

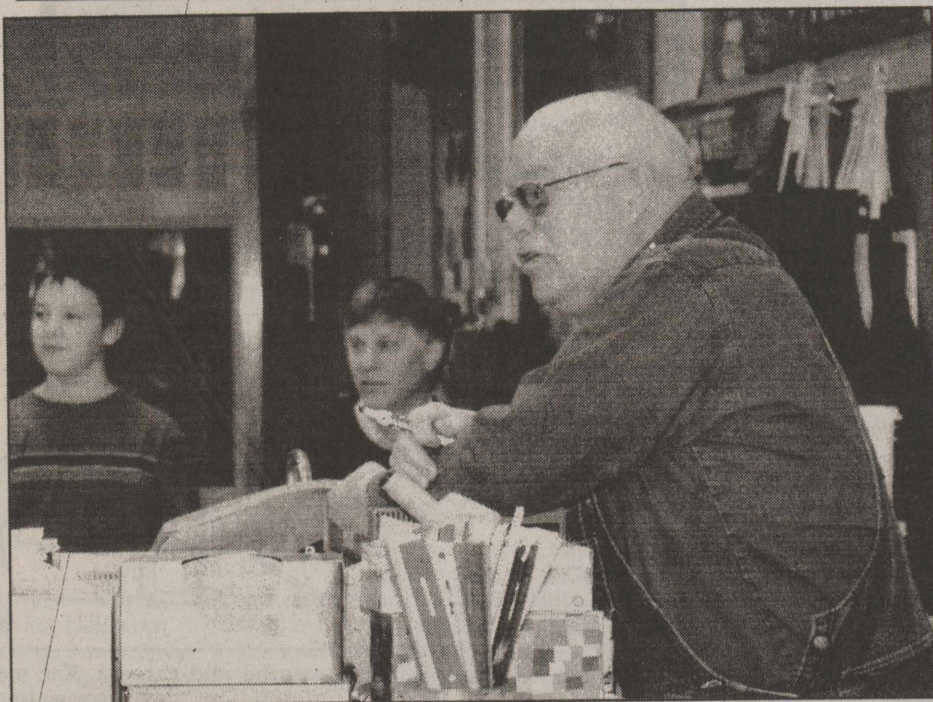
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Riffe speaks to students

Bryant Riffe, of Texhoma demonstrated using liquid nitrogen to science students at Stratford school grades 6-8 last week. He is shown above talking with Mr. Brownlee's 7th grade class.

West Texas A&M University Showcase of Music March 2

West Texas A&M University Music Department will hold their 32 annual Showcase of Music Scholarship Concert Friday, March 2, 2012 in the Amarillo Globe News Center.

Reservations are requested by February 3 for donor secured seating tickets while individual adult and student tickets are available.

Contact WTAMU 806-651-2854

In last week's edition we mentioned several who had made it to Eagle Scout in Scouting. I have had some calls on more men who also received that special honor. All were former residents of Stratford at one time. Dave McReynolds (a previous owner of The Stratford Star), Byron Campbell (now of San Angelo, Texas) and Pete White, (now of Pflugerville, Texas). Congratulations to all. If you know of anyone else, please contact me and I will be honored to print their names.

2012 Sherman County Stock Show

Friday, January 23, 2012
 Show begins at 9:00 a.m.

All Animals will be exhibited on Friday.

Order of Show:

Swine
 Lambs

Goats

Steers

Heifers

Saturday, January 28

Stock Show Sale
 Steak Dinner-\$10.00 per person-Meal begins

At 6:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation and Sale-7:00 p.m.

USDA Extends Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-Up to January 27

TEMPLE, TX, January 20 — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the cut-off date for the current Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) ranking period to January 27, 2012. Producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship are eligible for CSP payments.

"We want to make sure that people who want to be considered for CSP during this first ranking period have the time they need to complete their applications," said NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas. "CSP is a very popular program and I encourage interested producers to apply at their local NRCS office soon as they can."

CSP is offered in all 50 states, tribal lands and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign ups. Administered by NRCS, CSP provides many conservation benefits including improved water and soil quality, enhanced wildlife habitat and conservation activities that address the effects of climate change.

"There are currently a lot of strong conservation efforts in the state and this program lets us recognize those producers and reward them for doing a good job," said Salinas. "The funding through this program helps producers make improvements in their operation that can truly make a difference on the landscape of Texas."

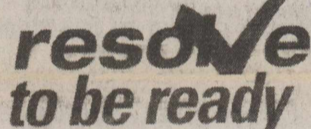
Producers are encouraged to apply for CSP throughout the year to be considered for current and future application ranking periods. Those who apply by January 27, 2012, may be eligible for current available funding. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial forestland.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contracts obligation and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices and at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/p/rograms/financial/csp>.

Learn more about CSP and other NRCS programs at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/p/rograms>.

PSF Accepting 2012-2013 Scholarship Applications

-Submitted by Charlene Rider Goodwell, Okla.- Panhandle State Foundation awards scholarships annually to deserving OPSU students. Over 230 scholarships totaling more than \$200,000.00 are available for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Panhandle State Foundation scholarship packet contains this wide selection of scholarships with varying requirements. The scholarship packet is available in the Foundation Office (SL 207 on the OPSU campus) or online at www.opsu.edu/Offices/Foundation. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2012. For more information, please call 349-1392.



Region Launches New Public Mass Notification System

For the past several years, Panhandle Emergency Managers and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) have been working together in an effort to provide all jurisdictions in the region the ability to contact their residents quickly when disasters are imminent. The goal was to create a sustainable call-out system that would enable local emergency management officials to rapidly notify their residents in mass when conditions (weather or otherwise) jeopardized their jurisdictions.

Commonly referred to as a reverse calling system, a number of Panhandle counties do maintain these capabilities but until now, the vast majority have not been able to afford the cost. The opportunity to see this effort come to fruition appeared two years ago when the PRPC applied for; then received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to cover 75% of the cost of building and implementing a regional notification system. The Amarillo Area Foundation generously provided \$100,000 to support a large portion of the non-FEMA funded system costs, with the PRPC providing another \$24,000 in support. Together, these grant funds and contributions have now made it affordable for every jurisdiction in the region to maintain notification capabilities.

The system has been in the design-build stage for the past year and will be officially unveiled beginning January 16. A region-wide media campaign will begin on that date to encourage residents throughout the Panhandle to "Resolve to Be Ready" by registering their contact information into the new regional system. Why is this important? The more contact points that residents enter into the system, the more likely they are to receive a notice when time is of the essence. And, it's important to note that any information entered into the system belongs to the individual that provided that information. Nobody else can see it or use it for any other purpose other than for notifications. They system simply knows to send a call or text message to the cell phone, email address or home phone number entered by a registering resident.

With the reliance on cell phones growing, it's more important than ever that critical information be conveyed in a mobile environment. Panhandle residents are active and they're not always around a radio, TV or warning siren when emergency notices are issued. However, if that same notice can also go out to a cell phone, this will increase the odds that the message will reach its intended audience no matter where the audience happens to be.

The regional "Resolve to Be Ready" campaign is being carried out in conjunction with FEMA's national Resolve to Be Ready campaign. Throughout the 6-week regional campaign, KAMR will be airing segments, hosted by local emergency management representatives, to discuss not only this new regional system but also provide residents with helpful information they can use to better protect themselves, their families and their communities.

As a first step toward personal preparedness, residents should "Resolve to Be Ready" by logging onto www.R2BeReady.com to register their contact information, along with the contact information of their family members, into this new system. That way, they can stay informed of conditions that may affect their safety. By registering, residents also make themselves eligible to win one of three prizes that will be awarded each week throughout the 6-week campaign.

In the months to come, new communications opportunities will be added into the system so residents are encouraged to come back to the site from time-to-time to see what's been added and to make sure their contact information stays current. So, start off your New Years right and "Resolve to Be Ready".

Public Notice of NLNAC Accreditation Review Visit

—Submitted by Judy Unruh Goodwell, Okla.—The Oklahoma Panhandle State University's Department of Nursing wishes to announce that it will host a site review for continuing accreditation of its Bachelor of Science (RN-to-BSN) nursing program by the National League for Nursing Commission (NLNAC).

Everyone interested is invited to meet the NLNAC visiting team and share comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for Wed., Feb 8 at 2:00 in the Education Conference Room, Room 127 HMH.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Sharon Tanner, Chief Executive Officer 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326or via email: sitanner@ninac.org

All written comments should arrive at NLNAC by Feb. 3, 2012.



Attention to all subscribers!!

Rate changed

The Stratford Star is no longer be 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

Golden Nail Awards Nominations

Golden Nail Awards nominations are due to the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Feb. 6, 2012. The Golden Nail Awards dinner will be April 12, 2012 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

What is the Golden Nail?

The purpose of the Golden Nail is to honor individuals, businesses and foundations whose financial, in-kind contributions and volunteerism to The fine arts in the Panhandle are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant; to recognize that private sector involvement is essential to the vitality of the fine arts; and to provide an incentive for greater support of the arts by the private sector.

The Golden Nail Symbol is derived from the bit of fold wisdom:

For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost.
 For the want of a shoe, the horse was lost.
 For the want of a horse a rider was lost.
 For the want of a rider the battle was lost
 And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail

Past Stratford recipients; Janet Riffe, Stratford Grain, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Buckles, George Harding.

For more information or nomination forms, contact Becky Zenor at Amarillo Chamber of Commerce 806-342-2010 or Gaynelle Riffe, Area Representative 806-396-5303

A Benefit fund has been set up for Donna Wagner at the Happy State Bank in Stratford.

A fund for Pepe Licon and Brenda Ibarra is set up at the First State Bank to help with expenses for their house that sustained fire damage.

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Obituaries



Willa Dean" Smith
May 11, 1925
January 19, 2012

STRATFORD — Willa "Dean" Smith, 86, of Stratford died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday January 21, 2012 in Church of Christ in Stratford with Brad Beckett, minister of the church, officiating and Jim York assisting. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Dean was born May 11, 1925, in Delaware, Okla., to Luke and Ruth Crupper. She was united in marriage to B.L. "Chuck" Smith on August 20, 1942, in Fritch, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1987.

Dean was a longtime resident of Stratford and was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a loving and devoted homemaker. She enjoyed traveling and had made trips all around the world. She loved her family deeply and was especially crazy about her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents; her great-granddaughter, Claire Austin; and her sister, Dolores Cox.

Dean is survived by a daughter, Sharon Perkins and husband Si of Guymon, Okla.; two sons, Wayne Smith and wife Terry and Miles Smith, all of Stratford; four sisters, Phyllis Goodwin of Amarillo, Carlene Wright of Fritch, Shirley Blackmon of Borger and Olive Cathron of Okmulgee, Okla.; five grandchildren, Blair Brown and wife Patti of Panhandle, Carrie Austin and husband David of Dallas, Erin Shanks and husband Michael of Abilene, Amy Magallanes and husband Michael of Lubbock and Chandler Smith and wife Sabrina of Cordova, Tenn.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Stella Walker
October 8, 1912
January 14, 2012

Funeral Services for Stella Walker, age 99, of Brownwood, Texas formerly of Bangs were held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at the Heartland Funeral Home. The family received friends 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Tuesday January 17th at the funeral home. Interment followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park. She passed away Saturday, January 14, 2012 in Brownwood.

Stella Lee (Wheat) Walker was born October 8, 1912 in Blanket TX the daughter of the late Cy and Rose (Hulcey) Wheat. Stella married Leroy Walker in Brownwood TX at the courthouse on April 13, 1937 at 2:00PM and they had been married for more than 70 years when he preceded her. As the wife of a pastor she had a special servant heart that complemented his ministry. They pastored in several Assembly of God Churches. They founded the First Assembly of God Church in Stratford TX. After 12 years of pioneering, work in Stratford, they moved to Floydada, TX and pastored the First Assembly of God there. Eventually they moved to the farm in Bangs TX. During these years Stella watched children in their home and did some work in a nursing home. They worked side by side on the farm and she would can and freeze foods they had grown. After Leroy retired in 1980 they still would do some interim pastor ships for many churches in Brown County. On January 14 2012 she went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and her husband Leroy. She is survived by sister Helen Kelsey residing in Brownwood TX; brother Oscar Wheat living in Abilene TX; her two sons Jack Walker and his wife Davie, residing in Bangs TX; Dennis Walker and his wife Jeanellie, residing in Richardson TX; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 5 great great grandchildren, she also had 9 Exchange great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 6 brothers and sisters and a great great granddaughter. She was loved and respected by family friends and all those who met her. She will be missed!

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund.
Friends are invited to sign the guestbook at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net

From the desk of Chief Powell

STRATFORD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:
(Parents; please let your children know)
"WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT"

We would like to know what you love most about YOUR Police Department. If you are a student at Stratford Elementary School and would like to win a Valentine prize, then here's what you need to do;

On paper, construction paper or even poster board, express what you love most about YOUR Police Department. It can be pictures, drawings or just words; whatever you wish. We are so very proud of our children and this year, we want to show it by offering this contest. There will be one Valentine prize for a boy and one for a girl. They must be complete and ready for us to look at by February the 9th. The Officers will choose the winners on February 10th and your prize will be brought to the school by them on Monday February the 13th. I will be talking with the teachers this week to pin down the details.

TRUE STORIES FROM THE STREETS:

It was a very late night and this story is true. It was after midnight, probably one or two.

I activate my blue's to stop a little white car. It pulled to the shoulder down the road, not far. I can see a female in the driver's seat and a man sitting to her right I eased out behind my door....it was really dark that night.

"Driver," I exclaimed. "Step out of the car." As the passenger door began to open I yelled to the passenger to shut his door and he knew I wasn't joking. Once again I command "Driver, step on out." And I'm not sure why But the passenger's door opens again and I get hand motions from the guy. Now my suspicion is to the max as the man yells back and says "SIR!!" I just tell him to close his door again "I NEED TO TALK TO HER!!" Feeling a little anger and not sure what I'm facing Somewhat agitated at the time we are wasting. Finally and to my surprise, because my blood pressure was rising. The man yells loudly, "It's a mail carrier's car, sir....I was the one driving."

Written by: Chief Joe Powell

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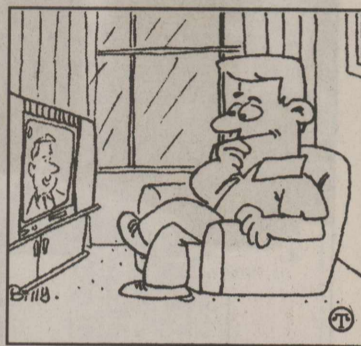
Spice up your
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New this week:
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The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods, etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Nearly two-thirds of the energy used by a cable box occurs when people are not watching TV. Fortunately, a new kind of ENERGY STAR-qualified cable box is designed to help save energy and money. To learn more, visit www.energystar.gov/products.



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training and careers. For more information, visit www.walmartcareerswithamission.com.

During the Korean War, servicemen and -women, doctors and other medical personnel helped advance many medical breakthroughs. Learn more at <http://koreanwar.defense.gov>.

The most annoying of all blockheads is a well-read fool.
—Bayard Taylor

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
—Oscar Wilde

STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION			
TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE			
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011			
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,704,369	\$ 21,730	\$ 1,726,099
5800 State Program Revenues	257,630	6,874	264,504
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	187,939	187,939
5020 Total Revenues	1,961,999	216,543	2,178,542
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	899,656	102,433	1,002,089
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,774	-	21,774
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	15,647	15,734	31,381
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	9,923	9,923
0023 School Leadership	79,308	-	79,308
0033 Health Services	1,113	-	1,113
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	122,181	306	122,487
0035 Food Services	-	134,217	134,217
0036 Extracurricular Activities	6,269	-	6,269
0041 General Administration	239,565	-	239,565
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	195,667	-	195,667
0053 Data Processing Services	13,560	-	13,560
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	528,182	-	528,182
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	609,803	-	609,803
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	15,171	-	15,171
6030 Total Expenditures	2,747,896	262,613	3,010,509
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(785,897)	(46,070)	(831,967)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	46,070	46,070
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(46,070)	-	(46,070)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(46,070)	46,070	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(831,967)	-	(831,967)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,649,755	-	1,649,755
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 817,788	\$ -	\$ 817,788

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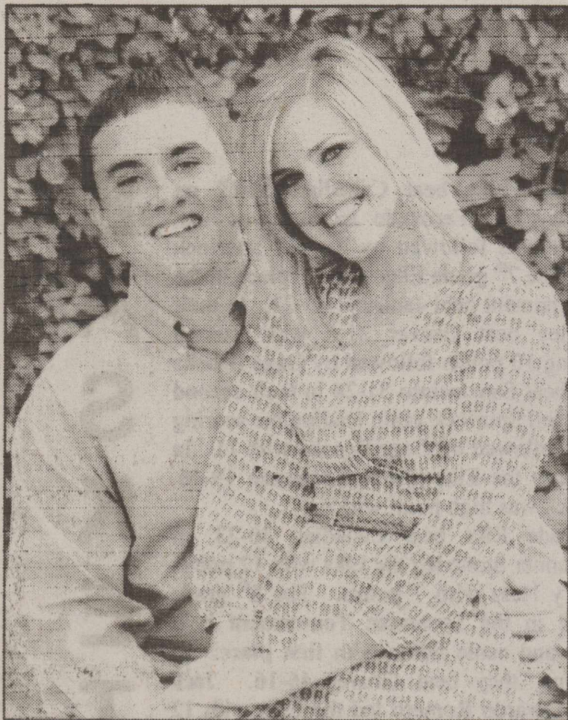
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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Doak Crabtree are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Crabtree, to Charlie Mann, son of Dr. and Mrs. Rex Mann of Perryton, Texas.

The bride elect is a 2008 graduate of Stratford High School and a 2011 graduate of The University of Oklahoma, where she received a Bachelor of Business in Accounting and Finance. She is currently employed as an accountant for Peyton Holdings Corporation in Canadian, Texas.

The prospective groom is a 2006 graduate of Perryton High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he received a Bachelor of Business in Finance. He is currently employed by Edward Jones Investments in Canadian, Texas.

The couple plan to marry on April 28, 2012 at First United Methodist Church in Canadian, Texas.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel
Roy and Ciccy Harris recently visited the Charles Fowlers and Edward Beaus families in Mineral Wells.

The Kerrick area women will be having a 10 a.m. Breakfast Saturday at the community building. All are invited.

COOKING IDEAS

(NAPS)—Nordic brisling sardines, such as those from King Oscar, are a tasty source of omega-3 fatty acids that may help reduce your risk of heart disease and other illnesses. For more health information and recipes,



see www.sardinediet.com or www.KingOscar.com or visit the King Oscar Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingOscarSeafood.

Pointers For Parents

Collecting And Storing Family Memories

(NAPS)—From snapping photos to making scrapbooks or shooting home movies, parents have long been the curators of family memories.

Today, those memories are more likely to be preserved digitally, saved on our computers and shared via social networks. Collecting memories online makes it easier to share them with family far and near, especially if you keep in mind a few simple rules of thumb.

Here are a few tips to help you get started:

Scan to save. Don't forget to scan in documents, such as relevant newspaper clips, great report cards and awards that might otherwise fade and become fragile.

Celebrate the everyday. Don't just document special events such as weddings or birthday parties. Snapshots of everyday life are likely to be treasured years later.

Add action. Mix up memories in photograph form and video.

Choose a computer that makes it easy. When you shop for a new computer, choose one with a red VISION Technology sticker from AMD. Computers with this technology offer better tools for transforming photos and videos into memories that last a lifetime. All-day battery life means easy editing and photo sharing on the go, crystal-clear HD visuals so pictures and videos

look more lifelike, and smooth video playback so finished home movies can be viewed and shared with loved ones.

When looking for a PC:

• **Speed counts:** Lack of time holds most people back from doing more with their photos. When you choose a PC with a supercomputing processor such as AMD's VISION Engine, your computer will have the horsepower needed to upload and edit photos and videos quickly.

• **Focus on the graphics:** Home videos and digital photographs look richer and more vivid, and editing is a breeze if you have a computer with super-sharp graphics capabilities.

• **Smooth out those shaky home movies:** Video-editing software, such as vReveal, allows you to easily organize, fix, edit and share your videos. You can edit videos taken from a smartphone, tablet or video camera to brilliant HD quality with a single click, create panoramic photos from your video, and save in a mobile-friendly format for easy sharing on the go.

• **Battery life:** If you're planning to upload photos or share a video with mom while you're away from home, choose a machine with long battery life, such as the HP dv6 with AMD AllDay Power, which lasts up to 10.5 hours.

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Hosted by the families:
Darryl, David, Paul, Lisa

67th Annual Sherman County Stock Show & Sale-New format this year

The 67th Annual Sherman County Stock Show and Sale is just around the corner. This year's stock show and sale will be held on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. The stock show and sale will have a new format this year and the Livestock Show Board would like to make the community aware of these changes.

The stock show will be on Friday, January 27th. All animals will be exhibited on this day. The show will start on Friday morning at 9:00 AM. The order of the show will be swine followed by lambs, goats, steers, and heifers.

The format of the sale has changed this year. On Saturday evening at 6:00 PM, a \$10.00 per person donation will be required to attend the sale. The \$10.00 donation will include a steak dinner served at 6:00 PM followed by a video auction of the exhibitors and their animal. The exhibitors will serve the meal. Tickets to the sale will be available for purchase from any of the following: the County Extension office, Dinah Horsford or any Livestock Show Board members and at the door.

Your participation in the show and sale is necessary for the continued success of the livestock show and sale for the FFA and 4-H participants. We are excited about the changes and look forward to seeing you at the show and sale.

Sherman County Livestock Show Board Members:

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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. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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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.

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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:30 p.m.

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Stratford Elk Rett Schoonover pulls up for the jumper in the Elks 2 point loss to Gruver on Tuesday, January 17. On Friday, January 20, the Elks beat West Texas.



J.V. Elk Preston Burr goes up for two in their win over Gruver on January 17. They also beat West Texas on Friday, January 20.



Lady Elk Jackie Gonzalez drives in for the lay-up in their loss against Gruver on Tuesday, January 17. The Lady Elks picked up a win on the road Friday, January 20 against West Texas.



J.V. Lady Elk Magaly Guerrero puts pressure on Gruver opponent in their loss on Tuesday, January 17. The Lady Elks beat West Texas on Friday, January 20.

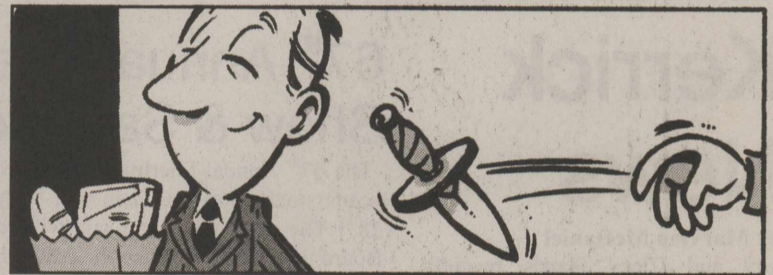
The 7th grade Elks beat Canadian 28-17 on Monday, January 16. Fernando Jacquez was high point with 12 points followed by Russell Spurlock with 8 points. The 7th grade Elks won 2nd place in the Spearman Tournament held January 19-21. In their first game, they beat Gruver 21-6 with Russell Spurlock scoring 10 points followed by Gage Brooks with 9. They beat San Jacinto 31-24 in their second game with Russell Spurlock again leading the scoring with 14 points followed by Gage Brooks with 11. In the championship the Elks lost to Spearman 19-46. Russell Spurlock was high point with 6.

The 8th grade Elks beat Canadian 36-23 on January 16. Tanner Stone led the Elks with 12 points followed by Ty Hess with 7 points. The 8th grade Elks competed in the Spearman Tournament held January 19-21 and came home with first place. In their first game, they beat Gruver 46-16. Jack McBryde and Gerardo Romero led the Elks with 12 points each. In their second game, they beat San Jacinto 56-22. John McBroom was high point with 14 points followed by Ty Hess with 13 points. In the championship game, they beat Spearman 53-9 with John McBroom leading the Elks with 18 points followed by Tanner Stone with 12 points.

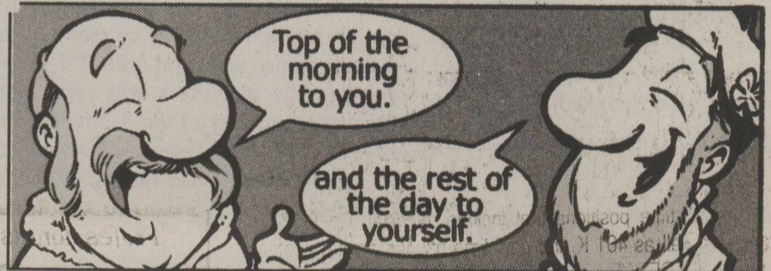
The J.V. Boys beat Gruver on Tuesday, January 17. Preston Burr led the Elks with 16 points followed by Logan Uttley with 12. On Friday, January 20, the Elks traveled to West Texas where they won 41-21. Logan Uttley was high point with 15 points followed by boy Preston Burr with 10.

The Stratford Elks lost a close one to Gruver 37-39. Sterling Audrain led the Elks with 8 points followed by Justin Mungia and Rett Schoonover with 7 points each. On Friday, January 20, the Elks beat West Texas 48-42 with Trevor Melton leading the scoring with 17 points followed by Justin Mungia with 10 points.

BASKETBALL



In Natoma, Kansas, it's illegal to throw knives at men wearing striped suits.



The correct response to the Irish greeting, "Top of the morning to you," is "and the rest of the day to yourself."

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Card of Thanks

Once again the cooking event held for the military families was a big success and it's all due to donations of money and time by many in the community **THANKS** to Wesley & Susie Spurlock who let us use their shop again and it was sure nice to have with the bad weather that came in this year. **THANKS** to American Legion members Robert McGinnis and Bob Harris for delivering food to the military personnel families and **THANKS** to Ted Allen for delivering to the nursing home. **THANKS** Ann Wells and Wayne Smith, you made sure we had a list of military families and **THANKS** to the Stratford Star for the free advertising. **THANKS** to everyone who donated money; we collected \$850 and the meat cost \$847-so we broke even. Approximately 30 military and other deserving families tithing the community received a pan of our smoked beef tenders and we plan to continue this event for military families as a way to say thank you for their service to our country and our community. We certainly couldn't do this without the cooks and their cookers; Gregg Hudson, Richard & Dick Chumley, Tex Vaughn, Larry Parsons, Abraham (sorry didn't get your last name), Sandy Tillery & Lynn Allen. **THANKS** to everyone who helped out this year, in one way or another.

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Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners' Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 20th day of December, 2011.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners' Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of the 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four Commissioners' Court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Sherman County, Texas.
County Clerk

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Conforme a §42.035, Tejas Eleccion Codigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Sherman, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopto por la corte de comisario y aprobado por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 20th de diciembre 2011.

Los individuos interesados pueden reparar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del oficial Condado durante horas de ofician regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. §1973, tambien sabido conrio Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloquear do los datos 2010 de censo. Cambios an eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Sherman de Tejas.
Oficial de Condado

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Safety Sense

Staying Safe On The Roads

(NAPS)—When it comes to staying safe on the roads, motorists may want to take a few cues from the experts: school bus drivers.

"Our drivers are trained to handle adverse conditions and know that preparation can make all the difference," said Gary Catapano, senior vice president of safety for First Student, Inc., a company that transports 6 million students daily.

Here are a few of their tips for winter weather driving:

It Starts Under the Hood

Starting buses on a frigid morning takes planning and preparation. Checking fuel, battery, tires, fluid levels and wipers should be part of regular safety and maintenance checks. Have your battery checked, so you don't hear silence when putting the key in the ignition. Also, make sure wiper blades and defrosters are in good working condition. Check tire tread for wear and ensure tires are properly inflated for weather conditions.

Check Fluid Levels

Keep your gas tank above half full; the extra volume can help reduce moisture problems within your fuel system and adds helpful weight to your vehicle. Check window washer fluid levels and consider keeping an extra jug as backup if the roads are sloppy.

Slow Down

"To help prevent a collision on a snow-covered road, slow down and increase your following distance. If the road you usually travel is on a grade, avoid it and



Slow down when driving on snow-covered roads.

use an alternative route if possible," said Catapano. A good rule of thumb is to reduce speed by 50 percent. Bridges and overpasses are more likely to ice over. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble.

Prepare to Stop

If you have to drive in the snow, test the road first. Check your brakes in a safe area to see how far it takes to stop. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front, as appropriate for road conditions, to allow for sufficient time to stop when roads are snow covered or icy. When following a school bus, keep in mind they may make several stops and starts along their route, loading and unloading students. Laws in all states require motorists to stop when the school bus stop arm is extended and red lights are flashing.

During the colder months, be sure to use extra precaution when on the roads.

For More Information

For more information, visit www.firststudentinc.com.

Your Garden

The Easy Way To Grow Roses

(NAPS)—There's good news if you find growing roses a challenge. That's because there are many new easy-care roses on the market.

Until recently, many gardeners saw roses as too frustrating or time consuming for average people. Further, the amount of fungicides and insecticides required were not ecologically or economically friendly.

Fortunately, advances in rose breeding have changed all this, making roses something any gardener can enjoy. Often called shrub or landscape roses, these are bred for resistance to the many rose problems, including black spot and other diseases.

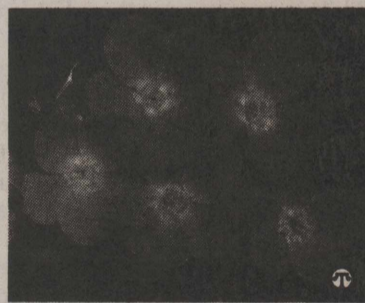
Low-Maintenance Roses For Everyone

These landscape shrub roses were a small percentage of the rose market in the 1990s, but today are exploding in popularity. The reason? These new shrub roses don't require spraying, harsh chemicals, pruning or lots of water. They are also tough as nails, surviving the hottest summers and harshest winters.

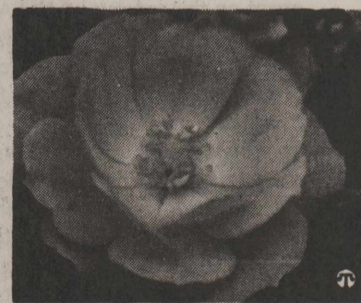
A Real Home Run

Home Run rose, sold by Proven Winners, is hardy and compact. It blooms and reblooms from the first blush of spring until the first frost. Plus, it's "self-cleaning," eliminating the need to remove the dead or spent flowers. It is also the only rose of its kind with natural immunity to both black spot and powdery mildew.

Home Run roses bloom nearly continuously with showy three-inch-wide, five-petal flowers of true "fire engine" red. It is the first to flower in spring and produce fresh flowers every day through the season. It is heat tol-



Advances in rose breeding have produced shrub or landscape roses that are bred for their resistance to black spot and other diseases that can plague roses.



erant and hardy in colder temperatures, so it can thrive from Texas to Michigan.

A brand-new rose called Pink Home Run is identical in every way to Home Run rose except its showy blossoms are an intense shade of pink.

Easy Does It

The Oso Easy series from Proven Winners is known for its disease resistance. These roses also don't require any spraying or pruning. Each rose in the series has green glossy foliage complementing the bright flower color.

Oso Easy Peachy Cream only reaches about 12 to 36 inches in height so it fits into gardens large and small. Its flower color emerges peach and transforms to cream. Oso Easy Paprika Rose starts out as a beautiful orange and fades to coral with a golden sun in the center. Measuring only 12 to 24 inches in size, it is ideal for your home's landscaping.

Another rose, Oso Easy Fragrant Spreader, has abundant soft pink, single flowers. The plant will spread out to almost five feet across, making it ideal for covering large areas. It is perfect to cover banks and slopes. Unlike

many shrub roses, it is also highly fragrant.

Another newer rose is Oso Happy Candy Oh! It features large sprays of single, candy-apple red flowers blooming from summer until frost. It has a dense, mounding habit and is great for mass plantings. As with all these roses, it is very hardy and disease resistant. And because Candy Oh! was bred in Minnesota, it can take the harshest of winters.

Enjoyment All Summer

Shrub roses are easy to grow and are low maintenance. They are also ecologically—and pocket-book—friendly because they don't require spraying. They work for mixed borders and beds and are compact enough to plant near walkways and other tight spots.

Roses need five to six hours of direct sun each day, so make sure you don't plant in full shade. Avoid planting your roses beneath eaves or gutters so they are not damaged by falling water. These shrub roses don't require heavy pruning, but you can prune to your preferred shape in spring.

For more information on the newest landscape roses, visit www.provenwinners.com.

For the folks who commented on my so many days left until Christmas in last week's edition

Here we go again

Only 335 days left until Christmas!!!!



The character most frequently portrayed on the screen is Sherlock Holmes, created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

From the Bird's Nest January, 2012

By Jerry Birdsong Superintendent

Every day is a new day at the school house – you never know what a day may bring. A couple of weeks we dealt with a possible threat against our high school campus. Fortunately, the district was never in imminent danger and a suspect is now in the county jail. It did not matter whether the suspect intended harm or not, the district did respond by taking the necessary steps to insure the safety of our students and staff to the best of our abilities.

Once the threat allegation was brought to the administration's attention on January 10th, our local law enforcement was notified. Patrols in and around our campuses were stepped up until the suspect was arrested in Cactus on January 13th. We may never know the true intentions of the suspect. Please thank our local law enforcement for their vigilance in this situation.

The first semester ended the first week of January and by most accounts, we have had a smooth school year to this point. There are a lot of reasons that the district serves our community well. We have some outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators in our school district that care about the kids and enjoy seeing our students succeed. We also could not be successful without an outstanding board of trustees.

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 Traylor, Barney Willborn, Greg Wright, Michele Lutes, Tres Hess, and Chet Everett. 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.

With time moving quickly, we must continue to take advantage of the limited time that we have. We really have a short time with our students to make a difference. The school year is 187 days including staff development days. Believe it or not, we have less than 90 instructional days left for the 2011-2012. We still have athletic seasons, academic contests, prom, graduation and of course, the STAAR exams. The calendar is full of opportunities for our young people.

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. Wright's Aggies have been putting in the hours to prepare for the local show and the majors which are just around the corner.

I would also like to take a little time to thank the high school staff for its

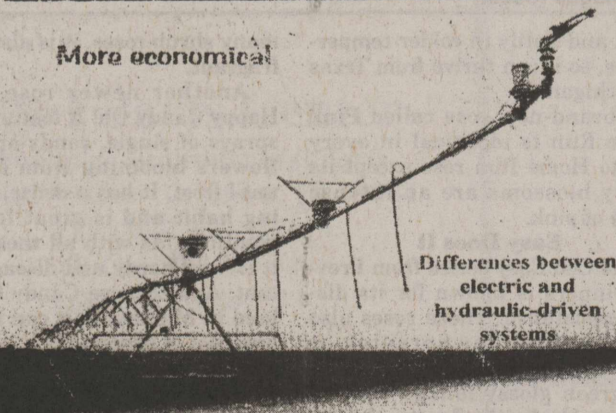
work while Dr. Uttley is recovery from surgery. The high school staff is keeping that building running like clockwork and the education of our kids continued. Another thanks to the administrators that have chipped in and helped with the administrative duties for the high school.

Basketball is in its last third of the regular season. The Elks are positioning themselves to compete for one of the three state playoffs berths from our districts. The Lady Elks are going through a rough stretch – young players in a tough district. Keep encouraging our Lady Elks to continue to play hard and to the best of their abilities – it will pay off in the long run. 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 two of our teams won championships. 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 nearly 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 2015 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.

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The lima bean gets its name from the city of Lima, Peru. Archaeologists have found evidence they were cultivated there over 6,000 years ago, in what was the Indian village of Rimac.

The Ocean Does A Million Things For You. Here's What You Can Do For It.

(NAPS)—Whether you live in Kansas or on Kauai, the ocean affects your life.

Covering more than 70 percent of the planet, the ocean is a vital source of life on Earth. Every other breath you take originates from the ocean. Weather patterns and climate are influenced by its currents. Seafood provides 13-16 percent of the world's protein.

Human beings depend on the ocean for a wealth of goods and services, yet, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), pollution, climate change and overfishing are diminishing the ability of the ocean to provide many of these benefits into the future.

"The ocean is our planet's life support system, and its health is waning," says Daniel J. Basta, director, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. "We all have a stake in ensuring its health. Recovery starts with our personal actions every day."

Here's what you can do:

Clean up your act. Motor oil, antifreeze, toxic chemicals (including household cleaners), paints and pesticides that run off from yards and pavement frequently make their way to sea. Properly dispose of, or recycle, these products to avoid being a source of this pollution.

Don't trash where you splash. Millions of pounds of trash and debris end up in the ocean every year. A variety of this debris, including cigarette butts, glass bottles and plastics, injure and kill marine life. Keep our waters clean! Practice your 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) to keep trash off the streets and out of the ocean.

Conserve energy. The burn-



ing of fossil fuels for electricity, heating and transportation releases harmful carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that affects ocean life. Biking, buying products made or grown locally, riding mass transit, drinking tap water and using alternative sources of energy are ways to reduce your impact on the environment.

Eat sustainable seafood. Many of the large fish we enjoy eating are fished at levels that can't be sustained. By making informed decisions about the seafood you eat, you're supporting healthy, abundant oceans.

Volunteer. Lend your time to support research, education and outreach at places that work to protect coastal and marine habitats, such as National Marine Sanctuaries.



Scan this QR code using your smartphone to learn more about ocean threats and what National Marine Sanctuaries are doing to help out.

Safety Sense

Tips On How To Survive A Disaster

(NAPS)—A disaster can happen any time to anyone and the better prepared you are, the better your odds of surviving it.

Recently, the news has been filled with stories of tornadoes, earthquakes and floods, all of which have caused enormous destruction and, in some cases, loss of life. It has caused many people to think about survival kits and plans.

Making A Plan

What should you plan for and what should your survival kit contain?

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security encourages people to consult websites such as www.ready.gov.

In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary to survive on your own. With that reality in mind, the site has a helpful checklist of items to keep on hand, including:

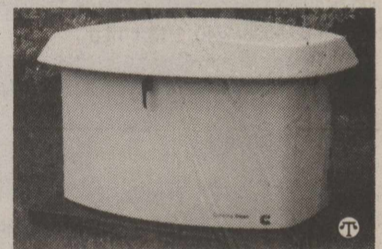
- Water
- Nonperishable food
- Radio, flashlight and batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Dust masks
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Cell phone and charger or inverter.

Stay Powered

Another key consideration: preparing for a loss of electricity.

A home-based survival kit proves its value in an emergency. And that's also when a residential standby generator can make all the difference, enabling you to stay in your home in comfort and safety.

Unlike portable units, a home standby generator is hardwired



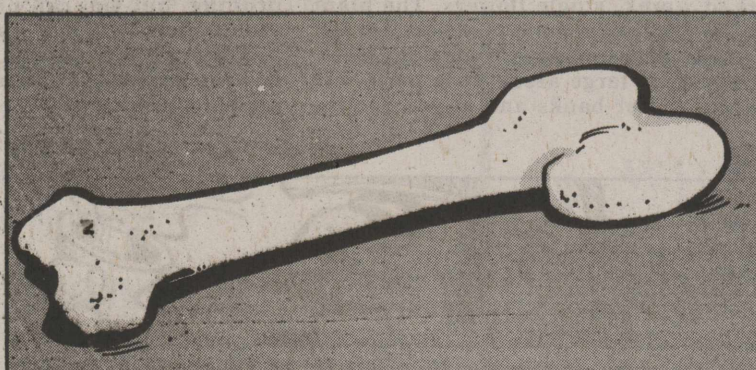
Having a residential standby generator you can rely on can help you stay in control during a power outage.

into your home's electrical system. Teamed with an automatic transfer switch, the residential generator automatically kicks in when it senses a loss of utility power, and it automatically shuts down when utility power is restored.

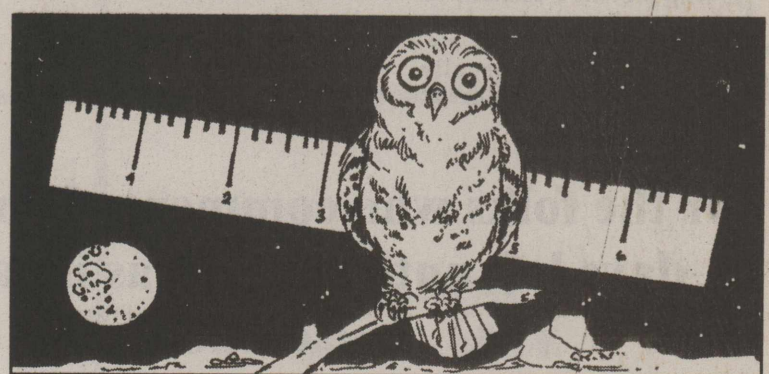
There are several factors to consider in determining the right generator for your home, including square footage, wattage of critical appliances and fuel preference—natural gas or propane. Fortunately, companies such as Cummins Onan can help you select the right generator for your needs. Once you decide on a model, let a professional electrical contractor handle the installation. It's not a DIY job.

For More Information

For more information on emergency preparedness in general and standby power in particular, visit powertoprepare.com/ready. There, you will find links to important resources that can help you determine and implement your own plan, as well as helpful videos and eye-opening statistics presented in easy-to-understand graphic form.

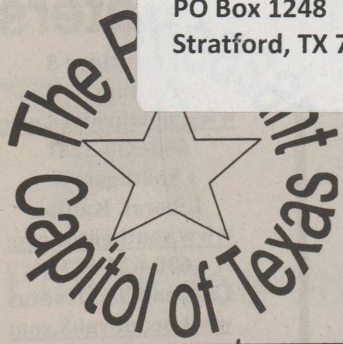


Although the outsides of a bone are hard, they are generally light and soft inside. They are about 75 percent water.



The sparrow-sized elf owl is only 5 to 6 inches long. Found in America's southwestern deserts, it is the smallest owl in the world.

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AJ Riffe Receives Eagle Scout Award

Alexander Joseph Riffe, son of Chris and Ronna Riffe recently received the Eagle Scout Court of honor Ceremony on Sunday, January 8, 2010 at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. AJ finished several Eagle Projects to be able to receive this very prestigious award. Shown far left are Chris Riffe, AJ, and Ronna Riffe. Lower far left, David Terry, Chris, AJ and Ronna Riffe. At left is AJ, receiving his Eagle Award. Several family members and friends were on hand to help AJ celebrate. Past recipients of this Eagle Scout award are Orville Eastman, Bill Reed, Rex Sladek, Fred Pronger, Ronnie Larimore, Pat Flores, Blake Sladek, Andy Riffe, Adam Witcher, Scott Zak, Chris Riffe, John Riffe, Patrick Pronger, Mathew Taliaferro, Eric Riffe, Andy Witcher and Pat Barnard. If you know of someone we missed, please let us know and we will add their name to this list. These men are either still residents of Stratford, or have been residents of Stratford. I think that is impressive to have that many with the size of Stratford, Congratulations to all and a special Congratulations to AJ- Well done.



Stratford ISD Education Foundation Annual Meeting

Stratford ISD Education Foundation Annual Meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Imagination Station. The Public is invited. The Program will be given by Charlotte Rhodes of the Amarillo Area Foundation and she will discuss How Rural Communities Benefit through Foundations. Refreshments will be provided.

Ms. Rhodes has made a career of assisting non-profit foundations. She is currently vice President of the Amarillo Area Foundation, which has funded numerous projects in Stratford for Scot, Education Foundation, Area Foundation, Sherman County Library and various other community projects. She is Vice President of the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation, as well as a board member on the Harrington Cancer Center, Amarillo Botanical Gardens, and Windows on the Wider World.

Ms. Rhodes has a BS degree from Texas Tech and an MS degree from West Texas A&M University.

The Annual Meeting will provide the opportunity for the community to see how the Education Foundation has benefited the Stratford School System since its inception TEN years ago!



Ex-Student Reunion 2012, July 27-28

It is time for Stratford Ex-Students in the honored classes ending in a 2 to start making plans and updating their mailing list. Honored Classes, 1942,52,62,72,82,92, & 2002. Friday, July 27 is hamburgers at the County Exhibit building, Saturday, July 28 Jamboree Parade & Barbeque and then what? Stratford Education Foundation program and Street Dance???

Sherman County Junior Livestock Show Sign-Up

It is now time to enter for the 2012 Sherman County Junior Livestock Show to be held January 27. All 4-H and FFA members must come by the Extension office by January 20, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. to enter your livestock projects and pay your entry fees and pick-up a current copy of the rules. You must come in by this deadline in order for us to send in your name to your school and check your eligibility status prior to the stock show. If you have any questions call or come by the Extension office 366-2081.

A fund for Pepe Licon and Brenda Ibarra is set up at the First State Bank to help with expenses for their house that sustained fire damage.

Heritage of Scouting

Of any 100 boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the 100, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile Court judge. Twelve of the 100 will be from families who have no religious affiliation. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church, synagogue, or mosque, and will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program. Six of the 100 will enter the ministry.

Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest (throughout the rest of their lives. Many will serve in the military and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life, and many will credit it with saving their own.

Four of the 100 will reach the rank of Eagle, and at least one will later say that he values his Eagle badge; above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit-badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the 100 boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become a scout, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

Suspect Captured

By Chief Joe Powell-Stratford Police Department-

Approximately a week or so ago, the Stratford Police Department received a call from the school. There was a concern because a student had received a disturbing text message several weeks prior and had just brought it to someone's attention. The message was from a person who had attended school here in Stratford for a short time and had apparently moved back out of the area. The message contained statements about "shooting" at the school. Chief Powell immediately sent officers to start walking the hallways until more information was uncovered. The following day, interviews were conducted by the Stratford Police and a suspect was named. Detective Gabehart visited with the Moore County District Attorney's Office in efforts to obtain a warrant while the other officer's continued to patrol the school heavily. Once a warrant was issued for Terroristic Threat (3rd degree felony) several agencies began searching for the suspect. On Friday the 13th, the suspect was captured at a relative's home in Cactus. No weapons were found in his possession at the time of arrest. The 17 year old male is currently being held in the Sherman County Jail with a \$500,000.00 bond. Several agencies assisted with the leg work and capture of this individual: Stratford Police, Cactus Police, Sherman County Sheriff's Office & Texas DPS Rangers.

Only 342 days left until Christmas!!
(Sorry I could not help myself)

Burton Named to Dean's List

The Dean's List for the 2011 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honoree from Stratford is Eric B. Burton.

The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods, etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

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Obituaries

Randy Aro

Randy Louise Aro, 60 of Amarillo, died Tuesday January 10, 2012.

Cremation was by Cox Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive. A Celebration of Randy's life was held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 533 W. Studebaker Amarillo, TX 79108

Survivors include a sister, Jessica Thompson and husband Alonzo of Dumas; son, Matthew Aro and wife Joy of Amarillo; daughter, Kandra James and husband John of Amarillo; son, Brady Aro of Amarillo and six grandchildren.

Randy will be missed on this earth, but God has taken home another angel with him in Heaven. We love you Humma.

2012 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.

USDA Extends Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-Up to January 27

WASHINGTON, January 11 — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief Dave White today announced that the cut-off date for the current Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) ranking period has been extended to January 27, 2012. Producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship are eligible for CSP payments.

"We want to make sure that people who want to be considered for CSP during this first ranking period have the time they need to complete their applications," White said. "CSP is a very popular program and I encourage interested producers to apply at their local NRCS office as soon as they can."

CSP is offered in all 50 states, tribal lands and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups. Administered by NRCS, CSP provides many conservation benefits including improved water and soil quality, enhanced wildlife habitat and conservation activities that address the effects of climate change.

Producers are encouraged to apply for CSP throughout the year to be considered for current and future application ranking periods. Those who apply by January 27, 2012, may be eligible for current available funding. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and nonindustrial forestland.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contracts obligations and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices and at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financialksp>.

Learn more about CSP and other NRCS programs at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs>.

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EQIP ranking period ends soon

LUBBOCK, TEXAS, Jan. 10, 2012- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Rodney Weiser reminds agriculture producers that the ranking period cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is February 3, 2012. Producers interested in EQIP should submit applications to the Sherman County NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during the first ranking period of 2012.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Sherman County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Rodney Weiser.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2012 funding is February 3, 2012. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Stratford at (806) 396-5517. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

S.C.O.T. HALL SCUTTLE

BY: Cindy Jackson

Another year gone by. I hope and pray, that this year, is wetter than last year. This is also an election year. We are having our own race, for sheriff, right here in Stratford. At last count there are five candidates. I heard a saying on elevation, the other day. It was: "Politics makes strange bedfellows". You know me; I wondered where did that saying come from. Well, Political interests can bring to gather people who otherwise have little in common. This saying is adapted from a line in the play "The Tempest, by William Shakespeare.

I have been traveling recently and I thought I would share an experience I had. Airplanes, they are going bankrupt but all the flights are full. How is that happening? I was sitting in the eighteenth row on the aisle. I can't see the occupancy sign on the bathroom very well so I was watching the people go in and out. I make it a rule to never go to the bathroom, if I can help it, on a plane. I broke my own rule. I was sitting there watching the bathroom and I saw my chance. Every time I got ready to get up and go, someone in a row closer to the bathroom, would get up and head that way. I was trying to obey the airplane rules and not gather around the bathroom. Six people later, I was starting to worry. I wanted to stand up and say; "Has everyone in rows 8-17 went to the bathroom"? I finally got my chance. The bathroom is so small, why do people want to stay in there forever? The lighting is terrible, there is no full length mirror and it's cold. It could be worse; I could have been on that cruise ship that sunk. I am always grateful to get to my destination safely.

Dues are due. Please see Charlene Oquin. The new board members will be announced at the luncheon.

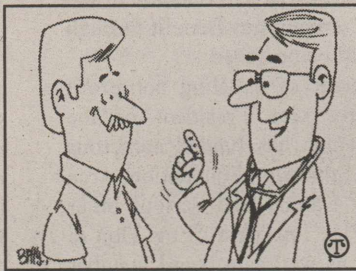
January 24, 2012- S.C.O.T. Hall Board Meeting 5:05 p.m.

January 26, 2012- Luncheon Noon, Meat is furnished by S.C.O.T. Hall grilled pork loins.

Thank you for being a part of the S.C.O.T. Hall family.

Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—New survey data reveals that 87 percent of patients want to be told at the pharmacy if they are not getting their originally prescribed medication. As a general rule, patients should be knowledgeable about their prescribed medication and work with their pharmacist to ensure they receive the exact prescription selected by their doctor.



For information about the importance of influenza vaccination in the winter and spring, visit the *Faces of Influenza* website, www.facesofinfluenza.org. Faces of Influenza is an educational initiative from the American Lung Association, made possible through a collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur.

Community Connect Enrichment Classes Begin in January

The next session of Community Connect continuing education and enrichment classes for adults and children will begin in January 2012. In addition to the ever popular computer technology classes, a series of cooking classes, piano, ballet and jewelry making, along with fly fishing, gardening and sewing courses have been added to the line-up. Also new are some continuing education classes geared for the business community, three of which are Communication workshops, a class on Marketing Fundamentals and Business Etiquette workshop.

To view a complete list of classes and to register go to www.dalhartcommunityeducation.org. Paper catalogs are available at the DISD Central Office, Dallam-Hartley County Library, Coon Memorial Hospital, Chamber of Commerce, Dalhart Texan and various other business locations. Please email renicksyl@dalhart.k12.tx.us for further information.

Education

(NU) - While there are a number of college options, few are affordable and flexible enough for the needs of working adults. But Washington's new online university, WGU Washington, [washington.wgu.edu](http://www.washington.wgu.edu), is designed to meet those needs. WGU Washington offers 50 accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs in business, information technology, education and health professions, including nursing.

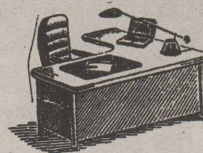
WGU Washington's programs allow students to fly through what they already know and focus on what they don't. Students advance by displaying skills, not by logging class hours.

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From the desk of Chief Powell



First of all, thanks to the hard work of the officer's last week, we can all rest easy now. The professionalism of all the officer's involved and the way they worked hand in hand with other agencies was impressive.

Our children and their safety are so important to us. I guess this is a good time to explain why our officer's often wear what is called a tac-vest. These vest you may sometimes see them wearing, is not for looking like "swat" but rather to save their lives in case of a situation involving weapons. We have to keep in mind that we have hundreds of our children inside the same buildings every day and protecting them is one of our top priorities. I know, that's something we don't normally think would happen, but after the "scare" last week we will continue to put them at the top of our list. I also would like to make mention that the local news called the suspect a "Stratford Student." I have to disagree with this. This was NOT the nature or OUR students. This person had been a student for a short term and was not currently attending our school. My hat is off to the administrators and faculty of our school system here and I have yet to meet one of our students who would ever shake us up like this one did. Thanks for your support and trusting us to handle YOUR safety & security.

Chief Joe Powell stratfordpd.com

Sherman County Office of Emergency Management Encourages Local Residents to "Resolve to be Ready" in 2012.

The Sherman County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), in cooperation with the PRPC, is excited to announce the launch of the 'Resolve to be Ready' campaign in the Texas Panhandle. Residents of Sherman County are encouraged to go online at www.R2BeReady.com and sign up for a new mass notification system where they can opt-in to receive emergency alerts in the Texas Panhandle.

What is an emergency alert? They're timely notices that residents can receive directly from their OEM when severe conditions threaten public safety. By registering, residents can receive those alerts by cell phone, by text, by email or on their home phone. The purpose of this system is to keep residents informed of circumstances that may endanger their safety with the overall goal of reducing injury and loss of life in disaster situations.

The system, which is being funded by a grant from FEMA and with the support of the Amarillo Area Foundation, becomes available January 16 when the six-week awareness campaign launches. However, this call to action is ongoing throughout the year.

"This additional means of communication to such a mobile community has been a long time coming," said Margaret Ewers Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator. "We are excited about this campaign and also the ability to reach so many of our neighbors with good tips on how to better prepare for emergencies."

Many homes and thousands of acres were destroyed in the Texas Panhandle last year due to wildfires. A recent report by the National Climatic Data Center says that 2011 saw more billion-dollar natural disasters than any year on record.

These events serve as important reminders that disasters can strike anytime or anywhere. Being prepared is one of the most effective efforts we can make to protect our homes, businesses, and loved ones.

If you would like more information on this topic, please contact Margaret at 806-366-2021 or Email to: margaret.ewers@co.sherman.tx.us.

Births

Brad and Rachael of Dumas proudly announce the birth of their precious baby boy, Brayson Dean Reed, born January 3, 2012 weighing 8 lbs. 2.5 oz and 19 3/4 inches long.

Proud Grandparents are: Rob and Terri Lackey of Panhandle, Don and ViAnn Reed of Stratford; Great Grandparents: Coy and Dartha Hargrove from Amarillo, Ronny and Esther Ferguson of Dumas and Bill and Margaret Reed of Stratford and Ramona Lackey. Also very proud Aunts and Uncles: Hannah and Rebakah Lackey; Daniel Lackey and Brent Reed.

Carter Honored with Baby Shower Sunday

A Baby Shower honoring Morgan Carter and baby girl Jady Rose was held Sunday, January 15th, 2012 in the home of Tami King from 1 till 2 in the afternoon. Shown at right, left to right are Mary Smith, Laura Smith, Tamara Seaton, Morgan, Mary Carter, Debbie Seaton and Courtenay Carter.



Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Florencia Eslinger is recovering from surgery. She had lots of visitors. Son Lonnie from Carlisle, PA and grandsons Jeb and Shelby. Also daughters Becky and Mindy from Amarillo.

Chandra Hawkins was home for the weekend from Amarillo.

Study Club News

Prospectus Study Club was given a program by Dr. Uttley, High School Principal. Laura Bushes "Power of the Purse" was also discussed by Gaynelle Riffe. Present were 14 members.

Coldwater Manor celebrates Birthdays for January

Shown at right is Corky Bain, seated who had a January Birthday at Coldwater Manor. The First United Methodist Church sponsored the party for this month. Other birthday girl was Jane Hopson, but she was unavailable for a picture. Joining Corky in the photo are Sue Hudson and Ellen Tillery



Xcel presents grant check to Stratford Fire Dept.

Xcel Energy said they were blessed last year to have the help of the local fire department as wildfires threatened their power lines and the reliability of their system. As a small token of their appreciation, they provided a check for \$1,000 to help the fire department offset some of the high costs of fighting fires in 2011. Shown above left to right are Wallace Hill, Xcel Energy regional manager for community and economic development in Amarillo; Stratford Fire Chief Danny Davis; and Pat Rendon, Xcel Energy manager for community and economic development serving the Stratford area, presenting the check to Danny.

Stratford Hospital District

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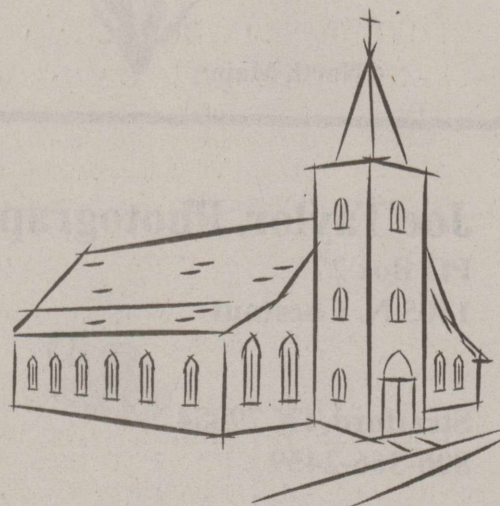
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. David Terry
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Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
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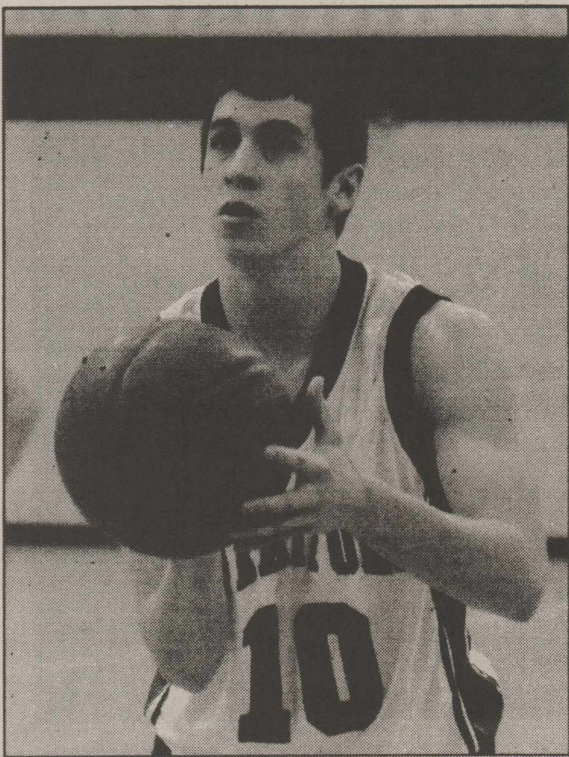
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Kerrick Community
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Community Building
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401 S. Wall 396-5376
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
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Colten Rendon gets ready at the free throw line for the J.V. Elks in their loss against Booker.



Shooting free throws for the J.V. Lady Elks is Mazie Vincent. They lost to Booker on Friday, January 13.

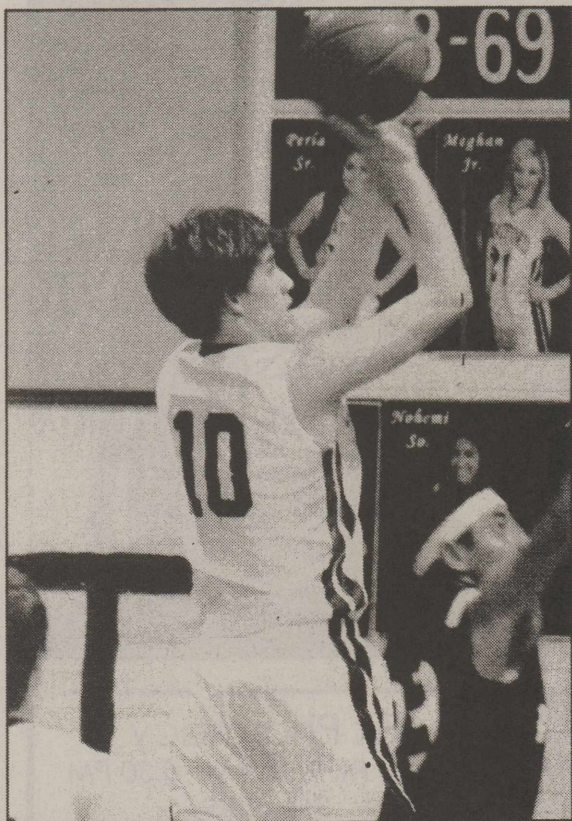
The 7th grade Elks lost 23-37 to Sunray on Monday, January 9. Gage Brooks was high point with 13 points followed by Russell Spurlock with 7.

On Monday, January 9, the 8th grade Elks beat Sunray 53-10 with Tanner Stone leading in scoring with 13 points followed by Jack McBryde with 12, Ty Hess 9 and John McBroom with 8.

On Tuesday, January 10, the J.V. Elks lost to Canadian 29-32. Logan Uttley was leading scorer with 11 points with Preston Burr following with 8 points. On Friday, January 13, they beat Booker 41-19. Logan Uttley was high point with 12 points followed by Colten Rendon, Preston Burr and Hunter Everett with 8 points.

The Stratford Elks traveled to Canadian on Tuesday, January 10 and lost 38-53. Edgar Guerrero was high point with 12 points followed by Trevor Melton with 11 points. On Friday, January 13, the Elks played Booker at home to win 58-44. Marcos Garza led the scoring with 11 points followed by Justin Mungia and Sterling Audrain with 10 points each.

Players of the Week: Trevor Melton and Casey Lantelme.



Stratford Elk Sterling Audrain goes up for two in the Elks win over Booker on Friday, January 13.



Bethany Everett scores at the free throw line for the Lady Elks in their loss against Booker on Friday, January 13.



J.V. Lady Elks Brittany Law pulls up for the shot in their loss against Booker on Friday, January 13.

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Wilbur-Ellis Company in Dalhart has a position open in office administration. Must have computer skills, phone etiquette, and must possess excellent customer service skills. Please apply in person or bring your resume to 3325 E. Hwy 54, call for directions. 1-19-c

AUTOMOTIVE

Don't Tread Lightly On Winter Tire Safety

NewsUSA

(NU) - With winter upon us, tire safety in cold weather is something every car owner should be familiar with. Most drivers concentrate on tire safety in hot weather to avoid blowouts, but the same precautions should be exercised in the winter. One of the most effective ways to be safe on the road is to use a winter tire specially designed for cold weather.

Common all-season tires contain a tread compound that gradually hardens when temperatures dip below 45 degrees, resulting in a decrease in traction. These tires also tend to collect winter road debris, like snow and ice, which can impact a vehicle's performance on wintry roads.

Mark Ballard, spokesman for Discount Tire Company, America's largest independent tire and wheel retailer, advises motorists to replace all four tires with winter tires if they can expect to encounter snow and ice during the winter months. "It's best to use winter tires, especially if you live in an area with extreme weather conditions where temperatures are below 45 degrees on a consistent basis," he explains. "Relying on an all-season tire to do the work of a winter tire can be dangerous to you and other motorists."

In recent years, the Rubber Manufacturers Association (www.rma.org) developed new standards for winter traction, which led to technological advancements in the manufacture of winter tires. For example, a newer tread compound featuring a higher silica content retains tire flexibility even in freezing temperatures, allowing the tread to maintain its grip with the highway.



Winter tires are designed to handle the icy elements of cold weather.

Also, tread block design has been greatly improved with the addition of thousands of "sipes," small cuts in the tread block that provide extra biting edges for more traction.

"Every aspect of today's winter tire has been engineered to provide better traction and greater ability to quickly expel water, slush and snow, provide a quieter ride and allow for longer tread life," says Ballard.

Winter tires tend to be slightly more expensive than all-season ones. But like all tires, winter tires perform optimally when properly inflated. Remember that a significant drop in temperature can lower air pressure. Typically, a 10-degree drop will cause tires to lose a pound of pressure.

To learn more about winter tire safety, visit www.tires.com.

Automotive

(NU) - Long hours on the road can often result in body aches, poor nutrition and other challenges for drivers stuck behind the wheel. To avoid such pitfalls and make the experience a bit less taxing on the body, champion Porsche race car driver Patrick Long has developed a set of guidelines for drivers everywhere. Long, an American Le Mans Series race car driver who can be in his car for up to 12 hours at a time, recommends maintaining a properly aligned body position. Long also recommends the "9 and 3" hand position.

For more information, check out www.porsche.com/usa.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for all the prayers, and concerns about our new little grandson and nephew Brayson. We would also like to thank Don and Gaynelle Riffe and B.A. and LeRayne Donelson for their help in getting Brad and Rachel into the League House of Amarillo. This helped them get a little rest and a chance to relax. Again thanks for all the support. Brayson is home and doing well

Sincerely Don & ViAnn and Brent Reed

We HATE doing inventory, so it's time for our annual January Clearance Sale!!!
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WHO: AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE
WHAT: OF MICE & MEN
WHEN: JANUARY 19-29, 2012
WHERE: AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE MAINSTAGE AUDITORIUM 2019 CIVIC CIRCLE
TICKETS: AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE BOX OFFICE (806) 355-9991

Amarillo Little Theatre proudly presents a classic of American literature - *Of Mice and Men* - as the third Mainstage production of the 2011-12 season. This beautiful and touching play is sure to provide an unforgettable night at the theatre for ALT audiences.

The story deals with two drifters, George and Lennie, with delusions of living off the "fat of the land," who have just arrived at a ranch to work for enough money to buy their own place. Lennie is a man-child, a little boy in the body of a dangerously powerful man. It's Lennie's obsession with things soft and cuddly that has made George cautious about whom he associates with. His promise to allow Lennie to "tend to the rabbits" on their future land keeps Lennie calm, amidst distractions. But when a ranch boss' promiscuous wife is found dead in the barn, it's obvious that Lennie, albeit accidentally, is responsible. George is faced with a moral question: *How should he deal with Lennie before the ranchers find him and take matters into their own hands?*

ALT has selected a wonderful collection of nine men and one woman as the cast for this production. They include ALT veterans Travis Johnson as George and Scott Royster as Lennie. The cast also includes Dennis Humphrey, Bryan Lewis, John May, Don Shipman, Don M. Washburn, Joe Weaver, Michael Westmoreland and Terah Zolman. Artistic Director is Allen Shankles with Melanie Sanders as Assistant to the Director. *Of Mice and Men* promises to be an exhilarating evening of theatre

Show dates are January 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 at 8:00 p.m. and January 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Of Mice and Men is rated PG.

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may also be reserved by e-mailing jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org

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Legal Notices

Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees has resolved to sell the old bus barns on Lots 11-14 in Block Number 2, in the town of Stratford, Texas, recorded in Volume 109 page 456 as per the map or plat thereof on file with the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas. The property will be sold as one unit. The selected bidder will be responsible for all survey, title policy and closing costs.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., February 3, 2012. Stratford I.S.D. has the right to reject or accept any and/or all bids, to make awards as they may appear advantageous and to waive all formalities in bidding. Bids will be reviewed with possible action at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County, Texas herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners' Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 20th day of December, 2011.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners' Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of the 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four Commissioners' Court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Sherman County, Texas. County Clerk

AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

Conforme a §42.035, Tejas EleccionCodigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Sherman, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopto por la corte de comisario y aprobado por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 20th de diciembre 2011.

Los individuos interesados pueden reparar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del oficial Condado durante horas de ofician regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. §1973, tambien sabido conrio Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloquear do ios datos 2010 de censo. Cambios an eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Sherman de Tejas. Official de Condado

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Physical Therapy Grads Receive Honors

Hardin-Simmons University Doctor of Physical Therapy post-grad scholarships were presented at a graduation banquet held Friday, December 16, 2011 at the Abilene Civic Center. Recipients of the scholarships graduated Saturday, December 17, 2011 with a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Hardin-Simmons University.

Departmental Awards

The Dr. William R. Gould Memorial Scholarship is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who demonstrates the pursuit of knowledge, is an analytical, persistent, and passionate learner, who asks why and why not. This year's recipient is Dr. Zachary Neal Riney, who came to HSU's Physical Therapy program with a BS from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Riney was also selected for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. The Gould Scholarship was created in memory of the founder of the HSU Physical Therapy program, Dr. William Gould.

The Rufus & Edna Hyde Endowed Scholarship is presented to the graduating physical therapy student(s) who have a relentless determination, a diligent work ethic, strength of character, and leads a life of Encouragement through Christian example. This year's recipients are Dr. Allison Gayle Baskin (daughter of Steve and Sandy Baskin) and Dr. Bailey Ellison Denno. Baskin earned a BA at Hardin-Simmons University and was also selected for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Denno earned a BS from Pacific University, Forrest Grove, Oregon.

The Hyde Scholarship was created by Dr. Robert Gilbreth in memory of his uncle and aunt.

The William Robert Lacey Christian Leadership Award is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who demonstrates compassionate, joyful, loving behavior exhibited through Christ-centered leadership in classroom, clinical, and community activities. The 2011 recipient is Dr. Melissa Lynn Dorr, who earned a BA from Hardin-Simmons University and is also a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. The Lacey Award was created by the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lacey in memory of their son.

The Susan Livingston McKeever Award of Excellence is presented annually to the graduating physical therapy students who demonstrate excellence in classroom, clinical, and community activities. This year's recipients are Dr. Shannon M. Higgins Sims, Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Urbanek, and Dr. Collin Chase Riley. Sims earned a BS from McMurry University, Abilene, Texas, and is named in Who's Who. Urbanek earned a BS from Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas, and is named in Who's Who. Riley earned a BA from HSU and is named in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The Livingston-McKeever Scholarship was created by Mr. and Mrs. D.V. Livingston in honor of their daughter, Susan Livingston-McKeever.

USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers of Livestock Disaster Program Deadlines

(Stratford, TX), January 9 2012—Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP," said Hemphill. "To ensure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," she said.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP):

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011. Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice of loss no later than Oct. 31, 2011 and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

Program Requirements:

In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP. For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Sherman County USDA Service Center at 806-396-2211. Information can also be obtained on line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



People in France, Ireland, India and Spain, as well as Scotland, play the bagpipe. The ancient Romans used a form of bagpipe that was used in Persia, Turkey and Palestine in the A.D. 100s.

67th Annual Sherman County Stock Show & Sale-New format this year

The 67th Annual Sherman County Stock Show and Sale is just around the corner. This year's stock show and sale will be held on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. The stock show and sale will have a new format this year and the Livestock Show Board would like to make the community aware of these changes.

The stock show will be on Friday, January 27th. All animals will be exhibited on this day. The show will start on Friday morning at 9:00 AM. The order of the show will be swine followed by lambs, goats, steers, and heifers.

The format of the sale has changed this year. On Saturday evening at 6:00 PM, a \$10.00 per person donation will be required to attend the sale. The \$10.00 donation will include a steak dinner served at 6:00 PM followed by a video auction of the exhibitors and their animal. The exhibitors will serve the meal. Tickets to the sale will be available for purchase from any of the following: the County Extension office, Dinah Horsford or any Livestock Show Board members and at the door.

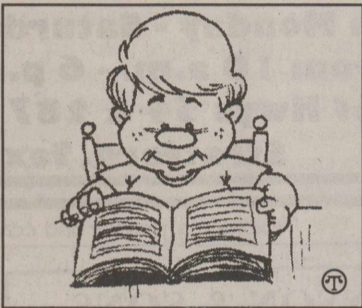
Your participation in the show and sale is necessary for the continued success of the livestock show and sale for the FFA and 4-H participants. We are excited about the changes and look forward to seeing you at the show and sale.

Sherman County Livestock Show Board Members:

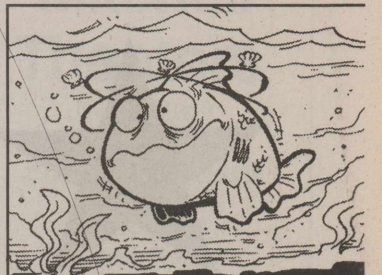
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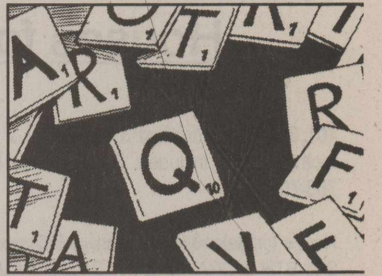
(NAPS)—This season's favorite titles include "Every Thing On It" by Shel Silverstein, "If You Give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond, "Everything Goes: On Land" by Brian Biggs and "Liesl & Po" by Lauren Oliver.



In "The Magic Room: A Story About The Love We Wish For Our Daughters" (Gotham), Jeffrey Zaslow takes readers to Becker's Bridal, a small-town bridal shop, to explore the hopes and dreams that parents have for their daughters.



Fish can get seasick.



There is only one Q in a Scrabble game.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT -BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION January 12, 2012

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 12, 2012. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, DeWain Traylor, Tres Hess, Michelle Lutes, Barney Willborn, Chet Everett and Greg Wright.

Staff present: Clint Seward, Misti McBryde, Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford and Desine Garza.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong introduced the guest Desine Garza.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent report. He thanked the board members for their time and commitment to serve on the board. He reported a district enrollment of 596. He went over the ADA by six weeks. He reported that the servers for the security cameras on the Junior High and High School campuses have been updated. The UIL realignment will be released on February 2, 2012. He reported that the bus barns were listed in the newspaper today for sale. The Level II Team Building session will be on February 2, 2012 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at the service center in Amarillo. The Winter Governance Conference will be on February 16-18 in Corpus Christi. The February board meeting will be on February 13, 2012. He and Dr. Uttley will attend the Mid Winter Conference in Austin on January 30 - February 1, 2012.

Lynette gave the business manager report. Monthly expenditures are at 27.65%, revenue 71.02%, and tax collections are at 75.98%. Transportation cost for the month for the district was \$1.67 She then gave the district's report on Cooperative fees. Total fees paid by the district was \$100.00.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. The Kindergarten through 4th graders have been taking the middle of the year AIMSweb benchmark test. Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grades have also been taking the middle of the year TPRI test. This is a state mandated test administration and focuses on reading related tasks. 3rd and 4th grade students will be taking their 3rd set of STAAR benchmarks during the week of January 23rd. She reported that 3rd six weeks report cards went out on Wednesday and 75% of all 3rd graders and 49% of all 4th graders made the AB Honor Roll.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He reported an enrollment of 156. About 20 students will perform in the all region band clinic and concert on January 13th and 14th. The junior high basketball teams will compete in the Spearman tournament on January 19th and 21st. STAAR benchmark testing will begin next week. The new computers are installed and running the 6th grade technology room, the 5th grade reading and the ESL classroom. He went over the honor roll. The conservation office presented this year's poster contest theme to the 5th graders on Wednesday. Bryant Riffe will present a "Liquid Nitrogen" program to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science classes on Tuesday, January 17th.

Mr. Seward went over the monthly recognition for the High School since Dr. Uttley was out. The following were named to the 2011-2012 Academic All State Team: 1st Team - Braiden Palmer, 2nd Team - Casey Lantelme, Justin Mungia, Gabriel Tarango, Honorable Mention - Marcos Garza, Tayler Henderson and Jesus Ruedas. He congratulated these athletes. He reported a high school enrollment of 177.

Greg Wright made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held on the District AEIS. Mrs. Garza went over the report. The

district was rated Recognized, the high school campus was rated Academic Acceptable, the junior high was rated Recognized and the elementary was rated Recognized. She went over all of the Gold Performance Acknowledgements for each campus. The High School received Gold Performance Acknowledgements for Attendance, TSI ELA, TSI Math and Commended Social Studies. The Junior High School received Gold Performance Acknowledgements for Attendance, Commended on Writing and Social Studies and comparable improvement in Math. The Elementary received Gold Performance Acknowledgements for Commended on writing.

The board took a short recess at 7:35 PM. Mr. Birdsong thanked Mrs. Birdsong for preparing the meal for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Birdsong presented the engagement letter from Keeney and Hembree for the school audit. Tres Hess made the motion and Chet Everett seconded to approve the letter as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Birdsong explained to the board that for e-rate applications, the district needed to approve the internet service and internet video connectivity contract with Region 16 for the 2012-2013 school year. Barney Willborn made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The district also needs to approve the telephone and cell phone service for e-rate purposes. He presented XIT's and Verizon's quote for these services. Chet Everett made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed the superintendent's evaluations. Barney Willborn made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to set the superintendent's salary and extend the superintendent's contract through June 30, 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself.

—Tom Wilson

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