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Voters Forum, Monday Feb. 6

Meet the County Candidates-Voters Forum, Monday, February 6, 2006 at The Imagination Station 7:00 p.m. The following candidates will introduce themselves to the public. Questions from the audience will be directed to candidates of that Office. Candidates are as follows: County/District Clerk-Gina Jones, Lori Christian; Justice of the Peace- Penny Gilbert, Jessica Audrain, Cindy Jackson, Steve Baskin; County Judge-Terri Carter; County Treasurer-Doris Parsons; County Commissioners- Randy Williams, precinct 2 Tommy Asher, precinct 4

Coldwater Manor Friends to Meet

Coldwater Manor Friends will meet on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Stratford Youth Basketball

It's time once again for Stratford Youth Basketball. The program is open to any 2nd-6th grade boy or girl. Entry forms have been sent home and are also available at the Principal's offices. Entry forms will be due on Tuesday, February 7th by 4:00 PM. Forms can be turned into the principal's office or to Kendra Mungia

If you are interested in coaching a team or helping out in any other way, please call 366-2401.

Form elsewhere in this issue. A volunteer program must have volunteers to be successful!!

Red Hat Meeting Thursday Feb. 2nd

The Red Hat will meet Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church

State Football To Be Ruffled

Happy State Bank is selling tickets for a STATE FOOTBALL signed by the team all money raised will go to the RELAY FOR LIFE.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and we will be selling them at the home basketball games, at Happy State Bank or all of employees can get you tickets!

Meet the Candidate

Anette Carlisle, Republican Candidate for State Representative 87 District. Coffee at The Imagination Station, Tuesday February 7 10:00 am.

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

TXDOT Public Meeting Held Jan.24

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Texas Department of Transportation held a Public Meeting Tuesday January 24 at SCOT Hall with 58 in attendance. Mark Tomlinson, District Engineer explained the transportation projects planned for Stratford beginning with the letting of the project in October of 2006. This project will begin with US 54 concrete from east Pearl Street to US 287, main street intersection from US 54 north to RR tracks and softer turning radius on the north intersections of US 287 to accommodate truck turning. This project tentatively would begin in January 2007. Road materials from US 54 will be used to surface Pine Street from 1st to 3rd to prepare for the reroute of traffic on US 287.

The next project will be widening US 287 to 4 lanes from US 54 north to 8th St. The State does not own enough right of way for 4 lanes and a turning lane. ADA Sidewalks, and upgrade of drainage system will be included in this project. The tentative time line for this project is August 2007 to July 2008.

The storm drainage system for Main Street will connect to the US 287 drainage system at 4th Street. The tentative time line for the Main Street project is July to December 2008.

The Department of Transportation is seeking information from property owners of potential problems that could be addressed before the project begins. Construction on a roadway is very disruptive, inconvenient and requires planning to make the transition better for all.

Family Members! Attention-Coldwater Manor Nursing Home

The Activity Department of Coldwater Manor Nursing Home would like to put up a Bulletin Board.

Please bring in any Photo, (Baby, Young Child, Teenager and Adults) picture that you would like to share with us. For the Resident's.

Thank you for your assistance on this.

Janice & JoAnn

Voters Forum
Meet the County Candidates
Monday, February 6, 2006
The Imagination Station 7:00 p.m.
County/Dist Clerk Justice of Peace
Judge, Treasurer, Commissioners 2 & 4

James Johnson III Fund At Bank

A fund has been set up at First State Bank to help with the funeral expenses for James Johnson III.

If you'd like to donate you can call the bank at 396-5521 and give them Account #312444.

Stratford needs a place where kids can exercise and have fun. Help promote a skateboarding park for Stratford. For more information call 753-6524.

Jack Begley Memorial Highway Dedicated

US. 54 four lane divided highway from Texhoma, OK to Optima, Oklahoma was dedicated by the Honorable Brad Henry, Governor of Oklahoma, Monday January 23 at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Jack Begley served in the Oklahoma State House of Representatives, District 61 for 14 years and was instrumental in procuring the funds to expand US 54 to a four lane divided highway. Not only did Representative Begley get the funding for the Oklahoma panhandle but he secured the road to be built from the Texas state line east as far as the funding would go which was to Optima, rather than beginning from the Kansas line at Liberal west to Guymon. Seniority has power in the State House.

Jack Begley was a native Oklahoman. He graduated from Panhandle A&M College (later OPSU) in Goodwell, coached basketball and baseball in Texhoma. Begley coached in Clinton, OK and finished his master's degree at Oklahoma State University. While coaching in Clinton, his basketball teams won two state titles and he was honored as Tulsa Daily World's Basketball Coach of the Year. Jack coached at Caprock High School in Amarillo then returned to his alma mater Panhandle State in Goodwell, for 20 years, as coach, athletic director, registrar and director of admissions until elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Begley served as chairman of appropriations for

education and following his retirement was appointed as Commissioner of the Transportation Department for Oklahoma.

Jack Begley was devoted to the Oklahoma Panhandle and OPSU. He secured upgrade in Transportation and secured state funds to finish the Noble Cultural and Activity Center and a new science building at OPSU.

Jack Begley passed away in April of 2004. He will always be remembered as a friend to citizens of the Panhandle.

US. 54 SPIRIT Coalition, Oklahoma representative Jess Nelson was on the program. Texas SPIRIT representative, Gaynelle Riffe was also at the presentation and thanked Governor Brad Henry for the investment in the Oklahoma Panhandle and perhaps will encourage Texas to follow with a connection to the four lane divided highway.

Drivers Education Class

First Meeting is February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Coach Hands Classroom at the High School. Need student and at least one parent to attend. All rules, times and fees will be discussed. Open to any 8th grader up must be 15 by May 1, 2006.

For the young people of Stratford this is a very important class for their future.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

(Perryton, TX) — January 26, 2006 — Do your kids want to start their own business but they don't have the money to get things going? Did you know the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides loans to children between the ages of 10 and 20 to help them develop an agriculture related business venture? Youth loans can provide up to \$5,000 to purchase livestock, equipment or raise crops. To be eligible:

- Projects must be carried out by youths participating in 4-H, FFA, or similar organizations.
- A project advisor, such as a 4-H club advisor, Vo-Ag teacher, Cooperative Extension Agent, etc., must recommend the youth's project and provide adequate supervision.
- A parent or guardian must provide a written recommendation.
- In most cases, a co-signer is not required.
- And, most importantly, the project must generate enough income to meet expenses and repay the loan.

Applicants should look at this opportunity as a way to start their own business and learn how to handle credit responsibly.

For more information regarding FSA loan programs, contact James M. Heck at the Ochiltree County FSA office at (806) 435-6597, ext. 2 or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

SHS Speech Team Participates in Hereford Speech Tournament

The Stratford High School Speech team participated in the Hereford Speech Tournament January 28. The speech members attending were Anne Brooks in prose, Jessica Meroney in poetry, Trena Maiwald in poetry and impromptu, Searra Valenzuela in poetry Staci Hays placed 2nd in informative speaking and 5th in poetry and Ashley Duschel placed 5th in persuasive and participated in impromptu speaking. Staci also participated in impromptu speaking. There were 23 teams in this tournament. Our team has shown great improvement this season. We have one more tournament at Tascosa High School this weekend.

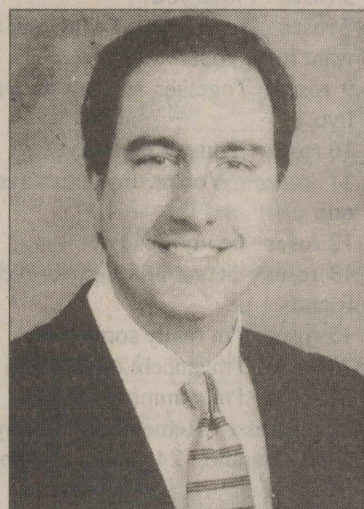
Editors Note-This article was brought in by Mary Brannan and thought it might interest some Stratford readers. It appeared in the USA today paper.

The Worst Hard Time
By Timothy Egan
Houghton Mifflin, 340 pp., \$28
Book Review
By Bob Minzesheimer

I thought I knew something about the Dust Bowl, I've read John Steinbeck's epic novel *The Grapes of Wrath*, seen John Ford's classic movie with Henry Fonda in his greatest role and listened to Bruce Springsteen's haunting ode to Tom Joad

But Steinbeck told only part of the story, as Timothy Egan writes in *The Worst Hard Time*, a vivid and gritty piece of forgotten history from the darkest days of the Depression.

The Joads, the noble family that Steinbeck created, escaped Oklahoma like refugees and



Trent Sizemore



Jess Willard

Trent Sizemore & Jess Willard join Happy State Bank

J. Pat Hickman, Chairman, President and CEO of Happy State Bank announced that Trent Sizemore and Jess Willard have been elected to the Board of Directors of Happy State Bank and the bank's holding company, Happy Bancshares, Inc.

Sizemore earned a bachelor's degree in economics from West Texas State University and is currently the General Manager of Jack Sizemore Travel and the Music Director at The Church at Quail Creek. He is actively involved in the Amarillo Prayer Breakfast Committee. Sizemore served as an Amarillo City Commissioner from 1995 - 2001, and as Mayor of Amarillo from 2001 to 2005. He is the past president of the Amarillo Executive Association, and past president of the Amarillo Speech & Hearing Center Panhandle Council for the Deaf. He has also been involved on the United Way Board of Directors from 2002 - 2005 and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Executive Committee from 1995 - 2005. Sizemore and his wife, Sharla, have two children, Caroline and Danielle.

Willard grew up in Kress, Texas and after high school graduation attended Texas Tech University. He has been involved in farming and ranching his entire life, the last 32 years in the Stratford and Dalhart areas. He is the current president of the Sunray Co-op. Willard has been

Basketball Playoff T-Shirts for Sale Support the Lady Elks

T- Shirts must be ordered by Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 4:00 p.m. Pick up order form from any campus secretary of Dinah Horsford.

joined the migration to California. Egan tells a more monumental story: Two-thirds of the families in the heart of the Dust Bowl stayed and struggled through the nation's greatest economic and environmental disaster.

With a novelist's flair, he tells the story of "how the greatest grassland in the world was turned inside out, how the crust blew away, raged up in the sky and showered down a suffocating blackness off and on for most of a decade."

It's a story of greed and idealism, filled with ambitious immigrants and conniving developers, railroad owners, bankers, politicians and newspaper editors. It tells of remarkable courage, stubbornness and hubris. It's set in a vast landscape, mush of

actively involved with the Stratford Independent School District School Board, the Stratford Country Club, the Stratford Chamber of Commerce and also the Dallam County NRCS. Willard and his wife, Martha, have four children, Jay, Julie Cate, Lance, and Loyd, and six grandchildren. Willard's three sons are also involved in the agribusiness with him; Jay in agribusiness, Lance in Ag repair and Loyd in cattle and agribusiness.

Hickman stated that he was "elated" to have two new directors who possess the "caliber of business acumen, expertise and integrity of Sizemore and Willard." "They will add yet another dimension of strength and insight to the Happy State Bank Board of Directors," Hickman said.

About Happy State Bank
Established in 1908, Happy State Bank is one of Texas' fastest-growing financial institutions, serving individual consumers and local businesses in eight Panhandle counties. The \$425 Million bank has full-service offices in Happy, Canyon, five locations in Amarillo (3423 Soncy, 3131 Bell, 5050 South Western, 500 Tascosa Road, and 203 West 8th), Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas, Panhandle, and Sunray, and 26 conveniently located ATM machines. Happy State Bank offers a wide array of traditional personal banking services plus trust and mortgage services, X-Press Phone and On-Line Banking, and cutting-edge business banking services.

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which should never have been farmed.

In the 1930's, in parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, "it seemed on many days as if a curtain were being drawn across a vast stage at world's end."

The southern plains had been overturned in a great speculative frenzy for what was an unsustainable wheat market. Then prices crashed, the rains disappeared, and with no sod to hold the earth in place, it blew away in great nightmarish dust storms.

"The eeriest thing was the darkness," Egan writes. "People tied themselves to ropes before going to the barn just a few hundred feet away, like a walk in space...Children coughed and gagged, dying of something the doctors called 'dust pneumonia.' In desperation, some families gave away their children."

He quotes one survivor, whose

OBITS



JAMES C. JOHNSON III

STRATFORD — James C. Johnson III, 39, died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Monday January 30, 2006 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnson was born Jan. 29, 1966, in Aurora, Colo. He was a Stratford resident since 1997 and a member of First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

He was a graduate of Wentworth Military Academy in Missouri. He was a past board member of the Depot Museum in Stratford. He loved to fish, be in the outdoors and work in landscaping.

He was preceded in death by his father, James C. "Jim" Johnson on June 19, 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Alyssa Autumn Johnson of Santa Fe, N.M.; his mother, Ann Johnson of Stratford; a sister, Maj. Kara Neuse and husband, Micah, of Ramstein AB, Germany; his grandmother, Beatrice Johnson of Yazoo City, Miss.; his fiancée, Kim Jackson Lankford of Stratford and Dallas; and two nephews, Bryce and Jayce Neuse.

The family suggests memorials be to the memorial fund in his name, in care of First State Bank, P.O. Box 48, Stratford, TX 79084 or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

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 free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

The Language of Flowers.

By Julie Willard
Let's Make Arrangements

Over the last two weeks, we have learned to match flowers with personality and a little about the meaning of the color of different flowers. Some may have been very new to you, some you may have already known. This week I am going to share with you the meaning of numbers. This was something new to me. Something I learned while doing my research. I hope you enjoy this and are as fascinated as I was.

Strength in Numbers

- 1 rose= Simplicity, gratitude, love at first sight, I still love you
- 2 roses= Mutual feelings
- 3 roses= I love you
- 7 roses= I'm infatuated with you, I want to be yours
- 9 roses= Together as long as we live
- 10 roses= You are perfect
- 11 roses= You're my treasured one
- 12 roses= be my steady
- 13 roses= Secret admirer, forever friends
- 15 roses= I'm really sorry
- 20 roses= I'm sincere toward you
- 21 roses= I'm committed to you
- 24 roses= Remember fondly every minute, 24 hours cannot forget you
- 33 rose= Profound love
- 36 roses= I'll always remember our romantic moments
- 40 roses= My love is genuine
- 99 roses= I'll love you 'til the day I die
- 100 roses= I'm totally devoted to you
- 101 roses= You're my one and only
- 108 roses= Will you marry me?
- 144 roses= Loving you day and night eternally
- 365 roses= Love you every day
- 999 roses= My love will last 'til the end of time, everlasting and eternal love
- 1001 roses= Faithful love, 'til forever (Florists Review 12/05)

Wow! That is amazing. Did you know that? You probably know more about flowers than you think. Flowers have become an integral part of our culture. People are becoming more and more familiar with flowers. However, professional florists are the real experts, whether you're interested in flower care or varieties. The staff at Let's Make Arrangements can help you fine-tune your flower knowledge. We can also suggest design styles for any occasion. Next week we will look at different design styles or floral signatures. Stop by Let's Make Arrangements between now and then and put in Your Valentine order. Remember Valentine's Day is February 14th - just two weeks away. Early birds will get the best selection and best value!

Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station will be hosting several events to know the candidates running for county and state offices before the March 7 primary.

Beginner computer classes will begin Thursday, February 2, and February 9. Gary Graham will help you get acquainted with the computer, Windows and the Excel Program to track home expenditures, donations, income in order to develop a budget or just know what you are spending, where. A spreadsheet can show you at a glance finance activities and what you might expect in the future. Classes in greeting cards, notes, search engines and ordering on the internet and Ebay are in the future.

The Imagination Station "Whale of a Sale" is on the Calendar for September 2006. Your donations help pay the utilities and we thank you very much.



Kelly's gymnastics competed in Midland Jan. 21. Seven kids competed and brought home 11 medals. Meghan Brooks competed level 7 floor (2nd place), level 7 double mini (1st place), and level 8 trampoline (2nd place). Laynee Burr competed level 5 floor (5th place), level 5 double mini (4th place), and level 5 trampoline (9th place). Gage Brooks competed level 5 floor, level 5 double mini and level 5 trampoline and placed 1st in all three. Karina Henderson competed level 3 double mini (6th place and level 2 trampoline (7th place). Kenlee McBryde competed level 4 floor (1st place), level 3 double mini (2nd place), and level 2 trampoline (2nd place). Next competition was held in Muleshoe Jan. 28. Kelly's gymnastics will have an exhibition at the county barn Saturday, February 11. Everyone is invited to come watch! Shown l to r: Karina Henderson, Meghan Brooks, Laynee Burr, Gage Brooks. In front Kenlee McBryde. Not pictured Kelsey Taylor and Desiray Robinett

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- January 31
Feb. 1 "Thoroughly Modern Millie" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Feb. 3 "Three Mo' Tenors" Lift Every Voice
Amarillo Opera 806-372-7464
Globe News Center www.panhandletickets.com
- Feb. 9 Harrington String Quartet 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Globe-News Center 806-376-8782
- Feb. 9-10-11 Circus Gatti
Amarillo Civic Coliseum
- Feb. 9-19 "Boston Marriage" Adult Drama 806-372-7464
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space
- Feb. 11 Dinner Theatre at the LaRita
Chamber Music Amarillo/ Polk St. Jazz
Dalhart La Rita Theatre 244-5646

Consumer

(NU) - According to Bryan Seti, national marketing manager for Yamaha Motor Corp., when it comes to buying a new boat or personal watercraft, shopping early gets the best deals. Seti says that winter boat shows are ideal because dealers are motivated to sell. The nautical experts at www.BestofBoating.com offer the following tips to help you get prepared for a winter boat show: Research which boat you want before your visit; stay focused at the show and do not bring your kids; and visit on a weekday when it's less crowded. To find a boat show near you, visit www.2006boatshows.com.

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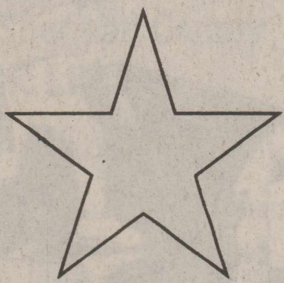
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2-2-c

For Sale: 2001 White Yamaha Banshee. Low hours. Call 806-366-2019.
2-2-c

Used Tire Sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557.
7-28-tfn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585.
4-1-tfn

Let's Make Arrangements has all your Valentine's Day needs. Give the hottest gifts! We have a large assortment of flowers, balloons, candy, stuffed animals, picture frames and much more.
1-26-c

Help Wanted

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LARGE FAMILY FARM AND RANCH IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE. NEEDS YOUNG, FAMILY MAN WITH FARM AND RANCH EXPERIENCE. GOOD PAY & BENEFITS. LONG TERM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. PHONE: DAY 806-733-2083, NIGHT 806-733-2860.
2-16-c

For Rent

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

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

2 bedroom house for rent with garage and fenced in backyard. Call 396-2125.
1-26-c

For Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central Heat/AC W/D Hook-ups. \$450 mo plus deposit. Call 244-5646 during the day.
2-2-c

Services

I will do little handwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679.
9-19-tfn

Will do babysitting in my home. Call Mandy Helmuth Bench at 366-3088.
2-9

Lawn Mower repair, Call Travis 396-2512 or come by 610 S. Wall. Leave message.
1-26-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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Houses for Sale

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.
7-14-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message.
12-9-tfn

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.
3-31-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division.
9-22-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 1/2 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back Yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

5-5-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 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message.
11-4-tfn

House for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270
9-22-tfn

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

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Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$43,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath, home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced. \$55,000

NEW LISTING! Right on the corner, right across from school, right on the PRICE. Metal siding and trim. \$35,000

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678.
6-16-tfn

As part of the National Football League, the Rams have played in four cities: Cleveland, Los Angeles, Anaheim and St. Louis.

Cards of Thanks

Sherman County 4-H would like to extend Appreciation to everyone who supported the Concession during the County Livestock Show and Sale. Thanks to Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, and Desiree Davis for coordinating the concession. Thanks is also extended to all members and parents who donated food and worked the activity. Thanks to Moore's Food Pride, Brown's Meat Locker, Subway, Amarillo, Coca-Cola, Allsup's, Kountry Donuts, United, Miller Paper Company, Express Lanes, Texas Department of Transportation, Stratford High School Council and Dairy Queen for their donations to this successful fund raiser.

We'd simply like to thank the Stratford community for its support and comfort during this difficult time, as we mourn the death of James. Thank you for your prayers, your visits, the food donations, pats and hugs and numerous offers of support. Your generosity is overwhelming, but very much appreciated. We'd like to say a special thank you to Reverend Gene Weintette for his spiritual guidance and his friendship to James and the family.

Sincerely
Ann Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Kara and Micah Neuse & children Bryce and Jayce Neuse

Book Review

Cont. from page 1
...life spans the 1918 flu epidemic, the Great Depression and two world wars, who declared, "Nothing compares to the black dusters of the 1930's, when the simplest thing in life-taking a breath- was a threat."

Egan, a Seattle-based correspondent for *The New York Times*, re-creates that period by weaving together the stories told by a half-dozen families. That is both the books' strength and weakness. It does justice to the range of suffering, but it's harder to follow than a novel that would focus on one family.

The subtitle, *The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, is published hype. As Egan's extensive source notes make clear, pieces of the story have been told before, although never as comprehensively or as well. It's a great read about a horrible time, filled with lessons still worth learning.

Date	Community	Address	Time
2-1-06	Tulia	Department of State Health Services 219 SE 2 nd	9:30 am - 12:30 pm 2:00 - 4:00 pm
2-1-06	Pampa	736 S Cuyler For more information, call 806-665-4752	9:30 - 11:45 am 1:00 - 4:00 pm
2-2-06	Hereford	Department of State Health Services 205 W 4 th , Suite 102	9:00 am - 12:30 pm 2:00 - 5:00 pm
2-4-06	Clarendon	Department of State Health Services 3 Medical Dr	9:30 am - noon 1:00 - 4:00 pm
2-4-06	Dalhart	Department of State Health Services 407 1/2 Denver	10:00 am - noon 1:00 - 3:00 pm
2-8-06	Hereford	Department of State Health Services 205 W 4 th , Suite 102	8:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 4:30 pm
2-13-06	Bovina	ENB Building 109 S 3 rd	10:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 3:00 pm
2-14-06	Panhandle	Panhandle Elementary School 116 W 9 th	1:00 - 3:00 pm
2-14-06	Hereford	Department of State Health Services 205 W 4 th , Suite 102	8:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 4:30 pm
2-15-06	Tulia	Department of State Health Services 219 SE 2 nd	9:00 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 3:00 pm
2-15-06	Pampa	736 S Cuyler For more information, call 806-665-4752	9:30 - 11:45 am 1:00 - 4:00 pm
2-15-06	Farwell	Farwell School 116 W 9 th	10:00 am - noon 1:30 - 3:00 pm
2-17-06	Priona	616 Euclid	9:30 - noon 1:30 - 3:30 pm
2-21-06	Valley	Valley School	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
2-21-06	McLean	McLean School	1:00 - 3:00 pm
2-22-06	Dimmitt	Dimmitt Middle School	9:30 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 2:30 pm

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or scheduling conflicts.

BURKE BELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The First Ag Credit, PCS - Dalhart Credit Office will award the 20th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to a deserving graduating high school senior. The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00, to be paid \$500 for the '06 fall and '07 spring semesters. The applications have been mailed to area counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties. Applications are also available by calling the Dalhart Credit Office at (806)249-261 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 28th.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarships are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas;
2. A "B" average or (80 or above);
3. A well rounded student with a good attitude.

There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960 - 1982.

Past recipients include: Daniel C. McCann, Kristina S. Altman,

Delia E. Jenkins, Michia D. Lunt, Gregory L. Pool, Tara J. Porter, Brent D. Shoulders, Justin D. Carthel, Clinton D. Vincent, Michelle L. Pearce, Randa L. Clayton, Kiki D. Carthel, Kimberly G. Weatherford, Travis S. Zinck, Ross W. Jones, Kamber N. Sherrod, Elizabeth A. Davis, Julie M. Kimball, Hollye N. Callis, Chelsea A. Hand; Thea D. James, Adam J. Ford, Samantha M. Crum, Brett D. Gibson, Katie J. Moore, Whitney A. White, Benjamin D. Moore, Ashlee B. Glock, Mary A. Green and Kayla B. Willard.

Health

(NU) - According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of people in the U.S. To urge Americans to join the battle against heart disease, February is considered "American Heart Month." Oral bacteria have been associated with heart disease, according to the American Dental Association. Because of this, some dentists suggest using an electric toothbrush, like the HydraBrush Express, for good oral and overall health. The HydraBrush Express eliminates the human error aspect of brushing by cleaning all six surfaces of the teeth simultaneously. For more information, visit www.hydrabrush.com or call (888) 813-6631.

To remove fish odor from your hands, rinse them in fresh squeezed lemon juice or herb vinegar.

Free Redbud Trees for Planting in Texas

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will add lasting beauty to homes across Texas," said John Rosenow, Arbor Day Foundation president. "They offer clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall, and a spreading, graceful form throughout the year. They'll also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 57 Tree City USA communities. For three decades Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.


Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28,


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Basketball

LADY ELKS DEFEAT VEGA TO SEND DISTRICT RACE INTO A TIE

The Lady Elks defeated the Vega Lady Horns Tuesday night in front of a packed house to send the race for the district championship into a tie. The win gives the Lady Horns their first loss in district play and evens up their record with the Lady Elks at 6-1. The first half was a defensive battle and ended with a score of just 11-15. Despite only shooting 20% from the floor, the Lady Elks found themselves only down by 4 points. Their excellent defense kept them in the game in the first half and the Lady Elks found their offense in the second half improving to 45% from the floor. The Vega Lady Horns made a run in the third quarter and tried to put away the Lady Elks but a time-out got the Lady Elks back on track. The Lady Elks fought back with a lot of heart as they went on a 12-0 run to tie the game. Late in the 4th Crystal Peregrine's pass found Merilee McDaniel cutting to the basket. Merilee put the shot in and made the free throw to give the Lady Elks the lead for good. The Lady Elks outscored Vega 16-10 in the 4th to win the game with a score of 40-37. Leading Stratford was Shadley Audrain with 13 points and 8 rebounds, Merilee McDaniel with 10 points and 5 rebounds, Allison Baskin with 6 points and 3 rebounds, and Yadira Ortega with 5 points and 8 rebounds. Great job Lady Elks!

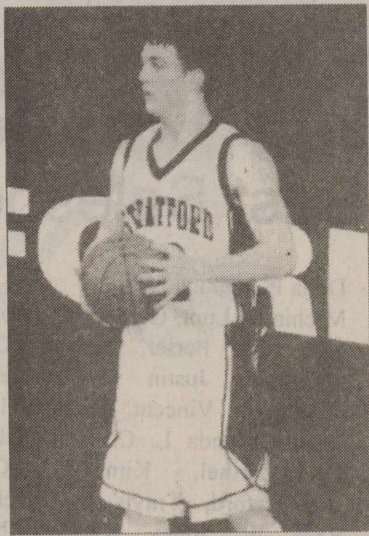
LADY ELKS REMAIN ON TOP OF DISTRICT RACE WITH WIN OVER WHITE DEER

A great start propelled the Lady Elks forward in a win over White Deer on Friday night in White Deer. The Lady Elks jumped out to a quick 17-6 score over the Does in the first quarter to put the game out of reach for White Deer. The Lady Elks shot an excellent 50% from the floor and 60% from the three point line in the first half while holding White Deer to only 20% from the floor and 0% from the three point line in the first half. The Lady Elks were leading by 30-18 as they went into the locker room. The Lady Elks continued to limit the three point shooting of the Does in the second half only allowing one three point field goal in the entire game. The Lady Elks beat White Deer with a score of 51-41. Leading the Lady Elks was Yadira Ortega with 13 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Candie Bell shot the ball extremely well hitting two 3 pointers and adding 11 points. Crystal Peregrine added 9 points and 7 rebounds while Allison Baskin added 6 points and 6 rebounds. The Lady Elks are 6-1 in district play and have a 22-5 record overall. They will face the Gruver Lady Hounds Tuesday night in Gruver.

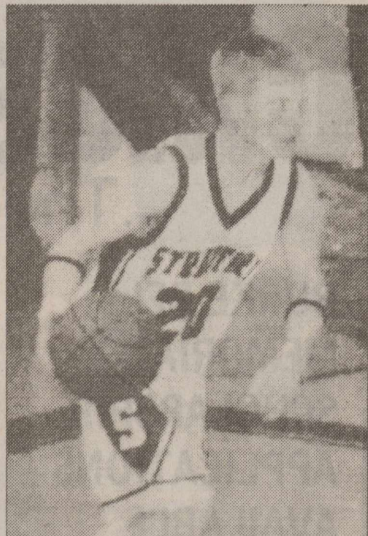
The Jr. High boys and girls participated in the Sunray Tournament held Saturday, January 21, 2005.

The 7th grade girls placed 2nd. They beat Vega 28-13 in their first game with Rubi Rueda being the leading scorer with 10 points followed by Kimberly Melton with 6 points. In their 2nd game, they lost 22-33 to Sunray. Kimberly Melton led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Kelsie Keener with 7 points. On Monday, January 23rd, the Lady Elks beat Sunray 19-15. Kelsie Keener was high point with 13 points followed by Kimberly Melton with 6 points.

The 7th grade Elks won the tournament. In their two games, they beat White Deer 49-30 with Kyle Horsford being high point with 17 points followed by Bryce Cummings with 13 points and the Elks beat Sunray 52-17. Kyle Horsford led the Elks with 28 points and Bryce Cummings added 11 points. On Monday, January 23rd the Elks beat Sunray 43-12 and Horsford again led the Elks with 16 points followed by



Stratford Elk Hunter Buckles throws the ball in-bounds.



Stratford Elk Scott Hudson brings the ball down the court for the Elks.



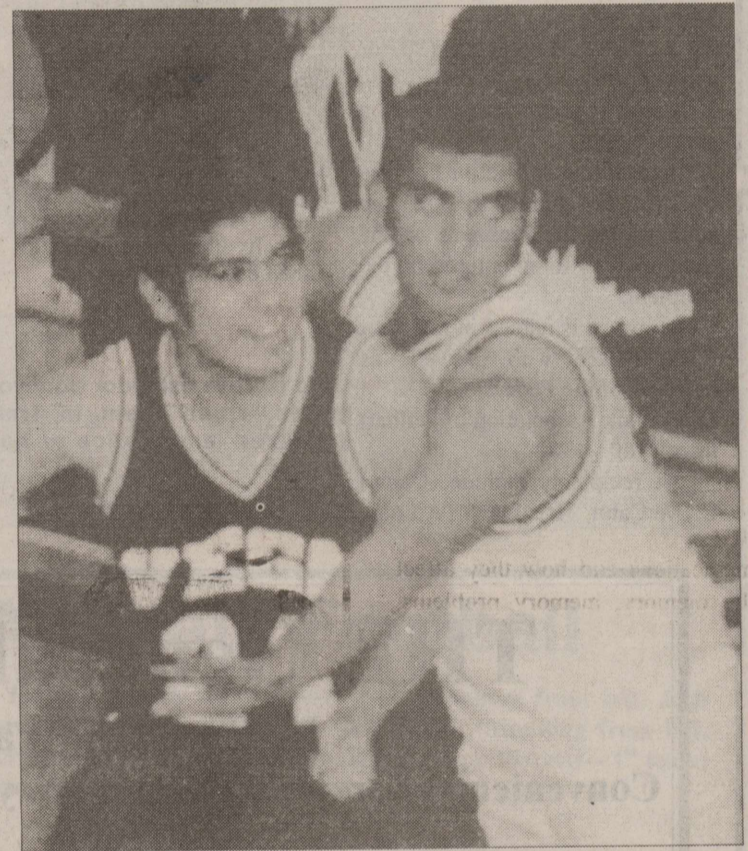
8th grade Lady Elk Channing Zieman.



8th grade Lady Elk Sunny Russell gets ready to in-bound the ball.



Lady Elk Merilee McDaniel on defense.



J.V. Elk Sandro Gomez on defense.



Lady Elk Allison Baskin on offense.

Michael Ortega with 15 points. The 8th grade girls placed 3rd in the tournament. In their first game, they beat White Deer 28-24. Kelsi Dennis was high point with 11 points and Chelbye Ellis added 7 points. In their second game, they lost 9-29 to Vega. Kelsi Dennis scored 3 points followed by Chelbye Ellis, Channing Zieman, and Angie Rosales adding 2 points each. On Monday, the 23rd, the Lady Elks lost 15-24 to Sunray. Ellis and Zieman led with 5 points followed by Dennis with 3 points.

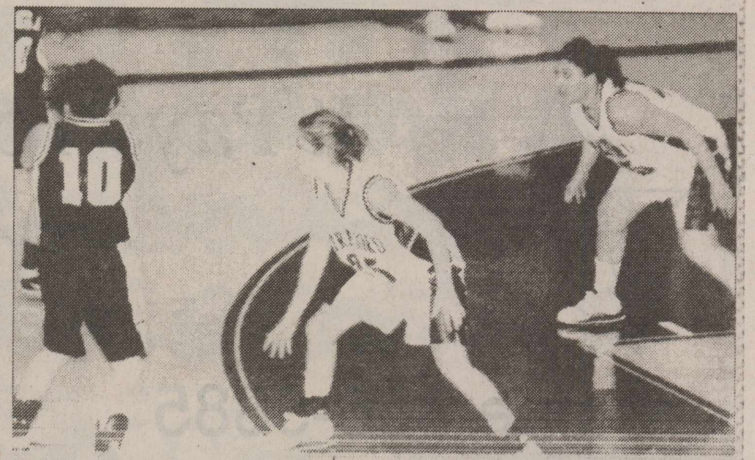
The 8th grade Elks also placed 3rd in the tournament. In their first game, the Elks lost 24-40 to Vega. Braden Hamilton was high point with 8 points followed by Luis Ortega with 5 points. In their second game, they beat White Deer 47-40. Braden Hamilton led in scoring with 14 points and Klinton Keener added

11 points. On Monday, the 23rd the Elks beat Sunray 33-26. Hamilton again led the Elks with 13 points followed by Ortega with 11 points.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Booker on Friday, January 20th 67-7. April Peregrino was high point with 23 points and Jordan Confer added 21 points. On Tuesday, the 24th the Lady Elks beat Vega 31-19. Peregrino again led the Lady Elks with 11 points followed by Rhia Everett with 12 points. On Friday, January 27th, the Lady Elks beat White Deer 34-17. Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks with 17 points followed by Rhia Everett with 6 points.

The J.V. Elks lost 24-39 to Booker. Sandro Gomez led the Elks with 9 points followed by Clayton Johnson with 5 points.

The Varsity Elks lost 42-51 to Booker. Brant Cummings led the Elks with 16 points followed by Brady Bell with 7 points.



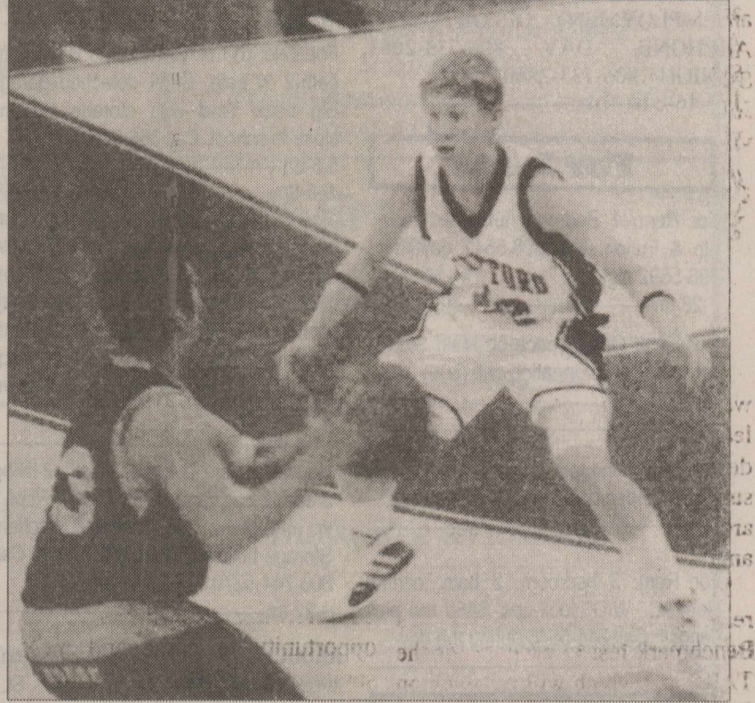
J.V. Lady Elks Kristen Crabtree and Krista Reta get ready on defense.



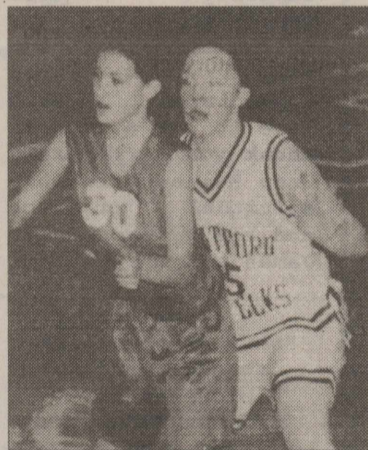
J.V. Lady Elk #33 Rhia Everett on defense.



J.V. Elk Angel Resendes



Stratford Elk Brant Cummings on defense.



7th grade Lady Elk Kimberly Melton on defense.



STRATFORD YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2006

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 7, 2006 by 4:00 PM
Entry Fee: \$15.00
Grades: 2nd - 6th grades

Turn in registration form to the School Principal's Office or Kendra Mungia.

NAME _____
PARENT'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE # _____
GRADE _____ BOY _____ GIRL _____

Every parent will be asked to help with the clock, book, clean-up, etc. It will be your duty to find a replacement if you are not able to fulfill this obligation. If these jobs are not taken care of, we will not be able to continue with the games.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____
This registration must be signed before your child can attend any practices or games. After the registration deadline, teams will be announced and coaches assigned.

If you would like to coach a team please call 366-2401.
A volunteer program must have volunteers to be successful!!

**Amarillo College
releases fall honor roll**

Amarillo College named 352 students to the fall 2005 honor roll. Students on the list must have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Included on the honor roll from Stratford are Sheila Audrain, Manuel Barajas, Margaret Bell, Anthony Ruiz and Laury Stewart.



Shirley Hendricks is receiving her Chapter Achievement Award from President Kathie Altman.



Lorree Nusz is being initiated into Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Int. Pictured l to r: Kathie Altman, Chapter President; Beverly Hendrix, Second Vice President; Janet Pipkin, First Vice President; Lorree Nusz.

**Gamma Xi Chapter of
Delta Kappa Gamma
Society, Holds Meeting**

Gamma Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International met on January 21 at Dalhart Elementary.

Members in attendance were: Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, and Mary Jo Ondracek from Dalhart; Kathie Altman, Jennifer DeAnda, Paula Everett, and Lorree Nusz from Stratford; Beverly Hendrix, Joanie Hightower and Janet Pipkin from Sunray; Ann Hormel from Hartley; and Syndi Kneller from Texline. Janet's daughter, Sarah, was a visitor.



ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th graders are working with fractions. We are learning how to find common denominators so we can add and subtract them. And of course, we are learning how to reduce our answers!

Mrs. Hudson's 5th grade reading class is taking the TAKS Benchmark test to prepare for the TAKS test which will be given on February 21st.

Our 6th graders are working with percents, decimals, and fractions. We are changing from one to another and back again. We will be figuring tax on an item next.

7th Grade Reading: We have started the novel Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt. We will be working on that for a few weeks. AR points will be due on Thursday, February 9th.

8th Grade Technology Applications: We are learning how to create PowerPoint Presentations. We have also been reviewing some reading skills in preparation for the Reading TAKS Test.

On January 26, the biology classes had Jimmy Lanning come to class to BLOOD TYPE all biology students! Wonder if anybody fainted!!!

The 6th grade classes attended the play, "Jackie Robinson" at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. The play was performed with five actors. The play was a historical rendition of Jackie Robinson's rise into professional baseball. Many of the hardships and turmoil of the black population were depicted in the play. The center was very intriguing. The auditorium was very comfortable but the highlight

of the center was the sound. Every scuff of a shoe, every note that was sung and even the sound of a broom could be heard. Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Hand and Mr. Seward accompanied the classes.

Some of our students will be showing animals in the Ft. Worth Stock Show this week. The Tascosa Speech Tournament will be held this weekend. The Junior High basketball teams played Booker on Monday. The High School teams played Gruver on Tuesday and will play Sunray here on Friday. The JH/HS UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest will be on Saturday at West Texas A&M University.

The seniors are frantically working on scholarship applications. Letters of recommendation are flying!

Members participated in the annual scholarship auction which will provide a grant-in-aid to a local high school student for her first year at college. This year's recipient is Cheyenne Oelkers from Dalhart who is attending Amarillo College.

Lorree Nusz, Resource teacher and Life Skills teacher at Stratford Junior High School, was initiated into membership.

Paula Everett, high school Science teacher from Stratford, led a very informative discussion of the Exit Level TAKS tests required of all graduating seniors.

The next meeting of Gamma Xi will be held on February 25 in the Music room at Dalhart

Elementary. Stratford members will be hostesses. We will elect officers for the 2006-2008 biennium and celebrate the founding of our chapter. Janet Pipkin, English teachers at Sunray Junior High School, will present a program about the New Jersey Writing Project. Janet is a certified trainer for this Project.

**Top Producer
Honor
Goes to Eck
Spahich**

BORGER - Century 21 Real Estate Corporation has recognized Eck Spahich of Century 21 Best Realty as Centurion Producer following his continuous sales success.

"I am delighted to congratulate you on achieving the prestigious 2005 Centurion Producer Award," Thomas Kunz, corporation president wrote in recent letter. "The award is a symbol of excellence earned by only an elite group of Century 21 producers," Kunz said. "This elite group represents the depth of talent and experience found within the Century 21 system."

In recognition of his achievements, Spahich was invited to a Centurion Awards reception, scheduled later this spring, at the Century 21 international convention, in Las Vegas, Nev. He will be presented a Centurion statue and a lapel pin.

Spahich, a former newspaperman, has been in the real estate industry since mid 1980's.

**MASTER OF
MEMORY
TO BE OFFERED**
By Susie Spurlock

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. Not true!!

The Keenagers of Texhoma will be hosting the educational series, "Master of Memory". The three-lesson class series will help individuals understand how the memory works and what may affect one's memory. Medical conditions, medications, diet and exercise, among other things, may all play a role in how your memory works. "Master of Memory" will also help you identify and use strategies to improve your memory functions.

The class series will be offered February 10, 24 and March 10 from 1:00p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Texhoma Community Center in Texhoma.

Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Sherman County will be teaching the series. Topics will include how the brain takes new information and processes it, memory strategies, role of nutrition, medications and how they affect the memory, memory problems, and importance of exercise.

Pre-registration is encouraged so that adequate materials will be available to class participants. To register, contact either Ola Mae Rhoden at 827-7495 or the the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Extension educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



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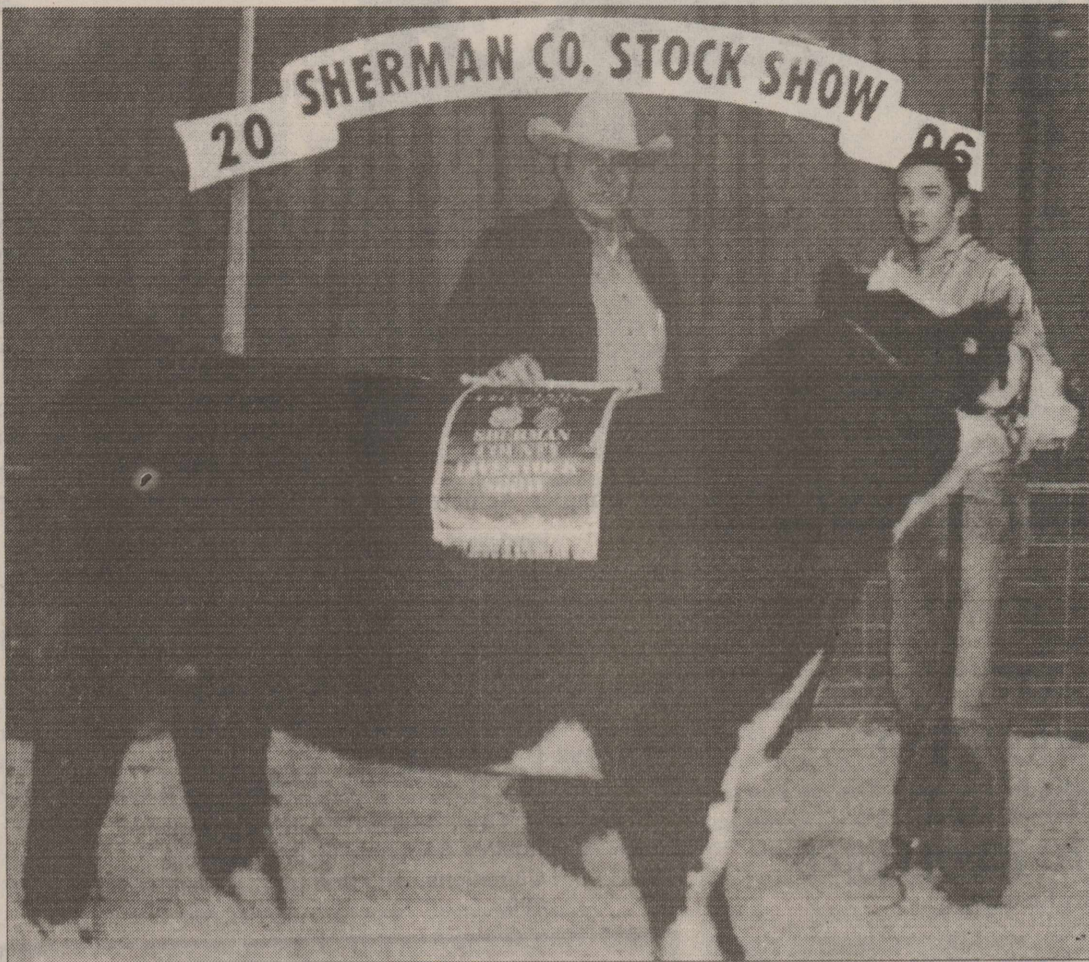
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Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Case Crabtree, buyer Walter Lasley and Sons, represented by Walter Lasley.



Grand Champion Heifer exhibited by Braden Hamilton, buyer 1st National Bank of Texhoma, represented by Matt Curtis.



Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Rowdy Lermon, buyer Murphy Brown LLC, represented by Mandy Lomax.



Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Jessica Lomax, buyer Texhoma Livestock Auction, represented by Garland Dahl.

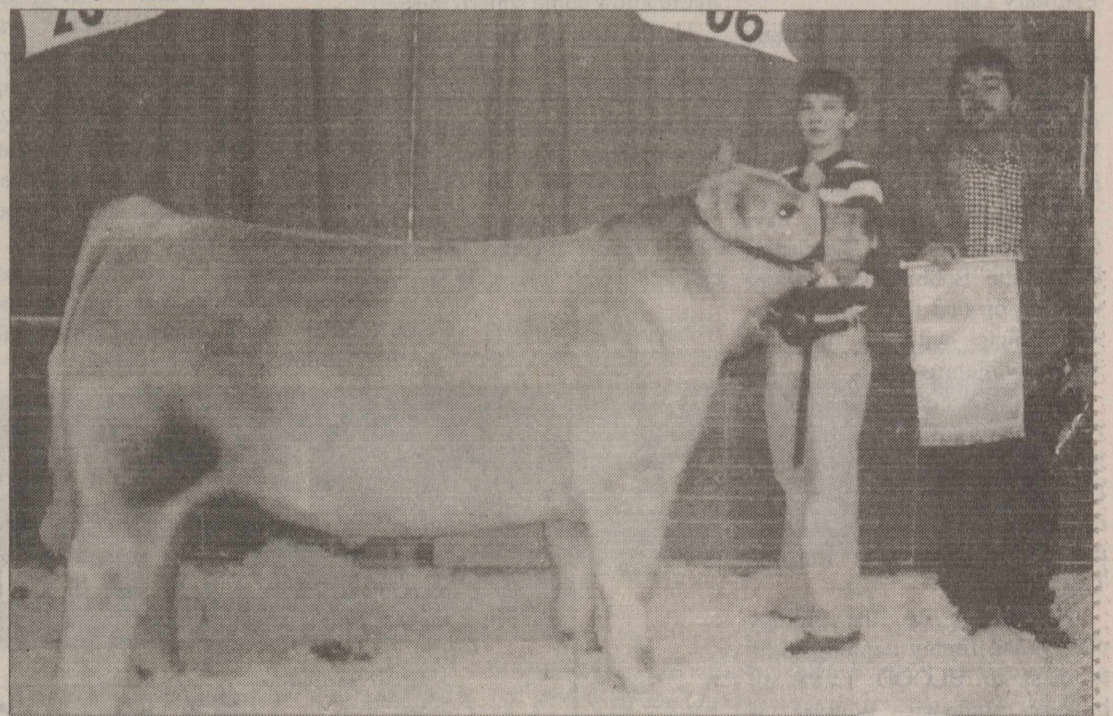


Grand Champion Swine was exhibited by Walter Spurlock, buyer Moore County Gin, represented by Leighton Stovall.



Reserve Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Corey Lomax, buyer Murphy Brown LLC, represented by Mandy Lomax.

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Reserve Grand Champion Heifer exhibited by Trevor Christian, buyer Coronado Feeders, represented by Dick Chumley.



Reserve Grand Champion Swine exhibited by Lindsy Confer, buyer Richard Chumley.



Reserved Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Natalie White, buyer First State Bank, represented by Tim Weldon.