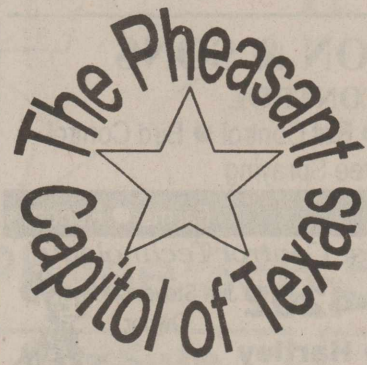


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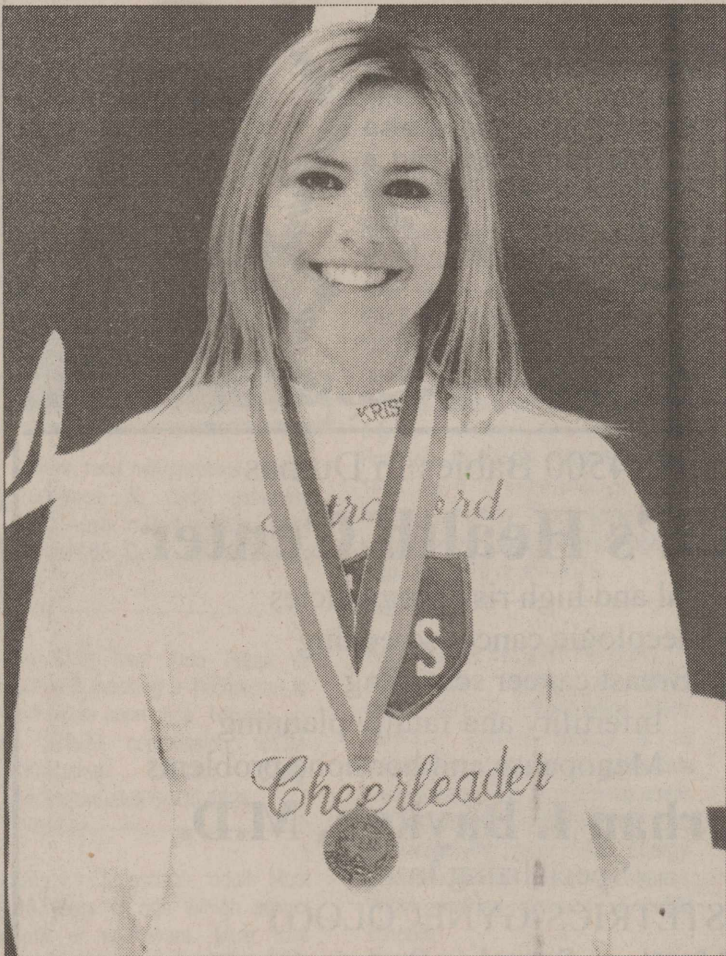
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Crabtree Advances To Regionals!

Kristen Crabtree was the District Runner-up at the 1-2A District Cross Country Meet held at Canadian on Monday, October 23rd. Kristen placed 2nd and will advance to the Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock this Saturday. Kristen will run at 12:00 noon at Mac Simmons Park. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK KRISTEN. The Lady Elks Cross Country Team of Kristen Crabtree, Whitney Reese, Lucero Ortega, Darcy Rosales, MaryLou Maldonado, Yesenia Ibarra and Janette Carrera placed 4th.



Mary Riffe Honored As Lifetime Donor

The Stratford Area Foundation Board of Directors honors Mary Riffe as a LIFETIME DONOR making a significant contribution to complete the challenge grant made by B. A. and LeRayne Donelson



Navajo Code Talker To Address Veterans Assembly

One of the few remaining Navajo Code Talkers of World War II will be the guest speaker Friday, November 10, at Stratford High's Veterans Day program. It is an event that has been a year in planning.

Given a silver Congressional Medal for his service to his country as a Code Talker and the Purple Heart for injuries he suffered in the war, Teddy Draper, Sr; 83, will address the annual assembly.

Mr. Draper comes as the special guest of the high school ESL classes. The ESL classes' association with Mr. Draper began last November. A short story about Code Talkers sparked the classes' interest. As student interest grew, a more extensive study of the Code Talkers followed.

Inspired by their service, students wrote letters of appreciation to the Code Talkers by looking up the addresses of those they could find on the Internet. Then sophomore Yamili Guerra received a reply from Mr. Draper who said that he would be able to come to Stratford to tell more of his work as a Code Talker.



Making Way for New Hotel

Removing the fuel tanks, making way for new hotel corner of Hwy 287 and 54.

With the aid of SHS's Student Council, plans for Mr. Draper's to speak at the Veterans Day program began.

Mr. Draper, who enlisted in the Marines as a sophomore in high school, lives in Canyon Del Muerto, Arizona on the Navajo reservation.

The never-broken secret code used by the Code Talkers was based on the then unwritten and very intricate Navajo language. The Code Talkers' work was a

vital contribution to the successful outcome of World War II.

The Code Talkers were sworn to a code of secrecy following the war. They never broke their allegiance, and thus, were not able to be recognized until the military revealed their service in 1969. Many of the code talkers died before they were able to be recognized and honored for his service to his country as a Code Talker and the Purple Heart for injuries he suffered in the war,

Veteran's Program November 10

Veteran's Day program presented by Stratford High School Student Council will be Friday, November 10, 2006 at the Stratford High School Gym at 10:00 a.m. and will feature guest speaker Navajo Code Talker Teddy Draper, Sr.

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Spaghetti Dinner November 12th

A Spaghetti Dinner by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club to benefit their scholarship fund is planned for Sunday Nov. 12. They will be serving at the Sherman County Barn 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A donation of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 will be appreciated. Take outs will be available.

All you can eat of spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, and a variety of desserts you won't believe!

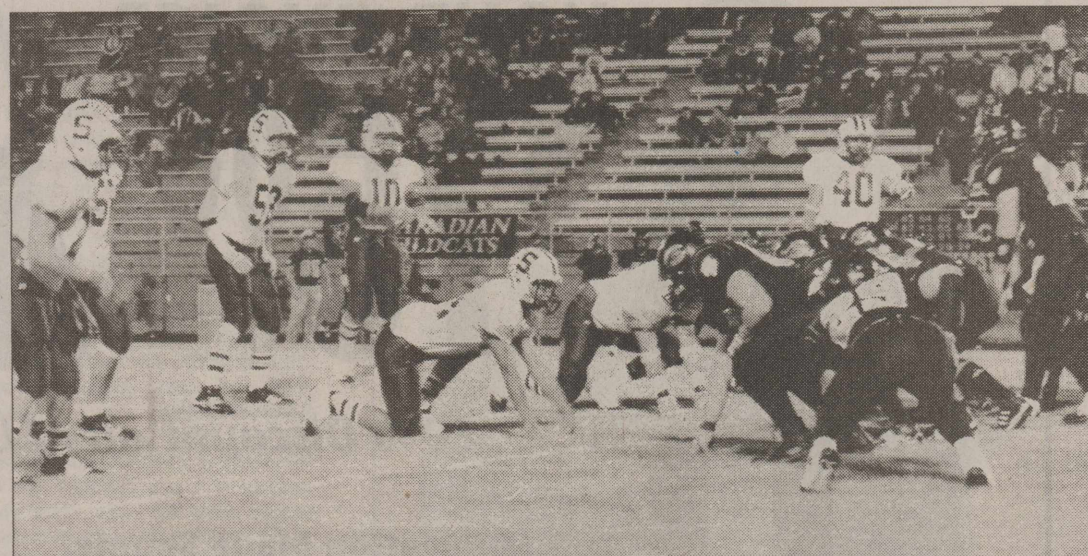
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Elks Tame The Wildcats

The Elks beat Canadian 19-14 on Friday, October 27th to take the lead in District 1-2A.

Angel Tree Application

The Angel Tree Application is available in the school offices, church offices, First State Bank, and Happy State Bank. Applications must be received by November 15, 2006.

Las aplicaciones del Arbol de Angeles estan disponibles en las oficinas de las escuelas, iglesias y en los bancos—First State Bank Happy State Bank. Aplicaciones necesitan ser entregadas antes del 15 de Noviembre.

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Red Hatters to Meet Nov. 2nd

The Red Hatters will meet at First Christian Church on Thursday, November 2 and leave at 5:30 to go eat.

Immunizations

High Country Community RHC, Bruce Schubert PAC/Dr. Randy Herring M.D. at 210 Texas Blvd. at Dalhart has a walk-in immunization every Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. or by appointment. \$10 flat fee for immunizations (not per shot). Medicaid is accepted.

Sherman County Animal Issues Committee to Meet CORRECTION

Sherman County Animal Issues Committee will meet Thursday, November 9, 2006, 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. Committee members will finalize plans and maps for Sherman County at this meeting.

Notice to all the Voters in Precinct 102

If you have voted at the Library in the past we have moved that polling place to Scot Hall for this election and all future elections. County & District Clerk Sherman County, Texas

Penny for Your Thoughts"

The Stratford Education Foundation's "Penny For Your Thoughts" campaign has been a great success so far.

The students in grades P-K through 8th have donated 29,068 pennies. Our goal is 100,000 pennies, so we encourage the kids to keep digging around and bring your pennies to help support your class. Don't forget there will be a nice prize for every kid in the winning grade!!

Elk Jackets

Jr. High cheerleaders will be taking re-orders for jackets. Order forms are available at the school offices if anyone is interested. There is a variety of jackets, wind shirts and wind suits. These range from \$54.95 to \$40.95. The order takes about four weeks. The money made from this project is going toward the purchase of a Stratford Elk sign at the football stadium.

OBITS



JIMMIE PRONGER

STRATFORD — Jimmie Pronger, 85, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, officiating and Steve Baskin, longtime family friend, assisting. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pronger was born May 2, 1921, in Lindale, Smith County, to Henry and Inez Adams Herring. She graduated from Tyler Junior College and Sam Houston State Teachers College. Jimmie taught elementary school in the Tyler area. She married Alfred Pronger Jr. on June 8, 1947, in Tyler. Alfred and Jimmie settled on the Pronger Bros. Ranch in Sherman County, where they have lived for 59 years.

Jimmie was a homemaker and was very active in the community. She was a charter member of the Prospectus Study Club and was a Top of Texas District life member. Jimmie was active in Study Club fundraisers to build a new Sherman County Library and was instrumental in getting SCOT (Sherman County Older Texans) started. She also enjoyed many years in Sherman County Extension Clubs and 4-H work. She was honored both as Clubwoman of the Year and 4H Leader of the year.

Jimmie Pronger was a member of First United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school, vacation Bible school and worked with the youth fellowship groups. She was active in the Women's Society of Christian Service for many years and held several offices. She was an avid supporter of the scouting programs, both for girls and boys. Jimmie was district and neighborhood chairman for Girl Scouts and was a Cub Scout den mother for seven years.

Jimmie was also active in the county historical committee and volunteered at the Sherman County Museum. She helped write "God, Grass and Grit," a history of Sherman County. Jimmie served on the Sherman County Library Board and volunteered with local literacy and pre-school programs. She was known and loved far and wide as "Mimmie" to all of her children and grandchildren and their families and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six sisters; a brother; and a half brother.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jana Pronger of Borger and Jill Killian and husband John of Stratford; three sons, Fred Pronger and wife Marsha and Jeff Pronger, all of Stratford, and David Pronger and wife Karen of Burleson; eight grandchildren, Janell Miller and husband Jason of Aspermont, Patrick Pronger and wife Sarah of Sunray, Katie, Kavan, Blaine and Bryce Killian, all of Stratford, and Caroline and Brent Pronger, both of Burleson; and a great-grandson, Landry Miller of Aspermont.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Sign the online guest book at WWW.MORRISONFUNERALDIRECTORS.COM.

Good Luck Elks

Chamber News

Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us November 29th for our annual Christmas Parade. Come Join us and help us welcome the holidays. Our local merchants will stay open a Little later to kick off the countdown to Christmas. The Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to the office afterwards for some hot chocolate or apple cider. Rumor has it our jolly friend from the NORTH- POLE will be hanging around to take early Christmas wishes! The parade will start around 6:00 P.M. or as soon as It is dark. If you would like to put a float in the parade, please contact the Chamber of Commerce ASAP!

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Texas Cooperative Extension will be celebrating the county Extension agent Centennial November 12th. The theme of the celebration is "From Crops to Communities" as it recognizes 100 years of growing, teaching, and learning.

Cooperative Extension work in Texas is often described as the state's Best Kept Secret. I would like to take this opportunity to share with readers more about Cooperative Extension, what it is, its mission, and what Extension means to Sherman County residents.

What is Cooperative Extension? Cooperative Extension is an organizational entity of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Land-Grant University System (Texas A&M University is the land-grant university for Texas), and local county commissioners court cooperating together under the provisions of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. Extension was created in each state to interpret, disseminate, and promote use of knowledge to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

The Cooperative Extension System is unique in structure and function. It

Wednesday Night Silhouette Fun Match To Start

The Stratford Rifle & Pistol club will start a Wednesday night Silhouette Fun Match, starting November 1, 2006 at 7 p.m., at the Range located at 720 E. Texas.

The club has reduced Targets that can be shot at 50 feet. We will use, NRA Pistol Silhouette Rules with one change, the match will be shot using one hand hold on the pistol, or 2 hand hold if you feel you need it, open sight or scoped sights can be used.

If you have questions about this please call Frank Vaughn at 806-366-5997.

This is one way of getting in some practice with your pistol and have fun at the same time. Come have some fun and fellowship. Bring some friends with you.

consists of county Extension Agents located in 3,000 counties across the United States and Extension specialist at each state's Land-Grant University or regional locations within the state. Local Extension agents draw upon their skills, the expertise of specialists, and the knowledge resources of the Land-Grant University to provide information and educational programs which address local citizens' issues and problems. Extension agents and specialists are also linked in regional and national networks and the USDA. This integration of teaching, research, and public service enables the Cooperative Extension System to respond to critical, emerging issues with research-based information. Extension has a history of

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SHS GT Juniors & Seniors Attend a Field Trip

On October 24, 2006, Mrs. Carla Griffin took the SHS GT juniors and seniors on a field trip to the WTAMU Campus for a seminar on free enterprise. They listened to presentations from International Students from Indonesia, Bolivia, and Japan, took a quick tour of the WTAMU campus, and then did a hands-on activity concerning international trade. Students who attended were Tiffni Drake, Evan Haile, Rustin Russell, Jordan Confer, and Michael Frizzell.

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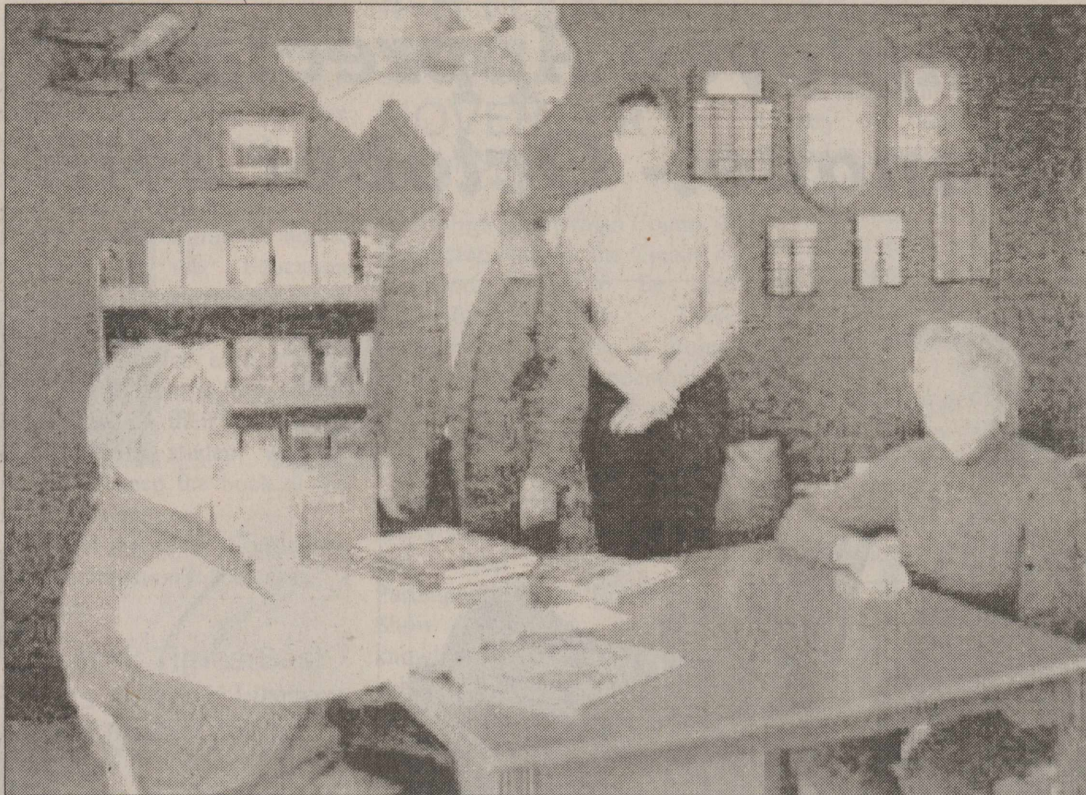
By Marylou McDaniel

Dennis & Thersa Weber of Sheridan Lake, CO., were overnight guests of Bill & Pat Boren Oct. 27. They went to Dalhart for their first time. Locally they toured Hampton's locker plant and set up.

Saturday Terry & Barbara Schoonover took grandsons Reed & Rett to Gander Mountain Sporting Store. Sunday Terry & Barbara visited his mother Eula Faye Lewis at Elkhart.

Supper and Canasta was at Bill & Donna Gillenwaters Saturday night. Enjoying the evening were Bud & Frankie Shields, Rolene Arkon and Jo June McDaniel.

Jo June McDaniel had a houseful of company over the weekend. Son John brought home some friend truck drivers who were broke down in Amarillo. They were Kevin & Nicole Dubage of Fernley, Utah. Also visiting was Betty Fry of Texhoma.



Book Signing Held October 24th

Meriwyn Webb, author, book signing for "Romancing the Panhandle-An Affair to Remember" at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, October 24. L/R Meriwyn Webb, Kay Aston, Deanna Mungia, Ann Wells. Books and Order forms available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

4-H Food Show November 6th

By Susie Spurlock

The county 4-H Food Show will be Monday, November 6 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Judging of youth will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the public viewing and awards program at 7:00 p.m.

Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice.

4-H members will be entering competition dishes in one of the following four areas: Main Dish, Fruits and Vegetables, Breads and Cereals, and Nutritious Snacks. First place winners in each age division will advance to the District 4-H Food Show scheduled for December 2 in Amarillo.

Volunteer leaders working with youth are Laurie Spurlock, Mary Ann Ely, Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, and Jill Killian.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, Moore's Food Pride, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



"Cream the Wildcat Contest"

At the Jr. High Pep Rally held on Thursday, October 26th Trevor Christian won the chance to throw a pie at Coach David Sutterfield. The Junior High Cheerleaders had a fundraiser to raise money for a Elk Spirit Football Sign and jars were put out and Coach Sutterfield had the most money in his jar. Congratulations Trevor!

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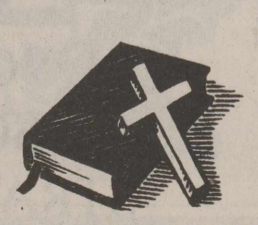
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Superintendent Tim Gilliland presents Linda Swain with a Kenneth Wyatt Print (Country Morning). She has been teaching 35 years.



Teri Teig received her 25 years of service award from Superintendent Tim Gilliland



Mary Pat Williams was presented her award by Superintendent Tim Gilliland for her 30 years of service to SISD.



Receiving 15 years of service were Valda Burkhalter, Susan Wheeler and Gail Hunsaker.



20 years were Brenda Brownlee, Mike Brownlee, Barbara Haile and Mark Keener.



10 years were Shanda Davis and Verlie Norris.

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responding to people's needs by providing educational programs and activities at the local level which address the nation's most important problems and issues. Programs are available for residents of all ages. The most recognized program of the system is the 4-H and Youth development component.

Adult educational programming and activities in the subject matter of agriculture and natural resources have assisted Sherman County in becoming one of the top production agriculture counties in the state. Water use and conservation, controlling escalating production cost, alternative crop production, and strategies for marketing of commodities issues have been addressed utilizing the resources available through Extension.

In addition, Extension is responsible for gathering data for the Weekly Crop/Weather Report and the annual Ag Increment Report. Weekly Crop/Weather Reports are compiled by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service from reports sent weekly by county Extension agents - Agriculture and are sent across the country where they are used by marketing analysts, politicians, commodity and other groups to make predictions and decisions involving agriculture. The annual Ag Increment report is key information used by legislators and some local appraisal districts to determine the value of agriculture and value-added agriculture. This information is often shared in agribusiness publications utilized by commodity groups, businesses, Chamber of Commerce and economic development groups in the High Plains area.

Addressing contemporary issues such as agro-terrorism and homeland security; preventing childhood obesity; diet and health issues reflect the changing needs of our nation. This year, Extension collaborated with the County Emergency Management Coordinator to establish the Animal Issues Committee. This group has developed a list of resources that will be important in case of any natural or man-made disaster that involves animals. This resource list is a part of the County Emergency Plan.

Youth and families continue to improve the quality of their lives through knowledge and skills gained in the subject areas of health, nutrition, and safety, and personal and leadership development.

Encouraging youth to continue their formal education beyond high school, 4-H members have opportunities to apply for scholarships on the local, district, and state level. Since 1986, Sherman County 4-H has awarded \$23,500 in scholarships to 21 county Gold Star Recipients. In addition,



5 years were Lorenza Guerra, June Palmer, Jeanie Sikora, Lanette Nordyke, Daina Butler, and Kendra Mungia. Not pictured Dusty and Shannon Stewart.

four members have been awarded \$15,000 in scholarships on the district and state levels.

Over the past two years, the elderly population of Sherman County learned skills and knowledge that will allow them to live independently and make educated decisions regarding their future health care and housing needs as a result of Extension programs. These programs have been offered in collaboration with Sherman County Older Texans and Texhoma Keenagers.

While the nation's and our county's needs change, Extension has grown and evolved to address them. As a unique achievement in American education, the Cooperative Extension System continues its longstanding tradition of "extending the university to the people" to improve the quality of life for individuals, families and youth, agricultural producers, businesses, and communities.

Help celebrate the Centennial of the County Extension Agent by sharing with your elected county commissioners court the value and importance of having local resident educators of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service serving your county.

Sincerely,
Susie Spurlock
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Superintendent Tim Gilliland presents Gared McBryde his plaque for serving as a Board of Trustee member from 2000-2006.

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Guess what? Friday, Nov. 3, is the end of the second six weeks! Report cards will go out next Wednesday.

Junior High cheerleaders will be taking reorders for jackets. The money for this project is going toward the purchase of a Stratford Elk sign at the football stadium. If you are interested, please call the junior high office. Read more about this elsewhere in this paper.

5th and 6th grade classes are working hard for the UIL Number Sense teams. There are 3 students and an alternate for each grade level. They will compete against the other schools in our district in Canadian on Nov. 13th. This is a ten minute contest in which the student can only write down the answer—no working allowed, no erasing allowed, and no skipping of problems allowed. The students have learned many "tricks" to help them in this contest. We hope to bring back ribbons for Stratford!

Fifth and sixth graders have been busy working on Social Studies UIL contests. Maybe you have seen some answer sheets with 75 blanks and scores of negative or positive numbers. Don't panic. These grades are adjusted before going into the grade book because the tests are timed and they are difficult. I'm really proud of the students' ability to quickly locate information using maps-graphs-charts and Atlases. One contest is recalling facts. So if you are worried about the score, use this example: grades of +80 are recorded as 100, scores in the +60's are recorded as 90, scores in the +20's/30's are recorded as 75. Even a score of zero is recorded as 70 and negative scores are recorded as 65 or 68 depending on number of correct responses. So hopefully this eliminates some of the worry when you see your student's papers.

Fifth graders are still working on the first 15 states-capital-abbreviations-locations. They must be spelled and capitalized correctly too. Soon we will add to our list. We've been learning about the exploration of the New World in our book and the old, orange Great Names book too.

Sixth graders are studying North Africa and Southwest Asia (the Middle East) and we have map skills, too. Be sure your student is studying spellings and locations of countries for 6th grade.

The 7th, 8th, and JV football teams will play at West Texas beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. Kristen Crabtree will leave on Friday to compete in the Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock. Kristen is scheduled to run at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Go, Kristen! This week's pep rally will begin at 3:10 p.m. and the Elk Varsity football team will play West Texas High here beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday. This is the last home football game for this year. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday. Be sure to attend all the festivities. The seniors and their parents and teachers have been working long and hard to get everything ready. See you there!

The third grade students had the opportunity to design a cover for the Mary Allen Campus Plan. All students participated and the SBDM committee chose the winners. There were two first place winners were AJ Riffe and Tanner Stone. These two will have their designs on the cover of the plan for 2006-2007. Honorable mention winners were Lindy Paris, Wes Allen, Victor Aragon, Tyler Deanda, Shay Potter, Holton Butler and Branson Palmer. All the cover designs will be displayed in the hall at MAE for all to view.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, Nov. 10 to come to the gym for our Veterans' Day program. A Navajo Code Talker will be our guest speaker as the result of an invitation from Mrs. Carthel and her ESL classes. An article in today's paper gives more details.

Mrs. Kaci McBryde's high school Reading I and II classes are reading a book called Meg by

Steve Alten. The books were awarded to the classes through a grant by the Stratford Education Foundation. The students will email the author while they are reading the book with their questions or comments, and the author promises to respond back to each student within 24 hours. Because of the Education Foundation's generosity, Mrs. McBryde was able to obtain a personal copy for each student which allows them to highlight or take notes in their books. In addition, each student will be allowed to keep the book at the end of the semester.

Quote of the week: "Confidence is the companion of success." - Unknown

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library

By Sandy Baskin, Librarian

Fiction

1. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
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14. Morrigan's Cross by Nora Roberts
15. 6 Rainer Driver by Debbie Macomber

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 5. Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides
 6. The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
 7. The Confident Woman by Joyce Meyer
 8. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki
 9. 365: No Repeats by Rachel Ray
 10. Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns
 11. In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
 12. A Child Called "It" by Dave Pelzer
 13. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
 14. Guns, Germs, and Steel by Jared Diamond
 15. Our Endangered Values by Jimmy Carter
- To check the availability of these items go to www.hlc-lib.org/stratford/index.html. Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers during Ralph's illness and thank you for the cards, visits, the food and the flowers and memorials and especially your prayers since his passing. God Bless each of you.

Minnie Hampton
Nora, Mike & Parker Wells
Ralph James Hampton
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Coldwater Manor Activity Director
JoAnn Cobos and Janice Vaughn would like to thank all the volunteers and staff that helped with our Halloween Carnival. Thank you for the cakes and baked good and we appreciate all your help.

4-H FOOD SHOW NOVEMBER 6

By Susie Spurlock

Members of Sherman County 4-H are preparing for the County 4-H Food Show to be held November 6, 2006. These members are meeting in project groups under the leadership of volunteers dedicated to assisting youth in learning life skills.

Youth are learning nutrition knowledge, food preparation and safety skills, social role of foods, and food buying skills. Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice. **Members are reminded that Entry Forms and recipes are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2006.** Entries should be returned to the County Extension Office located at the Courthouse in Stratford.

Volunteer project leaders are Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Lorie Vincent, and Jennie Spurlock.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Stratford Grain Company, Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Safety

(NU) - The National Concrete Masonry Association has released a publication titled "Storm Resistant Concrete Masonry Homes and Buildings." It is available to builders, architects and code officials as well as members of the public and is being used in seminars in areas of the nation where high winds are typical. NCMA's new publication discusses the devastating storms of recent past and provides details for proper construction to avoid or lessen storm damage. To learn more, contact the NCMA at 703-713-1900 or send an e-mail to ncma@ncma.org.

Scholastic Book Fair Coming Soon

The Sherman County Public Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair on the following dates: Friday, Nov. 3rd - 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 4th - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 6th - 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 7th - 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 8th 10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun and get a jump start on your holiday shopping by purchasing books for that special child or adult on your Christmas list. For additional information contact Sandy at 366-2200.

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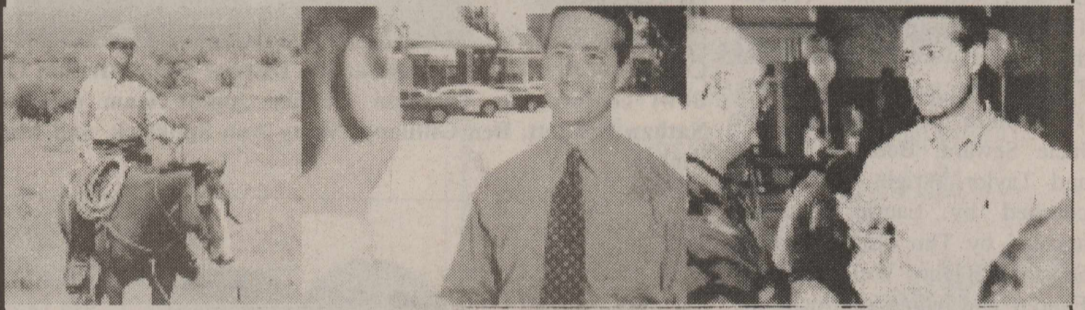
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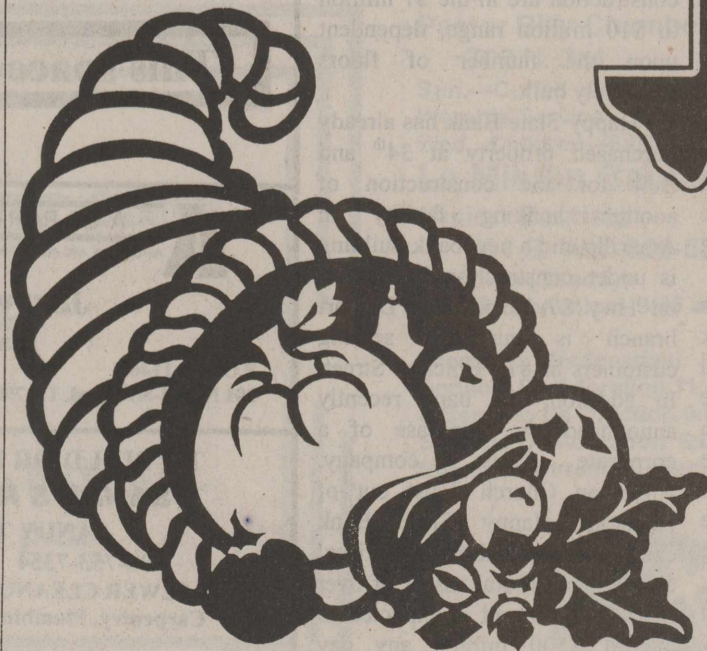
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Sherman County 4-H Take Top Honors

By Susie Spurlock

More than 80 youth competed in the Panhandle District Nutrition Quiz Bowl held Friday, October 13 on the campus of Frank Phillips College in Borger. Eighteen members of Sherman County 4-H participated in the contest and took top placing honors.

Twenty-one teams of youth ages 8-18 squared off to answer questions based on a variety of subjects, including: basic nutrition, food preparation skills and storage, nutrition and health, consumer information and kitchen safety.

Sherman County was represented by three junior teams, one intermediate team, and one senior team.

In the Junior competition (ages 8-10 years) Sherman County captured first, second, and third places. The first place team members were Mary Ann Spurlock, Ben Gilliland, Nathan Bennett, and Mazie Vincent. Team members placing second in the contest were Desinya Garza, Tyler Rouse, and Landry Davis. Third place team members were Jacie Seward, Bethany Everett, and Taylor Wright. They were coached by Laurie Spurlock, assisted by Tim Gilliland, Glint Seward, B'lynn Weldon, Paula Everett, and Jennie Spurlock.

The intermediate team took 1st place in the contest. Intermediate (ages

11-13) team members were Rhyan Burton, Ransom Lermon, Shyanne Acker, and Rowdy Lermon. Coaches for the teams were Connie Burton and Brenda Acker. This was the fourth **Navajo Code**

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Teddy Draper, Sr, 83, will address the annual assembly.

Mr. Draper comes as the special guest of the high school ESL classes. The ESL classes association with Mr. Draper began last November. A short story about Code Talkers sparked the classes' interest. As student interest grew, a more extensive study of the Code Talkers followed.

Inspired by their service, students wrote letters of appreciation to the Code Talkers by looking up the addresses of those they could find on the Internet.

Then sophomore Yamili Guerra received a reply from Mr. Draper who said that he would be able to come to Stratford to tell more of his work as a Code Talker.

With the aid of SHS's Student Council, plans for Mr. Draper's to speak at the Veterans Day program began. Mr. Draper, who enlisted in the Marines as a sophomore in high school, lives in Canyon Del Muerto, Arizona on the Navajo reservation. The never-broken secret code used by the Code Talkers was based on the then unwritten and very intricate Navajo language. The Code Talkers' work was a vital contribution to the successful outcome of World War II.

The Code Talkers were sworn to a code of secrecy following the war. They never broke their allegiance, and thus, were not able to be recognized until the military revealed their service in 1969. Many of the code talkers died before they were able to be recognized and honored

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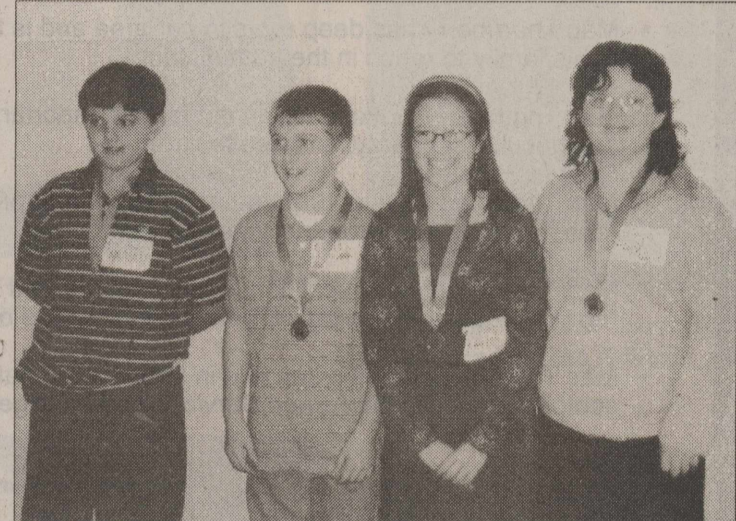
Noviembre. Aplicaciones de ben ser entregadas a la oficina de Primera Iglesia Christiana o First State Bank. Las familias que sean aprobados seran notificados por correo. La lista de cada niño o niña sera imprimida en una figura de angel y colgada en un arbol especial que decorara el pasio de First State Bank despues del Dia de Accion de Gracias. Los angeles son escogidos por miembros de las comunidad por individuos o grupos, como negocios, grupos de iglesia, o organizaciones civiles. La persona o grupo que adopte el angel comprara los regalos Navideños, envuelvelos los regalos y los traia a First State Bank para ser surtidos y entregados por los ayudantes del Arbol de Angeles. Gracias a todos quienes adoptaron un angel en 2005 y ayudaron mejorar la Navididad de muchos niños! Vamos a reunirnos todos ara ser una maravillosa Navidad 2006 para los niños de nuestra comunidad. No se olvide—todas aplicaciones necesitan ser entregadas antes del 15 de Noviembre. Si tienen preguntas, por favor hablen con First State Bank, 396-5521.

consecutive year Sherman County has won the intermediate contest.

Senior 4-H members took 2nd place at the contest and qualify for state competition to be held during Texas 4-H Roundup in June. Senior members (ages 14 - 19) were Eric Burton, Jennie Spurlock, Brooke Barnard, and Sunny Russell. Katie Killian was alternate to the team coached by Connie Burton and Cindy Russell.

Sponsors of the contest were Arrowhead Mills, Texas Wheat Producers, and Texas Cooperative Extension. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Congratulations to all Sherman County 4-H team members and their coaches.



Capturing first place honors at the District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest was Sherman County Junior team members' Nathan Bennett, Ben Gilliland, Mary Ann Spurlock, and Mazie Vincent.



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Hickman said. "We opened our office downtown just two years ago, and it is already our third largest branch. We have no doubt, that with the construction of this new building, Happy State Bank will be even more involved with the financial dealings of Amarillo and the area as a whole".

Kerry Adair is President of the Downtown Amarillo Steven Bowen is Senior Vice President along side Marianne McCoy Curtis, Vice President.

Adair stated that "Happy State Bank is investing in the heart of Amarillo. We take great pride in this significant step toward the revitalization of downtown Amarillo. This building will represent the pride and tradition of the people of the entire panhandle. It's good to see that local, home-owned banking still exists and thrives today". It is anticipated that the building will be at least seven stories tall, each floor comprising approximately 8,000 square feet. The Architecture will be consistent with all other Happy State Bank offices. Architectural design work should take six to nine months and Construction will take approximately two years. While the bank has no tenant leases inked, it is already talking with several companies and firms regarding their occupancy of the building. The bank hopes to move into the new facility in latter 2008 in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. The new office will also house drive up banking facilities.

"With all of our facilities, it's the people that make the brick and mortar a success. Kerry and his staff are no exception. We are always looking for better ways to serve our customers and we are very excited about downtown Amarillo. This building will be an Amarillo landmark for years to come due to its location, architectural design and outstanding staff," states Gary Wells, president of the bank.

District Nutrition Quiz Bowl



Winning first place at the contest was the Sherman County Intermediate team. Team members were Rhyan Burton, Ransom Lermon, Shyanne Acker, and Rowdy Lermon.



Placing second at in the Junior division at the District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest was Sherman County 4-H members, Landry Davis, Tyler Rouse, and Desinya Garza.



Qualifying for state Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest at Texas 4-H Roundup by placing second at the District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest are Sherman County 4-H members Brooke Barnard, Alternate Katie Killian, Jennie Spurlock, Sunny Russell & Eric Burton.

Congratulations!

Sherman County 4-H members Jacie Seward, Bethany Everett, and Taylor Wright placed third at the District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest held October 13 in Borger.

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Elks 3-0 In District Play

The Stratford Elks defeated Canadian 19-14 to capture the lead in District 1-2A. The Elks are now 3-0 in District and will face West Texas here on Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Hunter Buckles completed 3 of 8 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown. Scott Hudson led the Elks in receptions with 3 for 125 yards and one touchdown. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 150 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown followed by Jonathan Licon with 53 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown. Martin Beltran completed one PAT for the Elks.

James Smith led the Elks on defense with 11 tackles followed by Jeffrey Frizzell and Steven Rueda with 7 tackles each. Scott Hudson had one interception, caused two fumbles and recovered one for the Elks on defense. Pablo Ibarra also picked off one. Julio Ramirez had 2 quarterback sacks for the night and Sandro Gomez had 1. Also contributing to the Elks tough defense were Jonathan Licon, Craig Kautz, Martin Beltran, Brant Cummings, Brent Reed, Daniel Nusz and Joey Reta.

Players of the Week:
Offensive Back - Craig Kautz;
Offensive Line - Brent Reed;
Defensive Back - Scott Hudson
and Defensive Line - James Smith.

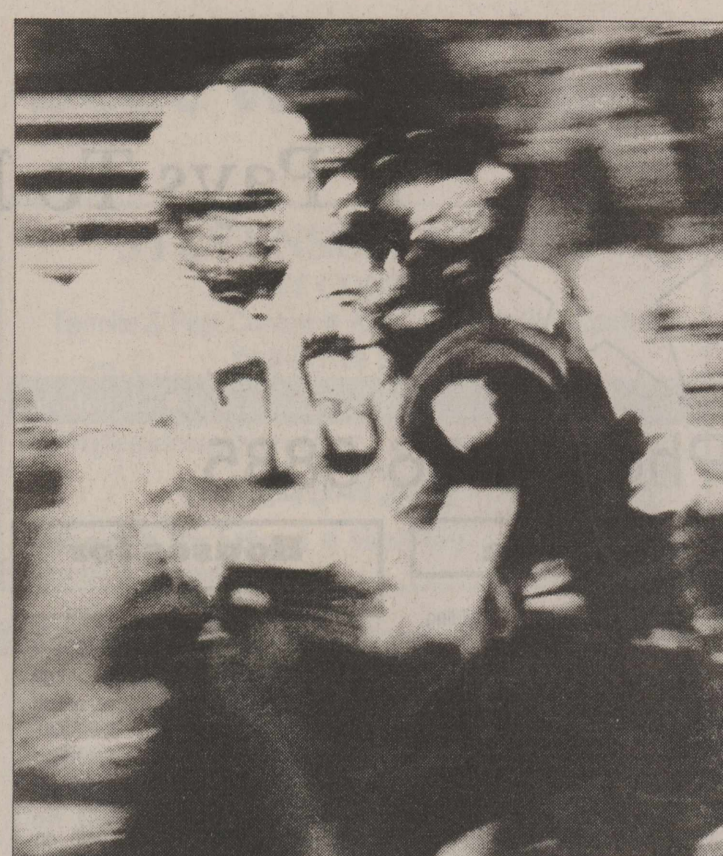
Go Elks - Beat West Texas!!!!



Harrison Walden gave the Pep Talk on Friday, October 27th.



Stratford Elk #12 Craig Kautz carries the ball for the Elks against Canadian.



Stratford Elk #76 Sandro Gomez.

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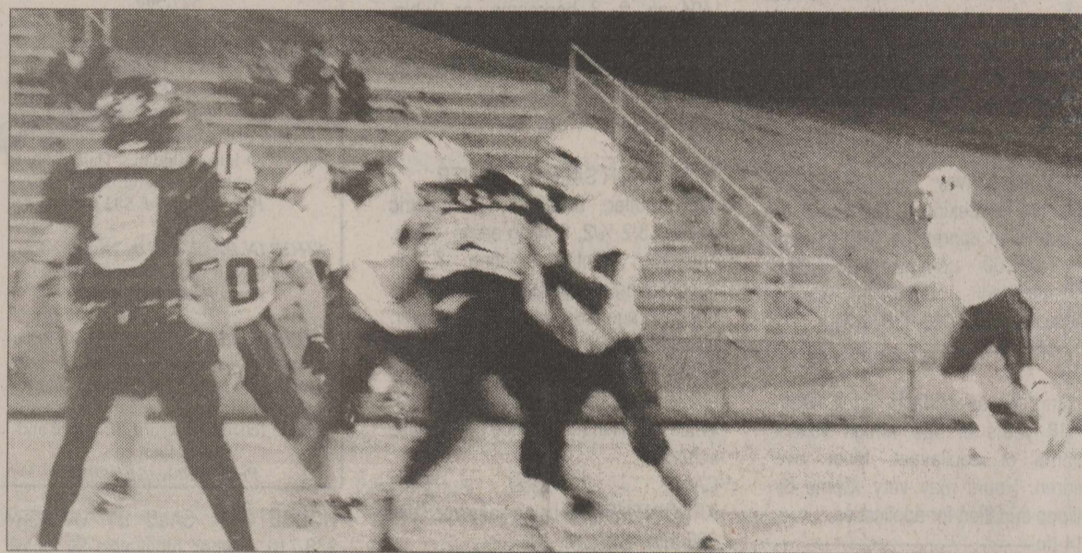
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Good Luck Elks



The Elks on offense against Canadian.

Good Luck Elks

Gifted and Talented Program Nominations

The nomination period begins on November the 1st and will end on November the 13th. Referral packets may be obtained from any of the campus G/T Coordinators. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm in the High School Library. Nominations are accepted from parents, teachers, and other staff and community members. Students (grades K - 12) who have not been identified for services in the gifted and talented program are eligible for nomination once a year. G/T testing will begin on Wednesday November 15th and eligibility placement meetings will be held on Monday, December 18th.

Contact Information:
Jessica Sutterfield- SISD G/T Coordinator (366-3324)
Daina Butler - Mary Allen G/T Coordinator (366-3340)
Barbara Haile - Junior High School G/T Coordinator (366-3320)
Carla Griffin-High School G/T Coordinator (366-3330)

Dotado y Talentoso Nombramientos

El periodo del nombramiento comienza el 1 de noviembre y terminara el 13 de noviembre. Los paquetes de la remision se pueden obtener de cualesquiera de los coordinadores del campus G/T. Habra una reunion informativa para todos los padres de noviembre el 7 de 2006 en 7:00 pm en el High School Library. Los nombramientos se aceptan de padres, de profesores, y de otros miembros del personal y de la Comunidad. Los estudiantes (grado K - 12) que no

se han identificado para los servicios en el programa dotado y talentoso son elegibles para el nombramiento una vez al ano.

Information Del Contacto:
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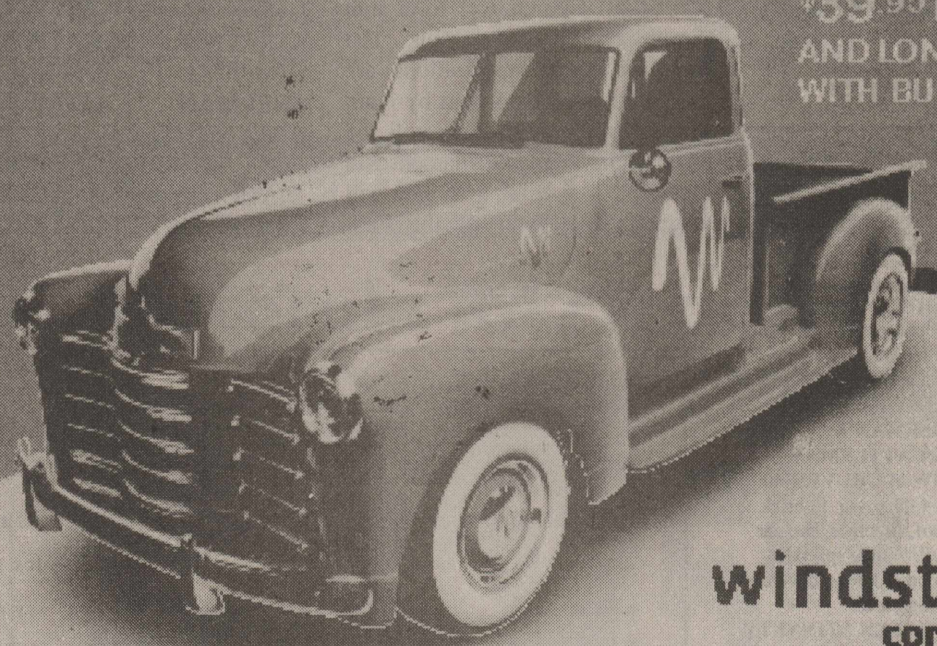
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