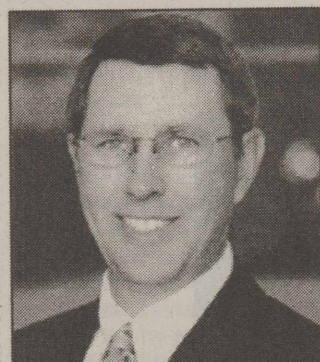


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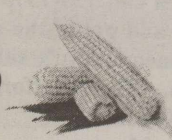
Independent Bankers Assn. of Texas Elects Stratford Banker as Chairman-Elect of Leadership Board
Doak Crabtree of Happy State Bank to Serve on Leadership Division Board of Directors

AUSTIN, Texas— The Leadership Division of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) elected new board members last month during the 30th Annual IBAT Leadership Conference held in San Antonio. Doak Crabtree, president at Happy State Bank (Stratford), now serves as chairman-elect. Crabtree has nearly 30 years of experience in the community banking industry. He has been with Happy State Bank in Stratford for 13 years, beginning when the branch opened. It was Happy State's first branch outside of its home territory and based on its success, the bank has expanded into many other communities. Happy State is the second largest agricultural lender in Texas, and Crabtree sits on the Executive Agriculture Loan Committee. A native of Boise City, Oklahoma, Crabtree is a graduate of Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, the Texas Tech School of Banking and the SW Graduate School of Banking. He remains involved in his family's ranching business in Oklahoma. Married for 33 years, he has two children and his first grandchild on the way. Other executive board members named to guide the Leadership Division are Chairman Mark Sheffield, chief operations officer and executive vice president at First Lockhart National Bank (Lockhart), and Hazem Ahmed, executive vice president at Integrity Bank (Southeast Houston).

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There will be a parent/student informational meeting August 6th at 7:00 pm in the high school library regarding the Boston /New York trip. Anyone with students in grades 7-12 is welcome to attend the meeting to obtain more information on the details of the trip.

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Ewers Hosts Estate Planning July 30th

Marca Ewers hosted an Estate Planning Seminar at Happy State Bank on Thursday, July 30th. She gave a very informative program on various questions that apply to wills, trusts, estates and contracts. Marca is currently the Of Counsel Attorney for the Benn Law Group in Bryan, Texas. We were served pizza for lunch while she explained and took questions about Estate Planning. We appreciate Marca coming to Stratford to give this seminar.

Who made the Ex-Student Reunion a Success?

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Mail out in May: Updated mailing addresses by honored classes and Remember Stratford facebook. (Postal department will not deliver to facebook). Stratford High School students; stamp envelope return, stuffing and address labels. First 'State Bank use of their postage machine. The Stratford Post Office for catching mistakes and correcting addresses.

The City and citizens of Stratford for cleaning up and mowing. Curb appeal for the visitors.

Friday night Hamburgers: A sell out of 208. Will up numbers next year. (some years we only had 170, who knows)Registration; Mary Lou Cotney and Joan Palmer. Donated meat, Stratford Grain and help to set up. Cooks: Andy and Tanner Riffe. Kitchen Help: the 4 Gilley Girls. Ice Cream: Jeanne Bell, Nora Wells, Kathy Riffe, Nina Lavake, Sue Hudson, Janice Brown, Pat Johnson, Gaynelle Riffe. Donated Ice: Chris Riffe. (I did not intend to depend so much on family but they came through in a pinch)

Saturday Parade: It was great to see each honored class in the parade. The class of 1965 had the most on their float. Each class had something special, one remembering class members deceased, some with candy and water guns, (refreshing!). The class of 1955 had 11 attend of a graduating class of 20 and 6 rode in a 1937(the year most were born) International pick-up.

The Lions Club had a great Barbeque as usual. Thank the museum and school for opening for visitors.

Many good words about the SCDC for the Saturday evening Block Party.

Several classes have expressed a desire to maybe get together every 5 years, especially the 60, 50, 40 year classes. We will see.

I regret there is not a time we see all the class together and I hope each class has a picture of their class to share.

Next year July 29, 30, the classes ending in a 6. Start working on missing addresses.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEWS

The time is soon coming for two of the five Stratford Hospital District board member's terms to end. The Stratford Hospital District needs volunteers from the community to replace these members. Board members must be a qualified voter and a resident of the Stratford Hospital District (same as Stratford Independent School District). The deadline for signing up to run as a board member is quickly approaching. Anyone interested must bring their voter registration card and pick up an application in person at the business office of Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday. The last day to sign up is August 26th so don't delay. For questions or additional details, please contact Mark Moore at 806-396-5568

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

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the City of Stratford regular/special election ballot may be filed July 27, 2015 thru August 24, 2015 during the office hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may file applications in person at City Hall, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas.

Expiring two-year terms are: Greg Wright, Ann Johnson and Diana Fritz. Holdover members are Ricky Reed, Joe Zak and James Lutes.

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY 2015-16 Enrollment for Mary Allen Elementary PK-4th Grade students BEGINS, MONDAY August 10th (from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm).

- To be eligible for Pre-K, student must be 4 years of age on or before September 1st, 2015.
- To be eligible for Kindergarten, student must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2015.

Please bring the following information to the Mary Allen Elementary office to register: BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & SHOT RECORD

Thank You!

MARY ALLEN tendrá Inscripciones para el año escolar 2015-16 para Estudiantes de PK-4^o Grado de Mary Allen Elementary Empiezan el LUNES, 10 de Agosto (de 9:00am hasta las 2:00pm).

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Por favor de traer la siguiente información a la oficina de Mary Allen para el registro: CERTIFICADO DE NACIMIENTO, SEGURO SOCIAL Y LAS VACUNAS.

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Board members whose terms will expire are Brad McBryde, Michelle Lutes and Dan Law unexpired term Tres Hess. Holdover members are Walt Berry, Tim Hudson, and Jo Hinds.

A Medical Benefit Account for Cece Yelek has been set up at Happy State Bank

I want to thank all the loving kind people who live in my home town, Stratford, for being so kind and loving to me and my loved ones. You have lifted my life up like I imagine it will be in heaven when We all go there.

Thanks again
Leonard Duncan and Family

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**From the Desk of
Sheriff Powell**

Please welcome Deputy Steven Guerra to our community. He resides with his wife in Dumas, Texas where he spent his last year working as a Police Officer for Dumas Police Department. Deputy Guerra was raised in Dumas until his parents moved them to Canadian, where he eventually graduated in 2011. From there, he earned his Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Amarillo College. After that, he attended the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy and earned his Basic Peace Officer Certification. Deputy Guerra has always had a passion for public service and police work. He loves spending time with his wife, playing with his dogs, and target shooting. His home is the panhandle and his in-laws reside here in south Sherman County.

We are proud to bring him on board. Over the next 30 days, he will be required to complete a Field Training program before he is out on his own. If you see him around, please help us welcome him and as always; Thank You for your continued support of this office!!

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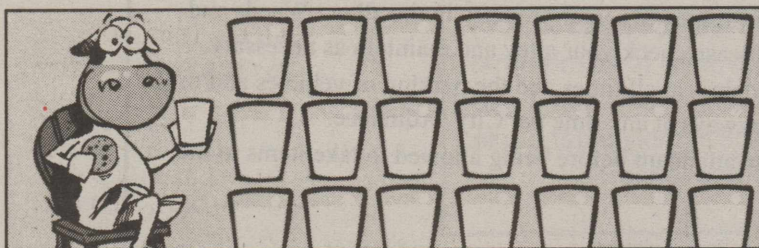
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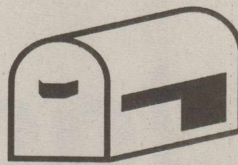


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Letter to the Editor

July 29, 2015
Dear Editor,

For the first time I got to watch the Jamboree Parade instead of driving my horse. It was great to see the turn out this year but I did miss seeing horses. In my opinion we won't see horses in the parade until the sirens are gotten under control. Sometimes more is not better and the sirens fit that. It was impossible to talk even to the person right next to you because of the sirens. It is also very hard for people with hearing aids to be around that many sirens.

I propose a solution for the parades in the future. My suggestion is that there be three short straws, one for the fire department, one for the police and one for the sheriff's department. The person that draws the short straw is the only one from that department who gets to run his or her siren during the parade. I hope this can be done.

Sincerely, Cece Yelek

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Crabtree
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The IBAT Leadership Division is divided into 13 distinct regions, each with its own president who also serves as the region's board member. Several new board members were elected to represent their region. Peter Smith, senior vice president at Happy State Bank (Lubbock), is the Region 2 director; Christy Hester, senior vice president and chief credit administration officer at Texas Bank and Trust (Longview), is the Region 5 director; and Bobby Priestley, senior vice president at First Lockhart National Bank (Austin), is the Region 13 director.

Additionally, Brett McDowell, executive vice president and chief sales officer at Centennial Bank (Lubbock), and Brian May, senior vice president at Pioneer Bank, SSB (Dripping Springs), now serve as at-large banker directors. Cody Yanchak, director of sales at First American Payment Systems (Fort Worth), was elected an at-large associate member director.

The newly elected board members of the nearly 650-member division will serve through 2015-2016. The complete list of Leadership Division Board members can be found at www.ibat.org/leadershipboard-of-directors. The IBAT Leadership Division was founded in 1985 and is dedicated to the development of tomorrow's leaders in community banking. Austin-based IBAT represents more than 2,000 independent banks and branches in 700 Texas communities.



Keener honored with Bridal Shower

Kelsie Keener, bride elect of Brannon Daves was honored with a Bridal shower Sunday, August 2, 2015 in the home of Alexa Reed. The couple plan on being married on Saturday, September 12th, 2015. Shown above left to right are seated Abbie Hernandez, Kelsie Keener, Brianda Chavoya, Reese Schoonover, Ramona Spurlock and Kay Fuqua. Standing Sierra Schoonover, Sherri Dutcher, Ellen Tillery, Linda Keener, Debbie Carson and Trisha Keener.

July Sizzles At Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Red, White and true Blue is the hearts of the residents at Legacy Assisted Living. Independence Weekend began with "50 States Bingo" on Thursday with special cash prizes awarded. On Friday, July 3rd, a bout of Americana Jeopardy was held. Legacy borrowed a buzzer board from the Extension Office for this activity. Two volunteers, Connie Burton and Patricia Hartman, assisted with the signals and timing. Two teams of residents (Liberty Bells VS Firecrackers) spent the afternoon answering questions about American history and trivia. The audience enjoyed the show as much as the participants.

July is also time for the annual family pot-luck supper. The theme was Enjoy a Summer Picnic. The residents made the table decorations, cute black ants made from egg cartons. The googly eyes and varied leg placements made each animal unique and the whole 'army' was adorable. Over eighty people enjoyed the deliciously grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. The families brought side dishes and desserts. No one left the table hungry. Many stories and hugs were shared between residents and family members.

The monthly birthday party celebrated with Kenneth Stanley and JoAnn Bell. The entertainment was a discussion of the most important world events that occurred during the birth years of these two party people. Some of the events of 1921 were: the discovery of insulin, the first use of radio for religious services and sporting events, the first state sale and cigarette taxes were levied. 1934 was the era of John Dillinger, Babe Ruth, Dionne Quintuplets, Alcatraz prison opening, 1st high school driver's education class, and the Dust Bowl. Snacks served were Cherry Supreme Chiller and Grandmother's Punch.

Challenge topics this month were the Science behind Fireworks and President Millard Fillmore. The monthly activities included: Dutch-treat lunch at the Dalhart Senior Citizens for fried chicken; the outing was a drive in the country and ice cream at Dairy Queen; the movie selection was Drums Along the Mohawk starring Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda. Two sessions of Bible Study occurred this month. The study will finish in August. A special afternoon event was viewing a service of Dalhart Cowboy Church provided on DVD by Bobby Gordon.

Pursuit of Happiness- God's Way

Does God want me to be happy? You bet he does! The Bible is chock full of references to feeling happiness, achieving happiness and the path to eternal happiness. For example, in the King James Version of the Bible the word happy is mentioned 25 times. Joy is mentioned 187 times, peace 420 times, and blessings are discussed 372 times. They are a great place to start seeking happiness. These scriptures address our earthly pursuit of happiness and guide us in our pursuit of eternal happiness. Obviously, God recognizes our innate desire to achieve happiness, joy and peace. However, we must realize God makes a definite distinction between temporary moments of happiness here on Earth and our euphoric life for eternity with him.

In this life he provides for us those things to maintain our existence. What we eat, drink, wear, where we live, earning a living, marriage, children, and the possessions we acquire, are ALL Gods gifts to us. These provisions allow us to enjoy our brief existence on Earth. In Philippians 4, Paul discusses how he learned to accept life's ups and downs. There were times he was poor (abased) and other times when he had plenty (abound). In either case, he trusted God to provide for his needs. He recognized life on Earth to be a temporary assignment with tribulations. He knew whatever his circumstance God had a purpose for it. He learned to have peace in his soul. In verse 6 & 7 he gives us his simple formula for contentment. Don't worry. Pray consistently. Thank God. Accept God's peace.

On the other hand, when God created each of us to represent him, he planned this life to serve a heavenly purpose. He wants our lives to be in worship and awe of him. In response to his goodness, we witness to others about his plan to have us spend eternity with him. This is our pursuit of eternal happiness. In John 15:1-11 God describes our pursuit of eternal happiness and defines happiness in verse 11: These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Yes, God wants us to be happy in this life but he also wants us to pursue holiness by attaching ourselves to him as branches to the tree of life. Our true happiness revolves around preparing for the life after this one. We don't need to worry about what we are going to eat or wear. Our true search for happiness begins with service to God. If we serve God he will provide all of our needs. The joy of The Lord is my strength. We are told to rejoice in The Lord and serve him with gladness. To guarantee this unending happiness, God sent his only Son to Earth to guide us to eternal happiness with him.

Meditation: Am I pursuing eternal happiness with God?

Ecclesiastes 2:24, 3:12-13, 22, 5:18-19, 9:9

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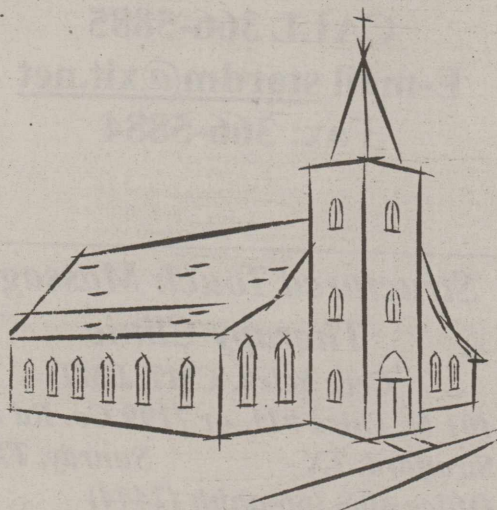
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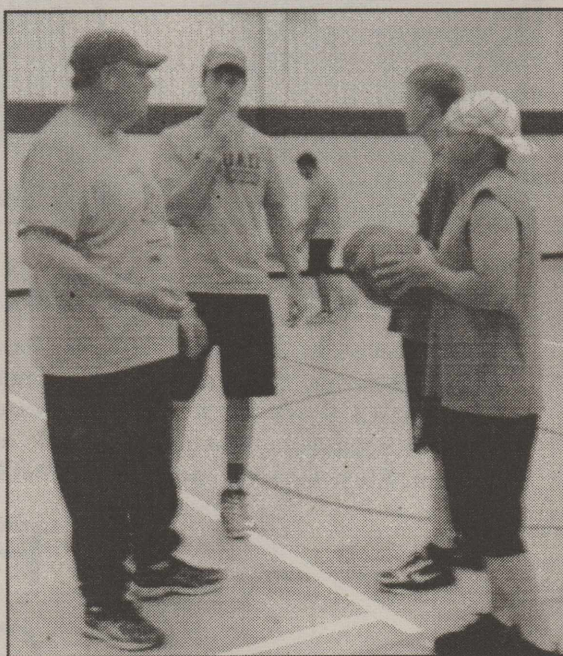
A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped with and attended the Parade, Block Party & Street Dance on July 25th! I'm sorry we had to shut everyone down at 11 p.m. because of the storms but safety comes first, the lightning got bad before we could get everyone off the street but luckily there were no injuries. We want to thank first of all – the Stratford Star, because without our weekly paper no one would've known any details; Gaynelle Riffe for the loan of the p.a. system for the parade; Green Country Equipment in Dalhart for the gator used in the parade and to Ken Wight for transporting it back & forth; Connie Biddy, parade announcer; Donna Penn, a much-used assistant and Mary Hooks, parade judge; April & Shane Palmer who helped with the parade and swept the sidewalks after the dance; Scott Buckles who baled me out at the last minute with a trailer for the stage; Karen, Andy & Tanner Riffe who folded up chairs and picked up trash after the dance; Col. Kara Johnson Neuse who served as a great Parade Marshal; to all the VENDORS, great food, drinks and fun; to Chief Randy Hooks and the Stratford City Police and Sherman County Deputies; AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST – THE STRATFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT!! We couldn't do any of this without these people, they put up banners before the Jamboree after they get off work, then they're out before 8 a.m. on parade day putting flags into the poles and finally after it's over, they're back out taking everything down again. These guys make it possible! We also appreciate everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening with us – Thank You!!

SHERMAN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

1st Annual 3 on 3 Tournament a Success

A new event was in town over Reunion Weekend (July 25) - 3 on 3 Basketball. Fuel Up to Play 60 Ambassador, Russell Spurlock, organized the event in collaboration with Sherman County 4-H. Spurlock said of the event, "The three on three tournament was pretty successful this year. We only had 7 teams signed up when we showed up at the gym, but 5 more teams signed up by the time we started. Everybody had a good time and I think we could have an even bigger turn out if we do it again." This fundraiser will help with monies toward the STAAR Breakfast, a hot nutritious well balance breakfast offered to 3rd and 4th graders on the days of their STAAR testing. Teams came from all over and were made up of girls, boys, men, women, and some even older men. It was great to see so many spectators come to the gym to watch the fun. The tournament really ended up being an awesome happening to go along with all the other reunion festivities. Winners of the 1st Annual 3 on 3 Tournament were OSB (Ong Street Boys- in case you were wondering). The team consisted of Minton -Keener, Jordan Lanier and Terry Menefield. Thanks to First State Bank for donating our water, Stratford ISD for the use of the gym, Sherman County AgriLife Extension office (Alexa Reed, Billye Zak and Jill Killian) for prizes, release forms and helping out on the day of. Also thanks to the Bret Barnard, our scorekeeper, and Kade McBryde (along with Bret) who helped haul everything to and from the gym. Especially thanks to the teams who came and played!

Pictured are: Jordan, Minton and Terry (1st place winners) Russell Spurlock with his dad, Brent, and two players going over the rules



Stratford High School Students can pick up schedules as following:

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Managing Your Money

Understanding Interest Rates

(NAPS)—If you've ever had a mortgage, a car loan or a student loan, you know that today's economy is fundamentally linked to interest rates—and understanding them can make a difference in your own finances.

To help, one of the world's leading derivatives exchanges created a new video to explain interest rates and the economy.

Called "The Ins and Outs of Interest Rates," it shows how businesses manage interest rate risk and how that affects both banks and their customers.



A new video helps you understand the ins and outs of interest rates.

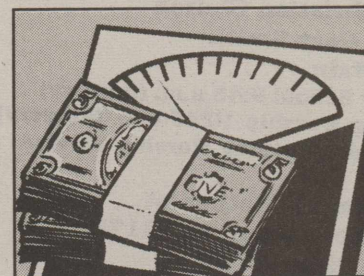
For example, when you take out a mortgage, the lender determines the rate of interest on the loan. This rate is heavily influenced by the overall economy's interest rates.

The bank, in turn, pays interest to the Federal Reserve Bank, the central banking system of the United States. Think of it like this: If the bank is your lender, then the Fed is the bank's lender. Since these interest rates move all the time, the bank is constantly exposed to price risks that will shape how much money it loans out, and at what rate.

"The topic of home mortgages and interest rates is extremely important for the U.S. financial system. Given the current climate, we wanted to outline the importance and value of managing interest rate risk on the economy and on individuals—whether they are in the markets or not," explained Anita Liskey, CME Group Managing Director, Corporate Marketing & Communications.

With easy-to-understand content that everyone from students to experienced market participants can find informative, Futures Fundamentals, the online resource behind the video, takes investing concepts such as futures, hedging and speculating and shows the essential role they play. The goal is to make financial education an engaging experience for anyone, regardless of how well versed he or she is in the world of finance.

You can learn more about this and other videos at www.futuresfundamentals.com.



Every U.S. bank note, regardless of value, weighs one gram. That means 454 bills weigh one pound.



The average American eats about 70 quarts of popcorn a year.



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Star Classifieds

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June 23, 2015

Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:
-Mechanic
-Mill Laborer
17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171
15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287
Then right 5 miles on HWY 171
Apply in person: M-F 8a.m-3p.m. or call (580) 543-6383
Great benefits for full-time positions that include:
Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401K and paid time off. Pre-employment drug screen required.
EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled
JBS Five Rivers Cattle feeding is an equal opportunity Employer 5-7-21 tfn

Coldwater Manor is taking applications for RN's, LVN, Dietary Assistant and Housekeeping. Apply in person. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. EOE 7-16-tfn

CDL driver, CDL-need for 2 years+, Must be at least 25 years old for insurance purposes, clean driving record. Texas Agri Plex Apply in person at 109 Pine Street in Hereford, TX 79045 8-6-c

Grain Cart operator and truck driver for fall harvest Season. Contact Morgan Crabtree at 806-268-0910 (8-6 & 8-13)

Stratford Grain company is hiring both office and elevator help. Apply in person at 4 N. Main 806-tfn

Services

I will babysit at night, when school starts. Linda Forthman at 366-2586 - 301 S. Fulton St.

For Rent

Close to school, nice 2-BR, 1 bath apartment. Furnished with stove & fridge, CH/A No pets. Tenant pays electric and water. \$550 month on 6 month lease. Call 806-244-3418 or go to westtexasrentals.com to see and send in application 1-8 tfn

Office Space-305 N. Main, across from bank. Call 806-570-0441 (7-30-tfn)

Houses for Sale

House-606 N. Poplar 3 large bedrooms, large living room, large kitchen, 2 bathrooms, laundry room, basement. Two car garage with shop in back. 3 lots 806-753-6166 Call for appointment to view. 7-23 for 4 issues

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Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Ann Johnson, Diana Fritz, Greg Wright, James Lutes

Absent Council: None

City Attorney: Rob Elliott

City Manager: Tommy Bogart

City Secretary: Kathy Rendon

Chief of Police: Randy Hooks

City Planner: George Harding

Others: Kathy Allen, Ray Lermon

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on May 26, 2015
- Budget Amendments
- Accounts Payable for May 2015
- Financial Statements for May 2015
 - Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: mobile home permit for Ray and Tammy Lermon
 - The permit request was submitted with all signatures. Joe Zak motioned to approve, Diane Fritz seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Order November 3, 2015 General/Special Election to elect:
 - (3) Council members for two-year terms
 - Expiring terms are: Greg Wright, Ann Johnson, and Diana Fritz
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: **first** reading of **Resolution No. 06232015**
 - Approving a project of the Stratford Sales Tax Corporation to loan \$35,000 to Round Quonset, LLC for improvements to real property for a new business to be located within the city limits.
 - The Sales Tax Board has already approved the loan and there is sufficient collateral. Diane Fritz motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: date and time for **second** reading of resolution for economic development
 - Joe Zak motioned to set for next regular Council meeting, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Manager Report

- Main Street will be blocked off for the Stratford Days Reunion
- Accu-Spec is willing to do phased inspections for new construction or major remodels
- Crushed cement project has been completed. The cement is available for sale
- Will start final phase of Hwy 15 project on Monday

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no comments.

Items from the Council

- Ricky Reed commented on:
 - Several water lines has been "hit" and repaired
 - Allsup's will repair street behind Allsup's and Bain Tire
 - Joe Zak commented on:
 - Fire hydrant repairs
 - only 3 left to repair
 - Treating weeds on streets
 - Still working on water leak on Pine Street
 - Waiting on hydro-stop
 - Still working on updating the Zoning
 - Diana Fritz commented on:
 - Code enforcement protocol
 - Process for demolition of properties
 - Ann Johnson commented on:
 - Annexation
 - Drainage at Dairy Queen
 - Some fences will show overgrown weeds and junk that are behind them
 - James Lutes commented on:
 - Wants the City to review and if necessary, upgrade salaries and benefits
- Adjourn
- Ann Johnson motioned to adjourn at 6:34 pm, Diane Fritz, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

CHEER CAMP 2015

August 10- 13

9:00AM - 10:30 AM

PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE (AS OF FALL 2015)

BRING FORM AND MONEY TO CAMP ON MONDAY

- \$35 Camp Fee
- \$30 Camp Fee for 2nd child in family if pre-registered
- T-shirts are included if registered by May 22
- No shirts for late registration
- Cheerleading memory mate pictures will be taken the last day of camp!

1st Day - Introduction Day

2nd Day - Camp T-Shirt Day

3rd Day - Twin Day

4th Day - Picture Day

Will cheer at the September 25 Pep Rally and Football Game!

For additional information contact: Kendra Mungia 806-717-6505

Please fill out a separate form per child—payment may be made with one check.

Please make checks payable to SHS CHEERLEADERS

Return this portion with your money to: KENDRA MUNGLIA

Name: _____

Camp fee: _____

Grade (FA 2015): _____

Circle T-shirt Size:

Parents: _____

Y = Youth A = Adult

Telephone: _____

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—There's a travel club that offers its members rates that are up to 55 percent less than other booking sites' on accommodations, travel, attractions and more. It's called the Last Minute Travel Club. To learn more, visit www.joinmtclub.com or call 1-800-258-4230.

Boaters should know that the economical, efficient 10 percent ethanol blend can be safely used in marine engines today. Popular marine engine manufacturers have approved the use of E10 in their motors for decades. Learn more at www.ethanolrfa.org.

KnowBullying, the free mobile app from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, offers useful tips for how to deal with bullies, how to work with schools on the issue, and how to get



mental health services. Learn more at www.samhsa.gov.

A game called The Capitol Hill Challenge has middle and high school teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 to see which team can develop the most profitable portfolio. It's sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Foundation. To learn more, visit www.sifma.org.

School Supply Lists

STRATFORD ISD
 MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY-
 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2015-2016

PPCD/LIFE SKILLS

- 2 LARGE GLUE STICK
- 3 BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 1 BOTTLE OF GERM-X
- 1 BACKPACK

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 BOX OF KLEENEX
- 1 BACK PACK
- 1 BOTTLE OF GLUE

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 1/2" 3 RING BINDER
- 20 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 6 LARGE GLUE STICKS
- 1 BOX OF 24 CRAYONS
- 1 SCHOOL BX (NO ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG)
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 1 REST MAT
 - (NO BLANKET, EXERCISE MAT/SLEEPING BAG)

FIRST GRADE

- 24 #2 YELLOW PENCILS
- 2 BOXES OF 24 CRAYONS (NO FLUORESCENT)
- 1 SMALL PENCIL BOX
- 1 PAIR POINTED SCISSORS
- 1 PACK OF PINK ERASERS
- 1 ZIPLOC BOX QUART BAGGIES- GIRLS
- 1 ZIPLOC BOX GALLON BAGGIES- BOYS
- 2 ROLLS PAPER TOWELS
- 3 to 4 GLUE STICKS
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
 - NO PENCIL SHARPENERS

SECOND GRADE

- 2 LRG ZIPPERED PENCIL BAGS
- 2 BOXES OF 24 COUNT CRAYONS
- 3 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 1 PAIR OF SCISSORS
- 20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 2 WIDE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (70pg COUNT)
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 3 GLUE STICKS
- 1 FOLDER WITH POCKETS

THIRD GRADE

- 20 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 2 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 1 POCKET FOLDER- NO BRADS
- 1 POCKET FOLDER WITH BRADS
- 3 GLUE STICKS
- 2 PINK ERASERS
- 1 PACKAGE OF CAP ERASERS
- 3 PKGS WIDE RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 3 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS-WIDE RULED (60-100 PAGES)
- 2 COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS- WIDE RULED
- ZIPPERED PENCIL BAG
- 1 BOX QUART BAGGIES- GIRLS
- 1 BOX GALLON BAGGIES- BOYS
 - NO BINDERS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS

FOURTH GRADE

- 1 SPIRAL NOTEBOOK (1 SUBJECT)
- 1 PKG 12 COLORED PENCILS
- 3 LARGE BOXES OF KLEENEX
- 30 #2 PENCILS (NO MECHANICAL)
- 1 PACKAGE OF RED PENS
- 1 PAIR SCISSORS
- 1 PACKAGE NOTEBOOK PAPER
- 2 GLUE STICKS
 - NO TRAPPER KEEPERS
 - NO PENCIL BAG

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDS
 BELONGINGS WITH HIS/HER NAME!**

Stratford Junior High School Supply List 2015-2016

<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
pencils	pencils
red pens	red pens
erasable blue or black pens	erasable blue or black pens
colored pencils	colored pencils
highlighters (Reading)	highlighters (Reading)
zippered pencil bag	zippered pencil bag
1 wide-ruled spiral w/3 holes (English)	1 wide-ruled spiral w/3 holes (English)
1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)	1 large spiral-not perforated (Social Studies)
1 pocket folder (Math)	1 pocket folder (Math)
1 single subject 70-sheet spiral (Reading)	4 (1 inch) binders (Read,Tech, Eng & Sci)
2 spiral notebooks (Math & Reading)	2 spiral notebooks (Math & Reading)
1(1 1/2 inch) binder (Reading)	2 pkg-5 tab dividers (Technology & Science)
2 (1inch) binder (Science & English)	1 pkg-8 tab dividers (English)
2 large boxes of Kleenex	2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 pkg-8 tab dividers (English)	
1 pkg-5 tab dividers (Science)	
personal earbuds or headphones (5th for Science and 6th for Science and Technology)	
Please put your name on all your items!	

<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>
1 pkg notebook paper	1 pkg notebook paper
12 - #2 pencils	12 - #2 pencils
6 ball point pens (black or blue)	6 ball point pens (black or blue)
6 red ball point pens	6 red ball point pens
2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & History)	2 - 2 inch 3-ring binder (Math & *Health)
2 (1 subject) spiral notebooks (Science,History)	2 (1 subject)spiral notebook (Science & *Health)
2 folders w/brads & pockets (English,Reading)	3 folders w/brads & pockets (English,Tech,*Reading)
1 folder with pockets (History)	1 large spiral with pocket inserts (History)
2 large Kleenex boxes	2 large Kleenex boxes
	personal earbuds or headphones (Technology)
	(*8th graders - if you are in Health you won't be in Reading & if you are in Reading you won't be in Health*)
Please put your name on all your items!	