

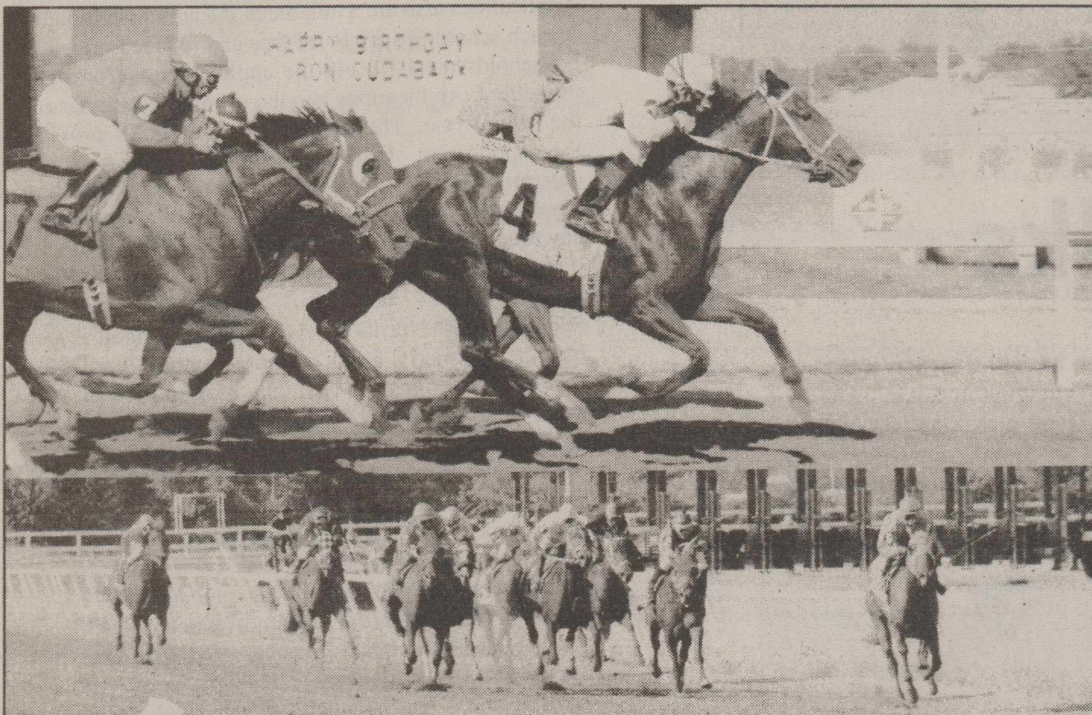
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**ITCHE RULES**  
OWNER: ORVILLE J. LANE  
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JULY 31, 2011  
2ND SIPHONIC BLURR  
PURSE \$3,500  
TRAINER: MEREL MOORE  
\$6.40 \$3.40 \$2.20  
3RD SENIORITA STARZ  
**MAIDEN/CLAIMING 6 FURLONGS 1:17.3**



## Jay Lane finally wins a race

Editor's note: This is exactly what he told me to put on this picture.

### FSA Administrator to Tour Areas of Texas Struck by Worst Drought in State History

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 10, 2011 - Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson traveled to Texas today to tour areas of the southern parts of the state devastated by drought and wildfires. Nelson said that USDA would continue to work to deliver assistance to those impacted by drought and encouraged producers to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office. Nelson also highlighted an announcement made earlier this week that will offer additional flexibility in the Conservation Reserve Program to assist producers struggling from drought.

"Our top priority is to make sure that all farmers and ranchers know that we are here for them and that FSA provides programs to help them through one of the worst disasters in this state's history," said Nelson.

Nelson was escorted by Texas State Executive Director and acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs Juan Garcia.

"As a native Texan, I have experienced extremely high temperatures and relatively dry conditions, but never anything of this magnitude," Garcia said. "I have no doubt that with help, Texas producers will bounce back and continue to be one of the driving forces in American agriculture."

In June, the drought - which has plagued the state since January - caused Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to name 213 counties in Texas as primary natural disaster areas. In an effort to further help producers, Vilsack relaxed rules governing the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) earlier this week by extending the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction. Generally, land enrolled in CRP cannot be used for grazing unless special circumstances warrant the land to be opened for that purpose. Texas, along with Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma has been approved for emergency grazing. So far this year, producers nationwide have received \$693 million in indemnity payments to help recover from disasters, including more than \$520 million to those affected by drought. Additional assistance for livestock producers affected by the drought comes from the Livestock Forage Program which has already provided over \$50 million in Texas. This timely assistance helps ranchers purchase feed for their livestock when they need it most.

FSA administers several important programs that help producers recover from disaster damage and livestock deaths. Among the key programs available to address impacts from disasters are the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program.

USDA will continue to work with state and local officials, as well as federal partners to ensure that producers have the necessary resources to recover from these challenges.

Fact sheets for all FSA programs can be found at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov); click on Newsroom, then Fact Sheets. To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

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## Flag Returns to Murdock School

The last day of school was May 19, 1950 the last day the students said the Pledge of Allegiance to a Flag that would be placed in a paint can and hid from sound and light for 60 years. With respect of the flag someone took the time to clean the can before placing the properly folded flag in a quiet dark library (known to the students as the book room).

The Flag stayed hid until 2010 when out of curiosity someone found the can and wonder why the paint can was so clean. Why and who would clean a paint can when doing so was quite a chore, someone wanted to hide or preserve something. After opening the can part of the question was answered, but who would have placed the flag in the can, perhaps Evelyn Barker the last teacher? Finding the flag was quite a treasure, but we will never know who honored the flag enough to preserve it in a can with an air tight lid.

According to the Texas Teacher's Daily Register 1949-1950, the last students to see the Flag was Leon Eden, Billy Sanderson, Ronnie Outhier, Billy Bob Armstrong, Henry Purnell, Lynda Brewster, Joan Foid, Linda Taylor, Sue Martin, Mary Janice Boren, Mary Alice Davis, Patricia Armstrong and Betty Sanderson.

After finding the Flag the students and/or students family was approached, giving them the opportunity to pay for having the Flag archived. The joy they had of the Flag being found and the opportunity to save the old Flag was just over whelming, the money for the archiving came in quickly. The Flag journeyed to Amarillo for archiving in April of 2011 and will return to the school on the 19th of August, Roylynn Evans with the Colony will deliver the Flag and prepare the wall for the Flag.

On Saturday, August 20 at 1 P.M. there will be a dedication ceremony to bring the Flag back into the School. Howard Norvell, Green Post 262 of the American Legion will dedicate the Flag to the School, Mary Crabtree Olson will accept the Flag in behalf of the Murdock School.

Everyone is welcome to attend this extraordinary ceremony for Old Glory. A short history lesson about the world in 1950 that will of interest to the children and teens. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

## Circle of Friends August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

The Sherman County Circle of Friends will be held on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is fast approaching. Couples Scotch Scramble-Tea times are 9:00 a.m. and 2 P.M. For more information on this event call Tiffany Hudson at 922-2002 or Richard Chumley at 915-227-0194. The Circle of Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide cancer patients and their families' financial assistance in times of crisis, and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research.

Only 18 weeks until Christmas, only 130 Mondays, 3120 hours or 187,200 minutes.

(Gosh, I hope I figured that right) Oh well. Christmas will be here before we know it is what I am trying to say.

I have notice that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them. -E.L. Lucas

### Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would be happy to mail you one by calling Penny at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. For previous card holders, there is no need to renew each year as "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. **Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Seating Section at the stadium, those tickets must be purchased in advance for the season.**

### Public Notice

A message from the City of Stratford

We are all proud of our brand new Main Street and we want to definitely keep it looking great for a long time. This notice is to let you know that when signs are taped on the new, metal light poles it leaves adhesive residue that damages the paint therefore causing increased deterioration of the poles. Considering this, posting signs on Main Street light poles is prohibited, effective immediately. All signs posted on the new Main Street poles will be immediately removed. Please work with us on maintaining our brand new Main Street and keeping it looking nice for a very long time by not posting signs on the new light poles.

### Season Football Tickets on Sale Now

Season Football tickets go on sale Monday, August 8, 2011 in the office of the Superintendent. There are five (5) home games this year. The first home game is Friday, August 26, 2011 against Bushland. Cost of seats for District 1-A for the season:

Adults-\$20.00, Child/Student-\$10.00

If you plan to keep or give up your seat please call Penny (366-3305) as soon as possible as there is a waiting list. Office hours are Mon-Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go Elks!!

### Public Notice

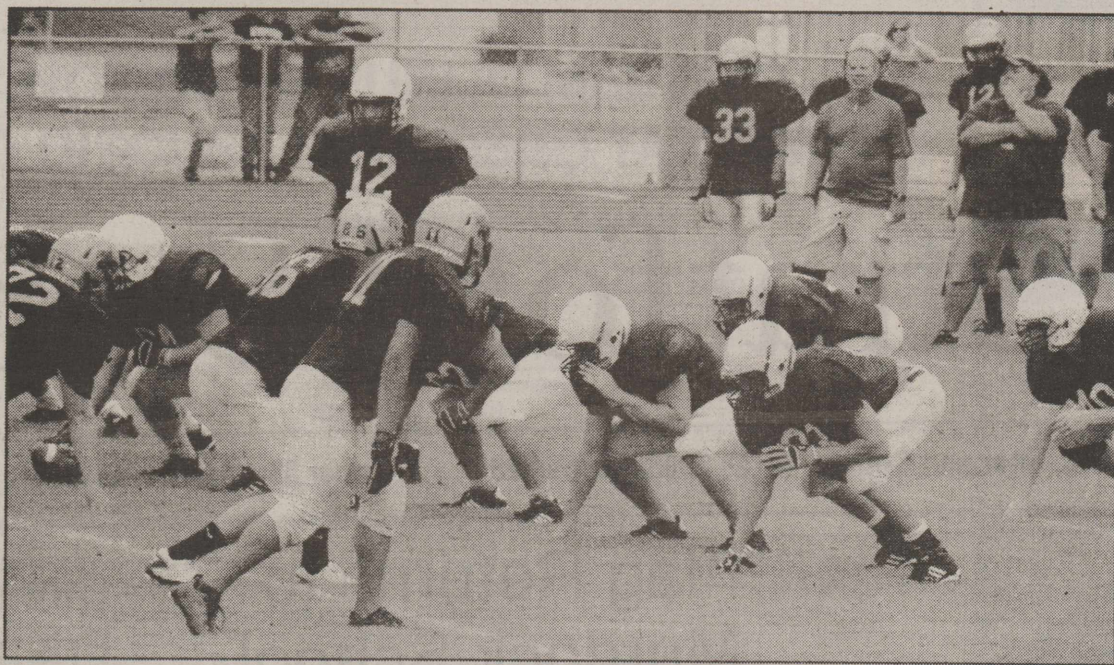
The City Council of the City of Stratford would like to announce that the old bricks taken off Main Street from the City's recent Main Street Revitalization Project are now for sale. The sale is for a limited time. Please call City Hall at (806) 366-5582 or come by for more details.

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Stratford Star  
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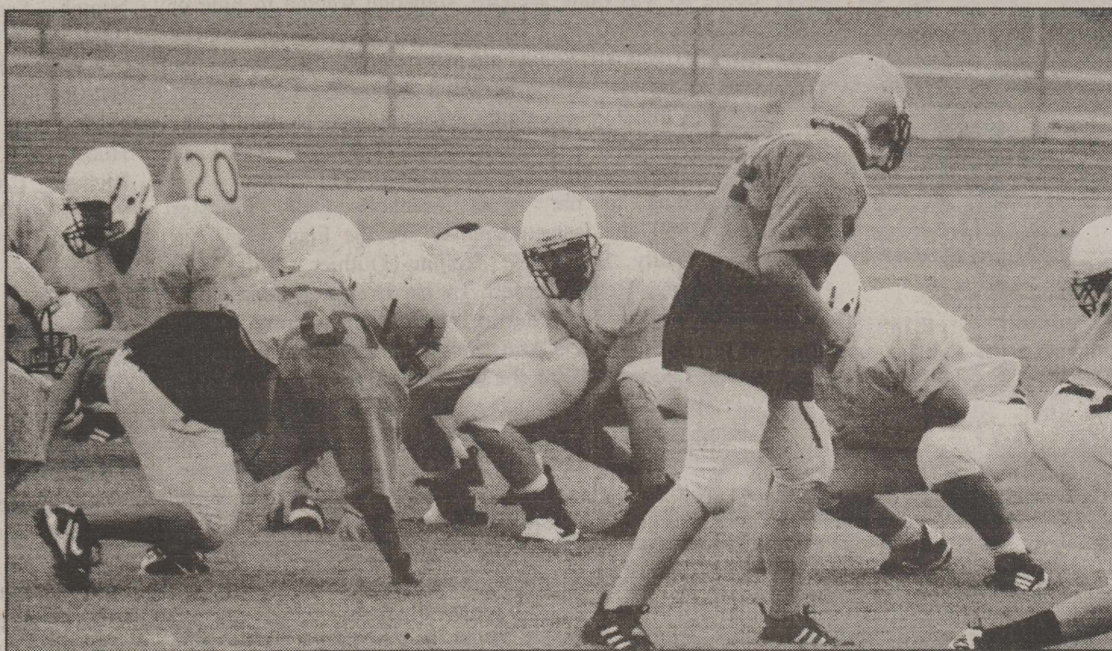
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## Go Stratford Elks

The Stratford Elks had a scrimmage on Saturday morning, August 13, 2011 in Stratford with Dalhart. They will have another scrimmage Friday also here against Wellington at 5 p.m. The first football game is Friday August 26 against Bushland here at 7:30 p.m. Good luck Elks!! JV will also play Bushland on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck to all!



### Time nears to update brand registrations

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is reminding ranchers that brand registration opens Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration in the county or counties where a producer operates is required by state law. The association maintains a database of the brands to aid in recovering stolen cattle and arresting thieves.

Help with the process is available at [www.tscrabrands.com](http://www.tscrabrands.com), by providing paperwork and information in coordinating with all county clerk offices.

Stratford ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Each school or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Students from households whose income is at or below the eligibility guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster student is based on the student's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the administration office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly Food Stamps)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and SNAP or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a SNAP/TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None," "No Number," or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Lanette Nordyke will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Jerry Birdsong, Superintendent, Stratford ISD.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the level in the eligibility guideline.

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### From the desk of Chief Powell



Stratford Police Department Website: - [WWW.STRAFORDPD.COM](http://WWW.STRAFORDPD.COM)

**CHILD FIND** - Click here to get information on how to have a free child ID card created for your child or children by the Stratford Police

**EXPLORERS** - Click here to learn about the Police Explorer program we are putting together COATS - Click here to learn about how to give or receive a coat for Christmas this year

**ACCE UNIT** - Click here to learn report loose animals, animal abuse, unsightly conditions, or any other ordinance violations we can help correct

**CRIME STATS** - Click here to see the monthly statistics of crimes, citations issued etc. for each month. This is updated at the end of each month and dates back to Feb 2011

**QUALIFICATIONS** - Click here to see pictures of the 2011 range qualifications

**PICS & VIDS** - Click here for Easter 2011 video and other fun pics!!

Please visit our site and keep up with the activities going on within YOUR Police Department!!

By the way, if you missed the 2011 Stratford Country Club fund raiser, you missed a fun time!! I would just like to say it was well put together and what a great group of people!!

Have a great week and please remember, my door is always open for comments & suggestions.

Chief Joe Powell

Accolade Home Care is providing a blood pressure clinic in Elk Pharmacy, the first Monday of every month. Clinics will begin at 3 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 806-934-2000. Please visit us at [accoladehomecare.com](http://accoladehomecare.com) for more information or for up coming events.

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## S.C.O.T. Hall Scuttle

BY: Cindy Jackson

Hotter than blue blazes, Hotter than you know where. I think we have used about every way there is to describe how hot it's been. How about, hotter than a frying pan? Does anyone remember the old TV show "The Twilight Zone"? I remember seeing an episode, where the city was deserted looking and everything had come to a standstill. It was sunny, a beautiful looking day at first but in reality it was over 110 degrees. For days, months, years this heat wave had continued. It looked like nothing was alive but if you took a closer look you could see just a hint of life. People, locked in their homes with the doors and windows covered to try and keep out the scorching heat. People were scared. What was going to happen next, how long could this heat go on? I can't remember how this episode ended. I'm sure it ended in some strange way but it gave you something to think about. Like some of the creatures of the past, we will learn to adapt. I know now, that when a wise person tells you something, listen. Now that I'm old, I not only listen I write it down. A word to the young. When a wise person knocks, let them in.

Hosts for August: Marty Bain, Jack Gore, Mary & J.E. Brannan, Karen Perrin and Cindy Jackson  
Birthday Hostess for August: Lynn Wells  
August 18, 2011- 2 p.m. Birthday Party/3 p.m. Bingo  
August 23, 2011- S.C.O.T. Hall Board Meeting 5 p.m.  
August 25, 2011- Noon Luncheon



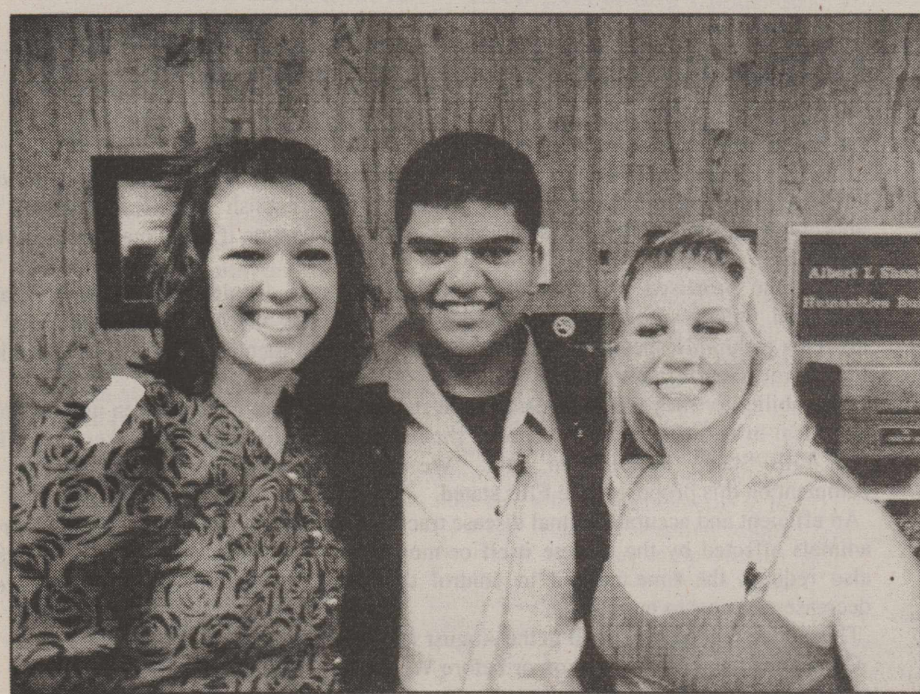
**Ed & Wanda Horsford**  
are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary  
They were married on August 26, 1951 in  
Cotton Center. We (their children) would love  
for you to honor them by sending them a card.

Please send cards to:

Lance Horsford

Box 1041 - Stratford, TX 79084

They will be celebrating an evening out with their children and grandchildren.



## Stratford Youth Perform in Liberal

Three Stratford High School students performed in "Footloose, the Musical" at Seward County Community College on July 30<sup>th</sup> in Liberal, KS. The performance was the culmination of a week's hard work at Broadway Academy of Performing (aka BAP). Shown at left are Mary Ann Spurlock, Victor Castro and Shyanne Acker who did a super job and we are so glad they represented Stratford so well.

## Attention to all subscribers!!

Effective immediately The Stratford Star will no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. **I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month.** If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$30.00 and out of the area \$37.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. Due to the rising cost of postage, etc. we feel this is the best solution for us at this time. Thanking you in advance.

Marty

## FAMILY

### Throw a Birthday Party On a Budget

NewsUSA  
(NU) - A birthday celebration can be anything from a quiet dinner to an extravaganza with party hats, games and noisemakers - and you can pull off either one even if you are on a budget. Here are some tips:

- **Set a budget.** Before you do anything else, set a budget for food, drinks, decorations and other party-related costs. To avoid buying more than you need, confirm your guest list. If you don't want guests to spend a lot on gifts, write a suggested spending limit on your invitations.

- **Find affordable gifts.** Retailers like Dollar General (www.DollarGeneral.com) offer many gift choices for both children and adults. Many children's toys are priced under \$10, and birthday cards are always two for \$1.

- **Let them eat cake.** Saving room for dessert is never more important than when you're at a birthday party. Stock up on an assortment of options, including cake mixes, pie crusts, fruit fillings, ice cream, cake decorations and more at a discounter such as Dollar General. That way, you're prepared to create the perfect dessert (or two).

## Beauty

(NU) - When it comes to healthier skin, flower power isn't such a ridiculous idea. Habercia rhodopensis, a rare Resurrection Flower, might be the key to smoother, younger-looking skin.

One company, Kiehl's, has added a high concentration of the Resurrection Flower to a new advanced anti-aging cream. Called "Rosa Arctica Youth Regenerating Cream," its active complex has been shown to increase cell vitality and protect skin cells from future aging in-vitro.

For more information, visit [www.kiehls.com](http://www.kiehls.com).

## 2011 Stratford Elk Football Schedules

Varsity				
Aug. 13	Dalhart (scrimmage)	Here		10:00
Aug. 19	Wellington (scrimmage)	Here		5:00
Aug. 26	Bushland	Here		7:30
Sept. 2	Friona	There		7:30
Sept. 9	Sanford-Fritch	Here		7:30
Sept. 16	Texhoma (Homecoming)	Here		7:30
Sept. 23	OPEN			
Sept. 30	Perryton	There		7:30
Oct. 7	OPEN			
Oct. 14	Boys Ranch	There		7:30
Oct. 21	Canadian	Here		7:30
Oct. 28	Sunray	There		7:30
Nov. 4	West Texas	Here		7:30
Sub-Varsity				
Aug. 25	Bushland	JV	Here	6:30
Sept. 1	Friona	JV	Canyon	6:30
Sept. 8	Sanford-Fritch	7,8,JV	There	5:00
Sept. 15	Spearman	7,8,JV	There	5:00
Sept. 22				
Sept. 29	Perryton	JV	Here	7:30
	West Texas	7,8	Here	5:00
Oct. 6	Panhandle	7,8,JV	There	5:00
Oct. 13	Boys Ranch	7,8,JV	Here	5:00
Oct. 20	Canadian	7	Here	5:00
	Canadian	8,JV	There	5:00
Oct. 27	Sunray	7,8,JV	Here	5:00
Nov. 3	West Texas	7,8,JV	There	5:00

Stratford Hospital District

**Elk Pharmacy**  
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
366-5505  
Angie Hipp, RPh

**Stratford Family Medical Clinic**  
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
396-5583  
Tommy Brian, ANP

**Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility**  
396-5568  
Karl Punch, LNFA

**Stratford EMS**  
9-1-1 or 396-2844  
Jimmy Lanning, Director

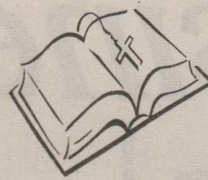
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# First Baptist Church

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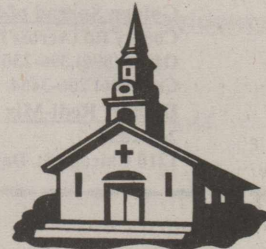
# REVIVAL

Aug.  
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"Y'all Come"

**Bruce Edwards**  
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**Brian Taylor**  
Worship Leader



## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

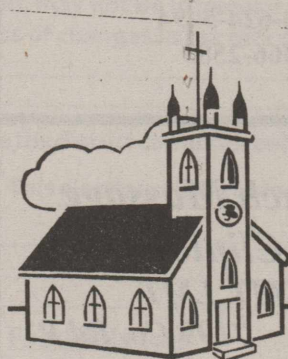
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
Pastor Gary Smith  
5<sup>th</sup> & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. David Terry  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m.  
Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 9:30 (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ** Brad Beckett  
N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.



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Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
Pastor Jason Stone  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee-8:30  
Sunday School-9:30  
Worship Service-10:30  
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

**La Mision Bautista**  
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401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
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Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
Sussinos Durante El Servicio

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Asambleas De Dios  
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela-  
806-366-3071  
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.-12 noon  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

**Kerrick Community**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
10 a.m. Worship Service

## CASA 69 Recruiting Volunteers

Picture yourself making the difference in the life of a child. Child abuse is an epidemic in the state of Texas. Last year 66,817 children were confirmed as victims of abuse and neglect in Texas, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. CASA 69 served over 40 children this past year who were the victims of child abuse or neglect. We have seen a steady increase in the number of child abuse cases in the last few weeks. We want to make sure all children coming into the foster care system have a well-trained CASA volunteer to speak up on their behalf.

CASA 69 is now recruiting community volunteers who can advocate in the court system for abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to guide one child or one set of siblings through the system to safe permanent homes as quickly as possible. CASA volunteers are everyday people — teachers, business people, retirees, stay-at-home moms, and grandparents — who are committed to making a difference for children who might otherwise slip through the cracks in our overburdened foster care system.

CASA volunteers research case records and speak to each person involved in a child's life, including family members, teachers, doctors, lawyers, and social workers. They monitor the progress of the child and family throughout the case and advocate for the child's current and future needs in court, in school, and in agency meetings. Their independent evaluations allow the court to make better informed decisions.

Because CASA volunteers serve on one case at a time, they truly get to know the child and can give each case the sustained, personal attention it deserves. There is a high caseload and a high turnover rate among CPS caseworkers. These state employees are hardworking and play a crucial role, but too many children have multiple caseworkers and are one of many on a case load. In this situation, the work of a CASA becomes even more important. These dedicated and caring volunteers are often the most stable adult influence during a child's time in the foster care system. For more details visit [www.BecomeACASA.org](http://www.BecomeACASA.org)

As school classes begin for children this month, we hope you will consider taking classes that could enrich your life, making you a better prepared to help someone else, especially a vulnerable child. New Advocate Training Classes will begin August 29<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview United Methodist Church, Dalhart, TX. Please contact the CASA office TODAY to start the application process— 244-2684 or 934-4417 or [casa69axit.net](http://casa69axit.net).

### Support Stratford With The NEW 2011 Spirit Shirts!



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### Agave Carrot Muffins

Makes 30 muffins

- 1 cup Domino Organic Amber Agave Nectar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup canola oil
- 3 cups shredded fresh carrots
- 2 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Prepare three 12-cup muffin pans with liners. In a large bowl, combine agave, eggs and oil; beat well. Stir in carrots. In separate bowl, combine dry ingredients. Blend in batter. Pour into prepared pans. Fill cups only halfway to ensure proper baking. Bake 22-25 minutes until the center of the muffin springs back when lightly touched.

**Free Recipes And Advice**  
You can discover useful baking tips plus delicious recipes using agave nectar at [www.dominoagave.com](http://www.dominoagave.com).

## USDA Seeks Comments on Animal Disease Traceability Proposed Rule

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a proposed rule on August 11 to establish general regulations for improving the traceability of U.S. livestock moving interstate if an animal disease event takes place.

Under the proposed rule, livestock moving interstate would have to be officially identified unless specifically exempted. The proposed rule encourages the use of low-cost technology in species approved forms of official identification for each species, such as metal ear tags for cattle.

"The ability to track where diseased or at risk animals have gone or been moved from, is critical in ensuring a rapid response should an animal disease event take place," Dr. Dee Ellis State Veterinarian, said. "We encourage all interested stakeholders to comment on this proposed rule Ellis stated.

An efficient and accurate animal disease traceability system helps reduce the number of animals affected by the disease itself or movement restrictions. A traceability system also reduces the time needed to control the spread of the disease and ultimately decreases the cost to producers.

This notice will be published in the August 11 *Federal Register*.

Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, November 9. Comments may be submitted by the following methods:

**Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to [www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0091](http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0091) to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

**Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS 2009-0091, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0091.

For more information regarding the proposed animal traceability rule visit <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/2011/08/pdf/OAtraceabilityVS.pdf> or for general information about USDA-APHIS visit [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

# Business Directory



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### Stratford Grain Company

Stratford 396-5541  
Lautz 769-4485



4 North Main

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Cell 806-290-3655  
9-5 M-F-Sat. by appt

### Joe Taylor, Photography

PO Box 27  
1305 N. Chestnut



Stratford, TX 79084  
806-366-2459

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### Vincent Insurance Agency

Sabrina Melton  
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Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512  
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Stratford, TX 79084  
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# Food Safety

## HELPFUL HINTS FROM EXPERTS

### Bring On The Barbecue But Remember Food Safety

(NAPS)—Whatever you serve up at your next barbecue, don't add a side of bacteria. To help prevent harmful bacteria from multiplying and causing foodborne illness, follow these tips from the USDA:

**From the Store:** When shopping, buy cold food such as meat and poultry last, right before checkout. Separate raw meat and poultry from other food in your shopping cart. To guard against cross-contamination, put packages of raw meat and poultry into plastic bags. Drive directly home and refrigerate perishable food within two hours, one hour if the temperature is above 90° F.

**Thaw Safely:** Use the refrigerator for slow, safe thawing or thaw sealed packages in cold water. You can thaw food in the microwave just before putting it on the grill.

**Marinating:** A marinade is a savory, acidic sauce in which a food is soaked to enrich its flavor or to tenderize it. Marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. Poultry and cubed meat or stew meat can be marinated up to two days. Beef, veal, pork and lamb roasts, chops and steaks may be marinated up to five days.

If the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked food, reserve a portion before putting raw meat or poultry in it. If the marinade used on raw meat or poultry is to be reused, boil it first.

**Transporting:** When taking food to another location, keep it cold to minimize bacterial growth. Use an insulated cooler with sufficient ice or ice packs to keep the food at 40° F or below.



Before grilling, completely thaw meat and poultry so it cooks more evenly.

**Keep Cold Food Cold:** Keep meat and poultry refrigerated until ready to use. When using a cooler, keep it out of the sun and avoid opening the lid too often.

**Keep Everything Clean:** To prevent foodborne illness, don't use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry. Harmful bacteria present in raw meat and poultry and their juices can contaminate safely cooked food. Bring water for preparation and cleaning. Or pack clean cloths and moist towelettes for cleaning surfaces and hands.

**Precooking:** Precooking food partially in the microwave, oven or stove is a good way to reduce grill time. Make sure that the food goes immediately on the preheated grill to complete cooking.

**Cook Thoroughly:** Meat and poultry that are cooked on a grill often brown very fast on the outside. Use a food thermometer to be sure the food has reached a safe minimum internal temperature. For more tips, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/barbecue\\_food\\_safety/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/barbecue_food_safety/index.asp).

### Pointers For Parents

#### Raising Water-Wise Kids

(NAPS)—As temperatures soar, saving water, money and the environment can be child's play with these easy tips for you and your kids:

##### Inspire The Desire For Conservation

You can easily show your whole family why saving water is so important!

- Visit a lake or the ocean—a key fact to share is that 97 percent of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2 percent is locked in ice caps and glaciers. So that leaves just 1 percent for all living creatures, including plants, animals and people.

- Find a role model. He's appeared as a master of the seven seas and an unlikely sheriff of a parched desert town, so actor Johnny Depp may be able to inspire your kids to think a little more about water conservation. His latest movie, "Rango," is about a sheltered chameleon who stumbles into a dusty town called Dirt that's short on water and long on villains. A hilarious take on classic Westerns that's fun for kids and adults alike, "Rango" is now available on Blu-ray and DVD and will get kids laughing while showing them the importance of water conservation and that anyone can make a positive difference.

- You can also take the family on a trip to an aquarium or zoo and ask the keepers about water's importance to the animals. (And don't forget to visit the chameleons so you can see a real "Rango.")

Here are some tips for your kids on saving water:

##### Save Water Indoors

- Take a short shower rather than a bath, which generally uses more water. A cool shower on a hot day feels great.

- Think before you flush. Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.



Kids can learn to appreciate water after watching the DVD of "Rango," about a chameleon who wants to be a hero in a dusty Western town.

The fewer times you flush, the more water you save.

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Plus, try catching all the water that goes down the drain for a day in a bucket—you'll see it's a lot!

- Tell Mom or Dad about any leaky faucets—one leaky faucet can waste a lot of water.

- If you have an aquarium, reuse the water for houseplants.

##### Save Water Outdoors

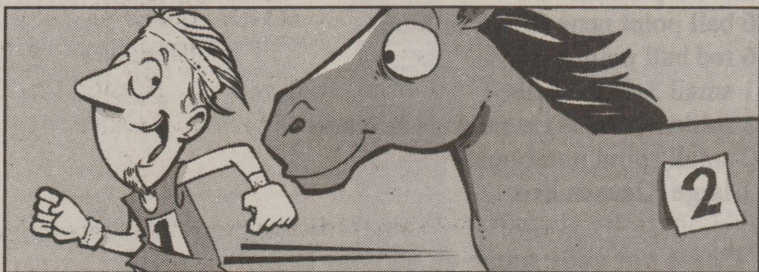
- Use the hose where it's needed. If you're going to play with the hose to cool off, turn it on in a part of the yard that can use some watering.

- Help your parents water the lawn or garden at night or early in the morning. This is the best way to prevent evaporation (that's when water disappears into the air).

- Use a bucket and a hose with a nozzle when you wash your bicycle or your parents' car. Better yet, use the water you saved when you brushed your teeth.

- Don't forget that every drop counts; use a broom to sweep the driveway or sidewalk, not precious water.

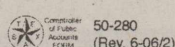
Discover more about this movie at [www.rangomovie.com](http://www.rangomovie.com).



In Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales, every year, a race is held between a man and a horse. The event dates from 1980, when a local pub landlord overheard a conversation about how a man could beat a horse over a long distance.

Baseball is a slow, sluggish game, with frequent and trivial interruptions, offering the spectator many opportunities to reflect at leisure upon the situation on the field: This is what a fan loves most about the game.

—Edward Abbey



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 AM August 30, 2011 in High School Library - 503 N 8th Street Stratford, TX.

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

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	\$ 1.04 / \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ .048528 / \$100	(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

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

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	0	% increase	or	4	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0	% increase	or	5.61	% (decrease)

### 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	\$ 572,973,774	\$ 677,259,609
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 3,892,110	\$ 2,020,380
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 482,452,792	\$ 454,896,352
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 3,892,110	\$ 2,020,380

\* "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\* \$ 877,000

\* 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	\$ .05052 *	\$ 1.09052	\$ 9.387	\$ 2.478
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.07851	\$ .04917 *	\$ 1.12768	\$ 9.334	\$ 2.977
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ .04853 *	\$ 1.08853	\$ 8.968	\$ 2.579

\* 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	\$ 61,620	\$ 63,197
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 46,529	\$ 48,197
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.090522	\$ 1.08853
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 508.40	\$ 524.63
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 16.23

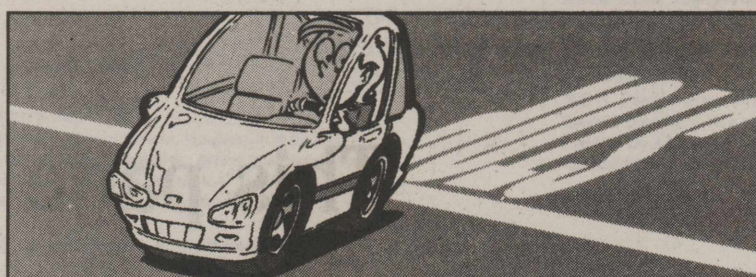
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year 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 1.08853. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.08853.

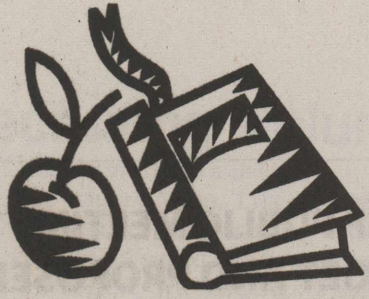
### Fund Balances

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)	\$ 2,381,978
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,757



If a car is traveling at 55 miles per hour it will travel 56 feet before the average driver can shift his foot from the accelerator to the brake.



**STRATFORD ISD**  
**-MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY-**  
**SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2011-2012**

**THINGS WITH HIS/HER NAME!**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

- 1 BOX OF KLEENEX
- 1 BACK PACK
- 1 BOTTLE OF GLUE
- 2 BOXS LRG SIZE CRAYOLA CRAYONS

**KINDERGARTEN**

- 20 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
- 2 BOXS OF KLEENEX
- 6 LG GLUE STICKS or 12 SML GLUE STICKS
- 2 BOXS OF 24 CRAYONS
- 1 PAIR OF FISKAR SCISSORS
- 1 SML SCHOOL BX (NO ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG)
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 1 BOX BASIC WASHABLE MARKERS
- 1 REST MAT (NO BLANKETS, EXERCISE MATS, OR SLEEPING BAGS)

**FIRST GRADE**

- 24 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
- 2 BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS (NO FLUORESCENT)
- 1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 1 PAIR POINTED SCISSORS
- 1 BIG ERASER
- 2 LRG BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 4 LRG GLUE STICKS- (NO PURPLE GLUE)
- **NO PENCIL SHARPENERS**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDS**

**SECOND GRADE**

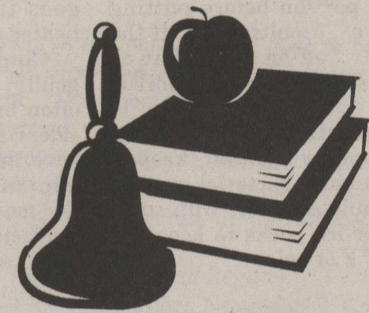
- 2 LRG ZIPPERED PENCIL BAGS
- 2 BOXES OF 24 COUNT CRAYONS
- 2 LRG BOXES OF KLEENEXS
- 1 PAIR OF SCISSORS
- 20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 1 LRG PACKAGE OF RED PENS
- 2 WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 3 GLUE STICKS
- 2 ROLLS OF PAPER TOWELS

**THIRD GRADE**

- 2 BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS
- 20 #2 PENCILS
- 1 BOX MAP COLOR PENCILS (12 COUNT)
- 2 LRG BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 1 PAIR SCISSORS
- 1 POCKET FOLDER- NO BRADS
- 2 GLUE STICKS
- 1 ERASER
- 2 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (60-100 PAGES)
- ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG
- 1 ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS
- **NO BINDERS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS**

**FOURTH GRADE**

- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (1SUBJECT)
- 1 PKG 12 COLORED PENCILS
- 3 BOXES OF LARGE KLEENEX
- 20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 1 PAIR SCISSORS
- 5 PKGS NOTEBOOK PAPER (NOT COLLEGE RULE)
- 1-2 POCKET FOLDER
- **NO TRAPPER KEEPERS**



**Stratford Junior High School**  
**Supply List**  
**2011-2012**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- pencils
- red pens
- erasable blue or black pens
- colored pencils
- zippered pencil bag
- 1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)
- 1 pocket folder (Math)
- 2 (1-1/2) inch binders (Science and Reading)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex

If you buy stretchy book covers, use extra-large for Social Studies and Math

Please put your name on all your items

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- pencils
- red pens
- erasable blue or black pens
- colored pencils
- zippered pencil bag
- 1 large spiral- not perforated (Social Studies)
- 1 wide-ruled spiral (English)
- 1 pocket folder (Math)
- 2 (1 to 1 1/2-inch) binders (Science and Reading)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex

If you buy stretchy cloth book covers, use extra large for Social Studies and Math

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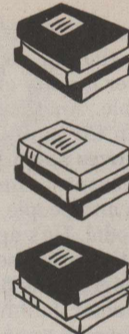
**7<sup>th</sup> grade**

- 1 pkg notebook paper
- 12-#2 pencils
- 6 ball point pens (black or blue)
- 6 red ball point pens
- 2 small spiral notebooks
- 1 large spiral notebook
- 2- 3-hole Folder w/brads & pockets
- 1 large Kleenex box

**8<sup>th</sup> grade**

- 1 pkg notebook paper
- 12- # 2 pencils
- 6 ball point pens (black or blue)
- 6 red ball point pens
- 1 small 3-ring binder
- 3 folder (3 holes) w/pockets & brads
- 2 small spiral notebooks
- 1 large Kleenex box

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Nice and close to schools, 2BR, 1 bath apartment. Furnished with refrigerator, and stove, Central H/A. Has stackable W/D hookups. Call 806-244-3418. 7-28-tfn---

## Houses for Sale

House for Sale-3 BR, 1 1/2 Bath, new kitchen, new roof, new windows & flooring. Near schools-1306 Putnam call 806-769-4464 3-24-tfn-

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## For Sale

For Sale: 1991 Buick Park Avenue Ultra. 73,698 actual miles. All options, leather interior, moon roof, cold air, full sized new spare with new wheel. \$3,000.00. Call 753-6334 or 366-7540. 8-4-8-11 2 x's

For Sale: Model 2000 year, Sunny Brook Mobile Scout-Year 2000 Travel Trailer & Fifth Wheel, furnace 31,000 BTU Forced Air, Thermostatic LP Gas Control, Air conditioner 13,500 Btu, Range hood 12 Vor110, Power vent, range-oven, refrigerator-royal large. Double door, TV Antenna, Water Heater, Smoke Alarm, LP Gas leak detector, awning, AM-FM Cassette Stereo, Microwave Oven, excellent condition. For sale: Chevy 2005 Duramax diesel 4 door, 93,000 miles, gray-tires 75% or better, DVD Player in back seat, very clean Highway miles, as a package deal or single Call Jack Vincent at 806-366-5388 or 570-3991. 8-11-tfn-

## Garage Sales

Garage Sale-1217 N. Chestnut, Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 5-9 p.m. Sat. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>-8 until 10 a.m. Lots of children's clothing and toys 8-18-c-

## House to give away

House to give away call 806-384-2125-Barbara Unruh or 806-753-4562 Tom Diller for more information. 8-25-p

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Stratford Hospital District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 8/24/2011 at 8:00 am at Coldwater Manor Board Room

The second public hearing will be held on 8/31/2011 at 8:00 am at Coldwater Manor Board Room

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: John Ashley, Janet Reinart, George Bonds  
AGAINST: Richard Chumley, D'Lynn Reed  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Stratford Hospital District last year was \$ 61,340 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$ .216022 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 132.51 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Stratford Hospital District this year is \$ 62,922 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ .231848 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 145.88 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ .250395 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 157.55 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families)  
brings you...

# "Back in Control"

## Parenting Workshop

Saturday, August 27, 2011

TIME: 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

PLACE: TPC Children's Services Building  
1500 S. Taylor Street  
Amarillo, Texas 79101

Must pre-register! Call 359-2005

Instructor: Janice James, MA, QMHP

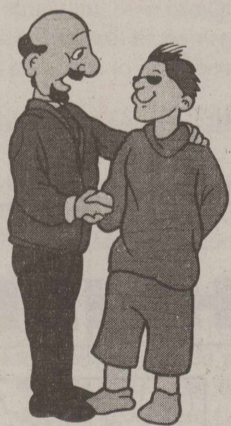
CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also  
(Must attend full class for certificate)

**NO CHARGE**

Seating is limited.

No Childcare is provided.

STAR is a TDFPS funded program of TPC



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(name of school district)  
will hold a public meeting at 3:30 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011  
(time, date, year)  
in THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, FIFTH AND DENVER,  
(name of room, building, physical location)  
TEXHOMA, 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	\$ 1.04	/ \$100	<small>(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)</small>
School Debt Service Tax			
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.154	/ \$100	<small>(Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)</small>

### 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	\$ 164,992,503	\$ 201,945,758
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$ 287,760	\$ 430,710
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$ 160,006,451	\$ 147,687,898
Total taxable value**** of new property***	\$ 287,960	\$ 430,710

\* 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 26.01(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 1,050,000

\* 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	\$ 0	\$ 1.04	\$ 12.522	\$ 5.420
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.11601	\$ 0.15404	\$ 1.27005	\$ 15.162	\$ 5.674
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.154	\$ 1.19400	\$ 13.822	\$ 5.010

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness or 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	\$ 52,946	\$ 54,460
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 37,946	\$ 39,460
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.19400
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 394.64	\$ 471.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ +76.51

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 \$1.19404  
(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 \$1.19404  
(the school district rollback rate)

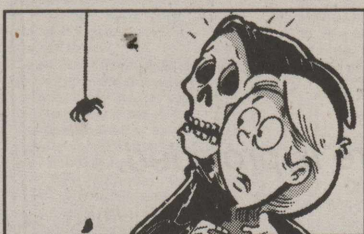
### Fund Balances

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)	\$ 700,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0



**Roquefort**—one of the oldest types of cheese in the world—was the emperor Charlemagne's favorite cheese.



On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.



**Artichokes** are actually flower buds.

### 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

## COMMUNITY WIDE TAILGATE PARTY AND DANCE

STRATFORD, TX  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
7:00 P.M. - ???  
JON ENGELBRECHT'S BARN  
(Barn West of Moore's Food Pride)

**\$15.00**  
Per Person  
school age and over  
Includes food  
and dance

Music Provided by  
Agave Posse Band



THIS EVENT IS A  
FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
SHERMAN COUNTY  
LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION  
SHERMAN COUNTY  
LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION  
IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Anyone interested  
in cooking needs to fill  
out application. For  
application or for more  
information call:  
Scotty - 786-3955 or  
Dinah 753-7053  
email: horsford@xit.net  
All applications due  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Stratford Community Tailgate Party and Dance  
Cook Application

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FOOD YOU WILL COOK: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT TIME YOU WILL NEED TO SET UP: \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE OF SPACE NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH PRIZE TO TOP 3 ENTRIES

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

SCOTTY WRIGHT  
P.O. BOX 1225  
STRATFORD, TEXAS 79084

806-786-3955

OR

EMAIL TO: [HORSFORD@XIT.NET](mailto:HORSFORD@XIT.NET)  
806-753-7053 (DINAH)

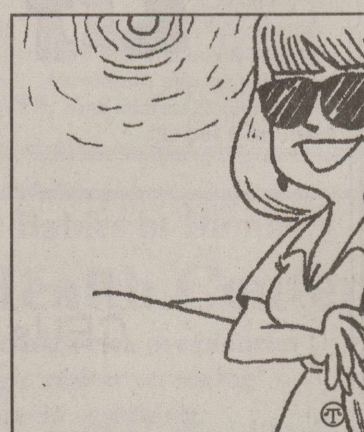


## HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—A recent survey by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners® found that close to 40 percent of women have experienced one or more of the potential symptoms of von Willebrand disease, but nearly half of them did not discuss the symptoms with a healthcare provider.

Supportive services from a health care company such as Interim HealthCare can help with bathing, preparing meals, shopping, companionship, transportation and light housework. Interim Health Care is one of the leading home care and medical staffing companies in the country. For more information, visit [www.interimhealthcare.com](http://www.interimhealthcare.com) as well as [www.independentlivingassessment.com](http://www.independentlivingassessment.com) to take a risk assessment test.

Eight out of 10 Americans don't eat enough colorful fruits and veggies. The NUTRILITE Health Institute recommends 10 servings a day from across a variety of colors.



In many cases, headache pain can be alleviated by specially trained neuromuscular dentists. Only 5 percent of the world's dentists are trained in neuromuscular dentistry, but they can be found. For more information and to locate a neuromuscular dentist, visit [www.leadingdentists.com](http://www.leadingdentists.com) or call (702) 341-7978.