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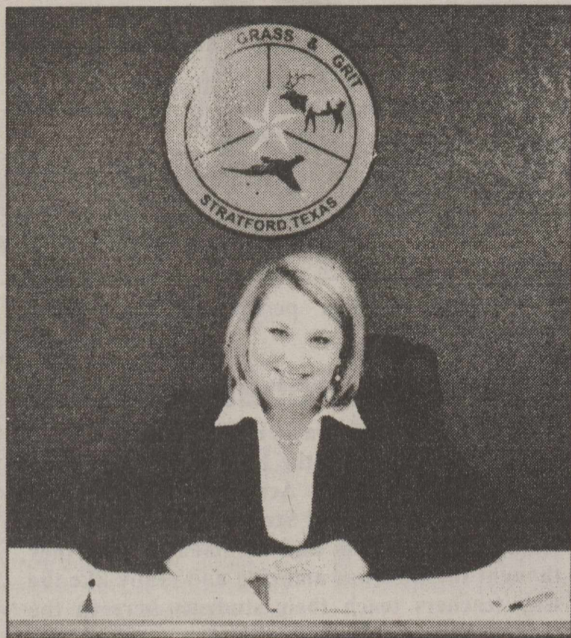
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Mayor Marca Ewers

Meet the Mayor

I am a Stratford native, as is the rest of my immediate family (excluding my mom, who is from San Angelo). My dad's family moved to Stratford in 1961 and the Ewers' have been here ever since.

My childhood in Stratford was spent playing outside, getting as dirty as possible, and being entertained with music and books. I attended Stratford High where I participated in numerous extracurricular activities including FFA, Cheerleading and UIL Lincoln Douglas Debate. While I made good grades I often dedicated as much effort to skipping class as I did to my schoolwork. I enjoyed high school and look back on attending SHS with gratitude for an exemplary education inside and outside the classroom.

When I wasn't in school you could catch me out at Lasley's Feedyard. Mowing, washing pickups, sweeping and painting were my most frequent duties. While it was not as glamorous as some of my subsequent employment, my time at Lasley's remains one of the most influential factors in my professional life.

The summer after my senior year my increasing interest in policy landed me a job with State Representative David Swinford. I spent my time campaigning and meeting individuals in the district.

After completing high school I attended Texas A&M University and earned a degree in Agriculture Leadership & Development with a minor in Philosophy. My time at Texas A&M was incredibly fulfilling. I made countless lifelong friends and participated in student organizations including Legislative Relations, Sigma Alpha Professional Sorority and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program (ANRP) which placed me in internships in the United States House of Representatives and the Texas Senate.

During my Washington, D.C. internship I served as a policy intern for Congressman Lamar Smith. I was extremely fortunate to have been selected by Congressman Smith's office because he spent one-on-one time with his interns reviewing reports regarding immigration, technology, and other issues. After returning from D.C., I interned for Senator Tommy Williams in the spring of 2005 in Austin and served as a student worker for the ANRP internship program. I graduated from Texas A&M in December of 2006.

Upon graduation I moved to Austin and worked for Representative McCall in the Texas House of Representatives for the tenure of the 2007 legislative session. I then gained employment Rodeo Austin, and finally the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). I absolutely loved working at TDA. I was directly associated with agriculture and policy, and had the opportunity to work closely with Commissioner Staples and his staff.

I loved my personal and professional life in Austin but saw unparalleled opportunity in Stratford. Here I could transition from being a staff member in Austin discussing agriculture to actively participating in production and could also advance my interests in public service.

I now work with my dad (John Ewers) and am learning to manage our family business. I never imagined the tremendous amount of effort keeping No Water Farms running requires! I balance the books, do payroll, work with FSA/USDA, and assist with the management of a fleet of trucks, tractors, farm land, and employees.

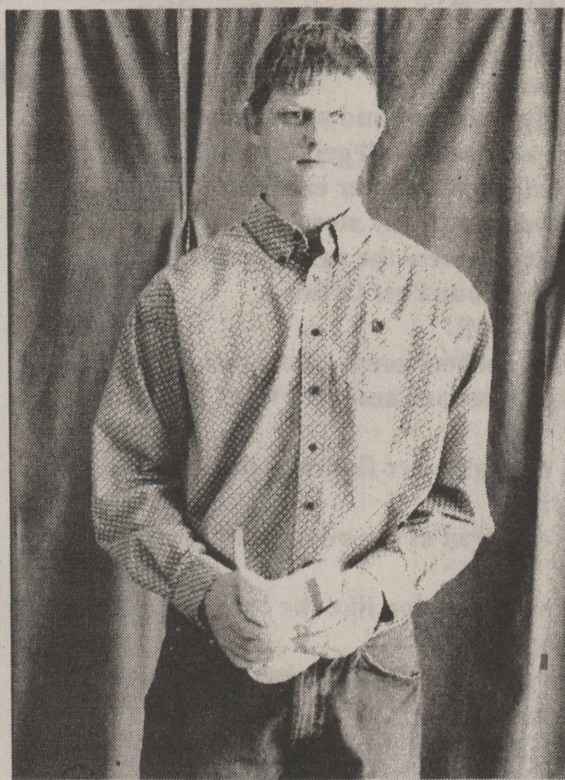
I was elected Mayor in May 2010 and am very proud of the work the City of Stratford, its employees and the City Council have done. The council's paramount achievements include analysis and modification of the budget, the hiring a new police chief, working with contractors and city employees to improve the viability of streets and water lines, and the completion of the Main Street project.

My chief goal as mayor is to cultivate positive relations with the citizens of Stratford, city employees and other officials. I have been extremely fortunate in getting to participate in the progress being made and plan to work towards the continued success and improvements to our community. I am always open to any suggestions or comments and can be reached at ewers@xit.net

Do you want to sponsor a Scholarship for Class of 2011?

Any organizations/individuals wanting to sponsor a Scholarship for the Class of 2011 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. You may also drop off applications at the school or mail them to PO Box 108.

Red Hats to meet
Thursday, Feb. 10th
Red Hats will meet
Thursday, February 10th at
5:30 p.m. at Elk Junction.



Top Hand Award was presented to Kyle Horsford.

Horsford Wins Top Hand Award at Sherman County Stock Show

Each year at the Sherman County Livestock Show, the Livestock Association gives a prestigious Top Hand award to a Senior showman (14 years or older) who meets specific criteria set by the Livestock board. All senior age exhibitors are eligible to receive the award.

Kyle Horsford senior at Stratford High School is this year's winner. Kyle has participated in the stock show for the last 10 years, has been an active member of the Sherman County 4-H club for 10 years and currently is serving as the President of the Stratford High School FFA and Sherman County Ag club. Kyle will receive a Carhartt jacket donated by Big R in Dumas, Texas.

The Sherman County Livestock board would like to thank Big R in Dumas for their generosity by donating this jacket and would like to congratulate Kyle on winning this award.

Stratford Little League

After six years of organizing and running Stratford Youth Baseball, we are asking for a replacement. This program has a life of its own because of the strong foundation put in place by Lance and Dinah Horsford. We have simply done what they did. We believe that their patterns will continue to sustain Baseball for years to come.

There are many responsibilities associated with running the League. Field maintenance, team uniforms, league drafts, team schedules, concession stands, fund raisers, team pictures, player awards, and All-Star selections are a few of the things that fall under the responsibility of the "Commissioner." We have always had a full and competent staff of volunteers willing to make sure that these things get done.

We realize that any organization is only as strong as its members. Our coaches, umpires, players, parents, contributors, and volunteers are what make Stratford Youth Baseball successful. The simple fact that we are stepping away from our roles should not change the culture of Stratford Youth Baseball. It has always been our goal to make youth baseball rewarding, enjoyable, and affordable for the kids of Stratford. The growing number of participants leads us to believe that we are reaching that goal.

For the 2011 season, we are asking for a replacement. We will give you enough room so that the League can become your own. Or, we will show you the plan put in place by the Horsford's and managed by us. In other words, we will be around as much, or as little, as you would like us to be. If you've got an interest in running the League, please let us know. Preliminary plans for the 2011 seasons will need to be addressed by March 1, 2011. Our home phone number is 366-5307.

Thank you for your support and consideration,
Gared & Misti McBryde

American Legion Post selects Boys State/Girls State delegates

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion in Stratford has selected David Acosta as their Boys State delegate and Adriana Caldera as the Girls State delegate. Both students are Juniors at Stratford High School.

The Boys State Program and Girls State Program are both sponsored by the American Legion. The Boys State Program will be held on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, 5-10 June 2011 and the Girls State Program will be held on the campus of Texas Lutheran University at Sequin, Texas, 12-18 June 2011. Both students were nominated by their teachers and selection made by the local post.

There will be a Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at SCOT Hall from 11:30-1:30 pm to help raise funds to help pay the registration fees and travel expenses for these two fine young people.

New Extension Agent

The Sherman County 4-H Parent Leaders Association would like to invite the community to meet our new AgriLife Extension Agent, Agriculture, Brad Esterling at a Meet and Greet reception Friday, February 11th from 3-5 p.m. at the County Extension Office, 701 N. 3rd street.

Brad is a native of Dumas. He and his wife Heather have two children, 4 year old Levi and 20 month old Emily. A graduate of West Texas A & M and Texas A & M Kingsville. Brad has been with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service for 10 years. The past 5 years as Baylor Agriculture County Extension Agent in Seymour. Prior to his position in Seymour, Brad was an Integrated Pest Management agent in Frio and Atascosa counties.

Please join us in welcoming Brad and his family to the community.

Ex-Student Reunion July 29, 30, 2011

By Gaynelle Riffe
Stratford School Ex-Students will prepare for the reunion July 29 (St 30, 2011). Honored classes end in the number 1: 1901! (the first classes) 11,21,31,41,51,61,71,81,91, 2001. Local representatives of the honored classes are asked to update mailing addresses. A short organization meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station.

Stop by the Extension Office on
Friday, Feb. 11, 3-5 p.m.
And meet our new Ag Agent
Brad Esterling
Cookies & Punch will be served
Hope to see you there

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Annual Sausage Dinner
Sunday, February 13th, 2011
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Stratford High School cafeteria
Adults: \$8.00 & Children (5-12) \$5.00
Children 4 & under eat free!!
Pre-orders for sauses:ge:
Please call Heather Braden @
(806) 366-3224

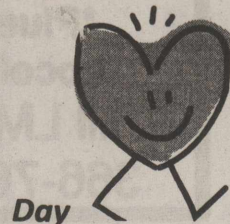
NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that application for a place on the Stratford Independent School District Regular election ballot may be filed February 12, 2011 thru March 14, 2011. Office Hours: 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM Monday — Friday, March 14th office hours 2:00 PM — 5 PM. You may file applications in person at Stratford ISD Administration Office, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

Board members whose terms will expire are Joe Reinart and Barney Willborn. Holdover members are, DeWain Trayler, Greg Wright, Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess and Chet Everett.

Reminder
Stratford Star
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Obits



Irene Hughes Harris
February 9, 1920
February 3, 2011

STRATFORD - Irene Hughes Harris, 90, formerly of Follett, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday-February 7, 2011 in First United Methodist Church in Follett with the Rev. Dan Carter, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairmont Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors. Irene was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Durham, Okla., to Cleve and Belle Hatley Hughes. She was a graduate of Higgins High School in 1937, and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where she received a bachelor's degree in home economics education in 1941. She was a teacher in Lazbuddie, where she taught sixth-grade history, reading, spelling, and Homemaking I and II. She also planned cafeteria meals.

Irene was united in marriage to Lloyd Harris on June 12, 1942, in Higgins. Lloyd was in the service, and was stationed overseas for 49 months. During this time, Irene taught adult and high school Homemaking I, II and III, and ninth-grade science in Wellington.

When Lloyd returned to the states, he was stationed in Hayward, Calif. While there, Irene worked for California Conserving Co. in the purchasing department. Upon his discharge from the service, they moved to a farm northwest of Follett, where they engaged in farming and ranching.

Irene returned to teaching in 1956 in the Darrouzett school system for 17 years. She taught sixth- through eighth-grade science and ninth-grade English. She also taught Homemaking I, II, III and Home and Family Living. Lloyd preceded her in death in 1998.

Irene was a member of First Methodist Church of Follett. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend, and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; a son, Dennis Harris, in 2000; a sister, Juanita, in 1994; and a brother, Ray, in 2007.

Survivors include a daughter, Patty Brown and husband Jim Bob of Stratford; two grandchildren, Ashley Wilson and husband Trent of White Deer and Caleb Brown of Lincoln, Neb.; two sisters-in-law, Ruby Hughes of Arnett, Okla., and Lois Otey of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. 186 Follett, TX 79034; American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell St., Amarillo, TX 79109; Coldwater Manor Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084.

Viewing was at 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church.

The nearest thing to immortality is getting on a mailing list.
—Bob Thaves

From the desk of Chief Powell

From a car colliding with a train,
To speeders racing down Main.
Domestic disturbance across town,
Hey, the railroad arms are stuck down.
A house on fire late one night,
Keep a close watch because it might relight.
Someone left marks on the Texas star,
Man reports someone stole his car.
A gas drive off at our main intersection,
To a battered woman who needs protection.
Attempted suicides and accidents too,
Give us a second, well get to you.
Local restaurant owner calls in,
"They broke into my store again!"
You'll never guess the next big call,
Burglar got our Post Office...
21 boxes in all.
Watch the school zones, these people fly,
Give em' citations and they want to know why?
When the lights are flashing, the limit is twenty,
I have children of my own, and twenty is plenty.
Argue your citation like the cops are running wild,
Just be glad you aren't facing charges of hitting a child.
Because above all the chaos and great number of calls,
The children are the most important of all!!
Please be cautious in our school zones & let's take care of Stratford's future!!

Chief Powell

Crime Statistics January 2011

January Citations: 147 / Warnings: 35
Business Checks: 50

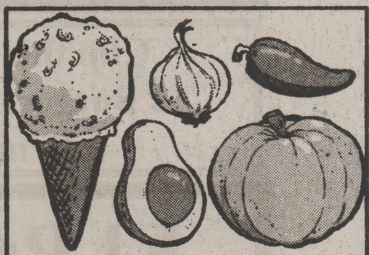
January Crime Statistics:

- Stolen Vehicle (1)
- Burglary of a business (2)
- Domestic Disturbance (1)
- D.W.I. (Second Offense) (1)
- Train v. Car accident (1)
- Motor vehicle accident (1)
- Credit Card fraud (1)
- Suspicious persons (5)
- Runaway juvenile (2)
- Criminal mischief (1)
- Civil situation (1)
- Gas drive-off (1)
- Welfare concern (1)
- Medical assist (1)
- Fire assistance (2)
- Attempt to locate (1)
- Residential alarm call (4)
- Animal inv. (1)
- Call for traffic control (2)

Why has government been instituted at all? Because the passions of man will not conform to the dictates of reason and justice without constraint.
—Alexander Hamilton

Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.
—Abraham Lincoln

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.
—General George S. Patton



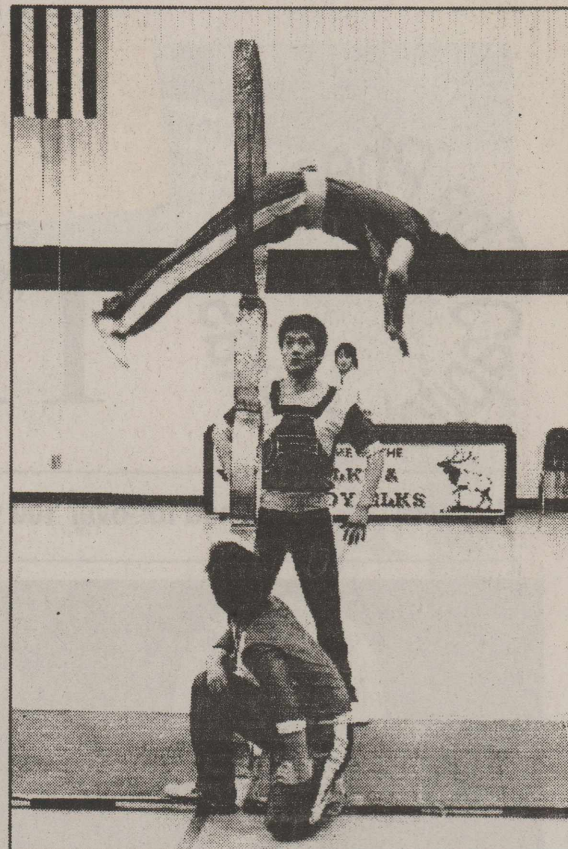
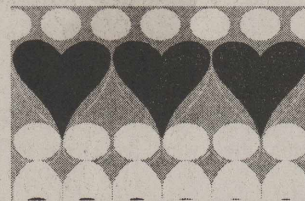
Among the more unusual flavors of ice cream ever recorded are avocado, garlic, jalapeño and pumpkin.

Medical Center League House Update

Monday, Feb. 21 5:00 p.m.
Amber Glawe, Executive Director of the Medical Center League House will give the community an update on the recent opening of the League House in Amarillo, Monday, February 21.

The mission of the Medical Center League House is to serve as a home away from home for patients and their families coming to Amarillo, Texas for health care treatments. It seeks to provide comfortable and affordable lodging in the caring environment of support and assistance. The Medical Center League house is a charitable community project sponsored by Baptist Community Services, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Junior League of Amarillo. (Much like the Ronald McDonald House for Children and families)

The community is invited for "Tea/Coffee Time" 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 21 at The Imagination Station to hear Amber Glawe's information.



Chinese Acrobats performing on Friday, February 4.

Chinese Acrobats Perform

Jr. High English teacher Mrs. Barbara Haile received a grant from the Education Foundation allowing the Chinese Acrobats to come and perform for students at Stratford ISD. They are from Beijing, China and commented that they thought the U.S. was amazing and really like the way teachers teach their students here in the United States. Shown with the acrobats are students from left: John Henderson, Jack McBryde, Barbara Haile, Colton Summers, Allisa Palmer, Jr. High Principal Clint Seward, Jacie Seward, AJ Riffe, Ty Hess, Bret Barnard, Kade McBryde, Hannah Franklin and Maxine Henderson.

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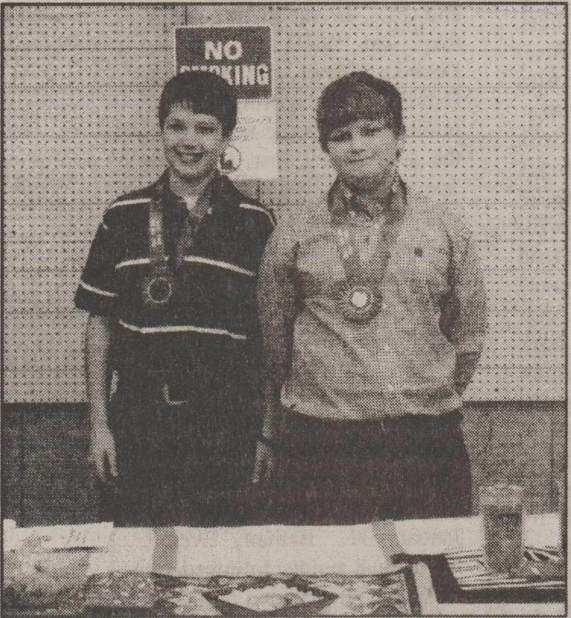


Sr. Food Show participants
Mary Ann Spurlock and Kavan Killian



Twins celebrate 90th

A 90th birthday was celebrated by Inalue James and Inysue Dye, twin daughters of Orval and Floors' McDaniel. The McDaniel family lived in several places in the area including Kerrick, Boise City and Dalhart. January 29th during the afternoon 150 relatives and friends gathered at the ROC at First Baptist Church in Dalhart. The McDaniel family included seven children, they were Fern, Beth, Earl, Lore, Gail (Kayo), and the twins. Inalue lives at Coon Memorial Home in Dalhart. Inysue lives in Austin



Intermediate Food Show participants; Russell Spurlock and Blaine Killian

4-H Food Show Results

Sherman County held a Food Show on January 13, 2011. Seven participants in three age groups competed and all have earned the right to compete at the District level in Bushland on February 26, 2011. Junior age entries were Abby Ely, Kenlee McBryde and Daniela Valdeze. Abby made a Minestrone Salad from the Fruits and Vegetables category. Kenlee made a Red Berry Raider Smoothie from the Nutritious Snacks category and Daniela made Creamed Chicken in the Main Dish category. Both Kenlee and Daniela earned Rookie honors and Kenlee won best interview in Junior division. Intermediates were two boys - Blaine Killian and Russell Spurlock. Blaine made Taco Soup from the Main Dish category and Russell made Sausage Bread from the Breads and Cereals category. Russell earned best interview in Intermediate division. Senior level entries were Kavan Killian making Cornmeal Jalapeno Biscuits from the Breads and Cereals category and Mary Ann Spurlock making Baked Tilapia with a Grapefruit and Mango Pico de Gallo. Mary Ann won best interview in Senior division. We appreciate the following businesses for their support of this year's 4-H Food Show in Sherman County: Stratford Grain Company, Walter Lesley & Sons, Inc., Moore's Food Pride and West Texas Gas Company. Congratulations to all the kids and the best of luck to you all at District!

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Jr. Food Show participants;
Daniela Valdeze, Abby Ely, and Kenlee McBryde

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel
David Field and Wes Ritchey brought information to some Kerrick people Saturday night. Repair work needs to be done on the building. They were accompanied by Carolyn Field, Melisa Richey and children Molly and Callie. A chili supper followed the meeting that was attended by Ciccy Harris, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bill Boren, Doug Taylor, Marylou McDaniel

Come celebrate the 90th birthday of
Molly Lopez at Sherman County Barn
on Saturday, February 12th
At 4 p.m. to ??????

Scot Hall Scuttle

By Cindy Jackson
A wonderful friend of mine brought me a sign to hang on my wall. It says: "Never underestimate the power of a Hissy Fit". I've always heard that phrase and have probably had a few but I wondered to what degree can a hissy fit be thrown. Is there an art to throwing a great hissy fit? While a three-year-old child's irrational overreaction to a situation might be considered a temper tantrum, a similar response from an adult could earn the proper description "hissy fit". A hissy fit is somewhat similar to a conniption fit or diva-like or high-strung behavior. The origin of the term "hissy fit" is a bit of a mystery, although there are a few working theories. Some believe the term was inspired by the sudden and ferocious hissing sounds a cat produced whenever cornered or confronted by a rival. The term hissy fit is almost exclusively ascribed to women, although some men have been to have one. Certainly a person in the throws of a hissy fit does display overly emotional or hysterical behavior, so the connection between "hissy" and "Hysterical" does sound plausible. I believe that if you throw a "hissy fit" be sure and throw a good one. Dues are due! The dues are \$24.00 for a year. Give a SCOT membership as a gift. It's truly the gift that keeps on giving, all year long. All luncheons will be Potluck. Charlene Oquin will be redoing the luncheon hostess list, so of you prefer a month please let her know. The hostess's will still be responsible for putting the luncheon together. February lunch hosts, so far are: Marty Bain and Ann Johnson. Feb. Birthday Host is: Elsie Pickens Feb. 11th-Games 2 p.m. Feb. 17th Birthday Party 2 p.m. Bingo 3 p.m. Feb. 22nd-SCOT Board Meeting 5:15 p.m. Feb. 24th-Luncheon Noon Potluck

Mitchell Theatres to become 100% Digital

For over 100 years, Hollywood has delivered movies with reels and film but the curtain is quickly falling on the past. Hard drives and satellite downloads will soon be replacing those silver reels wrapped in black celluloid. Mitchell Theatres, with locations in Garden City, Newton, Liberal and Guymon, Oklahoma, has announced their intentions to convert to 100% digital projection. "With digital projection the colors are brighter, the picture is clearer and never scratched, no matter how many times the movie is shown," stated Brian Mitchell. Sixteen of the digital projectors will be capable of playing 3D movies. In addition Mitchell Theatres will also upgrade all of their auditoriums to 7.1 Digital Surround sound, the latest development in audio technology. New hearing impaired assistance devices will also be installed in all theaters during the conversion. The multi-million dollar digital conversion will begin later this month in Newton. The projected completion date for the theater chain's 100% digital conversion is July 1.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Dan Elliott
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.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Youth High UMY 6:00 p.m.



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Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main
For more info-Call 396-2212
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

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

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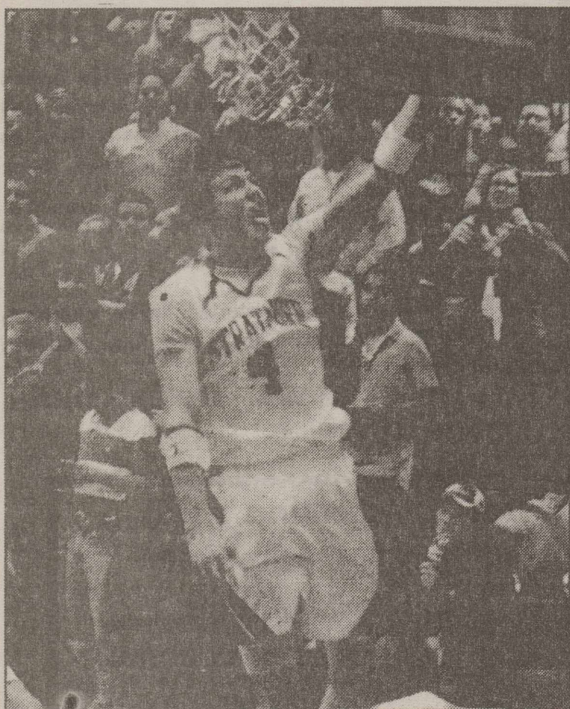
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Kerrick Community
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Community Building
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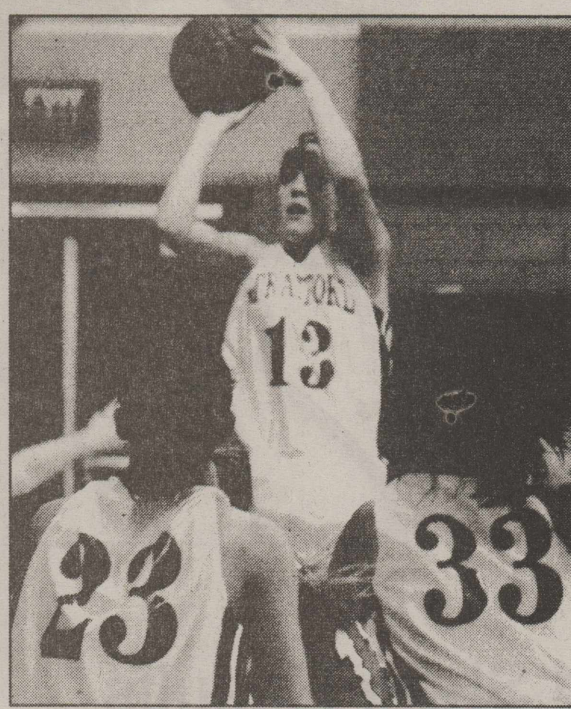
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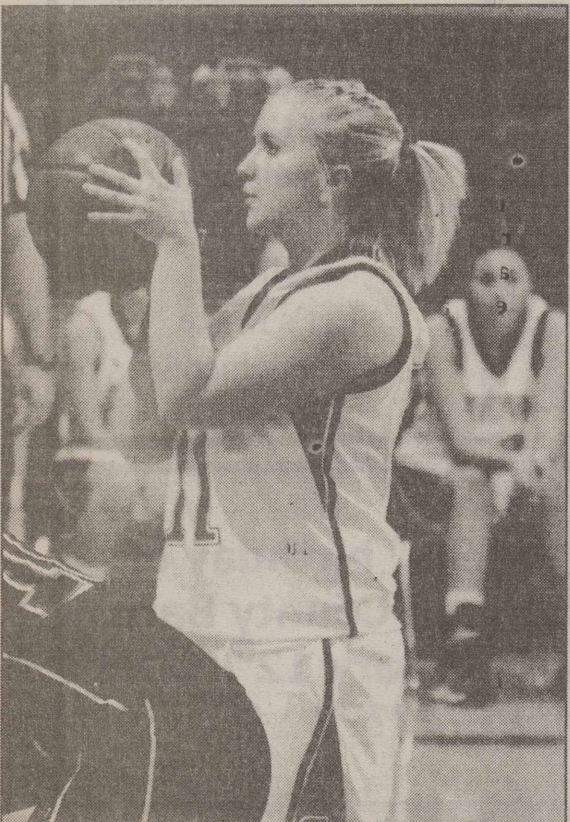
Basketball



Stratford Elk Bryce Cummings was unstoppable in the Elks 41-34 win over Gruver on Friday, February 4. Cummings scored 27 points in the Elks win.



Lady Elk Kelsie Keener goes up for the shot in the Lady Elks loss to Gruver on Friday, February 4.



J.V. Lady Elk Kaylee Mungia at the free throw line in their win against Gruver on Friday, February 4.



Preston Burr #30 scores for the J.V. Elks in their win over Gruver on Friday, February 4.

On January 21, the J.V. Lady Elks beat West Texas 32-27. Suzzette Palma was high point with 12 points followed by Alex Asher with 8 points. The J.V. Lady Elks beat Sunray 29-20 on January 26. Nohemi Ruedas and Alex Asher led in scoring with 6 points each. On January 28, the Lady Elks fell to Canadian 21-30. Nohemi Ruedas was high point with 6 points followed by Erika Robles with 5 points.

The J.V. Elks beat Gruver 37-19 on Friday, February 4. Logan Uttley and Preston Burr led the scoring with 8 points each followed by Sterling Audrain with 7 points.

The Stratford Elks beat Booker on February 1, 42-23. Kyle Horsford led the scoring with 12 points followed by Trevor Christian with 8 points. In a big game against Gruver on Friday, February 4, the Elks came away with the victory. The Elks held off Gruver with 41-34 win. Bryce Cummings dominated the boards with 27 points followed by Trevor Christian, Edgar Guerrero and Michael Ortega with 4 points each.

The 7th grade Lady Elks won 2nd place in the Spearman Tournament held January 20 and 22. In their first game, they lost 19-27 to Gruver. Maty Mace was high point with 6 points followed by Samantha Gonzalez with 5 points. In the second game,

they San Jacinto 43-5 with Yadhira Chavoya leading the scoring with 17 points followed by Maty Mace with 12 points. In their final game, the Lady Elks beat Spearman 34-22. Samantha Gonzalez was high point with 10 points followed by Whitney Stone and Maty Mace with 8 points each. On January 24, the Lady Elks beat Booker 50-6 with Yadhira Chavoya high point with 10 points followed by Samantha Gonzalez and Maty Mace with 8 points each. The Lady Elks lost to Gruver on January 31 with a score of 22-31. Whitney Stone was high point with 12 points and Samantha Gonzalez added 4 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks competed in the Spearman Tournament held January 20 and 22. In their first game, they lost 26-31 to Gruver. Desinya Garza and Bethany Everett led the scoring with 11 points each. In the next game, the Lady Elks lost 16-21 to San Jacinto. Bethany Everett was high point with 12 points. In their final game of the tournament, the Lady Elks lost 25-35 to Spearman. Bethany Everett led with 17 points. On January 24, the Lady Elks beat Booker 33-23. Bethany Everett was high point with 19 points followed by Desinya Garza with 4 points. The Lady Elks lost to Gruver 19-23 on January 31. Bethany Everett led with 8 points followed by Desinya Garza with 4 points.

CASA Sponsors Essay/Scholarship Contest of High School Seniors

This year CASA 69, Inc. is celebrating their 25th Anniversary. To commemorate the service of CASA to abused and neglected children and the individuals who have made a difference in the lives of these children, we are hosting an event on April 29, 2011, "CASA — 25 Years, Shining a Light of Hope." For this event we have invited Dave Pelzer, a #1 New York Times and #1 International Best Selling Author, to speak that evening about his experiences navigating through the child welfare system and the people who made a difference in his life.

In connection with this 25th Anniversary, CASA is sponsoring an Essay Contest for senior students in Channing, Dalhart, Dumas, Hartley, Sunray, Stratford, and Texline High Schools. These are the high schools that are included in the four counties that are served by CASA 69— Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties.

As a means of educating youth and the community about child abuse and the child welfare system, students are asked to write an essay focusing on the insights gained from reading Dave Pelzer's book, *The Privilege of Youth*. Essays should be between 500 and 1,000 words in length. The deadline for turning in the completed essay is March 1, 2011. CASA will be awarding a \$200 scholarship to the winner in each of the seven high schools and will award an additional \$500 scholarship to the overall winner of the essay contest. Students need to contact their high school English teacher or school counselor for more details.

The scholarship winners in each high school will be notified on April 1st and each winner will be invited to a private reception at 5:30 PM, prior to the April 29th speaking event at 7 PM, where they will have the privilege of meeting Dave Pelzer in person. The overall winner will be announced at the reception. The private reception will be held at the Dumas High School cafeteria and the speaking event in the auditorium.

More information about this contest and scholarship opportunity should be directed to: Ann Bookout, casa69@xit.net, 244-2684.

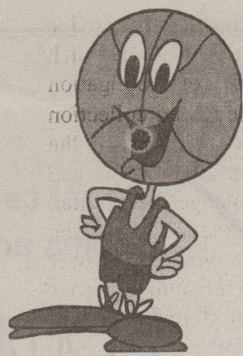
The Sherman County Historical Committee to meet Tue. Feb. 15

The Sherman County Historical Committee will meet in the Commissioners Court room Tuesday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The Historical Committee is seeking Sherman County pictures for a county pictorial publication to compliment the God, Grass and Grit. Identify persons and events (if you can) from 1890's to present to include themes: energy, agriculture, social events, celebrations, businesses & weather. We have some great pictures from Texhoma, TX of the motor race track and stands! Surf boarding on Pronger Playa Lake.

The public is invited to participate in the Historical meetings walk down memory lane with a 1930 Stratford Star Business insert.

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Sherman County livestock Association wants to thank the following:

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- Everyone who contributed money to the contributor's fund and donated to the Scholarship Fund
- Clay Meyers - the Auctioneer
- Sandy Trail Farms for cooking the meal
- Aurora Dairy, Jim Berry, Stockmen's Feedbunk, and Green Country for their donations to the Buyers Appreciation Meal
- Tommy Asher and all precinct employees
- Stratford Grain and Jon Engelbrecht for purchasing the floor price on all animals in the sale
- Scotty Wright and the FFA class members who worked on getting the show barn and pens set up
- Cindy Russell for taking pictures of class winners
- And anyone else that we have left off the list

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City of Stratford, Texas is accepting bids for the possible sale of the real property located at the northwest intersection of South Spruce Street and Highway 54 (Texas Street), comprising approximately 0.482 acres, and described as Lots 6 through 10, Block 88, Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

Sealed bids should be submitted by 12:00 PM on, Tuesday, February 22, 2011 to, Kathy Rendon, City Secretary, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79085. In order to be eligible to bid, all prospective bidders are required to obtain a copy of the "Notice of Bid Opening for Real Property" which contains detailed bidding instruction requirements. This can be requested at City Hall which is located at the above mentioned address.

The City may award the bid that is determined to be the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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CITY OF STRATFORD

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 6:00 P.M. on March 8, 2011, at its regular meeting place at the City Hall, 518 North 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$78,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with:

(i) acquiring and installing generators for the water and sewer system and radios for vehicles, acquiring portable radios and acquiring, installing and upgrading storm sirens; and

(ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects.

The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of limited surplus revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other

requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS

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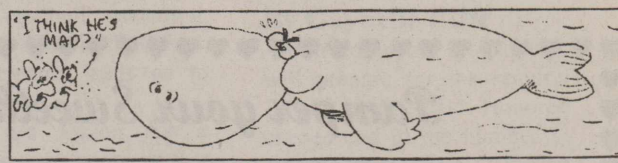
Card of Thanks

The family of Barbara Jean Everett would like to thank all her friends and relatives, both near and far, for their support and comforting prayers, words and deeds during the time of her loss. We wish to especially thank those who assisted with her care in the last few months, Acclade Home Care and Memorial Hospice, and all their fine nurses, therapists and aides; and the Rev. David Terry, First United Methodist church of Stratford. Much appreciation to Todd Beeson of Morrison Funeral Directors and the rest of the staff, and especially to Kim Campbell, who used her great skill in revealing Jean's beauty at the end. Many thanks to Reyna's family for making the corsages and boutonnières for the family and pallbearers. We extend our thanks as well to the pallbearers, all our dear friends, and the ushers; and the pianist, Missy Kiser, the Stratford Community Choir, and Brett Cummings and Stacy Metcalf for performing Rhia and Sinead's dedication songs so beautifully. A hearty well done goes to all those who prepared and served the delicious lunch after the service. Many thanks, as well, go to the Stratford Police Department for their assistance. Very special thanks on behalf of Jean to those who have or plan to donate to the Stratford Educational Foundation, Sherman County Library, Imagination Station, or the Stratford Depot Museum. She was always a big advocate for education in all its forms. So many of our friends sent flowers and food during her illness and after her passage, if we accidentally miss sending a thank you note, please be assured that we do appreciate all of the beautiful flowers and the incredibly delicious food. We wish to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, the people of Stratford and the region for their continued support and many acts of kindness shown to all of their neighbors. Many of the visitors were awestruck by the kindness shown to our family by so many people. Thanks again and God Bless

Card of Thanks

To Duncan Chevrolet and Moore's Food Pride, Sandy Trail Farms (Kerrick), First National Bank of Texhoma and many who purchased tickets. Thanks for your support and generosity for those who donated to our Chili Super Benefit. The proceeds will go toward the upkeep and building repair. Without this help we couldn't have started on our goal.

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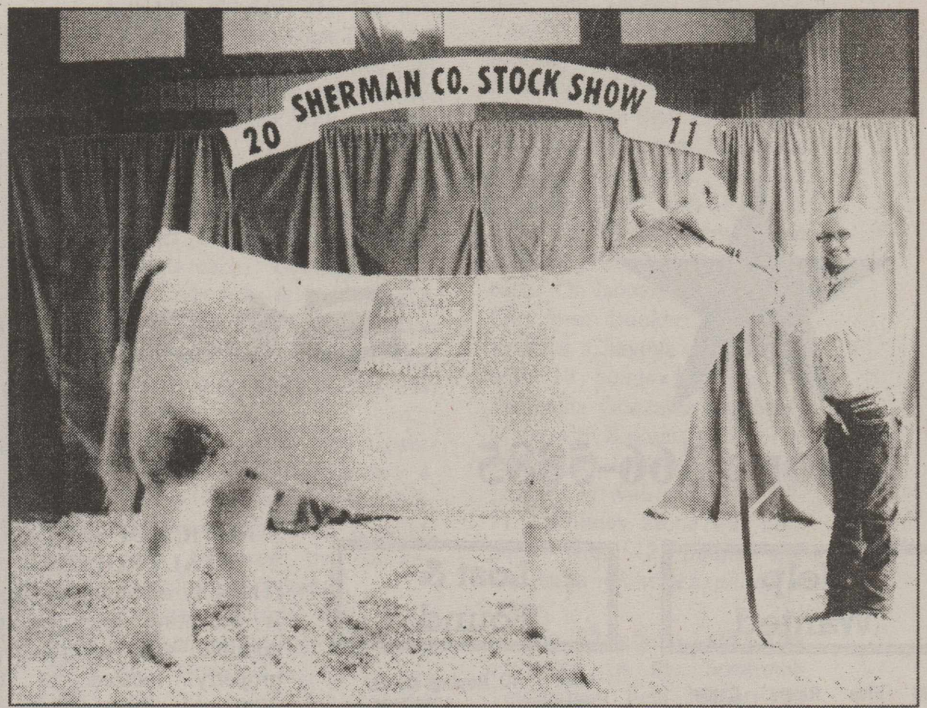
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Reserve Grand Champion Pig exhibited by Justin Mungia. Scotty Wright-FFA and Cody Hill, livestock judge are shown in picture with Justin.



Reserve Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Turner Smith.



Sarah Murphy exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Goat.

More Stock Show photos in next week's edition

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