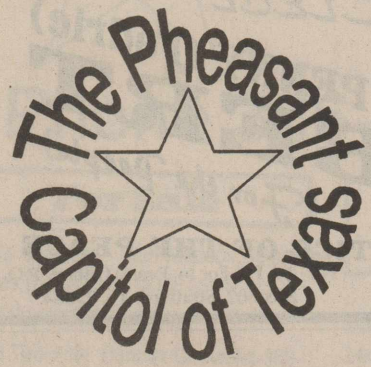


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## Lady Elks End Season With Area Loss

The Lady Elks ended their season on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in a 25-22 overtime loss to Sudan in the area round of play-offs. The Lady Elks are shown above after their 60-53 Bi-District win against Wellington. Lady Elks in back l/r: Crystal Peregrino April Peregrino, Jordan Confer, Merilee McDaniel, Candie Bell, Shadley Audrain. Kneeling l/r: Katelyn Reed, Cheyenne Ziemann, Haley Buckles, Yadira Ortega, Allison Baskin and Cassi Garza.

## SISD Board of Trustees Minutes

### STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION February 10, 2006

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

Board members present:

Joe Reinart Barney Willborn  
Steve Hays DeWain Trayler  
Patti Vincent Gared McBryde

Superintendent  
Tim Gilliland,

Board Member absent: Brent Spurlock.

Guests present were Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, Clint Seward, Mary Pat Williams and Sandy Williams.

Mrs. Williams led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland introduces Sandy Williams representing Sherman County Emergency Management.

Mr. Gilliland gave the district monthly recognition. It was as follows:

**TSWA All-State**

1st Team - Offensive Tackle - Rodolfo Portillo Linebacker - Jonathan Licon  
Secondary - Scott Hudson

2nd Team - Defensive Line - Rudolfo Portillo

3rd Team - Running Back - Craig Kautz Linebacker - Steven Rueda

**THSCA - Academic All-State**

1st Team - Brady Bell and Connor Vincent

2nd Team - Josh Lanning, Brandon Davis, Andrew Correll

**Honorable Mention -**

Walter Spurlock & Case Crabtree

**Co-Coach of the Year -** Eddie Metcalf

**7th Grade Boys Basketball Team** - won the Sunray Tournament - They also finished the year undefeated. Their coaches are Lance Horsford and Mark Keener.

**2006 Sherman County Stock Show**

**Steer** Grand Case Crabtree Reserve Clayton Johnson

**Goat** Grand Rowdy Lermon

**Lamb** Reserve Natalie White

**Swine** Grand Walter Spurlock Reserve Lindsy Confer

**Heifer** Grand Braden Hamilton & Reserve Trevor Christian

**Showmanship**

**Steer** Jr. Jordan Johnson Sr. Clayton Johnson

**Goat** Jr. Ransom Lermon Sr. Jacob Edmond

**Lamb** Jr. Natalie White

**Swine** Jr. Kyle Horsford Sr. LaRissa Luna

**Fort Worth Stock Show** - Several students exhibited animals at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Places were as follows:

Case Crabtree - 2nd place Exotic and 5th place Exotic Steer

Clayton Johnson - 5th place Exotic Steer

Jordan Johnson - 8th place Exotic Steer

Trevor Christian - 13th place Exotic Steer

Kyle Horsford - 4th place Cross Pig

Walter Spurlock - 5th place Hampshire Pig

Kaleb Horsford - 7th place Cross Pig

Braden Hudson - 10th place Hampshire Pig

Landon Luna - 12th place Cross Pig

**Rustin Russell** qualified for the Junior Olympic National Air Rifle Shooting Match in Colorado Springs, Colorado March 17-24. To qualify for this competition, you must be in the top 3 of your state. He will shoot at the Olympic training center. Congratulations to Rustin.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 45 cents. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 41.96% and revenue collected at 85.31%. Tax collections are at 97.05%. Enrollment for the district was as follows: Mary Alien Elementary - 249, Junior High - 167, and High School - 195.

## FTP Coalition to appear At Texas Transportation Commission Meeting

The Ports to Plains Corridor Coalition will update Texas Transportation Commissioners on the project at the commission's monthly meeting in Austin at 9 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23.

"We are happy to have the opportunity to let commissioners know about the progress we are making on Ports to Plains," said Ports to Plains President Michael Reeves. "This commission has demonstrated a commitment to the principles that Ports to Plains was founded on - transportation infrastructure is vital to economic development. I think they truly understand that Ports to Plains will bring economic growth and opportunity to this part of the state and beyond."

The Ports to Plains Corridor is approximately 1400 mil. long and runs from Denver, CO to Laredo, TX that will be completely upgraded to four-lane divided highway with 15 reliever routes. Congress designated the route as a high priority corridor in 1998. Today 511 miles are already either four or six lane divided, with about 150 more under design or construction.

When completed, Ports to Plains is projected to create more than 40,000 new jobs throughout the corridor with an economic impact of more than \$4.5 billion.

## World Day of Prayer

World day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, 2006 at First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited (men and women). Covered dish luncheon to be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, but will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> and continue through Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent, and Brent Spurlock. Holdover members are, Joe Reinart, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn and DeWain Trayler.

**Hear Ye Hear Ye  
Only 306 days left  
until Christmas 2006**

## 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.

## Annual Water Conservation Artwork Contest Announced

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade students who live within the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) are invited to enter the annual NPWD Water Conservation Artwork Contest. Students may submit their artwork individually, or teachers may have their entire classroom participate in the contest. Home school students are also invited to participate. Students can be as creative as they wish in depicting a way to conserve water.

"Water and water conservation are very important issues to everyone in Texas," states Rhonda Artho, NPWD Education Coordinator, "and we hope that we can conserve water for our future." Children can draw, paint or use any other medium to depict water conservation. The only criteria is that the artwork be on 8 1/2 x 11" paper, and that the paper be turned so that it is wider than it is tall. The more colorful the artwork, the better.

Winning artwork will be featured in the annual North Plains Water District calendar which is free to the public at the Water District office in Dumas. The first place winner will receive a \$50 cash prize, a certificate of recognition and will have their artwork featured on the cover of the calendar. Twelve second place winners will each receive a \$25 cash prize, a certificate of

recognition, and will have their artwork featured on one month inside the calendar. "The artwork that we've had submitted in the past has been amazing, and this contest gives us the chance to share the creativity of these students and their water conservation message through the calendars each year" says Mrs. Artho. Deadline for submission of artwork to North Plains Water District for the 2006 calendar is May 8, 2006. Artwork should be sent to NPWD with the entry form, which can be downloaded at the NPWD website at [www.npwd.org/art.contest.htm](http://www.npwd.org/art.contest.htm). Anyone with questions about the contest may contact Rhonda Artho at [artho@npwd.org](mailto:artho@npwd.org) or at 806-935-6401.

## 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.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

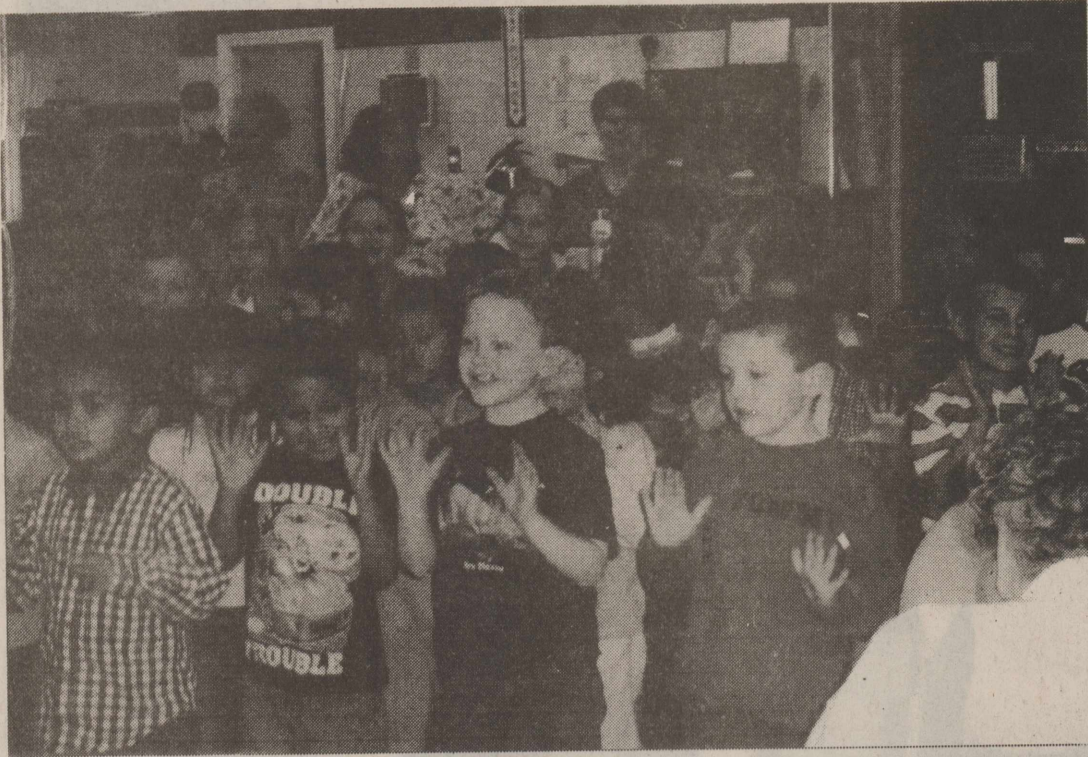
## Pantry Board Meeting

Pantry Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the XIT Building.

**REMINDER: Orders for  
windbreak and landscape  
trees are still being taken  
at the Sherman county Soil  
& Water Conservation  
District office. Please call  
396-5517 ext. 101 for  
further information/order  
blanks. Orders will be  
taken until the middle of  
March.**

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Shown above are a few of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students presenting a Musical Program to Coldwater Manor residents for the Valentines-Birthday Party. Hostesses for the party were Prospectus Study Club members. The children sang several selections to the residents and staff members and mothers and grandmothers in attendance.



Birthday celebrities at the Coldwater Manor Birthday party for February hosted by Prospectus Study Club members are left to right Corda Pleyer age 102, Mansel Roach age 90, Jerry Moore age 74, Laura Pipkin age 101 and Louise Long age 102. Happy Birthday kids and many more.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

A small crowd enjoyed Sunday dinner at Kerrick Community. In addition to the great food, they learned about the new voting machine that can be used at the upcoming primary. Luann Taylor, Dalhart, was accompanied by her husband Richard.

Hosts were Minnie and Annette Hampton.

Present were Ralph Hampton, Mary Hill? Jo June McDaniel, John, Nichole & Shelby McDaniel, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, Bill Boren, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou & Mike McDaniel.

Joe Earl & Judi Boren, Houston, spent three days with his brother Bill & Pat Boren. While here they went to Campo & Springfield, CO., "antiquing

Donna Gillenwaters went to BSA Hospital Sunday. She was badly dehydrated. She expected to be there several days.

Maylene Rish celebrated her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday Saturday with family at daughter Peggy & Leonard Hawkins'.

## Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

There are some things coming up at SCOT Hall that we need to be reminded of.

First, on Tuesday, February 28, at 2 p.m. Janice Sladek will be at SCOT Hall to show slides of her mission trips. This will be very interesting, and we urge everyone to come join us.

Also, at our luncheon on Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a voting machine on display, with instruction and explanations. This is something that will benefit all of us.

And, last but not least, on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dance at SCOT Hall. Come on, dancers, join us for some fun!

The trip to Hereford to hear the Braschler Music Show is pretty much set up. It will be on March 4, the group leaving SCOT Hall at 10:45 a.m. and the show starts at 2:30 p.m.

An exciting event coming up on March 30 is a trip to Amarillo Civic Center to see a production of the musical "Riverdance". More information will be available on this later, so keep it in mind. This is reported to be a great production.

Hope everyone can come and enjoy these activities.

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## Finance

(NU) - Many investors tend to focus on selecting the right stock and choosing the perfect time to buy and sell. According to Roger Ibbotson, chairman and founder of Ibbotson Associates and a professor in the practice of finance at the Yale School of Management, what really drives performance over the long term is the assignment of money to different categories of assets, such as large- and small-cap funds, international funds, bonds and cash. Thus, investors can reduce their risk by investing in a variety of asset classes with the hope that when one is doing poorly, others will do well.

## TOMMY ASHER

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Pol. Adv. Paid for by Tommy Asher

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### First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
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Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 8:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

### First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

### St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master  
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
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  
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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

396-5554  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School - 9:30  
Worship Service - 10:30  
Adult Choir Practice - 6:30  
Wed. - Children - 8:00, youth - 7:00

### La Mision Bautista

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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

For the most part, people in our society have a low view of the church. Some say, the church is not on the cutting edge of society. In fact, the church is about as far from the cutting edge as one can get and it's pulling in the opposite direction. Others say, I tried Christ. I went forward in a meeting. Or, I said the sinner's prayer and nothing happened to me. This Christianity stuff just doesn't work. The impression is left that Christ is not real, that His power is not what it's cracked up to be.

But Jesus Christ explained this would be the case in a parable about farming. Jesus likened the sowing of seed to preaching. He explained that the preaching of the Bible is received in different ways by different people. For example, "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this was the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away" (Matthew 13:20-21). Can't you just imagine this person? He or she responds to an appeal to follow Christ at a special church service or evangelistic meeting. It is a passionate emotional response. There are real tears of joy. But the message is only on the surface. It does not take root in the heart. There is no lasting change. When someone comes along and challenges these persons or derides their commitment, they give up. They may say, "I tried Christianity. It doesn't work." But the problem is not with Christianity. The problem is a stony heart which failed to really grasp the message of Christ.

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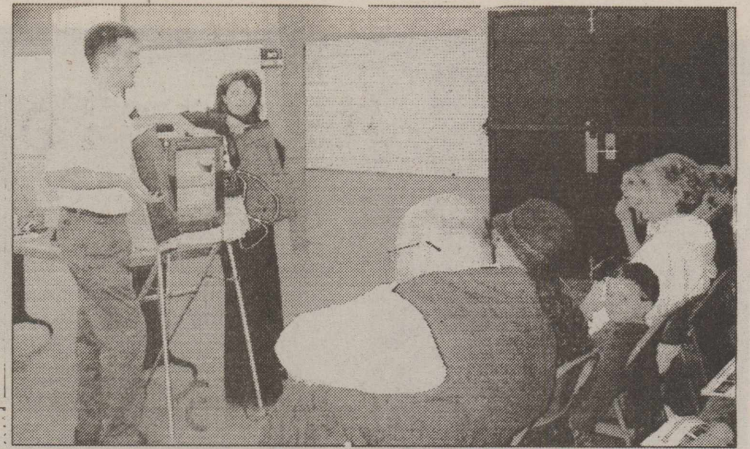
Pastor Roberto Frescas  
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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
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### Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Voting School held at County Barn in preparation for the New Voting Machines to be used March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006



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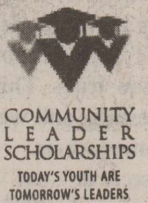
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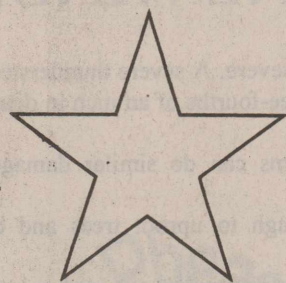
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## Lost

Lost: Jack Russell Terrier with White tip on Left Ear. Lost on February 12th. Contact 753-7366 or 396-2365. 3-2-c

## Help Wanted

Amarillo Globe News has route available in Stratford March 1, 2006. Opportunity to make money for part time work. Must have Drivers license and liability insurance. Please contact District Manager-Edgar Fry at 679-5953 or David Russell at 745-3412. The current carrier Jesse Resendes would be happy to talk to anyone about the route. He can be reached at 366-3134. 3-2-c

## For Rent

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

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## 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

## Pets

(NU) - While nothing can top the love and companionship of a dog, there are some unpleasant behaviors that just won't do - from barking all night to wetting the floor to chewing on your shoes when you're not looking. The following tips will help your furry friend become more obedient: Provide your canine companion with regularly scheduled walks twice a day; enroll your dog in an obedience class; help your pet relax with a calming product, such as Pluto Pet's Pet Calming Spray, to help relieve hyperactivity; and finally, be patient. Though teaching your furry friend to be more obedient may take determination on your part, it's worth it.

## 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 or Rent-2 bedroom 605 N. 3rd, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$350.00 a month \$150.00 deposit. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-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

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 1/4 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 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

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The first federal tax on cigarettes was enacted on June 30, 1864.

## 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 first fire department established by municipal action was in New York City in 1659.

## Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE H. DILLER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Catherine H. Diller, Deceased were issued on February 13, 2006, under Docket No.2106, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

C. J. Unruh  
3992 FM 3212  
Dalhart, Texas  
George Thomas Diller  
14198 County Road 28  
Gruver, Texas 79040

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Catherine H. Diller, Deceased  
c/o Greg Oelke  
HUNTER & OELKE, P.C.  
507 Denrock Ave., P.O. Box 792  
Dalhart, Texas 79022

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: February 13, 2006.

HUNTER & OELKE, P.C.  
By: Greg Oelke  
State Bar Card No. 15219700

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### 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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### 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, Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual report of the Earl N. arid Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust is available at the address noted below for inspection during normal business hours by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability.

Earl N. and Conrad E. Riffe Memorial Scholarship Trust, The First State Bank of Stratford Trustee, 302 N. Main Street, Stratford, Texas.

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## Cards of Thanks

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and calls while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Your love and concern is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Lana, Dorothy and Leslie for "standing by". We couldn't make it without you!

Thanks, Doris Dyess

I want to thank all of my Amarillo Globe News subscribers. It's been a great five years. You all have been great. I'm retiring.

The Jessie Resendes Family

## Health

(NU) - Let's face it: Snoring is not sexy. It's annoying. It's an ugly sound. It wakes others up. And it's responsible for many separate beds. Take heart: Chronic snoring is largely treatable. Changes in eating and sleeping habits, as well as over-the-counter treatments, can ease the problem. Some tips to try include clearing your sinuses before bedtime and limiting alcohol consumption (alcohol relaxes the throat muscles). Another option that has worked for some is "Z-Snore" from the Spray line of sublingual sprays. Z-Snore treats inflammation of the nose and air passages, obstruction or dryness of the mouth and throat problems. For information, call (866) 412-7827 or log on to www.thespray.com.

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### School Board Minutes-Cont. from page 1

Mary Pat Williams gave the elementary report. The 3rd grade reading and 4th grade writing TAKS test will be given on February 21. All classes will be having Valentine parties on February 14th. The Kindergarten will go to Coldwater Manor on Tuesday for Valentine and monthly birthday parties.

Mr. Seward gave the Junior High report. He reported on the success of the junior high basketball teams. The county spelling bee will be on Wednesday, February 15th at Texhoma. The 5th graders will take the reading TAKS test and the 7th graders will take the writing TAKS test on February 21.

Mr. Haynes was in Amarillo supervising a basketball game.  
Mr. Reinart updated all board members on their required continuing ed hours for the school board. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the contract with the county for election services. The cost will be around \$1500.00 per election. Discussion was held. Steve Hays made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to approve the contract. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to call for the trustee election on May 13, 2006. Motion carried 6-0.

Sandy Williams went over the National Incident Management System (NIMS) with the board. She explained that this is a federal requirement that will link our District Crisis Management system to the Emergency Operations Plan. It ensures that emergency responders from all levels are using the same language. Discussion was held. Steve Hays made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the NIMS resolution. Motion carried 6-0.

Barney Willborn made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to approve the implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Contract extensions were discussed for Mr. Haynes, Mr. Seward and Mrs. Williams. Patti Vincent made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to extend the contract of Steve Haynes through the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-0. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to extend the contract of Clint Seward through the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Steve Hays made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to extend the contract of Mary Pat Williams through the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to extend the contract of Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to renew the contract of Jessica Wheeler, Special Ed Coordinator. The title of this position will be changed to Special Ed Director. Motion carried 6-0.

DeWain Trayler made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to renew to the contract of Misti McBryde, counselor. Motion carried 5-0-1, Gared McBryde abstained.

Renovations plans were discussed.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.



### ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Haynes' first grade class just finished doing the Diary of a Worm. We learned how to document daily happenings and we learned how to use a Venn diagram for comparison of the worm's life to ours. We had a lot of fun doing the activities that went with the book. This was one of the books and activities we got at the Suzy Red conference.

The 4th grade class, along with Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. Walden, and Ms. Judd went to the ITV room on Monday, Feb. 13 to participate in a distance learning project. This experience was given by the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. Students saw a program on Black History through a performance of the Yoruba Cultural Troupe of Nigeria, through song and dance. The troupe performed songs using traditional Yoruba drums. This was a very interesting experience!!!

The Sherman County Spelling Bee was held in Texhoma on Wednesday, Feb 16. Stratford made a clean sweep! Heide Brooks was the Sr. Division Champion and Sunny Russell was the runner-up. M'Lynn Wells was Jr. Division Champion and Terra Harris was the runner-up. Way to go, kids!

The Student Council Blood Drive was a big success! Out of 61 people who tried to give blood, 48 units were taken. The goal was 40, so thanks to everyone who participated. If you can, you should drop by the school and look all the pictures the Student Council took of the Drive. Come in the main front door (by the Elk) and look in the case right across from the state football picture.

The first TAKS testing day is behind us now. Next one will be in April.

In third grade math, the Steelers won the blizzard for the 4th six weeks. This team consists of Desinya Garza, Trevor Melton, Braiden Galla, and Paola Vasquez. It was a close battle all of the way! The third graders took their first math benchmark a couple of weeks ago and did an outstanding job. Mrs. Garza is very proud of their hard work. They will no doubt do great on the test in April. The students have been working on creating bar graphs and pictographs. They have gone through the process of collecting their data by surveying various groups around the school. Topics range from the Pre-K's favorite cartoon character to the 4th grade's favorite subject. The students then prepared graphs of the information that they gathered and then wrote questions for the rest of the school to try to answer.

These graphs are posted around the school for everyone to see. Next, the students will begin working on probability which always involves a lot of hands on activities for the students to enjoy and learn from.

Track season gets underway this week with the first track meet this weekend at Sunray. Our golfers will also start getting serious about their sport. Hope the weather cooperates for these outdoor activities, but we still pray for rain!

### North Plains Water District Trains New Project WET Facilitators and Educators

Twenty educators participated in a Project WET training workshop in Brownsville, Texas in January of 2006. North Plains Water District (NPWD) is the Texas state sponsor for Project WET, and NPWD Education Coordinator Rhonda Artho serves as the state coordinator for the program. As state coordinator, part of Mrs. Artho's duties include training interested individuals to become Project WET Facilitators. These facilitators can then conduct teacher training workshops to teach classroom teachers about the Project WET curriculum and how to integrate it into their existing curriculum. Project WET is an international, nonprofit water education program for educators and young people ages 5-18. The program facilitates and promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources through the dissemination of classroom-ready teaching aids.

"The group in Brownsville was incredible," says Mrs. Artho. "They were all very dedicated and enthusiastic environmental educators, and we had a lot of fun through the two day workshop. Our new facilitators come from a wide variety of careers. Some are classroom educators, and many work for other natural resource agencies such as the Nature Conservancy, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the World Birding

Center. These are all people who value our natural resources and understand the importance of teaching children about water and water conservation. They will now be able to go out and hold workshops for teachers to get water education into more Texas classrooms, and will also use the Project WET activities with children in their individual jobs. It was a great weekend, and we now have a wonderful new group of individuals who will help us teach water conservation in Texas."

The workshop was sponsored by NPWD and the Nature Conservancy Lennox Southmost Preserve in Brownsville. There will be a second facilitator training in Austin in October. "We will continue to train new WET Facilitators and work with the facilitators who were already in place when we took over the state sponsorship of Project WET" states Mrs. Artho. "We want this to be a constantly growing network of facilitators and teachers who work to teach our children about our water resources.

We will also continue to offer free teacher workshops for any interested teachers in our water district. These workshops are offered at the NPWD office each June, and can also be scheduled by individual schools for a date and location of their choosing. Information on attending a Project WET workshop can be obtained by contacting Rhonda Artho at artho@npwd.org or at 806-935-6401.

### New York Times Best Sellers @ Sherman County Public Library

- By Sandy Baskin
1. Cell by Stephen King
  2. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
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  7. Mary, Mary by James Patterson
  8. At First Sight by Nicholas Sparks
  9. The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell by Lillian Jackson Braun
  10. "S" is for Silence by Sue Grafton
  11. Every Breath You Take by Judith McNaught
  12. Turning Angel by Greg Iles
  13. Death Dance by Linda Fairstein
  14. On the Run by Iris Johansen
  15. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
  16. The Camel Club by David Baldacci
  17. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
  18. A Necessary Evil by Alex Kava
  19. Knife of Dreams by Robert Jordan
  20. Forever Odd by Dean Koontz
  21. The Lighthouse by P.D. James
  22. All Night Long by Jayne Ann Krantz

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## HAIL AND STRAIGHT LINE WINDS

Thousands of thunderstorms strike Texas every year, many of them severe. A severe thunderstorm is defined as a storm that produces winds of at least 58 mpg, hail and three-fourths of an inch in diameter or a tornado.

While thunderstorms are extremely dangerous, wind and hailstorms can do similar damage, so thunderstorms should never be taken for granted. Dangers include:

Straight line winds or winds in excess of 100 mph, strong enough to uproot trees and cause substantial damage to buildings.

Downburst winds - severe and rapid downdrafts of air that push damaging winds outward on or near ground level, especially dangerous to aviation.

Hail falling to earth at speeds nearing 100 mph, damaging trees, crops, automobiles and buildings. Hail storms cause more than \$1 billion in damage nationwide each year.

As with other severe weather threats, the key is to monitor TV and radio broadcasts as well as NOAA weather radio for storm warnings and watches.

When straight line winds threaten, respond the same way you would to the threat of a tornado. Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor, such a bathroom or closet. Stay away from windows. If you are outside, cover your head to protect against flying debris.

If you encounter hail while driving, turn around. You may be driving into the core of a thunderstorm where tornadoes form.

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