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Spurlock Receives Eagle Scout

James and Linda Spurlock, Mary Ann Spurlock, Russell, Brent and Laurie Spurlock.

On February 24, 2013, Russell Spurlock formally received his Eagle Scout Award. His Eagle Project began a year ago when he held a fundraiser dinner for his stage project. Thanks to the success of the dinner, a matching grant of \$1500 from the Stratford Area Foundation and \$500 from Rita Blanca Electric Co-op, Russell began building a stage at The Imagination Station. The stage was built in-between farming and a broken foot and took until October to build. His troop mates, AJ Riffe and Bret Barnard, along with Chris Riffe and Pat Barnard helped paint the sides and lay the sound proofing and wood laminate top. It took a

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XIT Rural Telephone to Host 62nd Annual Membership Meeting

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 62nd Annual Membership meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 13th. The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members' and invited guests' registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. Again, this year, members and invited guests will be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at noon.

The recipients of the 2013 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be announced. This is the fourteenth year that XIT has offered this program to rural members' graduating seniors.

The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an introduction of the guests by J.W. McClellan, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$4,000 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be six grand prizes awarded: 1 - \$500 cash prize and 3 - \$300 cash prizes and 2 - \$100 cash prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years old or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 27th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total number of the Cooperative's members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are: J.W. McClellan, President, Walter E. Lasley, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer, James R. Wilson, E.H. Little, Marcia French, Nick Olson, Steve Baskin, and Gared McBryde.

On February 7, 2013, the Nominating Committee consisting of Carl French, Allan Frerich, Carl Finch, Kenneth Stanley, Charles Steel, Philip Walden and Wallace Bridwell submitted nominations for three directorships. Allan Frerich was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County - J.W. McClellan, Hartley County - Nick Olson, and District III, Sherman County - Gared McBryde.

Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside, or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service to its members. XIT rural landline members ... mark your calendars and plan to attend your 62nd annual meeting celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.

ATTENTION: PROM TIME
We will begin working on prom decorations **EVERY** Monday night at 6:30 p.m. starting March 25, 2013 at the high school building, 2nd floor. We need **EVERYONE** to attend please.

Fire Caution
We are **NOT** currently under a **BURN BAN**, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you **use caution** with any fire. Please **monitor** any fires and make sure fire is **completely extinguished** before leaving the area.

Red Hats to meet
Red hats will meet on Thursday, March 7th at 6 p.m. at 'Ol Biddy's Cafe

Any Individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

Orders for Spring Fund Raiser Begin March 11

Orders for Lollipop Junction's Spring Fund Raiser, Gourmet Cookie Dough and other frozen snack foods from Little Lambs Gourmet Cooking Dough will begin March 11 and end March 22.

Eighteen flavors of Little Lamb Gourmet Cookie Dough will be offered. Popular flavors of the cookie dough are oatmeal raisin, white chip macadamia nut, chocolate chip, double chocolate brownie, peanut butter chip, and snickerdoodle will be available. Each box of cookie dough contains 48 pre-portioned chunks of cookie dough, so one can bake as many as they want, when they want.

For more information or to place a pre-order of the cookie dough, contact Valarie Naugle, Martha Duncan, Desine Garza, Christine Brown, Jennifer DeAnda, Lorree Nusz, Krystal Johnson, Susie Spurlock, or Brio Beckett at Lollipop Junction.

Sale proceeds will be used toward the operational budget of the non-profit child care center.

American Legion Post Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion in Stratford will conduct its' regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend. This meeting will be very important as the Boys State/Girls State attendees will be selected. Also, the Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2012 will be presented as well. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Robert McGinnis at 396-2212, Aaron Sheehan at 396-1008, or Robert Marr at 827-7415.

Do you need your GED?

Help is available on KACV Public Television.

Did you know that Texas ranks next to last in the nation for the percentage of adults with High school diplomas? Did you know that 42% of those taking the GED test fail on their first attempt? And the GED test is changing next year, making it even harder to succeed.

KACV is determined to help change those stats with the Texas Graduate Initiative, an effort to guide those interested through the test with a year-long series of programs designed help. *GED Connection*, *TV411*, and *Workplace Essentials* are airing on KACV Monday-Saturday for the rest of the years at 4:00 a.m., so viewers can get up early to watch these programs, or set recorders to catch them for playback later. Watch online by going to kacv.org and clicking on **Texas Graduate Initiative**. Look for GED Tutorials on the website and watch each episode at your convenience. If you know someone who needs this assistance, let them know help is available at KACV. It's never too late to learn.

Monthly Program Guides for KACV are available at the Sherman County Library

Dear Sherman County Citizens,
Sherman County Emergency Management and the Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross will have an orientation class on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Stratford Fire Department. The training will begin 9:00. This will be for those who have not had previous Red Cross training. The purpose of the training is to prepare citizens to assist with shelters during times of emergency or disaster. Your assistance is needed and will be greatly appreciated. For further information or to sign up for the class, please contact Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator Margaret Ewers at 366-2021 or margaret.ewers@co.sherman.tx.us
Thank you for your assistance.

Margaret Ewers

PLEASE CALL 396-2021 TO RSVP SO THAT I CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR THE TRAINER.

A Medical Benefit Account has been set up at Happy State Bank for Jimmy Lanning. Jimmy is a dedicated, hardworking member of this community who daily gives his time and heart for all members of this community in their time of need. Will you please stop by Happy State Bank and show your support for Jimmy in his time of need. Thank you in advance.

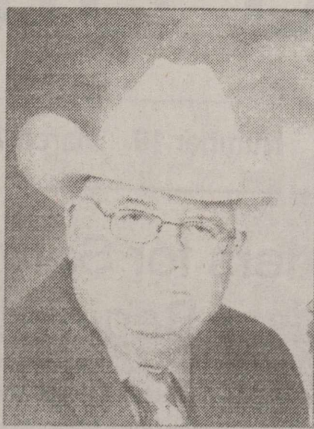
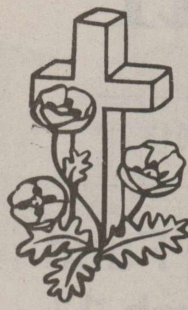
Friends and Family of
Jimmy Lanning

Stratford Hospital District News

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLDWATER MANOR!!! It received a 4-star rating (out of 5 stars) for its excellent patient care! This is a great rating - all of the other homes in the area were 3 stars (Memorial in Dumas, Hansford Manor in Spearman), 2 stars (Dunaway Manor in Guymon, Morton County in Elkhart, Ks), and 1 star (Coon Memorial in Dalhart, Great Plains in Dumas, Borger Healthcare Center in Borger). Coldwater Manor is proud to be serving the residents and their families. If you see any of Coldwater Manor's staff, please congratulate them and encourage them to keep up the good work.

Coldwater Manor is a forty-two bed Medicaid certified nursing facility offering both intermediate and specialized care including a separate wing dedicated to memory support for residents struggling with dementia. Families find peace of mind knowing that their loved one is receiving exceptional care at a small-scale facility where each of our residents receives the assistance they need 24-hours a day. If you have a family member needing nursing care or have any questions regarding nursing home care please contact us at 806-396-5568.

OBITUARIES



Bill D. Gillenwaters
December 21, 1934
March 3, 2013

Bill Gillenwaters, 78 of Kerrick, Texas, passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2013.

Services will be held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Interim Minister Jim Smith officiating, & assisted by James Gillenwaters. Interment will follow at Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Viewing will be on Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and Friday, March 8th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bill was born to Thurma Lone Stickley and James Virgil Gillenwaters in Harper County, (Buffalo) Oklahoma on December 21, 1934.

He married Donna Clarice Boise on May 29, 1954 in Buffalo, OK.

Bill and Donna moved to Stratford in 1968. Bill worked for Pronger Brothers, Walter Lasley, and Cimarron Feeders and was an order buyer for Wright Cattle Company of Amarillo, TX He was a Rancher.

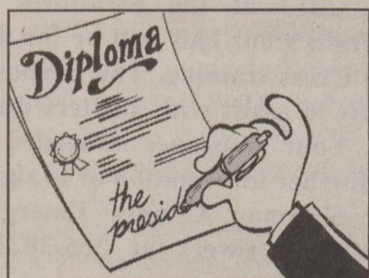
He was a member of the American Legion, Texas Cattle Feeders and Oklahoma Cattle Association, Board of Directors at A&I. He was a lifelong supporter of 4-H. Bill and Donna were members of the United Methodist Church.

Bill enjoyed spending time with his grand kids and like to fish, play cards and have fellowship with friends and family. His family stated he loved caring for his cattle.

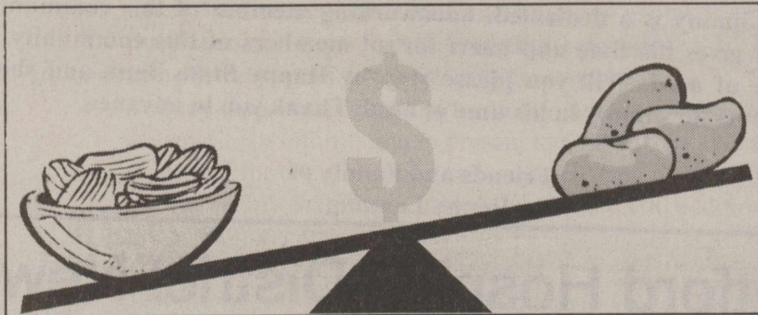
Bill was preceded in death by his parents: sisters Nina Jean Gillenwaters, Betty Inga Gaston and Vera Mae Price.

Bill is survived by his wife Donna of the home; two sons Duane Lee Gillenwaters and wife Stephanie of Moreland, Ok; James Gillenwaters of Bushland, TX sister Leota Arlene Campbell and brother Jerry Eugene Gillenwaters. 5 grandchildren: Jacy Donn Gillenwaters, Dasan Brody Gillenwaters and Tala Bly Gillenwaters all of Mooreland, OK. Kylee Elizabeth Gillenwaters and Kaiden James Gillenwaters of Bushland, TX

Memorials may be made to Sherman County 4-H, Murdock School Building Fund and United Methodist Church Fund-Stratford.



Gallaudet University was the first school for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing in the world. Since its first commencement in 1869, all of its diplomas have been signed by the current U.S. president of the time.



A pound of potato chips can cost up to 200 times more than a pound of the potatoes that were used to make them.

Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. **I will be putting "Stars" on the current month. If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month.** If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084

Thanks-Marty




Thanks to all who attended the "Down on the Farm" dinner at The Imagination Station. Several requests were made that night to print the soup recipe in the paper - sorry I am a little late but here it is:

A-Maize-ing Corn Chowder

6 slice of bacon
1 onion
2 potatoes, peeled and cubed
½ cup water
2 cups milk
2-4 oz of green chiles (depending on taste)
2 (14.75 oz) cans or cream style corn
1 (15.25) can whole kernel corn
½ salt
Ground pepper to taste
Grated cheese

1. Fry bacon. Reserve 2 Tablespoons drippings. Crumble and set aside.
2. Sauté onion in reserved drippings until tender; add potatoes and water. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
3. Stir in milk, corn, chiles, salt and pepper. Continue to cook, stirring frequently until heated through. To serve, sprinkle with grated cheese and bacon crumbles.



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Thank you**

What art offers is space—a
certain breathing room for
the spirit.

—John Updike

From the desk of Sheriff Powell

February was a great month here at YOUR Sheriff's Office and I want to congratulate the ones who completed Jail School. The test was last week and everyone passed. I expected no less from our team members. I also want to say "Thank You" to C & D Body Shop for their prompt, professional service to one of our units last month. They did an exceptional job and had us back up and running in no time.

When I was still YOUR Chief, we had begun the process of an Explorer program for our youth. This is now up and running. We had our first Explorer meeting at my office on Saturday the 2nd. We currently have four members and our post # is 5202. Officers were put in place and I have assigned the Explorers to preparing this year's Easter Egg Hunt in the park. I will still provide the entertainment, but our post will be in charge of the hunt.

February Crime Stats:

Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer - 1
Felony evading in a vehicle - 1
Fraud Case - 1
Prisoner Transport - 2
Motorist Assist - 5
Animal Calls - 5
Fire Assist - 1
Traffic Control - 1
Erratic Driver - 1
Attempt to Locate - 1
Speeding - 90 mph + (On County Road) -
Walk School Halls (Texhoma) - 5
Walk School Halls (Stratford) - 5
Inmates held in Jail this month - 3
Inmates as of this article - 2

Sherman County Sheriff's Office -
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Stratford Hospital District
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Stratford Family Medical Clinic
Mon. - Thurs. 8 AM - 5 PM, Fri. 8AM - 3 PM
396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

Elk Pharmacy
Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 5:30 PM
366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility
396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS
9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.



Study Clubs Hosts February Party

Prospectus Study Club hosted the February Birthday Party at Coldwater Manor. Mary Allen Kindergarteners sang and passed out Valentines. The ladies that helped serve for the party were Ann Johnson, Jill Killian, Penny Sheehan, Marty Bain, Margaret Reed and Laurie Spurlock.



Girdner honored with Baby Shower Feb. 24

Hailey (Long) Girdner was honored with a Baby Shower on Sunday, February 24 at Happy State Bank. Shown above left to right are Sharon Burnett, Kay Blake, Amy Long, Angela Long, Hailey, Rachelle Long, Brenda Long and Lisa Hokanson

Mitchell Theatres Expands again in New Mexico

(Elkhart, KS)-Mitchell Theatres, LLC announced it has purchased the ten-plex Dreamcatcher Cinema theatre in Espanola, New Mexico. The complex was purchased from Storyteller Theatres. The theatre has 100 percent digital projection and several 3-D capable projectors to accommodate the increasing release of 3-D movies. Mitchell Theatres will lower all ticket and concession prices and bring back popcorn tubs.

This is the fourth property Mitchell Theatres has purchased from Storyteller Theatres. In addition to the Dreamcatcher Cinema, Mitchell Theatres recently purchased the Starlight Cinema 8 in Los Lunas, New Mexico, the Storyteller Cinema 7 in Taos, New Mexico, and the Skyline Cinema 8 in Dillon, Colorado.

Mitchell Theatres is a third generation family owned business involved in farming, commercial real estate and movie theatres. Mitchell Theatres owns and operates 91 screens in twelve movie complexes in Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Colorado. Mitchell Theatres continues to actively look for opportunities to grow and expand. For additional information go to www.mitchelltheatres.com.

SHS Announces One Act Play Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Monday, March 18 at the Mary Allen Cafeterium. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's (UIL One Act Play). The cast and crew will be going to zone competition on Thursday, March 21 at White Deer High School.

This year's play is Chemical Imbalance: A Jekyll and Hyde Play by Lauren Wilson, published by Dramatists Play Service and directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. Set in Victorian England, Chemical Imbalance is a darkly comic adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. It is a fast-paced farce about men and women tightrope walking the line between aristocracy and depravity, and between the twin specters of good and evil.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and children and are on sale now. Tickets go fast so don't delay. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help send interested students to speech, debate, and theatre activities and summer camps. For tickets, see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to enjoy an evening of good food and fun at the theatre!

CAST

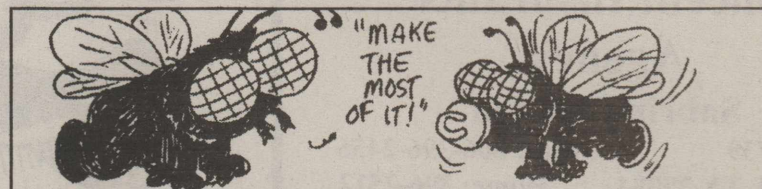
ELIPHRONIA JEKYL.....ALLISSA PALMER
AMBROSIA JEKYL.....MARY ANN SPURLOCK
HENRY JEKYL.....ADRIAN DU PLESSIS
LADY THROCKMORTONSHIRE.....TAYLOR WRIGHT
CALLIOPE AND PENELOPE THROCKMORTONSHIRE.....SHYANNE ACKER
ROSAMUNDA DEWTHISTLE.....KATY MOORE
XAVIER UTTERSON.....VICTOR CASTRO
IVY.....MAZIE VINCENT
PLODGETT.....MACY EVERSON
CONSTABLE.....BRANSON PALMER
POLICE LIEUTENANT.....JOHN MCBROOM

CREW

LOGAN UTLEY - STAGE MANAGER
TYLER SEWARD
JACIE SEWARD
AJ RIFFE
VAL-MARI DU PLESSIS

ALTERNATES

CHASE LUTES
KAYLEE SANDVIG
ALEXIE WRIGHT
SIDNEY TURNER



The life span of insects ranges from a few days or hours for adult mayflies to 50 years or more for some queen termites. Most insects live less than one year.

Welcome To

The Gathering

"A Sabbath Bible Study for the Rest of Us"

For I assure you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all things are accomplished.
Matthew 5:18

A Bible Study for those who are:

- Desiring A Deeper Understanding of the Truth
- Longing to Know Him more Passionately
- Committed to Living Beyond Accepted Traditions
- Striving to be Found in Him, Unashamed!

Meeting at 10:30 Sabbath (Saturday) Mornings
@ 412 N Pearl in Stratford
719-286-8499
(Please *always* call ahead to verify a Gathering)

Because we all have questions . . . don't we?

The Miller's
Timothy, Michelle, Josiah and Noelle

*Childcare not provided but coffee can be!
*Not Affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.



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Brad Beckett
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

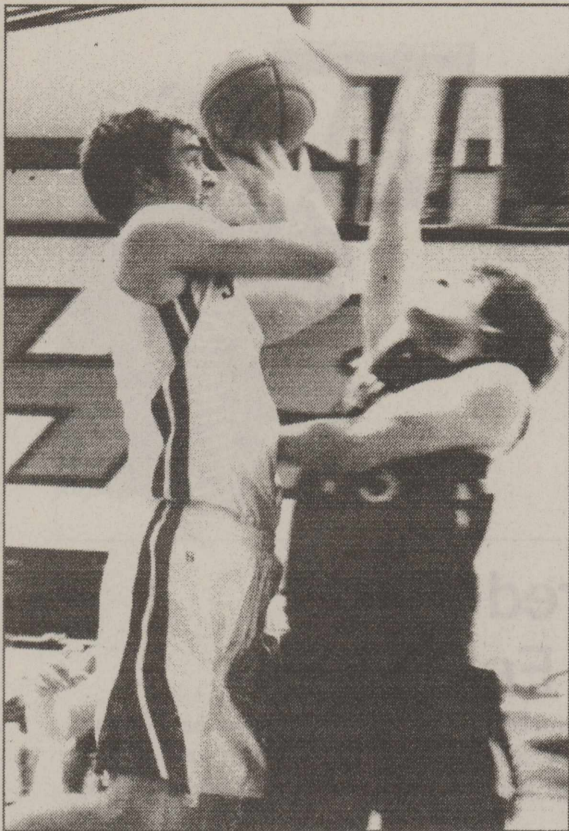
Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more info-call 396-2212
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano
Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela
806 366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

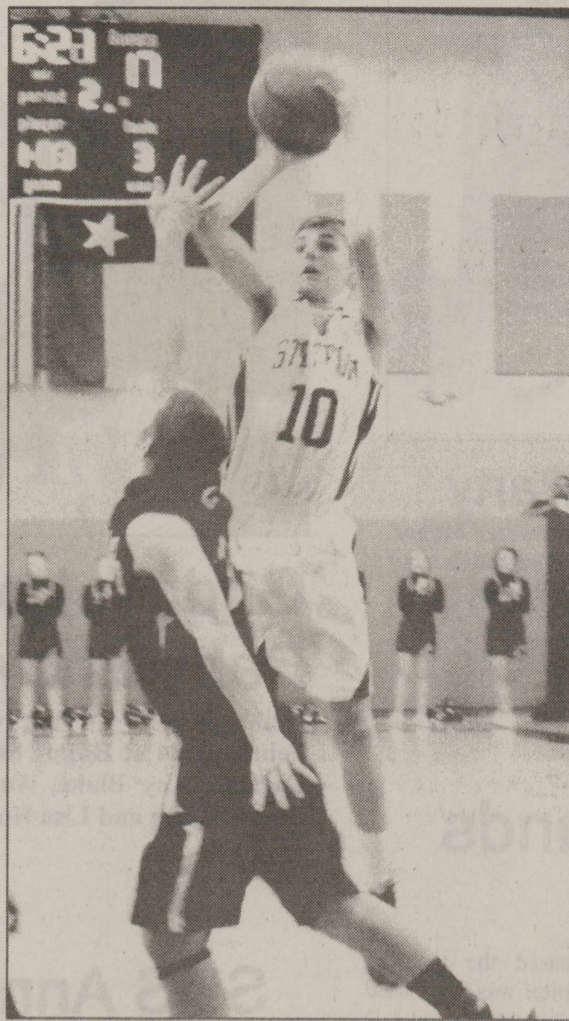
Kerrick Community
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service

La Mision Bautista
Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo (Sunday)
Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oration 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
Susunos Durante El Servicio

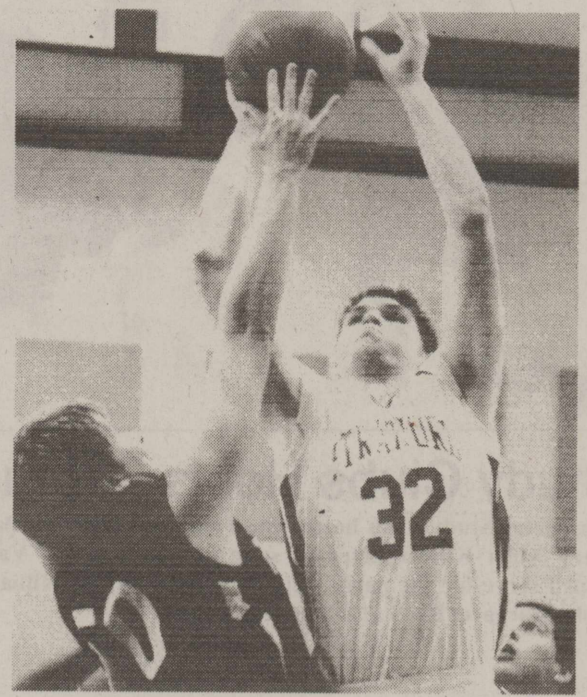
Congratulations Boys



Sterling Audrain is fouled as he goes up for the shot in the Elks Regional Qualifier final loss to Clarendon on Wednesday, February 27th.



Stratford Elk Ty Hess goes up for two in the Elk's loss to Clarendon.



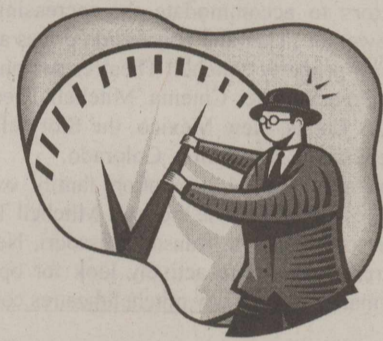
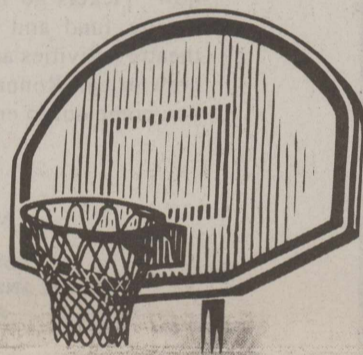
Stratford Elk Trevor Melton scores for the Elks in their Regional Quarterfinal loss on Feb. 27 to Clarendon, TX.

2012 Variety Trials are Coming In

By Brad Easterling

Data for all of the 2012 variety trials conducted throughout the Texas Panhandle and the rest of the State are currently being compiled for the various crops that were tested over the past year. You can find these trials along with many others online at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu>. This website contains variety information on corn, grain sorghum, cotton, forages, peanuts, rice, small grains, soybeans, sunflower, oilseeds, as well as other crops. For many of these crops, the data is archived as far back as 2005 in order to see how well these varieties have done over a long period of time or under different growing conditions. Along with the variety trials, there are also various weed, disease, and insect trials that have been conducted over the years on various crops. This website is updated on a regular basis with the most current information available. Give me a call if you need any information on a particular subject or crop that you may not be able to find on this website. 366-2081

Congrats to the
Stratford Elks, you had
a great season, Stratford
is very proud of all of
you. Thanks!



Remember Time Change
Saturday, March 9th
or early Sunday morning
March 10
Spring forward
Lose one hour of asleep

Business Directory

Vincent Insurance Agency

Sabrina Melton
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Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rose S. Taylor, Deceased, were issued on February 19, 2013, in Cause No. 2208, pending in the County Court of Sherman county, Texas, to: James Brett Cummings.

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

c/o: James Brett Cummings
19300 Saddleback Rd.
Amarillo, Texas 79119

DATED the 19th day of February, 2013.

Kimberly L. Allen
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Gene Marshall, Deceased, were issued on March 4, 2013, in Cause No. 2209, pending in the County Court of Sherman county, Texas, to: Ama Jeane Marshall

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

c/o: Ama Jeane Marshall
316 N. Spruce
Stratford, Texas 79084

DATED the 4th day of March, 2013.

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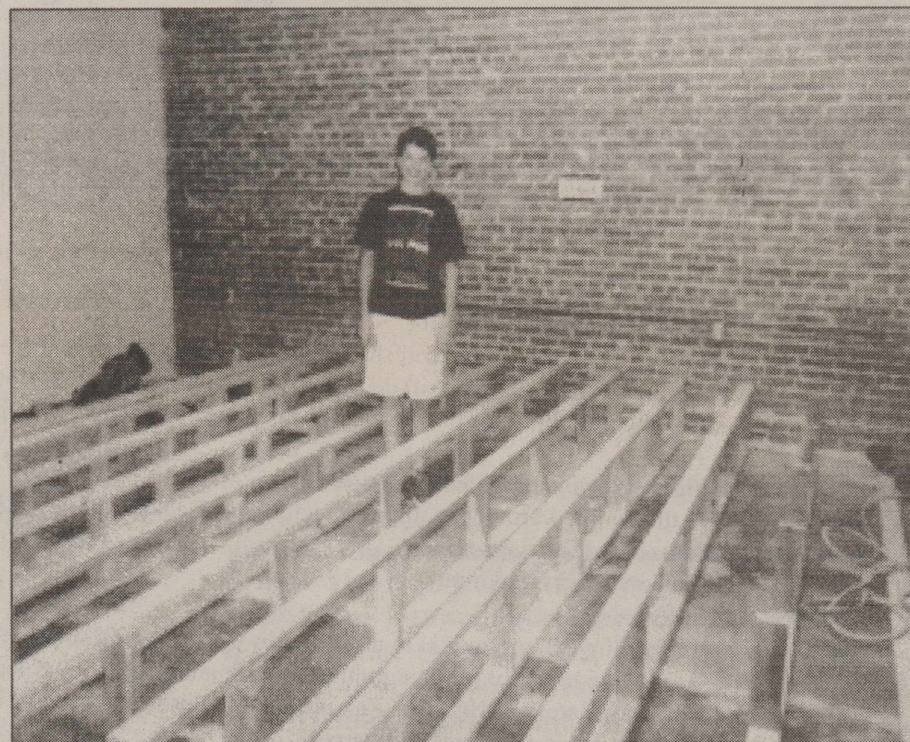
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Eagle Scout
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total of 171 hours to complete. Russell then had his Board of Review on December 20, 2012 when officially became an Eagle. His Court of Honor was held last Sunday and he had an excellent attendance. Dr. Jim W. Smith gave the Invocation and then the Wolves Cub Scout Pack 38 posted the colors. After that Vic Shrock (District Boy Scout Representative) formally opened the ceremony. AJ Riffe and Bret Barnard told "The Four Great Scout Duties" and Ronna Riffe reminded us of "The Requirement of an Eagle Scout". Russell then shared his scouting memories and told us about his Eagle Scout Project. Andy Riffe gave the Charge and Pat Barnard presented Russell with his Eagle Award. Russell pinned his mom and dad with their respective pins and then gave Grand dad James a mentor pin. Mary Ann Spurlock read "An Eagle Scout's Prayer" and Brent Spurlock gave the Benediction. The Imagination Station Board then hosted a great reception. It was truly a wonderful celebration with friends and family-Thank you to all who attended and/or helped out with the project!



The Fundraiser-February 2012, Bret Barnard, Russell Spurlock, Kade McBryde, AJ Riffe, Kenlee McBryde, Mary Ann Spurlock



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Stratford EMS' New Ambulance



Pictured at left from left to right: Larry Norris, Ricky Reed, Aaron Sheehan, Bobby Davis with Southwest Ambulance Sales, Jimmy Lanning, and Penny Sheehan.

Stratford Hospital District is proud to announce the arrival of Stratford EMS' new ambulance!! It arrived on February 14. Our oldest ambulance had been in the fleet for over 12 years and was in desperate need of replacement. The recommended replacement time for an ambulance is 5 to 10 years, depending on usage. Our normal ambulance runs are 68 to 180 miles per trip. This necessitates the replacement on a regular basis.

The work of raising funds for the new ambulance began last April with searching for grants to aid in the purchase. The Stratford Hospital District either has already or will soon receive grant funds from the Texas Department of State Health Services Local Projects Grant, Stratford Area Foundation, USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant, and the Mary E. Bivins Foundation. In addition, Stratford EMS has received donations from the Mary E. Riffe Gift Fund, Rita Blanca, and Whips and Wheels. In total, \$88,000 was raised!! The purchase of this new ambulance would not have been possible without these grants and donations. We send a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this a reality.

COUNCIL MINUTES January 24, 2013

Stratford City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 24, 2013 with Mayor Ricky Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Greg Wright, James Lutes, Ann Johnson and Becky Hemphill
Absent Council: None
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
City Administrator: Tommy Bogart
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
Police Chief: Aaron Sheehan
Fire Chief: Danny Davis

Others: Kathy Allen, Carolina Jacquez, Lawrence Aguilera, Rosa Torres, Saul Rueda, Jose Rueda

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and Mayor Ricky Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on November 27, 2012 and regular meeting of December 17, 2012
- Accounts Payable for December 2012
- Financial Statements for December 2012
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve the consent agenda, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Presentations to the Council

- None

2. Council Business

- PUBLIC HEARING:** Zoning variance for 202 N. 3rd
 - Public hearing opened at 6:03 pm. Joe Zak stated that the measurement from the center of the alley is already taken care of. The variance is for the side measurement. The public hearing closed at 6:12 pm.
- Discuss and consider action re: zoning variance request for 202 N. 3rd
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve the variance at 10' from the curb, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried. George Harding will mark the approved measurements for the fence.
- PUBLIC HEARING:** Zoning variance/zoning change for 401 N. 7th
 - Public hearing opened at 6:14 pm. Ann Johnson stated she has done some research and feels a zoning variance for a business to be run from this address will decrease home values around this property as well as increase traffic in this area. The plumbing for his business is already in existence. The public hearing closed at 6:22 pm.
- Discuss and consider action re: zoning variance/zoning change for 401 N. 7th
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve the zoning variance, without transference, Becky Hemphill seconded, Ann Johnson opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Texas Forest Service Grant
 - Danny Davis, Fire Chief, to present
 - Danny stated that the Fire Department is in need of new gear. Everything they have is "low pressure". He would like to apply for this grant to replace and update their gear. The City match would be approximately \$4100. Joe Zak motioned to proceed with the application, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: to deny proposed rate increase by West Texas Gas
 - Tommy Bogart explained this is the next step in denying the rate increase. Becky Hemphill motioned to approve the Resolution to deny the proposed rate increase, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: consideration of a contract between C & D Body Shop and City for towing of abandoned/nuisance vehicles
 - A contract is not necessary; therefore no action was taken.
- Discuss and consider action re: part-time employee for Police Department
 - A part-time employee is not authorized at this time. No action taken.
- Discuss and consider action re: status of police department vehicles and equipment
 - Chief Sheehan reported he has made progress to get all equipment in good working condition.

Council took a short break at 6:42 pm.

- Discuss and consider action re: status of applicants for position of police officer
 - Chief Sheehan reported that he has received a total of 45 applicants. He has conducted some interviews and has one more interview scheduled.
- Discuss and consider action re: purchase of street sweeper
 - Tommy Bogart reported that he has been in touch with a vendor who is searching for a used street sweeper. No information to present to Council yet. He advised that when one is found, it will be presented for demonstration before purchasing it. Joe Zak motioned to pursue an adjustment to the loan at Happy State Bank, not to exceed \$50,000 additional loan funds, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: COLA adjustment
 - Tommy Bogart stated that he would like to give a COLA adjustment, excluding himself, due to the increase in the FICA/Medicare taxes. After some discussion, Ann Johnson motioned to approve a 3% COLA adjustment, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Comment Period

- None

Items from the Council

- Joe Zak asked if there has been contact with anyone who can take care of the fire hydrant repair
- Ann Johnson questioned the updating of the website and invited everyone to SCOT Hall luncheons on the 4th Thursdays of every month
- Greg Wright stated that the tornado siren on Purnell is not working; storm spotter training will be March 21st at 7 pm at the Fire Department and commented on NIMS training
- Ricky Reed stated that Cynthia Jackson would be on vacation February 7-24 and that February's Council meeting will be as regularly scheduled, Tuesday the 26th
- Tommy Bogart commented that the property he is looking at for a possible purchase by the City is capable of having 3 wells and also that test holes and soil samples will be ordered

Adjourn

- Joe Zak motioned to adjourn, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Happy to Help the League House - supplies needed in March

Throughout 2013 the Stratford branch of Happy State Bank is assisting the Medical Center League House of Amarillo by collecting specific items needed to make the House feel like home to the patients and families who stay during times of medical treatment. During the month of March Happy State Bank in Stratford is collecting tissue, coffee and disposable coffee cups to benefit the League House.

At only \$45 per night the League House provides convenient, affordable lodging for patients and families who must travel to Amarillo for medical treatment. It is composed of 31 beautiful guest suites, each featuring two queen-sized beds and an attached bathroom.

The League House is a haven where families facing the stresses of illness or injury of a loved one can retreat. Guests can find quiet privacy within their suites, but often times even more precious is the support that the families staying at the House find within each other.

The League House offers all the conveniences of home including a laundry room, kitchen, dining room and community living room. Two patio areas flank the dining room and a serene prayer garden provides guests with a peaceful space to sit and reflect.

Amber Glawe, executive director of the Medical Center League House, explained that it is these communal spaces that provide families with what they really need: emotional support. "This is where the families connect," she said. "We've found that they really lean on each other. And it's the same with the staff. We really get to know the families who stay a long time. It is so much more than a job for the people who work here; it is more of a mission."

Please join with us in showing support for this wonderful service that benefits so many in our community by helping us gather these necessities. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of Happy State Bank at 100 N. Main in Stratford. To learn more about the League House and opportunities for financial giving including the League of Hearts program, visit www.leaguehouse.org or call Sue Hudson at 806-366-5916.

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