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Shown above are Misti McBryde, Jennifer DeAnda and Clint Seward. Two of Stratford Campuses were recognized as Title I Distinguish Performance campuses. Story at right.

Distinguish Schools Info

1046 Distinguished Performance Texas Schools

The criteria for Distinguished Performance Schools in Texas include:

Title I, Part A campus in 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011;

Maintained a campus residing population of 40% or more low-income in 2010-2011;

Met AYP in 2009 and 2010;

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2010 of **Exemplary**;

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2009 of either Exemplary or **Recognized**;

and

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2008 of either Exemplary or **Recognized**.

148 Distinguished Progress Schools

The criteria for Distinguished Progress Schools in Texas include:

Title I, Part A campus in 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011;

Maintained a campus residing population of 40% or more low-income in 2010-2011;

Met AYP in 2009 and 2010;

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2010 of Exemplary;

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2009 of either Exemplary or **Recognized**;

and

Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2008 of either Academically **Unacceptable** or Academically **Acceptable**.

SWCDS in State District I to Elect TSSWCB Board Member

(TEMPLE—April 25, 2011) Soil and water conservation districts in State District One will elect a member to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) on Tuesday, May 3. The election will be held at 6 p.m. in Room 205 of the Pete & Nelda Laney Activities Center located on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. State District One consists of 51 counties within which there are 49 soil and water conservation districts in the Panhandle Plains region of Texas.

The current TSSWCB member for State District One is Aubrey Russell of Panhandle, TX. Russell, who has been a member of the TSSWCB since May, 2003, runs farming and ranching operations in Carson and Roberts Counties.

"Since its beginning, the TSSWCB has been governed by five board members. Each respective board member is elected in a convention type election by delegates from soil and water conservation district directors within the state district that the member resides. However, with the enactment of S.B. 1828 by the 78th Legislature, two Governor Appointees also serve on the TSSWCB to create a seven-member board," said Rex Isom, TSSWCB Executive Director.

"Elections occur annually to comply with the soil conservation laws of Texas. The elections are held in state district conventions and TSSWCB members serve two-year staggered terms. Since this is an odd numbered year, TSSWCB member elections are being held in State Districts One, Three, and Five," added Isom.

SWCDS in State District I to Elect Board Member—page 2

Elected State Board members must be 18 years of age or older, hold title to farmland or ranchland, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The gubernatorial appointees must be actively engaged in the business of farming, animal husbandry, or other business related to agriculture and wholly or partly own or leases land used in connection with that business. They, however, may not be a member of the board of directors of a conservation district.

The TSSWCB is responsible for numerous natural resource conservation efforts, the most prominent of which is serving as the lead state agency for the prevention, management, and abatement of nonpoint source pollution resulting from agricultural and forestry-related activities in Texas.

"In short, the services and programs provided by the TSSWCB target rural Texas farmers and ranchers through soil and water conservation districts, but the results of these services benefit all Texans. For example, soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance in cooperation with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist agricultural producers implement voluntary conservation plans that best address the capabilities of the land they operate," said Isom.

"In addition to on site soil and water conservation benefits to a farmer or rancher, the public enjoys residual benefits which includes wildlife enhancement as well as the prevention of sediment, pesticides, nutrients, bacteria and other contaminants from impairing Texas waters," added Isom.

The TSSWCB, which was organized in May 1939, has its state headquarters in Temple, Texas. Within the state there are 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Stratford Middle School Bands Present Spring Concert Next Thursday May 5

The Stratford 5th, 6th 7th, and 8th Grade Bands will present their annual Spring Concert in the school Gymnasium next Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The 5th Grade Band will begin the concert with four selections. The 6th grade band will perform next playing the two songs they were to perform at the Dalhart Music Festival and one other song. The 7th Grade Band will play the two songs they performed at the Highland Park Band Festival where they received Division I, Superior, ratings from the two judges in both Concert and Sight-reading competition. The 7th band will play one more selection on their own, then the 8th Grade Band will play the three selections that they performed at the UIL Contest in Canyon. The 8th grade band students played very well at this contest and received some of the highest ratings in their class — Conference C. On stage they received I, I, II ratings and in sight-reading they received I, I, I, ratings. This qualified them for the "Sweepstakes Award" — the highest award given to Junior High Bands by UIL. The combined 7th and 8th Grade Band will close the concert with 2 additional songs.

Please support these students with your attendance at the concert. Everyone is invited and there is no cost for admission.

Mr. Coons, Mr. Parham and all the band students want to thank the many parents who supported the band members with their attendance at the two contests. Also, thanks go to the Stratford ISD Administration team who also were well represented at each and every Band Contest throughout the year.



Advancing to Regional Track Meet

Advancing to the UIL Regional Track Meet in Levelland on Monday and Tuesday, May 2 and 3 are back row L/R: Michael Ortega, Casey Lantelme and Victor Acevedo. In front L/R: Kelsie Keener and Jackie Gonzalez. Congratulations and Good Luck!

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Red Hats

RED HATS will meet May 5th at 6 p.m. at Elk Junction.

The museum is in need of volunteers to set at museum 2 hours a month April through October. Call Kay 366-7679

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Imagine That

The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station Week of the Young Child exhibit "TEXAS" hosted 364 school students & 32 teachers, pre-K through 2nd grade. Schools represented Gruver, Stratford, Plainview/Griggs, Goodwell and Sunray. Nine busy volunteers presented programs in 4 stations: plants, animals, story, Six flags & Texas symbols. Presenters: Terri Teig, Lisa Moore, Jill Killian, Sonja Ragsdale, Cindy Jackson, Jeanne Bell, Laurie Spurlock, Le Rayne Donelson, Gaynelle Riffe.

Kayin Killian was the visiting Cowboy.

Those adding to the program displays and Material: Nita Bañard, Steve Pemberton, Carl Unlaub, Dumas Museum, Brad McBryde, Brady Bell, Richard Ragsdale, Texas Department of Transportation.

Transportation News

By Gaynelle Riffe

US 287 City Limits:

Completed: lighting, sidewalks, drainage, water line relocation

Tuesday April 26, start Phase 3 or RR crossing. Traffic will be moved to outside lanes to work on middle lanes.

US 287 Stratford to Kerrick :

Currently widening culverts 3 of 6 completed

Middle of May start Passing lane widening.

June start milling and Rehab of Driving Lanes

US 54 Stratford to Co Rd 6

April setting Barricade signs: May: start passing lane widening July-Aug: mill and Rehab from US 54/287 to FM 2677(Beaver Rd)

From the desk of Chief Powell

Well, what can I say? What an Easter in the park. We would like to thank all the parents and children who showed on Saturday and made our first annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park such a success. I would like to especially thank the citizens of Stratford who donated their time in preparing cookies, cupcakes etc. Water, juices, Easter baskets & eggs were donated and representatives from all emergency divisions showed up to offer assistance and show off their emergency rides!! The "Patriots" were out in full-force and were a great asset also. What can I say....we all had a really fun-time. We will plan to do this again in 2012.

On another note, there have been questions raised about the U-Turn signs posted on Main Street and it's time I address them. Quite simply, no U-Turn means just that. However, if you are in an intersection where there is no other traffic present, and you complete the turn without creating a hazardous situation, we will not issue citations for this.

Simply put, drive safely and with due regard for other vehicle operators around you. Issuing citations is part of our function, however, keeping everyone safe is our main concern.

Attn: The Stratford Police Department will be hosting an "Open-House" in the next week or so. Be watching the website and the Stratford Star for details. Come meet and greet our new officers and take a peek into our facility we are so very proud of.

Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

CALLING ALL QUILTERS---

SCOT Hall's annual Garden Tour is expanding to include a Quilt Show!!! This event will be held the morning of Saturday, July 9th at SCOT Hall.

SCOT would like to show case the talents of quilters in our community at this event. Anyone who would like to display a quilt (either one they made or have received) is encouraged to do so. So that adequate arrangements can be made for the display, persons interested in exhibiting quilts are asked to contact Susie Spurlock at 396-2864 or email lockspur@xit.net as soon as possible.

SCOT HALL SCUTTLE

By Cindy Jackson

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. I was having a little trouble finding something to write about and then life helped me out. My son came home to Amarillo, for Easter. He was sitting in the backyard, on Saturday, when he heard a vehicle coming down the street, at a high rate of speed. He heard the tires screeching and then a loud boom. He ran out the front door and looked to his left at the house across the side street. He saw a truck sticking out of the front of the house. He ran over and the lady, driving the truck was spinning her wheels trying to back out of the house. The people in the house ran outside. They were shaking and stunned. Thank the Lord no one was hurt. Can you imagine a truck running into your house? The truck went threw a window and knocked down a lot of brick. They had to call Blackman Mooring to come and close the huge hole with plastic. I hurried back from the store, just in time to see the truck being towed away. The police said she was TEXTING. Is it worth it? If someone had been walking down the sidewalk, she would have killed them or if children would have been playing in the yard they would be dead and if she had made a right turn instead of a left, she would have driven into my son's living room. How did this get out of control? What is so important that it could cost you your life or the life of someone else? What can we do to stop it? Think about it.

Get your Memorial Day flowers before they are all gone. Call Karen Perrin @396-2097
April 26th-SCOT Hall Board Meeting 5:15 p.m.
April 27th-Exercise class starts @ 8 a.m.
April 28th-Noon Luncheon
Dues are due! The dues are \$24.00 for a year.
Thank you for being a part of the SCOT Hall family.

Shown at right at the Community Easter festivities are L/R: Firefighter Danny Davis, Deputy Wes Evans, K-9 Radar, and Fire Chief Dean Hauser. Wes and his wife Amanda gave out a coloring book, eggs and candy to all the kids and took pictures of the kids with Deputy Evans and K-9 Radar.



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CASA - 25 Years of Shining A Light of Hope

By Amy Schniederjan

CASA 69 is celebrating 25 years serving 700 abused and neglected children by hosting a special evening with speaker Dave Pelzer on Friday, April 29, at the Dumas High School Auditorium in Dumas. Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA, is a nonprofit organization that believes a child's right to a safe and permanent home should be acted upon by the court in a sensitive, expedient manner. CASA 69, Inc. provides trained community volunteers to represent the child's best interest in the court and serves children in the 69th Judicial District, which includes Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, and Moore Counties.

CASA was founded in 1976 by a Seattle Superior Court Judge who had become familiar with children "lost" in foster care. He then decided to recruit and train volunteers in the community to be fact finders and step into the courtroom to speak up for the child. In 1985, District Judge Bill Sheehan (69th Judicial District) learned of this program at a seminar for Juvenile Justice. He felt that a CASA program in the 69th Judicial District could help him also make quality decisions regarding the future of children in the court system that were abused and neglected. Because of Judge Sheehan's efforts, CASA 69 was born in 1986, and became the first rural CASA program in the United States. Judge Sheehan was also a founding member of Texas CASA in 1989, serving as its board president for several years.

"I was on the Dallam County Child Welfare Board years ago when I first heard about CASA," says Lynn Wells, a volunteer from Stratford. "I knew I wanted to be a part of it though I had no idea of how it would bless me in the process. I've had an opportunity to help children who didn't have anyone who cared and needed that little bit of stability in their lives."

"I've been with one particular family for 16 1/2 years. They have gone through seven caseworkers in the foster system over the years, but I am the only one who has known them all the way through since they entered the system. I'm the only one who remembers what they like to do, where they like to eat, and where they like to go. That's what CASA is all about," says Lynn emphatically.

In honor of 25 years in this community, CASA would like to invite members of the community to a complimentary evening with Dave Pelzer, a man whose inspirational work has "...encouraged countless organizations and millions of individuals to recommit their efforts and remain steadfast to their personal convictions." Dave suffered extreme abuse at the hands of his mentally disturbed alcoholic mother, and nearly died as a child. Years later, his case was identified as one of the most gruesome and extreme forms of child abuse in California history at that time. Dave was placed in a series of foster homes at age 12, and finally, at age 18, enlisted in the Air Force. There, he was hand-picked to refuel the highly secretive SR-71 Blackbird and the F117 Stealth Fighter, both playing major roles in Operation Just Cause, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm. During this time Dave also made a point to serve in the community, and he was a recipient of the JC Penny Golden Rule Award, making him California Volunteer of the Year.

Dave is the author of several books, perhaps most famously *A Child Called It*, and his books have been on the Best Sellers list for thirteen years combined. Among numerous awards, he has also been recognized for his service and achievements by Presidents Reagan, Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush. He is intent on bettering himself and also helping and encouraging others to overcome challenges and live life to the fullest.

CASA 69 will also display a "traveling memorial" at the event on April 29. The memorial is made up of tri-fold panels that are a tribute to children who have died because of abuse. Guests of the event are invited to bring a memento to place with the memorial which is traveling all across Texas.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted, CASA 69 Executive Director Ann Bookout is excited about the event, saying, "We want as many people to attend as possible in order to hear Dave's powerful testimony and message about forgiveness. It will be a wonderful evening."



Approaching Marriage announced

Mike and Penny Boyd of Stratford and B.J. and Kathy Dempsey of Happy, Texas would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mendy and Trenton. The couple plan to wed on Saturday May 14th, 2011 at the WTAMU J.A. Hill Chapel in Canyon, Texas. Trenton is employed at City Machine & Welding of Amarillo and Mendy is employed at West Texas A&M University. The couple plan to reside in Happy, Texas.

FORAGE MANAGEMENT FOR COW-CALF PROGRAMS

By Brad Easterling

A ranch's forage system is the basis of successful cow-calf programs. The more effectively a forage system is managed, the greater the resulting animal production.

Many cows in Texas need a higher level of body condition at calving and breeding to improve reproductive performance and income.

Both the quantity and the quality of forage available to the cow largely determine her productivity, her need for supplemental feed and the profitability of her production.

A typical cow-calf pair requires about six tons of forage a year. Unfertilized land typically will produce one to one and one-half tons of plant dry matter annually with an extra ton of forage generally being produced with each 50 pounds of actual nitrogen fertilizer. Land needed to produce feed for a cow-calf pair largely depends on added fertilization with needed rainfall and to some extent on the mature size of the cattle and the type of forage involved. Of course we generally do not apply much if any fertilizer to native pasture, but much higher production and stocking rates can be achieved by fertilizing improved grasses.

Quantity in pastures is measured by the volume of forage present. The rate of gain on growing cattle or the condition gain or loss on a cow is directly related to stocking rate -- acres of grazing available per cow -- or to the grazing pressure, the amount of forage dry matter available per acre for each 100 pounds of animal weight.

A cow's body condition score of five or more (at least 14 percent body fat) at calving and through breeding is required for good reproductive performance. Overstocking pastures is a common cause of poor body condition and reproductive failure.

A successful forage program will provide quantity and quality properly matched to the requirements of the cattle. Proper stocking, year-round mineral supplementation and timely use of protein supplements offer the greatest potential for economically improving body condition scores and rebreeding performance of beef cows.

Next week I will discuss more on properly stocking pastures, determining body condition scores of cattle, and rebreeding.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Leonard & Peggy Hawkins hosted Easter lunch for Vic Holladay, Beth Williams, Chandra Hawkins, Victor Carrera, Heath, Kenna, Dempsey and Jackson Collums. Vic is from Houlika, Mississippi, to help plant and work harvest.


Several First United Methodist Women went to The Chicken House for a Social last week. Making the trip were Kristen Walden, Nickie Berry, Stacy Metcalf, Mary Ann Spurlock, Laurie Spurlock, Stephanie Birdsong, Lisa Crabtree, Brenda Brownlee, Terri Teig, Margaret Graham, Sonja Ragsdale, Jill Killian, Kenna Collums, Marylou McDaniel.



The Jerusalem artichoke has nothing to do with Jerusalem or artichokes. It is actually part of the sunflower family.

I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days.

—Bill Dana



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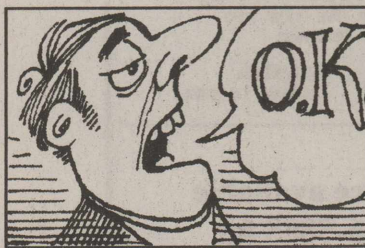
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Hang on to your glass. Prior to 1750, coasters originally came with small wheels so drinks could be moved across a table. Sometimes shaped like tiny wagons, they were also known as sliders.



The first known use of O.K. was in the New York New Era in 1840 as part of a name: The Democratic O.K. Club. O.K. was an abbreviation for Old Kinderhook, a nickname for future president Martin Van Buren. Kinderhook, New York was Van Buren's birthplace.

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Pre-schoolers at Lollipop Junction share with Margaret Brooks, assistant director of the center, what they found during the Easter egg hunt.

Choo, Choo Lollipop News

Peter Cottontail visited Lollipop Junction Thursday, April 21 for the child day care center's Easter Party. 23 children participated in the party along with 4 parents, 1 guest, and 9 staff members.

While the toddlers were hunting eggs, the pre-schoolers enjoyed singing "Little Bunny Foo Foo" and other nursery songs before hunting eggs in the playground. After the egg hunt, all Lollipop children washed their hands and enjoyed morning refreshments served by the staff members.

After the egg hunt, Cash told his teacher, "It was fun finding all these eggs!". For more information on activities and services available at Lollipop Junction, call Brice, director to learn more.

From the Bird's Nest-April, 2011
By Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent
Stratford ISD

The clock is running out for the current school year. By most accounts it has been a successful school year. Our kids have done a great job inside and outside of the classroom. We put a lot of miles on vehicles but our students always give great effort and represent our school and community well.

Congratulations to Mary Allen Elementary and Stratford Junior High for being recognized as Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools for academic performance. The criterion for the recognition includes the number of low socio-economic students, exemplary school ratings and meeting adequate yearly progress. The principals and federal programs director recently attended a luncheon at the service center in Amarillo on behalf of their campuses.

The school finances situation continues to be the major topic. The doom and gloom numbers are still being discussed (and cursed). We are holding tight waiting to see what the actual numbers will be before we take any adverse action concerning the district. It will be a busy summer preparing for the next school year. The state house recently passed its version of a two-year state budget and it is not very friendly to public education or any state services. The numbers are not very encouraging. I have seen model runs that would cut from \$690,000 up to \$1.2 million from the Stratford ISD revenue budget. I have shared with Rep. Price's office that these types of cuts would be devastating to our school district and community.

Fortunately, it is not yet a done deal. The senate has its own bill to work on and it is about \$10 billion (yes, billions) different from the house bill. Then there will be conference committees to compromise the two bills before going to the full legislature and then the governor. Also the comptroller will release new revenue numbers the first of May that will affect the budgets. There is still a great deal of work to be done. Wonder if they can get it all done by May 30 or will they require a special session?

The district administration and board regretfully accepted four resignations from long-time employees whom have decided to retire. There are a lot of years of great teaching in our retirees. With the state budget crisis on our minds, the board remains supportive of maintaining small class sizes - protecting the classrooms for students. We will continue to replace grade-level teaching positions in the district.

The replacement process is not always easy. Our first consideration is whether we will replace or absorb. Or is there a more cost-effective way to provide the same services? Unfortunately, with the looming budget problems across the state, cost effectiveness and need became a major part of the decision. If we decide to fill, then we post job openings online and in the district's offices. Our campus principals become the primary agents to recruit new personnel to their campuses. Fortunately over the past few years we have been able to replace good people with other good people.

One of things that are being debated is the 22:1 class size. Our district has been committed to smaller class sizes for our students. We believe it improves the quality of the education that kids receive at Stratford ISD. Our performance on the state assessments has reflected that. I am sure that raising the 22:1 will save money, but quality and effectiveness will suffer. There will be less one-on-one time with our kids in larger classes. We will take the financial resources available to us and do the best we can - we have excellent teachers, students and community.

There may come a time that you become involved - the legislators may need to hear from you concerning class sizes, retirement, state assessments, etc. The only message some of them are receiving is how much money the schools are wasting and how bad public schools are. We know that is not true. If you are looking for good news about Texas Public Schools, check out "Friends of Texas Public Schools" at www.fotps.org. Great source for good news about public education.

Our board continues to support the implementation of new technologies into our classroom. Our kids live in a technological world - it is a good thing we have professionals that look for ways to reach them. A large majority of our classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards. The document cameras and remote clickers that are being utilized in our classrooms are amazing.

Our FFA Livestock Judging Team became our first state qualifier this spring. Wright's Aggies will be traveling to College Station in May. No one seems to remember the last time Stratford had a judging team advance to state competition.

Then on the heels of that, SHS qualified another student for the UIL Academic State Meet. That competition will be in Austin during the month of May. Congratulations to the state qualifiers and good luck.

Our track athletes continue to advance toward state meets. We have had several district and area champions in track as well as golf. The regional track meet will be in Levelland the first of May. We can always expect a great effort for our kids.

The Big Blue Band did an exceptional job at the concert/sight-reading contest earlier this spring. The band received I in concert and II in sight-reading - just one judge away from sweepstakes. The kids sounded great and I appreciate the work and efforts of the band directors.

The junior high bands also performed well in their contests. Both the seventh and eighth bands received I ratings in concert and sight-reading. Congratulations to the students and directors for a job well done.

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 requirement, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military option 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.



Toddlers at Lollipop Junction are exploring what they found during their Easter egg hunt held Thursday, April 21st.

Children at Lollipop Junction (shown at right) are learning how to properly wash their hands to kill germs that may make them sick.



Pickens Wins Awards

Dumas Youth Wrestling Club held its awards ceremony April 16, 2011. Grady Pickens (shown at left) was awarded Division 3 Rookie of the year, and the Matthew Thornburg Memorial Award. Congratulations Good Job!!!!

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Coldwater Manor is seeking an R.N. to work at least 8 hours per day on Saturdays and Sundays. If interested, please contact Shelly Turner, R.N., Director of Nurses at 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 or call 806-396-5568. 4-14-tfn

Lollipop Junction daycare is seeking a motivated, loving individual to care for children. If interested, please inquire at Lollipop Junction or call 366-5886 ask for Breo 1-20-tfn

Garage Sales

YARD SALE- Sold the Ranch, now selling, bolts, hydraulics, misc. Also boots, jeans, needle point hoop stand, and collectibles. Sat. April 30th 211 N. Wall St. or call 480-345-0705.

Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th. 2- freezers, upright and chest, washer, dryer, cook stove, little dresser, lots of men and women's clothes, 2- Window AC, 2-TV's 1 large 1 small. 313 Stickney St.

Houses for Sale

Home for sale at 411 North Fulton: 4 or 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, office, large kitchen with gas fireplace, covered patio, privacy fence, attached 2 carport, attached 1 car garage. CH/A please call and leave message at 806-396-5673 or 806-753-6721. 4-7-tfn

Home located 2 miles West of Stratford, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, spare room, large open floor plan, 2 car garage, acreage and 36 x 36 horse barn and roping arena (optional). Call 806-396-1156 or 753-7709 leave a message. 2-3-tfn

For Sale by Owner-218 Purnell-3 Bdrm-1 bath, brick-single garage. Central H/A 366-7664 or 753-6677. 6-10-tfn

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For Sale: 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, sunroom, carport, 24x24 shop, nice yard, updated, appx 1800 sq. ft 514 N. Fulton. Call 806-930-3042 or 806-930-3043 4-28-c

Vehicles for Sale

Finance Lot
1985-Mercury Marquis-\$1995.00
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2009 Traverse-\$29,000.00
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2008 Silverado Reg. Cab \$7500.00
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2007 HHR-\$9995.00
2007 Crew Cab Chev-\$14,000.00
2008 Chevy Duramax-\$36,500.00
2004 Lincoln Navigator-\$14,500.00
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For Sale

Showers selections available at Let's Make Arrangements for Eric Riffe and Jordan Confer. Free delivery to shower.

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed applications to serve as the Depository for County funds and County/District Clerk Registry funds until Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Applications will be opened at that time. The depository contract will be discussed and awarded at the May 10, 2011 meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided; service charges; interest rates to be paid on commercial checking and interest bearing checking; interest rates on time deposits of 30, 60, 90, 12, 180, 360 days and 24 months; and the interest rate to be charged to the county on short-term loans. Applications should be presented to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 204, Stratford, Texas 79084. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds. Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2011, Thursday, April 21, 2011 and Thursday April 28th, 2011 Edition

NOTICE:

Texhoma ISO is taking Requests for Proposals for the production and installation of two modular homes. RFP's will be accepted from April 11, 2011 at 8:00 am through April 28, 2011 at 4:00 pm. Additional information about the RFP specifications may be viewed at www.texhomaids.net. More information shall be directed to Hope Appel at 806-827-7400, fax at 806-827-7657, email at hope.appel@texhomaids.net, or by mail at PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73949. TISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed RFP's, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the district. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 14, 2011, Thursday, April 21, 2011 and Thursday, April 28, 2011

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The Stratford Independent School District hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 14, 2011 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows: School Trustee- Joe Reinart, and Barney Willborn. **ORDEN DE CANCELACION** El Stratford Independent School District por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el May 14, 2011 de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por lo tanto quedan elegidos como se halla indicado a continuación: Candidato- Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 28, 2011

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En las elecciones, se presentará la siguiente PROPOSICIÓN de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICIÓN

Se autorizará al Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente

elecciones, y en el centro principal para la votación adelantada, se utilizará al menos una (1) máquina de votación electrónica, que haya sido certificada por el Secretario de Estado de Texas para su uso en las elecciones en Texas como sistema accesible de votación.

PROPOSICIÓN

A FAVOR	
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EN CONTRA	
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LA EMISION DE BONOS POR VALOR DE \$1,050,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCION, ADQUISICION, REFORMA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y LA COMPRA DE TERRENOS NECESARIOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN Y PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TEXHOMA Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO CORRESPONDIENTE

de Texhoma para emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por un importe total de capital de \$1,050,000, para la construcción, adquisición, reforma y equipamiento de edificios escolares en el Distrito y la compra de terrenos necesarios para edificios escolares, y dichos bonos tendrán fecha de vencimiento, devengarán intereses, y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley en el momento de su emisión? ¿Se autorizará al Consejo de administración para gravar y avalar, y hacer que se calculen y recauden impuestos anuales ad valorem, sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el Distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos?

Las boletas oficiales para las elecciones se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código electoral de Texas, a fin de permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICIÓN anterior, y dichas boletas incluirán las disposiciones, anotaciones y lenguaje que la ley exige, y cuya PROPOSICIÓN quedará expresada básicamente de la manera siguiente:

Una copia fiel de esta Orden, en inglés y en español, servirá como Aviso apropiado de las elecciones (el "Aviso"), y el Presidente del Consejo de administración hará que dicho Aviso se publique en un periódico del Distrito o, si no se publicara periódico alguno en el Distrito, en un periódico de circulación general en el Distrito, al menos una vez, en fecha no anterior a 30 días ni posterior a 10 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones. Además, en fecha no posterior a 21 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones, o el siguiente día laboral si el día 21 fuera sábado, domingo o día feriado estatal, el Presidente del Consejo de administración hará que se coloque el Aviso, en inglés y en español, en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para la colocación de avisos de las reuniones del Consejo de administración y en cualquier otro lugar y mediante cualquier otro método que el Distrito considere apropiado o que la ley así lo requiera.

Se entregará una copia fiel de esta orden al Juez electoral y al Juez electoral suplente en el plazo de tiempo requerido por la ley y dicha copia servirá de aviso apropiado según lo exige el Código electoral de Texas, y el Presidente del Consejo de administración hará que esta orden y todos los demás avisos necesarios se entreguen al Juez o jueces electorales y suplentes según lo exija la ley.

Mediante este documento se aprueba el Contrato con el Actuario del Condado de Sherman, Texas, para realizar los Servicios electorales en relación con las Elecciones, y el presidente del Consejo de administración queda autorizado y ha recibido instrucciones de firmar y entregar dicho contrato. En todos los respectos, las elecciones se llevarán a cabo de acuerdo con el Código electoral de Texas y cualquier otra ley estatal o federal aplicable. En cada uno de los centros electorales el día de las

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman County, Stratford I.S.D., City of Stratford, Stratford Hospital District, and North Plains Water District will be accepting sealed bids on the following property:

Property #S5 -613 N Grace (house), S12 Lt 13 & All Lts 14-15 Blk 27, Stratford #S6 - 1313 Division (vacant lots), S40 of Lt 12 & N42 of Lt 3 Blk 3 Unit 1 Elk, Stratford

Bids must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:30 am during an open meeting in the Appraisal District board room.

Bids should be sealed, marked "Bid" on the envelope, and delivered to:

Sherman County Appraisal District 402 North Third PO Box 239 Stratford, TX 79084-0239

The taxing entities reserve the right to refuse any or all bids. Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, April 28, 2011, Thursday, May 5, 2011, and Thursday May 12, 2011.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SHERMAN §

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Texhoma Independent School District, on Saturday, May 14, 2011, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Texhoma Independent School District, a substantial copy of which Order is printed below.

ORDER OF TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SHERMAN §
TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Texhoma Independent School District (the "District") held a special meeting on February 23, 2011, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Special Bond Election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that (1) it is in the District's and public's interest that the Election hereinafter ordered should be conducted jointly with the City of Texhoma (the "City"); (2) the hereinafter called Election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, *et seq.*, of the Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public's interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on May 14, 2011, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. A special bond election (the "Election") shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 14, 2011. Such Election is to be conducted jointly with the City, as provided by Chapter 271, *et seq.*, of the Texas Election Code and the Joint Election Agreement between the Parties (the "Joint Election Agreement"). The Election shall occur at the following designated polling place(s), and be conducted by the following election officers, who are hereby appointed to hold said Election:

Texhoma Independent School District
4th and Denver

Texhoma, TX 73949

Presiding Judge: Mary Lou Johnson
Alternate Judge: Olamae Rhoden

2. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than five (5) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place:

Texhoma Independent School District
4th and Denver
Texhoma, TX 73949

Early voting shall be conducted during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being May 2, 2011 through May 10, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above-noted hours for early voting by personal appearance.

4. The Early Voting Clerk for the Election shall be Michel Meyer. The Deputy Early Voting Clerk shall be Bob Marr.

5. Applications for early voting by mail shall be sent to Michel Meyer, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73949. Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 6, 2011.

6. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. Michel Meyer is hereby appointed as the Presiding Judge of the early voting ballot board, and the Presiding Judge, in turn, shall appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the Early Voting Ballot Board.

7. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

8. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Texhoma Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,050,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and purchase of sites for school buildings, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

PROPOSITION

FOR) THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,050,000 OF BONDS
) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION,
) RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF
) SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PURCHASE OF
) SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, IN AND
AGAINST) FOR THE TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT
) SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LEVYING OF
) THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF

10. A substantial copy of this Order, in both English and Spanish, shall serve as proper Notice of the Election (the "Notice"), and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice to be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the Notice, in both English and Spanish, to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees, and at any other location(s) and by any other method as the District deems fit or may be required by law.

11. A substantial copy of this order delivered to the Election Judge(s) and Alternate Election Judge(s) within the time required by law shall be proper notice as required under Texas Election Code, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause this order and all other necessary notices to be posted and delivered to the Election Judges and any Alternates stated herein, as may be required by law.

12. The contract with the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas, to perform election services in connection with the election is hereby approved, and the President of the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver said contract. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law. At least one (1) electronic voting machine, which has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State for use in Texas elections as an accessible voting system, shall be used at each election day polling place and at the Main Early Voting Place.

AVISO DE ELECCIONES

ESTADO DE TEXAS §
CONDADO DE SHERMAN §

A LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TEXHOMA:

MEDIANTE ESTE DOCUMENTO SE COMUNICA QUE se celebrarán elecciones en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Texhoma, el Sábado 14 de mayo de 2011, según está previsto en la Orden de convocatoria de elecciones para la emisión de bonos aprobada por el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Texhoma, cuya copia fiel se incluye a continuación:

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES ESPECIALES EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TEXHOMA PARA LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS Y QUE ESTABLECE LAS NORMAS PARA PROCEDER EN LAS ELECCIONES Y DEMÁS ASUNTOS PERTINENTES A LAS MISMAS

ESTADO DE TEXAS §
CONDADO DE SHERMAN §
DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE TEXHOMA §

POR CUANTO, el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Texhoma (el "Distrito") celebró una reunión especial el día 23 de febrero de 2011, estando dicha reunión abierta al público, y habiéndose dado aviso público de la hora, lugar y propósito de dicha reunión, según lo exige el Capítulo 551 del Código gubernamental de Texas; y

POR CUANTO, el Distrito considera aconsejable convocar las elecciones especiales (las "Elecciones") que aquí se ordenan, y,

POR CUANTO, en dicha reunión se declaró y determinó oficialmente que (1) es en interés público y del Distrito que la celebración de las elecciones especiales aquí convocadas, debería llevarse a cabo conjuntamente con la Ciudad de Texhoma, (la "Ciudad"); (2) la celebración de las elecciones aquí convocadas cumple los requisitos de elecciones conjuntas a tenor de la sección 271.001 y siguientes del Código electoral de Texas, y (3) es en interés público que el Distrito celebre las elecciones aquí convocadas el día 14 de mayo de 2011, fecha para la celebración de elecciones uniformes establecida en la sección 41.001(a) del Código electoral de Texas, y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ORDENA:

• Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden son fieles y correctas y han sido adoptadas como decisiones sobre cuestión de hecho y disposiciones operativas del presente documento. Se celebrarán elecciones especiales para la emisión de bonos (las "Elecciones") en el Distrito entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde, el día 14 de mayo de 2011. Dichas elecciones se llevarán a cabo conjuntamente con la Ciudad, de acuerdo con el Capítulo 271 y siguientes del Código electoral de

Texas, y del Acuerdo de elecciones conjuntas entre las Partes (el "Acuerdo de elecciones conjuntas"). Las Elecciones tendrán lugar en los siguientes centros electorales designado y se han nombrado a los siguientes oficiales electorales para celebrar dichas elecciones:

Texhoma Independent School District
(Distrito escolar independiente de Texhoma)
4th and Denver
Texhoma, TX 73949

Juez presidente: Mary Lou Johnson
Juez suplente: Olamae Rhoden

• Cada Juez presidente nombrará no menos de dos (2) ni más de cinco (5) secretarios electorales cualificados para servir y ayudar en la celebración de las elecciones, siempre que el Juez presidente ejerza sus funciones como tal, el Juez suplente será uno de dichos secretarios.

• La votación adelantada se realizará mediante comparecencia en persona en el Centro principal para la votación adelantada:

Texhoma Independent School District
(Distrito escolar independiente de Texhoma)
4th and Denver
Texhoma, TX 73949

La votación adelantada en ambos lugares se llevará a cabo durante el periodo requerido o permitido por la ley, desde el 2 de mayo de 2011 hasta el 10 de mayo de 2011, diariamente de 8:00 de la mañana a 12:00 del mediodía y de 1:00 de la tarde a 5:00 de la tarde. La votación adelantada en el Centro principal para la votación adelantada tendrá lugar a diario, excepto sábados, domingos o días feriados estatales, en los que no habrá votación adelantada en persona y dicho centro permanecerá abierto durante las horas arriba mencionadas para la votación adelantada en persona.

• El secretario para la votación adelantada será Michel Meyer, y el secretario adjunto para la votación adelantada será Bob Marr.

• Las solicitudes para la votación adelantada por correo se enviarán a Michel Meyer, Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73949. Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre del horario comercial del día 6 de mayo de 2011.

• Se creará un Consejo de boleta para la votación adelantada para procesar los resultados de la votación adelantada. Se nombra a Michel Meyer Juez presidente de dicho consejo de boleta para la votación adelantada, y dicho juez presidente, a su vez, nombrará al menos dos (2) miembros más para servir en el consejo.

• Todos los electores cualificados que residan en el Distrito, tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.

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