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SOMETHING NEW at the STOCK SHOW - SENIOR CITIZEN PIG SHOW
Pay \$10.00 to have your favorite (or not) person show at the Sherman County Stock Show Pig Show. If you are chosen and paid for to show, you can get out of showing by paying \$10.00. Animals will be furnished by the Sherman County youth. All proceeds will go to the stock show. Anyone out of high school will be eligible to participate.

2012 Census of AG Coming Soon

By Brad Easterling

Many of you already know the drill by now, every five years USDA sends out a census to all agricultural producers in the State of Texas in order to collect information pertaining to acres planted to various crops, value of those crops, numbers of cattle run, value of cattle, fruit and nut trees, grass, wildlife, etc... This is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who run them. Everyone must turn in this census regardless of the size of your operation. No farm or ranch is too small or too large to count into the census. If you receive a form and you are not involved in agriculture just return the form with a note of explanation. The due date for returning your census is February 4, 2013.

The information collected in the census is used for community development planning, budget allocations for research, market development and rural development. It is also used in decisions affecting locations of new businesses, farm succession planning, and decisions affecting farm and rural policies. So as you can see, the information that you send in is very useful and will be used. Your information will be kept private and confidential. You will be provided with access to the census results in summary reports.

Golden Nail Nominations Requested by February 4, 2013

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 12 city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 2012.

The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce honoring individuals, businesses and foundations that contributed to the fine arts in the area. The Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations by February 4, 2013 in the following categories: Individual, Business, Foundations, Distinguished Volunteer and Distinguished Young Volunteer.

Nominations forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office or from the area representative, Gaynelle Riffe, 396-5303. For more information, contact Becky Zenor ACC at 806-342-2010.

Notice of Availability of Electronic communications

Under a new law, chief appraisers, appraisal district's and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing. The Chief Appraiser has the discretion to offer this type of communication. At this time Sherman County Appraisal District will not be offering agreements to send or receive notices electronically for the 2013 tax year. If you have any questions, contact the District at 402 N. 3rd or PO Box 239, Stratford, TX 79084

2013 Tree Sale

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at shermawcd@xit.net.

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

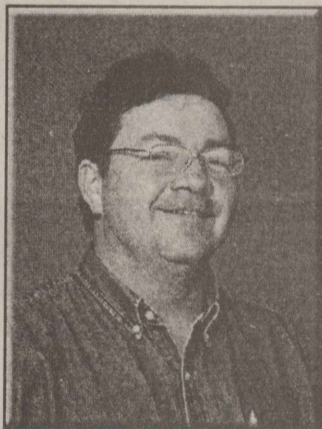
Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.



Grayson Gonzalez Signs letter of intent

Grayson Gonzalez signed an athletic letter of intent with York College on Monday, January 14th in York, Nebraska. Grayson will be running cross country and track for York College beginning the fall semester of 2013.

Pictured are DeWain, Lilia & Suzanne Trayler, Grayson Gonzalez and York College Coach Justin Carver. Congratulations Grayson. Stratford is proud of you.



TxDOT names new Maintenance Supervisor for Sherman County

AMARILLO - Jerry Ewers has been named the Maintenance Supervisor at the Sherman County/Stratford Maintenance Section for the Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). As Maintenance Supervisor, Jerry is in charge of all day-to-day maintenance operations for the section, including roadway repairs, sign placement and snow removal efforts.

Jerry previously was a Stratford Section Crew Chief. He has worked 1 & 1/2 years. Before coming to TxDOT Jerry worked in the automotive and industrial parts and repair industry.

Jerry calls Stratford his hometown. He is married and the couple has five children and five grandchildren.

Red hat society will meet Thursday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m. at Ol' Biddy Café.

Imagine That at The Imagination Station

What is Happening??

Preparing for "On the Farm" week of the young child in April featuring "Down On The Farm" fund raising dinner, Saturday, Feb. 2 (Ground Hog Day). Tickets on sale \$25.00 per person to include hors d'oeuvres, country dinner, special dessert and Fun Entertainment.

Other Happenings: Girl Scout meetings and cookie sales; Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in March; Week of Young Child, April; Minnow of a Sale in June; Summer Main Street Fun; Drama Camp, July; Ex-Students and Jamboree July 27; The Imagination Station largest funding is from donations and the Minnow and Whale of a Sale. The Imagination Station is accepting items for these sales.

The Imagination Station is grateful for the end of the year donations as it will certainly help keep the lights on. Come have some fun "Down on the Farm" for dinner, Saturday, Feb. 2.

From the desk of your Sheriff: Joe "Chief" Powell

This past week, we have come a long way on the new "booking area." We have also installed a window for the public to access dispatch without having to enter any secured or restricted areas. The window, besides being a safety feature, is a great looking addition to the lobby and might I add; All parts and labor were donated to the Sheriff's Office and therefore, totally free of charge.

I would like to thank each of you who have followed my weekly articles over the past 2 1/2 years since my appointment as Chief of Police here in Stratford. Unfortunately, with the demands of my new position, along with the many exciting plans we have for the Sheriff's Office, I have made the tough decision to revert to a monthly article. (This will be at the end of each month)

I believe it is imperative that you have an open line of communication with your Sheriff and that you are kept up to speed on important issues. I will try to make these monthly articles a bit more informative as to cover the important points of the month prior.

I want to applaud the current dispatch and deputy team that is in place here. So far, it has been a pleasure working with all of them and I look forward to many years ahead. I am proud to serve as your Sheriff..... Thank You for the opportunity.

Your Sheriff: Joe "Chief" Powell

Jail Status: WE HAVE VACANCIES.....

DEADLINE FOR 2012 TAX PAYMENT

To avoid penalties and interest, pay by January 31, 2013;

Taxes on real property, personal property, and businesses must be paid by January 31, 2013 to avoid late fees and penalties.

Penalty and interest begin at seven percent on February 1 and increase two percent per month until July when the penalty and interest reach 18 percent. On July 1 a collection penalty of 20 percent is added and the interest continues to accrue at an additional one percent per month.

Pay promptly to avoid penalties for late payment. If you are unable to pay the full amount by January 31, pay as much as possible. We accept installment payments. Payment may be made with cash, check, money order, credit card or debit card. There is a fee for using a credit or debit card.

The Sherman County Appraisal District mails a consolidated tax bill each September showing the amount of taxes owed to each taxing entity, such as cities, schools and special districts. Payments can be made at the Sherman County Appraisal District office at 402 N 3rd in Stratford. The Sherman County Tax Office mails the county tax bill at the same time. County payments can be made at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Under state law even if you don't get a statement you are still responsible for paying your property tax. If you have not received a tax bill, please contact our office (806-366-5566) to make sure that we have your correct billing address.

OBITUARIES



Lucille Ellen Hills
June 18, 1927- January 17, 2013

Lucille Hills, 85 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2013. Services were held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Rev. Jim Smith, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Park Cemetery in Dalhart. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Lucille was born on June 18, 1927 to George and Elva (Krieger) Gammond in Fondulac, WI. After living in Gallop, NM for 32 years she moved to Stratford and was there for 28 years until her passing. She was united in marriage to A.C. Hills on July 25, 1946 in Dalhart.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister-in-law: Ruth Naugle and brother-in-law: Ike Hills.

She is survived by two sons: Clay and Mike Hills both of Stratford; three granddaughters; two great grandchildren

The family suggest memorials be made to the Methodist Church Youth Organization, 520 N Main, Stratford, TX 79084.

We may notice amazing details during the course of a day, but we rarely let ourselves stop and really pay attention. An author makes you notice, makes you pay attention, and this is a great gift.

—Anne Lamott

Everything in creation has its appointed painter or poet and remains in bondage like the princess in the fairy tale 'til its appropriate liberator comes to set it free.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The future is called "perhaps," which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you.

—Tennessee Williams

To the outside world we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were. We know each other's hearts. We live outside the touch of time.

—Clara Ortega

Living through Sandy: Tips from a Survivor

One man's perspective on what being prepared really means

By: Frantz Ostmann, Saturday November 17, 2012

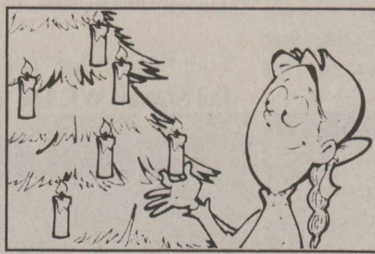
I received this article via email. It makes for interesting reading. Look at your own disaster preparations and see what you need to do to improve on what you've already done. If you haven't done anything, please see Tip # 3!

Margaret Ewers

Sherman County Office of Emergency Management

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1. The excitement and coolness of the disaster wears off around day 3.
2. You are never really prepared to go days without power, water, etc. Never!
3. Yes, it can happen to you.
4. Just because your generator runs like a top, does not mean its producing electricity.
5. In an emergency men stock up on food. Women stock up on toilet paper!
6. Most people don't have any emergency supplies in storage. They run to Walmart or the grocery store to get water, batteries, and a box of poparts and then they fill their tub with water. That's about it.
7. If you don't have water stored up you are in trouble.
 - A couple of cases of bottled water is NOT water storage.
 - Be prepared! Stored water can taste nasty and kids don't like having to wash their face in cold water!
8. You should have as much fuel as water. Propane, gas, kerosene, firewood, fire starter (kindling, paper, etc.)
9. It takes a lot of firewood to keep a fire going all day and into the evening for heat.
10. Even the smallest thing that you get from the store should be stocked up. Spark plugs for the generator, BBQ lighter, etc.
11. You can never have enough matches.
12. You eat a lot more food when you are cold.
13. You'll need more food than you think if your kids are out of school for two weeks.
14. All of the food storage in the world means nothing if your kids won't eat it.
15. You might be prepared to take care of your kids and their needs but what about the neighborhood children who show up at your door?
16. You really don't want to be the "unprepared parent". The kids will turn on you pretty quick!
17. Although neighbors can be a great resource, they can also be a huge drain on your emergency supplies. You need to know how you are going to handle that. It's easy to be Bob the guy who shares on Day 1, not so easy on Day 3. Just reality speaking.
18. Think of things for your comfort, your escape. A cup of hot chocolate, a glass of milk, a ding dong before bed, etc. Stock up on those things too. You'll need comfort after day 3.
19. Your town, no matter the size is entirely dependent on outside sources for everything. If supply trucks stop rolling due to gas shortages, road damage, or anything else, you could be without for a long time.
20. It is surprising how quickly normal social behavior goes out the window. I'm not talking about someone cutting in line at the grocery store.
21. Three people were killed at a gas station within 50 miles of my home. I didn't say 3 fights broke out, 3 people were killed!
22. Cash is king. All that money in your savings account means nothing. All the money you've ever made means nothing if your children are hungry and cold.
23. Your 1972 Honda Civic gets to the grocery store as well as your 2012 Escalade... but the Honda allows money left over for food, heat, water, firewood, a backup water pump ... you get the idea!
24. A woman who can cook a fine meal by candle light over the BBQ or open fire is worth her weight in gold. Women whose weight in gold doesn't add up to much usually die off first! Sorry skinny women!
25. You quickly become the guy in the neighborhood who knows how to wire a generator to the electrical panel, direct wire a furnace to a small generator, or get a well pump up and running on inverter power or you can be the guy with a degree that suddenly means nothing.
26. Anything that you depend on someone else for is not available anymore.
27. The electrical grid is way more fragile than I thought!
28. I was surprised at how many things run on electricity!
29. You can't believe the utility companies. They must be run by politicians! Or so it seems!
30. Most things don't take much power to operate. Computers, phones, radios, television, lights
31. Some things take a ton of power to operate. Fridge, toaster, freezer, hot plate, microwave.
32. Small solar charging gadgets will keep you in touch. Most of them work pretty well.
33. Getting out of the house is very important even if it's cold outside. Make your home the semi warm place to come home to and not the cold prison you're stuck in.
34. All of the expensive clothes in the closet mean nothing if they don't keep you warm. Same goes for shoes. Sorry girls!
35. When it gets dark at 4:30 pm the nights are really long without power.
36. Someone in your family needs to know how to play the guitar!
37. A man with a chainsaw who knows how to use it is a thing of beauty!
38. Things that disappeared never to be seen again for a long time. Fuels of all kinds, matches, lighters of any kind, toilet paper, paper plates, plastic forks and knives, batteries, didn't really see the need for them (how about flashlights), milk, charcoal, spark plugs (generators), 2 stroke motor oil (chainsaws), anything that could be used to wire a generator to the house, extension cords, medicines (Tylenol, Advil, cold medicines, etc.).
39. If you're not working, chances are nobody else is either.
40. Some people shut down in an emergency and there's just nothing you can do about it.
11. Give a man a fish he can eat for that day. Teach a man to fish and he will never be hungry again. Now I get it!
12. There is a strange peace in knowing all I had to do each day was keep my family safe, warm, and fed. However, my peace was someone else's panic.



The tradition of using small candles to light a Christmas tree is thought to date back to the mid-17th century.



It's believed that the tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year started in Greece around 600 B.C. Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions, which dates back to the early Babylonians.

**Deadline for
The Stratford Star**
Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

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Timothy, Michelle, Josiah and Noelle

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The Pacific yew tree of northern Idaho produces a substance called "taxol" that has been used to fight cancer.



It's estimated that in one year, an acre of trees can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven up to 8,700 miles.

Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—A cookie and spread that have long been favorites in Europe are now available in the U.S. Biscoff Cookies are a type of caramelized cookie. The spread is made from the cookies. Both are made by Lotus Bakeries. Learn more at www.lotusbakeries.com and www.biscoff.com.

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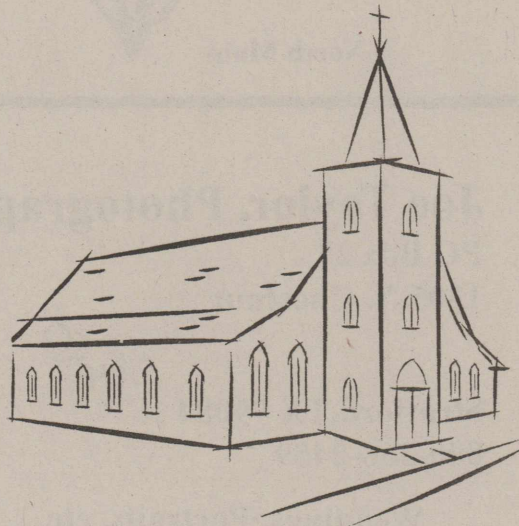
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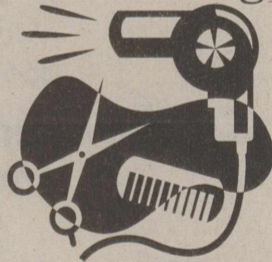
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Help Wanted

Taking applications for full & part time at Ol' Biddy's Café. Come by between 1 and 2:30 in the afternoon and pick up an application. 1-24-c

Coldwater Creek Cattle Company, a feedyard located 3 miles West of Stratford is seeking an Equipment Operator. Applicants must be dependable and responsible. Will need experience operating a feed truck, loaders and have experience maintaining equipment. References are required. We offer competitive pay and benefits. Please call (806) 727-4646 for more information. 1-24-c

Stratford ISD is seeking a custodian. Applications available on school website or in the administration office. For more information, please call (806) 366-3300.

Coldwater Manor is seeking a full time CNA; please apply in person at 1111 Beaver RD, Stratford, TX EOE Production Worker-hourly Employee insurance & 401 K after 90 days. Call Edward Ned @ 806-344-7422 5-17-tfn

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Assistant Mill Department Manager
- Assistant Yard Department Manager
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Card of Thanks

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE SHERMAN COUNTY LIBRARY THROUGH "PROJECT CHRISTMAS CARD". A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MARTY ROBERTSON AND SUZANNE ASHLEY FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK. THE FINAL TOTAL FOR THIS YEAR'S PROJECT WAS \$4,201.78. OUR STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO DO OUR BEST TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN 2013.

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Hubert Booth gets credit for inventing the first modern vacuum cleaner in 1901.

2013 Livestock Show Schedule

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Lambs, Swine and Goats in place by 4:45 PM

All Swine, Lambs and Goats will be weighed in and classified at 5:00 PM

Friday, January 25, 2013

8:00 AM – Swine Show

Swine Showmanship

Lamb Show

Lamb Showmanship

Goat Show

Goat Showmanship

Saturday, January 26, 2013

7:00 AM All Cattle must be in Barn for Weigh In/Check In

8:00 AM – Steer Show

Heifer Show

Cattle Showmanship

Clean up of Show Barn immediately following Cattle Show

5:00 PM – All Exhibitors will be fed at County Barn

6:00 PM – Buyers Meal

7:00 PM – Premium Sale

Sale Order

Lambs

Goats

Steers

Heifers

Swine

Sunday, January 27, 2013

1:00 PM – Exhibit and Animal Barn Clean Up

Friday, February 15, 2013

All project forms from exhibitors must be turned in by 5:00 PM unless exhibiting at a major show and those are due on March 29, 2013 by 5:00 PM

Put a Healthy Spin on Comfort Foods

(NAPS)—A great way to warm hearts—and stomachs—during winter weather is with delicious comfort foods. What many find even more comforting is that you can make them heart-healthy with simple ingredient swaps and healthier cooking techniques. To help, there's the "Comfort Your Heart" Recipe Collection from CanolaInfo.

"I love these recipes because they are both hearty and heart-healthy," says Dawn Jackson Blatner, R.D., C.S.S.D., L.D.N., author of "The Flexitarian Diet" and developer of the recipe collection.

To make comfort foods heart-healthy, Blatner uses a blender to thicken soup instead of heavy cream and "bake-frying" to make food crispy without deep-frying. She upgrades grains, using whole grain versions of breads and gnocchi. She also pumps up produce, making fries out of carrots and parsnips, "chips" from zucchini and "pasta" from spaghetti squash to keep calories and saturated fat in check while optimizing nutritional value.

"The emphasis lately has been more on what to add to your diet as opposed to what to subtract," says Blatner. "It's about eating whole grains, plant proteins, produce and heart-smart fats like canola oil."

Each heart-warming entrée contains less than 500 calories per serving and is low in saturated fat. All recipes are made with canola oil, which has the least saturated fat and most omega-3 fat of all common culinary oils and is free of trans fat.

Recipes include:

- Rustic Tomato Soup with Grilled Cheese Crostini
- Chicken Parmigiana with Spaghetti Squash
- Turkey Burger Casserole with



Comfort your heart with healthy entrées such as this Skillet Gnocchi with Butternut Squash and Kale Pesto.

Parsnip and Carrot Frites
• Cornmeal-Crusted Fish and Zucchini Chips
• Beef Ragout with Grilled Bread
• Skillet Gnocchi with Butternut Squash and Kale Pesto

In this last nutrient-rich dish, whole grain gnocchi and the "superfood" kale lay the foundation. Healthful convenience foods such as pre-packaged, whole grain gnocchi and frozen, cubed butternut squash save time in preparing the dish.

"When putting together these recipes, I thought about foods I would like to eat on a winter night," says Blatner.

Skillet Gnocchi with Butternut Squash and Kale Pesto

Kale Pesto:
2 cups chopped kale leaves
2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
1½ Tbsp chopped walnuts
1 clove garlic, minced
2 Tbsp canola oil
Gnocchi:
1½ cups frozen pre-cut (1-inch

cubes) butternut squash, thawed
1 small red onion, finely chopped
1 package (16 oz) prepared whole grain gnocchi
1 cup kale leaves, cut into fine strips

To prepare pesto: In food processor, purée kale, lemon juice, Parmesan cheese, walnuts and garlic for 2 minutes until paste forms. While processing on low, drizzle in canola oil. Warm large non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add pesto, butternut squash, red onion (reserve 2 Tbsp for garnish) and sauté for 5 minutes. Add gnocchi and sauté another 5 minutes until thoroughly heated. Top with kale strips and chopped red onion. Serve.

Yield: 6 servings

Serving size: 1 cup gnocchi
Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories 260, Total Fat 8 g, Saturated Fat 1.5 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Sodium 390 mg, Potassium 337 mg, Carbohydrates 42 g, Fiber 4 g, Sugars 6 g, Protein 8 g

For the recipes and information, visit www.canolainfo.org.

From the Bird's Nest January, 2013 By Jerry Birdsong- Superintendent

STRATFORD ELKS & LADY ELKS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Jackie Gonzalez

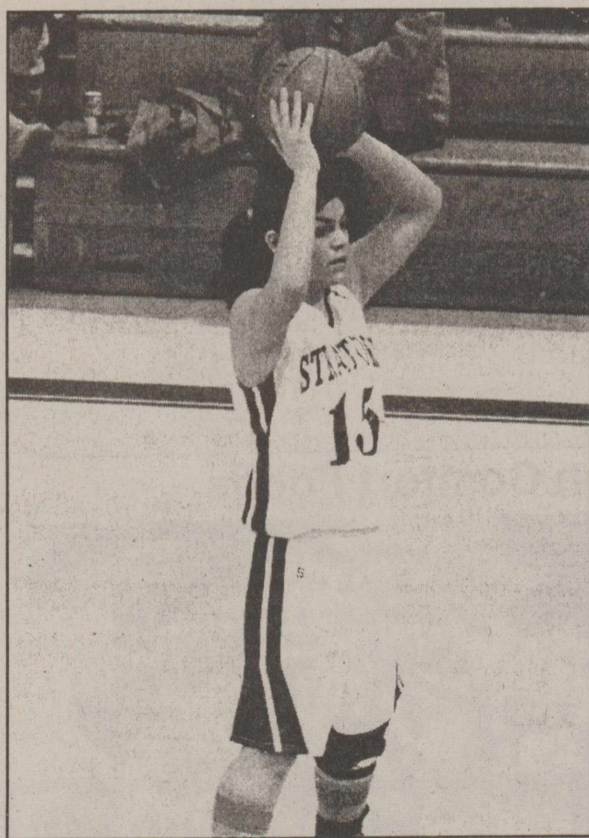
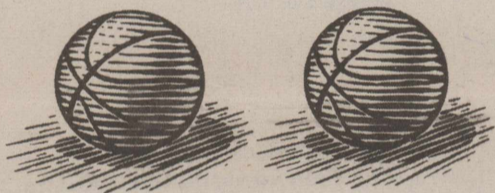
The Lady Elks Player of the Game against Gruver was Jackie Gonzalez. The Lady Elks traveled to Gruver on January 18, 2013 and despite a loss, Jackie, a junior, scored 17 points, snagged 3 rebounds and recorded 2 steals. Jackie was also 7/10 from the free throw line. Great Job, Jackie!

Bethany Everett

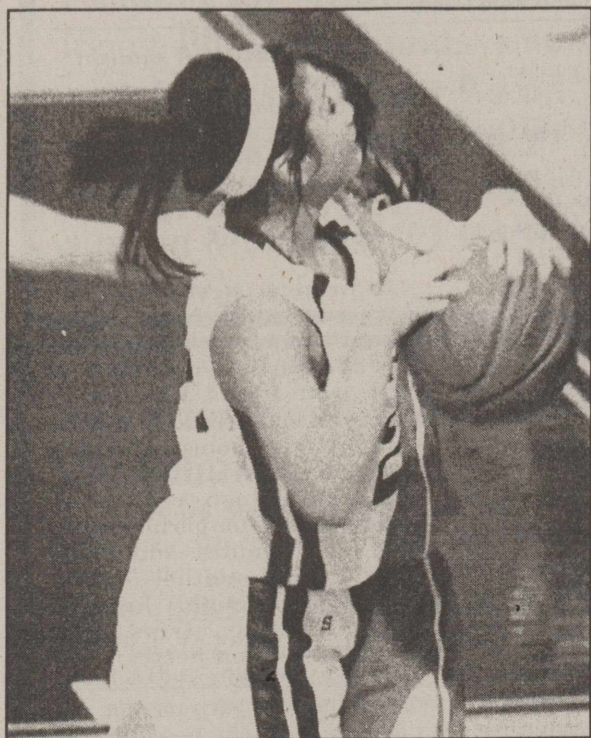
Bethany Everett is the Lady Elks Player of the Game against West Texas pm January 15, 2013. Bethany, a sophomore, shot 6 out of 15 field goals to lead the lady Elks in scoring with 13. She also had 13 total rebounds for the game, Great Job, Bethany!

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Sunray 45-17 on Friday, January 11, 2013. Madison Mungia was high point with 9 points followed by Brittany Law with 8 points. On Tuesday, January 15, the J.V. Lady Elks beat West Texas 28-25. Maty Mace led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Madison Mungia, Yadhira Chavoya and Whitney Stone with 3 points each.

The Lady Elks beat West Texas 38-34 on Tuesday, January 15 with Bethany Everett leading the scoring with 13 points followed by Jackie Gonzales with 5 points. On Friday, January 18, the Lady Elks traveled to Gruver where they lost 36-48. Jackie Gonzalez led the scoring with 17 points followed by Elizabeth Reyes and Alexa Peregrino with 4 points each.



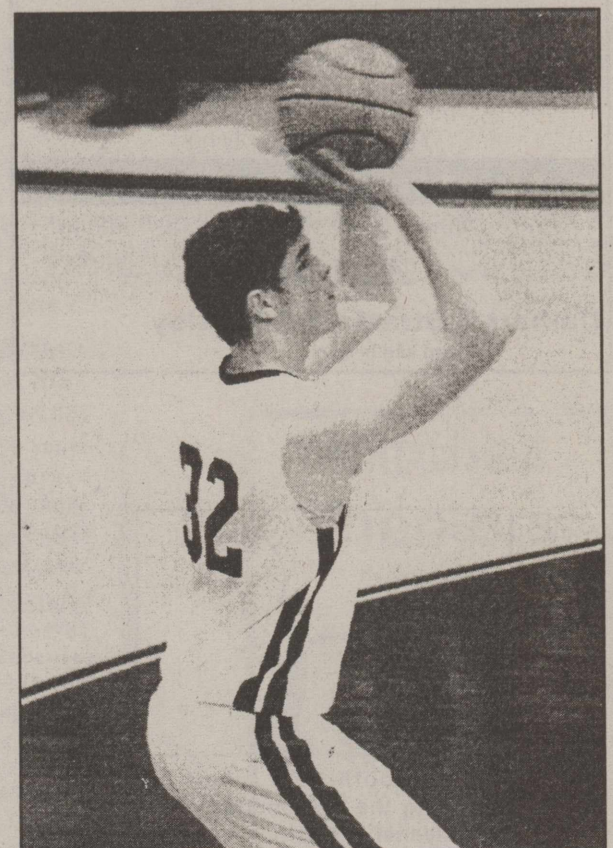
Jackie Gonzalez looks inside to pass the ball in the Lady Elks win over West Texas.



Lady Elk Elizabeth Reyes is fouled on the shot in their win over West Texas on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.



Stratford Elk Kelby Hartman sinks a three in the Elks win over West Texas on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.



Trevor Melton scores for the Elks at the free throw line in the Elks win over West Texas.

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of trustees plays in our communities. The Stratford Independent School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to thank board members for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our public schools.

Texans and Stratford benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school district. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children.

Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their work reflects a year-round commitment. Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district programs, their teachers, and most importantly their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education.

Stratford ISD is served by trustees Joe Reinart, DeWain Trayler, Barney Willborn, Michele Lutes, Tres Hess, Chet Everett, and Brad McBryde. If you get the chance, I would encourage thanking them for their service to our community, school and kids and giving them a nice pat on the back for their efforts.

The legislative session in Austin kicked off last week and both chambers have presented a preliminary budget for the next two years. At this time, the budget cuts from the past two years (which cost SISD nearly \$900,000) have not been restored. I am hopeful that this will not be the case in the final legislation, but time will tell. The state comptroller has estimated a budget surplus – it would be hard to understand not funding education. I will be going to Austin in a couple of weeks – I will try to keep you posted.

Cuts of this nature are not always noticed quickly, but over time it begins to make an impact. The district has money to meet payroll and pay for supplies. What gets left out is the upkeep to facilities and capital improvements to our plant. We have two choices when it comes to facilities or major repairs – fund balance or bond elections. Our current bond is scheduled to be paid off in August of 2015. There has not been an appetite to add to this indebtedness, so the board has utilized fund balance on the last two major projects – high school renovations and the field house. Without the restoration of the funding cuts, it will make it difficult to move forward with items such as roof repair (Jr High could cost close to \$1M), updating science labs, bleachers in the gym, an auditorium (would require a bond election), and/or other building issues that arise. It is my hope that our political leaders will be able to support our needs to educate kids.

The tentative plans for an adult English-as-a-Second Language class for the community are continuing to evolve. Plans do involve an orientation meeting on January 31st at the HS/JH Library at 6 pm. Depending on the number of participants, it appears that the classes will meet Mondays and Thursdays during the spring semester. Linda Henderson will be teaching the course – I appreciate her willingness to help the district to provide this opportunity for our community. I hope to have more info soon.

The Sherman County Stock Show is this weekend. I always enjoy seeing the projects that our students have been working with since the beginning of the year. Mr. Horsford's students have been putting in the hours to prepare for the local show and the majors which are just around the corner.

Basketball is in its last third of the regular season. Both the Elks and Lady Elks are positioning themselves to compete for one of the three state playoffs berths from our district. We have games three days a week and sometimes more. The junior high kids are coming off of a successful weekend at the Spearman Tournament where our teams represented the community well. The gym is a great place to keep warm and pick up a band burger.

The Big Blue Band was well represented this month at the All-Region Band Concerts. The directors took 30 of our best musicians to participate in the event on the campus of WTAMU. It is amazing what those kids are able to do after less than two days of practice with a clinician.

I am thrilled that the trustees extended my contract through June 2016 at the January board meeting. Our family counts our blessings daily that we have been given the opportunity to live and serve in this community. We hope to spend many years being a part of this community and sharing our lives with you. I know that everyone doesn't agree with every decision that is made from our administrative offices – I sometimes don't like them either, but the decisions will also be what we believe is in the best interest of our organization, our students, and our staff. I want to thank you for your support and for all the things you do to make Stratford ISD a great place to work – community, central office staff, administrators, teachers, other professional personnel, paraprofessionals and auxiliary – cafeteria, custodial and transportation.

Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund

The Board of Directors of the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for the Fall semester of 2013. The fund was established in 1992 in the wake of the litigation regarding helium processed from natural gas produced from the Hugoton Field in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Under the guidelines established by the Scholarship Fund Board, incoming college freshmen from this area will be selected to receive scholarships for the **Fall semester of 2013**. The successful scholarship applicants will be eligible to annually renew their scholarships in pursuit of a college degree. The scholarship amount is determined by available funds. In 2012 the scholarship amount was set at \$1,000.

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of one of the following counties: the Southwest Kansas counties of Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Stevens, Seward and Morton; the Oklahoma Panhandle counties of Texas, Beaver and Cimarron; or the Texas Panhandle counties of Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Hutchinson. Further, the prospective scholarship recipients must be students who will be engaged in agricultural, environmental or energy related studies at an accredited college, university or junior college.

The Board will accept scholarship applications from students, who will be eligible for scholarship funds beginning with the 2013 Fall semester. The deadline for such applications is **February 1, 2013**.

For more information, please contact The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. at P.O. Box 248, Hugoton, Kansas 67951, call 620-544-4333, or email at erick.nordling@nordlinglaw.com. The application form, along with information about the scholarship program is also available online at <http://www.swkroa.com> under Forms & Publications.