

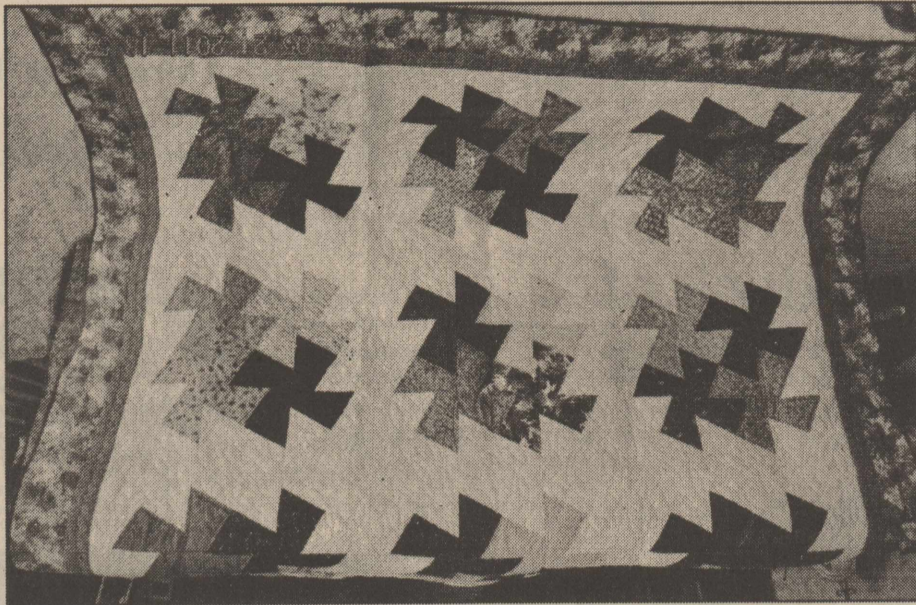
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Scot Hall Quilt for Raffle

This beautiful quilt has been graciously donated by the women that quilt on Monday nights. The pattern is called a twist and turn. It is roughly 78 inches by 76 inches. The quilt will be on display at locations around town. This raffle is in conjunction with our garden/quilt event that will be held on Saturday July 9th. Raffle tickets will be available at the locations where the quilt is being displayed and from any SCOT Board member. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

4-H Fundraiser on June 1st

There are eleven 4-H youth that will be going to State 4-H Roundup in College Station and Rosenberg the second week of June. These kids will be having a hamburger fundraiser on June 1st at Stratford Grain's feed store on Main St. The fundraiser will be from 11:30am-1:30pm (or until food runs out). This will be a free will donation and will help the kids with all their expenses associated with their representing Sherman County at Roundup. Four of the kids are part of the Nutrition Quiz Bowl Team, four are part of the Shooting Team, two are going in Clothing and Textiles, and one as part of the Scholarship Program. Our community should be proud to send this many kids down state so let's all please come support them on June 1st.

Sherman County Depot Museum Hours
Open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
2 till 4 p.m.
For more information call
Ann Wells 396-2527
Pat Hartman 366-7644
Dick Bachman 366-7679

Reminder Stratford Star
Fax number is 366-5884
Office phone 366-5885

Spirit Camp 2011

June 21-24
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Pre-K thru 6th grade (As of fall 2011)
Forms due with payment by May 20
Individual Instruction by Age Group

- ✓ Personal Spirit Book
- ✓ Become a certified Spirit Leader
- ✓ Learn cheers, pom routines, and much much more!

Each participant who completes camp will be invited to show off their spirit at a HOME GAME PEP RALLY and CHEER at the HOME GAME!

- \$35 Camp Fee
- \$30 Camp Fee for second child in family if pre-registered
- T-shirts are included if registered by May 20
- No shirts for late registration
- Cheerleading memory mat pictures will be taken June 21

For additional information contact: Kassidy Mizer 580.461.0213
Please fill out a separate form per child-payment may be made with one check.

Please make all checks payable to SHS CHEERLEADERS
Return this portion with your money to:
Mary Allen Office or Ms. Mizer at the HS

Name: _____ Camp fee: _____
Grade (FA 2011): _____ Circle T- Shirt size:
Parents: _____ Y= Youth A= Adult
Telephone: _____ YS YM YL AS AM AL



8th Annual XIT Trail of Sales

75 Miles of Yard Sales, Flea Markets and Food
Saturday June 4, 2011 Start times for sales vary, see list for details. Channing - Hartley - Dalhart - Texline

List of sales in all four communities and area maps will be available at the following locations the day of the event or online at www.dalhartorg after May 26th.

Channing - 601 E. 7th Street
Hartley - 87 Home & Garden on Highway 87 South
Dalhart Alco, 509 Blair
Texline - City Hall - Highway 87

A benefit fund has been set up for Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

Attention: TAXPAYERS

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

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

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

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill. The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2011 tax roll. On

May 19th, taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. **Now is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 7th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value.** The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates. Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes. If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.

By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class.
—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Have you ever observed that we pay much more attention to a wise passage when it is quoted, than when we read it in the original author?
—Philip G. Hamerton

Summer Activities @ Your Library

By Sandy Baskin, Librarian

The Sherman County Public Library is excited to host the "Dig Up a Good Book" summer reading club starting on Thursday, June 16th and continuing for the next 3 Thursdays through the month of June. Summer reading logs may be picked up at the library starting on Wednesday, June 1st. Completion of the reading logs will allow readers to earn prizes and even free books.

On Wednesday, June 29th, the library will host a special event. The library has received a grant for a storyteller from the Texas Commission of the Arts to present a program. More on this event will be coming soon.

Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies will begin on June 14th and will continue every Tuesday until the first week of school. Movies will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last until its completion.

As always there are lots of things to do at your library, so please come by and visit. Library cards are free, but there is a charge for your replacement card if stolen or lost.

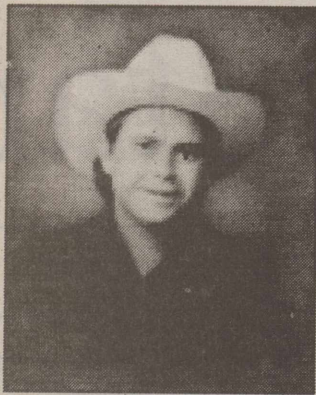


YAHOO!!!

SCDC's hosting a SUMMER BLOCK PARTY on Main Street during the July Jamboree & we'll be honoring all the Ex-Students. It'll kick off early in the evening with lots of activities. Watch the *Stratford Star* for more details!



Obits



Steve Keener
August 13, 1956
May 22, 2011

Steve Keener

Steve Keener, 54, of Amarillo died Sunday, May 22, 2011.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Stratford with the Rev. David Terry, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Steve was born Aug. 13, 1956, in Dumas to Sherrydon and Sarah Lavake Keener. He grew up in the Stratford community and graduated from Stratford High School. He later moved to Amarillo.

Steve had been engaged in farming and later worked as a mechanic, repairing irrigation motors. Steve enjoyed spending time with family, especially at family gatherings. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Stratford.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sherrydon Keener, on April 16, 1996; and two brothers, Ricky Keener, on Oct. 21, 2002, and Floyd Keener, on Oct. 29, 2009.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheri Dawn Brown of Fort Worth; a son, John Steven Keener of Austin; his mother, Sarah Keener of Stratford; a sister, Jean Ann Haggard and husband Vence of Fort Worth; a grandson, Jackson Brown of Fort Worth; a granddaughter, London Brown of Fort Worth; and six nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Stratford Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084. The family will be at 319 S. Chestnut St. in Stratford. Sign the online guest book at www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com.



William "Bill" Allen Boren
March 8, 1932
May 27, 2011

William "Bill" Allen Boren

KERRICK - William "Bill" Allen Boren, 79, died Friday, May 27, 2011.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday May 31, 2011 in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with the Rev. Roy Harris, pastor of Kerrick Community Church, officiating. A flag detail was provided by American Legion Post 224 of Dumas. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Bill was born March 8, 1932, in Boise City, Okla., to Joseph and Allene Boren. He was a resident of Kerrick his entire life and a graduate of Stratford High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1955.

Bill married Patricia Ann Carroll on Dec. 22, 1953, in Raton, N.M.

Bill farmed for most of his life. He was voted Outstanding Conservation Farmer in Dallam County in 1984 and received the Award of Merit in 1983 for resource conservation.

Bill was a member of the NRA, and enjoyed collecting guns. He was also a member of the American Legion in Stratford and Kerrick Community Church.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Boren and Homer Boren.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; a son, J.B. Boren and wife Jennifer of Canyon; a daughter, Kerry Carlisle and husband Kelly of Abernathy; six grandchildren, Brice, Will, Callie, Ryan, Kevin and Kole; a sister, Mary Janice Kirchoffner of Lawton, Okla.; a brother, Joe Earl Boren and wife Judi of Houston; and a sister-in-law, Jean Boren of Fort Worth.

The family suggests memorials be to Kerrick Community Church, P.O. Box 535, Kerrick, TX 79051. Sign the online guest book at www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com.

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Differences between electric and hydraulic-driven systems

Have you seen the ads that insist hydraulic-driven systems are the better way to irrigate? Make sure to read between the lines - and we don't mean the oil lines. Fact is, Reinke "Electrogator" and "Alumigator" electric-driven irrigation systems are, and have always been among the safest, most reliable and cost-effective methods available to deliver water to your thirsty crops. Reinke encourages you to "compare" the electrical energy requirements of electric and hydraulic driven systems. You will be amazed by the dollars you can save by going electric.

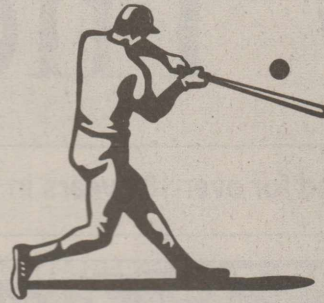
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AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE LAST GAME OF THE SEASON PLAYED
THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED!
COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION,

**From the desk of
Chief Powell**

Congratulations to those who graduated this past week!!! We would like to wish all of you the best of luck in your college or career paths ahead. As for the rest of you guys and gals, we hope you have a great summer vacation. Please visit our site for crime statistics etc. Stats for the month of May should be updated by Wednesday of this week.

Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

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**STRATFORD ISD
SUMMER MEAL
PROGRAM**

The Stratford Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at the Mary Allen Elementary Cafeteria. We will feed breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from June 1 through June 30, 2011. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM until 8:30 AM. Lunch will be served from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Summer Food Service program provides free meals to all children from age 1 to 18. These meals provide essential nutrients for active, growing kids.

To participate in the free meals program all kids have to do is show up at the above times. You don't need proof of income. You don't need proof of age. You don't need to register. You don't need meal tickets. SORRY THIS PROGRAM IS FOR THE CHILDREN ONLY ADULTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE.

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Bayer Advanced Fungus Control for Lawns (www.Bayer



Advanced.com) cures and prevents common lawn diseases such as brown patch, dollar spot, rust and others. In fact, it prevents diseases for up to 30 days.

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Stratford Grain Company
**Annual Pre-Harvest
Free Hot Dog Feed!**

Wednesday, June 8, 2011
11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m.
Stratford Grain Company
4 North Main

**EASY DOES IT EXERCISE CLASS @
SCOT HALL
APRIL & MAY SCHEDULE:**

6/1/2011
6/8/2011
6/15/2011
6/22/2011
6/29/2011
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FOR 20-30 MINUTES
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Flower Planting 5 --These children helped plant flowers for the main entrance at Lollipop Junction this week.



Lollipop Flower Planting -- Filling the pots with soil kept the children at Lollipop Junction busy as they planted flowers to help make Main Street look pretty.



Showing the Chicks-- Eight chicks were hatched at Lollipop Junction as children learned more about life on a farm.

Choo, Choo Lollipop News

Spring is in the air at Lollipop Junction as eight baby chicks were hatched at the center. Watching the fluffy chicks come from an egg shell was a great way for the children to learn more about where animals come from.

The pre-school children planted flowers for the center's entrance this week. Grass, zinnias, and petunias were planted to help make Main Street look pretty. The children got to dig in the soil, place the flowers in the pots, fill the pots with dirt, and water the newly planted flowers. They were so excited to help.

These activities are part of the many ways the children are learning about life on a farm. The children made barn owls earlier this month and they are on display at the center.

Lollipop Junction welcomes members of the community to stop by and see the variety of daily activities offered to the children. Lollipop Junction board members are working on final plans for the renovation of the playground area. Be watching the Stratford Star to learn how each Stratford resident can get involved.



Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Texas Plains Recognizes Volunteer of the Decade

Amarillo (May 12, 2011) – The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Texas Plains is proud to announce Dana Craig as the Volunteer of the Decade. She was honored with a paver dedication ceremony and party at the Make-A-Wish office in Amarillo on May 12, 2011. The paver was entered into the organization's "Walkway of Dreams" and will serve as a permanent reminder of Dana's hard work and dedicated service.

Dana has been instrumental to the success of the organization the past decade, serving as a board member, fundraiser, wish granter and community supporter. She has recruited board members, wish granting volunteers and fundraising committee members as well as chaired major events and granted magical wishes for area children. Most importantly, Dana has been a strong advocate for the organization throughout the Texas Plains region. She has spoken to numerous groups over the years about her personal experience and passion for helping children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions.

"When I experienced my first wish I knew I was hooked," stated Dana Craig. "It is remarkable to see the difference one true wish can make. I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful family of friends."

As a wish granter, Dana works directly with wish children and their families to determine the child's one true wish and plays an instrumental role in planning, creating and fulfilling the child's wish. Dana has created many magical memories for the children the past decade. "As a volunteer you are touched by the wish experience as much as the child and their family. The memories I have will last a lifetime."

Dana continues to *Share the Power of a Wish*® and we hope that she will be an inspiration for many volunteers to come. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains could not reach the children we have reached without the love, support and dedication of the volunteers like Dana. Thank you for bringing magic to everyone's life the last decade!

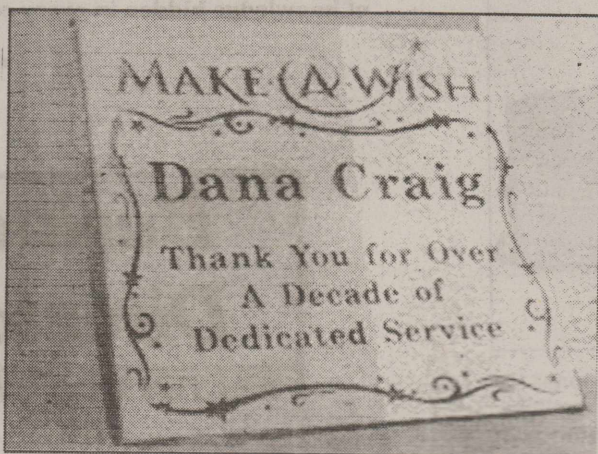
About the Make-A-Wish Foundation

The Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the Foundation is now one of the world's leading

children's charities. With the help of generous donors and more than 30,000 volunteers worldwide, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted more than 250,000 wishes around the world.

No amount of time can erase the memory of a good cat, and no amount of masking tape can ever totally remove his fur from your couch.
—Leo Dworken

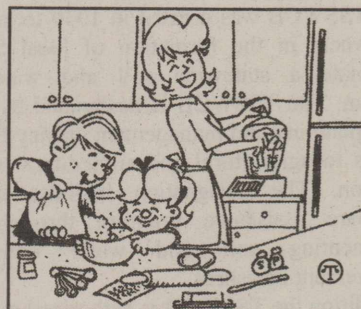
A dog, I have always said, is prose; a cat is a poem.
—Jean Burden



Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Delicious breads, desserts and other baked goods can be created with less time and effort than you might think. You can find great yeast recipes in the Fleischmann's "Bakin' It Easy" collection online at www.breadworld.com.

At approximately one calorie per leaf and with an impressive nutritional profile of vitamins A, B, C and K, beta-carotene, potassium and fiber, substituting California endive leaves for chips and crackers is a no-brainer for the



health-conscious cook. For more healthy endive recipes, visit www.endive.com.

The cat is the only animal without visible means of support who still manages to find a living in the city.
—Carl van Vechten

A cat improves the garden wall in sunshine, and the hearth in foul weather.
—Judith Merkle Riley

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

First Christian Church
Pastor Dan Elliott
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

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

St. Joseph Catholic
6th & 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-6th Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ Brad Beckett
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more Info-Call 396-2212
Morning Worship-11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo (Sunday)
Estudio Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
Sesiones Durante El Servicio

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asamblea 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

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Marty

Scott Buckles Elected to Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

TEMPLE, Texas May 4, 2011—Scott Buckles of Stratford, Texas, was elected May 3, to serve a two-year term on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). The TSSWCB's state headquarters are located in Temple, TX.

Buckles represents TSSWCB State District One, which consists of 51 counties in the panhandle and south plains region of Texas. District One encompasses 49 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS).

Prior to being elected to the TSSWCB, Buckles has served 16 years on the board of directors of the Sherman County SWCD headquartered in Stratford. He is the present chairman of the SWCD.

In addition to serving on his local SWCD board, Buckles was elected in 2003 to serve on the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts board of directors (ATSWCDS). In the statewide organization he has served as vice-president from 2008-09 and then as president from October 2009 to the present.

The ATSWCDS is a non-profit organization that provides leadership, education, guidance in government policy and legislative strategies at local, state and federal levels to preserve and conserve natural resources on public and private lands in the State to the 216 member local SWCDS. Buckles is also a past president of the Panhandle Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and currently serves as a member on the legislative committee for the National Association of Conservation Districts.

The conservationist said, "I live by the philosophy that I make my living from the land and understand that the land will only take care of us if we take care of it first."

The TSSWCB was created in 1939 to assist agricultural landowners in the formation of local SWCDS and to coordinate a statewide soil and water conservation program. The TSSWCB is designated by the Legislature as the planning and management agency for the state with regards to agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution. The designation includes administering a cost-share assistance program through SWCDS for implementing soil and water conservation land improvement measures.

In addition the TSSWCB is authorized by the Legislature to conduct a water supply enhancement program through local SWCDS that includes cost-share assistance for the selective control, removal, or reduction of noxious brush such as mesquite, salt cedar, and other brush species that consume water to a degree that is detrimental to water conservation.

The TSSWCB board of directors consists of five elected members and two governor appointees. The five TSSWCB members are elected in a convention type election by SWCD Directors in the State District that the TSSWCB member represents.

Buckles is the managing partner of Buckles Farms Partnership located in Sherman County. The family operation has been in business since 1917 and currently produces corn, grain, sorghum, wheat and cattle. The newly elected TSSWCB member is also involved in other retail businesses including crop and aerial spraying.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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

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

Informal Review
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

To discuss your property value questions come by the Sherman County Appraisal District office at 402 N 3rd in Stratford or telephone 806-366-5566

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

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

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

(Insert address.)

402 N 3rd in Stratford TX
or telephone 806-366-5566

Protest Hearing Date July 7, 2011

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

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

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

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

Sherman County Appraisal District @ 402 N 3rd

PO Box 239, Stratford TX 79084

806-366-5566

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

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB* JUNE 20, 2011

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Lollipop Junction daycare is seeking a motivated, loving individual to care for children. If interested, please inquire at Lollipop Junction or call 366-5885 ask for Breo 1-20-11n

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 4-14-11n

Stratford Hospital District is seeking a District Business Manager to be responsible for the successful oversight of the District Businesses including Elk Pharmacy, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Stratford Emergency Medical Service and Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. Necessary skills needed accounting knowledge, multitasking, computer skills, proficient in Quickbooks. HR experience, public relations, team player. Stratford is a small town in the northern Texas Panhandle. Send resume to Board President, Stratford Hospital District, gsww05@xrl.net, or P.O. Box 1189 Stratford, TX 79084. Phone 806-396-5568 EOE. 5-26-6-6-6-9c

Coldwater Manor is seeking full time C.N.A. Apply in person 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX EOE 5-26-6-2-6-9-6-16-c

Texhoma ISD is taking applications for a kindergarten teacher until June 17th. Must be Texas certified or eligible for Texas certificate. Contact Jane at 806-827-7400 for an application. 6-6, 6-9-6-16-c

Houses for Sale

For Sale by Owner-218 Pumell-3 Bdrm-1 bath, brick-single garage. Central H/A 366-7664 or 753-6677. 6-10-11n

For Sale by Owner-319 South Main, 3 bdrm-1 bath Stucco Corner Lot-Central H/A 366-7664 or 753-6677. 2-18-11n

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale-604 S. Fulton-Friday, June 3 from 5-7. Saturday, June 4 from 8-7 Furniture, baby items for boys and girls and lots of extras! 6-2-c

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Finance Lot
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1999-Chevy Silverado-\$4995.00
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2005-Silverado-\$6495.00
1987-Ford Van-\$995.00
1987 Ford 3/4-\$1195.00
25% +TTL Down Payment (WAC)
Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557

Vehicles for Sale Spring Sale

2007-Yukon-\$18,900.00
2005-Impala-\$8500.00
2006 Impala-\$9995.00
2007 Silverado Ext. Cab - \$15,000.00
2008 Suburban 4 x 4 \$29,900.00
2009 Traverse-\$29,000.00
2005 Dodge Cummings-\$22,500.00
2008 Silverado Reg. Cab \$7500.00
2008-Dodge Quad Cab SLT-\$14,500.00
2007 HHR-\$9995.00
2007 Crew Cab Chev-\$14,000.00
2008 Chevy Duramax-\$36,500.00
2004 Lincoln Navigator-\$14,500.00
Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557

Someone invented the telephone
and interrupted a nation's
slumbers, ringing wrong but
similar numbers.
—Ogden Nash

Advertisement and Invitation for Bid

The City of Stratford will receive bids for the Animal Control Facilities Project until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 518 N. 3rd St., Stratford, TX 79084. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 in Council Chambers of the City of Stratford, Texas.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Site pad preparation
2. Monolithic concrete pour of slab for the Animal Control Facility
3. Installation of stub out plumbing

Bid Documents, including drawings and Technical Specification are on file at Stratford City Hall 518 N. 3rd St., Stratford, TX 79084.

Bids may be held by the City of Stratford for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

For further questions and additional information please contact:

D. Scott Caldwell, City Administrator
518 n. 3rd St
PO Box 188
Stratford, TX 79084
(806) 366-5581

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INVITATION TO BID

The City of Stratford is soliciting sealed bids for one (1) diesel powered 250 kW standby generator along with an automatic transfer switch for the City's public water utility system.

The City of Stratford is accepting alternate bids for one (1) trailer mounted 20 kW generator for the City's public wastewater system, for one (1) natural gas powered 250 Kw standby generator, and pricing for a manual transfer switch.

Bid Documents, including Technical Specifications may be obtained from the City of Stratford City Hall, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas, 79084, or by emailing scaldwell@dscottonline.com

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **CITY OF STRATFORD GENERATOR BID - JUNE 21, 2011**. Mail bids to the City of Stratford, PO Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084 Attention: Kathy Rendon, City Secretary or hand-deliver to the City of Stratford City Hall, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Bids will be opened, read aloud and recorded by the City of Stratford City Council on the 21st day of June 2011, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Stratford City Hall. Bids may be taken under advisement up to thirty (30) days to evaluate in detail. Purchaser reserves the right to reject any and all bids and select the proposed bid deemed in the best interest of the purchaser from among those received.

Pricing will be guaranteed to the City of Stratford for a period 120 days from the date of bid opening. The City of Stratford reserves the right to alter or change specifications and to reject any and all bids.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% (five percent) of the bid issued by an acceptable surety may be required with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Stratford or negotiable US Government Bond (as per value) may be submitted in lieu of the bid bond.

All contractors and/or subcontractors who are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Signed: D. Scott Caldwell, City Administrator
Posting Date: May 30, 2011
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Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Studies suggest eating rice might reduce your risk of being overweight. To learn about rice nutrition, information and recipes, visit the USA Rice Federation at www.usarice.com. For wild rice nutrition, information and recipes, visit the California Wild Rice Advisory Board at www.cawildrice.com.

California Dried Plums are a nutrient powerhouse that help to promote good bone, heart and digestive health. They also support the immune system. For great recipes and cooking videos featuring California Dried Plums, visit www.californiadriedplums.org.

New, cool, refreshing, quick smoothies and shakes you can make in seconds simply by adding milk are found in the freezer aisle. These single-serve, parlor-style Dreyer's/Edy's Slow Churned Shakes and Fruit



Smoothies come in eight flavors. Learn more at www.icecream.com and (877) 437-3937.

The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association (NFRA) celebrates Dairy Month in June with special prices and promotions and a National Park Family Vacation Sweepstakes. For contest dates, official rules and entry form, visit www.EasyHomeMeals.com.

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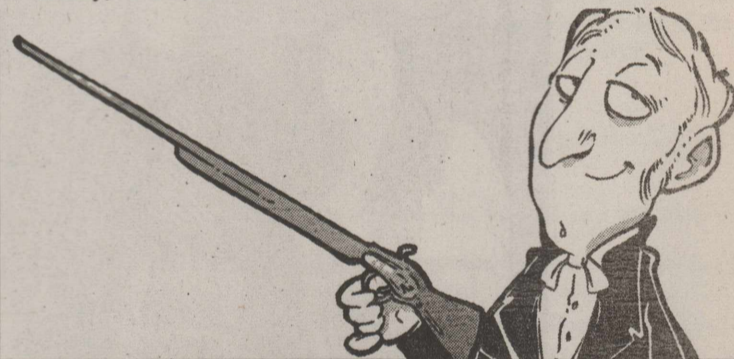
TEXHOMA ISD REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Texhoma Independent School District is in the process of "Requesting Proposals for School Housing." Proposals shall be addressed to Hope Appel, Texhoma ISD, PO Box 709, Texhoma, TX 73949, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "HOUSE REP 06 13-2011." Personal delivery of RFP's may be made at the Texhoma Elementary School, 4th and Denver, Texhoma, Texas. RFP's may be faxed to 806-827-7657 or emailed to hope.appel@texhomaids.net. Proposals will be received from May 23, 2011 and up to but no later than 4:00 pm on June 13, 2011.

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Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.
—Barry Switzer

When science discovers the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to find they are not it.
—Bernard Bailly

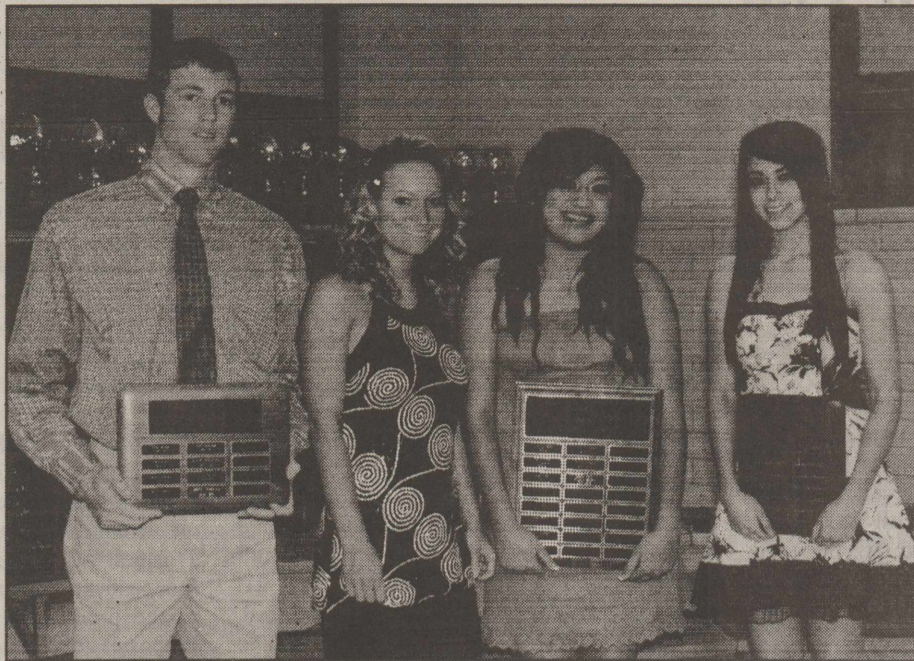


In 1798, Eli Whitney secured a U.S. government contract for \$134,000 to produce 10,000 army muskets.

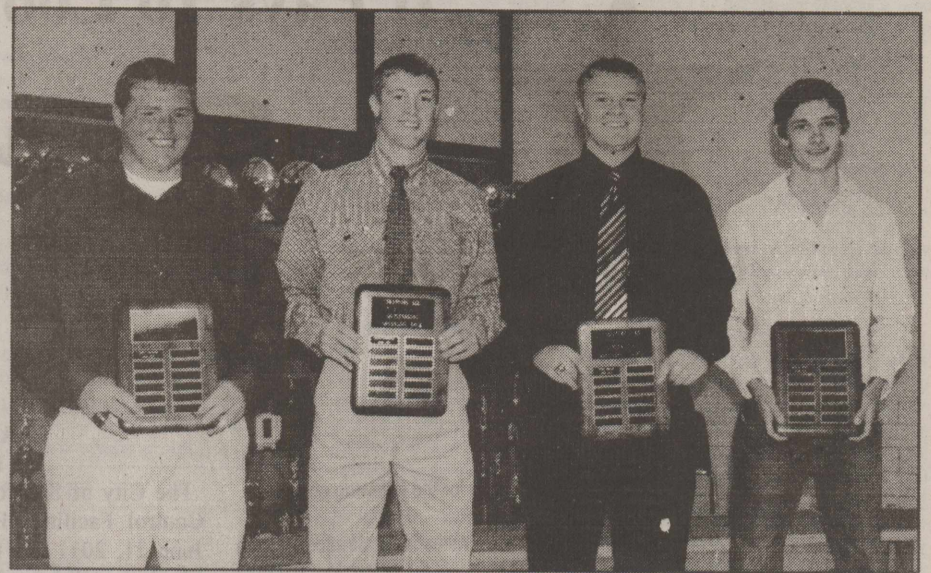
Card of Thanks

After all your years here in Stratford, I hate to see such a wonderful family leaving the community. We are not only losing a wonderful teacher but an awesome coach. I say that from my personal experience of course. This was my son's first year to have you, Shanda, as a teacher and even though it was a short while, he came home bummed that you were moving. I consider myself very fortunate to have had you as my coach Terry. So you can only imagine what I felt when he told me the news. I even thought to myself..."What is wrong with this picture?"... I guess time will tell. One of the main reasons I decided to come back to Stratford is because of teachers and coaches like the both of you...I want my children to experience their school years as I did. Throughout my junior high and high school years I looked up to the both of you more than you'll ever know. Thank you for your time, patience, hard work, dedication, advice and all that you helped me during those younger years...as I am sure many many others that were privileged to have been taught or coached by you through the years are too. Ya'll both have always been about what's best for the kids and I say THANK YOU! I wish ya'll the best in all your future endeavors.
So Coach, Shanda and family..God bless you always again thank you and you will be missed!

Jasmin Rios



Basketball Awards
 Most Valuable Boys Basketball – Bryce Cummings, Girls Most Valuable Basketball – Ragan Foos & Jessica Ibarra, Girls Defensive Most Valuable – Brianda Chavoya.



Football Awards
 Casey Lantelme – Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, Bryce Cummings – Most Valuable Offensive Back, Tyler Wright – Most Valuable Defensive Lineman & Michael Ortega – Most Valuable Defensive Back



Fan of the Year
 Sandy & Ellen Tillery



Hogman Scholarship Recipients
 Tyler Wright & Chris Hart



Outstanding Golf
 Chris Hart & Ragan Foos



Girl and Boy Scholar Athletes
 Perla Reta – 106.625 & Tyler Wright – 107.5



Outstanding Cross Country
 Grayson Gonzalez & Nohemi Ruedas



Outstanding Track
 Casey Lantelme & Kelsie Keener



Fighting Heart Awards
 Kyle Horsford – Football & Basketball & Rubi Rueda – Basketball



Best All-Around Athletes
 Bryce Cummings & Ragan Foos

**All-Sports
 Banquet
 Tuesday,
 May 17, 2011**

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