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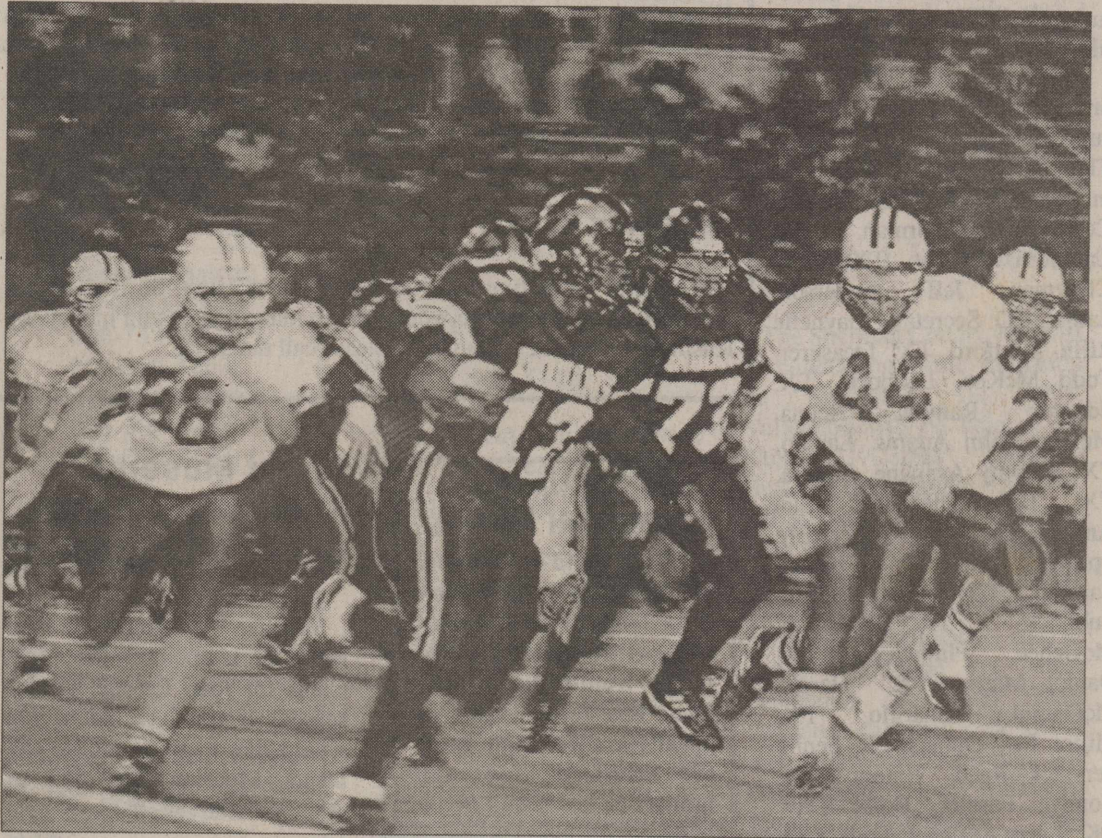
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## Cross Country Girls Take 3<sup>rd</sup> at State



The Stratford Lady Elk Cross Country Team captured the bronze medal at the State Cross Country Meet held this past Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Round Rock, TX. Three team members Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega, and Kristen Crabtree also received All-State Honors for their 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> place finish at the meet. Shown above at the awards ceremony standing from left, Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega, Kristen Crabtree, Whitney Reese, Lucero Ortega, and Coach Johnny Hudson. Managers kneeling from left, Shiloh Dickenson and Staci Hays. CONGRATULATIONS LADY ELKS ON A GREAT JOB! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU - YOUR HARD WORK PAID OFF!!

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## Elks Bi-District Champs

The Stratford Elks beat Quanah 40-35 to win Bi-District on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Stratford Elks #58 Steven Rueda, #44 Brady Bell, and #22 Tony Ruiz on defense against Quanah. CONGRATULATION ELKS - BEAT NAZARETH - WIN AREA. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR.

**Stratford Elks play Nazareth Friday,  
Nov. 19 at 5 p.m. at Kimbrough  
Stadium-Good Luck Elks**



Yadira Ortega - 14<sup>th</sup> place, Kristen Crabtree - 15<sup>th</sup> place, and Brittany Hudson- 13<sup>th</sup> place received All-State at the State Cross Country Meet held this past Saturday. CONGRATUEATIONS LADIES ON A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT!!

## Good Luck Elks Beat Nazareth

### Ports-to-Plains Summit Held in Laredo, Texas

Ports-to-Plains Transportation Corridor held their annual Summit in Laredo, Texas November 10-11, 2004. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor designation is from (Monterrey, Mexico) Laredo, Del Rio to Denver route including San Angelo, (spur to Midland) Big Springs, Lubbock, Amarillo, Dumas (spur to Raton I-25) Stratford, Boise City, Lamar, Limon, Denver. The Ports-to-Plains Corridor will connect to the Hartland Expressway Designated Corridor from Limon-Denver; Scotts Bluff, Nebraska; to Rapid City South Dakota and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway to be designated from Rapid City, South Dakota, Williston, North Dakota to Regina, Canada. This will be a true Border to Border Corridor.

A report on the Corridor

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## Christmas Parade Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

"It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas" The Christmas Light Parade "Sounds of Christmas" Wednesday, December 1-6:00 p.m. line up on Main Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

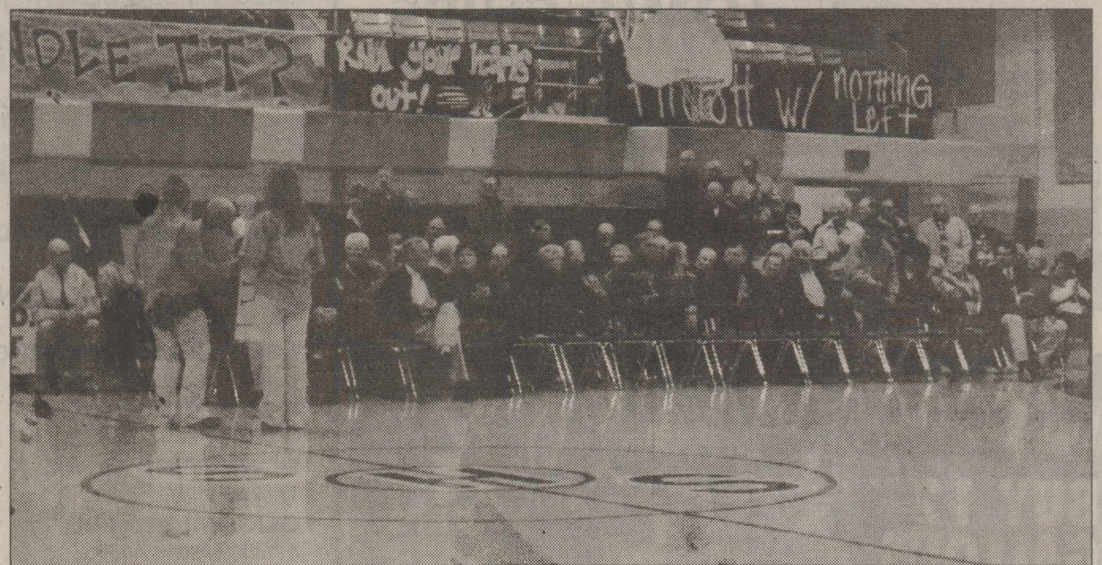
All you young people with automobile boom boxes. String some lights on your car and play traditional Christmas Music down the Parade Route to add to Santa and the floats. The Band will play somewhere depending on the weather.

Santa will be at the Chamber of Commerce office following the Parade.



## Tarver Signs Letter of Intent

Deidre Tarver signed a Letter of Intent last week to Throw the discus for Texas A&M Women's' Track Team-Fall 2005. Shown above with Deidre are Kathy Riffe, Kim Allen, Carolyn Tarver, Katie Allen and Lee Tarver. CONGRATULATIONS DEIDRE-WAY TO GO!!



## Veteran Days Program Held

Shown above are the Veterans and their families at the Veteran's Day Program held Thursday, November 11, 2004 at the Stratford High School. The Student Council gave the program. Thank you Council for taking the time to recognize these very special folks, and to all the Veterans-Thank you for your service.

## Post Office Requires Seeing Drivers Licenses

New regulations at the United States Post Office require that they must see driver's licenses before accepting a check.

## 4-H Major Livestock Show Sign-Up Night

4-H major livestock show sign-up will be held on two consecutive nights this year, November 22 and November 23, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office. Anyone planning on exhibiting an animal at a Major Livestock Show must sign-up by November 23. No entries will be accepted after this date. The entry cards and livestock handbooks will be available for viewing at alternative arrangements PRIOR to November 22, 2004. County show entries are not due until January. Please contact Leslie Neve at 806-366-2081 for more information.

## Fill the Pantry

Fill the pantry this season. Each of the homeroom classes will be competing against other students from Stratford Mary Allen School.

Students are asked to bring non-perishable grocery and personal items for men, women and babies are always needed, as well as paper goods. Please bring to their room's grocery drop sack at school where the items will be collected and totaled each day. Please do not send bread, eggs, milk, or fresh meat.

The students will be doing this from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Now is your chance to help families of our community in feeding their families this holiday season. Stratford's local Pantry would appreciate your efforts in stocking their shelves so that they might continue to help feed the hungry of Stratford.

The winning class will be rewarded for their outstanding community service with a pizza party sponsored by Happy First State Bank of Stratford.

This is a community service project of all the students at Mary Allen Elementary and faculty.

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Management Plan  
comprehensive study was made by Turner Collie and Braden. This study is on going and will prioritize projects to be completed, a finance plan and a marketing plan. The study of the corridor ranked low in volume of traffic but high in economic development benefits to the rural plains.

The Ports-to-Plains corridor has received \$85,743,950 in Federal funding since 2002. There are several earmarked projects in the new Federal Transportation Bill if and when it is passed. The bill has been postponed for over a year due to elections. A slim hope was to get the bill passed in the Lame Duck session. If not, a new bill will be introduced in January

and hopefully the earmarks will survive.

The Ports-to-Plains Board is made up of members on the Corridor: Chairman, Sid Cauthorn, Del Rio, TX; Vice-Chairman Jeff Anderson, Lamar, CO; Secretary, Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford, TX; Treasurer, Todd McKee, Lubbock, TX; Eduardo Ramon, Acuna, Mexico; John Adams, Laredo, TX; Tommy Arnwine, Sonora, TX; Bob Diebitsch, San Angelo, TX; Bill Crooker, Big Spring, TX; Don Bethel, Lamesa, TX; Tom Martin, Lubbock, TX; Buddy McGehee, Plainview, TX; Daniel Martinez & Harold McDaniel, Amarillo, TX; Milton Pax, Dumas, TX; Penny Peryatel Reed, Raton, NM; Ronnye Farmer, Boise City, OK; Larry Michael, Eads, CO; Don Morrison, Limon, CO. Ports-to-Plains Staff in Lubbock President Michael Reeves; Business Manager Duffy Hinkle and Vice-President, Joe Kiley, Limon, CO.

Without labor nothing prospers.  
—Sophocles

## Chamber News

By Patty Tims

### SILENT HERO'S

I don't know if anyone realizes that Sunday morning after Halloween, our main street was covered with smashed pumpkins. While I was on my way to church, I saw someone in a suit and tie, shoveling the debris out of the street. I thought to myself, who that could be. As I got closer, I discovered who it was, Mr. T.

On this particular Sunday, I was in charge of the church dinner. I had to leave church again on my way to the store. This time while I was driving down main, not only was Mr. T out shoveling, Jerry Ewers, Pork Williams, and several other people I did not know, were doing the same thing.

Only if we could all be like them. I will call them Silent Hero's, because they did not do this for recognition; they did it because they care about Stratford.

I am thanking these people, some that I know, and some I don't, because they help restore some of the faith in people I have lost. In today's busy world, these people are rare and I thank God for them.

### BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

If you have driven around Stratford lately, you might have noticed all the progress that is being made on the Happy Bank and Trust building. Chuck and Charles Harbor have their foundations poured, and the General Store has moved their inventory into the new part of The building. Brad Williams's sign for his Subway is up.

### PHEASANT HUNT

We are still requesting land for the Pheasant Hunt. So if there are any farmers out there who would like to make some extra money, by leasing the Chamber some land, please call the office.

### Fund Set Up For Shoemaker Family

Rick and Debra Shoemaker lost their home & belongings on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> due to a fire. If you would like to help, there has been a fund set up at the First State Bank of Stratford for this family.

### Depot Museum Needs Your Santa Claus's for Display

Sherman County Depot Museum is looking for Santa Claus for loan for the holiday season. If you have some you would like to share please call Depot Museum 396-3582 or Ann Wells at 396-2527.

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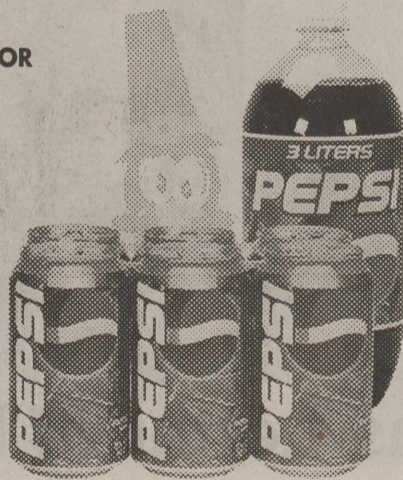
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| COMBO NO. 7  | 2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP    | \$2.39 |
| COMBO NO. 8  | 2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP               | \$2.19 |
| COMBO NO. 9  | CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP               | \$2.19 |
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| MARDI GRAS NAPKINS 120 CT. / REG. \$1.09  |              |

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

A twenty-coal car derailment happened in Kerrick last week! Workers quickly got the tracks cleared. There were a bunch of autos, cranes and people. It happened right at the grain elevator.

Kerrick still needs flashing lights at the crossing. Understand that "the decision of where to add active railroad crossing signals rests with state governments, not the railroads". Union Pacific Railroad is improving their crossings. Now if BSNF would only see fit to upgrade the busy 807 crossing at Kerrick.

Thanksgiving Community Supper is this FRIDAY, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the community center. If you haven't been notified what to bring, bring a dish of your choice. Enjoy visiting and eating.

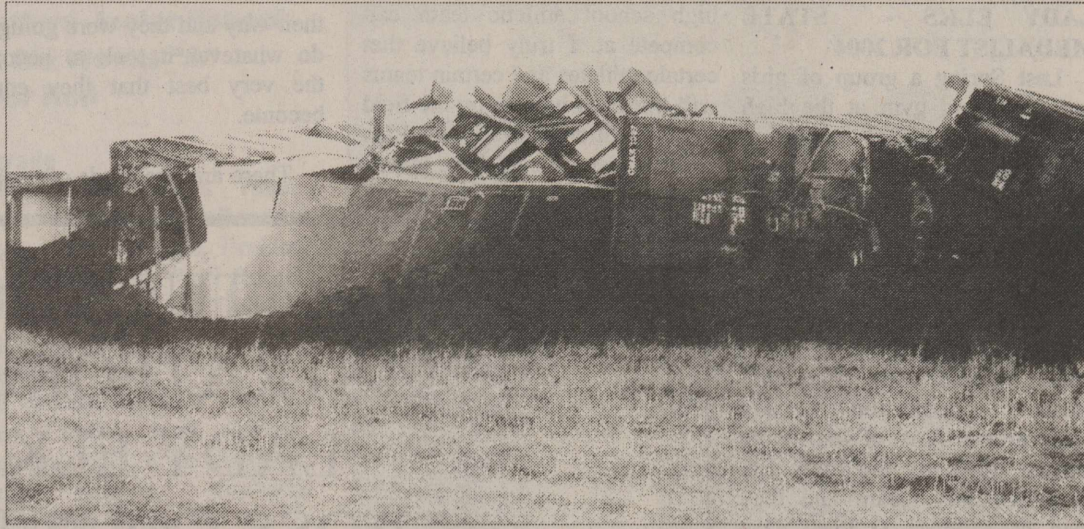
Pat Boren made a trip to St. Louis Nov. 6 to attend the Three Irish Tenors concert. It was at the Fox Theater. Her roommate was Rene Siller of Denver. They enjoyed sightseeing in the area.

The Schoonover boys did great at the Ranch Rodeo. Reed's team won first in their class and Rett's won second. Out of 38 teams, that was very good. Terry and Barbara Schoonover attended as well as the boy's parents, Brady and Trisha.

Joyce Irlbeck was in Amarillo last week for new braces.

Jo June McDaniel hosted a domino party for Frankie & Bud Shields and Donna & Bill Gillenwaters.

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Elbow grease; the kind that won't soil a shirt.  
—Garry Moore  
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**Train Derailment at Kerrick**

Shown above is the train that was derailed at Kerrick last week.

**Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays**

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend

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People forget how fast you did a job—but they remember how well you did it.  
—Howard W. Newton  
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**Wyatt Attends ENMU**

Portales-Wyatt C. Young, a graduate from Stratford High School, is attending Eastern New Mexico University in Portales this semester from Clarendon College. Young is an agriculture composite major. Eastern, which offers over 60 undergraduate and graduate majors, has an enrollment of approximately 4,000. For more information about ENMU, call 1-800-FOR-ENMU.

**2004-2005 STRATFORD JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

| DAY      | DATE       | OPPONENT           | (REVISED 11-1-04) |           |           |           |
|----------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|          |            |                    | 7TH GIRLS         | 8TH GIRLS | 7TH BOYS  | 8TH BOYS  |
| MON.     | NOV. 8     | CANADIAN           | 5:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | NA        | NA        |
| MON.     | NOV. 15    | GRUVER             | 5:00 HOME         | 6:00 HOME | 5:00 AWAY | 6:00 AWAY |
| MON.     | NOV. 22    | SPEARMAN           | 5:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | 5:00 HOME | 6:00 HOME |
| MON.     | NOV. 29    | GRUVER             | 5:00 HOME         | 6:00 HOME | 5:00 AWAY | 6:00 AWAY |
| MON.     | DEC. 6     | WHITE DEER         | 5:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | 5:00 HOME | 6:00 HOME |
| MON.     | DEC. 13    | SUNRAY             | 5:00 HOME         | 6:00 HOME | 5:00 AWAY | 6:00 AWAY |
| THURS.   | JAN. 6     | BOOKER             | 4:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | 5:00 AWAY | 7:00 AWAY |
| THUR-SAT | JAN. 13-15 | SPEARMAN JH TOURN. | TBA AWAY          | TBA AWAY  | TBA AWAY  | TBA AWAY  |
| THUR     | JAN. 20    | GRUVER             | 5:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | 5:00 HOME | 6:00 HOME |
| SAT.     | JAN. 22    | SUNRAY JH TOURN.   | TBA AWAY          | TBA AWAY  | TBA AWAY  | TBA AWAY  |
| MON.     | JAN. 24    | WHITE DEER         | 5:00 HOME         | 6:00 HOME | 5:00 AWAY | 6:00 AWAY |
| MON.     | JAN. 31    | SUNRAY             | 5:00 AWAY         | 6:00 AWAY | 5:00 HOME | 6:00 HOME |
| MON.     | FEB. 7     | BOOKER             | 4:00 HOME         | 6:00 HOME | 5:00 HOME | 7:00 HOME |

**2004-2005 ELK & LADY ELK BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

| DAY       | DATE           | OPPONENT                  | SITE     | (REVISED 11-1-04) |         |           |          |
|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
|           |                |                           |          | JV WHITE          | JV BLUE | VAR GIRLS | VAR BOYS |
| THUR      | OCT. 28        | BLUE/WHITE SCRIMMAGE      | HERE     | 4:00              | 4:00    |           |          |
| SAT       | OCT. 30        | HEDLEY SCRIMMAGE          | CANADIAN | 12:00             | 12:00   |           |          |
| MON.      | NOV. 1         | PAMPATASCOSA SCRIMMAGE    | PAMPA    | 5:00              | 5:00    |           |          |
| MON.      | NOV. 8         | CANADIAN                  | THERE    | 7:30              |         | 7:30      |          |
| TUES      | NOV. 9         | CANADIAN                  | HERE     | 5:00              | 5:00    |           |          |
| MON.      | NOV. 12        | WEST TEXAS HIGH           | HERE     | 7:30              |         |           |          |
| MON.      | NOV. 15        | VEGA                      | HERE     |                   |         | 7:30      |          |
| TUES      | NOV. 16        | DALHART                   | HERE     |                   |         | 7:30      |          |
| THUR-SAT  | NOV. 18-20     | CANADIAN JV TOURN.        | THERE    | TBA               |         |           |          |
| FRI       | NOV. 19        | BOISE CITY                | THERE    | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| MON.      | NOV. 22        | WEST TEXAS HIGH           | HERE     | 5:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| TUES      | NOV. 23        | SPEARMAN                  | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| WED-SUN   | NOV. 24-28     | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS     |          |                   |         |           |          |
| WED-SUN   | NOV. 30        | AMARILLO HIGHLAND PARK    | THERE    |                   |         | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| THUR-SAT  | DEC. 2-4       | LAKE MEREDITH CLASSIC     | THERE    |                   |         | TBA       | TBA      |
| THUR-SAT  | DEC. 2-4       | GRUVER JV TOURN.          | THERE    | TBA               |         |           |          |
| TUES      | DEC. 7         | CHANNING                  | HERE     | 5:00              |         | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| THUR-SAT  | DEC. 10-11     | SPEARMAN JV TOURNAMENT    | THERE    |                   |         | TBA       | TBA      |
| FRI-SAT   | DEC. 10-11     | STRATFORD TOURNAMENT      | HERE     |                   |         |           |          |
| TUES      | DEC. 14        | VEGA                      | THERE    | 5:00              |         |           |          |
| FRI       | DEC. 17        | TEXHOMA                   | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| WED-SUN   | DEC. 22-JAN. 2 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS        |          |                   |         |           |          |
| TUES-THUR | DEC. 28-30     | CANADIAN TOURNAMENT       | THERE    |                   |         | TBA       | TBA      |
| TUES      | JAN. 4         | DALHART                   | THERE    | 5:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| FRI       | JAN. 7         | WHITE DEER                | THERE    | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| MON       | JAN. 10        | SANFORD FRITCH            | THERE    | 6:00              |         |           |          |
| TUES      | JAN. 11        | VEGA                      | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| FRI       | JAN. 14        | SUNRAY                    | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| TUES      | JAN. 18        | GRUVER                    | THERE    | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| THUR-SAT  | JAN. 20-22     | SANFORD FRITCH FR. TOURN. | THERE    | TBA               |         |           |          |
| FRI       | JAN. 21        | BOOKER                    | HERE     | 7:30              | 4:00    | 5:00      | 6:30     |
| MON.      | JAN. 24        | CANADIAN                  | HERE     | 7:30              | 4:00    | 5:00      | 6:30     |
| TUES      | JAN. 25        | VEGA                      | THERE    | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| THUR-SAT  | JAN. 27-29     | CANADIAN FR TOURNAMENT    | THERE    | TBA               |         |           |          |
| FRI       | JAN. 28        | WHITE DEER                | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| TUES      | FEB. 1         | GRUVER                    | HERE     | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| FRI       | FEB. 4         | SUNRAY                    | THERE    | 5:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |
| TUES      | FEB. 8         | BOOKER                    | THERE    | 4:00              | 5:00    | 6:30      | 8:00     |

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Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist**  
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**Church of Christ**  
Ernie Maiwald  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist**  
James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
Early Service 9:00 a.m.  
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.  
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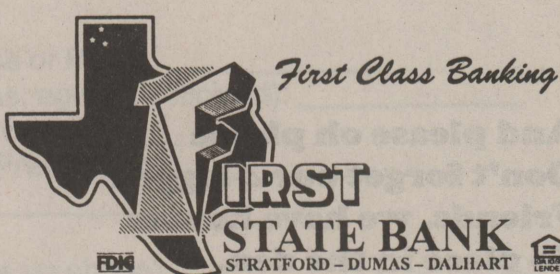
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## Vows Exchanged

Amber Cook of Plains, Kansas and Brent Riedy, of Hope, Kansas were married August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hays, Kansas. Pastor Richard Kaczor officiated. The bride is the daughter of Larrell and Beth Cook of Plains, granddaughter of Dean and Betty Cook of Walsh, Colorado and Max and Dicy Stephenson of Stratford, Texas. The groom is the son of Steven and Janelle Riedy of Hope, grandson of Laverne and Carolyn Schoenthaler of Wakeceny, Kansas and Ray and the late Betty Riedy of Hope.

Ryan Morrison of Hays, friend of the bride served as Maid of Honor and Kent Jacobson of Salina, friend of the groom, was best man. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Cook of Manhattan, sister-in-law of the bride, Elizabeth Mercer of Plains and Janelle Robson of Hutchinson, friends of the bride and Shauna Riedy of Hope, sister of the groom. Groomsmen were Clint Meitler of Sylvan Grove, Hadden Hiltgen of Meade, Zachary Krause of Hope, friends of the groom and Zachary Cook of Manhattan, brother of the bride. Emarie Schoenthaler of Wakeceny, cousin of the groom and Kiley Adcock, cousin of the bride, served as flower girls and Caitlyn Stephenson and Carly Stephenson, cousins of the bride, were candle lighters. Ushers were Kyle Peters of Linn, Kansas, Beau Rebel of Ness City, Cody McMahan of Spring Hill and Brett Hutchinson of Topeka, friends of the groom. Reader was Bill Level, uncle of the groom. Musicians were Preston Schell, friend of the bride, Shelley Nondorf, friend of the bride and Delores Kaczor, friend of the couple. Guestbook attendants were Jessica Morrison and Latisha Jacobson, friends of the bride. The couple resides in Wichita, Kansas.

## LADY ELKS - STATE MEDALIST FOR 2004

Last Spring a group of girls sat in the old gym at the high school and began to vision themselves making that dream trip to Austin, Texas for the State Cross Country Meet. 610.71 miles to Austin from Stratford and many tough weeks of workouts lay ahead of them, but they had no doubt they could make it there with some hard work, dedication and commitment. A set of goals were written down by the Lady Elk Cross Country Team and they read as follows: 1) Push each other; work hard as a team 2) Finish in the top 5 at every meet 3) Win the district meet 4) Finish in the top 3 at regionals (qualify for state)

Not only did they accomplish each and every one of the goals that they set for themselves in that old, hot gym that spring afternoon, they surpassed them and became the Class A Bronze Medalist for the 2004 season.

Hard work does payoff as long as your head and heart are in the right place and headed in the right direction. These young ladies could have made a trip to the state cross-country meet and most everyone would have been content and satisfied with that accomplishment this season. That is everyone except the Lady Elks. They understood that opportunities don't come along that often to achieve a great degree of success at the highest level of competition that any

high school athletic team can compete at. I truly believe that certain athletes and certain teams will things to happen on the field of competition and the Lady Elks of 2004 were one of those teams. Nothing was going to stand in

their way and they were going to do whatever it took to become the very best that they could become.

There are two kinds of people

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## CONGRATULATIONS!!! STRATFORD LADY ELK CROSS COUNTRY 3<sup>RD</sup> IN STATE



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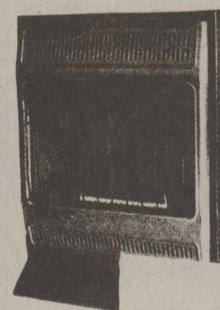
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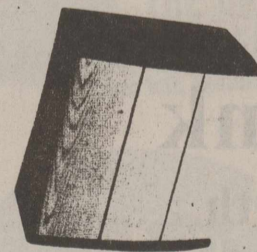
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4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Karen Lozoya, Victor Acevedo, Tera Imler-Harris, Alex Asher, Stephanie Jacquez, Christian Confer, Itzel Salcido, Colten Rendon, Elizabeth Reyes, Ethan Shields, Reed Schoonover, Meghan Brooks, Grayson Gonzalez, Zachary Farney, Haydee Rojas, M'Lynn Wells.

**Stratford Junior School  
2nd Six Weeks "A"  
Honor Roll**

5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Rhyon Burton, James Hand, Braden Hudson, Ransom Lermon, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Perla Reta, Tori Rouse, Jared Saloga, Gabriel Tarango, Chance Walker

6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Lindsy Confer, Matt Correll, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Tiffany Hughes, Kimberly Melton, Tyler Wright

7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Angie Rosales, Sunny Russell, Channing Zieman

8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha, Jennie Spurlock



Shown above are George Harding and Wayne Smith accepting an American Flag from Student Council Members.



Shown above is Ernie Maivald, pastor of Church of Christ who was the speaker at the Veterans Day Program.

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There is a singing ecstasy in good work.  
—Channing Pollock  
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**Imagination Station  
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Group reservations  
Laurie Spurlock 366-2772**

**ANGEL TREE APPLICATION**  
Angel Tree Applications need to be turned in to any of the School offices or either First State Bank of Stratford or the Happy State Bank. Deadline is Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Did you receive a Bible last year? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Length at address: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages & Sex of Children:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Income:  
Gross Salary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse Salary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Payments:  
House: \_\_\_\_\_  
Utilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_  
CR Cards/Loans: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child or children need a coat? \_\_\_\_\_  
Christmas Wish and clothing sizes for each child:  
(Clothing- Shirt, Pant & Shoe sizes)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Application para el Arbol de Angeles**

Ricibio ud. una Biblia el Ano Pasado? \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de aplicante: \_\_\_\_\_  
Direccion (fisica): \_\_\_\_\_  
Tiempo viviendo en esta direccion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Numero de ninos: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total de personas viviendo en su casa: \_\_\_\_\_

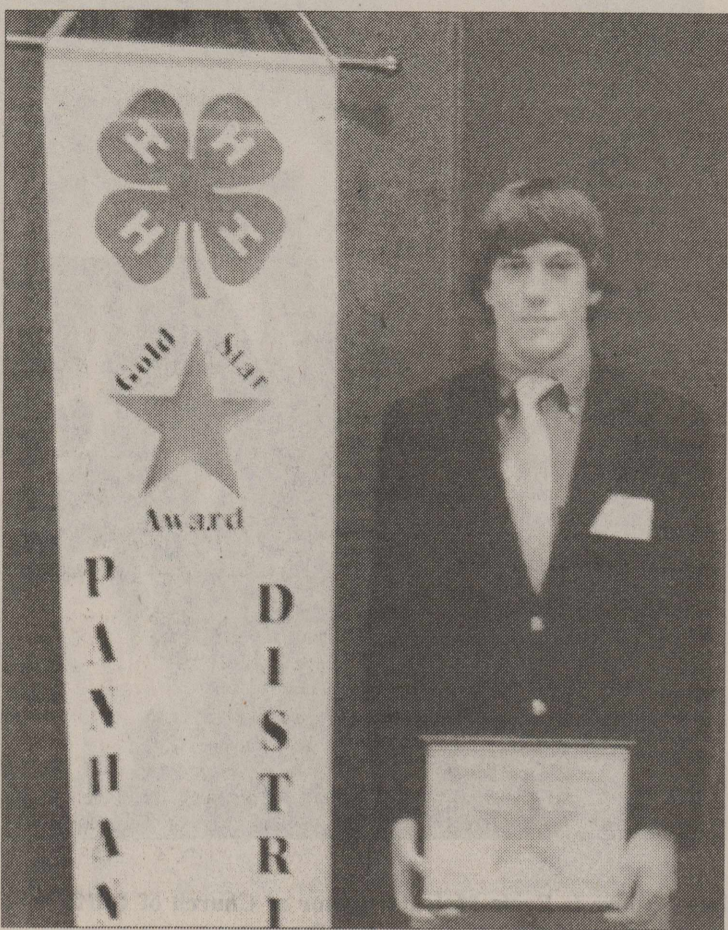
Edades y sexo de ninos:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ingresos Mensuales:  
Salario (antes de taxes): \_\_\_\_\_  
Salario de su esposo/a: \_\_\_\_\_  
Otros ingresos: \_\_\_\_\_

Pagos Mensuales:  
Pago de Casa or Renta: \_\_\_\_\_  
Utilidades (gas, agua, electricidad): \_\_\_\_\_  
Pago de Carro: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tarjetas de Credito y Prestamos: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Necisita su nino/a or ninos un abrigo? \_\_\_\_\_  
El deseo de navidad de su nino/s las medidas de ropa de cada nino:  
(Camisa, pantaloon, y zapatos)  
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## Spurlock Honored

Shown at left is Walter Spurlock who was one of thirty-three outstanding 4-H Club members from the Panhandle area honored at the Panhandle District 147<sup>th</sup> annual Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A&M University November 6, 2004. The banquet was sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Rita Blanca Electric. Walter's parents, Wesley and Susie Spurlock were among the guest at the recognition banquet.

## Cross Country

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in the world: those who lead and those who follow. There are also two kinds of people when it comes to running cross-country: the Lady Elks and those who follow. From very early on, it was easy to tell that this group of young ladies were going to take the bull by the horns and lead. Each team finish just seemed to get better and better and their times became more impressive and the margin of distance between the 1st girl and 5th girl seemed to get less and less.

They started out by finishing 4th at the Tascosa Meet on August 28th against tough 4A and 5A competition. This would be their worse finish of the season. They would then make a trip to Perryton on September 11th and finish 3rd. They would achieve second place finishes at the Amarillo Meet (Sept. 18), Sunray Meet (Oct. 2) and West Texas A & M Meet (Oct. 9). The Lady Elks would then reach another one of their goals by easily out distancing Claude and Clarendon and capturing the district title on Monday, October

18th. The Regional Meet would be special as the Lady Elks ran an unbelievable race to capture the silver medal, just 39 points behind first place Sundown. The Lady Elks had improved and gotten a little stronger and a little better all year long, but they absolutely saved their best for last. The weather at the state meet was in the high 40s or low 50s with a slight rain coming down off and on. Over half of the other schools, in which there are

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### STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2004

| Data Control Codes                     |   | 10<br>General<br>Fund | Other<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|---|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                       |   |                       |                |                                |
| 5700                                   | Total Local and Intermediate Sources                      | \$ 4,365,898          | \$ 324,346     | \$ 4,690,244                   |
| 5800                                   | State Program Revenues                                    | 645,900               | 80,309         | 726,209                        |
| 5900                                   | Federal Program Revenues                                  | -                     | 527,444        | 527,444                        |
| 5020                                   | Total Revenues  | 5,011,798             | 932,099        | 5,943,897                      |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                   |   |                       |                |                                |
| Current:                               |   |                       |                |                                |
| 0011                                   | Instruction   | 2,706,613             | 342,284        | 3,048,897                      |
| 0012                                   | Instructional Resources & Media Services                  | 111,181               | 878            | 112,059                        |
| 0013                                   | Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development              | 10,246                | 6,525          | 16,771                         |
| 0021                                   | Instructional Leadership                                  | -                     | 13,827         | 13,827                         |
| 0023                                   | School Leadership   | 256,596               | 1,520          | 258,116                        |
| 0031                                   | Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services                | 49,233                | 498            | 49,731                         |
| 0033                                   | Health Services   | 26,132                | -              | 26,132                         |
| 0034                                   | Student (Pupil) Transportation                            | 151,293               | 1,247          | 152,540                        |
| 0035                                   | Food Services   | -                     | 271,276        | 271,276                        |
| 0036                                   | Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities                   | 245,445               | 271            | 245,716                        |
| 0041                                   | General Administration                                    | 396,770               | 2,036          | 398,806                        |
| 0051                                   | Plant Maintenance and Operations                          | 516,331               | 2,926          | 519,257                        |
| 0053                                   | Data Processing Services                                  | 109,502               | 35,476         | 144,978                        |
| 0061                                   | Community Services  | 21,842                | -              | 21,842                         |
| Debt Service:                          |   |                       |                |                                |
| 0071                                   | Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt                | -                     | 125,000        | 125,000                        |
| 0072                                   | Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt                 | -                     | 109,853        | 109,853                        |
| 0073                                   | Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees                | -                     | 535            | 535                            |
| Capital Outlay:                        |   |                       |                |                                |
| 0081                                   | Facilities Acquisition and Construction                   | 93,081                | -              | 93,081                         |
| 6030                                   | Total Expenditures  | 4,694,265             | 914,152        | 5,608,417                      |
| 1100                                   | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 317,533               | 17,947         | 335,480                        |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b> |   |                       |                |                                |
| 7912                                   | Sale of Real and Personal Property                        | 25,350                | -              | 25,350                         |
| 7915                                   | Transfers In  | -                     | 2,941          | 2,941                          |
| 8911                                   | Transfers Out (Use)                                       | (2,941)               | -              | (2,941)                        |
| 7080                                   | Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)                      | 22,409                | 2,941          | 25,350                         |
| 1200                                   | Net Change in Fund Balances                               | 339,942               | 20,888         | 360,830                        |
| 0100                                   | Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)                    | 2,117,924             | 161,399        | 2,179,323                      |
| 3000                                   | Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)                         | \$ 2,457,866          | \$ 82,287      | \$ 2,540,153                   |

## SPECIAL ANTIQUE ESTATES AUCTION

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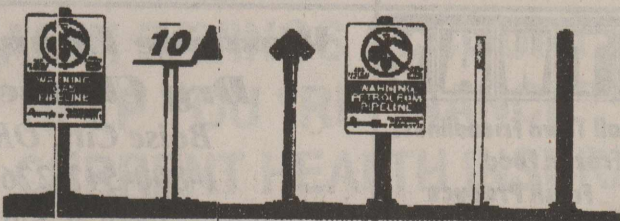
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## RONNIE & ZELDA PICKENS

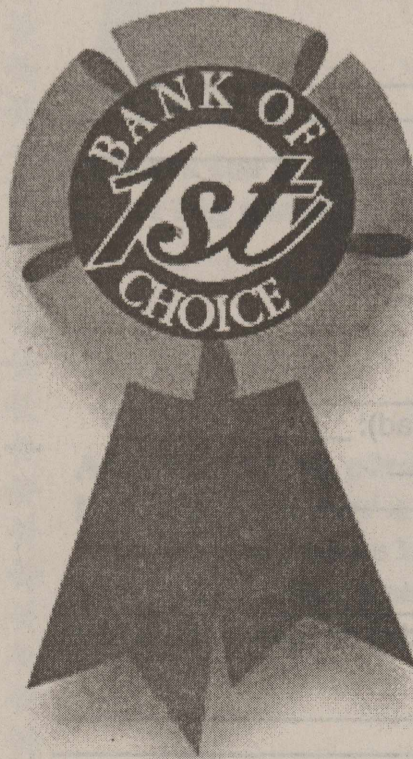


From left, Ronnie Pickens, Jim Alexander

There will soon be more in store for Stratford shoppers, thanks to Ronnie and Zelda Pickens, owners of The General Store, and their friends at First State Bank. The Pickens are more than doubling the size of

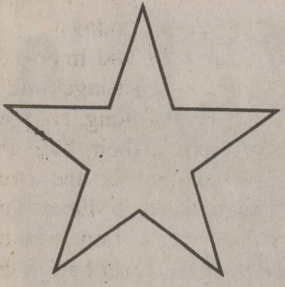
their store and will complete the expansion just in the "nick" of time for Christmas shopping. Ronnie and Zelda are long-time customers of FSB and have enjoyed working with FSB banker, Jim Alexander on the financing of this new construction project.

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## Help Wanted

Looking for dependable, reliable & loves to work with children. Fulltime/parttime position. Must apply in person. No phone calls please. Lollipop Junction  
9-30-tfn

Certified Nurses Aide positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance and retirement after 90 days of employment apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 E.O.E.  
6-3-tfn

Transportation Maintenance Tech 1-The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications for a full-time Transportation Maintenance Tech 1 position. This position will be located at the Stratford Maintenance Section at 1202 E. Texas Ave. in Stratford, TX. The applicant would need to be able to perform entry-level transportation maintenance work. Work requires use of maintenance tools and equipment. The applicant must have a Commercial Class A CDL Drivers License and be able to obtain an X Endorsement within 60 days of hire. The starting salary will be \$8.42 to \$11.12 per hour. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 19, 2004. Applications may be downloaded from our website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us)  
Or one may be picked up at the Texas Department of Transportation office in Amarillo at 5715 Canyon Drive or the Stratford Maintenance Office. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact the Human Resources office at (806) 356-3233.  
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11-18-c

Do you want to work at the fastest growing business in town. The General Store is looking for help.  
11-4-c

Murphy Farms of Texhoma needs CDL Drivers. Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. has immediate openings for full-time Live Haul/Feed Driver. Requirements are a valid Class A driver license, 6 months to 1-year experience, and a good driving record, and 21 years old. Must be able to pass a complete DOT physical and drug test. We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits. If you have a positive attitude and are seeking more than just a job, please apply with Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. For application information call Judy or Rina at (580) 423-1404 or send resume to: Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. Attn: Human Resource Dept. PO Box 409, Texhoma, OK 73939. Fax: 580-423-2416. E-mail: [jmcdaniel@mfarms.com](mailto:jmcdaniel@mfarms.com) or [rinat@mfarms.com](mailto:rinat@mfarms.com) EOE M/F/V/D

## Services

SANDY'S "ROUN-TUIT" SERVICE Home Repair, Welding, Painting, Odd jobs, Mower Repair. No job too small. "If you can't get around to it," CALL SANDY! 753-7354 or 727-4692  
9-16-tfn

I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.  
8-19-tfn

## For Rent

For Rent: 3 Bdrm house and 3 Bdrm trailer house. Call 366-5318  
11-18-tfn

House for Rent-2 miles S. of Conlen on black top-3 bedroom, basement, recently remodeled and landscaped. Water, gas and electric paid \$500 a month. Call 384-2136  
11-18-c

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541.  
11-27-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt; 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights.  
1-28-tfn

1 bdrm and 2 bdrm houses for rent. Call 396-2125  
10-14-tfn

## PHEASANT RIDGE APARTMENTS

1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut Stratford, Texas

Newly remodeled  
Very spacious, 2 bedroom  
New appliances  
Central heating & air-  
Washer/Dryer hookups  
Clean, comfortable & convenient  
Professionally managed  
**SENIOR DISCOUNT**  
Contact Laura Jo Smith  
753-6540 after 4:30 p.m. or leave message

## Help Wanted

Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. is looking for Feed Mill Maintenance Position. Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. a Major Agribusiness has a great position and opportunity for a Feed Mill Maintenance employee. The successful candidate will perform the Feed Mill maintenance functions and perform the tasks to be able to install, maintain and repair machinery, equipment, physical structures, pipe and electrical systems both personally and through subordinates as well as utilize proven team oriented leadership skills to provide day to day management in the manager's absence. 1 to 3 years of agriculture related work experience, including basic electrical knowledge. Good mechanical aptitude and IT skills including knowledge of Microsoft Access, Word and Excel is preferred. This hands-on individual must possess excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, and utilize proven leadership skills in a team environment. For application information call Judy or Rina at (580) 423-1404. All qualified candidates please send a resume to: Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. PO Box 409, Texhoma, OK 73949 Fax: 580-423-2416 E-mail: [jmcdaniel@mfarms.com](mailto:jmcdaniel@mfarms.com)

Or [rinat@mfarms.com](mailto:rinat@mfarms.com)

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## Football Play-off Shirts For Sale

Football Play-off T-shirts are here! Stop by one of the school offices for an order form or call Jessica Wheeler @ 366-3324 for more information.

## Houses For Sale

House For Sale: 319 S. Main-3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1460 sq. ft. corner lot, central heat & air, \$5000 down, \$369.39 per month for 15 years. Call 366-7664 or 753-6677.  
10-28-tfn

For Sale: 4-bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7<sup>th</sup>. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights.  
7-22-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.  
9-25-tfn

Must see! Beautiful home on 1 acre. 2,100 sq. ft. 4 yr. Old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan w/lg kitchen. Call Johnny @ (806)366-3584 or Brian @ (559)947-3272.  
4-1-tfn

House for Sale: 611 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1900 sq. ft., steel siding, 1 payment per year of \$8000 for 6 years. Call 366-7664 or 753-6677.  
10-28-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment.  
10-21-tfn

Bad Credit OK-will Finance a 3 Bedroom, 1 bath Central heat and air, fireplace. 2-car garage. 620 N. Pearl. Call Clint at 806-670-6359.  
12-9-c

FOR SALE BY OWNER..Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. Wdeck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482.  
4-22-tfn

Well maintained home in nice neighborhood. This home has large kitchen with dining area and large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large walk-in closets, plus office with closet that could be third bedroom, two full baths and large utility room. Two car attached garage, sprinkler system, CHA, and large shop in fenced backyard. We are offering a one-year home warranty with this home. This is a must see home ready to move into, for more information call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560.  
9-16-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message.  
11-4-tfn

## Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.  
10-23-tfn

SHERMAN Co.-1/2 section, perfect for backgrounding cattle, native grass and irrigated circle of improved pasture. New set of working pens.  
DALLAM Co. C.R.P.-105 acres plus 55 acres native grass, fenced.  
DALLAM Co.-1/2 section, two wells & sprinklers, some native grass, some C.R.P., pavement  
PLEASE CALL toll free or go to our website for details on Texas & New Mexico ranches with excellent hunting/development potential, feedyard with dry rolls or steam flakers, irrigated farms with super water, sprinkler irr., fenced for cattle, steel pens & hyd. Chutes, covered working areas, barns, homes and dryland/CRP Farms.  
[www.scottlandcompany.com](http://www.scottlandcompany.com)  
Shawn Gillispie 806/922-5532  
Ben G. Scott-Broker 800/933-9698 day/eve

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.  
4-22-tfn

Ad Rem Land Co.  
803 S Bliss  
Dumas, TX 79029  
806-935-7364

Stratford Agents:  
Arnita Lane  
806-753-7653  
806-366-5853  
Raymond Wiley  
806-366-2070  
806-676-7457

2-bedroom 2-bath home with recent updates, new floors, carpet, and paint. 33,000

3 bedrooms 1.75 bath, Large master suit with walk-in shower, workshop with double garage and C/H&A. 95,000

3 bedroom 1.75 bath home with two living areas and decorated nicely. Great yard and flower beds. 89,900

2 bedroom 1.75 bath home with style. Large living and dining areas, hardwood floors and updated bathrooms. 78,900

Very cute 1 bedroom .75 bath home that would make a great rental property. 15,000

2 bedroom 1 bath home, this would make a great starter home. 25,000

Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a 1 car detached garage and a shop in the backyard. 50,000

This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in a prime location in a quite neighborhood and close to schools. 125,000

This 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home is a very nice corner lot with a great fence. CH&A, sewer lines, and gas line all recently replaced. 60,000

## Cross Country Cont. from page 6

12 teams that make it to state, were wearing tights, ear warmers, gloves and just about everything else you can imagine. For the Lady Elks, the weather seemed to be just about perfect. The race saw the Lady Elks get a great start with all 5 being in the top 25 around the 250 meter mark. They continued to look strong as they started the slight incline that would bring them past the 800 meter mark in the race. At this point, all 5 girls were in the top 40. The mile pace for the girls in the top 30, which included three of our young ladies was somewhere between 5:15 and 5:30. If you can imagine running this pace and knowing that you still have a mile to go on the toughest part of the course. It was the backside of the pond and the dam that the Lady Elks seemed to really make their move and begin to position themselves for the finish - and finish they did. Brittany Hudson,

## Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

## Beat Nazareth

who seemed to just get stronger as the race got longer, would run a 12:29.05 and finish 13th, Yadira Ortega would be right behind her running a 12:29.60 and finishing 14th. And Kristen Crabtree would finish 15th by the slimmest of margins behind Yadira with a time of 12:29.70. The "Threé Amigos" as one coach called them earlier in the year, had run personal best times and come in right there together as a group once again. Their 13th, 14th and 15th place finishes would allow them to receive all-state honors by the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas. Whitney Reese, who was the Lady Elks second best finisher at Regionals, would also run a personal best time of 12:52.80 and finish 35th. Lucero Ortega would complete the 2-mile course in a personal best time of 13:18.10, which was good enough for 56th place out of 106 of the best class A runners in the state of Texas. The Lady Elks would only be about 49 seconds a part at the state meet, which is an excellent team accomplishment.

## Cards of Thanks

The WM of First Assembly of God would like to thank the community and some out of towners for all their support. It was a great success, thanks to you. May God Bless every one of you.

## 4-H Swine Validation

The Sherman County 4-H will be conducting swine validation on November 18, 2004. Validation will be held at the Sherman County Livestock Building beginning at 4:30 p.m. All swine exhibitors who plan on exhibiting a swine at the Sherman County or State Livestock Show must have their barrow validated with a state or county validation tag before November 24, 2004. State validation tags will cost \$10.00 and county validation tags will cost \$5.00. State validation requires signatures from parents, 4-H members, and County Extension Agent. 4-H Members need to also provide their social security numbers. Please contact Leslie Neve at 806-366-2081 for further information regarding validation.

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

Kathie Altman-366-5611  
David Cross-396-2396  
Ken Fortman-366-2586  
Patsy Hubbard-927-7568  
Michal Meyer-927-7453  
Jesse Resendes-769-4454  
Brent Farney-996-5554

Austin Hotline  
1-800-252-5400  
ALL CALLS  
CONFIDENTIAL

Coach Darden from Sundown said he was sure glad that there wasn't another week in the season as we had closed that gap between them and us to 21 points. Shiloh Dickenson, who has not been able to run since the district meet due to injuries, helped and assisted the Lady Elks both at Regionals and State. Two other young ladies, Staci Hays and Candie Bell, were extremely helpful this year as the Lady Elks made their drive to Austin. Congratulations on a Great Season and on being the Class A State Bronze Medalists for 2004!

## Beat Nazareth

## Acquisitions...



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE  
Thursday, November 18th  
from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping with beautiful Bali sterling silver jewelry; hats, scarves, and gloves; watches with changeable bands; jewelry boxes; and ponchos! We also have Christmas iron, unique upholstered chairs, a Welsh cupboard, chests, and buffets to feather your nest this season.

Come see what's new at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, TX

## Good Luck Elks

## Beat Nazareth

## Elks Bi-District Champs

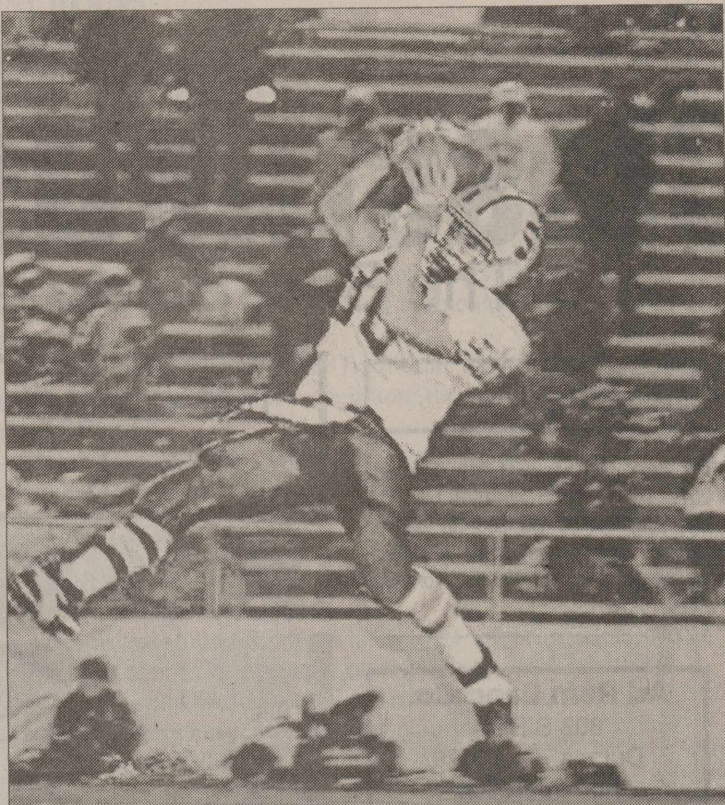
The Stratford Elks beat Quanah 40-35 to win Bi-District on Friday, November 12, 2004.

Josh King completed 11 of 18 passes for 160 yards and 5 touchdowns. Tony Ruiz carried the ball for 163 yards on 34 carries and one touchdown followed by Josh King with 56 yards on 9 carries. Tyler Haynes caught the ball for 72 yards on 5 catches and scored three touchdowns followed by Travis Soto with 63 yards on 3 catches and one touchdown. Chris Ortega caught the ball for 22 yards on 2 catches with one of those being the game winning catch for the Elks. Josh King scored on a two-point conversion run for the Elks and Martin Beltran scored two PAT's.

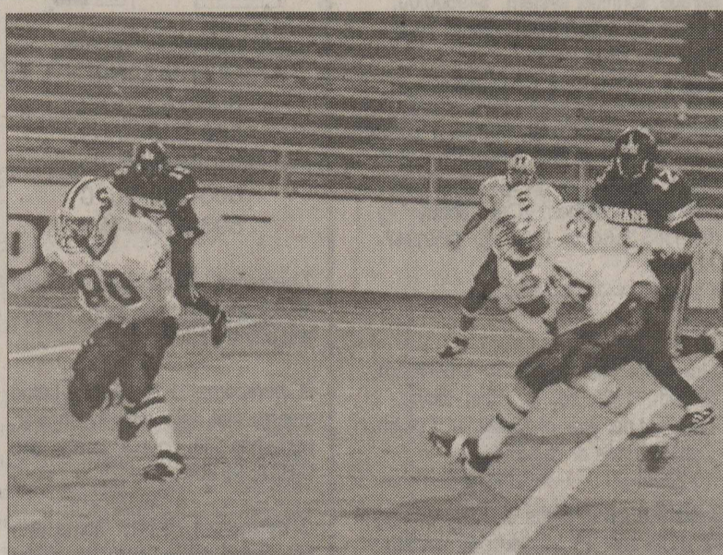
The Elks defense was led by Ryan McDaniel with 18 tackles followed by Brady Bell with 11 tackles and Josh King with 9 tackles. Also contributing to the Elks strong defense were Martin Beltran, Asbel Gomez, Mark Miller, Rudy Portillo, Adam Gomez, Case Crabtree, Chris Ortega, Jared Ewers, Luis Trejo, Travis Soto, and Andrew Correll.

Players of the week were Offensive Back - Josh King; Offensive Lineman - Harrison Walden; Defensive Back - Ryan McDaniel; Defensive Lineman - Brady Bell, and Special Teams - Adam Gomez.

The Elks will face Nazareth on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium for Area. GO ELKS - BEAT NAZARETH.



#80 Travis Soto goes up for the catch.  
PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR.



#23 Tyler Haynes carries the ball for the Elks. Also shown #80 Travis Soto. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR.



On Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Coach Johnny Hudson introduced the 2004-2005 Lady Elk Basketball Teams at the "Come Meet The Lady Elks Pep Rally".



Quarterback #11 Josh King looks for the pass as #32 Gustavo Rosales and #22 Tony Ruiz block against Quanah. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR.

**The Elks play Nazareth on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium**

## SISD Board of Trustees Meets in Regular Session Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

### REGULAR SESSION November 11, 2004

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Jared McBryde, DeWain Trayler, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent Board member absent: Steve Hayes.

Guest present was Dinah Horsford, Mary Pat Williams, Steve Haynes, Tim Gilliland, Tracy Benda and Coy Barton

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced the guests. They were Coy Barton and Tracy Benda from Keeney, Hembree & Co, LLP. They are the districts financial auditors. He also introduced Misti McBryde, counselor.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

The Big Blue Band competed in the UIL Marching Contest on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo. They received their 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive I in Marching. Congratulations to the band and their band directors Randy and Gail Hunsaker.

The District Cross Country Meet was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo. The High School Cross Country team placed 1<sup>st</sup>. Yadira Ortega was 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kristen Crabtree was 7<sup>th</sup> and Brittany Hudson was 9<sup>th</sup>. Other members of the team are Lucero Ortega, Whitney Reese and Shiloh Dickenson. The team will compete in the Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Their coach is Johnny Hudson.

The Junior High Cross Country team competed at the district meet and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Sierra Valenzuela placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Janeth Reyes was 8<sup>th</sup> and Erika Duran was 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to these girls for their hard work.

The Junior High football teams have completed their seasons. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished with an 8-1 record and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished with a 4-3 record.

The Junior Varsity football team has completed their season. They were undefeated. Walter Spurlock was honored at the 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Amarillo. The Gold Star award is the highest county honor that a 4-H'er can receive. Congratulations to Walter.

The Lady Elk Cross Country team placed second at the Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock. This will advance them to the State Cross Country meet in Round Rock on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of the team are Yadira Ortega, Brittany Hudson, Kristen Crabtree, Lucero Ortega, Whitney Reese and Shiloh Dickenson. Their coach is Johnny Hudson. Good Luck!

The Elk football team finished their season as the district runner-up. They will play

Quanah on Friday night at Dick Bivins stadium. Our game will be the second game of a double header. Good luck Elks.

Austin Riffe was in the production of "Into the Woods" presented by Panhandle State University. His performance was great.

The Academic All District teams have been named. The following Lady Elks were named to the Cross Country All Academic team: Kristen Crabtree, Shiloh Dickenson, Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega, and Whitney Reese. The following Elks were named to the Football Academic All District team: Brady Bell, Trenton Boyd, Andrew Correll, Case Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, Josh Lanning, Ryan McDaniel, Chris Ortega, Cory Rendon, Tony Ruiz, Walter Spurlock, Luis Trejo, Connor Vincent, Harrison Walden. Congratulations to these students.

The High School Student Council was commended on the Veteran's Day program they conducted at the High School on Thursday. Their sponsor is Cindy Russell.

A public hearing was held on the 2003-2004 district AEIS report. Misti McBryde, the counselor, gave presentation on the AEIS. She explained the

system and the indicators that are address in determining the district's accountability rating.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She passed the weekly bulletin for the next week. The elementary students are participating in a food drive that is being coordinated by the 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers. This activity teaches them the importance of giving and sharing. Thanksgiving dinner in the

cafeteria will be on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. All parents and grandparents are encouraged to come have lunch. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas play will be on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The UIL contest will be on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Frank Phillips College in Borger. The elementary has 33 students participating.

Mr. Gilliland gave the Junior High report. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades finished their football seasons and were very successful. Basketball season is underway. The junior high will send 67 students to the UIL meet in Borger on Friday. The Junior High All Region tryouts will be on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at Panhandle. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Amarillo to see the Nutcracker in December.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He thanked the board on behalf of his staff for the employee banquet. He complimented the cross country team on their hard work this season. He commented on all the activities that were going on at the high school and noted that the academic standards were still being met.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 33¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 10.62% and revenue collected at 41.18%. Tax collections are at 66.78%. The district enrollment was 623 with the Mary Allen having 253 students, the junior high having 173 students and the high school having 197. The car that has been ordered from Duncan Chevrolet should be here any day. The scorer's table for the gym has arrived. Thank you to XIT Communications and

Happy State Bank for purchasing this. XIT Communications has started a 3% rebate program. Customers are eligible to participate with the money going to the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. We have received two applications for the assistant band director's job. He commended the High School Student Council on the Veteran's Day program. Joe Reinart read thank you notes to the board from ViAnn Reed, Linda Young, Mike & Brenda Brownlee, and Jeannie Sikora thanking them for the Employee Banquet.

Ricky Reed made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced Coy Barton. Mr. Barton discussed the district's financial audit with the board. He went over changes for the upcoming years. He commented the board on the district's financial stability. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the 2003-2004 school audit as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept the textbook committee for the 2004-2005 school years. Motion carried 6-0.

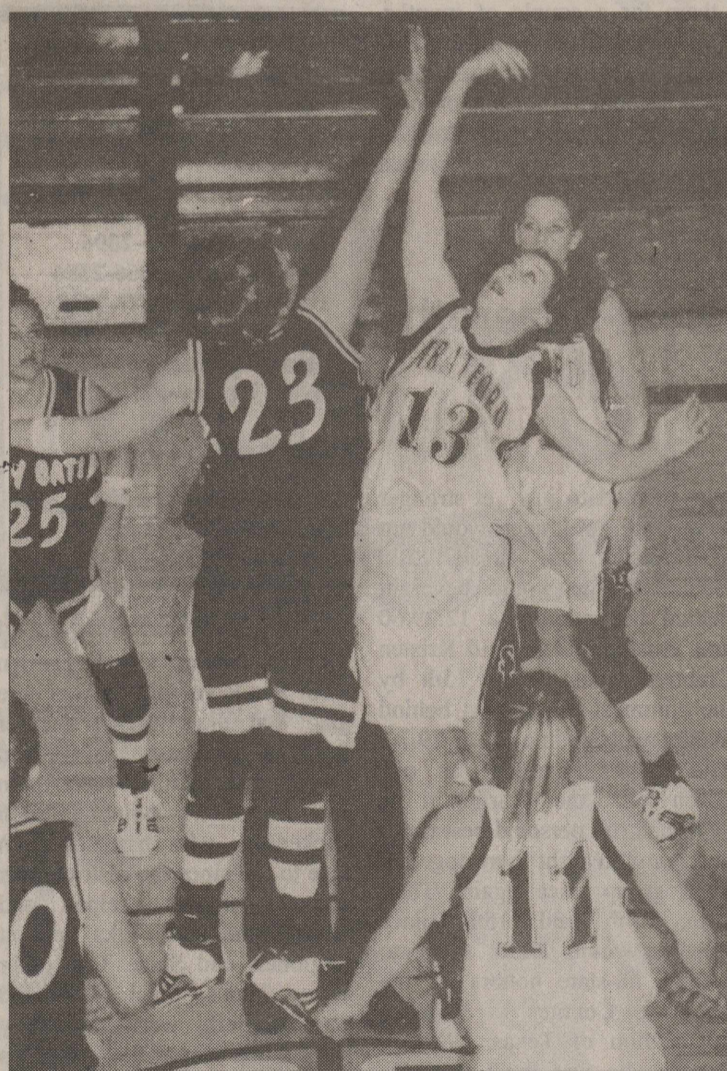
Discussion was held on the Appraisal District ballot. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to vote for Becky Hemphill and Chet Everett. Motion carried 6-0.

A short recess was taken at 8:30 PM.

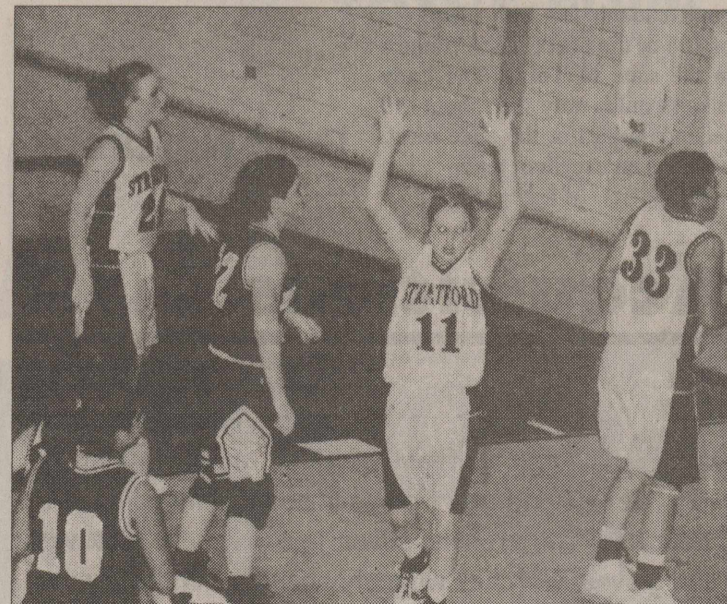
Mr. Taliaferro explained TASB Legal Update 73. Discussion was held. Joe Reinart made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept Update 73 with the new BJA (Local) policy replacing the old BJA (Local). Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on a security system for the school and the bus barn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.



The Lady Elks played their first game of the season on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Shown above jumping #13 Allison Baskin, #11 Lindsay Stein, and in back Shadley Audrain.



J.V. Lady Elks blue team shown #21 Cheyenne Ziemann, #11 Merilee McDaniel, and #33 Rhia Everett.