

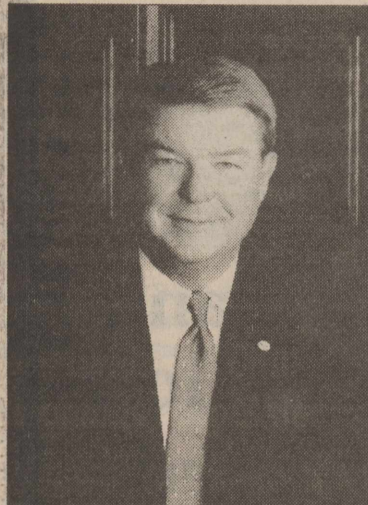
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J. Pat Hickman

## Gary Wells promoted to President of Happy State Bank

J. Pat Hickman, Chairman and CEO of Happy State Bank & Trust company, announced the election of Gary L. Wells, as president of the bank following the Annual Stockholders Meeting held on April 25, 2006.

Wells, a Dumas native, graduated from McMurry College with a BBA in economics in 1984 and began his career at First National Bank of Amarillo as a credit analyst. In 1988, he moved to Andrews where he served as Vice President with Commercial State Bank, later moving to Bank One, Dallas as a Vice President in the correspondent banking division. In 1991, he joined Happy State Bank as Vice President in commercial loans. In 1994, MSB opened its first office in Amarillo on Soney Street with Wells serving as President of that office. As the bank opened more offices, Wells was promoted to Executive Vice President/Senior Lending Officer in 1997.

Wells is engaged to Dawn Taylor with plans to marry in May 2006. He has two children, Bree, 21 and Britton, 18. Bree will be a May 2006 graduate of Texas A&M and will work for the



Gary L. Wells

musical "Texas" this summer, and then plans to pursue a singing/songwriting career in Nashville, TN. Britton graduates from Canyon High School in May 2006 and plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall to study pre-law. Wells attends Trinity Fellowship and serves as a Zone Leader for the men's ministry.

Wells, also a graduate of the Southwestern School of Banking at Southern Methodist University, is currently serving on the Leadership Board of Directors for the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. He is a past member of the Canyon Noon Lions Club, past board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, past board member of Children's Rehabilitation Center, past board member of Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, and a former Loaned Executive with United Way.

Hickman has held the titles of President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the bank since he organized a group of investors in purchasing Happy State Bank in 1990. As Hickman relinquishes the title of Bank President, Wells will assume more of the day-to-day management duties of the bank. Hickman will continue in the roles of Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO, focusing on the bank's marketing, company expansion and long-term strategic

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## Annual Lions Club Broom & Mop Sale

Stratford Lions Club Broom & Mop Sale on First State Bank of Stratford Parking Lot on Friday, May 5, 2006. Starting at 8:00 a.m.

Brooms, Mops, Brushes and many other items. Quality cleaning aids for Home, business, or Industry. Plan to come by Help the Blind help themselves and Help our local Stratford Lions Club and Help Our City. All articles may be by the blind.

## No School Friday, May 5

There will be no school on Friday, May 5, 2006. SNOW DAY.

## Weather Spotters Class May 11th

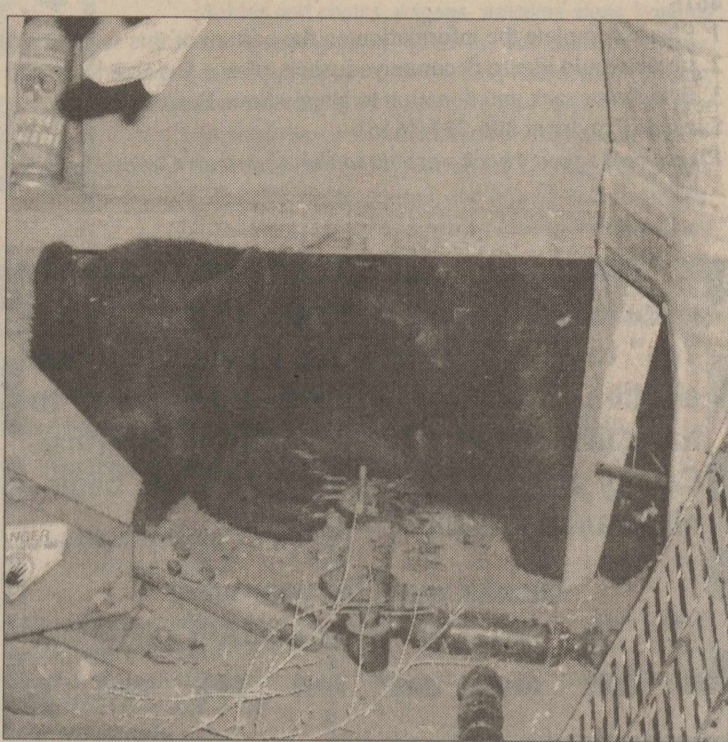
Weather Spotters Class will be May 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Stratford EMS Building.

## STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO HOST RECEPTION

"The Stratford Hospital District will host a reception at Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility on Sunday, May 7, 2006 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The reception will be to honor the outgoing board members, Ronnie Brooks and Larry Drake, and to welcome new board members LeRayne Donelson and Kathy Allen

Hospital District Board President, Wayne Smith stated: "The District will miss the services of Ronnie Brooks and Larry Drake. This community owes both of these gentlemen a debt of gratitude for their honorable and faithful service. Ronnie and Larry both gave their all in the improvement and betterment of the services provided to our patrons. We hope the entire community will come and wish them well".

The District will also be welcoming it's newest members Kathy Allen and LeRayne Donelson. Smith stated that "both of these ladies bring a wealth of knowledge and compassion to the board room. I know the rest of the board joins me in welcoming them aboard. Kenton Kimball will also be serving his first full term on the board. He was appointed to the board last year to fill the unexpired term of Shannon Taliaferro. We are glad Kenton agreed to stay for a full term".



## BEAR FOUND

BY: Richie Brotherton, NRCS

Sheriff Jack Haile received a call about 9 A. M. Thursday morning, Apr 27, 2006 about a bear in Sherman county. A local farmer had called to say a bear had run in the neighbors barn and they shut the door on it. The Texas Parks and Wildlife were summoned and the young bear was relocated to a ranch in the Adrian area on the New Mexico



## Awards Ceremony To Be Held May 9th

The awards ceremony for 5-7th grade will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 10 a.m. in High School Gym.

## Red Hat Society To Meet

Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, May 4th at First Christian Church at 6:30 p.m. (Bring an Apron)

## District Qualifiers Travel to Levelland to Compete

The UIL district qualifiers in the Speech contest traveled to Levelland this past weekend to compete. Those students competing were Staci Hays-Poetry and Informative speaking, Allison Baskin-prose, Austin Riffe-Poetry and Jordan Taylor-LF Debate.

Regionals is always a challenge with excellent competitions. Austin placed 5th in poetry and Jordan is the Regional Champion in L.D. Jordan did a great job. Debating his way to the Championship, he did not loose a round. Jordan will compete at the State level on May 5th.

## The Elks Summer Basketball Teams Selling Coke Products

The Elks Summer Basketball teams will be selling Coke products, including PowerAde, from April 25 thru May 4. The cost is \$18.00 per case of 20 lg. bottles. If you need more information please contact Dinah Horsford at 366-3300 or 366-2219. Thanks for your support!



Janeth Reyes

## SJH Valedictorian

Stratford Junior High is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Valedictorian is Janeth Reyes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Reyes. Janeth has a numerical grade point of

## Volunteers Needed for Summer Reading Program

The Sherman County Public Library is in need of four people to volunteer to lead one session each of the four summer reading programs with other volunteers willing to assist. High school students, now is your chance to get in some valuable volunteer hours needed to complete college applications. Call Sandy at 366-2200 for more details if you are interested.

## Relay for Life Key Note Speaker Denise Cummins

Stratford's key note speaker, for our Relay for life, will be Denise Cummins from Dumas. She wrote an article to tell about her ovarian cancer survivor story.

Ovarian cancer is the 5th cause of cancer death in women. It affects 1 in 57 women. Early symptoms are easily missed. While the symptoms of ovarian cancer (particularly in the early stages) are often not acute or intense, they are not always silent, they whisper. I am an ovarian cancer survivor. In August of 2001, I began to experience abdominal pain and unexplained changes in my bowel habits. Next, I developed indigestion, abdominal swelling, bloating and the feeling of being full and ongoing unusual fatigue. The symptoms I was having can indicate many different health problems. After addressing each symptom and not getting better, we began to run extensive tests.



Sunny Russell

## SJH Salutatorian

98.571 for two years of work. Janeth has participated in Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band, UIL Listening Skills, Number sense,

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## Davis Competes In Accounting

Brandon Davis placed 7th in the Regional UIL Accounting Test on April 21, at South Plains College. Brandon tested against 40 other students in our region.

The accounting test consisted of questions and problem solving that concerned property taxes, depreciation methods, bank reconciliation, and many other situations required in operating partnerships and corporations. The students have one hour to complete the 80-question exam. Congratulations Brandon!

This eventually led to the diagnosis of ovarian cancer. Since cancer is not in my family, it never once entered my mind as being my problem. In November, Dr. Robinson a Gynecological Oncologist at Harrington Cancer Center performed my surgery and monitored my progress thru six months of Chemotherapy. What a blessing to have the Cancer Center here in the Panhandle. I was very well taken care of during my treatments and even still today I am receiving the very best care. The road my family and I walked down the next six months was not an easy one. We lived one day at a time. Having our moments from time to time when we would cry and wonder what the days were going to hold for our family. Thru it all God's grace sustained us. I am thankful for all He has done for my family and me, the healing He brought to my body and the piece of mind He gave to us. I am also grateful for the love and support of our church family, my Morningside Elementary family, and the community of Dumas.



## Fundraiser-Tremendous Success

The Fundraiser held on Sunday, April 23, 2006 to benefit the Stratford Fire Department and Stratford EMT Association was a huge success; More than \$5,000 was raised. AGAIN THANKS! Shown above is just part of the crowd that showed up to eat Mexican Pile-on.

## Obits



Juanita Butler Donelson  
1914-2006

Juanita Butler Donelson, 91, died Sunday, April 23, 2006.

A Celebration of her life was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006 in First Baptist Church with Duane Pittman, long-time family friend, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Donelson was born Oct. 31, 1914, in Hall County. She was a Stratford resident since 1942. She married Cone Donelson on Dec. 21, 1934 in Crane.

Juanita was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Stratford. She was the community nurse for many years, a marvelous cook, and avid china painter and a doting grandmother, affectionately known as Granny Goodwitch because of her Halloween birth date.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.W. and Retta Butler; her husband, Cone Donelson; and a grandson, Tyler Donelson.

Survivors include two sons, B.A. Donelson and wife LeRayne of Stratford and Pat Donelson of Colorado Springs, CO; three grandchildren, Blynn Weldon, Barrie Breed and Cole Donelson; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church Nursery Fund, P.O. Box 390, Stratford, TX 79084 or a favorite charity.

## GREG WINN IN CONCERT

The First Assembly of God Church invites you to hear Singer/Saxophonist/Songwriter Greg Winn on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2006. Winn, who has been in full time music ministry for the past 21 years, has worked with such artists as the Katina's, Dottie Rambo, Reba and Dony Rambo/McGuire, Russ Taff, Mike Purkey, The Imperials, BeBe and CeCe Winans and Many more.

He began singing and performing Christian music by forming his own group while still in high school. He traveled around much of the United States with various singing groups while in college, then began his solo ministry in 1988. Since that time he has ministered to tens of thousands of people in almost every setting from churches to the corporate stage, inner-cities and prisons to various missions' endeavors both at home and abroad.

Winn has released 4 albums to date including: "Project U.S.A.", "For the Young at Heart" his "Instrumental" album, and his Christmas album entitled, "Peace On Earth." He says that part of his success is his willingness to do many different styles of music in concert to minister to everyone present.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music and ministry of Greg Winn. First Assembly of God Church is located at 921 N. Fulton.

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Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around.

—Henry David Thoreau

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## The American Cancer Society presents THE SHERMAN COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA LIGHTING SERVICE

Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a Luminaria. The Luminaries, lit for a soft effect are being sold now. The Luminaries will be lit in a special ceremony on June 2, 2006 during the RELAY FOR LIFE, an overnight event held at Sam Bass Stadium in Stratford.

For a donation of any amount per sack, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has had cancer. Those who purchase candles are invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life.

Proceeds from Luminaria sales will benefit the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to cancer research, patient services, advocacy, and education.

Thank you!

Contact: Suzanne Trayler, Luminaria Chair Phone: 806-727-4616

1. Please complete the information on the bottom of this sack
2. If you would like to decorate your sack, please feel free to do so!
3. Bring your sack and donation to Happy State Bank or call Suzanne Trayler at 806-727-4616.

Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society.

I would like to take a minute to say "Thank You" to all of my supporters throughout this election. I am very excited and honored to have the opportunity to represent Sherman County as your Justice of the Peace, beginning January 1, 2007.

Thanks again for your vote!  
JESSICA KING AUDRAIN

## STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT Announces

### Board Member Reception

May 7th, Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. til 3:00 p.m.

Coldwater Manor Board Room

Those leaving are Ronnie Brooks and Larry Drake. New Board Members are Kathy Allen, LaRayne Donelson and Kenton Kimball

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Take time to deliberate, but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.

—Andrew Jackson

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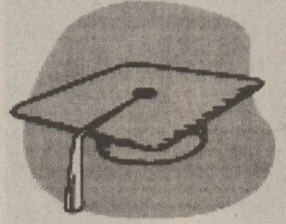
## Chamber News

By Ann Wells

The Steam Engine #844 will be coming through Stratford Saturday evening May 6 on the Union Pacific Line (the old Rock Island Line). Stratford's own Larry Ricks has reported that it is kept in excellent shape, and is a one-of-a kind where old steam engines are concerned. If you want to see what the engines were like years ago, come down to the railroad crossing and we can wave it through town.

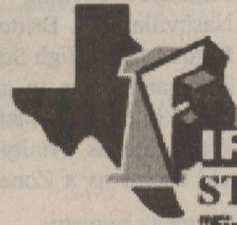
Don't forget that the Chamber will pick a Yard-of-the-Month again this year. Look for the sign in your neighbor's yard and tell them congratulations. Stratford is proud of our citizens and the effort they do to keep things looking good.

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## The Birthday Ladies

This group of women celebrates their birthdays within a year's time. Marjory Munden, seated, was surprised on her birthday in the Dumas home of Thelma Smith, left. All of them either live in Kerrick or once did. From left, Thelma McDaniel Smith, Mary Crabtree Olson, Pat Boren, Lynn Crabtree Wells, Jo June McDaniel. Marjory is three years younger than the others. If they want to tell their age, it's up to them!



## Stratford Area Foundation Board Members

Stratford Area Foundation Board members attending the Annual meeting held at The Imagination Station, Thursday, April 20. L/R front: Gaynelle Riffe, Alisha Law, Susie Johnson, Mary Pat Williams, Terri Carter, Dana Hess, Martha Mitts (Administrator). L/R back row: Walt Berry, Duane Pittman, Joe Reinart, Bill Riffe. Not pictured Dick Bachman, Wayne Smith, David Brown. Retiring Board members: Bill Riffe, Mary Pat Williams, Lisa Crabtree. New elected board members Alisha Law, Dana Hess, Jon Engelbrecht. As of Annual meeting date, the Foundation had received \$43,135.00 in donations and pledges toward the \$50,000 matching funds challenge. The challenge expires December 31, 2006, so work will continue to reach the goal ahead of schedule. All donations, memorials, honorariums and pledges to give will be very much appreciated. The continued growth of the Foundation will enable the community to benefit greatly through matching fund grants for projects.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a Mother's Day dinner at the Community building on May 14, 1 p.m. If you have no other plans, bring a dish and join others for dinner and visiting. Hosts are Bill & Pat Boren.

There has been two accidents between Kerrick & Stratford recently. Wind was probably responsible for half a house being blown over.

A driver was killed after hitting two cows and turning over his tractor-trailer. The accident was seven miles north of Stratford, not south as reported in Amarillo paper. The driver lost control of the truck that rolled over on its top, trapping him inside.

## UMW Have Social Time

United Methodist Women had a social time recently. Their programs have been about Friends. Recently 13 went to the Chicken House in Griggs community for an evening of food and fellowship.

Those making the trip were Brenda Brownlee, Tanya Smith, Nickie Berry, Laurie Gilliland, Mettie Judd, Laurie Spurlock, Marylou McDaniel, Margaret Graham, Norma Trimpa, Kaci McBryde, Ronna Riffe, Lisa Crabtree and Linda Haynes.

To fulfill a dream, to be allowed to sweat over lonely labor, to be given a chance to create, is the meat and potatoes of life. The money is the gravy

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—Bette Davis

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Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted.

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—David Bly

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## Brothertons' Honored with Wedding Shower

Jeb and Monique Brotherton were honored with a Wedding Shower Saturday, April 29, in the home of Verlie Norris. Shown above left to right are Jeb and Monique Brotherton, Linda Brotherton, Cinnamon Stone, Jan Stone, Melody Stone and Janie Mann.

Most people do not consider dawn to be an attractive experience—unless they are still up.  
—Ellen Goodman

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.  
—Irish Proverb

## Lunch & Learn Met April 20<sup>th</sup>

Lunch & Learn and Southstar Extension Clubs met together April 20 at the Extension Office. Following lunch Susie Spurlock gave the program on cooking for one or two and reducing the size of recipes.

Jean Everett, Dortha Allen, Deedee Dewees and Reyna Everett had attended the District Spring Conference at Perryton April 11. They reported on the event. They attended workshops on Depression and Exercise.

Enjoying the luncheon were Liz Sanders, Connie Oquin, Frankie Shields, Dorothy Haile, Martha Mitts, Elizabeth Zimmer, Ciudy Miller, Marylou McDaniel, Reyna Everett, Dortha Allen, Deedee Dewees, Jean Everett.

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Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton

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

## First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main

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

## First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main

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

## St. Joseph Catholic

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

Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
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

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

## First Baptist

396-5554  
702 N. 3rd

Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30  
Worship Service - 10:30  
Wed. -Adult Choir Practice - 6:00  
Children—6:00, youth—7:00

## La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am  
& Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm  
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

TROUBLE, HOPE AND PRAISE

Trouble often brings depression. We pity ourselves. We ask, "Why me, Lord?" Kids are especially prone to pity parties. So are adults. Psalm 43:5 gives us a solution. "Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you troubled within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, the help of my countenance, and my God." First, being disturbed, getting down, and being troubled are real experiences. We should never put down people who go through such times of depression. Second, we should recognize God is the answer to our troubles and depression. We should not look at ourselves and engage in self-pity. Instead, we should hope in God. Third, the hope mentioned in the Psalm is not some vague euphoric feeling about the future. We have this nebulous hope when we hope tomorrow will go well. Rather, the hope mentioned here is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a solid foundation upon which to build our present lives. Fourth, since hope is a gift from God, it must be used. It must be exercised. We exercise hope when we turn to God and offer Him praise and thanksgiving. Finally and fifth, guess what? Praise and thanksgiving put a glow on our faces. Inner hope is turned to outward joy. We move from the pits to the pinnacle.

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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
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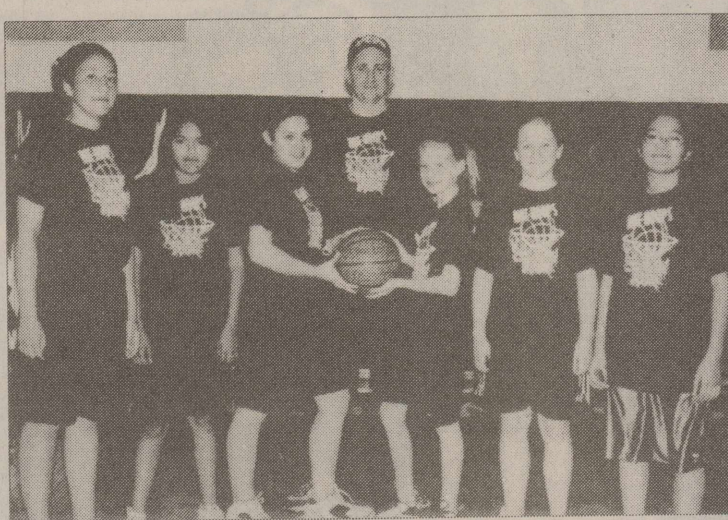
## Kerrick Community Church

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

# STRATFORD YOUTH BASKETBALL



**FLAMINGOS:** Samantha Gonzalez, Yadhira Chavoya, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Mazie Vincent, Suzette Palma, Ellie Daniels, Taylor Wright, Desinya Garza, Landry Davis, Desine Garza and Shanda Davis.



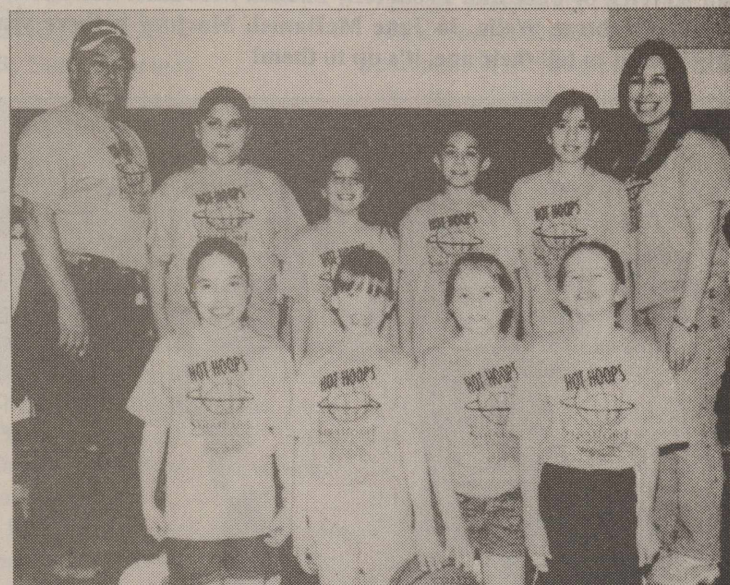
**LADY Aggies:** Monica King, Diana Lopez, Perla Reta, Ernie Maiwald, Shannon Maiwald, M'Lynn Wells, Stephanie Jacquez



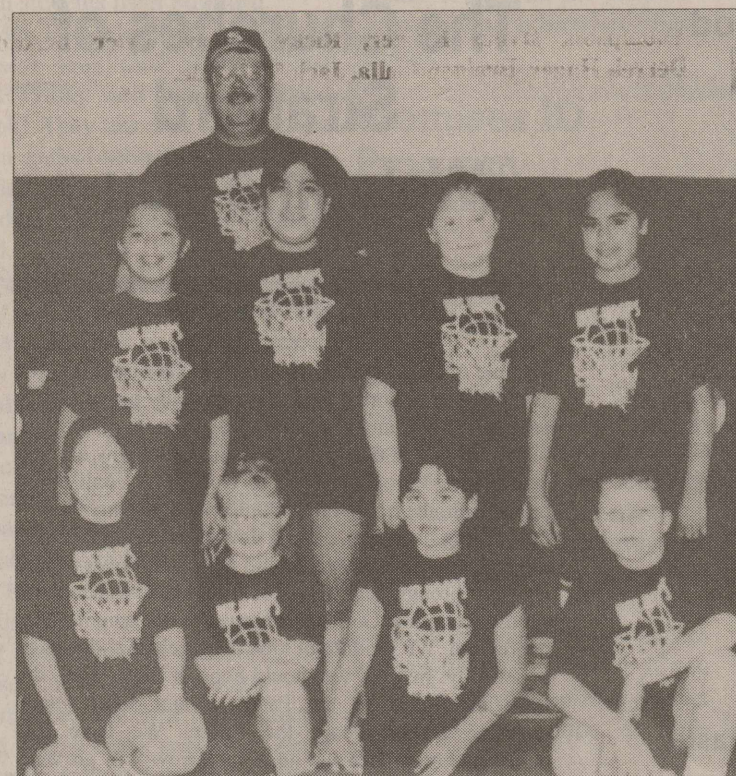
**COMETS:** Jolie Asher, Janette Daniels, Tyler Rouse, Magaly Guerrero, Brooklynn Palmer, Connie Biddy, Shayla Jackson, Madeline Drake, Ashton Sellers, Danielle Ramos.



**LADY SPARKS:** Tera Harris, Judd Butler, Pamela Gonzalez, Daina Butler, Tori Rouse, Alex Asher, Kaylee Mungia, Meghan Brooks



**SASSY KATZ:** Johnny Mungia, Alexa Peregrino, Chesney Rendon, Selina Terrazas, Ana Guerra, Rachelle Long, Aidede Navarette, Kelsey Pickens, Jacie Seward, Madison Mungia.

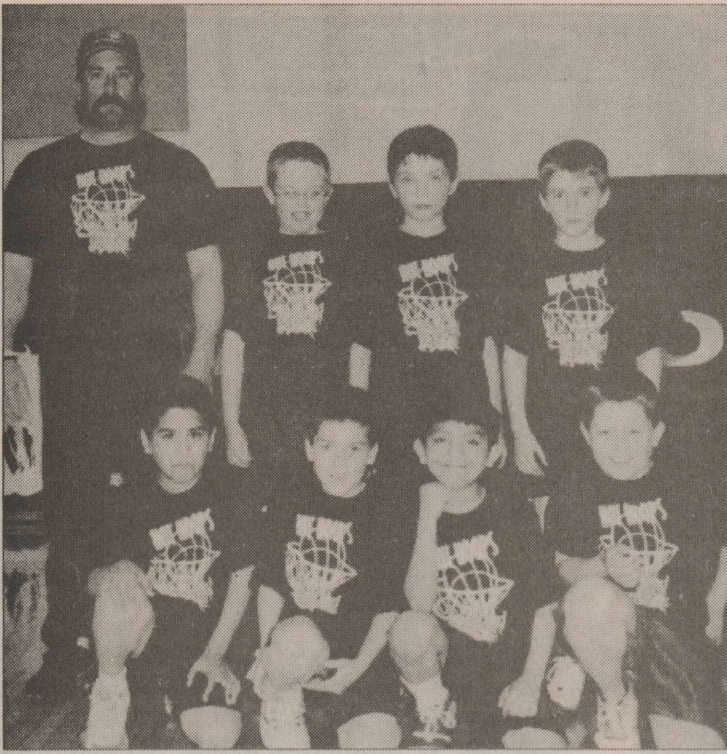


**LADY RAIDERS:** Brent Spurlock, Makayla Gleaves, Angie Gonzalez, Bethany Everett, Nohemi Ruedas, Mary Ann Spurlock, Whitney Stone, Diana Vasquez, Shay Potter

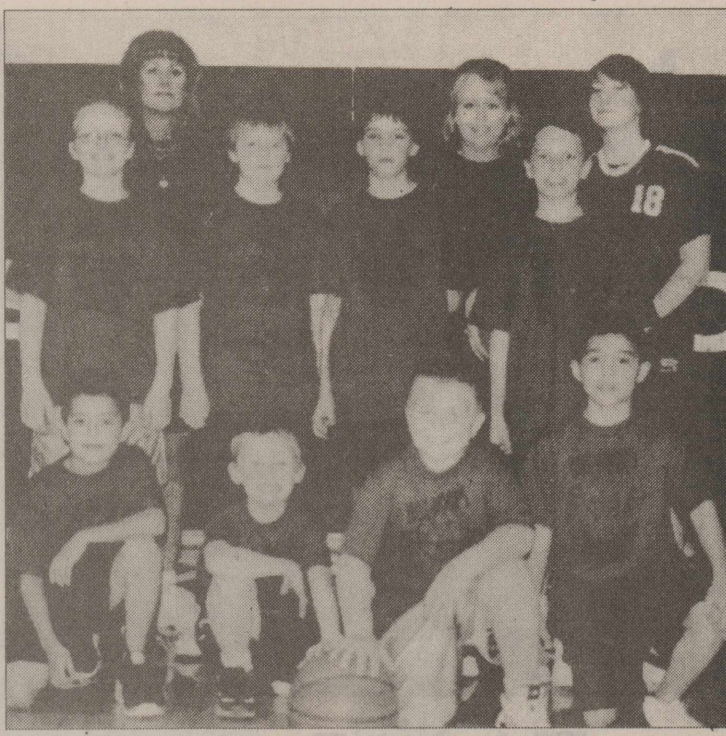


Stratford Youth Basketball had a coaches' game on Sunday, April 9. The white team members were: Kendra Mungia, Rachelle Long, Shanda Davis, Desine Garza, Connie Biddy, Shadley Audrain, Tim Gilliland, Coby Galla, Judd Butler, Mark Hartman, Coaches Justin Mungia and Marcos Garza. Blue Team: Brent Spurlock, Blake Confer, Jolie Asher, Adam Bell, Stephanie Bell, Jordan Confer, Brenda Bell, Daina Butler, Cheryl Galla, and Sean Hardman. Referees were Johnny Mungia and Mark Keener. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support the Stratford Youth Basketball.





**RAIDERS:** Judd Butler, Trenton Stone, Lane Ricketson, Ben Gilliland, Juan Cocoba, Holton Butler, Kevin Hernandez, Tanner Stone.



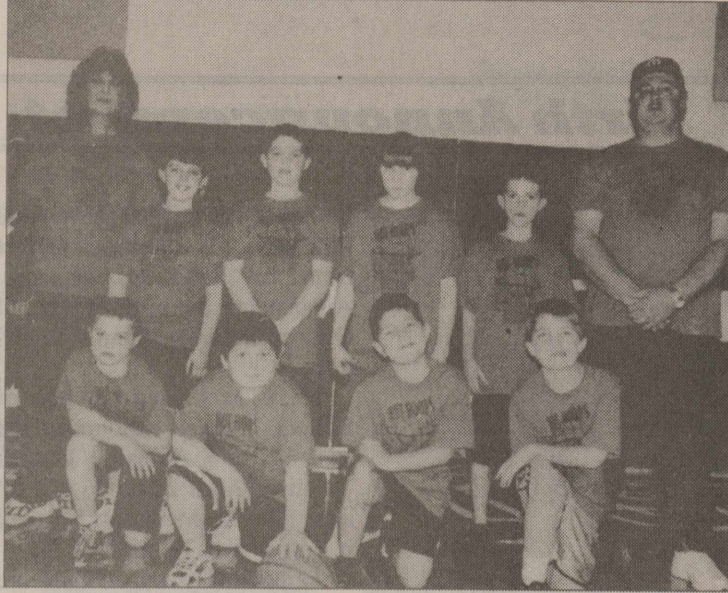
**BLUE DEVILS:** Brenda Bell, Sheryl Allen, Stephanie Bell, Joseph Templeton, Hunter Everett, Sterling Audrain, John McBroom, Gerardo Romero, Marshal Maiwald, Wes Allen, Jiovani Romero.



**MAVERICKS:** Trisha Schoonover, Ronna Riffe, Omar Duran, Aron Villegas, Chase Lutes, Rett Schoonover, Orlando Mayorga, AJ Riffe, Ty Hess.



**CELTICS:** Jordan Confer, Braiden Palmer, Mark Hand, Derek Vasquez, Christian Confer, Blake Confer, Steven Alaniz, Ruben Duran, Tyler Seward, Leo Ibarra, Ethan Shields.



**HEAT:** June Palmer, Nathan Bennett, Trevor Melton, Jerry Brown, Boston Hudson, Travis Melton, Branson Palmer, Austin Aduddell, Jacob Ramirez, Colton Summers.



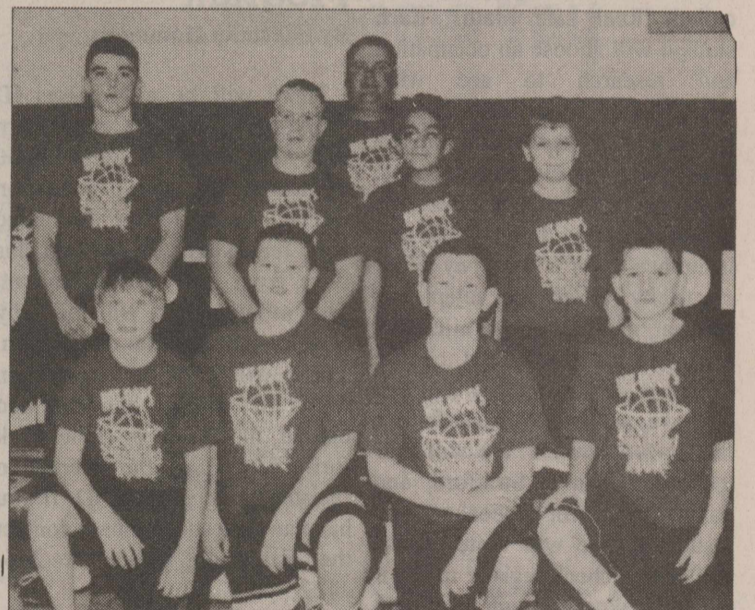
**JAYHAWKS:** Coby and Cheryl Galla, Jesus Tarango, Skye Thompson, Dylan Keener, Ricky Garay, Tyler DeAnda, Derrek Hager, Braiden Galla, Jack McBryde.



**SIXERS:** Ruben Rendon, Jordan Johnson, Jesus Ruedas, Edgar Guerrero, Sean Hardman, Tanner Wright, Colten Rendon, Randy Greene, Brandon Moreno.



**X-TREME:** Gabriel Tarango, Neftali Valenzuela, Justin Mungia, Jacob Mariscal, Kendra Mungia, Marcos Garza, Grayson Gonzalez, Reed Schoonover, Alex Chavoya.



**RAIDERS:** Mark Hartman, Braden Hudson, Haden Long, Albert Ortega, Zakary Sims, Kelby Hartman, Treg Nordyke, Dillon Sellers, Skyler Sweitser.

**4-H MEMBERS  
ATTEND  
EXTRAVAGANZA**  
By Susie Spurlock

Eric Burton, Rhyan Burton, Tyler Gilliland, Garrett Ely, Ben Gilliland and Luke Haile attended the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza April 21-23rd at the Texas 4-H Center located at Lake Brownwood. Volunteer leaders Sherwin Burton and Chad Ely also attended.

Members competed in Archery, 22 silhouette, shotgun, and running target. Bringing home plaques for their achievements were: Luke Haile, 3P Intermediate B Class, 3rd place; Rhyan Burton, Shotgun Intermediate B Class, 1st place; and Garrett Ely, Running Target Junior A Class 2nd.

The weekend experience was enjoyed by everyone. Sponsors of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza are Texas State Rifle Association, Federal Cartridge Company, Winchester-Olin, and National Rifle Association.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Cooperative Extension. All programs are to serve people regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

**Circus Coming  
To Town**

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus which is coming to Stratford on Sunday, June 11, 2006. Closer to time watch for posters with dates and times or call the Chamber Office at 806-366-2260 for tickets or more information. We haven't had a circus in town for several years, and kids of all ages will enjoy this one.

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—Michael Althsuler  
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**ELK TALES**  
By Lynda Hauser

American Titles and Names has been the topic of study in ESL this week. Upon the conclusion of the study, students made anagrams of their names to display in the hall. The high school ESL class has begun work on the final edition of Elk Express for the year. They are planning a special edition to salute the graduating seniors.

Eighth grade ESL students Roberto Duran and Berenice Rios were listed on the honor roll for the fifth six weeks. Roberto is a second-year ESL student, and Berenice is a first year student.

Mrs. Swain's fifth graders have studied all 50 States so we now take weekly tests on the States-Capitals-Abbreviations-Locations. IF a 100 is made, there are no more states tests for that student so all are working hard to accomplish this goal. We have been studying the Civil War era and have learned about slavery and the Underground Railroad. We saw many of our Vocabulary terms used in the video "Race to Freedom."

Sixth Graders have researched several terms relating to the Russian Revolution so that the video "Nicholas and Alexandra" will be easier to understand. The video is about the last czar and the start of Communism. Our next study will be Africa.

Mrs. Seward's 7th grade Reading: We are reading The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Her 8th grade Technology Applications students are learning how to create a webpage using Microsoft FrontPage.

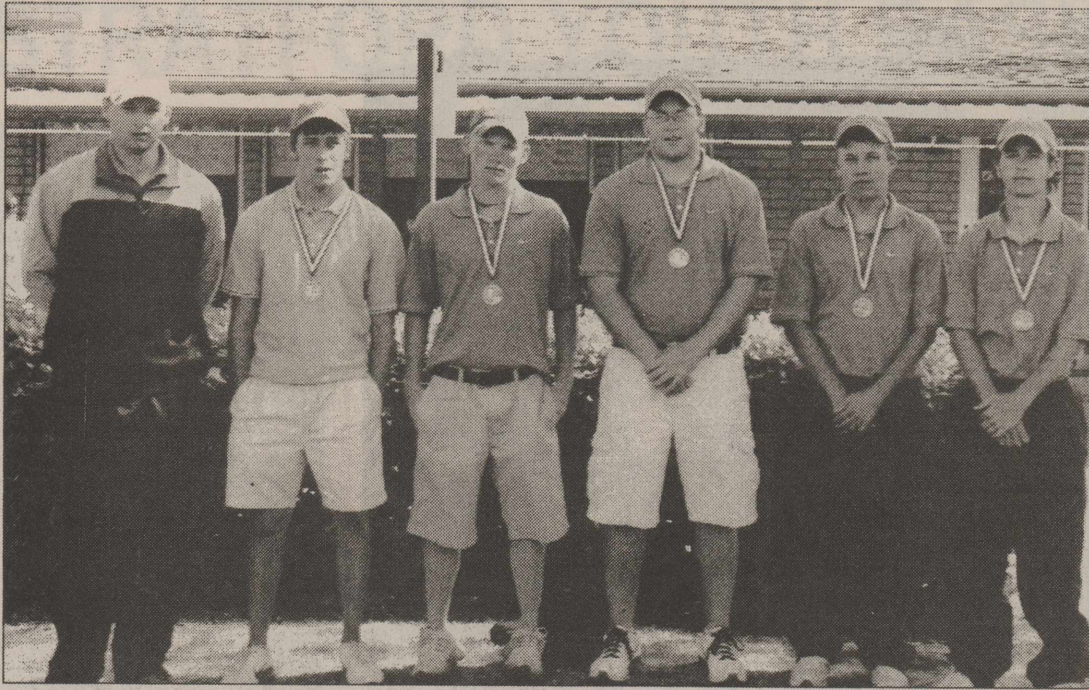
Mrs. Haile's seventh grade English students have written pen pal letters to Sergiev Posad, Russia. The Russian students are trying to learn English and are looking forward to corresponding with students from Stratford.

Mrs. Brownlee's 6th grade math classes took their semester test last Friday and turned in their book! They are now working on their end-of-school project that is called "Real Life Math." Each student will choose an occupation and research to see what education it takes and what the pay will be. Then we will: pay our taxes, pay back our college loans, buy into a retirement plan, buy health insurance, buy a house and insurance for it, pay our electricity, water, gas, telephone, internet, and cell phone bills, buy a car and insurance for it, choose a card to see how many children we have, and write a menu for our family for a week. We will tour the two banks in Stratford, and have a guest speaker on insurance. We will write checks and keep a check register to see if we can make it through the month with any money left over!! A very fun and educational way to end the year!

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th grade math class is finishing their books up this week and taking their semester test. Their project will start next week. They will be making a geometry notebook in the computer lab. They will be using Power Point and defining 30 terms and then illustrating them.

The Spring Band Concert was held Monday evening. Student Council elections and the FFA Cook-out were Tuesday. Wednesday's activities included the AP (Advanced Placement) Calculus Placement Test, Geometry credit by examination test, and Spanish I and II credit by examination test. Jordan Taylor will attend the State Academic Meet this weekend and participate in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. **GOOD LUCK, JORDAN!** Friday is our last school day, so **NO SCHOOL!** Two more Mondays!

Fatigue is the best pillow.  
—Benjamin Franklin



**Golf Team Places Third at Regionals**

The Varsity boys' golf team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regional Golf Meet held in Lubbock on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Walter Spurlock tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> medalist and qualified to state tournament on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Walter shot 76-82, Robert Seawright 80-93, Scott Hudson 83-96, Landan Luna 87-91, and Brady Bell 102-98. Shown from left Coach Dusty Stewart, Walter, Scott, Brady, Landan, and Robert. (Photo courtesy of Susie Spurlock).

**SJH**  
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Mathematics, Spelling, Maps, Graphs & Charts and Honor Roll. Outside of school Janeth enjoys reading, playing sports and spending time with family and friends.

The Salutatorian is Sunny Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Russell. Sunny has a numerical grade point of 97.286 for two years of work. Sunny has participated in Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, UIL Number Sense, Impromptu speaking, Spelling and Science, Band, Globe News Spelling and Honor Roll. Outside of School Sunny is involved in Shooting sports, Food nutrition, clothing and textiles in 4-H. She is also an active member of her youth at First Baptist Church. Sunny's hobbies are playing basketball, throwing the discuss, shooting 22 target rifles, water skiing, and riding horses.

The Faculty & Staff of the Junior High wish the students great success in Stratford High School.

**Premises ID Program**  
By Sherman Hammons

There will be a Premises ID Program held at the County Barn May 12, 2006 at 10:30-12:00 sponsored by the Extension Office. Items to be discussed will be updates (if any) on this issue from Dr. Ted McCollum. The other topics will be why premises ID and who needs them. There will also be registration forms that can be completed and mailed in. Also, in June look forward in using the internet to register for a premises ID. If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at 366-2122.

**ELK BASKETBALL CAMP**  
June 5-8

Cost: \$30.00 includes camp T-Shirt  
Purpose of Camp: To learn and improve in the fundamentals of basketball  
Camp Staff: Lance Horsford - Stratford Elk Varsity Basketball Coach  
Site: Stratford High School Gym  
Time: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade 9:00 - 12:00  
\*\*Grade placement for the '06-07 school year\*\*  
Deadline for Registration: May 15, 2006

Complete this portion and return to: Lance Horsford P.O. Box 1041 Stratford, Texas 79084

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

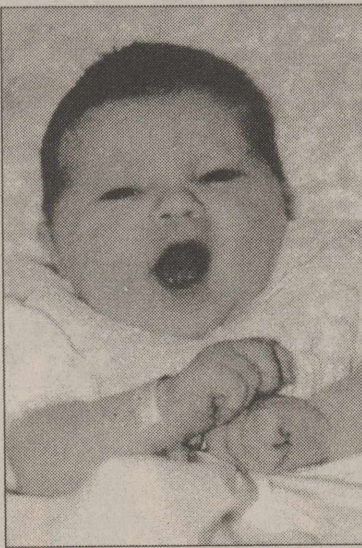
Grade for '05-06 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT Size (circle one)  
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We as parents or guardians of the above named boy, hereby grant permission for him to participate in the Elk Basketball Camp and acknowledge that he is physically able to participate in camp activities. We hereby release the Camp, its employees, and Stratford ISD from all claims for injury or illness which may be sustained by our son and authorize the director or his designee to seek a physician's care and authorize treatment of the above named camper on an emergency basis in the event such treatment becomes necessary while attending the Elk Camp.

Signed: (parent or guardian signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Announcement**



**Installation of Officers to be Held**

There will be installation of officers of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. at Sherman County Library. Betty Unlaub, Dumas, is installing officer. All members and other guests are invited.

Cindy Jackson will be installed as club president. Gina Jones is President-Elect (Yearbook), Laurie Spurlock will be First Vice-President (Finance), and Pat Hartman is Second Vice-President (Social). Secretary is Sandy Baskin, Treasurer is Patti Vincent and D'Lynn Reed is Parliamentarian.

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People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.  
—Leo J. Burke  
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Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep.  
—Fran Lebowitz  
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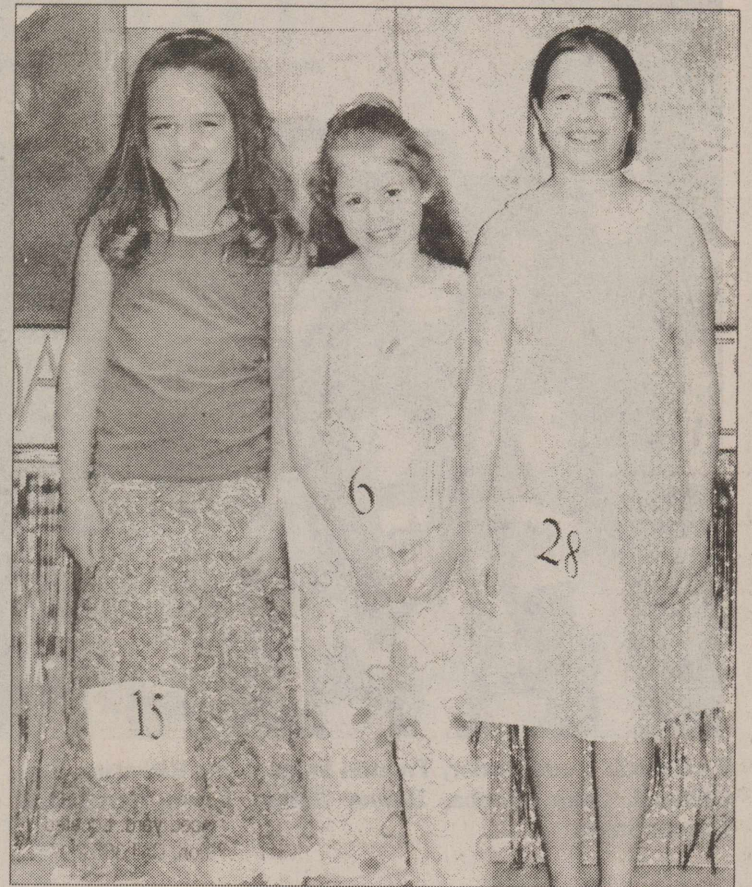
Ten little fingers and a cute little nose. Everything is perfect from her head to her toes. Announcing the birth of Abigail Ondrea Vandiver, 8lb 13ozs 19" long.

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Vandiver of Keller, Texas announce the arrival of Abigail Ondrea Vandiver April 27, 2006 at 1:00 a.m. at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are Gayland and Debbi Vandiver. Maternal grandparents are Cherry Dollins of Lubbock, Texas and Wesley and Nancy Garnett of Marble Falls, Texas and lots of Aunts, Uncles and cousins galore!

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If a man had as many ideas during the day as he does when he has insomnia, he'd make a fortune.  
—Griff Niblack  
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Sleep is a symptom of caffeine deprivation.  
—Author Unknown  
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Participating at District 4-H Fashion show are left to right Desinya Garza, Jacie Seward and Mary Ann Spurlock. (See story below)

**District 4-H Fashion Show Held**

By Susie Spurlock

Jacie Seward was named a winner at the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show held April 29 on the Frank Phillips College campus in Borger. Jacie received 3rd place in Junior Construction Specialty wear category.

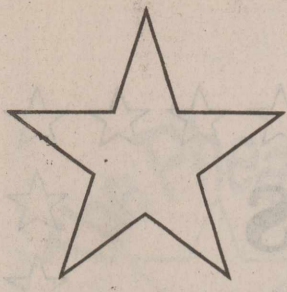
Mary Ann Spurlock and Desinya Garza represented Sherman County in the Junior Casual Daywear and Junior Dressy Daywear construction category.

Mrs. Jean Everett assisted with the Fashion Show by serving as one of the volunteer judges for the event.

The objectives of the 4-H fashion project are for youth to learn construction techniques, comparison shopping and clothing selection skills, fibers, clothing care, interpretation and understanding of style and modeling and presentation skills. Sponsors of the Fashion Show were Borger Chamber of Commerce, District 1 Texas Extension Education Clubs, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The 4-H fashion show addresses Texas Cooperative Extension's goals of developing life skills and leadership qualities.

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ALMOST EVERYTHING MUST GO! A house full of furniture, home decor, and lots of other miscellaneous now until May 19th by 712 N. Pearl anytime after 3:00 p.m. or call 806-753-6523.  
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Small 2 bedroom house, fenced backyard and garage. Call 396-2125.  
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1-28-tfn

For Rent: 605 N. 3rd-2 bdrm-1bath, Laundry room, 1-car detached garage. Storage shed. Call 930-0734.  
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### Help Wanted

Stratford Family Medical Clinic has opening for FT, RN or LVN Basic, as well as advanced trauma care in a rural health care setting. Contact Judy at 396-5583.  
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### Services

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### Wanted to Buy

Wanted to buy-Ford 428 and 427 Irrigation Engines Call 1-785-726-3288.  
5-18-c

### Wanted

Wanted to Rent: Minimum 3 years, 3 bedroom home, 2 children & 2 pets. Will pay well for clean and good repair. Call 366-3606 or 396-5334.  
5-12-p

### Garage Sales

Yard Sale-Sat, May 6th, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 206 S. Pearl. Holiday decorations, headache rack, 4-gal. Air compressor, Pickup bed liner, Assort. Tack and lots of misc.  
5-4-p

Garage Sale: Saturday, May 6th 9 to 1? 312 N. 3rd.  
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### Houses for Sale

For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple. 1404 sq. ft. 3 bdrms, or 2 big bdrms, & office, 1 bath. Large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575.  
4-20-c4x

**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

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: 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

For Sale by Owner. 4/23 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.  
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**NEW LISTING!** Home with lots of storage, built-ins and well maintained! Gas top '00, central heat & air, fireplace, dishwasher, sink, faucet and garbage disposal replaced in '03, roof, '98, also H/A. Covered patio. 10x12 yard barn.  
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**SHOP IN BACKYARD!** Nice 3 bdrm., 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. **Reduced to \$43,000**

**CORNER LOT!** This 4 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced.  
**\$55,000**

**VERY NICE** 3 bdrm., brick Austin Stone house on corner lot with side garage entry. Has flip-out Thermane pane windows, storm cellar, storage building with large fenced backyard, fireplace and large kitchen.  
**\$65,000**

House for sale at 516 N. Chestnut-to be moved (para mover) Call 396-5304 or 753-6294-Se Habla Espanol  
4-27-c2x

House for Sale: 1202 N. 5th, 2418 Sq. ft 4 bdrms, 1 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, office/sewing room, fireplace, fenced backyard. Lot adjacent with house 125' x 300'. Call Gale at 366-2294.  
4-27-tfn

Leisure time is that five or six hours when you sleep at night.  
—George Allen

### To Give Away

To give away, female German Shepherd, very loving and very kind. Has shots. Call Michelle at City Hall 366-5581.  
5-4-c

Without enough sleep, we all become tall 2-year-olds.  
—JoJo Jensen

### Acquisitions...

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### 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 and range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

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

### Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

- Kathie Altman-366-5611
- Paula Everett-966-5445
- Ken Fortman-366-2586
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- Jesse Resendes-366-3134
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**Austin Hotline**  
**1-800-252-5400**  
**ALL CALLS**  
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Nothing cures insomnia like the realization that it's time to get up.  
—Author Unknown

### Wells

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planning.  
Hickman stated that these changes were brought about to better manage the bank's growth. "I have watched our bank grow from a small, \$10 Million bank with six employees to a \$450 Million bank with 200 employees - with twelve offices in eight Texas Panhandle communities, and our GoldStar Trust Co. in Phoenix, AZ. Our stockholders wish for us to continue the expansion, and these management changes will better enable that". "Gary Wells is a Panhandle native who loves this bank as much as I do", Hickman said. "He

is a God-fearing man who has a passion for providing outstanding customer service. Gary has great compassion for his co-workers and he expects the highest standards of excellence in work performance. Gary is the consummate banker. I know he will do us a great job," Hickman added.

Wells stated "I am truly honored and humbled to take this position. I look forward to working with an outstanding group of bankers in the communities we serve. This move will allow Pat to focus on the vision and long-term strategy for our company. He has a wonderful ability to see and seize opportunities for growth and profitability, and I'm excited about the direction he and the Board of Directors will lead us."

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 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 24 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. Happy State Bank also owns a non-depository branch-GoldStar Trust Company in Phoenix, AZ.

### Me, Me, Me

May 23-25

An opportunity performance at the Amarillo Globe News Performing Arts Theatre May 23, 24, 25.

The educational production is geared to children 8 to 12 that also thrills the adults accompanying them. Athletic actors, [acrobatics, juggling, gymnastics] create the story with meaning and emotions while using fun to give young audiences food for thought on the serious issue of exclusion. Students with adult can attend the May 24-25, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. performance for \$2.00 per person. Contact Stratford Middle School, Clint Seward. The Public performance on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. price will be \$8/10/15 purchased through panhandle tickets.com or call 806-378-3096

### Legal Notices

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RALPH H. RENNER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RALPH H. RENNER, were issued on the 11th day of April, 2006 in Cause No. 2109, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, as Joint Independent Executors to:

Beverly K. Johnson  
20552 East CR 160  
Altus, Ok 73521

Theresa Ross  
15166 FM 1290  
Gruver, TX 79040

The attorney representing such Estate is as follows:

William Hunter  
Hunter & Oelke, PC  
507 Denrock Ave.  
P. O. Box 792  
Dalhart, Texas 79022  
Telephone (806) 244-5632  
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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 this the 25th day of April, 2006.

HUNTER & OELKE, PC  
BY: WILLIAM HUNTER  
State Bar Card No. 10304000  
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## Accolade Home Care

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# Health Fair

Thursday, May 18th  
9:00am-2:00pm  
County Barn

Featuring  
**Amarillo Area Breast Coalition Fashion Show**  
12:00-1:00 pm

Screenings for:

- Cholesterol**
- Blood glucose**
- Blood pressure**
- Oxygen saturation**
- Glaucoma**

- Coffee Memorial Blood Mobile
- High Plains Epilepsy Association
- Area Agency on Aging
- Poison Control
- Red Cross
- National Weather service
- American Heart Assoc.
- Vitalert

• Alzheimer's Association STAR Chapter and more area groups

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS

**Basketball All-District Academic**

Brady Bell	Shadley Audrain
Case Crabtree	Allison Baskin
Brant Cummings	Haley Buckles
Daniel Hays	Cassi Garza
Josh Lanning	Merilee McDaniel
Harrison Walden	Yadira Ortega
	Crystal Peregrino
	Katelyn Reed
	Cheyenne Zieman

**Jordan Taylor**  
State Bound  
Lincoln Douglas Debate

**Boys Golf District Champs & 3rd at Regionals**  
Walter Spurlock, Robert Seawright,  
Scott Hudson, Brady Bell,  
Landan Luna

**Basketball All-District**

**Brant Cummings**  
2nd Team

Brady Bell  
Case Crabtree  
Kaleb Horsford  
*Honorable Mention*

Yadira Ortega  
*MVP*

Shadley Audrain  
*Offensive Player*

Allison Baskin  
1st Team

Candie Bell  
2nd Team

Katelyn Reed  
Merilee McDaniel  
Crystal Peregrino  
*Honorable Mention*

**Walter Spurlock**  
State Bound  
Golf

**Area Track Qualifiers**

Case Crabtree  
Craig Kautz  
Scott Hudson  
Alex Martinez  
Pablo Ibarra  
Brant Cummings  
Hunter Buckles  
Nelson Rodriguez  
Rudy Portillo  
Sandro Gomez  
Whitney Garza  
Kristen Crabtree  
Kelsey Stein  
Perla Rueda  
Sinead Everett  
Katelyn Reed  
Krista Reta  
Whitney Reese

**Case & Kristen Crabtree**  
**Whitney Garza**  
State Bound in Track

**Regional Track Qualifiers**

Case Crabtree  
Craig Kautz  
Hunter Buckles  
Nelson Rodriguez  
Rudy Portillo  
Sandro Gomez  
Whitney Garza  
Kristen Crabtree  
Kelsey Stein  
Perla Rueda  
Sinead Everett  
Katelyn Reed  
Krista Reta  
Whitney Reese

**The Big Blue Band**  
Great Year In  
Marching &  
Concert Contest

## Cards of Thanks

It is easy to forget what a wonderful community we live in. Suffering a personal loss gives us a reminder of just how good it is to live here. The response to our family and the respect shown to our Mother has been extremely gratifying. Thank you for sharing memories with us. We learned a great number of things we had never heard before. Those stories are now treasures we would have not had if they had not been shared by you. The visits, calls, cards, food, memorials, flowers and every expression of concern and love you have shown our family have been overwhelming. You have reminded us how important those expressions are in times of loss and crisis that others are having. To Duane Pittman for doing the service, The musicians, Gregg Wright, Sandy Baskin, Mari Howard Engelbrecht, The community choir (The music was terrific). To the church and hostess committee for the family lunch, thanks so much. To the folks at Coldwater Manor who gave Mother wonderful care for five years, You were terrific Thank you for the great service you provide. Dr. Bassett, the care, compassion that you gave Mother was wonderful. To Sheila Audrain, Our families angel, we could not have done it without your help We name these knowing we probably have missed someone, please forgive us if we did. God Bless

Juanita Donelson  
family

To all the Wonderful People of Stratford. We the Tapia Family want to say Thank You for all the prayers and the money ya'll collected for Marisela. It really means so much to us that we live in a community of Stratford, that people still have the time and compassion to help out a special little girl like Marisela. We do very much appreciate for all the support and comfort ya'll showed us. Once again, Thank You. May the Lord bless each every one of ya'll.

Sincerely The Tapia  
Family

**DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS CLEAN UP THANKS**

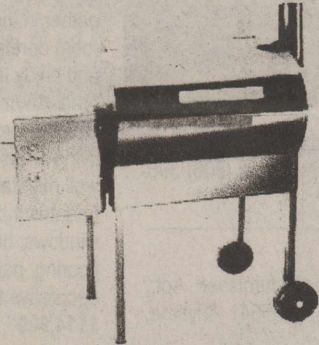
Sherman County 4-H Members picked up Trash at our Adopt A-Highway sight, one mile southwest of Texhoma on Hwy 64. on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Although this windy Saturday did not stop the following 4-H members from picking up trash: Landry Davis, Katelyn Blain, Pete Dahl, Ryan Dahl, Colter Grice, Haeli Grice, Corey Lomax, Jessica Lomax, Garland Dahl, Jewel Grice, Susie Spurlock and Sherman Hammons. We picked up 15 bags of trash in 2 1/2 hours and would not have happened if it was not for your help. Thanks for your help!! Keep Texas litter free and beautiful.

**Coffee Memorial Blood Center and Happy State Bank** would like to thank all the people that supported the blood drive in April at the County Barn. Twenty six units of blood were received and exceed the goals of our community. Your support for the "Gift of Life" is wonderful. Thank you for your continued support.

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Do give books—religious or otherwise—for Christmas. They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal.  
—Lenore Hershey  
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People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.  
—Logan Pearsall Smith  
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**Stratford Youth Baseball**  
Registration Night - Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stratford H.S. Library  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

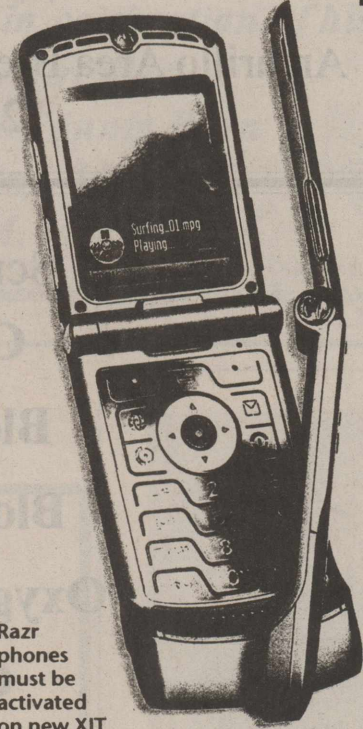
Bring completed registration forms and fees to enroll in summer baseball.



Enter to win \$699 Traeger Grill  
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\$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00  
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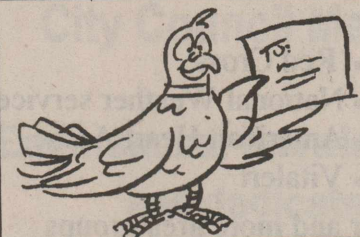
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