

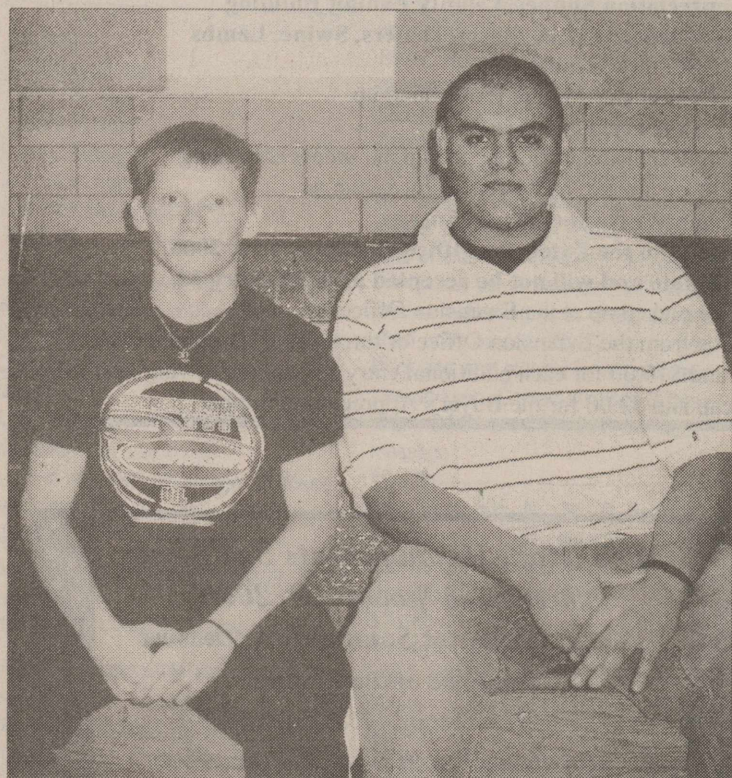
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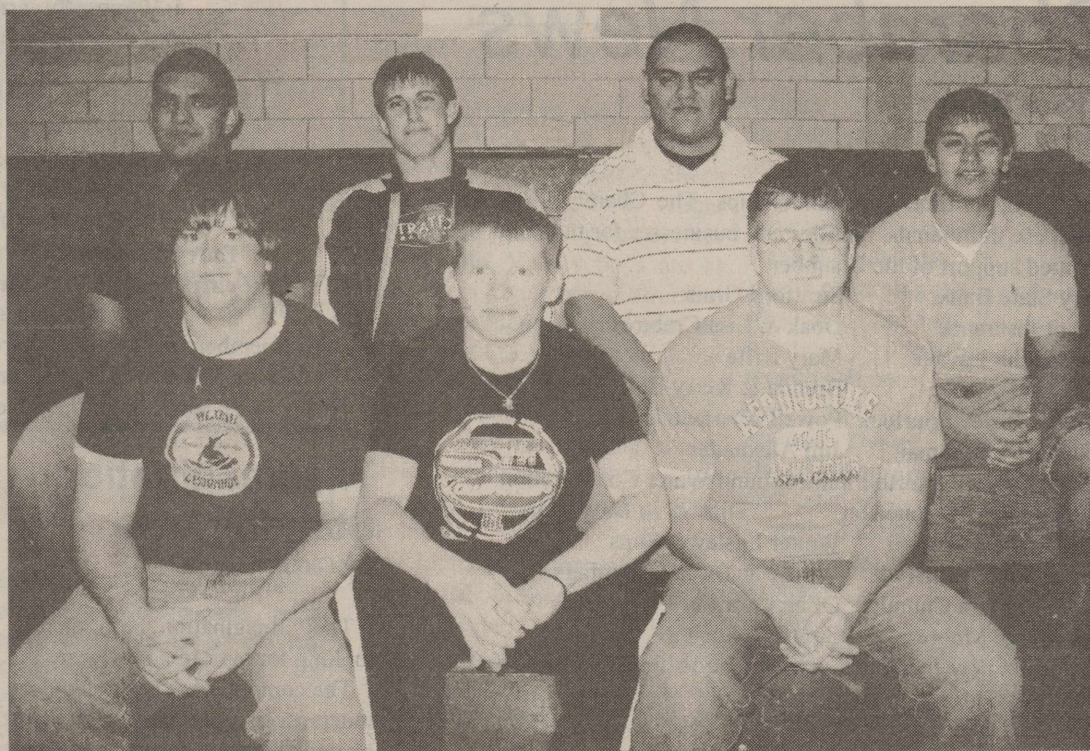
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## Amarillo Globe News All-Classification Super Team

Scott Hudson – Secondary and Rudy Portillo – Defensive Line. Not pictured Coach of The Year – Eddie Metcalf. The Stratford Elk Team also received Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame 2005 Super Team Award.



## Amarillo Globe News 1-A Super Team

Back Row L-R: Sandro Gomez – Defensive Line; Craig Kautz – Running Back; Rudy Portillo – Defensive Line; Steven Rueda – Offensive Line. Front Row L-R: Brandon Davis – Offensive Line; Scott Hudson – Secondary; Brady Bell – Linebacker. Not pictured Jonathan Licon – Kicker and Coach of The Year Eddie Metcalf.



## 1st Team All-District Football

L-R: Craig Kautz – Running Back; Scott Hudson – Secondary; Brady Bell – Fullback; Brandon Davis – Offensive Line; Steven Rueda – Linebacker; Sandro Gomez – Defensive Line. Not pictured Defensive MVP – Jonathan Licon.

More Pics on page 4

## 2006 Tree Sale

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Tree Sale. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need. We have added a lot of different species of 5 gallon potted trees this year, which should keep the landscape interesting. Please keep in mind, that as in years past, several species of evergreen seedlings are in VERY short supply and orders should be made as soon as possible. We will do everything possible to see that you get the trees that you want for your specific needs. Order forms can be picked up if you come by, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at swed@xit.net.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We do not keep this in

stock, but will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you. Delivery is usually within three working days. On our order sheet you will notice that we can also take care of your needs regarding weed barrier. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground. The four and six foot squares are also helpful in the garden for newly planted flower beds and around newly planted landscape trees.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.

## Story Time To Begin

Story Time at the Sherman County Public Library will begin on Monday, January 30th at 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m and is open to all children. Dates for this event will be January 30th, February 13th, February 27th, March 13th and March 27th. Please call the library at 366-2200 to register your child to ensure that enough supplies are purchased.

## Order Forms-State Caps and State Jackets

Order Forms for State Caps & State Jackets are available at all school campus offices. Caps are \$12.00 and Jackets are \$25.00. Deadline to order is January 30th.

## Republican Candidates

Republican Candidates running for Justice of the Peace are Cindy Jackson, Jessica King Audrain, Penny K. Gilbert and Steve Baskin.

County Clerk-Gina Jones and Lori Christian.

Randy Williams, Commissioner, Precinct. 2

Tommy Asher-Commissioner Precinct. 4

County Judge-Terri Beth Carter

## Treat'n Troops Report

Treat'N Troops has had a short "lull" during the holiday season. However, two new names have come to us and treats have been sent to Major Kara (Johnson) Neuse and to Spc Eric Crites.

Major Neuse is the daughter of Ann Johnson, and the late James Johnson, who is a resident of Stratford. She is deployed to Kosovo from Germany. Spc. Crites is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Burgess who are former residents of Stratford. He is the great-nephew of Ann Johnson, Bobbie Wilson, and Duane Robertson. Crites is now serving in Iraq.

A real joy was received for Treat'N Troops in a Christmas card from Major Ralph Perkins, nephew of Jack and Linda Swain. Major Perkins is serving in Baghdad, Iraq. His Christmas card and thank you note follows:

"I wanted to drop you a card and let you know that me and my soldiers really appreciate the box of things that you sent to us. All of the things that you sent were truly useful and much appreciated. Thank you again for everything. Please say thank you to all and wish them a very Merry Christmas. Take care and God Bless. Major Ralph Perkins"

The troops do appreciate all this community is doing for them. We just need to continue to remember all of our troops in our prayers.

## Texas Farm Service Agency Supports Establishing Firebreaks on CRP

(Stratford, Texas) - January, 5, 2006 — in response to the continued threat of grass fires statewide, Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds landowners of a provision in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) procedure allowing for the establishment of firebreaks as a preventive measure.

"Although disking CRP ground is not a typically authorized practice, the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of fire protection of life and property," said Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director for the Sherman County FSA.

Individuals who are interested in disking perimeter firebreaks on ground enrolled in CRP must first visit the USDA Service Center and work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to modify CRP contracts to include firebreaks. NRCS will determine acceptable firebreak widths on a site-specific basis.

With nearly four million acres of CRP in the state, many of those acres bordering communities and residences, Texas FSA supports efforts to reduce combustible vegetation that may cause a fire to spread.

There is no cost-share for establishing firebreaks and rental payment penalties will not be assessed.

Hemphill added, "Although fuel prices are high, a little fuel and some sweat equity may prove to be cheap insurance in the long run."

For more information, contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211 or NRCS at 858-398-5517.

## Address for Rob & Kelli Groves and Kenedi

If you would like to send a card to Kelli (Wight) and Rob Groves you may send it to Ronald McDonald House, 5641 Medical Center Rm. 3- Rob & Kelli Groves, Dallas, TX 75235. Baby's name is Kenedi Groves.

## Order Forms Deadline-

State champ T-Shirt order forms can be picked up from the campus secretaries or administration office?

## Kenedi Jae Groves fund At First State Bank

A fund has been set up at First State Bank for Kenedi Jae Groves, daughter of Kelli (Wight) and Rob Groves and granddaughter of Ken and Barbie Wight. Kenedi was born Dec. 18, 2005 in Amarillo and was transferred to Children's Medical Center in Dallas where she underwent heart surgery. A donation for Kenedi can be given at First State Bank branches in Stratford, Dumas and Dalhart.

Prayer & Praise Service Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church

## EQIP SIGNUP

An EQIP signup will begin on January 17, 2006. EQIP is a program the NRCS utilizes to cost share conservation practices on farms and ranches. Signup will continue through February 17,2006.

Call the NRCS office at 396-5517 ext 3 for an appointment. Cost share is available for water facilities, grass seeding, cross fencing, windbreaks, irrigation pipeline, and sprinkler upgrades to LPIC or LEPA systems. New sprinklers are available to convert row water to sprinkler. Drip irrigation is also available to convert from row water to drip irrigation.

Keep conservation a top priority. If it is good for conservation, it is good for the farm and ranch.

## What does the Future Hold for Beef Producers?

On Monday, January 23, 2006 there will be a Cattle Industry Seminar held at the Sherman County Barn at 12:00 noon. Lunch provided by Micro Beef Technologies and Schering-Plough Animal Health.

Program to follow will be "Update on the National Animal Identification System" presented by Dr. Ted McCollum, Beef Cattle Specialist, Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Cattle Supplier Requirements for Age & Source Verified Cattle" presented by Mr. Ben Weinheimer, Regulatory Manager of Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

"Benefiting Financially with Source Verified Cattle: presented by Mr. Bruce Cobb, Consolidated Beef Producers.

This Seminar is being sponsored by: Walter Lesley & Sons Feedyard, First State Bank, Happy State Bank, Texhoma livestock Auction and First National Bank-Texhoma.

Please RSVP by January 19, 2006 to Doak Crabtree (806) 366-2265 or Debra Hauser (806) 396-5521.

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## STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 11, 2005

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Coldwater Manor's Boardroom.

Officers and Directors present were: Wayne Smith, President-Ronnie Brooks, Vice President Larry Drake, Director Kathy Altman, Director Kenton Kimball, Director

Also present: Judy Griffith representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic Jimmy Lanning representing Stratford EMS Debbie Beilue, Administrator, and Gail Schmidt-Witcher for Coldwater Manor.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Community Comments: None

Minutes of previous meeting approved. Motion by Kathy Altman to approve minutes of previous meeting as presented, seconded by Larry Drake; motion carried 5/0.

Judy presented the financial report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. She reported 50 Veterans, 185 Nurse Visits and Dr. Visits should start picking up. The accounting system has been

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4-H SHOOTING  
SPORTS PROJECT NEWS  
By Susie Spurlock

4-H Shooting Sports project members and parents are asked to mark their calendar January 19, 2006 for the first project meeting. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

During the meeting, members will have an opportunity to meet the coaches, sign up for practice schedules, pay the \$35.00 project fee, and learn more about the NRA Marksmanship Qualification program. All members must attend the Safety Training to be conducted by Scott Buckles and teen leaders.

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For more information, contact Cindy or Lem Russell at 727-4671, Scott Buckles at 769-4464, Wesley Spurlock at 396-2864 or the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

JANUARY 17  
PROGRAM ON  
LIVING WILLS  
By Susie Spurlock

The new year brings many things, one of them is an opportunity for families to take the time to organize or re-organize many business papers including those that deal with end-of-life issues.

Andy Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, will present "An Update on Living Wills" to help residents better understand the importance of this written instruction. The program will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at SCOT Hall in Stratford beginning at 1:30 p.m.

During the program, Andy will address Directives to Physicians, Family and Surrogates (formerly called Living Wills), Medical Power of Attorney, Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate, and Organ Donation.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT at 396-2011.

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"My Name Is  
Not Alice"  
January 13-16, 2006

The Guymon Community theatre will present a modern adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" written and Directed by Aubrey Brooks. Music, dancing, fun costumes and zany characters.

Performances are January 13 through January 16; Friday, Saturday, Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Reservations 580-338-0019

A "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" fund raiser for the marquee restoration will be held Saturday January 14 at 11:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m. Reservation required.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Is there a reason why gas prices vary this much within 50 miles of Stratford? On Jan. 7th & 8th, these were the prices at -

	Stratford	Dumas	Spearman
Allsupps	\$2.28	\$2.19	\$2.16
Express Lanes	\$2.29	\$2.19	----

Does anyone else see a problem????

Kathy Allen

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Memberships

Once again, its time for memberships. The Chamber would like to thank these individuals, families and businesses for their continued support of the Chamber.

Happy State Bank	Stratford Grain
Vincent Insurance	Doak & Lisa Crabtree
Nina & John Lavake	Mary Riffe
Bill & Kathy Riffe	Brenda & Kerry Bell
Susie & Wesley Spurlock	Powell Abstract
Dick & Kay Bachman	Jim Alexander
Buckles Farms	North Plains Ground Water Conservation
B.A. & LeRayne Donelson	Dick & Jo Davenport
Jess & Martha Willard	Walter Lasley & Sons
Doug & Joyce McBryde	Wayne & Darla Cummings
Dick & Barbara Chumley	Oline Caraway
Ed & Marge Moore	Stratford Star

And to our new member's, a welcome to the Chamber membership and thank you for your support.

Judge Terri Beth Carter

Judge Cindy Jackson

Lone Star Acquisitions/Karen Riffe & Dana Buckles

Giant Christmas Stocking

The winner of the Giant Christmas Stocking was John McBroom and Alex Asher. The drawing took place on Friday

December 23, 2005, at West Texas Gas. Kathy Allen, Sherman County Development Manager, drew for the winning ticket.

The Chamber would like to thank all of those who purchased tickets.

Office Hours

Just in case any of you are wondering about the office hours, I will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for a total of 20 hours until school starts back up. The rest of the time I will be working at the Hospital in Dalhart, my other part time job.

Once schools starts, the hours will change, I will keep you posted.

If you need anything, please call the office and leave a message and I will return your calls as soon as possible.

If you would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, please call or come by the office. Remember, shop locally and help keep our community strong.

New York Times  
Fiction Best Sellers at  
the Sherman County  
Public Library

1. S is for Silence by Sue Grafton
2. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
3. Mary, Mary by James Patterson
4. At First Sight by Nicholas Sparks
5. Every Breath You Take by Judith McNaught
6. On the Run by Ms Johansen
7. Predator by Patricia Cornwell
8. Light From Heaven by Jan Karon
9. The Camel Club by David Baldacci
10. Forever Odd by Dean Koontz
11. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
12. The Historian by Elizabeth Kostova
13. Knife of Dreams by Robert Jordan
14. Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly
15. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
16. The March by E. L. Doctorow
17. Regime: Evil Advances by Tim LaHaye
18. Ordinary Heroes by Scott Turow
19. Toxic Bachelors by Danielle Steel
20. A Breath of Snow and Ashes by Diane

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PG-13 Queen Latifah

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R Jay Hernandez Derek Richardson

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PG Steve Martin Hilary Duff

Fun with Dick & Jane  
PG-13 Jim Carrey Tia Leoni

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PG-13 Jennifer Aniston Kevin Costner

Chronicles of Narnia  
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Sherman County Livestock Show Schedule  
Sherman County Exhibit Building  
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Wednesday, January 25

Bring all animals into the barn

Thursday, January 26

Goats, lambs, and swine in place by 4:00 p.m.

Weigh in goats, lambs, and swine,  
In this order,

Friday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Judging of Lambs Showmanship of Lambs

Judging of Swine Showmanship of Swine

Saturday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Weigh and check-in Heifers and Steers

10:00 a.m. Judging of Goats

Showmanship of Goats

Judging of Steers

Judging of Heifers

Cattle Showmanship

Afternoon (not before 1:00 p.m.) - Livestock Judging Contest

4:30 p.m. Buyers' Appreciation Supper, County Exhibit Building

6:00 p.m. Premium Sale • Order: Goats, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Lambs

Sunday, January 29

1:00 p.m. Exhibit and Animal Bam Clean-up

Tuesday, February 7

Project Record Forms due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., unless exhibiting

at a Major and those are due by March 15 by 5:00 p.m.

2006 County Livestock Show Entries

Entry Fees are to be turned in to the Extension Office by January 13, 2006.

entry fees double after this date and will not be accepted after January 24.

Cards may be picked up at the Extension Office.

FFA members may pick up there cards from the Extension Office or through Mr. Burkhalter Entry

fees are \$18.00 for the first entry and \$10.00 for each additional entry Six dollars of your first

entry is for the buyer's cap and \$2.00 for the Buyer's Appreciation Supper

The Imagination  
Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station is looking forward to a new year.

The computer lab has not had as much use as years past but several persons whose computers crashed have had the opportunity to use this community service. The Imagination Station is planning computer classes in February.

Classes in Excel for financial record keeping will be taught by Gary Graham and a class or too on making greeting cards and notes by others.

Phase III construction on the Exhibit Hall has begun. Next will be to paint the ceiling!!

Plans are in progress for Week of the Young Child in April. The proposed theme is Transportation remembering the 50 years of the interstate highway system. We are thinking of Planes, Trains and Automobiles. We welcome any suggestions.

Don't forget the Computer Lab is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 2-5. Sundays would be a great time for young people to help parents or grandparents learn about the advantages of computer information.

Let's Make Arrangements Tea Room  
Reopening January 9, 2006.  
Soup, Croissant Sandwich & Dessert  
will be served from  
11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.  
Hot Tea, Peach Tea, Coffee, Hot  
Chocolate & Dessert available everyday  
from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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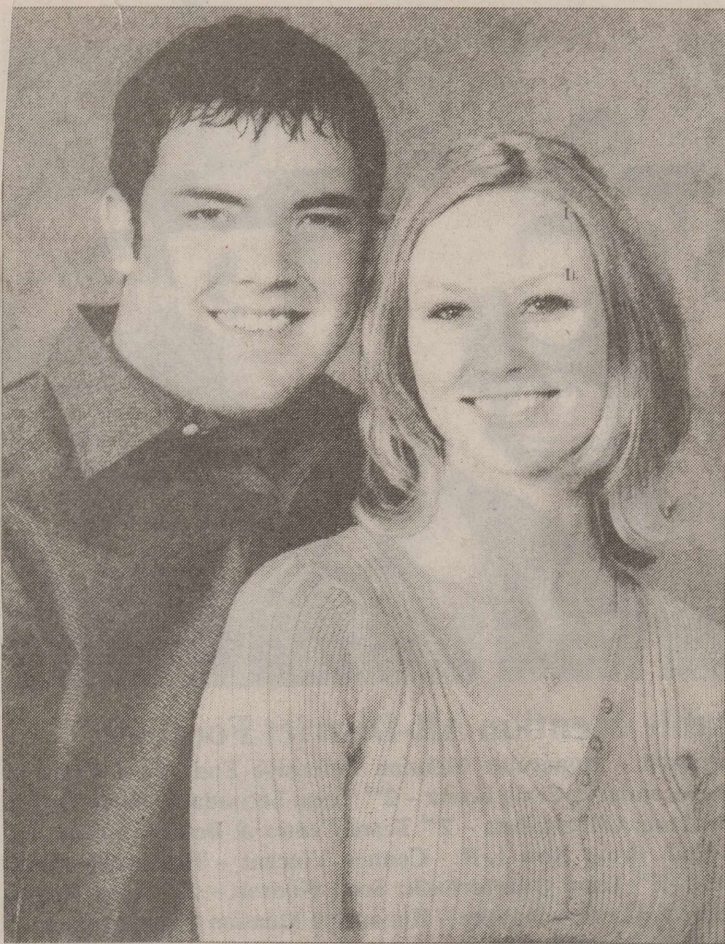
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Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—An easy way to score big with sports fans is to present them with a tailgating feast. A new cookbook helps people do just that. Called "Touchdowns to Tailgating—the Red Book for All You Need to Know About Football, Food and Heinz Field," (\$9.95), the book is filled with fun sports facts, brain teasers and delicious recipes.

Raisin oatmeal cookies are one of the most popular cookies made all year long, according to the experts at Sun-Maid Growers. For the holidays, the kids can roll and shape the dough into wreaths, then dip into candy sprinkles, easy activities for small hands.

Piping wreath designs onto cooled cookies can easily be turned into a party activity. Once finished, the cookie wreaths can even be tied with ribbons for the children to hang them on an artificial table-top tree.



## Engagement Announcement

Dennis and Sherry Holubec, of Midkiff, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bailey Kendra Holubec to Corey Darren Naugle, the son of Howard and Valerie Naugle, of Stratford, Texas. Bailey, a 2002 graduate of Rankin High School, recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Journalism. A 2001 graduate of Stratford High School, Corey attended Texas Tech University and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree at Panhandle State University. Bailey is the granddaughter of Julius and Dorothy Holubec of Rowena, Texas, and Daniel and Sherline Strube of Wall, Texas. Corey is the grandson of Leonard and Martha Duncan of Stratford, and Ruth Naugle and the late Robert Naugle, also of Stratford. The couple will wed on March 18, 2006 at the home of Dennis and Sherry Holubec.



Tim Gilliland, school superintendent, was introduced by Laurie Spurlock, Prospectus Study Club Education chairman, at the club January meeting. It was an informative question and answer program.

## GILLILAND PRESENTS PROGRAM

Tim Gilliland, Stratford ISD Superintendent, spoke to the FWC/Prospectus Study Club at the Jan. 4 meeting. He has been working on the school calendar. Unless the state makes a change, school will be starting next year on Aug. 16. He also told what had been happening at school.

Laurie Spurlock, Education chairman, introduced Mr. Gilliland. Club emblems for vehicles are still available. Ask any club member. Members present were D'Lynn Reed, Marsha Wright, Laurie Spurlock, Linda Swain, Barbara Chumley, Paula Everett, Dorothy Laile, Gina Jones, Sandy Baskin, Ann Johnson, Marty Bain, Oline Baraway, Michelle Lutes, and Marylou McDaniel.

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—Mirabel Osler

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## Happy Birthday JO Pulliam

J O Pulliam was given an 87<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Friday, January 6, 2006. Happy Birthday JO and MANY MANY MORE.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Word has been received of the death of two former residents of Kerrick. They are Burt Murdock and Ellen Wainscott Rogers.

Burt Murdock, 74, died Sept. 22, 2005, at Roanoke, Va. Following a sudden illness. He was born at Kerrick to Lyall and Melissa Murdock on Jan. 29, 1931. He and his wife, Ann Simons, had been married 52 years. Other survivors are daughters Laura Thornhill, Karen Litz of Roanoke; sons George of Smith Mountain, Dr. Robert of Roanoke, Eric of Arlington, VA, Brian of Princeton, N.J. and their families. Also seventeen grandchildren.

Burt was a brother of Mabel Rogers and a cousin of Lynn Wells.

Ellen Wainscott Rogers, 66, of Buffalo, OK, died Dec. 10, 2005. She was the daughter of Cal & Ruth Wainscott. Ellen was a cousin of Minnie Hampton and Lynn Wells.

Several from Kerrick were among the crowd who attended the Stratford state football game. Bill & Pat Boren met Bill's brothers Charles & Joe Earl and their wives, Jean & Judy and Kelly, Kerry, Kevin & Kale Carlisle. The gathering place was the Joe Allen Barbeque. Also spotted tie Steve Haynes's, Duane Pittman's, and more.

As Cliff Abbott and I walked to game, entrance, Mike hollered at us. He had come down the day before. He met former resident Richard Black.

The Borens spent Christmas with the Carlises at Abernathy, Brenda Taylor, Littleton, CO. was in Kerrick during the Holidays.

It was Christmas last Saturday at Terry & Barbara Schoonover's. Kelly and sons Hunter & Noah were there as were the Brady Schoonover family.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had all their grandchildren for lunch on Christmas Eve day. Parents were there too.

Kaiden Gillenwaters spent the weekend with them as his mother; Sunday was in a wedding party in Wichita, KS.

Maylane Rish, Houston, MS. is here with daughter Peggy The Hawkins were there for Christmas.

Patti McDaniel, Aurora, CO. spent Christmas with Marylou & Mike McDaniel.

Joyce Irlbeck was in the hospital for several days during the holidays.

Jo June McDaniel was with brother Penny and family at Clayton for Christmas. Then the Tuesday after she was with son Whit and family in Dumas.

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In a way winter is the real spring—the time when the inner things happen, the resurgence of nature.

—Edna O'Brien

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If there were no tribulation, there would be no rest; if there were no winter, there would be no summer.

—St. John Chrysostom

## Texas Department of Transportation

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to U.S. 287 within the city limits of Stratford. The limits of this project are from the Junction of U.S. 54, north to Purnell Street in Stratford.

*The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at SCOT Hall, 515 North Third Street, Stratford, Texas*

This meeting is intended to seek the input of all interested parties who wish to comment about the project. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

#### First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

#### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)

Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)

No Sunday Evening Worship Service

Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,

CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

#### First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Junior High UMY 5:00 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

#### St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Adult Choir Practice - 6:30

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Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Minutes  
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corrected since yesterday and it has picked up a lot of old billings. The Clinic held a Flu shot clinic, shots were \$ 25.00 a piece.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford EMS. He reported 22 runs; up from last year. Discussion on paperless run-sheets, seem to be playing phone tag, cost will be around \$1 a run with \$3000 paid up front for 5,000 runs. Jimmy will get more information. EMS has a new Basic EMT, Larita Butler, now up to 8 people. Whips and Wheels are donation proceeds to EMS and Fire Department; they do this every year.

Meeting adjourn to executive session 7:28 pm. Executive session call to order 7:30 pm. Executive session adjourns at 8:50 pm. Regular meeting resumed 8:55pm

Board decision: Debbie in charge of financial for EMS, Clinic, and CWM. Each entity will be more in charge of their own entity, any problems and big spending decisions will be brought to the board.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. CWM now has 35 residents, possible admit next week, with 2 more possible later. Discussion on back Medicaid for Insurance.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Discussion on CD's and MMA; to put \$ 100,000 in a CD, \$20,000 in another CD for Capital Improvement for 6 months and some in MMA account. Motion by Ronnie Brooks for approval to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Stratford Emergency Medical, Coldwater Manor and Stratford Hospital District payables as presented, seconded by Kathy Altman; motion carried 5/0.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m.  
SHD - President's Signature:  
Wayne J. Smith

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
11/29/2005

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Coldwater Manor's Boardroom.

Officers and Directors present were: Wayne Smith, President Ronnie Brooks, Vice President Larry Drake, Director Kathy Altman, Director Kenton Kimball, Director

Also present: Debbie Beilue, Administrator for Coldwater Manor Dr. Perry Bassett, Physician Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Discussion and agreement on a two year contract with Dr. Bassett for SFMC and CWM Medical Director. Board's vote was 5/0.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

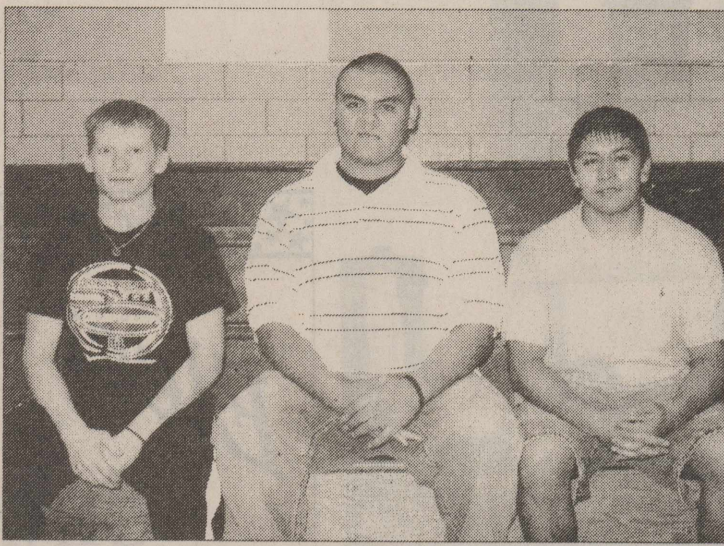
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Stratford Junior High School  
3rd Six Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll

5th grade-Alex Asher, Meghan Brooks, Christian Confer, Grayson Gonzalez, Tera Harris, Stephanie Jaquez, Elizabeth Reyes, Haydee Rojas, Itzel Salcido, Reed Schoonover, Tyler Seward and M'Lynn Wells, 6th Grade-Marcos Garza, Mark Hand, Braden Hudson, Ransom Lerman, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Perla Reta, Tori Rouse, Jesus Ruedas, Kenny Ruiz, Gabriel Tarango.

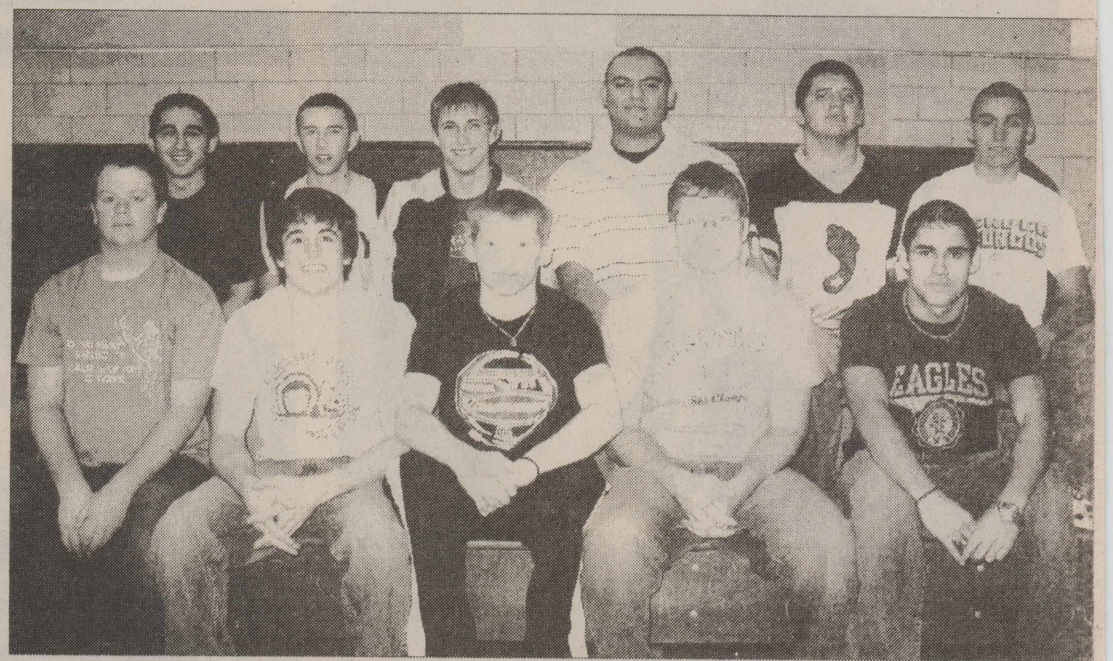
7th Grade-Catheryn Arisano, Carlos, Armendatiz, Heidi Brooks, Krystal Brown, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsy Confer, Matt Correll, Bryce Cummings, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kelsie Keener, Kimberly Melton, Taylor Melton, Michael Ortega, Kimberly Tran, Tyler Wright.

8th Grade-Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Ana Garay, Braden Hamilton, Alma Marquez, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Martha Rios, Sunny Russell, Noelia Solano, Kristi Torres, Channing Ziemann.



Associated Press All-State Honorable Mention

L-R: Scott Hudson - Secondary; Rudy Portillo - Offensive & Defensive Line; Steven Rueda - Linebacker. Not pictured Jonathan Licon - Linebacker.



2nd Team & Honorable Mention All-District Football

Back Row L-R: Jeffrey Frizzell - Honorable Mention Defensive End; Case Crabtree - Honorable Mention Receiver & Secondary; Craig Kautz - 2nd Team Secondary; Rudy Portillo - 2nd Team Offensive & Defensive Line; Gilbert Reta - 2nd Team Center & Defensive Line; Pablo Ibarra - 2nd Team Defensive End; Front Row L-R: Connor Vincent - Honorable Mention Offensive Line; Hunter Buckles - 2nd Team Quarterback; Scott Hudson - 2nd Team Receiver; Brady Bell - 2nd Team Linebacker & Gustavo Rosales - Honorable Mention Running Back. Not pictured Jonathan Licon - Honorable Mention Kicker.

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks 3rd Grade-Braiden Galla, Desinya Garza, Jacie Seward, Colten Summers, Carlos Castaneda, Landry Davis, Vanessa Mendoza, Madison	Mungia, Rett Schoonover, Bethany Everett, Makayla Gleaves, Kaley Kinsey, Tyler Rouse, Austin Aduddell, Joseph Templeton.	4th Grade-Ellie Daniels, Hunter Everett, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Pedro Hernandez, Selina	Terrazas, Sterling Audrain Preston Burr, Ricky Garay, Eric Huggins, Mary Ann Spurlock Mazie Vincent, Ben Gilliland Boston Hudson, Suzzette Palma Vanessa Pinon, Carlos Trejo and Marisel Zamudio.
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Come help us welcome Drew and Chase Lasley to America, new sons of Jerry and Darlene Lasley.

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If you want to send cards or money you may mail them to Cindy Russell, P.O. Box 1294, Stratford, Texas 79084, or see any hostess.

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Amy Long	Kris Lasley	Cathy Taylor	Cindy Miller
	Karen Riffe	Barbara Chumley	

LADY ELKS ADVANCE TO ELITE EIGHT IN CAPROCK TOURNAMENT

The Stratford Lady Elks traveled to Lubbock over the Christmas holidays to participate in the 47th Annual Caprock Holiday Tournament. The tournament consisted of 32 girls' teams from all over the state and all classifications. Stratford was one of only three 1A teams in the tournament and the only 1A team to advance to the winners' side of the bracket. The Lady Elks began the tournament by trouncing the Dimmitt Bobbies with a score of 63-25. As a team the Lady Elks dominated the boards pulling down 72% of all rebounds and holding Dimmitt to only 28% of all rebounds. In addition, the Lady Elk defense held Dimmitt to a shooting percentage of only 14% from the floor while putting in 44% of their own shots. Shadley Audrain led the team with 12 points and 7 rebounds along with Katelyn Reed who had 11 points and 8 rebounds. Yadira Ortega added 8 points and 5 assists. April and Crystal Peregrino had 8 points and 4 rebounds each while Merilee McDaniel added 6 points. Candie Bell added 5 points and 5 steals and Allison Baskin added 5 points and 5 rebounds.

The win advanced the Lady Elks to the sweet sixteen and put them up against a very good Friona team. As expected, the game was close for the first two quarters. The Lady Elk's defense kept them in the game in the first half as they struggled with shooting. The Friona Squaw's pulled ahead by 5 in the third quarter as the Lady Elks were still cold from the floor. The difference in the game came in the fourth quarter as the Lady Elks won the free throw battle by making as many free throws in the 4th quarter as Friona did in the whole game. Overall the

however, Estacado came out in the third quarter and shot an outstanding 80% from the floor on a 16-6 run that left the Lady Elks trailing by seven as they entered the fourth quarter. Candie Bell hit three big three's in the fourth to spark a comeback, but the Lady Elks found themselves trailing in the last few minutes of the fourth and went into a half court trap to keep Estacado from stalling and to force turnovers in an attempt to catch up. The Lady Elks did an excellent job and closed the gap to a two point game but had to foul to stop the clock. Estacado hit their free throws and although the Lady Elks

outscored Estacado 21-19 in the fourth, the Lady Elks suffered their second loss of the tournament with a score of 51-56. Shadley Audrain had another double double with 14 points and 14 rebounds while Katelyn Reed added 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Lady Elks hit 24 of 34 free throws while Friona was only 6 of 13 from the line. Shadley Audrain led the way by hitting 12 of 14 free throws, 17 points overall, and 10 rebounds. Allison Baskin was the next leading scorer with 6 points and 3 rebounds followed by Katelyn Reed who had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Merilee McDaniel was 100% for the game with 5 points. Yadira Ortega and Crystal Peregrino led the defensive effort with 3 steals each.

The Lady Elks would then meet Lubbock's Trinity Christian in the elite eight round of the tournament. Trinity Christian is the reigning State Champion in the big school division of private schools. They have beaten many good teams this year including Canyon. The Lady Elks knew that it would be a tough game for them, but welcomed the challenge to help them prepare for the upcoming district season. Trinity Christian jumped out to an early lead from Lady Elk turnovers and poor free throw shooting resulting in a half time score of 31-13. The Lady Elks seemed to settle down in the second half scoring 18 to their 22 points including outscoring Trinity 10-9 in the fourth quarter. Yadira Ortega led the way with 10 points for the game. It wasn't enough however, as the Lady Elks fell 31-53. Trinity then defeated Argyle (ranked 4th in AA) to advance to the championship game.

The defeat sent the Lady Elks to the consolation game on the winner's side of the bracket where they faced 4A Lubbock Estacado. Estacado is the most athletic team that the Lady Elks have played this year including stand out junior post Shanequa Henderson. The Lady Elks played an excellent first half leading 24-21 at the end of the second quarter;

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—Lisa Edmondson

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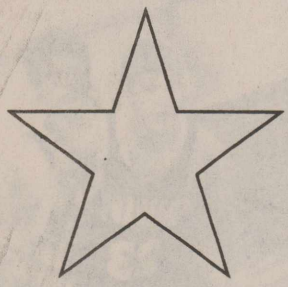
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Help Wanted-Counter Salesperson needed at A&I Parts. Contact Jerry Ewers at 366-5592 or 753-7593.  
12-1-tfn

Sherman County Sheriff's Office is currently taking applications for the position of dispatcher-jailer. Applications may be picked up at Sherman County Sheriff's office 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX or call Sheriff Jack Haile at 806-366-5551. Sherman County is an EOE.  
1-19-c

## 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

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Your Christmas Kitten is still available. Also 2 half grown male mousers. Don't miss!  
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## Cards of Thanks

The Sherman County Public Library would like to thank the following: Prospectus Study Club for once again sponsoring "Project Christmas Card"; The Stratford Star for donating the one page ad; the employees at The First State Bank for helping to keep everything straight (especially Suzanne Ashley); and to all the contributors who helped raise a total of \$2,060. This money is greatly appreciated.

The Sherman County Depot Museum wants to extend a big thank you to THE General Store for donating new windows to replace our broken ones. We are grateful for your help and want to acknowledge your generous contribution. We couldn't continue to operate without the support of the community.

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For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613.  
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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division.  
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## ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

We're back in full swing after the Christmas holidays. Everybody came back safe and ready to go!

Here's a bit of trivia for you. The next time you're attending a Varsity basketball game, check out an unusual statistic. Eight out of ten Varsity girls and six out of nine Varsity boys are at least second generation Stratford students. Many of our kids do come back to make their home here after all, don't they?

The Nutrition and Foods classes will be learning about Child Development and Parenting this semester. The Personal and Family Development (freshman) will be learning about food and nutrition this semester. In other words they will be learning how to plan and prepare different types of foods. Mrs. Reed teaches these classes.

Mrs. Haile's Seventh grade English classes will now start preparing in earnest for the TAKS Writing test on February 21. The main focus for the first semester was grammar and the current focus is writing well-organized, creative compositions. Parents might be interested to know that the compositions must be corrected within a week of being handed back if students make a failing grade. Corrections bring the composition grade up to a seventy-five. Eighth grade English classes will finish up the unit on "Capitalization and

Punctuation" and will then begin studying Greek mythology on Monday, January 9. Since this year's eighth graders did so well on the TAKS test last year with a 97% overall score, they get to

study Greek mythology for a little bit longer than usual....

Mrs. Glass's biology classes began station rotations to incorporate what we are learning in genetics and TAKS test preparation.

Anatomy is studying skeletal joint articulations. In order to practice learning the movements, they are playing Twister to practice identifying the movements as it applies to their own body. Environmental science classes are studying classification systems. They are participating in station rotations to apply what they are learning in a computer TAKS preparation program.

The third grade blizzard winners the third six weeks were the Elks. The team consists of Jordan Ruiz, Trevor Melton, Jesus Tarango, and Paola Vasquez. We switched the groups up for this next semester so that the students can work with a variety of others. The students will take their first math TAKS benchmark the week of January 16. The students are hard at work on those objectives. Currently, we are working on measurement. We are learning to figure elapsed time, find perimeter, area, and read a thermometer. We are also learning to measure length and width with standard, nonstandard and metric measurements.

Wednesday is early release day. Teachers will attend GT

training from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. that day. Concurrent registration for English 1302 will be held on Friday, Jan. 13. Some of our band students will be participating in All Region Band this weekend.

Mrs. Carthel's high school ESL classes received a handwritten letter from one of the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. Please read about this exciting event elsewhere in this paper.

Our speech contestants did very well in the Friona Bobsled Classic Speech Tournament. Pictures and an article in the paper tell more.

The Elk football team has ordered their State Championship rings. We hope they get them real soon!

TAKS Benchmark tests are continuing weekly. TAKS testing will begin in February.

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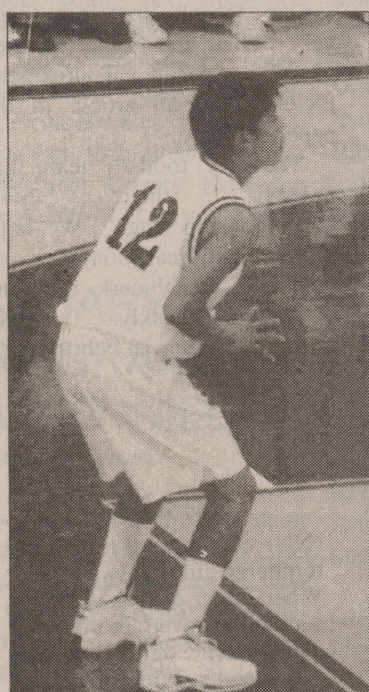


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# Basketball



#10 Stratford Elk Hunter Buckles.



J.V. Elk Nelson Rodriguez.



Coach Horsford and Coach Sutterfield talk with the Elks in time-out in the first half of the Elks first district game against White Deer.



Stratford Elks #23 Kaleb Horsford and Hunter Buckles on defense.



Stratford Elks on defense from left, Case Crabtree, Scott Hudson, Harrison Walden and Brady Bell.



Lady Elk #23 Yadira Ortega.



J.V. Lady Elks from left, Jordan Confer, #41 April Peregrino, Kelsey Stein & Krista Reta.

## The Elks Start Basketball Season

The Varsity Stratford Elk basketball team traveled to Slaton over the holidays to play in the Slaton Tournament.

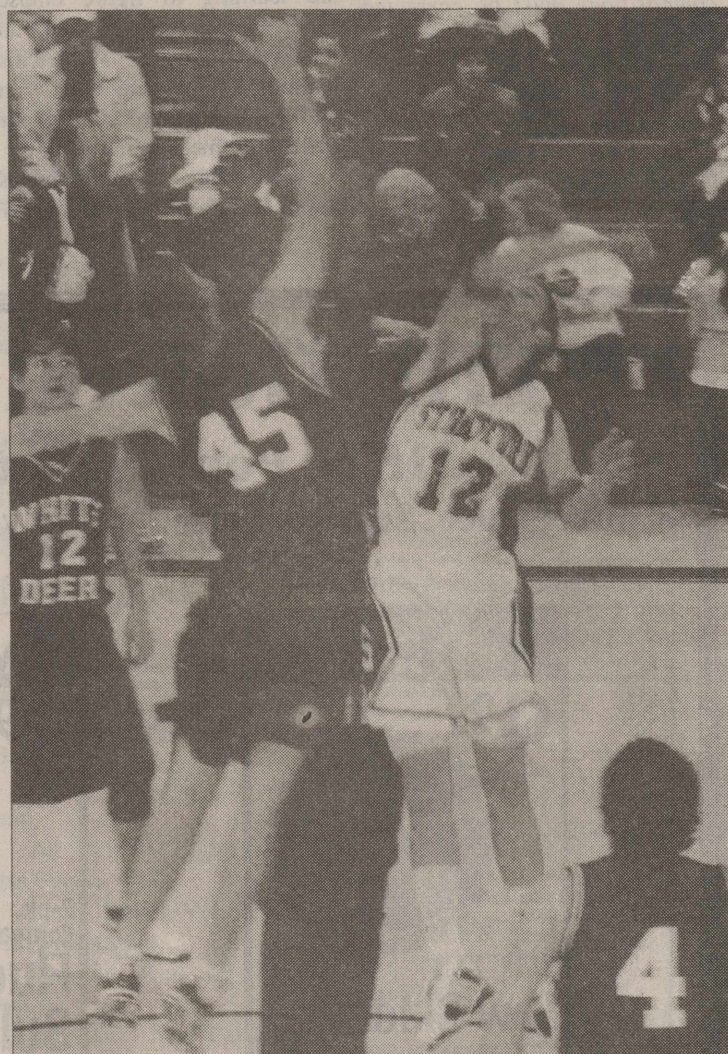
The Elks went 1-2 in the tournament. There was a great deal of improvement from the first game to the last. Sundown, ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the TABC 1A poll, had their hands full with the Elks. District play began Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Elks had their fourth & last non-district game with Dalhart on Tuesday and lost 35-34 in the last second of the game.

In their first game, the Elks lost to Monterey JV 59-35 with Kaleb Horsford scoring 11 points and Craig Kautz scoring 6 points. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> game, the Elks lost to Sundown 60-54. Brant Cummings led with 17 points followed by Scott Hudson with 8 points. In their final game, the Elks beat Lubbock Warriors 59-46. Harrison Walden led with 11 points followed by Brant Cummings and Craig Kautz with 10 points each.

If the Elks continue to improve at the current pace & play hard like was exhibited in the Tournament, they well could be the surprise team of the district.

## LADY ELKS DEFEAT DALHART IN LAST PRE-DISTRICT GAME

The Lady Elks defeated Dalhart in the last pre-district game of the year with a score of 58-22. The Lady Elks came out hot in the first half hitting 50% from the three point line against Dalhart's 2-3 zone including four three pointers in the first quarter to take a 20-6 lead. The Lady Elks never looked back as they went into the dressing room at the half with a 34-10 lead. Candie Bell, Yadira Ortega, Katelyn Reed, Shadley Audrain, Cheyenne Ziemann, and Haley Buckles all hit at least one three pointer in the game. The Lady Elks played great team defense limiting Dalhart to only 10 points in the first half and only 12 points in the second half. Leading the defensive effort was Yadira Ortega with 4 steals and 2 defensive assists while adding 7 points and 4 offensive assists. Shadley Audrain led all scoring with a total of 15 points for the game and cashed in on another double double by pulling down 13 rebounds. Allison Baskin added 4 points and 7 rebounds. Candie Bell added 6 points, 4 rebounds. Katelyn Reed added 7



#12 Case Crabtree in the opening jump ball for the Elks.



#31 Lady Elk Shadley Audrain.



Lady Elks #13 Allison Baskin & #43 Crystal Peregrino.



J.V. Lady Elks #13 LaRissa Luna & #11 Whitney Garza.

more points and 6 rebounds while Crystal Peregrino and Haley Buckles both added 5 more points. Merilee McDaniel added 4 points, Cheyenne Ziemann chipped in 3 more, and Cassie Garza rounded out the scoring with 2 points. Good luck in district Lady Elks!



The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elks beat Vega 21-12 on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Kimberly Melton was high point with 6 points followed by Rubi Rueda with 4 points.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Elks beat Vega 53-4 with Kyle Horsford leading the scoring with 19 points followed by Bryce Cummings with 12 points.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elks beat Vega 18-16. Kelsi Dennis was high point with 7 points followed by Channing Ziemann and Sunny Russell with 3 points each.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Elks lost 26-30 to Vega. Braden Hamilton led the Elks with 12 points followed by Luis Ortega and Elias Terrazas with 4 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Dalhart on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 26-21. Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks with 8 points followed by Sinead Everett and Rhia Everett with 4 points each. On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> the J.V. Lady Elks beat White Deer in the first district game 37-9. Sinead Everett, April Peregrino and Rhia Everett led the Lady Elks with 6 points each followed by Whitney Garza and Jordan Confer with 5 points each.

The Varsity Elks lost to Dalhart by 1 point on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 34-35. Brant Cummings was high point with 11 points followed by Harrison Walden with 6 points and Scott Hudson with 5 points. The Elks lost their District opener to White Deer on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 76-52. Brant Cummings led the Elks with 16 points followed by Brady Bell with 12 points and Scott Hudson with 6 points. Adding 5 points each were Hunter Buckles and Craig Kautz.



J.V. Elk #44 Matt King jumps for the ball. Also shown #42 Sandro Gomez & #20 Justin Lanning.

## Stratford Education Foundation Fundraiser

January 17, 2006

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

High School Cafeteria

Chili, Frito Pie, Stew & Cornbread

\$5.00 Adults

12 & Under \$3.00