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Stratford Elks Take Area Championship



The Stratford Elks captured the Area win on Friday, November 20, 2015 with a 54-19 win over Hawley, TX. The Elks will face Wellington in the Regional round on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Scoring for the Elks were Fernando Jacquez with 12 points, Blake Griffin scored 8 points. 4 points by Joaquin Gutierrez. Gage Brooks also with 12. Scoring 6 points each were Ty Hess & Kevin Hernandez Tanner Stone made 4 tackles, Two tackles were Kevin Hernandez and Erasmo Ibarra One each were Gerardo Romero, Fernando Jacquez, Ty Hess, John McBroom, Kade McBryde, Andy Reyes. Players of the week were Offensive Line-Tanner Stone; Offensive Back-Gage Brooks; Defensive Line-Kade McBryde; Defensive Back-Kevin Hernandez; Special Teams-Julio Duran and Scout-Sergia Guerrero.



Mary Allen Elementary students and teachers supported the Elks with lots of signs and cheering at the send-off for the Elks on Friday, November 20, 2015.

Annual Harvest Lunch

The Sherman County Older Texans invite the community and all hunters to their annual Harvest Lunch on Saturday December 5, 2015.

The lunch menu will include pork chops, pinto beans, cornbread, coleslaw, homemade desserts and drinks of coffee and tea. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1:00 at SCOT HALL located at 517 N. 3rd Street in Stratford. FREE WILL DONATION.

Congratulations Elks & Good Luck-Beat Wellington

Library Notes

Did you know that library cards are free to all residents of Sherman County? Of course there is a catch. You must have proof that you reside in Sherman County by first showing a current driver's license or a utility bill with your current address and a picture identification card. Once you have your library card, you can use your card at any library in the Texas panhandle, if you are in good standing at your home library, that is, you can't have any fines or overdue books. This service is made possible through agreements among members of the Harrington Library Consortium. Your library card can also allow you to check out e-books and audio books on you iPhone, iPad, kindle, nook or other device. Your library card can even let you start learning another language by accessing the library's webpage and clicking on Muzzy Languages. Other databases accessible on the webpage, shermancountylibrary.org, are Tumble Books, Britannica School, Britannica Public Library Edition, Britannica Academic Edition, Britannica Enclopedia Moderna, Britannica Escolar Online, World Vital Records, 3M Download eBooks, Global Road Warrior, Columbia Granger's World of Poetry, AtoZ the USA, LearningExpress Library, Word Stash, Job & Career Accelerator, Cypress Resume, TexShare Databases. Your library card is only good for one year and must be updated yearly. If you haven't used your library card in three years then it is deleted in the database, so use it or lose it. Your library also allows free use of computers and WIFI. Patrons come to the library to apply for jobs, social security, income tax returns, to apply to colleges, and even to continue their education. The Sherman County Judge and Commissioners have been very good to the library with funding our necessary needs and we are very grateful for this. Please express your appreciation to these people for their continued support for our library. They realize that the library is important to the welfare of the community.

American Legion Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct it's regular monthly meeting on December 3, 2015 at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you should have any questions, Contact Dennis Phelps, Post Adjutant at 396-5316 or Robert McGinnis at 396-2212

Medical Benefit Account has been set up at Happy State Bank for David Acosta

Project Christmas Card Begins

Project Christmas Card is a joint project between the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star to benefit the Sherman County Public Library. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Calculate how much it costs for the cards, stamps and your time, add a little extra and bring your donations to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the December 17th, 2015, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas". Last years' donations purchased \$3000.00 of downloadable eBooks and audio books, but in past years the money has been used for computers, large print books, audiobooks, and shelving. Our library continues to be one of the best of its size in this area, if not the state, so let's continue to support it. Deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 11th, 2015. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200 or shermlibrary@hotmail.com.

It's that time of the year

Get your Santa Letters to The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or take them by the Mary Allen School, Mail Box located there. Or e-mail to stardm@xit.net. Or bring to Marty's or Shari's homes or Ivy Insurance. Deadline is Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 3 p.m. They will appear in the Christmas Edition Thursday December 17, 2015 Be sure and give us plenty of time to forward all letters to Santa at the North Pole.



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Obituaries

Sandra J. "Sandy" Sink
 October 4, 1947-November 16, 2015

DATELINE - Clayton, New Mexico

Sandra J. "Sandy" Sink, Age 68, went to meet her Lord and Savior on Monday, November 16, at the Clayton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a long and hard fought battle with cancer and finally succumbed to the ravage of the disease with Bill and Dusty by her side, holding her hand as she passed.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church in Clayton, NM, with Rev. Adrienne Coleman, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines, New Mexico, and Rev. Terrell Jones, pastor of Clayton Trinity Fellowship Church officiating. Please visit www.hassfuneralhome.com to view the online obituary and sign the guest book

Sandra J. "Sandy" Sink was 68 years young, born on October 4, 1947, Amarillo, Texas to the late Bill and Oleta French of Stratford, Texas and later of Capulin, New Mexico. She grew up in Stratford, Texas and graduated from high school there in 1966. She always said "you can take the girl out of Texas, but you can't take the Texas out of the girl." Texas was her home, but she followed the love of her life, Bill Sink, to New Mexico. She loved working at the Senior Center in Des Moines and loved all her people there. She enjoyed spending time in her garden and canning the fruits of her labor. She liked to paint and do arts and crafts and gave most of her work to others. She was proud of being an accomplished artist. Her Family and friends were near and dear to her heart and she was happiest when she was cooking a big meal for them. She always said the best things in life were free and some of her best times were in her garden, nurturing her flowers and playing with her cats. She believed the greatest accomplishment in her life was the birth of her son, and the greatest love of her life was her husband Bill Sink. When she felt her spirit was broken, she would read Proverbs 15:13 and it would renew her spirit. She felt to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is to not die, but to truly live forever.

Survivors include her husband Bill Sink of the home.

1 son: Dustin Bridges of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

2 step-sons: Douglas Sink of Liberty, Utah and Shane Sink of Raton, New Mexico.

3 Grandchildren she adored, Savannah Bridges and Charlie Bridges of Rock Hill, South Carolina and Cooper Hall Bridges of Pensacola, Florida.

2 sister-in-laws: Gwen Wingo and Mignon Sadoris of Grenville, New Mexico.

2 brothers-in-law: Jimmy Sadoris of Grenville, New Mexico and Roger Sink of Portales, New Mexico.

And many nieces, nephews, and cousins that she loved dearly.

MEMORIALS: The family asks that memorials be made in Sandy's Memory to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to St. Judi Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Attention to all subscribers!!

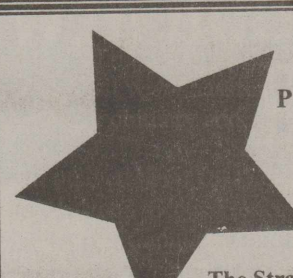
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Thanks-Marty

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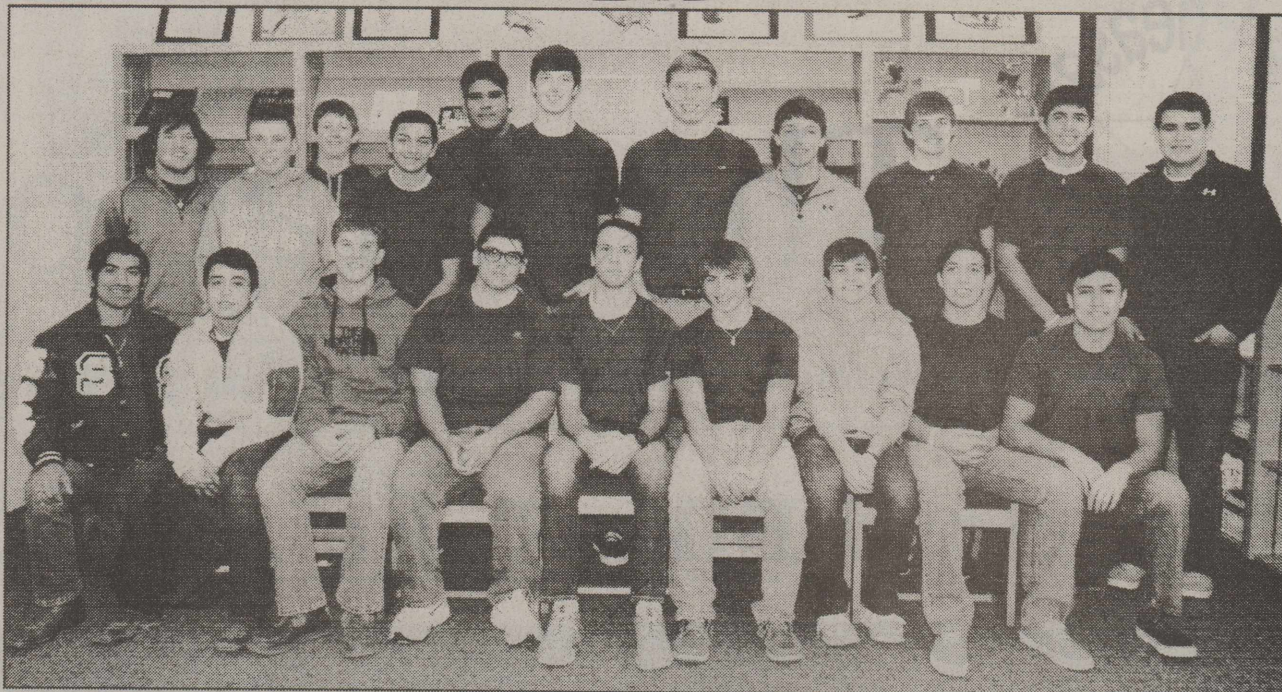
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2015 Academic All-District Football standing from left: Tanner Stone, Bret Barnard, Kade McBryde, Joaquin Gutierrez, Gerardo Fierro Acosta, Russell Spurlock, Parker Hanna, Gage Brooks, Ty Hess, Erasmo Ibarra, and Juan Camberos. Bottom from left, Kevin Hernandez, Gerardo Romero, Jack McBryde, Kobi Garza, John McBroom, Blake Griffin, Shay Hess, Fernando Jacquez, Andy Reyes.



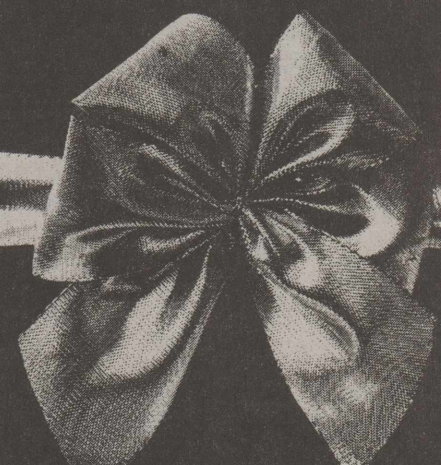
2015 Academic All-District Cross Country seated from left: Sonia Lopez, Remie Seward, Samantha Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Eiyelene Torres and Sidney Turner. Standing from left: Alexie Wright, Julio Duran, Justin Duran, Joaquin Gutierrez and Yadhira Chavoya.

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Marszycki Honored with bridal shower

A bridal shower honoring Melissa Marszycki, bride-elect of Josh Lanning was held in the home of Verlie Norris on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Shown from left, Lisa Messner of Amarillo, TX, Veronica Lanning and Sheila Lanning, both of Stratford, TX, Josh Lanning and Melissa Marszycki of Lubbock, TX, Nelda McLain of Stratford, TX and Shirley Hood of Booker, TX.



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No December Show this year as 4th Saturday falls day after Christmas. But we'll be right back January 23, 2016. For more info call Sandy Hawkins 806 674 5147



Prospectus Study Club News

Study Club met on November 4, 2015. Our program was over "The Arts" and Laurie Spurlock has some canvases for us to paint and decorate for fall. It was great to sit around and visit while we worked. On November 12, 2015 we hosted the SCOT Thanksgiving. What a great crowd came out to enjoy turkey and dressing (we even had to set up more chairs!). Thanks to Stratford Grain for donating the turkeys and Albert's of Dumas for cooking them and providing the dressing and gravy. Thank you to Belinda Hamilton and Mary Allen Elementary for the wonderful entertainment. We were treated to the second grade class singing a couple of songs - one sweet and one fun. What a blessing those little ones are! We will be attending The Imagination Station's fall exhibit of Presidents on Tuesday, December 1 at 5pm. Come join us!
Shown at left are Ann Johnson, Margaret Reed and Gwenda Hannah working on their canvases.

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

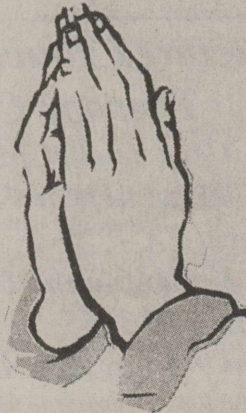
First Christian Church
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

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

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Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
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First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
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Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Dalhart Christian Academy visits Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Dancing scarecrows and turkeys visited at Legacy Assisted Living in Dalhart, Texas. Dalhart Christian Academy's classes (3 years old, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten) brought their Thanksgiving program to the Legacy residents.

Dances, songs, bible verses, poems and lots of hugs made for a wonderful morning on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. Costumes with hats, turkey heads and feathers were abundant. These three classes performed their programs with great enthusiasm and happiness. Legacy residents reveled in the delight of these young performers.

Students perform their part of the program

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TXDOT REMINDS MOTORISTS TO GET READY FOR WINTER WEATHER

AMARILLO - The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation is preparing equipment and crews for expected winter weather events.

TxDOT reminds motorists to be ready for extreme weather conditions when traveling in the region this winter. Motorists also need to be aware of TxDOT snowplows and other heavy equipment operating during a winter weather event.

"Safety is the number-one priority at TxDOT, both for our employees and motorists during winter weather events," said Ron Johnston, District Engineer for TxDOT's Amarillo District. "If you follow too closely to an operating snowplow, you risk not only damage to your vehicle, but also injury to yourself and the plow operator. Stay back a minimum of three vehicle lengths, but at least 150 feet is best."

Drivers are also urged to check road conditions before deciding to travel. Those who must get out during a winter storm event should follow these guidelines:

Reduce speed. Speed limits are based on normal road and weather conditions, not winter-road conditions. Also, stay off your cruise control. Cruise control can quickly turn into "lose control" if you hit black ice or other-areas that affect your vehicle's traction.

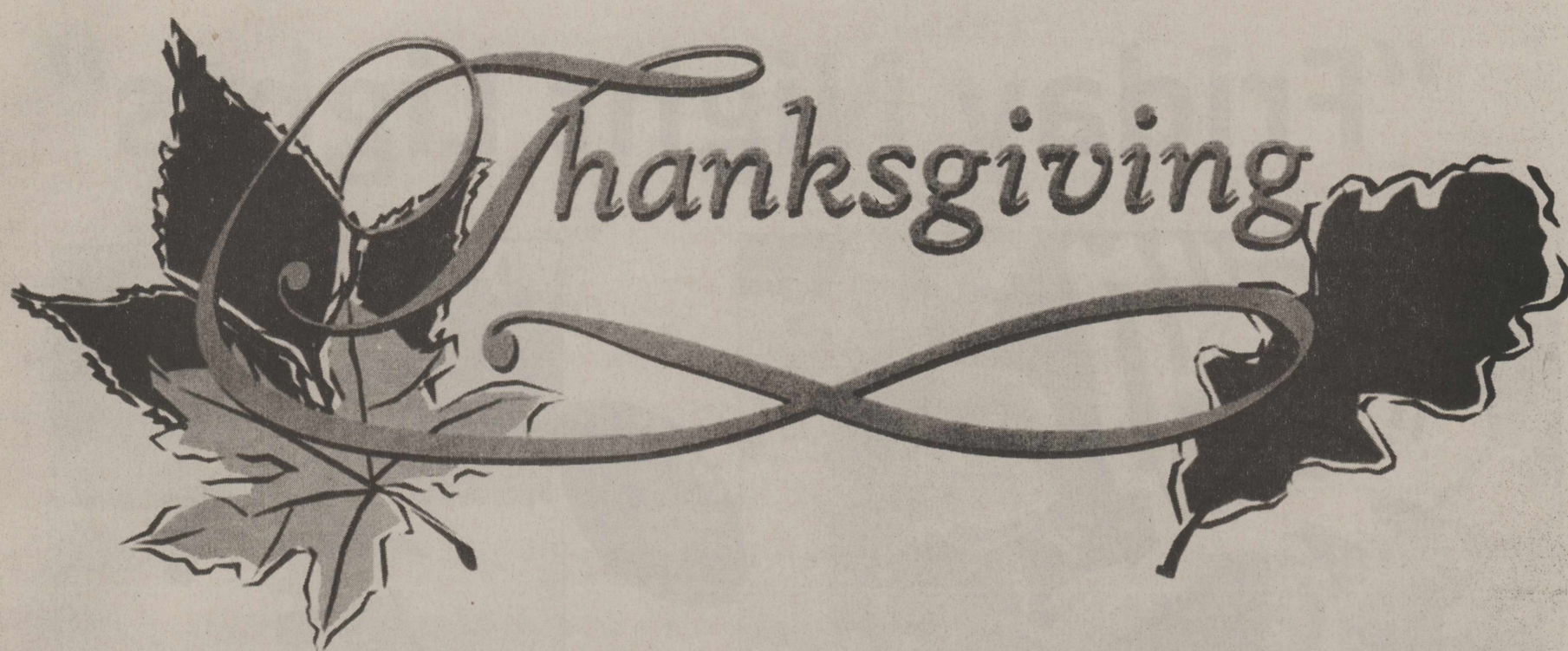
Maintain at least three times the normal following distance on snow or ice.

Watch carefully for trucks and equipment treating roadways, and keep your distance. Use extra caution on bridges, ramps, overpasses and shaded areas as they tend to freeze first.

If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction then straighten your vehicle.

More winter weather safety information can be found at www.txdot.gov— key word: winter driving. For road conditions, go to www.drivetexas.org or call the TxDOT road conditions hotline at 1-800-452-9292 1-800-452-9292 FREE or check updates on TxDOT's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Beat
Wellington**



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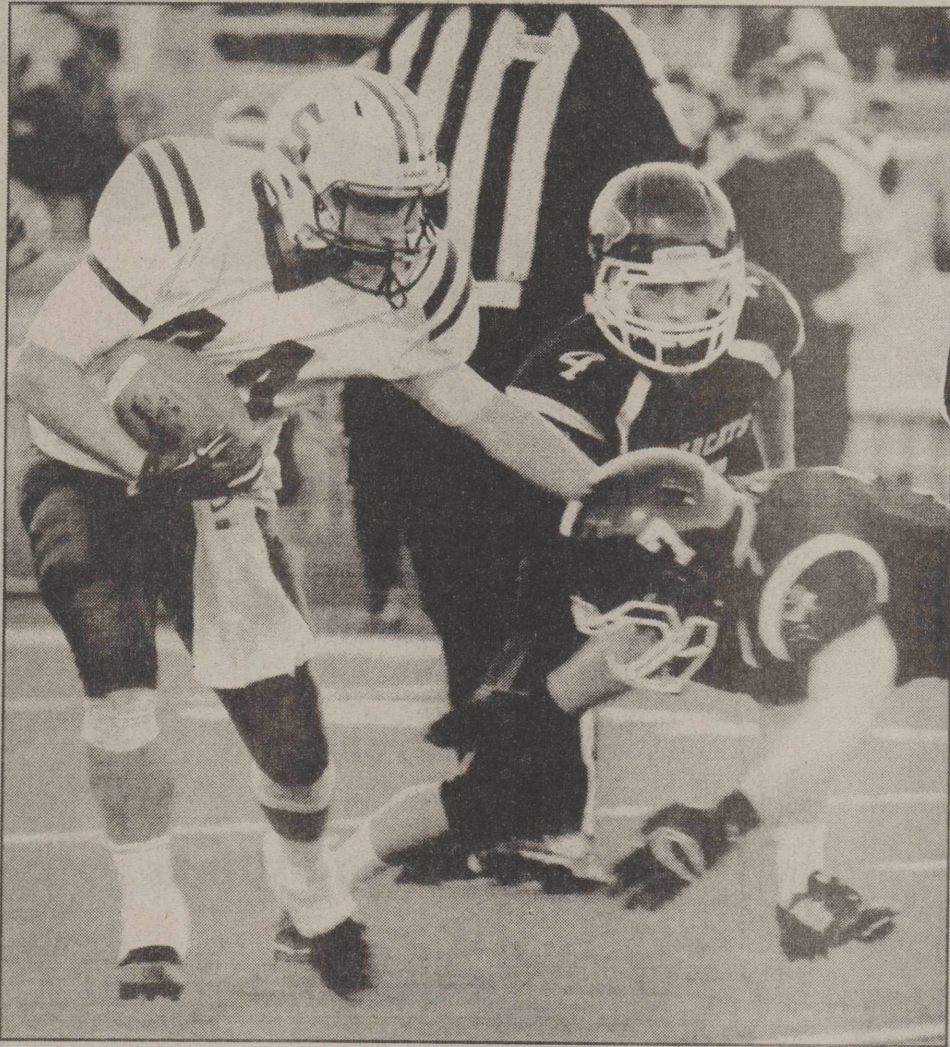
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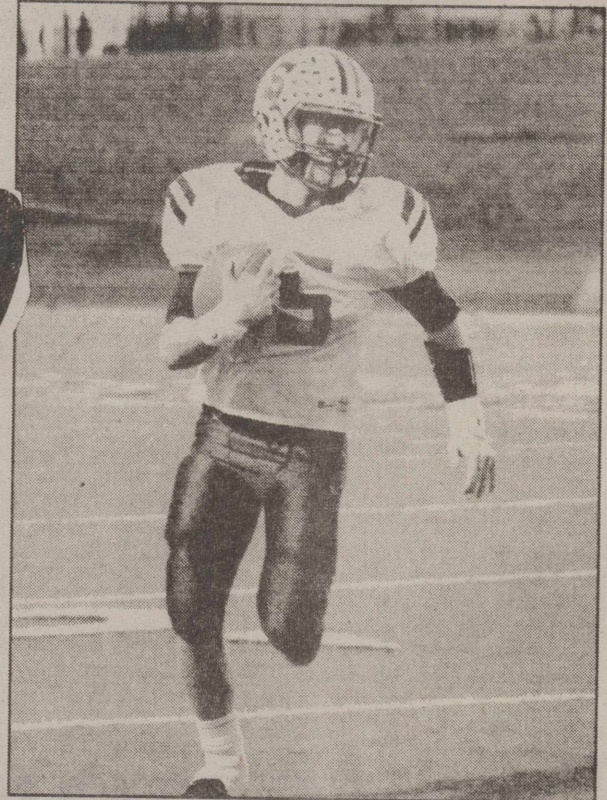
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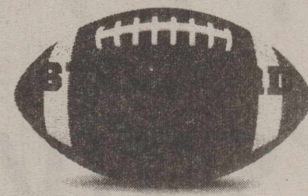
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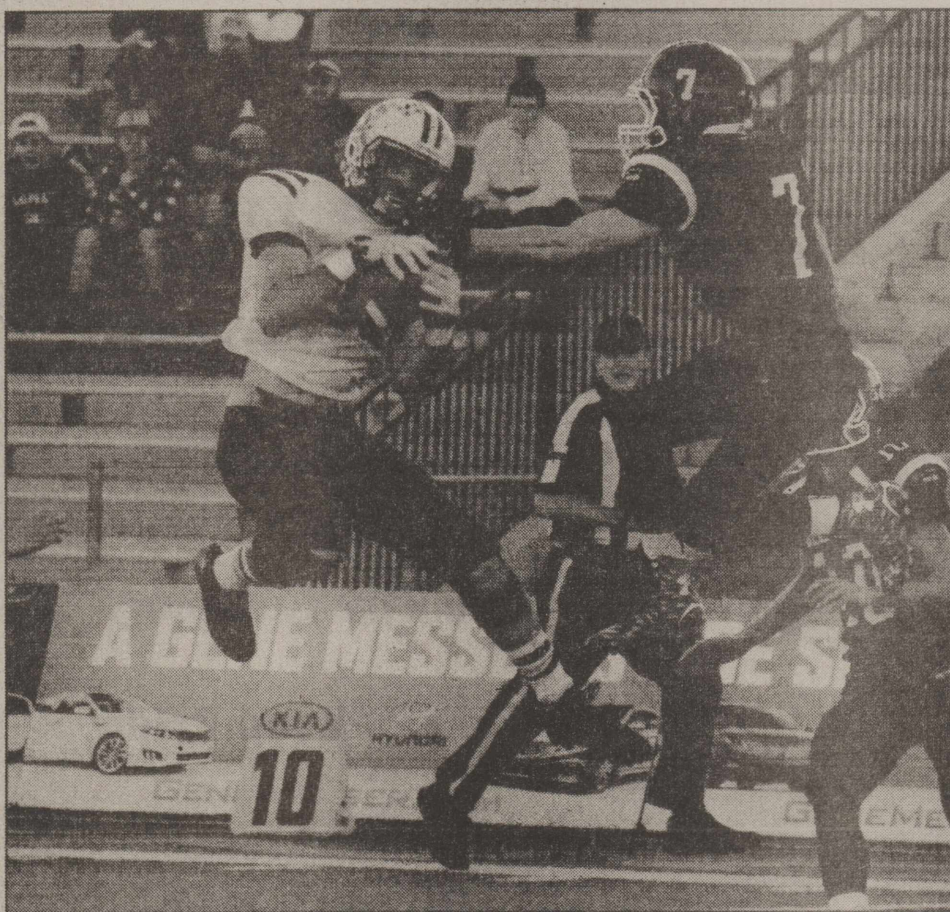
Stratford Elk running back #44 Blake Griffin avoids the tackle by Hawley player in the Elks Area win.



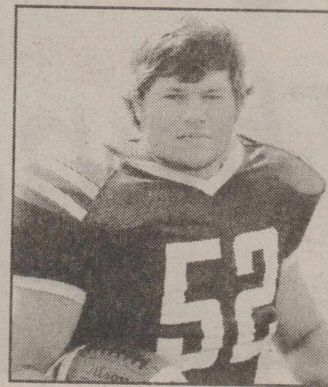
Quarterback #15 Jack McBryde picks up some yards for the Elks on the quarterback keeper on Friday, November 20, 2015.



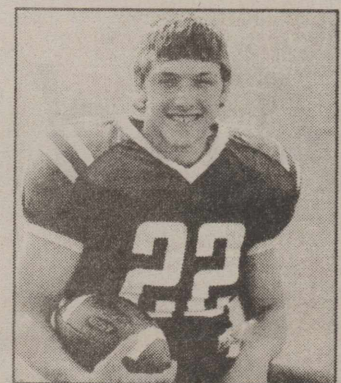
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Stratford Elk #13 John McBroom scores on a pass from Jack McBryde in the Elks Area win over Hawley on Friday, November, 20, 2015.



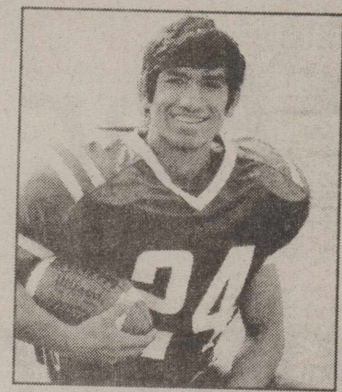
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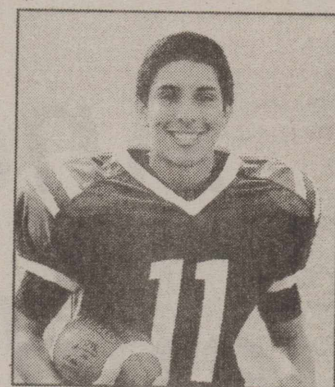
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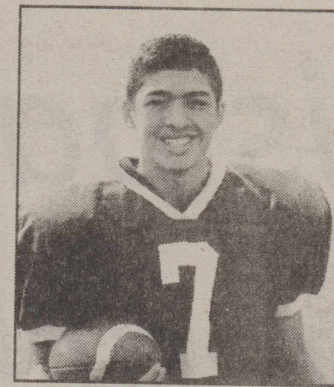
Kade McBryde



Kevin Hernandez

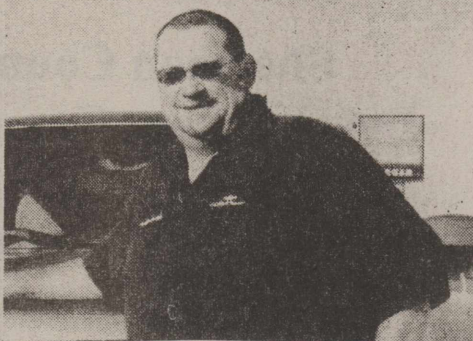


Julio Duran



Sergio Guerrero

Time out with Rog:



The Stratford Elks showed Hawley what hitting is all about! Hawley had snot hanging out of their nose all game long. We played 15/16th of great football. But we have to work on that 1/16th. At the end of the day, Stratford Elks 54- Hawley Bearcats 19, Hawley drove home in their Jalopy So area champs we is!!!! Next up, Wellington Skyrockets, coached by a man that sole one of our women. Wellington of District 1-2A which is part of our district. Boys it is gonna be tough to beat the same team twice. And if I remember right they gave you a scare the first time. For this week of preparation, we need to focus because every game could be the last but if you focus it will not. This reporter would like to thank LISD for their great facility restroom. Nice place! The pretzels I had made me thirty! So Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Stratford Elks will try to add another trophy to their trophy case just like you added turkey to your bell the day before. So let's all caravan down to Potter County on the North Side of Town and watch the Stratford Elks play Stratford Elk football!!!! Let's all pray for Jamie and Kathy, Once an Elk always an Elk.

Roger Malon Allen
 Class of 1981

P.S. Hot Dogs galore!!!!
 Double P.S. Hey, TH get a GPS system. Where did you get your license at? McLean?

Challenge

Winner of last week Kaleb Horsford

- Becky Frizzell class of 2009
- Wellington vs Stratford
- Denton vs Tascosa
- Canyon vs Everman
- Muleshoe vs Shallowater
- Happy vs Borden Co.
- Celina vs Perryton
- Randall vs Burleson Centennial
- Texas Tech vs Texas
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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION November 12, 2015

The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2015. President Brad McBryde established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Brad McBryde, Tim Hudson, Jo Hinds, Tres Hess, Walt Berry, and Dan Law.

Michelle Lutes was absent.

Staff present: Jerry Birdsong, PJ Hanna, Misti McBryde, Clint Seward Dinah Horsford, Cindy Seward, Tanner Martin, Renae Horsford, and Katherine Nusz.

Mr. Hanna led the invocation.

Guests present: Bryan Clift, Coy Barton, Daniel West, Remie Seward, Monica Reyes, Erika Ortega, Lizeth Ibarra, Janeht Bravo, Claudia Bravo, Johnny Bravo and Yadhira Chavoya.

The board canvassed the Board of Trustee Elections. See Attachment #1

Lynette Kautz passed out certification of elections and the new board members signed the statement of officer. She then administered the oath of office to Brad McBryde, Tres Hess, Dan Law and Bryan Clift.

Officer elections were held. Tim Hudson nominated Brad McBryde for president. Dan Law seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1, Brad McBryde abstained. Tres Hess nominated Tim Hudson for vice-president. Dan Law seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1, Tim Hudson abstained. Tim Hudson nominated Jo Hinds for secretary. Dan Law seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1, Jo Hinds abstained.

Mr. Birdsong recognized those students and teachers who had excelled throughout the month:

The Stratford HS Band received an I rating at the Regional UIL Marching Contest in Amarillo on October 17. With its performance at Regional, the Big Blue Band advance to Area UIL Marching Contest in Amarillo on October 24. At the area competition, the band advanced to finals. The band is under the direction **Katherine Nusz** and **Jim Parham**. This year's drum majors are **Monica Reyes** and **Stephanie Vasquez**. **Stratford HS Lady Elks Cross Country team** captured the District 1-2A championship in Spearman October 10. The girls are coached by **Tanner Martin** and **Renae Horsford**.

Samantha Gonzales was the individual district champion at the District 1-2A meet. She also placed 4th at the regional competition qualifying her for state where she competed last weekend.

Stratford JH Lady Elks Cross Country team also captured the District 1-2A championship in Spearman October 10. The girls are coached by **Tanner Martin** and **Renae Horsford**.

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Andy Gutierrez was the individual district champion at the District 1-2A meet.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent's report. He reported a district enrollment of 581. He reported on enrollment that was submitted from other districts in Region 16 on snapshot date. He passed out a list of tax rates from other districts in Region 16. The board's Team Building session will be on December 10th. The Winter Governance conference will be on February 25-27.

ynette Kautz gave the business managers report. Monthly expenditures are at 13.03%, revenue 28.80%, and all tax collections are at 50.16%. Cost of transportation for the month was .88¢.

r. Birdsong gave the Highly Qualified Teacher Report. See Attachment #2

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported that the second six weeks has ended and that report cards will go home on Wednesday. The Elementary/JH UIL Academic Meet will be in Borger at Frank Phillips College on Friday. Many students will be competing. 2nd graders and teachers participated in SCOT Hall's Thanksgiving program. They presented a short program and sang songs for SCOT members and their guests. Next Wednesday, AIM for Success will have an assembly for each of the three campuses. Joli Hauser has been heading up the planning on this event. The 3rd & 4th grades program will provide them with tools and strategies they can use to not only deal with bullying, but to help others who are being bullied as well. The annual Thanksgiving lunch will be held at the school next Thursday, November 19th.

r. Seward gave the junior high report. He reported that the junior high will be sending 69 students to the UIL meet in Borger on Friday. Mrs. Begley's 5th and 6th grade reading classes are participating in The 6th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive sponsored by Scholastic Reading Club. He reported that the junior high girls cross country team won the district meet. Janeht Bravo was 1st, Hilda Romero 2nd and Rese Schoonover was 4th. Andy Gutierrez won the boys district meet. The 8th grade band will travel to Lubbock on Saturday, November 14th to watch the Tech band perform. There are some 7th grade band students that will travel to Guymon to audition for the "5 States" band. The junior high will also participate in the AIM for Success assembly. The 5th/6th grade will focus on Anti-Bullying and the 7th/8th grade message will focus on Sexual Health with an emphasis on abstinence.

Mr. Hanna gave the high school report. He reported that the boys cross country team place 4th at the district cross country meet. The varsity girls were district champs with Sam Gonzales winning the meet and Vanessa Gonzales placing 2nd. At the Regional cross country meet in Lubbock, the team placed 6th overall, and Sam Gonzales placed 4th qualifying her for the state meet in Round Rock. Sam Gonzales was named to the Amarillo Globe News Honor Roll Athlete of the Week on October 21, 2015. The Big Blue Band received a score of 1 at the Region Marching contest advancing them to the Area Marching contest. At the Area marching contest, they advanced to the finals which were the top ten bands. The Elk football team finished district as Runner-Up and will play Floydada at Bushland on Friday, November 13, 2015. Jack McBryde was Amarillo Globe News Player of the Week. The following athletes have been chosen as honorable mention: Blake Griffin, John McBroom, Jack McBryde, Gage Brooks, and Kevin Hernandez. The school has also been named as the Class 2A Army Values School of the Week. Kory Punch, Karl Punch and Matthew Sandvig competed in the UIL Congress competition. Kory Punch placed 2nd and Karl Punch placed 3rd qualifying both of them for state. Several FFA students participated in LDE competition. The Ag Advocacy Team placed first and will advance to the Area meet on November 21. Members of the team are Jaci Brown, Bret Barnard, Erika Ortega, Raeleigh Willborn, and Nic Payne.

Tres Hess made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A public hearing was held on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Coy Barton presented the 2014-2015 financial audit for the district. Tres Hess made the motion and Tim Hudson seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Birdsong presented the letter of engagement for Coy Barton for the 2015-2016 school district audit. Walt Berry made the motion and Dan Law seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on personnel. ViAnn Reed submitted a letter requested to be removed from all coaching duties. Tres Hess made the motion and Dan Law seconded to approve the request and reassign her from a dual assignment contract to a term contract subject to assignment effective November 13, 2015. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Birdsong presented the 2015 tax rolls. The amount of tax roll is \$473,815,042. The amount of tax levy is \$4,886,314.70. Walt Berry made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Birdsong presented TAB Legal Update 103. Tim Hudson made the motion and Bryan Clift seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

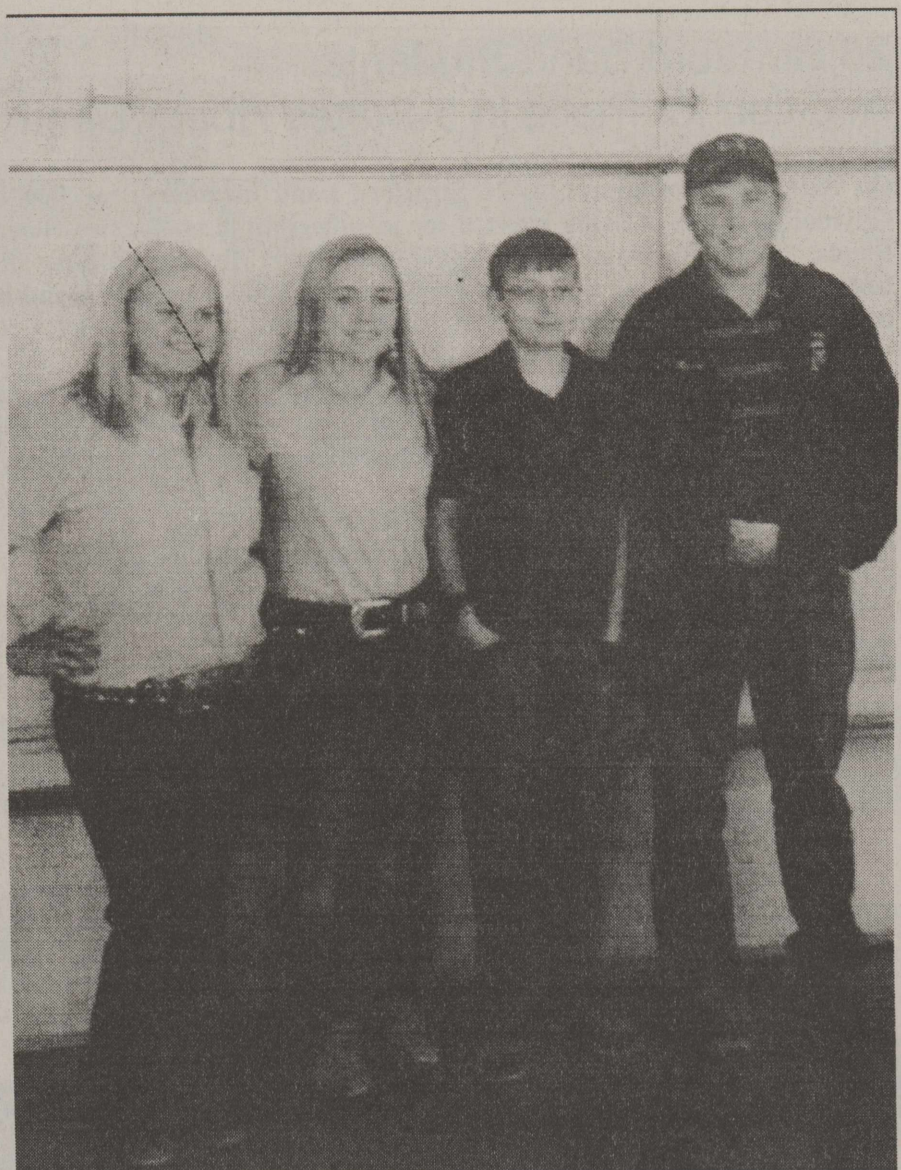
Discussion was held on the Dallam County Appraisal District ballot. Tres Hess made the motion and Tim Hudson to cast all Stratford ISD votes (256) to Lola Barrow. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the Sherman County Appraisal District ballot. Walt Berry made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to vote for Nathaniel Walden, Roger Wells and Mel Yates. Motion carried 7-0.

The board took a short recess at 8:51 PM.

Discussion was held on the facilities, the possibility of presenting a TRE and bond election before the community.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.



Livestock Skill-a-Thon Team

The Sherman County 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon team placed 1st at the District 1 Roundup Contest held on November 7th in Canyon. Individual placings were 1st Bret Barnard, 2nd place Jaci Brown. 3rd place was Raeleigh Willborn. The team was coached by Matt Whittington. This team has qualified for State Roundup to be held at College Station in June. Shown left to right are Raeleigh Willborn, Jaci Brown ? and Bret Barnard



"Halls of Horrors"

Here are some of the High School kids that helped out with The Imagination Station Haunted House "Halls of Horrors" October 29th. We had fourteen kids that helped us spook the little ones - Thank you all so very much for your help. We could truly not do it without you!! Thank you Ronna Riffe for gathering the names.

USDA Announces Investments in Rural Community Facilities To Enhance Rural Health and Public Safety

TEMPLE, TEXAS, Nov. 24, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced investments to improve rural community infrastructure, provide essential services and improve access to health care across rural America through Rural Development's Community Facilities (CF) program. These investments in health facilities and support for first responders come as the department celebrates National Rural Health Week.

"Rural America deserves quality, affordable health care, but too often local communities lack the capital to invest in improving the facilities that deliver that care," Vilsack said. "I am especially proud of the role that USDA plays in addressing the critical needs for health care facilities, including mental health facilities."

With this announcement, Secretary Vilsack said that the department has eclipsed a goal, set in December of 2013, of investing up to \$50 million in CF funds over the subsequent three years to develop or improve mental health facilities and services in rural areas. CF funding in 2015 more than quadrupled that goal in just two years, funding more than \$213 million in 80 projects in 34 states.

Among the awards announced to support health care services, \$42,451,000 will be awarded to five projects located in rural Texas communities. Funding of each grant and loan announced is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the funding agreement.

"We are pleased to support rural Texas communities in providing modern medical facilities and emergency response equipment for their residents," said Tom Hannah, USDA Rural Development Acting Texas State Director. "Providing quality healthcare locally saves critical time and the lives of rural residents."

Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$9.7 billion under its Community Facilities programs, including \$4.9 billion for 1,052 health care projects; \$266 million for improvements to 206 public schools; \$133 million for 555 libraries; \$39 million for 240 day care centers; and \$791 million to support 4,876 public safety facilities in rural areas.

President Obama's plan for rural America has produced historic investments in rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have strengthened America's small towns and cities and helped improve the nation's economy.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. For information on this and other USDA Rural Development programs in Texas, visit <http://www.rd.usda.gov/tx>.

26 Stratford Band Students Audition for Place in 5-States Honor Band

On Saturday, November 14, 26 Stratford band members travelled to Guymon in hopes of being selected for membership in one of two Honor Bands. Students from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, and Colorado were seeking a place in either the High School Honor Band or the Junior High Honor Band.

Stratford was very successful, having 12 students make one of the bands and 6 other students named alternates for the bands. These students will return to Guymon on Saturday, December 12, to rehearse during the day and to present a concert that evening.

Congratulations go to all students for representing Stratford so well.



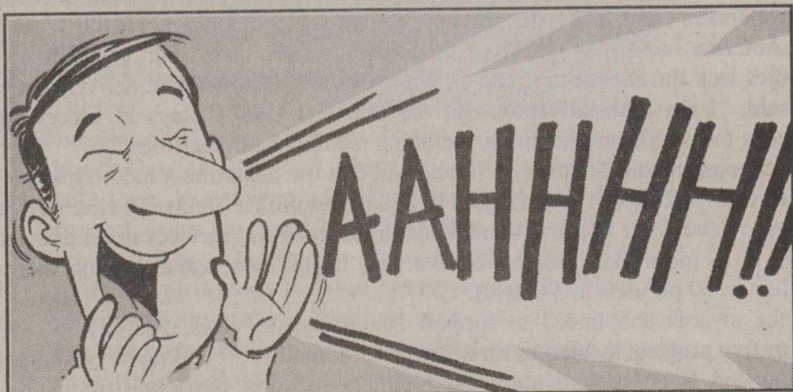
(Jr. High Photo)

Front row (L-R): Lara Wells, Chloe Watson, Madiyn Kemp, Emma Franklin, and Francisco Ortega. Middle row: Dempsey Collums, Angie Couch, Payton Berry, and Carlos Almendarez. Back row: Hannah Sims, Alondra Camberos, Melanie Ramirez, Arturo Vallejo, and Stephanie Ruiz.



(HS Photo)

Front row (L-R): Nick Payne, Colten Lanning, Matt Smith, and Nadia Ortega. Middle row: Orlando Mayorga, Juan Camberos, and Matthew Sandvig. Back row: Justin Duran, Irene Henderson, Sherridan Powers, and Renee Lawrence.
Not Pictured: Kobi Garza



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Health & Wellness

Keeping Your Joints Healthy

(NAPS)—Knowing a few facts about the wear and care of your joints can help you take steps to keep them healthy.

Healthy joints have cartilage, which acts as a spongy shock absorber on the ends of the bones so they don't rub against each other. When you don't have enough cartilage, you can have pain.

To Keep Your Joints Healthy

• **Exercise.** Walking, jogging or swimming helps keep muscles strong, and takes the strain off the joints.

• **A healthy diet and a healthy weight.** Carrying extra weight stresses your joints. Eat less fat and sugar, and more fruits and vegetables.

• **A healthy lifestyle.** Get enough sleep and eat a balanced diet.

What To Know About Joint Pain

Joint pain often indicates arthritis. Common types are osteoarthritis, gout and rheumatoid arthritis. Other diseases or injuries can also lead to joint pain. As you age, joint pain becomes more common as well.

Fortunately, you can do a lot to feel better and stay active, even if you have these problems.

How To Feel Better

• **Exercise,** moving all your joints. Walking helps circulation, supports the joints and strengthens the muscles.

• **If you have a sore joint,** you can use an ice pack or a bag of frozen vegetables on the sore spot.

• **Do your best to maintain a weight that is right for you,** since too much weight can make your knees and hips ache.

• **Speak up.** Tell the doctor if your pain is improving or getting worse. Medicines can reduce pain and stiffness, and a doctor will



Exercise helps keep muscles strong to take the strain off the joints.

know if joint replacement is an option you should consider.

Joint Replacement Surgery

Joint replacement surgery involves removing a damaged joint and putting in a new one. It's usually done by an orthopaedic surgeon. Sometimes, the surgeon will not remove the whole joint, but will only replace or fix the damaged parts.

The new joint, called a prosthesis, can be made of plastic, metal or ceramic. It may or may not be cemented into place, and your bone will grow into it. New joints generally last at least 10 to 15 years.

Learn More

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, has free, easy-to-read information in English and Spanish about joint health. Download or order publications on other topics at www.niams.nih.gov/multi-cultural or call toll free (877) 226-4267.

News For Older Americans

Your Money And Your Life Insurance

(NAPS)—For many older Americans, selling a life insurance policy can be a lifesaver, fiscally speaking.

The Problem

As reported in *The Wall Street Journal*, many retirees are struggling to afford recent increases in their life insurance premiums. This can be especially painful for those seniors who were already unprepared for retirement.

According to the Government Accountability Office, households with members between 65 and 74 years old have retirement savings worth about \$649 a month.

An Answer

One option to consider if you can no longer afford your life insurance premium is a life settlement: the sale by the owner of a life insurance policy to a third party for an amount greater than its cash surrender value and less than the death benefit. The seller of the policy gets a cash payment. The buyer of the policy assumes all future premium payments and receives the death benefit upon the passing of the insured.

Americans who are aged 65 or older leave more than \$100 billion in benefits on the table each year by lapsing or surrendering their life insurance policies. A survey by the Insurance Studies Institute found that 90 percent of those seniors would have considered selling their policies if they knew they had other options.

Why To Sell

There are numerous reasons to consider selling a life insurance policy, in addition to premiums



Like any personal property, your life insurance can be sold—through what's known as a life settlement.

being no longer affordable.

• There is a need for resources to pay for health expenses and long-term care.

• A term policy may be reaching the end of the coverage period.

• The insured has outlived the policy's beneficiaries.

• A new policy may be a better personal or financial fit.

Anyone considering a life settlement should first talk with his or her insurance, financial or legal adviser to explore all legal, tax and other consequences from selling the policy.

Learn More

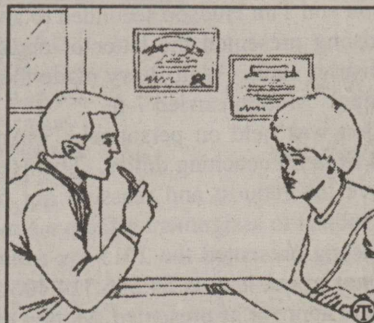
For further facts, or to find a life settlement professional nearby who can help you look into this option and see if it makes sense for you, call (800) 664-9024 or visit the Life Insurance Settlement Association (LISA) website: www.lisa.org.

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—Seniors and their caregivers can learn more about flu prevention and vaccine options on the *Flu + You* website, ncoa.org/Flu. *Flu + You* is a national public education initiative sponsored by the National Council on Aging in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur.

The new Corus CAD test, a blood test that uses age, sex and gene expression to calculate the likelihood of obstructive coronary artery disease, is much safer for the patient than traditional tests and reduces unnecessary tests and procedures. Learn more at www.cardiodx.com.

About 15 million Americans have allergic asthma. Many might be helped by taking Xolair (omalizumab). Visit www.Xolair.com for more information about allergic asthma, including a list of questions to take to your doctor and a



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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: PATRICIO SOLANO

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you, or your attorney, do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 day after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of **AMBER NICHOLE HARRISON and DUSTIN MARCUS HARRISON**, Petitioners was filed in the 31st Judicial District Court of Hemphill County, Texas on the **22nd** day of September 2015 against **PATRICIO SOLANO**. Respondent(s), numbered 7257 and entitled **In the Interest of P.G.H.**

The suit requests (as is more fully shown by Petition on file in this suit). The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: **MARCH 3, 2015: UNKNOWN.**

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you. The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's/children's interest that will be binding on you, including the term of the Parent-child Relationship, the term of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's/children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Canadian, Texas, this the 17th of NOVEMBER 2015.

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