

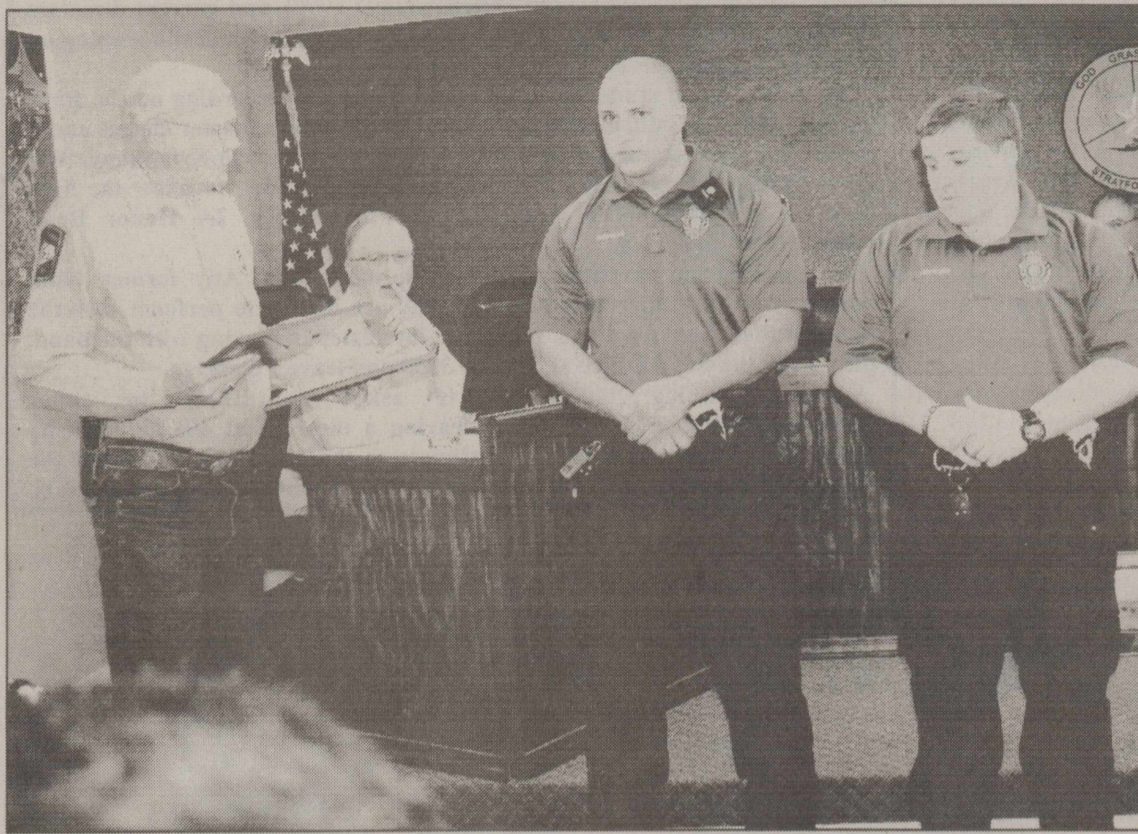
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Letter of Commendation

The Stratford Police Department and the City of Stratford would like to take this opportunity to commend Officer Richard Coborn and Officer Michael McHugh their life saving actions on February 7th 2016.

Officer's Coborn and McHugh responded to the Sherman County jail where Jailer/ Dispatcher Jennifer Spurlock had requested assistance. Upon arrival, they were informed that an inmate was attempting to hang himself. Officers Coborn and McHugh entered the jail and observed a male inmate hanging inside the cell. Both officers entered the cell and the inmate was cut down. The officers began life saving measures which resulted in saving his life. The inmate was then transported to Dumas Memorial hospital for treatment.

Your quick actions prevented a fatal incident, thus crediting you with the saving of a life.

Therefore we give you this Commendation so that all will know your service is appreciated. In addition we would like the citizens of this community to know that your actions provide a valuable service, which prevented a tragic loss of life.

Please accept my sincere thanks and that of the City of Stratford.

Sincerely

Randy Hooks Chief of Police Stratford Texas

Shown above, Left RandyHooks, Chief of Police-presenting Officers Coborn and McHugh their Commendations.

Dear Stratford Residents and General Contractors:

Please be advised that per Section 13.01.038(b) of the City of Stratford's Code of Ordinances, only regular household waste is to be disposed of in the dumpsters provided by the City.

Section 13.01.038(b) - Materials prohibited in containers. The following shall not be disposed of in city containers: hazardous waste, liquid waste, used motor oil, used oil filters, lead acid batteries, yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, yard/garden debris, brush), construction/demolition/remodeling debris, lumber, shingles/roofing material, chairs/furniture, mattresses/box springs, waste tires (automotive/implement/truck/tractor), major appliances/fixtures, and dead animals.

Section 13.04.041 - Dirt, concrete and rocks prohibited in containers.

The disposal of dirt, concrete, and rocks in city trash containers is hereby prohibited. (Ordinance 970519, sec. 9, adopted 5/19/97)

Grass dumpsters are for grass only.

A fine or penalty for the violation of a rule, ordinance or police regulation that governs fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation, including the dumping of refuse, may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Copies of the City Ordinances and/or sections of the City Ordinances may be obtained by contacting the Code Enforcement Officer at 806-268-4158.

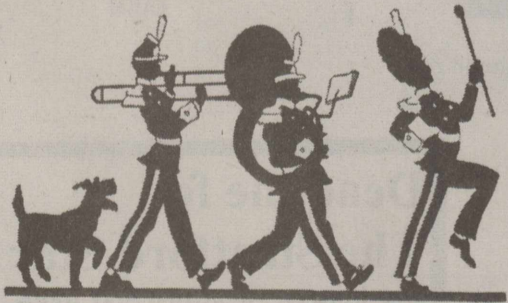
For a list of items accepted at the Recycle Center, please call the Recycling Center Manager at 806-338-0536.

Stratford Lions Club
Mexican Pile on Dinner
Sunday, April 10, 2016
11:30 – 1:00
County Barn
Free Will Donation



Construction underway

Shown above is the Fed Ex Office being demolished-getting ready to start building the New Pilot Flying "J" Travel Center. Estimation time frame is 120 days from the start date. Company is expected to hire 70 employees. Business hours will be 24/7. In the next few days Ol'Biddys Café will be coming down also.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

The Stratford Jamboree is right around the corner (ok, so it's a big corner).

Time to start thinking about your floats

And entries in this year's parade.

Our theme: Patriotism

More later! Watch the Star for further details!

*Contact Cece Yelek, Parade Chairman

if you have questions. 806.290.3655

Need your sidewalk numbers painted or redone?

Sherman County 4-H Council would love to do it for you for a suggested donation of \$15!

Send in your \$15 or more donation with the form below or take it to the AgriLife Extension Office by April 27th!

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mail to: Sherman County 4-H Council, P.O. Box 540, Stratford, Texas 79084

Or bring to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office, 701 North Third Street Stratford, TX 79084 (courthouse annex)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

XIT Rodeo and Reunion Directors are now accepting applications for XIT Rodeo Queen

To qualify you must be a High School Sophomore, Junior or Senior girl for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year, live within a 50-mile radius of Dalhart, be unmarried, able to ride a horse and be willing to devote their time and effort promoting XIT Rodeo & Reunion during their reign. The winner of this contest will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and approximately \$1,500 in awards and prizes. The XIT Rodeo & Reunion Board of Directors recently mailed out an announcement along with entry packets to all area schools. Those interested in competing for XIT Rodeo Queen are encouraged to contact Steven Yeager @ 806-333-4409 or your school office. Applications need to be mailed with a postmark on or before April 15, 2016.

Stratford "Fine Arts Extravaganza" Information, 4/26/16

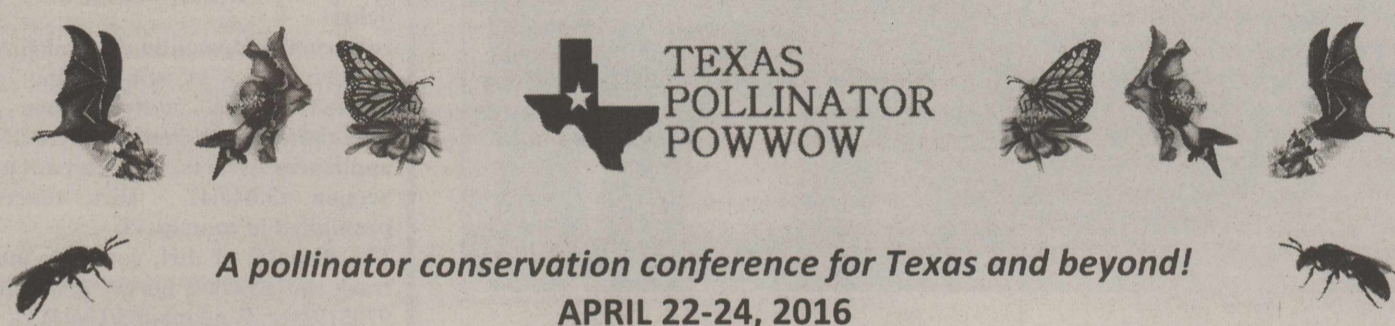
The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to sponsor the Stratford Fine Arts Extravaganza at the Amarillo Globe News Center on Tuesday, April 26th. The event will showcase the Stratford H.S. Big Blue Band and also the Junior High Band. Art work by students in SHS art classes and the industrial arts classes will also be showcased in the foyer and during the reception. The Extravaganza will begin at 6:30 pm, and a reception will follow in the Gilliland Education Center.

The Foundation shall also honor all past Big Blue Band directors and their families at the concert and also the reception. Directors who plan to attend the event include Joe Mack Hill (1958-1966), Noel Maxwell (1966-1970), Jeff Doughten (1971-1973), Gary Laramore (1975-1978), Randy Hunsaker (1979-2007), Dr. Jim Taliaferro (1986-1987), John Strother (1977-1978), Betty Ingham (1987-1991), Jeff Witcher (1997-1999), and current directors Katherine Willey Nusz and Jim Parham. The Foundation is still waiting on confirmation from several other directors.

The current band students shall be rehearsing and recording on the stage of the concert hall during the day. They will also have master classes and a recital from music faculty at WIAMU and the Amarillo Symphony. The rehearsals and concert shall be professionally recorded to allow the SHS band to submit quality recordings for the TMEA 2A Honor Band competition this spring.

The concert and reception are free to the public. Any former band members or band directors who still play are invited to perform with the band on their final numbers. If you are interested in playing with the band, please call the Band Office at 806.366.3339 and leave a message.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to either shsbigblueband@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 405.737.0599 by April 15th. The caterers need an estimate so there is enough food for the reception. Donations may also be made at the reception to help defray costs.



A pollinator conservation conference for Texas and beyond!

APRIL 22-24, 2016

MUSEUM OF TEXAS TECH

Field Trip to TAHOKA LAKE PASTURE (Sunday, 24th)

To provide education, resources and networking opportunities to natural resource management professionals and volunteers- and the community at large- and to empower them all in conserving our pollinators and their habitats across the landscape

*Seventeen speakers, two dozen exhibitors, **TWO BEE ID WORKSHOPS***, **TWO MILKWEED PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS***, and teams of botanists/entomologists/biologists as trip leaders to Tahoka Lake! (*separate registration required - 35 person limit)*

Speakers:

Jo Ann Baumgartner, Executive Director, Wild Farm Alliance. How Farms Can Benefit From and Support Biological Diversity

Karen Clary, Program Manager, Plant Conservation, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Project Milkweed – Collecting Important Milkweed Ecotypes for Monarchs

Randy Johnson, Dallas Zoo Horticulture Manager; Randy Johnson Organics. Native Plants: Relevance and Application

Sam Droege, USGS Bee Lab. A Very Broad Overview of the Role of Native Bees in Landscapes: Patterns, Biology, Conservation, Management, Agriculture, and Surveys.

Sam Earnshaw, Executive Director, Hedgerows Unlimited; USDA-NRCS/TSP. Planting Habitat on Farms: Designs, Techniques, Issues

Shalene Jha, University of Texas at Austin. Pollination Mutualisms: From Prairies to Cotton Farms

Tigga Kingston, Texas Tech Department of Biology. Wind Farms, Wetlands, and White Nose: Challenges to Bat Conservation on the High Plains

Scott Longing, Texas Tech Department of Plant and Soil Science. Pollinators on the Plains: New Research Focused on Pollinator Ecology and Conservation

Jon Lundgren, Executive Director, Blue Dasher Farms and The Ecdysis Foundation.

Jack Neff, Executive Director, Central Texas Melittological Institute. Floral Host Relationships of Texas Bees

Bob Pyle, Author/Lepidopterist/Founder of the Xerces Society. Pollinators, Plants, and People on the Edge of What's Left

Jim Ray, Wildlife Biologist/Scientist, Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC, USDOE/NNSA Pantex Plant. From Honeybees to Monarchs – A High and Rolling Plains Perspective AND An Update on the U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration Pollinator Initiative

Lauren Jansen Simpson, How I Came to Love the Syrphid Fly - From the Journal of a Citizen Scientist

Robinson Sudan, Biologist, New Leaf Consulting/Pollinator Partnership. Bee Diversity of the Sky Islands

David Wolfe, Executive Director, Environmental Defense Fund. Monarch Butterfly Habitat Exchange

FOR AGENDA AND TO REGISTER:
<http://www.texaspollinatorpowwow.org/>

Contact: Carrie McLaughlin: carrie.mclaughlin58@gmail.com

No matter how good you are, you're going to lose one-third of your games. No matter how bad you are, you're going to win one-third of your games. It's the other third that makes the difference.
—Tommy Lasorda

Deadline for The Stratford Star
Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

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Thanks-Marty

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Will James books were donated to the Stratford Jr. High and High School Library. Cece Yelek delivered the books to the library. Shown holding the books are high school students from left: Katelin Berry, Jaci Brown, Cece, Bret Barnard and Russell Spurlock.

This donation of books to Stratford Middle School Library has been made through the Will James Society Book Gifting Program. It is the mission of the Will James Society to provide books written and illustrated by Will James in the western genre for readers of all ages to enjoy stories of the real cowboy life-The Society donates books to schools and libraries throughout the United States and Canada.

Donations are welcome from individuals to help the Society purchase additional books. The Will James Society is a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so contributions are tax deductible. You can visit their website at www.willjames.org for more information.

For further inquiries to have a donation of books provided to a school or public library of your choice, contact Charlie Nightengale, Director of the Will James Book Gifting Program, P.O. Box 2767, McCall, ID 83638 or email at WillJamesSociety@yahoo.com.

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Grand Opening Celebration
Of the
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April 14th, 2016 - 6 pm
81st Anniversary of Black Sunday

Depression Supper, Entertainment
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Dr. Jess Porter of The Weather Channel's
When Weather Changed History and Co-Curator
Of Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone By
And
Brian Birchler, Adaptation of
Drought and Grasslands of the American West.
And
Special viewing of
When Weather Changed History, The Dust Bowl,
Beginning at 5 pm

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From any employee or board member
For information call 580-544-3479

Baseball is almost the only orderly thing in a very unordered world.
If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't
get you off.

—Bill Veeck

USDA Seeks Grant Applications to Provide Development Support to Rural Cooperatives

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 29, 2016 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that \$5.8 million in competitive funding is available nationwide to help start, improve or expand cooperative businesses in rural areas.

"Cooperatives have long been a key resource for small and mid-sized producers working together to access new markets or to market value added products," said Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah. "This funding helps them continue their crucial role supporting farmers and other businesses that create jobs, provide services and improve the quality of life in rural America." "USDA Rural Development's mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Texas State Director Paco Valentin. "These funds will promote start up, expansion and operational improvements as cooperatives work to grow and strengthen their businesses and provide sustainable, well-paying jobs to rural residents."

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program provides funding to nonprofit cooperative development centers and institutions of higher learning. Grants may be awarded for up to \$200,000 and matching funds are required equal to 25 percent of the total project cost. For information on how to apply for RCDG grants, contact the USDA Rural Development Texas State Office at 254-742-9780 or see page 16127 of the March 25 Federal Register (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-25/pdf/2016-06765.pdf>). The first round of applications is due June 20, 2016.

For information on this and other USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/tx>.
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic

Stratford Family Medical Clinic
Mon. - Thurs 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD, RPH

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility
396-5568 Mark Moore, LNFA

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

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

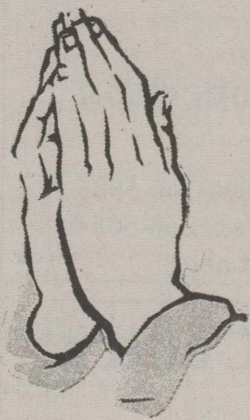
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
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. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Mark Looney
302 S. Main
For more info-call 396-2212
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.

La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo (Sunday)
Estuela 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
Susuinos Durante El Servicio

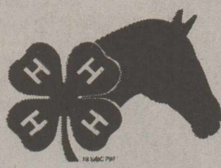
Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela
806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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

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366-5885

Church of Christ
Raymond Glendinning
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.

Sherman County Silver Spurs 2016 Playdays



Stratford Arena

South of town on the intersection of HWY 15 and HWY 287 | (806)390-9030

| PLAYDAY | BOOKS OPEN | STARTING TIME |
|--|------------|---------------|
| June 4 | 1:00 | 2:00 |
| June 18 | 1:00 | 2:00 |
| July 9 | 1:00 | 2:00 |
| July 23 (awards program and cookout to follow) | 1:00 | 2:00 |

AGE CLASSES: Determined by State 4-H Age rules; summer events based off of previous grade.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Pee-Wee (no lead-line) | ages 3 & 4 |
| Clover | ages 5 - 7 |
| Junior | grades 3 rd - 5 th |
| Intermediate | grades 6 th - 8 th |
| Senior | grades 9 th - 12 th |

Rider must be a 4-H member in any county and must show proof

****Riders in the Intermediate and Senior age class will be required to work one (1) event at every playday from set-up to tear-down or no points will be awarded for that day.**

EVENTS:

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Cloverleaf Barrel Race | Flag Race | Fun Run (changes every race) |
| Pole Bending Race | Goat Tie | |

Entry Fee is \$8.00 for speed events and \$12.00 for livestock events.

****\$2.00 late fee applies to each event entered if books are closed.**

AWARDS:

To be eligible to win the Awards, you must compete in three (3) of the four (4) playdays which will be determined at the end of the playday season. Awards are based on riders completing required number of events worked, and total points earned at each playday.

Each playday, riders get points for their placing in each event and a 70% payback. Awards at the end of the year will be given through 3rd place in each class and each event, if a rider meets all other eligibility requirements.

A Top Hand Award will be awarded to the one (1) standout individual who participates in practices, playdays, fundraisers, parades, and other 4-H Horse project related activities. The Top Hand Award will go to a Sherman County 4-H member only.

For more information and to receive a copy of the rules and membership form, come into the Sherman County AgriLife office, email alexa.reed@ag.tamu.edu, or call during business hours to (806)366-2081. Also, text @sherhorse to 81010 for Remind101

ATTN: FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2015 you need to contact the Appraisal District now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 30, 2016 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2016 tax roll. Sherman County Appraisal District, 402 N 3rd Stratford TX or call 806-366-5566.

Multi-use exemption applies to some self-employed taxpayers.

The passage of Proposition 6, which amended the state constitution under House Bill 1022, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. The exemption form must be filed prior to April 30 each year.

A vehicle is not eligible:

1. If you work for someone else.
2. If you use your vehicle to commute to and from work.
3. If you are a retired person with no production of income.
4. If it is registered in a business name.

Income producing vehicles are and continue to be taxable. The law allows the local taxing jurisdictions to choose to tax personal vehicles. The legislature did not exclude the multi-use exemption in jurisdictions that tax vehicles for personal use.

BUSINESSES

Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your property now! Deadline: April 15, 2016

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 Nrd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

Business Directory

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e-mail: stardm@xit.net

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Fax: 366-5884

Stratford Education Foundation News

Stratford Education Foundation Press Release on Grants 2016



The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to announce that 5 grants were awarded during the 2016 spring semester. One of the grants was written by SISD school nurse, Joli Hauser, who is also a CASA board member. CASA is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and bringing the author of biography, *This Is Us*, Mr. David Mann, to the Texas Panhandle. Mr. Mann shall speak to all SHS and SJHS students on Friday, April 29'. All SHS seniors shall be reading his book in English classes, then have the opportunity to ask questions after he speaks to the student body. The public is also invited to attend the lecture. More information on the time will be published when it becomes available.

Shown below in SEF Board member Lynda Hauser presenting the grant to Joli Hauser.



BIG NEWS FROM THE STRATFORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION!

The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to announce they are hosting the "STRATFORD FINE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA" at the Amarillo Globe News Center on Tuesday, April 26th. The event shall include displays of artwork by the art department, metal and woodwork by the VoAg department, as well as concerts by both the SJHS and SHS Big Blue Bands.

The SEF shall also be honoring all past band directors and their families. They will be recognized during the concert and then honored at the reception following the concert. It will be exciting to see so many past band directors and their families, who did so much to create and maintain the legacy of the Big Blue Band.

The event will begin at 6:30 pm, and a reception shall be held after the concert. This event is free to the public, so please contact any classmates or family members who were in the band and encourage them to attend. More information will be available in April, so look for more information in the Stratford Star, on Facebook, and the SEF website, www.stratfordeducationfoundation.com.

Mr. Jim Parham, current SJHS band director, was awarded a grant for \$1,350 to bring 9 faculty members from WTAMU to the AGNC for Master Classes and a Faculty Recital on the day of the Stratford Fine Arts Extravaganza. Students will learn from master teachers and also practice concert etiquette during the recital.

Pictured below are Lynda Hauser and Jackie Gilley presenting the SHS Band Director, Katherine Nusz, with the grant. Mr. Parham was not available when the photo was made.

Stratford Education Foundation Grants

The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to announce that 5 grants were awarded during the spring semester of 2016. One of the larger grants is to Stratford High School math and science teachers Kassidy Rosas, Paula Everett, and Ammon Farnsworth. They wrote a grant to fund graphing calculators for the high school math and science classrooms. The graphing calculators are used in upper level math and science courses, and students are allowed to use the calculators during state testing, end of course (EOC) testing, and all AP testing. The teachers were awarded \$5500 to purchase calculators for their students.

Stratford Education Foundation Works to Help Build Greenhouse

The Stratford Education Foundation received an application from the SHS Agricultural Sciences teachers, Kendra Martin and Kaleb Horsford, to build a greenhouse on school property. Two SEF board members secured both private and corporate financing to make the dream a reality. You should see lots of activity on the SISD campus as the greenhouse is built and the students study horticulture. The special needs classes and also all science classes will also have access to the greenhouse for their curriculum.

In the photo below are SEF board members Lynda Hauser and Jackie Gilley, instructor Kendra Martin, SHS Principal P.J. Hanna, and 2 of the FFA members who will be participating in the horticulture lab.

Stratford "Fine Arts Extravaganza" Information, 4/26/16

The Stratford Education Foundation is excited to sponsor the Stratford Fine Arts Extravaganza at the Amarillo Globe News Center on Tuesday, April 26th. The event will showcase the Stratford H.S. Big Blue Band and also the Junior High Band. Art work by students in SHS art classes and the industrial arts classes will also be showcased in the foyer and during the reception. The Extravaganza will begin at 6:30 pm, and a reception will follow in the Gilliland Education Center.

The Foundation shall also honor all past Big Blue Band directors and their families at the concert and also the reception. Directors who plan to attend the event include Joe Mack Hill (1958-1966), Noel Maxwell (1966-1970), Jeff Doughten (1971-1973), Gary Laramore (1975-1978), Randy Hunsaker (1979-2007), Dr. Jim Taliaferro (1986-1987), John Strother (1977-1978), Betty Ingham (1987-1991), Jeff Witcher (1997-1999), and current directors Katherine Willey Nusz and Jim Parham. The Foundation is still waiting on confirmation from several other directors.

The current band students shall be rehearsing and recording on the stage of the concert hall during the day. They will also have master classes and a recital from music faculty at WIAMU and the Amarillo Symphony. The rehearsals and concert shall be professionally recorded to allow the SHS band to submit quality recordings for the TMEA 2A Honor Band competition this spring.

The concert and reception are free to the public. Any former band members or band directors who still play are invited to perform with the band on their final numbers. If you are interested in playing with the band, please call the Band Office at 806.366.3339 and leave a message.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to either shsbigblueband@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 405.737.0599 by April 15th. The caterers need an estimate so there is enough food for the reception. Donations may also be made at the reception to help defray costs.



4-H Hosts Breakfast Before Elementary STAAR Tests

In July 2015, Russell Spurlock hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to raise money to provide a healthy breakfast for the local 3rd and 4th graders on STAAR testing mornings. On Tuesday March 29th, Russell coordinated a team of Sherman County 4-H members and Stratford High School FCCLA members in making Breakfast burritos. This hard working team met in the high school Family and Consumer Science kitchen at 7 a.m. to prepare over 60 breakfast burritos. They stuffed bags for the 4th grade with mandarin oranges and a 4-H Frisbee and served the breakfast with a cup of milk. As each 4th grader came through the line Russell and his crew wished them well and pumped them up for their test.

On May 9th and 10th Russell and his crew will be at it again for 3rd and 4th grade STAAR testing days. This program is a part of Russell's Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador program. The purpose of 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassadors is to promote the Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles projects such as Foods and Nutrition, Health and Safety. Ambassadors provide leadership to educational events through the implementation of healthy living programs, including Fuel Up To Play 60. Russell was nominated for this state 4-H leadership position in the spring of 2014 by Jill Killian, Sherman County

Extension Agent- Family and Consumer Sciences. He attended a week long training event in Dallas that summer with 4-H members from across Texas. 4-H members applying to be Healthy Lifestyles Ambassadors must be at least 15 years old, serve a two-year term, and should be active in 4-H Foods and Nutrition, Health, Safety and Leadership projects.

The Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador program empowers youth by giving them opportunities to provide leadership. It equips them to serve as a leader to implement the Fuel Up To Play 60 Program in local schools, and provides educational experiences that enable 4-H members across the state to become knowledgeable and skilled in Family and Consumer Science subject matter.

The Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Ambassadors are to coordinate educational events that provide learning opportunities related to the 4-H Foods and Nutrition, Health and Safety projects as well as be of service to others. We commend Russell for his leadership to this program.

Several other 4-H projects in Family and Consumer Science as well as Agriculture and Natural Resources provide opportunities to serve in state leadership/ambassador programs.

4-H Membership is open to all youth regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin and disability. If you would like more information on the 4-H program please contact the Sherman County Extension office, 806-366-2081.

DISTRICT WINNERS OF THE 2016 TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District presented certificates to the district winners of the 2016 Texas Conservation Awards Program. The purpose of this program is to provide competition and incentives to expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development and increase the wise utilization of our renewable natural resources. Stratford students could participate in three different areas based on their age group – essays, posters and coloring pages.

Certificated were awarded as follows:

Coloring Contest (K-2nd grade)

- 1st - Alexander Guerra
- 2nd - Angel R. Guerra
- 3rd - Mario A. Niave

Poster Contest (3rd-5th grade)

- 1st - Caitlyn Skiles
- 2nd - Santiago Ibarra
- 3rd - Adan Duran

Essay Contest (13 & under)

- 1st - Klaire Walden

Essay Contest (14-18)

- 1st - Bret Barnard
- 2nd - Raeleigh Willborn
- 3rd - Russell Spurlock

The top three entries in the poster and essay contests advanced to the area competition. Results from the area competition are as follows:

Essay - Bret Barnard 2nd place and Poster - Adan Duran 2nd place.

Bret and Adan and their families will be honored at an area wide banquet to be held in Plainview, Texas.

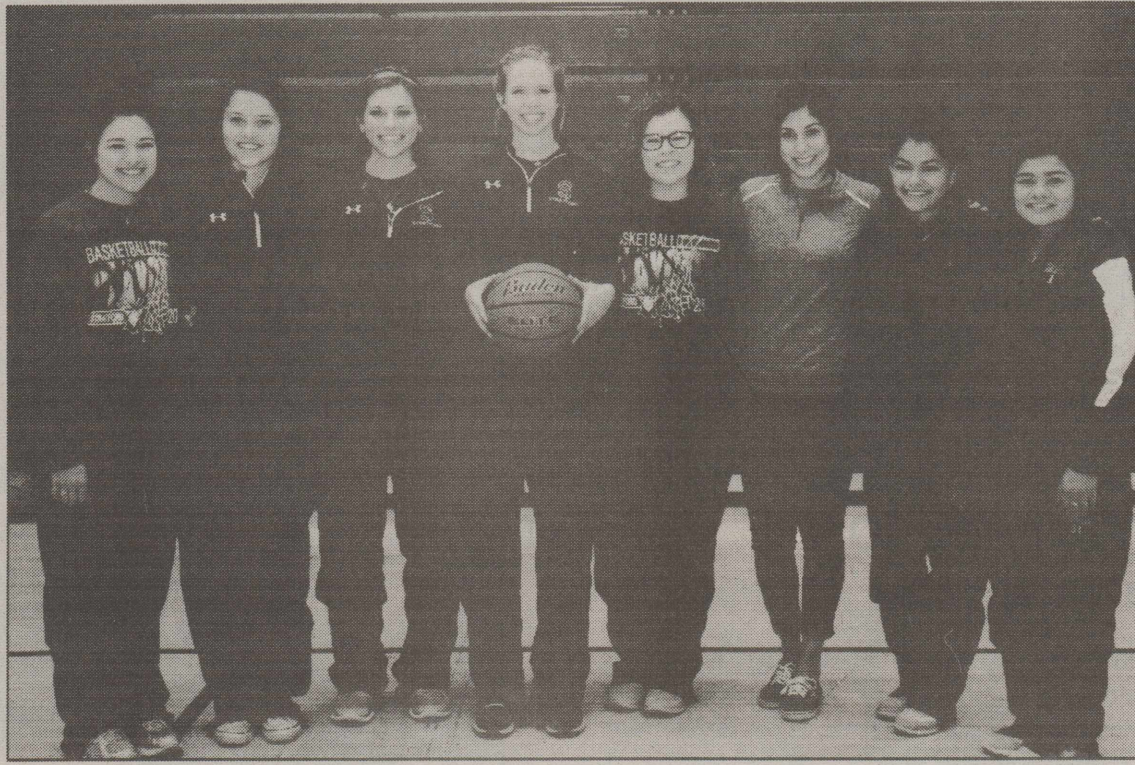
Scott Buckles, Chairman along with the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank all the Stratford students who participated and their teachers who helped facilitate the contest - Christopher Lough, Stacy Metcalf, Tamra Elms and all the teachers at Mary Allen Elementary.



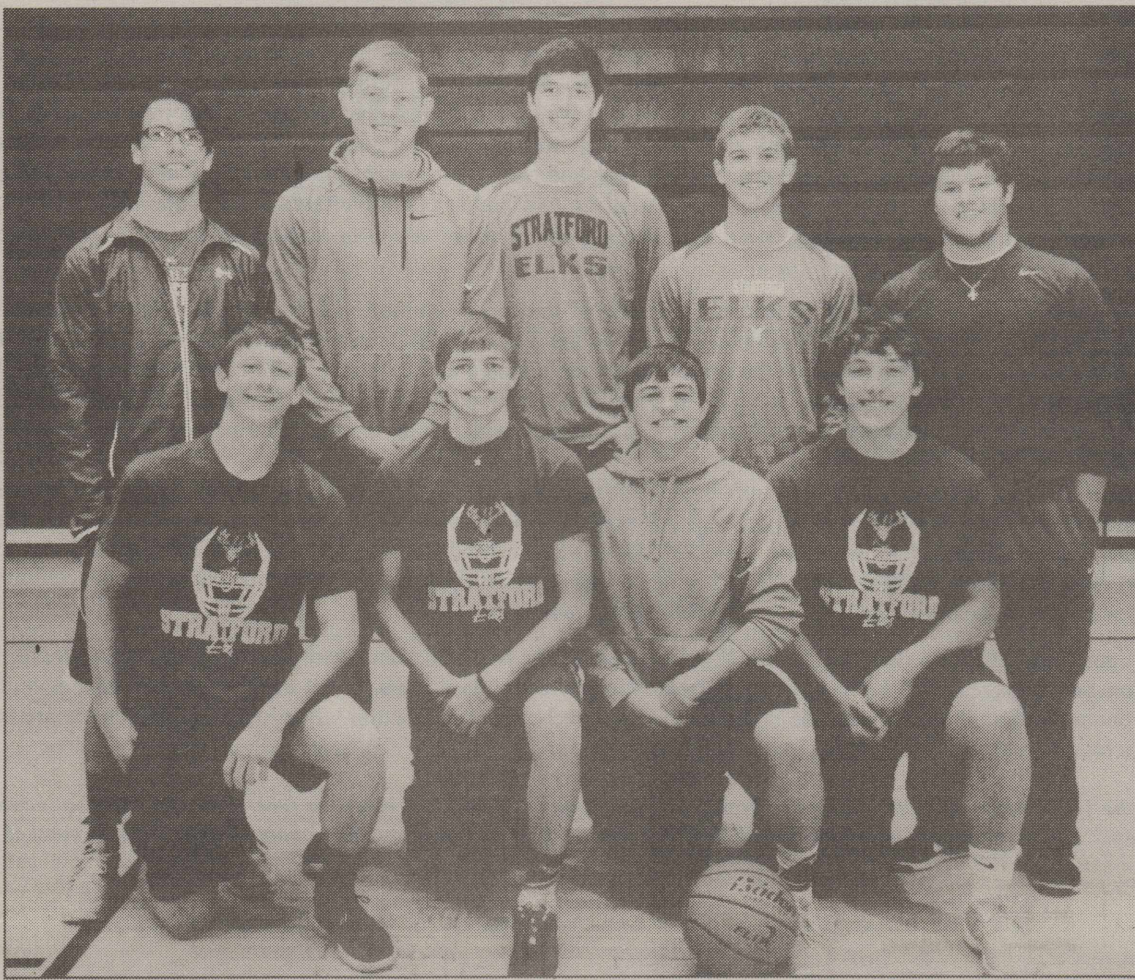
Pictured - Junior High - Suzanne Trayler, Adan Duran, Klaire Walden and Scott Buckles



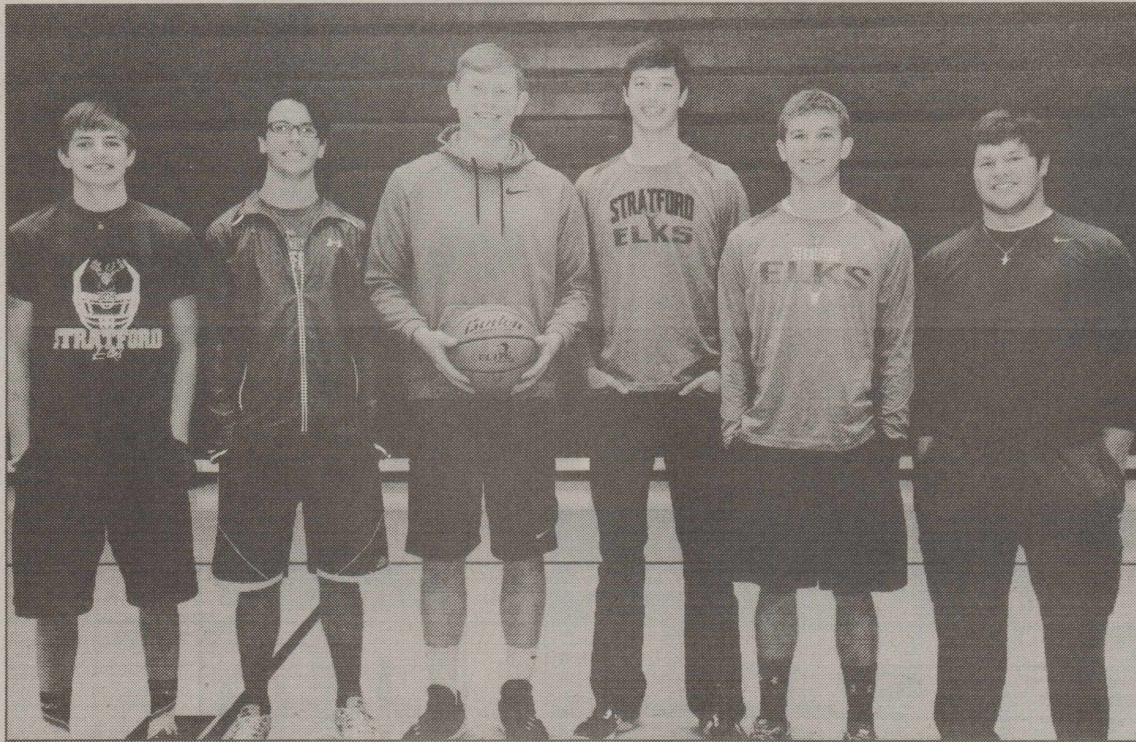
Pictured - High School - Scott Buckles, Bret Barnard, Raeleigh Willborn, Russell Spurlock, and Suzanne Trayler



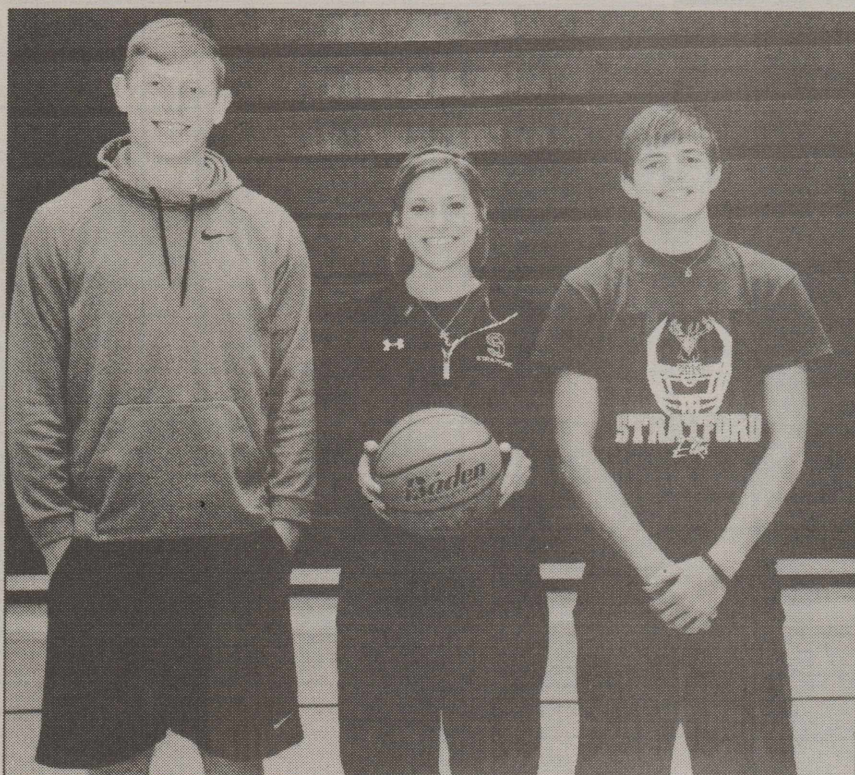
2016 Academic All-District Girls Basketball L/R: Nicolle Law, Shaylee Audrain, Laynee Burr, Allie James, Carlee Metcalf, Yadhira Chavoya, Vanessa Gonzalez and Samantha Gonzalez.



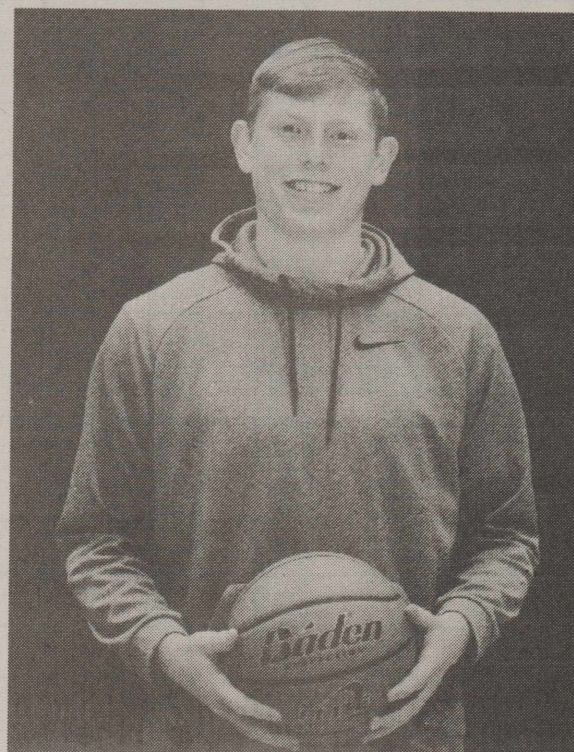
2016 Academic All-District Boys Basketball standing L/R: John McBroom, Parker Hanna, Russell Spurlock, Jack McBryde, Tanner Stone. Kneeling L/R: Kade McBryde, Ty Hess, Shay Hess, and Gage Brooks.



2016 Boys Basketball All-District Honors: L/R: Ty Hess - District MVP, John McBroom - 1st Team, Parker Hanna - Defensive MVP, Russell Spurlock - 1st Team, Jack McBryde - 1st Team, Tanner Stone - Honorable Mention.



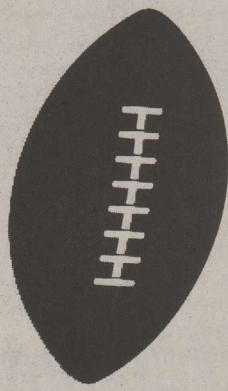
All-Region Basketball L/R: Parker Hanna, Laynee Burr, and Ty Hess.



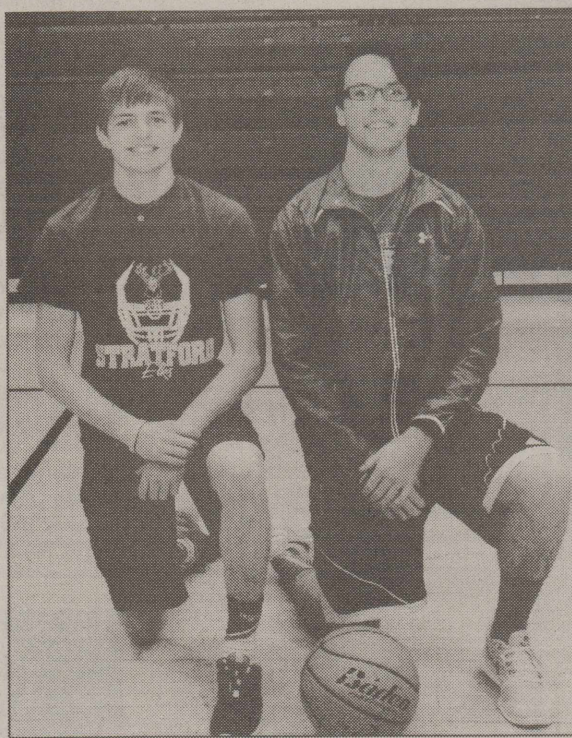
All-State - Parker Hanna



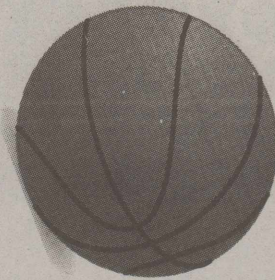
2016 Girls All-District Basketball L/R: Nicolle Law - Honorable Mention, Shaylee Audrain - 1st Team, Laynee Burr - 1st Team, Allie James - 1st Team, Vanessa Gonzalez - Honorable Mention and Samantha Gonzalez - Honorable Mention.



Class 2A Texas All State Football Team - Associated Press Sports Editors, Padilla Poll, Texas Sports Writers Association L/R: Tanner Stone - Honorable Mention Linebacker, 1st Team Offensive Line, 1st Team Linebacker, 2nd Team Linebacker, Honorable Mention Offensive Line, Honorable Mention Defensive Back; Ty Hess - Honorable Mention Defensive Back; Parker Hanna - Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman; Fernando Jacquez - 1st Team Punt Returner; Gage Brooks - 3rd Team Fullback.



Ty Hess and John McBroom were chosen to play in the Golden Spread Tournament at the First United Bank Center in Canyon on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, 2016. They both will be playing for the North.



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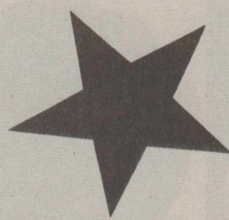
Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me. MATTHEW 18:5

Did you know there are over 3 million confirmed cases of child abuse in our nation annually?
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Coldwater Manor in Stratford, Texas is looking for experienced RN's, LVN's and CNA's. If interested please come by 1111 Beaver Road for an application or send your resume to dgross@shdistrict.com EOE

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Coldwater Manor is seeking applications for a Dietary Assistant. If interested please come by 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX for an application. EOE

Legal Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit and Food and Beverage Certificate by Ol' Biddy Café LLC dba on Main to be located at 207 N. Main Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Officer of said LLC is Connie Biddy, Manager.
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Revealing Masques

(NAPS)—It may be that the best thing for your face is to hide it—behind a beauty masque, that is—because once it's revealed, your skin can be more lovely and radiant.

If you're like most U.S. women, dullness and the damage that can be done by pollution are top skin care concerns. Knowing this, the skilled chemists at Kiehl's Since 1851 came up with two new masques.

The Turmeric & Cranberry Seed Energizing Radiance Masque works as an "instant facial," brightening and energizing the look of dull, fatigued skin to restore a healthy, rosy appearance. Crushed cranberry seeds gently exfoliate for a smoother, brighter and illuminated complexion and turmeric extract offers strong antioxidant, antiseptic and sebum-balancing properties.



Radiant, healthy skin is one of the most sought-after facial care results. A good masque can help.

In one study, 92.3 percent of women who used this masque said that immediately afterward their skin felt refined and smoother.

The company's Cilantro & Orange Extract Pollutant Defending Masque protects against oxidation, while naturally derived oils, including vitamin E and cilantro seed oil, strengthen skin, replenish vital nutrients and accelerate the regeneration of the skin barrier after the damaging effects of pollution.

In a clinical study, skin treated with this masque allowed for the removal of 84 percent of micro-particles compared to only 49 percent from untreated skin.

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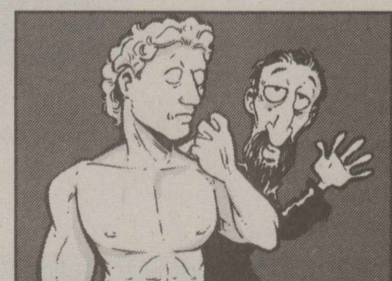
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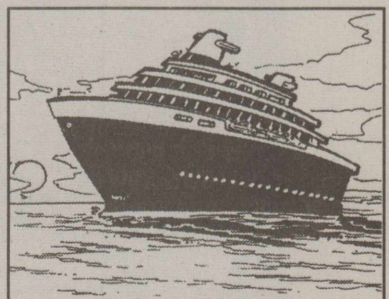
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