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Carlisle & Carter Honored with Coffee

Anette Carlisle, Republican Candidate for Texas 87 District House of Representatives and Assistant Liz Carter honored with a coffee held at The Imagination Station, Tuesday, February 7. Mrs. Carlisle also invited teachers at the Jr. High and Elementary School.



Candidates Participate in Voters Forum

Candidates participating in the Voters Forum held at The Imagination Station, Monday, February 6. Candidates L/R: Justices of Peace; Penny Gilbert, Jessica Audrain, Steve Baskin, Cindy Jackson. County Judge, Terri Carter, County Clerk, Lori Christian, County Treasurer, Doris Parsons, County Clerk, Gina Jones, Commissioner Precinct 2, Randy Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4 Tommy Asher. Primary Election March 7. Early voting begins February 21.

City of Stratford To Hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 13, 2006 to fill three places on the ballot. The expiring terms are: David Brown, Mayor; Bryan Mungia, Councilmember; and Keri Harris, Councilmember. These are two-year terms. Beginning Monday, February 13, 2006 anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot may pick up a packet from City Hall, 518 N. Third, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 13, 2006. Early voting begins May 1, 2006. For further information, you may contact City Hall at (806) 366-5581.



Millie Hacker Honored with Retirement Reception

Millie Hacker was given a Retirement Reception on Sunday at the Sherman County Depot Museum. Millie has retired from working at the Museum for the past several years. Shown above with Millie (center) are Helen Judd and Ann Wells, Museum Board President. Millie has done an excellent job at the museum and will be missed.

Congratulations Lady Elks on your win over Wellington

The Lady Elks advance to the class 1A Division 1 Area playoffs to face Sudan tentatively scheduled for Friday at Canyon High School, time TBA

Texas House District 87 Candidate Forum

The Sherman County Farm Bureau would like to invite you to the County Barn Monday February 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to meet the candidates running for the House of Representatives in the 87th District. Representative David Swinford and opponent Annette Carlisle have been invited to make comments and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Local Scholarships for Stratford High School

The time for local scholarships is quickly approaching. Local scholarships are often established in memory of a loved one or as a service project for civic organizations. If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring a local scholarship for a graduating senior at SHS, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

ACT Test Deadline Approaching

For all junior students who are interested in taking the ACT Test in April, the postmark deadline for registration materials is March 3, 2006. Students may also register on-line at www.actstudent.org and will be asked to provide a credit card number. Registration packets and review materials are available in the counselor's office.

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION

The Stratford Hospital District will hold a Board Member Election on May 11, 2006. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 11 through March 13th, 2006. You may apply at Coldwater Manor's Office, 1111 Beaver Road, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Stratford Hospital District Board members whose term will expire are Larry Drake, Kenton Kimball, and Ronnie Brooks.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday, May 1 through May 9, 2006. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office at Court House, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Other SHD Board members are: Wayne Smith and Kathie Altman.

Sherman County Livestock Show Results

The 2006 Sherman County Livestock Show has wrapped up. On behalf of Jackie Burkhalter and myself-Sherman Hammons, we want to take the time to congratulate all the exhibitors with a job well done. We also want to thank all the board members for their hard work and time spent getting things done for this years show

We want to recognize the following grand and reserved showmanship winners.

Swine Grand -Walter Spurlock
 Reserved Grand-Lindsy Confer
 Goats-Grand-Rowdy Lermon
 Reserved Grand-Corey Lomax
 Heifers-Grand-Braden Hamilton
 Reserved Grand-Trevor Christian
 Lambs-Grand-Jessica Lomax
 Reserved Grand-Natalie White
 Steers-Grand-Casey Crabtree
 Reserved Grand-Clayton Johnson

We would also like to recognize the following showmanship winners.
 Beef-Jr. Jordan Johnson
 Sr. Clayton Johnson
 Swine-Jr. Kyle Horsford
 Sr. LaRissa Luna
 Goat-Jr. Ransom Lermon
 Sr. Jacob Edmond
 Lamb-Jr. Natalie White

We also want to send thanks to all of this years' buyers. Also, would like to thank the parents for their day to day encouragement. Thanks to everyone for your support and help

Legacy, An Assisted Living Community Grand Opening Announced

Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District will host a Grand Opening Ceremony for Legacy, An Assisted Living Community on Thursday, February 23, 2006

Dalhart, TX The Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District Administration and Board of Directors announces the official opening for Legacy, An Assisted Living Community. The grand opening celebration will take place on Thursday, February 23, 2006 from 4-6pm at 301 Texas Boulevard in Dalhart. An official ceremony will take place at five o'clock that evening.

Funded by a \$2.9 million loan/grant from the USDA Rural Development Program, Legacy offers 23,925 square feet of spacious living for its residents. The facility also offers three floor plans and two levels of care to each resident. Basic services offered to each resident include 24-hour staffing, housekeeping once per week, laundry services, three meals a day with special dietary needs met, transportation to medical appointments and other scheduled activities, resident activities and a licensed

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 13, 2006. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 11 through March 13, 2006. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Office will be closed for Spring Break March 6th - 10th, but will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on March 13th.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday May 1st and continue through Tuesday May 9th. Early voting will be conducted at the County Court House in the District Clerks Office, 701 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 - Hours: 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Monday thru Friday.

Board members whose term will expire are Gareed McBryde, Patti Vincent, and Brent Spurlock. Holdover members are, Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn and DeWain Trayler.

Several Youth Compete At Fort Worth Stock Show

By Jackie Burkhalter

Stratford FFA and Sherman Co. 4-H attended the Fort Worth Stock Show January 30 - February 3.

Those placing were Kaleb Horsford 4th place medium weight cross, Walter Spurlock 5th place mw Hamp, Kyle Horsford 7th place light cross, Braden Hudson 10th place mw Hamp, Landan Luna 12th place mw cross. Casey Crabtree 2nd place European Cross, Kristen Crabtree 5th European Cross, Jordan Johnson 5th place European Cross, Clayton Johnson 8th place European Cross, Trevor Christian 13th place European Cross.

Others attending the show were Jay Hacker, Jacob Edmond, Jennie Spurlock, Mark Hand, Shane Sutterfield, Denton Sutterfield, Katahrina Pendergrass and Scott Hudson.

Also a big thanks to the parents that helped: Mr. & Mrs. Barney Willborn, Jay Hacker, Danny Edmond, Mrs. Horsford, Mrs. Sutterfield, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Spurlock.

Congratulations on a job well done.

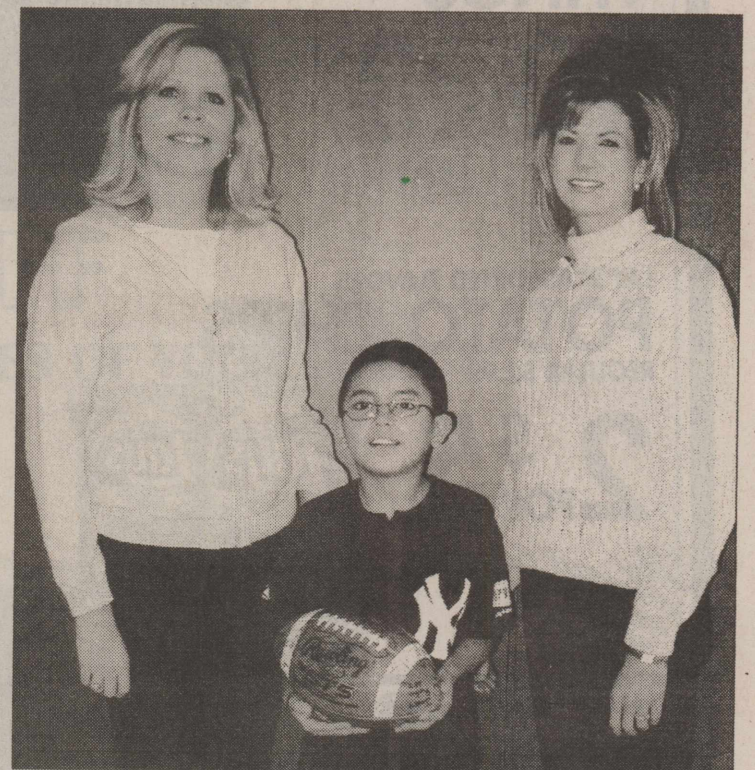
DO YOU WANT TO GROW ORGANIC CORN??

There will be a meeting on Wednesday - Feb. 15th at 4:00 p.m. at the SCDC Office (301 N. Main) for anyone interested in growing organic corn for contract. No RSVP necessary, just show up

CITY ELECTION

The City of Texhoma Texas will hold a City Election for two (2) Councilmen on May 13, 2006.

Filing for a place on the ballot will begin February 11, 2006 and continue through March 6, 2006. You may file at the City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Councilmen Diane Murphey and Don Leach terms will expire.

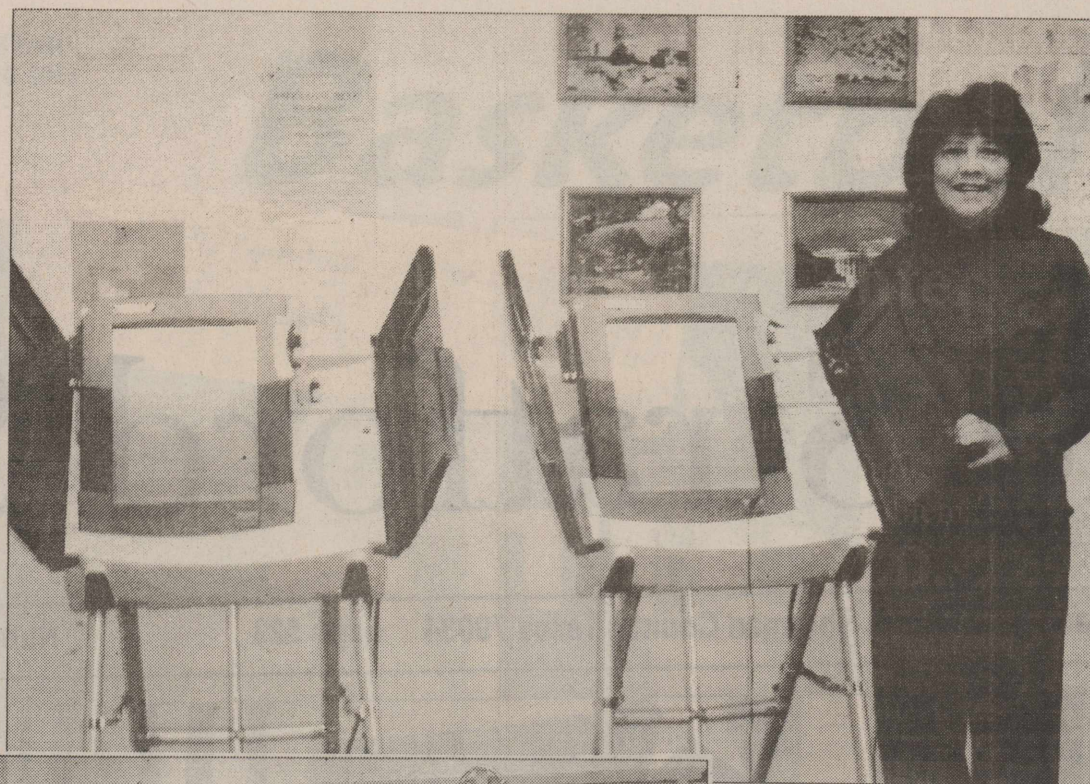


Marquez-winner of Football

Happy State Bank presents the winner, David Marquez, with the Autographed game football of the 2005 State Champion Stratford Elks. David is a 3rd grader at Mary Allen Elementary and was all smiles about his good luck. Happy State Bank sold chances on this game ball and all the money raised is being contributed to the Sherman County Relay for Life. Helping with the presentation is Stacy Metcalf, co-chairman of the Relay for Life and Cindy Cummings, Happy State Bank employee and accountant for the Relay for Life. Congratulations David!



The Dallas Cowboys have played in the Super Bowl more times than any other team. In their eight appearances, the Cowboys have won five times and lost three.



New Voting Machines

Shown at left is Gina Jones, Sherman County District and County Clerk with the new voting machines. They will be set up at the First State Bank of Stratford on Friday, December 17th, so citizens can come and view and see how they work. Voting starts on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. The Voting machines will also be set up at Scot Hall on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006 during the monthly luncheon.



Heritage Day

Shown above-Heritage Day - The 6th grade reading classes did a genealogy study following the novel Number the Stars. Once their surnames were traced to a European origin, a research project followed. The research project ended with a celebration of European cuisine.

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Elect
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(For the People)

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Pol. Ad. Pd. For by Penny Gilbert, P.O. Box 602, Stratford, TX 79084

JESSICA KING AUDRAIN

For Sherman County
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

I am Jessica King Audrain. I am married to Pistol Audrain and we have 3 daughters. I am the daughter of Keith and Tami King. I have lived in Stratford for 18 years, where I graduated from Stratford High School. For the past 2 1/2 years I have been the Justice Court Clerk for the Justice of the Peace. As Justice Court clerk, I work closely with the Justice of the Peace. I feel that I have received the training and experience necessary to perform the duties of the office. If given the opportunity to serve the people of Sherman County as Justice of the Peace, I will devote full time to the position. I would appreciate your vote on March 7, 2006.

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Sunday dinner will be this Sunday, Feb. 19 at the community center. Hamptons are hosts at 1 p.m.

Lou Ann Taylor will bring information about the change in voting. Bring a covered dish and enjoy.

Bill Boren spent a few days with the Joe Bill Boren family at Albuquerque as the boys participated in basketball and baseball.

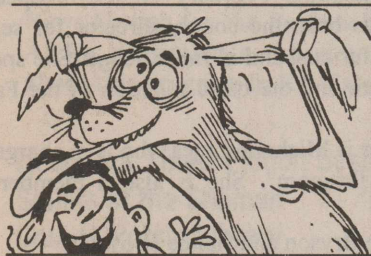
Shelby McDaniel and her grandmother Jo June attended the Grandmother's Tea Sunday at First Christian Church.

Donna Gillenwaters continues to have therapy on her back. Three trips a week.

Mike and Marylou McDaniel were among the many attending the basketball game Monday in Amarillo.

**Amarillo College
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The Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre proudly presents **LITTLE WOMEN** on March 3-5, 2006. This wonderful story of The March Sisters is a classic tale of family survival during a time of war. With their father away fighting in the Civil War, Joe, Meg, Beth and Amy grow up with their mother in less than perfect conditions. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 806-371-5353. AC Lamplight Youth Theatre Company Amarillo College - Washington Campus 22nd & Washington Ordway Auditorium March 3-7:30 p.m. March 4-7:30 p.m. March 5-2:30 p.m. Adults/College Students \$8.00 Children \$5.00



The Irish Water Spaniel is sometimes called the clown of the dog family.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

To the Parents and Students of Stratford and Sherman County

As an educational consultant who has visited numerous schools in Texas as well as presented to a wide variety of Educational Conferences at all levels, I have a unique perspective on the TAKS. The problem is — No one is empowering the student. We are telling the students what they should know or do, making the students defensive and at times scared, irritated or confused. It is just like the old saying: If you give them a fish, you feed them for a day; if you teach them how to fish, you have fed them for a lifetime. -But if you beat them over the head with the fish, they begin to hate the whole process and everyone begins to stink. Test-taking skills, that are unique to standardized tests, are not being taught in our schools; and they can be fun. The latest brain research that shows how whole-brain techniques reach all learning styles is not being embraced; and these techniques can be fun. Do not blame the schools but do not make yourself totally dependent on their timetables, either. The average teacher in Texas has 3.5 minutes per student per day to answer questions. This is not enough time for most students. Also a good coach knows that a student has the best chance to win a race when that student practices in the exact conditions of the real thing. So...Parents and Students who are reading this....Do you want to not only pass the TAKS but to make Commended Performance on it? Go to the TEA website

three tests one question at a time and checking the answer immediately helps the brain record only the information and format that is correct. Problems should be spaced out over the three weeks prior to the test. The student is in control. There is no incorrect learning and the student spots questions designed for failure. If the chosen answer is wrong, immediate help by parent or mentor will keep the student from storing incorrect information. REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE ALL YOUR MISTAKES BEFORE IT COUNTS. BUT THE MISTAKES HAVE TO BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY TO GUARANTEE MENTAL ACCURACY. Otherwise your child is storing as much wrong information as he or she is storing correct. Reward your child for the effort. Find another student and parent who can use your knowledge. And ask your school's PTA to host test-taking workshops for students and parents, it makes you an independent thinker and prepares you for college. Do not let the TAKS own you; YOU own the TAKS. Sincerely, Ms. Mac (Jeanine McGregor)

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DELAY THE GAME WHEN THUNDERSTORMS APPROACH

Sports fields are dangerous places to be during thunderstorms. National Weather Service and Texas Emergency Management urge Texans to delay the game when thunderstorms approach.

Sports fields are large, open areas where you and your companions may be the tallest objects. Metal bleachers, fences, light poles and goal posts attract lightning. When lightning hits these objects, the charge travels along the object; potentially injuring anyone in contact with the metal. Lightning can bounce off any of these objects and strike people nearby.

Schools athletic programs, day care centers and summer camps, as well as coaches, referees and parents participating in field events need to understand the dangers of lightning. They should be prepared to suspend games and move the players and spectators inside nearby buildings or into cars and buses until the storm passes.

The "Governor's Division of Emergency Management offers the following lightning safety tips.

- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.
- If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low.
- Move away from hills and high places and avoid tall, isolated trees.
- Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats or golf clubs.
- Do not ride bicycles, or lean against metal fences or metal sheds.
- Do not lean against a car or truck - get inside vehicle quickly.
- If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target.
- Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands.
- Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.

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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
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Calvary Baptist**
James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
- First Baptist**
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Worship Service - 10:30
Adult Choir Practice - 6:30
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**The Imagination
Station News**

Politics at The Imagination Station. In view of the mission statement, voting is a hands on event in the arts and sometimes the science of politics. A Voters Forum-Meet the Candidates was held at The Imagination Station, Monday, February 6. Karen Riffe served as moderator for the event, introducing candidates and directing questions from the audience. All of the county candidates seeking office in the Primary election were present. The only county candidates will be presented in the Republican Primary March 7 with early voting beginning February 21. Contested offices are County Justice of the Peace: Penny Gilbert, Jessica Audrain, Cindy Jackson, Steve Baskin and County Clerk: Gina Jones and Lori Christian. Other candidates on the ballot are County Judge, Terri Carter; County Treasurer, Doris Parsons; Commissioner Precinct 2, Randy Williams and Commissioner Precinct 4, Tommy Asher. Approximately 58 people attended the forum and received good information on the scope of the offices and the qualifications of the candidates. The Imagination Station was rented Tuesday, February 8, to host a coffee for Texas House candidate from the 87 district, Anette Carlisle.

A computer class in Excel and financial spreadsheets was taught by Gary Graham on Feb. 2 and 9. The class was very informative but the attendance was very poor. The use of the computer lab has been very disappointing this year. Maybe the community has no need for high-speed internet service or instruction in the many uses for the computer. Please give us some ideas on the facility use for the community.

Transportation honoring the 50 years of the Interstate system is the theme for the Week of the Young Child in April. All transportation will be included, "Trains, Planes and Automobiles". If you have ideas please share them with Laurie Spurlock, Yvonne Pittman, Jeanne Bell.

The Imagination Station is looking for persons interested in serving on the Board to bring hands on, arts and science programs to the community.

Relay for Life

The Sherman County Relay for Life Committee has already begun making plans for the 2006 Relay on June 2. We are excited about the success of last year's Relay and are looking forward to the upcoming Relay.

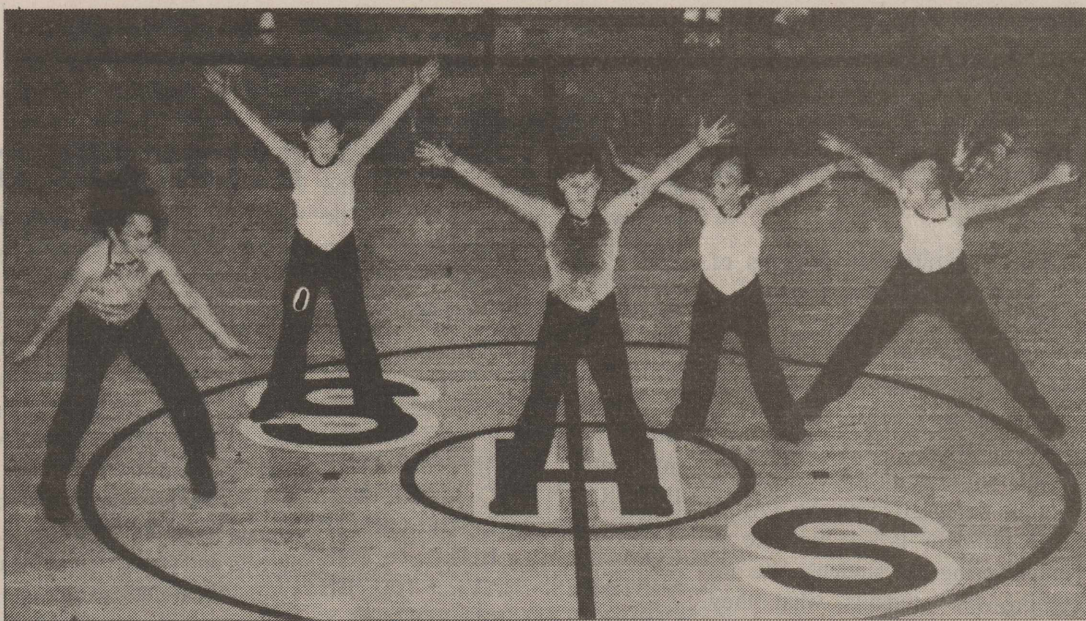
There are already ten teams committed to raising funds for the American Cancer Society and there are currently 3 teams - Jr. High School, Methodist Church, and Happy State Bank who have already begun their fundraising projects.

Greg Wright and Terri Teig are in charge of entertainment again this year. It was reported that Greg already has several good leads on some talented bands.

At our Relay for Life committee meeting in January, American Cancer Society representative Heather Bailey and other committee members discussed Stratford possibly hosting a driver training class for persons that are interested in helping cancer patients with transportation to and from their treatments in Amarillo. Heather is also interested in contacting a local hair salon to see if they would volunteer to keep an assortment of wigs for cancer patients in our area.

If you're interested in getting involved with the Sherman County Relay for Life please contact Stacy Metcalf @ 366-2035 or Laurie Gilliland @366-3520.

The warmest temperature ever recorded in the United States was 134°F, at Greenland Ranch, California, July 10, 1913.



Dance Students Perform

Panhandle Dance Academy students under the direction of Stephanie Murray performed during the Basketball game Tuesday, February 7th, 2006.



ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

Tuesday the staff had TAKS test training. We have to do this every year prior to giving the TAKS. Yes, most of us know how to give the test by now, but it's still mandatory. The 3rd grade, 5th grade, and 9th grade Reading is Wednesday, Feb. 21. Also on that day is 4th grade and 7th grade writing and 10th and 11th grade English/Language Arts.

The Student Council sponsored blood drive was Wednesday and report cards were sent home. Mrs. Teig also had prose try-outs.

We are in the 5th Six Weeks now. Report cards go out Wednesday, Feb. 15.

On Feb. 13, the 6th graders participated in a distance learning project from the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. AGALU, the Yoruba Cultural Troupe of Nigeria, West Africa, presented a 4-person ensemble of drummers and singers, and masqueraders. They wore African clothing which displayed their skills as textile artists. There were six different types of drums. They were different sizes and were made of different woods and leathers. Some drummers used hands and others used drum sticks to make the talking drums work. Akeem Ayanniyi, the spokesman, played "Jingle Bells" on a talking drum. He also gave information on the uses and sounds from the various drums. The masquerader wore a multi-colored cloth covering and danced—and grew from very tall to very small. Supposedly it was spirits that made the size change. Braiden Palmer, Mark Hand, and Jordan Johnson asked very good questions that the Yoruba team answered. We appreciated this opportunity to learn first hand about a part of African culture.

The 4th graders also viewed this program at a different time. The broadcast was made possible by cooperation between the Globe-News Center and Region 16 Education Service Center. This was a history-making event, because it was the first time a broadcast of this kind was made. The students watched the performance in the SISD videoconference room. Mrs. Glass's biology students will be learning to create and read pedigrees based on genetic disorders. Anatomy students are continuing to work with their skeletons and creating clay muscles to learn the facial muscles. Environmental Science classes are studying cells. They will be in lab this week dissolving egg shells and experimenting with different types of solutions. Mrs. Seward's 7th Grade Reading: After completing the novel Tuck Everlasting, we are writing a compare/contrast paper over the book and the movie. The Accelerated Reading Party will be coming up for those who met their goal for the six weeks. 8th Grade Technology Applications: Students are working on a PowerPoint Presentation about the Greek god/goddess they are researching in English class.

Mrs. Haile (7-8 English) and Mrs. Seward (7 reading and 8 Technology Applications) work closely together on class assignments.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF \$99 MILLION FOR RURAL RENTAL HOUSING

TEMPLE, TEXAS, January 31, 2006 -Bryan Daniel USDA Rural Development State Director announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program; Funding in the amount of \$99 million nationwide is available to guarantee loans for the construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of rural multifamily housing.

"The Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program not only provides decent and affordable housing, but is an important component of USDA's economic development efforts," said Daniel. "The availability of affordable rental housing is often a key element in whether a business decides to locate or remain in a rural community."

The Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program is intended to fund construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of rural multifamily housing for low-income occupants. The program guarantees up to 90% of the amount of the loan from a private lender to a housing developer. Residents of the completed housing facility must be very low-to moderate-income households; or elderly, handicapped, or disabled persons with income not in excess of 115% of the median income of the surrounding area.

Eligible lending partners for the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing

Program are those approved and considered eligible by the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, State Housing Finance Agencies, and a member of the Federal Housing Finance Board or the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Other lenders have the opportunity to enter into a correspondent bank relationship with approved lenders in order to participate in the program. The terms of the loans guaranteed may be up to 40 years, and the loans must be fully amortized.

Under Federal guidelines posted in the Notice of Fund Availability, interested and eligible lenders must submit loan applications to the USDA Rural Development State Office, Housing Programs, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 by June 16, 2006. For more information regarding the 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing, Program call Gayle Ledyard at 254-742-9770,



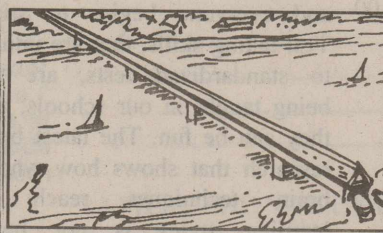
Rebecca Hemphill, left, Executive Director of Farm Service Agency, gave a program to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Michelle Lutes, a member of Study Club, works in the office.

Hemphill Presents Program

Rebecca Hemphill, Sherman County Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency, presented the February GFWC/Prospectus Study Club program. She has been the county director for seven years, coming from Perryton. Her husband is Jim Elledge. She spoke on the farm commodity program and the basic function of the Farm Service Agency.

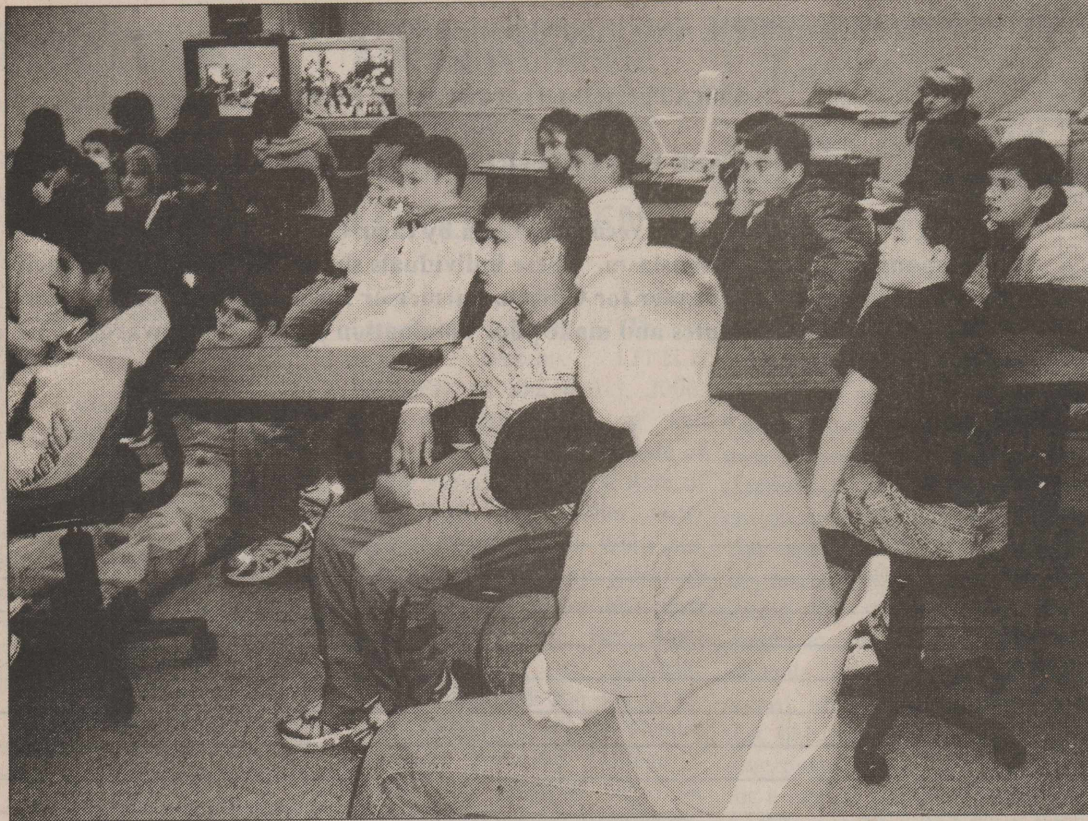
Working in the office with her is Michelle Lutes who is in charge of "Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program". She is also a member of Study Club.

Others in the office are Jeanie Bryson and Janice Brown. Members present were D'Lynn Reed, Sandy Baskin, Barbara Haile, Linda Haynes, Cindy Jackson, Pat Hartman, Dorothy Haile, Margaret Reed, Michelle Lutes, Linda Swain, Joyce Ann Lasley, Marylou McDaniel.



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Carlisle Takes Lunch Break

Republican Candidate for Texas House of Representatives, Anette Carlisle takes a lunch break with teachers at the Stratford Junior High School Tuesday, February 7.

History Making Event

Shown above are the 6th graders participating in a distance learning project from the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. AGALU, the Yoruba Cultural Troupe of Nigeria, West Africa, presented a 4-person ensemble of drummers and singers, and masqueraders. More about this program in Elk Tales.

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

1. Cell by Stephen King
2. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
3. The Hostage by W.E.B. Griffin
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6. Mary, Mary by James Patterson
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9. Death Dance by Linda Fairstein
10. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
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12. More Than Friends by Barbara Delinsky
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15. The Camel Club by David Baldacci
16. Knife of Dreams by Robert Jordan
17. The Lighthouse by P. D. James
18. Forever Odd by Dean Koontz

Writing Contest Deadline March 1st

Panhandle Professional Writers of Amarillo, TX proudly announces its 2006 writing contests for adults and young people.

Categories for the adult competition are Short Story, Non-Fiction Article or Essay, Non-Fiction Book, Screenplay, Memoir, Juvenile or Young Adult Short, Poetry Short, and Poetry Long. Novel categories are Mainstream, Mystery/Suspense/Thriller, Historical or Western Romance, Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror, and Juvenile or Young Adult.

Published authors will judge the first round. The top six scores from each category will be submitted to professional, acquiring editors for final judging. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each category.

Entry fees range from \$10-\$15 for PPW members and \$15-\$20 for nonmembers. Membership in PPW is not required to enter the contest. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2005 to be eligible. The winners will be announced during the Frontiers in Writing Conference at the Amarillo Ambassador Hotel, 3100 W. 1-40, Amarillo, TX, on June 9-10, 2006.

The Youth Contest is open for students from grades 3-12. Young people are judged by three age groups, elementary (3rd-5th grades), middle school (6th-8th grades) and high school (9th-12th grades). The categories for the Youth Contest are Short Story, Non-Fiction Article or Essay, Short Poem, and a new category in which students will write an essay on how they were affected directly or indirectly by a natural disaster. The deadline for the Youth Contest is also March 1 and there is no entry fee for students. Published authors will

judge submissions. The students receiving the top five scores in each category will receive plaques or certificates during a reception at the Frontiers in Writing conference on Saturday, June 10, 2006. PPW will publish the winning entries in a book will be available for sale at the reception.

Rules and entry forms for both contests are available on the PPW website www.panhandleprowriter.org. The sponsor for the Adult Contests is Panhandle Professional Writers and the sponsors for the Youth Contests are Barnes and Noble, Crown Trophy and Panhandle Professional Writers.

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For more information on Texas citrus, go to www.texasweet.com. For additional recipes, write to TexaSweat at 901 Business Park Drive, Suite 100, Mission, TX 78572.



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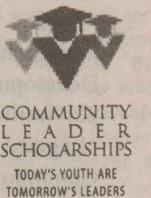
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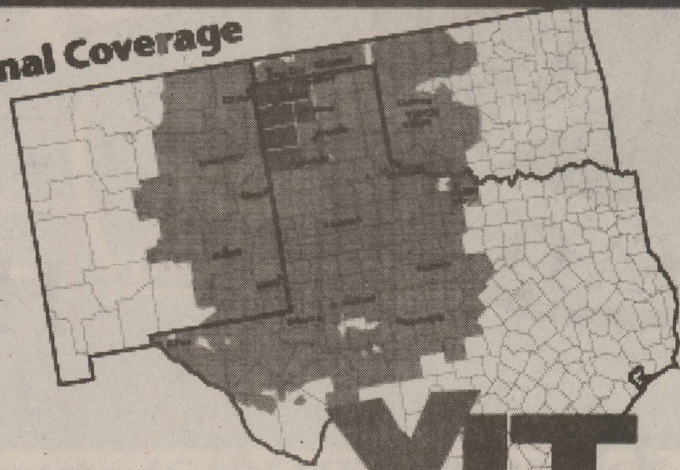
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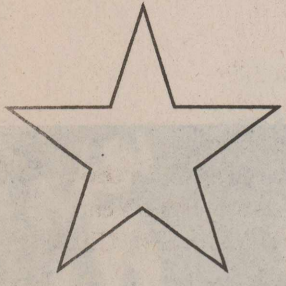
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Sports

(NU) - If you're a skier, podiatrists say you should think of your feet as your steering wheel. "External forces of gravity, inertia and centrifugal force all act on a skier in motion," said Dr. Ben Pearl, a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association and a part-time ski instructor. "A skier needs a good sense of balance, particularly in the feet. You must be able to feel the contact between the bottom of your whole foot and the boot." For tips on choosing ski boots and winter foot care, visit www.apma.org.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

Feb. 9-19 "Boston Marriage" Adult Drama 806-355-9991 Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space

Feb. 15-18 22,23,25 "Gypsy" Musical New Branding Iron Theatre West Texas A& M University 806-651-2798

Feb. 17&18 Lone Star Ballet "Sleeping Beauty" Tulsa Ballet Globe News Performing Arts Center 806-372-2463

Feb. 22 Don Williams, country music farewell tour Globe News Center www.panhandletickets.com

March 2-12 "To Kill A Mockingbird" ALT Main Stage Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991

March 3-4 Celebrate Romance, featuring Anton Nel, piano Amarillo Symphony 806-376-8782 Globe News Center

March 3-11 "Annie Warbucks" Musical Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019

March 3-11 "Charley's Aunt" Comedy Amarillo College Theatre 806-345-5572

March 7-8 "The Rock and the Rabbi" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

March 12 Menopause the Musical Out Loud 3:00 p.m. Amarillo Globe News Center www.panhandletickets.com

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT VALUE-ADDED PRODUCER GRANT TRAINING SESSION FOR POTENTIAL Applicants

AMARILLO, TEXAS, February 7, 2006—USDA Rural Development is accepting competitive applications for nearly \$19.5 million in grants to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and alternative sources of renewable energy.

"USDA Rural Development promotes efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur economic opportunities for rural communities" said Bryan Daniel USDA Rural Development State Director. "During Fiscal Year 2005 Texas USDA Rural Development awarded over \$1 million in Value-Added Producer Grants."

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better

compete in domestic and international markets. The maximum award for a planning grant is \$ 100,000 and the maximum award for a working capital grant is \$300,000.

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Value-added products are those agricultural products, which gain value through processing, production, segregation or other means, or produce renewable energy on a farm or ranch. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2006.

USDA Rural Development "has scheduled a meeting for potential applicants on Thursday, February 16, 2006 beginning at 9:00 am at the Texas A&M Research/Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106. Topics to be discussed include; in-depth information on the availability of grant funds, eligibility requirements, eligible uses of grant funds, and how to apply. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant program, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist at (254) 742-9775,

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.

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die.

—Thomas Carlyle

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed applications to serve as the Depository for County funds and County/District Clerk Registry funds until Monday, March 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Applications will be opened at that time. The depository contract will be discussed and awarded at the March 13, 2006 meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided; service charges; interest rates to be paid on commercial checking and interest bearing checking; interest rates on time deposits of 30,60,90,12,180,360 days and 24 months; and the interest rate to be charged to tie county on short-term loans. Applications should be presented to Tern Carter, Sherman County Judge at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 206, Stratford, Texas 79084. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas CM Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds, Tern Carter, Sherman County Judge.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 9, 2006, Thursday, February 16, 2006 and Thursday, February 23, 2006.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Voting Machines will be tested for Logic and Accuracy on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the Sherman County and District clerks' office at 8 a.m.

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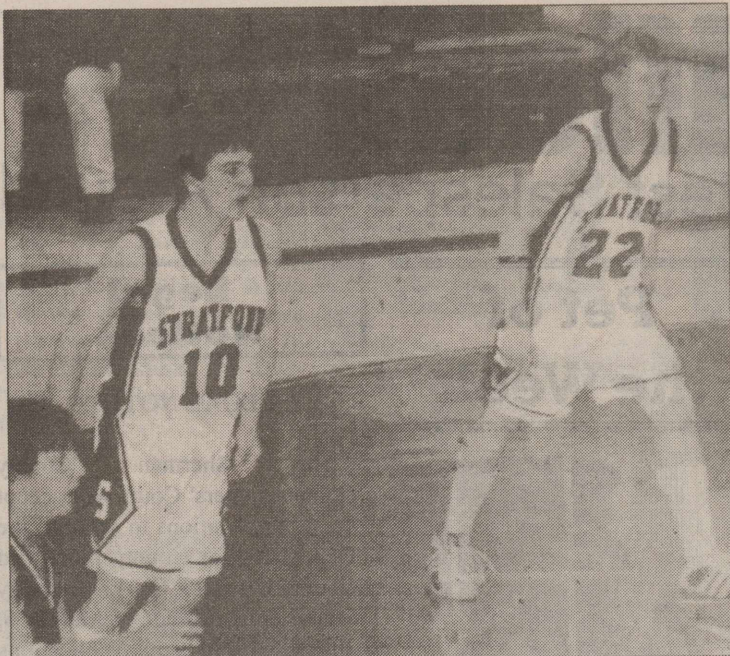
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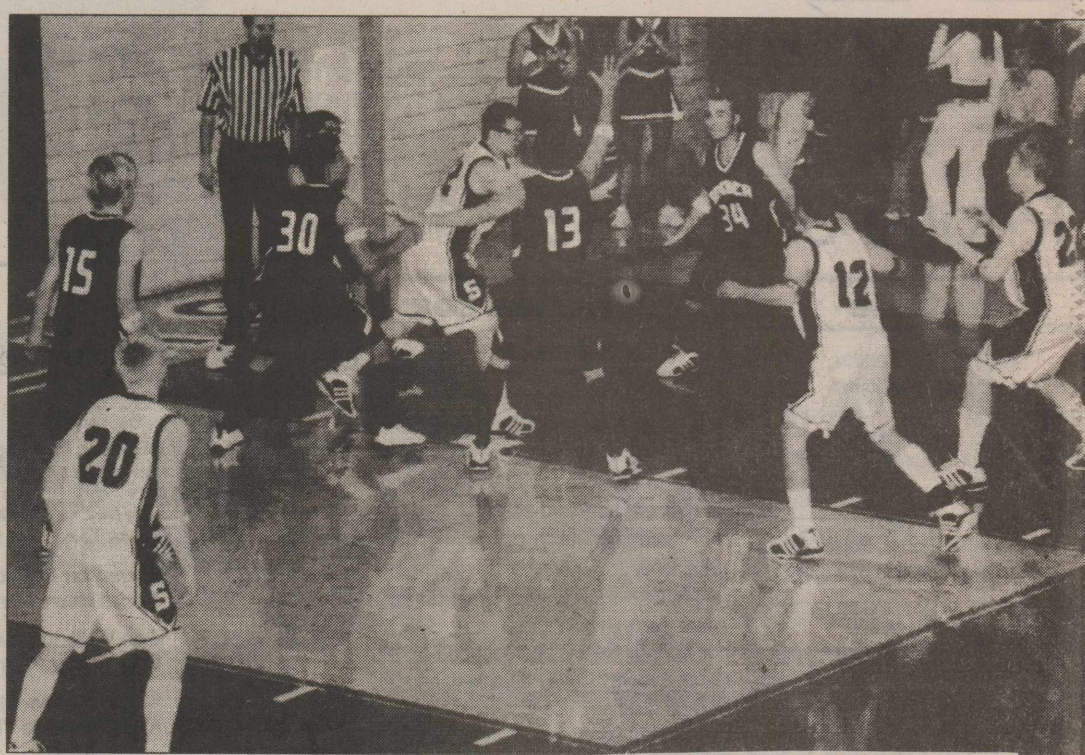
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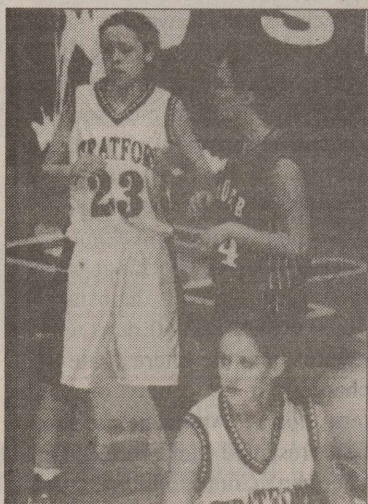
Stratford Elks #10 Hunter Buckles & #22 Brant Cummings.



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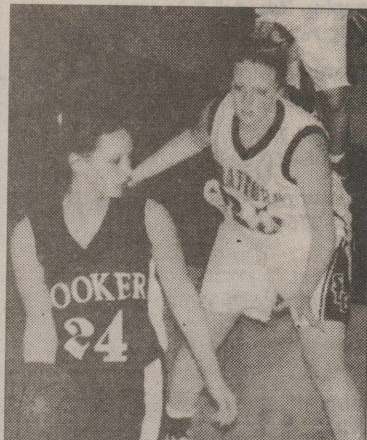
Stratford Elks win last game against Booker by one. Elks shown #20 Scott Hudson, #32 Brady Bell, #12 Case Crabtree, and #22 Brant Cummings.



J.V. Lady Elks #23 Jordan Confer and Whitney Reese.



J.V. Lady Elk #13 LaRissa Luna.



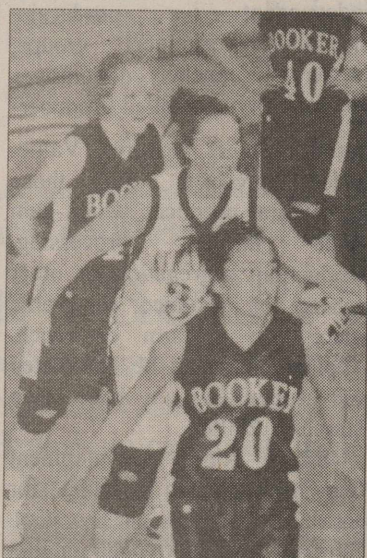
Lady Elk #25 Cheyenne Zieman



Lady Elk #13 Allison Baskin in opening jump ball.



J.V. Elks Brent Reed and Angel Resendes.



Lady Elk Katelyn Reed

FLAG DAY POSTER CONTEST ANNOUNCED

SAN ANTONIO - Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate the 229th birthday of our nation's flag. The theme of this year's contest is: "How I Show My American Pride."

"Catholic Life sponsors the contest each year in an effort to increase our children's awareness of the principles of liberty and justice for which our nation stands and in these trying times, those principles become more important to remember" Barbara A. Cheaney, Vice President of Communications said.

Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20." Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest,

contact Ashlee Tondre in the Communications Department at (800) 292-2548 or (210) 828-9921 ext. 141. Participants in the contest do not have to be Catholic Life members or of the Catholic faith. The deadline to submit entries to the contest is May 12, 2006. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance and cannot be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

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