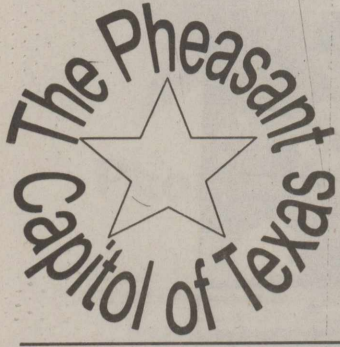


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### "THE WINNING ENTRIES"

1<sup>st</sup> Place Lollipop Junction (Float)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cece Yelek (Horse & Buggy with Mr. and Mrs. Claus

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Theron McCammond (1953 Red Chevy Truck

Our special Thank You to the "American Legion" for their Participation as our "Honor Guard"

and to the judges: Sheila Lanning, Audra Meidinger and Bre Rosales

## Sherman County Stock Show January 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

Registration closes Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, so please get into the office and sign up before then!

**Every Participant is required to help clean up.** This year's clean-up starts at 8am Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. If you cannot make it, please call Alexa or Lance BEFORE the end of the show on Friday to see what you can do to help. Failure to show up and work will have \$25.00 deducted from their final check.

Also, ALL (FFA & 4-H) Thank Yous and Project Forms are due Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the AgriLife office.

### County Show Schedule

- **Thursday, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - ALL Animals (except beef) must be in the county barns by 4pm.
  - Lamb and Goat weigh in starts at 4:30
  - Exhibitor meeting starts at 6:00pm. ← **EVERYONE SHOWING MUST ATTEND!**
  - Swine weigh in starts after Lambs and Goats are 100% finished
  - Lamb show starts at 7pm
  - Goats will follow
- **Friday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Swine start at 8am (prospect swine show, then gilts, then barrows)
  - Weigh in for Steers and Heifers are at 9am
  - Steers follow swine
  - Heifers follow steers
  - ALL animals must be out of the barns by 5pm
- **Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**
  - Clean-up starts at 8am. ← **EVERYONE** is required to help. If you are unable to, please get in touch with Alexa or Lance BEFORE the end of the show on Friday to see what you can do to help. Failure to show up and work will have \$25.00 deducted from their final check.
  - The exhibitor is **REQUIRED** to be back at the county barn at 5pm to eat. **NO LATER!** This is so we can make sure everyone is there, fed, and can start serving the buyers and guests as they arrive. **If you do not attend the dinner and sale, you forfeit your sale spot.**
  - Dinner starts at 6pm and the Sale will start at 6:30pm.

### Schedule of all 2014-2015 4-H & Clover Meetings

\*Dates are subject to change with weather or mandatory meetings  
All meetings for both clubs are at 6 p.m.

#### 4-H Meetings

February 9  
March 16  
April 13  
May 4

#### Clover Kid Meetings

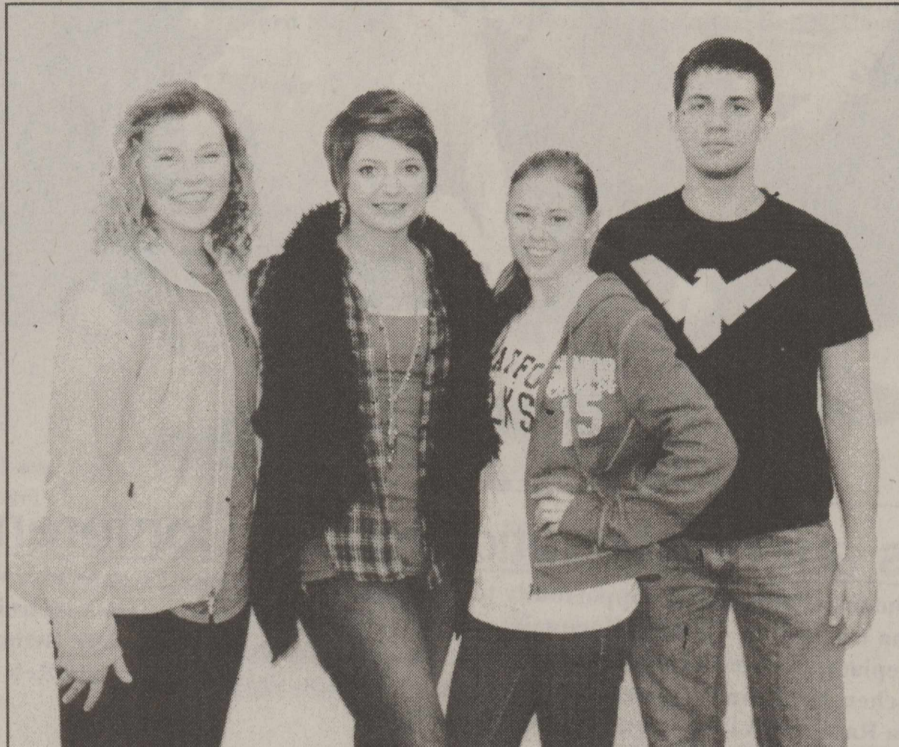
February 23  
March 30  
April 27  
May 18

A medical fund has been set up for Gerardo Romero at Happy State Bank to help pay for his shoulder surgery. Your help will be appreciated!

Un fondo medico se ha creado para Gerardo Romero en Happy State Bank para ayudar a pagar por su cirugia de hombre. Su ayuda sera apreciada!

### MEDICAL FUND FOR JACK GORE HAPPY STATE BANK

A medical fund has been set up for Jack and Vicki Gore at Happy State Bank



## Students compete at Hereford Speech Tournament Saturday

The following Stratford High students competed at the Hereford Speech Tournament on Saturday, January 17 - Carlee Metcalf in Prose, Allissa Palmer in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Jacie Seward in Prose, and Chisum Rutherford in Foreign Extemp. Almost 40 schools, big and small, were there. Allissa Palmer won 1st place in her event. Congratulations to Allissa and these students for their hard work and success!

## 2015 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [shermwcd@xit.net](mailto:shermwcd@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.

### SAVE THE DATE:

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A Pauline Griffin fund has been set up for help with funeral expenses at The First State Bank of Stratford.



### Students attend Genetic Update Conference

Stratford High School students had the opportunity to attend the Genetic Update Conference with Dr. Sam Rhine from Indiana University. Dr. Rhine acquainted students with the latest genetic research on cancer, tissue and organ replacement and chromosomal aberrations. Pictured in back from left, Bethany Everett, Paula Everett-teacher, Dr. Rhine, Allissa Palmer, Vanessa Mendoza, Desinya Garza and Rett Schoonover and in front Karla Ramirez, AJ Riffe, and Chisum Rutherford.



Lady Elk Allie James goes up for the shot in the Lady Elks loss to Gruver on Friday, January 23, 2015.

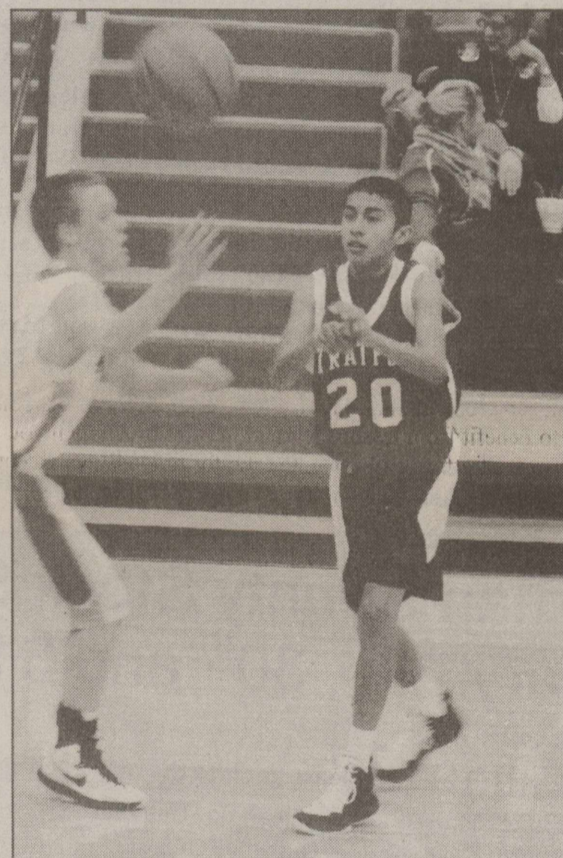
Photos courtesy of Kelly Brooks



Stratford Elk #22 Gage Brooks passes the ball inside to Parker Hanna #42 in the Elks win over Gruver on Friday, January 23, 2015.



Lady Elk Yadhira Chavoya brings the ball down as Nicolle Law backs her up in their loss against Gruver.



J.V. Elk Blake Rios #20 passes the ball past Gruver defender on Friday, January 23, 2015.

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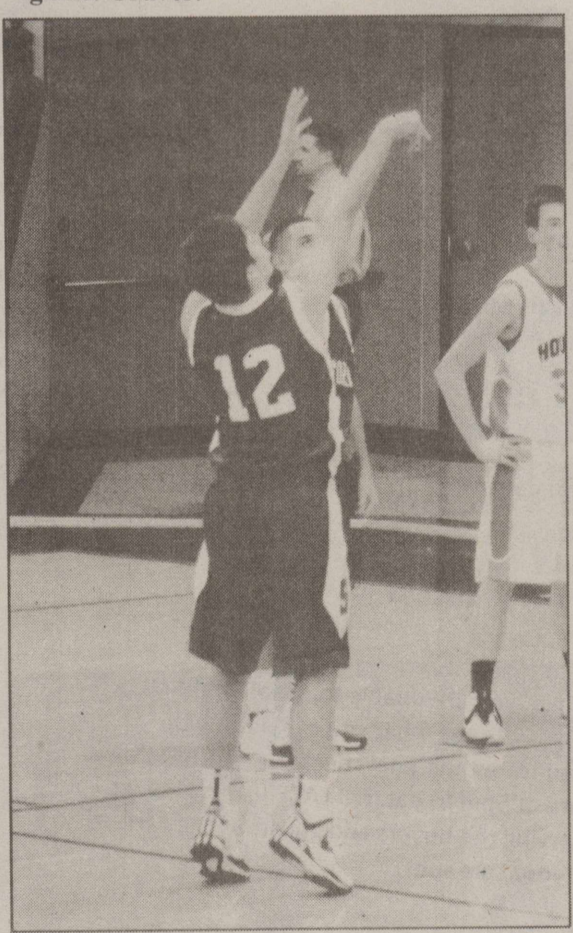
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J.V. Elk #12 Fernando Jacquez shoots free throws for the Elks in their win over Gruver.

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**"Stratford Education Foundation Alumni Feature"**

**Marca Ewers**

**Big lessons from a small town**

I am from Stratford. This simple sentence reflects an intricate aspect of my personality and element of my success. I have lived many places from Washington, D.C. to Prague, but no place has influenced my life as profoundly as my hometown. Stratford has made me who I am and given me a firm foundation upon which to build my academic and professional career.

My memories of growing up and attending school in Stratford are rich. These memories include elementary school plays (where I sang badly), pep-rallies (where I danced badly), UIL Lincoln Douglas Debate, FFA activities, stock shows, the Big Blue Band, basketball, One Act Play and other extracurricular activities. Though my talent in these areas varied, the support I received from teachers, administrators, and the community was constant. This enthusiasm for student achievement extended beyond extracurricular activities into academics. My peers and I were held to a high standard and learned early that there were a network of people to hold us accountable for our failures and celebrate our successes.

As a student at Stratford ISD, I thought I was going to a great school. As a new student at Texas A&M, I knew I had received an exceptional primary education. When I entered my first college class I was intimidated and nervous. However, I quickly realized Stratford ISD had thoroughly prepared me for success with a college curriculum.

I am currently concluding my last semester of law school. Twelve years later, I continue to benefit from lessons learned in Stratford. When you are lucky enough to live in a town like Stratford, it is easy to take for granted the exceptional level of education our Stratford Elks receive. The work and dedication of the Stratford Education Foundation, teachers, administrators, and the community ensures our small town continues to provide a BIG education.



A favorite for snacks, s'mores and piecrust, the graham cracker was developed in 1829 by the Rev. Sylvester Graham. The true graham cracker is made with graham flour, which is a coarsely ground wheat flour.

**Christ's New Creation With Benefits**

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."*  
(Psalm 103:12 AMP)

How far is the east from the west? Well, that depends whether you are thinking from the east coast to the west coast of America, opposite points on any continent or from any eastern point on Earth to any other western point. Either of these completely ignores the omnipotence of God. God does not want us to think of his power of forgiveness in such finite terms. He wants us to recognize the unlimited power of God and his unique ability to remove sin. God does not merely shuffle our sin around from one place to another. He actually cancels, blots, erases, eradicates and then forgets our transgressions. "I, even I, am He Who blots out and cancels your transgressions, for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:25 AMP)

Like the psalmist David, I too, am awed by God's passionate concern for humans. David blurted out "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visits him?" (Psalm 8:4 ASV) Just speaking for myself, I think that God must know something about me that makes me valuable to him. Being the ponderer that I am, I wonder if maybe I could see myself as valuable as God does I could better understand his love for me. As a parent, I vaguely understand the love of our Father God. I consider God gives me glimpses of his love for me through the love I feel for my own children. I realize they cannot possibly conceive of the love I have for them. I take care of them, to the best of my ability, no matter how many times they disobey, simply because in my heart I carry a love for them that makes them more precious to me than a mountain of money.

The first humans ignored his commandment to restrain from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The very first two people he created sinned against him. I have often wondered why he didn't just cut his losses and chuck the whole human race right then and there. Instead of washing his hands of us, God continues to "chasten" (discipline) those he loves. "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you." (Jeremiah 29:11 - 12 AMP)

As friends of Jesus, we are the original "friends with benefits." God recognizes the heavy burden sin places on our souls. Our burdens encompass a litany of human suffering: guilty feelings, torment, anxiety, depression, fear, anger, etc. He sent Jesus to offer us relief. Jesus reiterated God's often recurring message of hope, love, and peace. "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30 CEB)

Meditation: Am I being chastened of God?  
Proverbs 3:12 Psalms 8:4 Psalms 103:12 Isaiah 43:25 Jeremiah 29:11-12  
Matthew 11:28-30  
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No Sunday evening Worship Service

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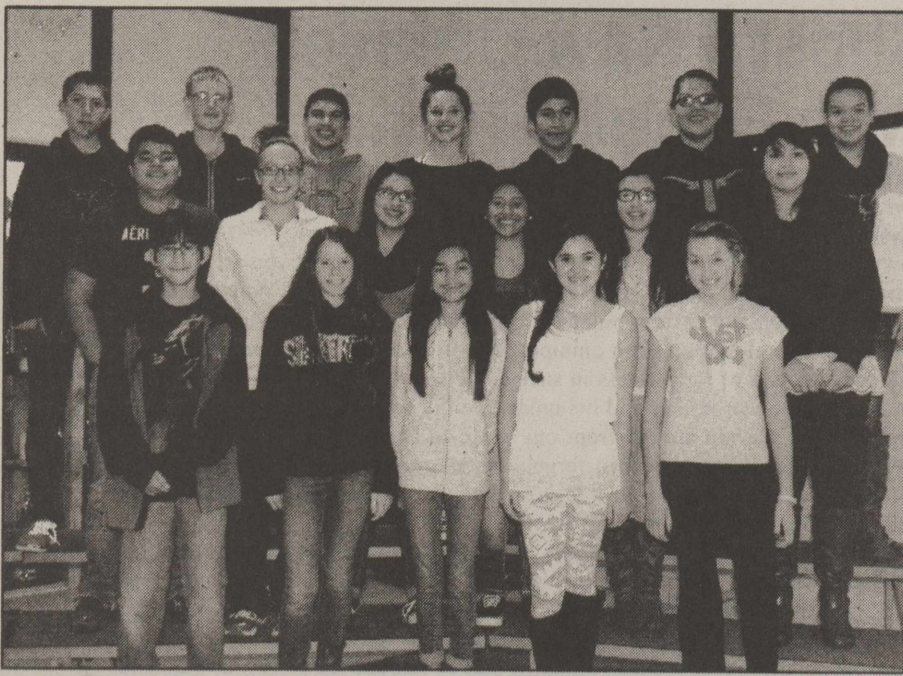
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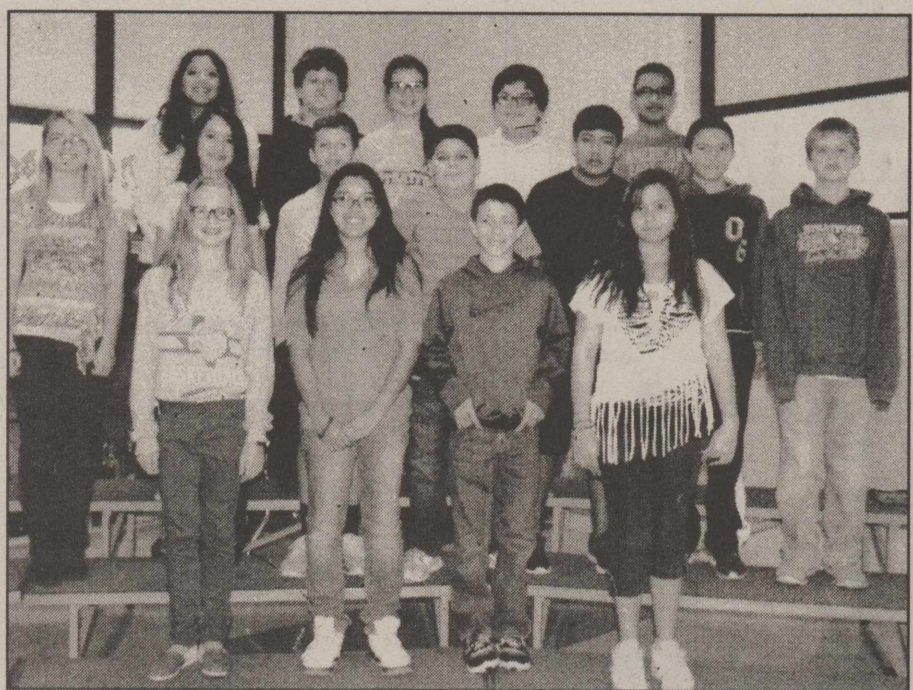
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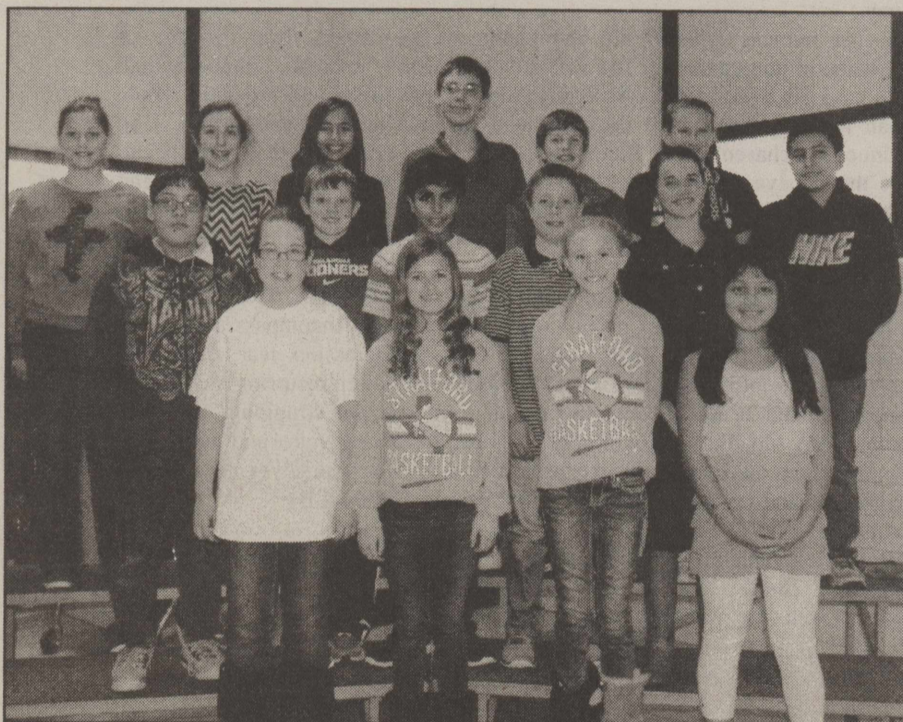
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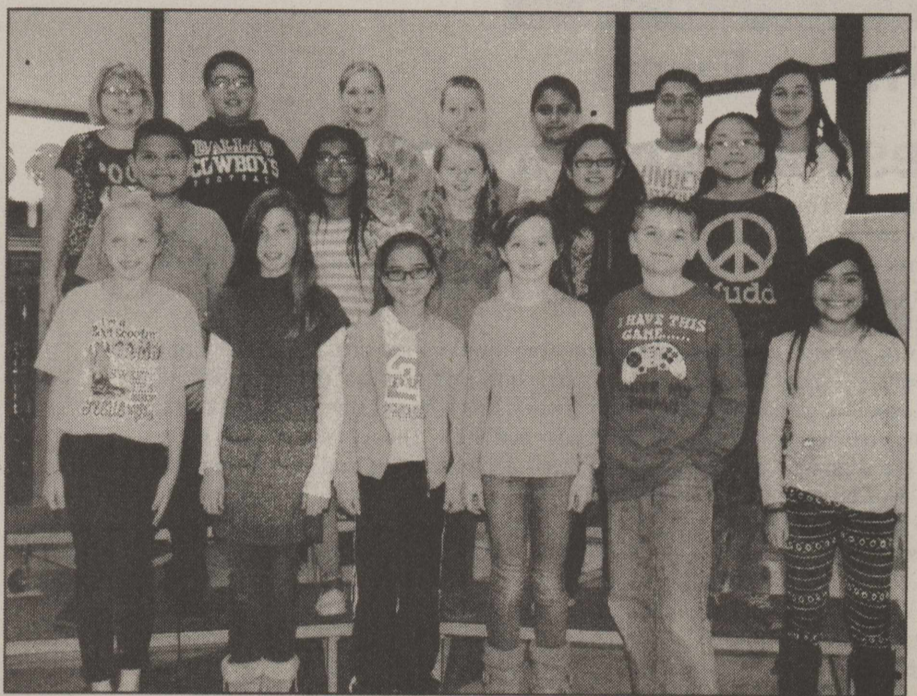
8th grade UIL participants back row L/R: Jesus Gonzalez, Turner Smith, Luis Mendoza, Shaylee Audrain, Victor Torres, Natalia Reta, Elizabeth Martinez. Front L/R: Carlos Gonzalez, Katelin Berry, Jennifer Torres, Adamaris Castro, Eimy Mendoza, Astrid Valenzuela. Front L/R: Justin Duran, Remie Seward, Brenda Portillo, Xenia Franco and Irene Henderson.



7th Grade UIL participants back row L/R: Toni Lopez, Xhander Lews, Lilia Trayler, Jacob Sanchez, Carlos Reta. Middle row L/R: Carozaan Wallis, Annahi Ruiz, Ty McBryde, Luis Molina, Saul Rueda, Abraham Villegas and Walker McBryde. Front L/R: Kenlee McBryde, Daisy Ruiz, Oscar Sauzameda, and Akira Vacio.



6th Grade UIL participants in back from left: Sydnee Palmer, Abby Law, Angelica Couch, Dempsey Collums, Benjamin James, Payton Berry and Francisco Ortega. Middle L/R: Ivan Guel, Trever Bell, Eshaan Patel, Stewart Skiles, Reaghan Audrain. Front L/R: Hannah Sims, Ashton Lavake, Emma Franklin and Jennifer Morillon.



5th Grade UIL participants back from left: Viktoria Moczgamba, Ivan Bravo, Holly Sladek, Mason McNeely, Nisha Patel, Anastacio Ibarra and Sonia Mayorga. Middle row from left, Issai Reta, Destiny Paez, Joslyn Burton, Jocelyn Cardenas, Jasmyln Ortega. In front from left, Linzee Langston, Caroline Prine, Erika Couch, Kaytly Cliff, James DeAnda. Alejandro Portillo.

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Newly renovated. Move-in-ready, 2500 sq. ft., 4 b/r, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 1 car garage and 2 car carport. 602 N. 4th. Large corner lot, nice neighborhood, in-ground storm shelter, \$139,000. Lots of extras. Call for appointment 806-753-7411.

## For Sale

For Sale-2000 Nissan Frontier Stretch Cab pickup, 118,000 miles, V-6, 4-wheel drive, automatic, tool box, rhino lining, excellent interior. Call 366-2459 or 753-7046  
4x's 2-19-c

For Sale: Western dress boots, size 11-D \$20.00 a pair Call 366-2586

## Card of Thanks

The Joyce Ann Lasley Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, cards, phone calls and visits. There is a reason why mother loved Stratford and the people who live here. She was their #1 Fan.

The Family of Joyce Ann Lasley

## UIL individual results. Photo on page 4

### SJH UIL Results

5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
SJH

Art  
Jocelyn Cardenas 1<sup>st</sup> Tie

Listening  
James DeAnda 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ivan Bravo 6<sup>th</sup> Tie

Music Memory  
Erika Couch 1<sup>st</sup> Tie  
Jasmyn Ortega 1<sup>st</sup> Tie  
Nisha Patel

Music Memory Team  
Couch, Ortega Patel 1<sup>st</sup>

Oral Reading  
Issai Reta 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sara Mace 6<sup>th</sup>

Ready Writing  
James DeAnda 1<sup>st</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Art  
Payton Berry 5<sup>th</sup>

Dictionary  
Eshaan Patel 5<sup>th</sup>

Editorial Writing  
Hannah Sims 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ashton Lavake 2<sup>nd</sup>

Listening  
Ivan Guel  
Francisco Ortega 4<sup>th</sup>

Music Memory  
Angelica Couch 1<sup>st</sup> Tie  
Francisco Ortega 1<sup>st</sup> Tie  
Ivan Guel 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Dempsey Collums 4<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> as a team

Number Sense  
Dempsey-Collums 5<sup>th</sup>

Oral Reading  
Ashton Lavake 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Emma Franklin 6<sup>th</sup>

Social Studies  
Steward Skiles 3<sup>rd</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Art  
Walker McBryde 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Luis Molina 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jacob Sanchez 5<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> as a team

Chess  
Carlos Reta 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dictionary  
Toni Lopez 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie  
Ty McBryde 5<sup>th</sup>  
Kenlee McBryde 6<sup>th</sup>

Editorial Writing  
Akira Vacio 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kenlee McBryde 5<sup>th</sup>  
Annahi Ruiz 6<sup>th</sup>

Impromptu Speaking  
Kenlee McBryde 3<sup>rd</sup>

Listening  
Kenlee McBryde 4<sup>th</sup>

Number Sense  
Toni Lopez 6<sup>th</sup>

Oral Reading  
Akira Vacio 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ready Writing  
Kenlee McBryde 2<sup>nd</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade UIL Results  
SJH

Art  
Luis Mendoza 1<sup>st</sup>

Carlos Gonzalez 4<sup>th</sup>

Art Team  
Mendoza, Gonzalez, Berry, Castro 2<sup>nd</sup>

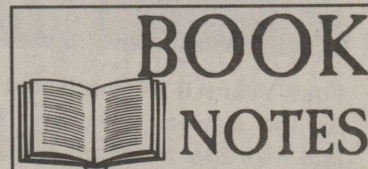
Editorial Writing  
Irene Henderson 1<sup>st</sup>  
Adamaris Castro 2<sup>nd</sup>

Improtu Speaking  
Sherridan Powers 6<sup>th</sup>

Listening  
Turner Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> tie  
Luis Mendoza 6<sup>th</sup>

Maps, Graphs, and Charts  
Luis Mendoza 4<sup>th</sup>

Oral Reading  
Brenda Portillo 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Remie Seward 5<sup>th</sup>  
Katelin Berry 6<sup>th</sup>



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We face the question whether a still higher "standard of living" is worth its cost in things natural, wild, and free.  
—Aldo Leopold

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# "Back in Control"

## Parenting Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Be There: 8:45 AM-4:00 PM

TEXAS PANHANDLE CENTERS

Children's Services Building

1500 S. Taylor Street

Amarillo, Texas 79101

Must pre-register! Call 359-2005

Instructor: Janice James, MA, QMHP

CEUs available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available, also  
(Must attend full class for certificate)

**NO CHARGE**

Seating is limited.

No Childcare is provided.

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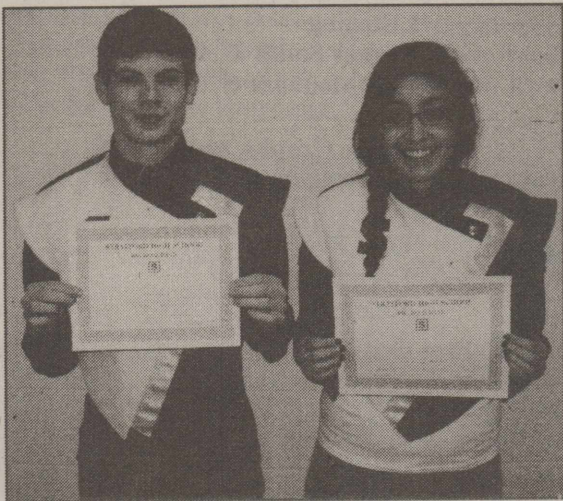
## Big Blue High School and 7th and 8th Grade Bands Top Other Class 2A Schools In All-Region Honor Band Representation

The Stratford High School Band placed more students in the two All-Region High School Bands than any other Class 2A school. With 15 members Stratford was followed by West Texas (8), Panhandle (6), Happy (6), White Deer (5), Booker (4), Nazareth (4), and Wellington (4), Canadian (3), and Claude (3). Vega, Memphis, Wheeler, Sunray, Gruver, Clarendon, and Shamrock all had less than 3.

Not to be outdone by the high school, the Stratford 7th and 8th grade band students also had more members in the two Middle School Honor Bands than any other 2A Middle Schools. With 22 students selected Stratford had 6 more members than Canadian (16). Other 2A Middle Schools were: Booker (5), Panhandle (5), West Texas (5), Wheeler (4), and Pringle-Morris (3). The remaining 2A Middle School bands (Clarendon, Claude, Gruver, Happy, Memphis, Shamrock, Sunray, Vega, Wellington, White Deer, Nazareth, and Miami) had 2 or less students selected.

These 15 high school band members along with the 22 students from the Middle School traveled to the West Texas A&M campus on Friday, January 16 to join almost 400 other panhandle area band students to rehearse and present a concert on Saturday afternoon, January 17. (See related pictures)

Because of the superior musical abilities of each individual the bands were able to give an outstanding concert with only eight hours of intense rehearsal over the two day period. All students should be congratulated for representing Stratford so well in this panhandle area musical event.

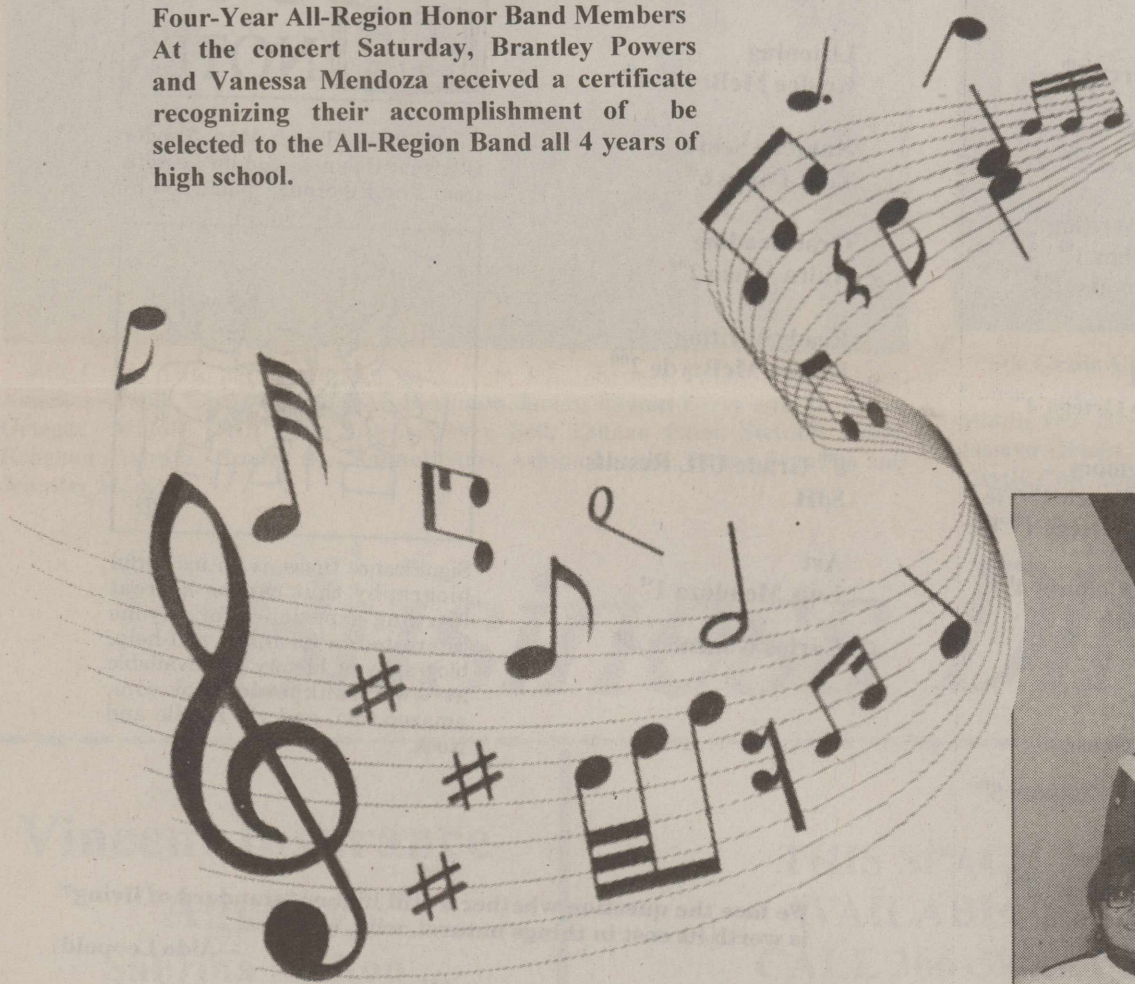


**Four-Year All-Region Honor Band Members**  
 At the concert Saturday, Brantley Powers and Vanessa Mendoza received a certificate recognizing their accomplishment of being selected to the All-Region Band all 4 years of high school.



**High School All-Region Symphonic Band:**  
 (L-R) Kobi Garza, Karina Henderson, and Brantley Powers.

Because of their high chair placement in this band Kobi and Brantley qualified to compete in the Area Band competition in Lubbock. Kobi placed 11th out of 12 tubas and Brantley placed 3rd out of 12 trombones at this audition. Brantley was just 1 student away from being selected to the ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands) All-State Band.



**High School All-Region Concert Band:**  
 Front row (L-R): Erika Lopez, Stephanie Vasquez, Dalia Cruz, and Sonia Lopez. Second row: Orlando Mayorga, Alexie Wright, and Vanessa Mendoza. Back rows: Colten Lanning, Juan Camberos, Kelsey Pickens, A.J. Riffe, and Amber Jimenez.



**Middle School All-Region Symphonic Band:**  
 Front row (L-R): Abraham Villegas, Eugenia Almendarez, and Carozaan Wallis. Second row: Lily Gonzalez, Renee Lawrence, Sherridan Powers, and Lilia Trayler. Back Row: Xhander Lewis, Natalia Reta, and Toni Lopez.



**Middle School All-Region Concert Band:**  
 Front row (L-R): Victor Torrez, Brenda Portillo, Oscar Sauzamede, and Eimy Mendoza. Second row: Abi Gomez, Luis Molina, and Nadia Ortega. Third row: Ty McBryde, Fernando Martinez, Carlos Reta, and Janeht Bravo. Not pictured: Luis Mendoza and Adamaris Castro.