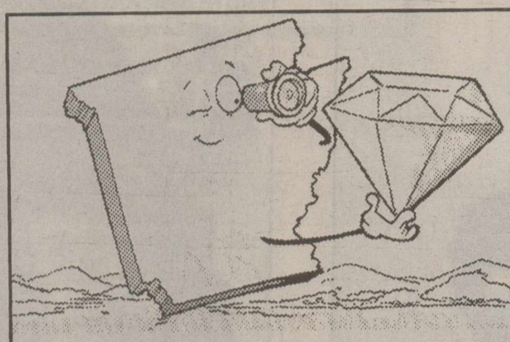
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**QuickBooks courses  
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Lubbock and Amarillo**

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LUBBOCK/AMARILLO  
Texas AgriLife Extension  
Service will offer QuickBooks  
Pro 2012 computer short courses  
on Aug. 13-14 in Lubbock and  
Sept. 4-5 in Amarillo.

The trainings will run from 9  
a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at each  
location, said DeDe Jones,  
AgriLife Extension risk  
management specialist in  
Amarillo, who will coordinate  
the event in that city. Jay Yates,  
AgriLife Extension risk  
management specialist in  
Lubbock, will coordinate the  
Lubbock course.

Both events will be held at the  
Texas AgriLife Research and  
Extension Center in their  
respective cities. They are  
located at 6500 W. Amarillo  
Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E.  
Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north  
of Lubbock.

QuickBooks Pro is a  
double-entry business accounting  
program often used by  
agricultural lenders and  
producers, Jones said. In the  
two-day course, participants will  
learn to enter transactions into  
the program and analyze costs  
and profits. No prior computer  
experience is necessary.

Registration for each two-day  
course is \$125 and includes  
computer use and teaching  
materials. Couples are  
encouraged to attend and will be  
charged only one registration fee  
if they share a computer. Class  
size is limited to 15 people to  
provide a hands-on experience  
for all participants, Jones said.

Those planning to attend should  
RSVP by Aug. 6 for the Lubbock  
session and by Aug. 27 for the  
Amarillo session. Payment is due  
upon arrival on the first day of  
the course.

For more information or to  
register, call Yates at  
806-746-6101 or email  
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**Reception for  
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**What: Reception for SHS Honored  
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**Where: The Imagination Station;  
202 N. Main**

**When: Saturday, July 28, 2012, at  
6:00 p.m.**

**Who: Everyone!**

The Stratford Education  
Foundation invites you to come  
and enjoy a fun-filled time with  
new and old friends while nibbling  
on light refreshments before  
attending the Main Street Block  
Party and Dance. We'll have a  
great time, so don't miss out. See  
you there!

**Card of Thanks**

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PRAYERS AND SENT CARDS TO BOB AND ME. THE PHONE  
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WHOEVER YOU ARE GOD BLESS YOU VERY MUCH.  
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SILVIA GARZA FOR DRIVING US TO AMARILLO IN A QUICK  
NOTICE WHEN I WASN'T ABLE TO DRIVE. THANKS AGAIN  
TO JIMMY LANNING AND LARRY NORRIS FOR COMING TO  
HELP BOB WHEN I NEED THEM. THANKS TO THE  
ACCOLADE HOME CARE GIRLS WHO COME TO TEND TO  
BOB EVERY WEEK. I COULDN'T DO WITHOUT YOU ALL.  
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THAT COMES.

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Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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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  
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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6th & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
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  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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**From the Bird's Nest  
July, 2012  
By Jerry Birdsong  
Superintendent-Stratford ISD**

We are nearing the end of summer break – the start of school is just around the corner. We do have some folks still waiting for the summer break: We had a number of students attend our summer school session complete with instruction from some of our teaching staff. Our maintenance/custodial staff members have been busy preparing our campuses for the return of students and staff. There is never a complete stop of work being done at the schoolhouse.

The summer brings a different routine around the administrative offices. There is still plenty to do – budgets, getting buildings ready for fall, master schedules, etc. The difference is that we don't have all of the activities to attend at night. It does get kind of lonely during the summertime without the sounds and sights of students in our hallways. We are always ready to welcome the kids back in the fall.

The administration and the board have been working on our budget and tax rate for the 2012-13 school year. At the June board meeting, the trustees also took another step toward a tax-ratification election (TRE) when the proposed maintenance and operation tax rate was set at \$1.17 per \$100. The public hearing and adoption of the tax rate will be at special board meeting on August 2. A voter approved TRE in early September would raise the real estate tax 13 cents per \$100 of property. A \$100,000 home would pay an additional \$130 of school taxes. The end result would be approximately \$375,000 for the district, which would help replace some of the \$525,000 to be cut from our 2012-13 budget by the State of Texas.

To help offset the real property tax increase proposed, the board recently eliminated the personal property levy in the district. The result for the taxpayer with a \$20,000 vehicle will be \$208 less in school taxes. This will only affect the school taxes – the other entities need the personal property levy to meet budgets.

I have enjoyed the conversations that I have had with many of the community leaders concerning our school's financial plans. The concept has been well received and our community will get a final say on the TRE. If you have any questions concerning the personal property or the TRE, please come see me.

The campus administrators have been analyzing our spring state assessment results. With a new state assessment, it is more difficult to know where we are. It is like comparing apples to oranges when looking at TAKS vs. STAAR results. Our sophomore and juniors are the last of our TAKS takers and did well on their exams. The freshman took the STAAR End-of-Course exams. The results were mixed – we had areas that we did well and areas that need improvement. The high school provided summer school for remediation and several of our students retook their exams last week.

Our elementary and junior high students took the STAAR Exams, but the district only received raw scores. The standards for passing have not been set yet. Although the district may have philosophical differences with the state requirement (such as the overemphasis of standardized testing), we will continue to work toward meeting the state's learning objectives and preparing our students for their futures.

The administration has been busy with the personnel shuffle that takes place every spring and summer. As quality employees decide to leave the district, it is our task to find outstanding people to replace them and we believe that we have been able to do just that. Among the new assignments with the current employees include: HS Ag teacher – Lance Horsford; 5-6 Math – Tashea Thies; 1st grade – Kristi Walden; Kindergarten – Sabra Farabee. From outside of the district we have hired the following: 4th grade – Jennifer Harris; 3rd grade – Linda Henderson; Kindergarten – Becca Boyd; HS Coaches/teachers – Trey Wyatt and Candice Wyatt. We are currently interviewing band director candidates.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. We have managed to take a week off and travel to Colorado for a little camping and grandson time. We have another trip planned to Tennessee to see the middle daughter. We are also expecting the arrival of a granddaughter in August – that will mean more trips to Colorado.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff, and students of Stratford ISD. Stratford ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. After completing graduation requirements, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military options or further their education. This is possible because of the excellent staff, along with the great support of the community. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.

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10 a.m. Worship Service

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Mision Bautista  
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miércoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio  
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. & Cuidamos  
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**Private pesticide applicator license training set Aug. 9 in Amarillo**

Contact: Brandon Boughen, 806-373-0713, [bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:bwboughen@ag.tamu.edu)

AMARILLO — The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County is offering private pesticide applicator license training on Aug. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

The training session begins at 8 a.m., according to Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County. The three and a half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test, which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Cost of the training is \$60 and all materials will be provided.

Anyone in the Texas Panhandle may and are encouraged to participate if they need a private pesticide applicator license, Boughen said. The private pesticide applicator license is for agricultural producers and land owners who apply restricted-use pesticides to their own property.

RSVPs are requested by Aug. 3, and can be made by contacting Boughen at 806-373-0713.

**Rainwater harvesting seminar scheduled July 28 in Clarendon**

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, [skledbetterAag.tamu.edu](mailto:skledbetterAag.tamu.edu) Contact: Leonard Haynes, 806-874-2141, [l-haynes@tamu.edu](mailto:l-haynes@tamu.edu)

CLARENDON — An educational rainwater harvesting seminar, complete with a hands-on installation demonstration, has been scheduled for July 28 in Clarendon, according to Leonard Haynes, Texas AgriLife Extension Service agent for Donley County.

The seminar will begin with registration from 8-8:30 a.m. at the home of Sarah Sorelle, 507 W. 5th Street. Sorelle, who is helping sponsor the event, has offered her home as a demonstration location due to her interest in conserving water.

"The hands-on installation demonstration will be led by the world-renowned rainwater harvesting expert, Billy Kniffen, who has presented this topic at several locations across the United States," Haynes said. Kniffen is the AgriLife Extension state rainwater harvesting specialist.

Following the hands-on portion, a meal will be provided along with an educational program at the Donley County Activity Center, 4437N. State Highway 70. The program will end around 3 p.m., he said.

There will be a \$10 registration fee per person. Checks should be made payable to Donley County Texas AgriLife Extension and mailed to Box 682, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by July 25 to the AgriLife Extension office in Donley County at 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680, Haynes said. Call the same numbers for more information or directions.

Haynes said this meeting is a joint effort between Greenbelt Water Authority, City of Clarendon, Sorelle and AgriLife Extension, and targets communities within the Greenbelt Water Authority — Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis, Childress, Quanah and Crowell — but is open to anyone.

"Not only has the Greenbelt Water Authority identified depletion of water resources as a major concern, but the Texas water-supply planning process has identified that surface and groundwater supplies will not be able to meet future water demand," Haynes said.

Water conservation and development of alternative water supplies is necessary to meet the growing demand for fresh water, according to Kniffen. Rainwater harvesting is an innovative alternative water supply approach anyone can use. Rainwater harvesting captures divers and stores rainwater for later use.

Captured rainwater is ideal for use in landscaping, because the water is free of salts, minerals and chlorine and it adds water back into the ground and aquifer, Kniffen said. It is also useful in attracting and providing water for birds, wildlife and livestock and brought into the home for non-potable or potable use.

Implementing rainwater harvesting techniques directly benefits local communities by reducing demand on water supplies, and reducing run-off, erosion and contamination of surface water, he said.

In many communities, 30 to 50 percent of the total water is used for landscape irrigation, Kniffen said. Capturing rainwater for use in the landscape makes efficient use of a valuable resource, reduces water bills and reduces demand on the water supply.

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**Mitchell Theatres Acquires Two Theatres in New Mexico**

(Elkhart, KS)-Mitchell Theater, LLC announced it has purchased the seven-plex Storyteller theatre in Taos, New Mexico, and the eight-plex Starlight Cinema in Los Lunas New Mexico, a suburb of Albuquerque. Both venues were purchased from Storyteller Theatres. Mitchell Theatre' mission is to provide a big city movie theme experience with small town service and prices."

Both theatres will be converted to 100 percent digital projection and will have several 3-D capable projectors to accommodate the increasing release of 3-D movies. All auditoriums will be upgraded with 7.1 Digital Surround sound, the latest in audio technology.

In the fall the theatres will undergo extensive remodeling to the interiors. New movie-themed carpet, high back seats and new concession area will be among some of the many improvements. Along with these improvements, Mitchell Theatres will lower ticket prices for all shows and reduce concession prices.

Mitchell Theatres is a third generation family owned business involved in farming, commercial real estate and movie theatres. Mitchell Theatres owns and operates 73 screens in ten movie complexes in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and now New Mexico. Mitchell Theatres continue to actively look for opportunities to paw and /spinal throughout the Midwest.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Sealed Bids Being Accepted

Texhoma ISD is accepting sealed bids for surplus property located at Block 13, Lots 13- 14, 700 South Fifth Street, Texhoma, Texas. Sealed Bids will be accepted until Monday, July 30, 2012 at 9:00 am and will be opened at 6:30 pm on July 30, 2012. Contact Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 for more information. Bids can be mailed to Hope Appel, Superintendent, Texhoma ISD, PO Box 709, Texhoma, OK 73949. Hand delivery will be accepted until Monday, July 30 at 9:00 am to Texhoma Elementary, Fourth and Denver, Texhoma, Texas. The TISD Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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### Sealed Bids Being Accepted

Texhoma ISD is accepting sealed bids for surplus property located at Block 43, Lots 13- 18, 1010 South Fourth Street, Texhoma, Texas. Sealed Bids will be accepted until Monday, July 30, 2012 at 9:00 am and will be opened at 6:30 pm on July 30, 2012. Contact Hope Appel at 806-827-7400 for more information. Bids can be mailed to Hope Appel, Superintendent, Texhoma ISD, PO Box 709, Texhoma, OK 73949. Hand delivery will be accepted until Monday, July 30 at 9:00 am to Texhoma Elementary, Fourth and Denver, Texhoma, Texas. The TISD Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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### Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees will accept sealed bids for a 1992 Van Hool Activity Bus. Specifications can be obtained by calling the transportation department at 366-3344.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 PM, August 9, 2012. Any requests for bids after this date will not be accepted. The bids may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084 or delivered to the business office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The bids will be opened on August 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin

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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

—Mark Twain

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District  
(name of school district)  
will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM August 2, 2012  
(time, date, year)  
in High School Library, Stratford High School, 503 N 8th Street  
(name of room, building, physical location)  
Stratford, Texas  
(city, state)

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.17 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)  
School Debt Service Tax  
Approved by Local Voters \$ .055129 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$ 677,259,609	\$ 569,778,980
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 3,108,860	\$ 12,347,480
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 492,068,315	\$ 486,198,919
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 3,108,860	\$ 12,347,480

\* All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.  
\*\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 660,700  
\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ .048528	\$ 1.088528	\$ 9.365	\$ 2.600
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04562	\$ .04717	\$ 1.09279	\$ 9.412	\$ 2.031
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ .055129	\$ 1.225129	\$ 10.498	\$ 1.391

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 63,197	\$ 69,259
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 48,197	\$ 54,259
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.088528	\$ 1.225129
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 524.64	\$ 664.74
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 140.10

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.095129  
(the school district rollback rate determined under Section 26.08, Tax Code)

This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.095129  
(the school district rollback rate)

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 655,159  
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ 31,696

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I do not say a proverb is amiss when aptly and reasonably applied, but to be forever discharging them, right or wrong, hit or miss, renders conversation insipid and vulgar.

—Miguel de Cervantes



**"SHOW YOUR AMERICAN PRIDE"**



This is the theme for the Stratford Jamboree Parade to be held Saturday, July 28, 2012. If you or your organization want to participate call the SCDC Office at 366-2897 or email [scdc@xit.net](mailto:scdc@xit.net) or stop by 301 N. Main St.

**KFDA CHANNEL 10 is coming to Stratford!**

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> **KFDA** and their news team, along with several others from will be here to do the 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. live broadcasts. KFDA encourages local vendors, non-profits, arts & crafts people to bring your products/wares/food to Main Street and join them for the afternoon and evening. There is no charge and each person(s) or group will be responsible for tables, supplies, electricity, AND cleanup. Activities will be going on and the public is invited to watch and/or participate. Bring your lawn chairs. *Brought to by KFDA Channel 10 & Sherman County Development.*



**ALL OF THESE FORMS CAN BE FOUND OUTSIDE THE SHERMAN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.**

*Saturday – July 28, 2012*

**STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE**

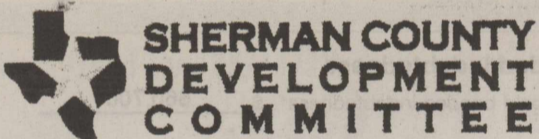
**Parade Theme: "SHOW YOUR AMERICAN PRIDE!"**

**\*\*Your entry should be at the High School by 9:45 a.m.**

NAME ON PARADE ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTACT PERSON(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY FOR YOUR ENTRY:**

Buggies or Wagons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Float	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Float	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Float	<input type="checkbox"/>	Antique Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback Single Rider	<input type="checkbox"/>	Riding Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>



**Vendor Information Sheet for the 2012 BLOCK PARTY**

**Date:** Saturday - July 28, 2012  
**Where:** Main Street in Stratford, Texas  
**Vendors/ Food Booth:** Spaces are 10' x 10' and are \$25 each. Booth spaces are assigned by SCDC. Food vendors will **not be allowed to sell meat** items because of the cook-off. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Vendors are subject to approval; anyone with inappropriate items will be asked to leave. Any leased space not paid for by 12 noon on Friday, July 27, 2012 will forfeit their space unless prior arrangements have been made with SCDC. Forfeited spaces may be re-sold immediately without further notice to previous vendor. No security will be available. Contents in the rented space are the sole responsibility of the vendor. No tables, chairs or electricity is furnished.  
**Set up:** Saturday after 1 p.m.  
**Move Out:** Vendors can move property on/off Main Street any time Saturday. No vehicles will be allowed on Main St. after side streets are blocked off until after 11:45 p.m.  
**Parking:** Parking will be allowed on the side streets, not on Main Street.  
**Liability:** Vendor may not hold Sherman County Development Inc, any of its committee or board members, its agent(s), the City of Stratford, or Sherman County responsible in case of personal injury or damage to items on exhibit or in their possession.

Call SCDC Director Kathy Allen at 806-366-2897 or 753-6897 for additional information.

Make all checks payable to Sherman County Development Inc.  
 Mail form with payment to: SCDC  
 PO Box 652  
 Stratford, TX 79084

Or drop off the form with payment at the SCDC Office @ 301 N. Main St.

**SCDC BLOCK PARTY**

**Vendor Application**

NAME OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 VENDOR CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are you selling in your booth?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

PAID: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**July 28, 2012 - Stratford, TX  
 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Coldwater Creek BBQ Cook-Off**

\$100 per team\* – Meat will be furnished.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 p.m. Check in & set up  
 1:45 p.m. Head Cooks Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Turn in 4 Hamburgers to Judges  
 6:35 p.m. Turn in 6 Ribs to Judges  
 7:15 p.m. Awards announced

\*Team consists of 1 head cook & up to 3 helpers. Water is available, no electricity but you can bring your own generator if needed. Cook-off will be over before dark. Each team will be responsible for cooking 30 burgers & 3 sides of ribs to be sold to the public. *All meat will be furnished.*

For more information contact –  
 Sherman County Development  
 806/366-2897 or 806/753-6897  
 Email: [scdc@xit.net](mailto:scdc@xit.net)

**STRATFORD JAMBOREE & SCDC BLOCK PARTY**

**WELCOME!!** to you and your business and thank you for participating in the SCDC Block Party, part of the Stratford Jamboree Celebration. The Jamboree is the most important annual event in our community. Held during the last weekend of July every year, the Jamboree attracts lots of people. Class reunions are scheduled during this weekend so many ex-students who no longer live here can come back to see old friends and family and enjoy all the fun!

The schedule for Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> looks like this:

11:00 a.m.	Parade on Main Street – <b>"Show Your American Pride!"</b>
11:30 a.m.	BBQ @ the Park (following the parade) <i>Includes Invocation &amp; Star Spangled Banner</i>
12 Noon	Kids Games @ the Park
1:00 p.m.	Cookers: Check-in time
1:30-4 p.m.	Quilt Show @ SCOT - \$5 admission
2:00 p.m.	Depot Museum & Schools open for visitors
4:00 p.m.	Main St. will be blocked off for activities <b>**Please park on the side streets after this time.</b>
6:00 p.m.	Ex-Students Social @ Imagination Station on Main St.
6-6:35 p.m.	Cookers: Turn in burgers & ribs for judging
7:00 p.m.	Block Party
7:15 p.m.	Cook-off Awards Announced
8:30-11:30 p.m.	Street Dance featuring Agave Posse from Amarillo

**So, once again - Welcome to the 2012 Stratford Jamboree -**  
**PARADE LIONS CLUB BBQ @ NOON QUILT SHOW**  
**COLDWATER CREEK COOK-OFF BLOCK PARTY**  
**STREET DANCE VENDORS' BOOTHS**

Sincerely,

Kathy Allen, Director 806.753.6897 (cell)  
 Sherman County Development Inc  
 PO Box 652  
 Stratford, Texas 79084

**RED, WHITE & BLUE JAMBOREE BANNERS**



The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept will be hanging the patriotic banners this year. Sherman County Development will help out by taking the orders for the banners. Businesses can call the SCDC office at 366-2897 to reserve your banner. **ALL** proceeds will go to the Fire Dept. Banners will go up before July 23<sup>rd</sup> and come down the week after the Jamboree.