

## LADY ELKS CAPTURE AREA WIN

The Lady Elks beat Lockney 70-40 on Friday, February 17, 2017 to capture the Area win in the playoffs. They are shown with their Area trophy. Standing L/R: Coach Martin, Coach Ashmore, Katelin Berry, Janeht Bravo, Elizabeth Martinez, Carlee Metclaf, Nicolle Law, Xenia Franco, Allie James, Jaci Brown, Jazmine Castaneda, and Coach Horsford. Kneeling from left: Lilibeth Ibarra, Vanessa Gonzalez, Laynee Burr, Shaylee Audrain, and Kenlee McBryde. At press time, the Lady Elks faced Claude in the Quarterfinal round of playoffs. The Elks faced Memphis at press time in the Bi-District round. Congratulations and Good Luck to the Elks and Lady Elks!

### SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-  
Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F  
10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 8:15-10:00 a.m.

Monthly Luncheon-4<sup>th</sup> Thursday-12 noon  
(covered dish luncheon)

### SAVE THE DATE:

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church*  
**ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER**

Sun. February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

At the Sherman County Barn

From 11:00am - 2:00pm

Adults: \$8.00 & Children (5-12): \$5.00

Children 4 & under eat free!!

Sausage (reg. & spicy) by the lb. will be  
available: cooked & uncooked

Call for pre-orders to:

Jasmin Rios: (806)339-4842- habla español  
Annie Duran: (806)268-3822- habla español  
Heather Braden: (806)366-3224

# 50

**Years Celebration**  
**Yes! That's Right, 50!**  
**Come by the Smith**  
**Agency and visit**  
**Have some Coffee**  
**And Snacks on Wednesday,**  
**March 1, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

## What's Happening- In Stratford

Wednesday, March 1st, 2017

Smith Agency Celebrates 50 years

Come by between 1p.m. & 3 p.m. to have  
some Coffee and Snacks  
And help us celebrate

Mother/Daughter Brunch  
Under the Sea (Ariel)  
Imagination Station  
March 4<sup>th</sup>

April 18, 19 and 20 Week of the Young Child  
(Wild West)

May 6-Kentucky Derby Party

Story Time @Sherman County Library,  
Wednesdays, 9 to 9:30 a.m.  
February 2 - March 8

Storm Siren testing on  
Wednesdays at 12 noon

Scot Hall Activities-  
(Listed elsewhere in paper)

## Cimarron Country Music Theater

106 N Main St.  
Boise City, OK

Show date, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Show starts at 7 p.m. and  
doors open at 6 p.m.

Country music with a  
little comedy sprinkled in

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now & then

Same admission price

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and three & under free

It's gonna be a good one-

Family Friendly-more  
info call Sandy Hawkins

806-674or 580-5333142

## MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY LIBRARY TO HOST SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mary Allen Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, February 27 thru Friday, March 3. The book fair will be held in the library at Mary Allen Elementary School. Students will be able to shop daily from 7:40 am to 8 am and after school from 3 pm to 4 pm. The theme this year is "Happy Camper" and the library is known as "Camp Read S'More". A camping atmosphere is enjoyed by the students complete with a cave, a tent, trees and camping chairs. The Book Fair will feature a special FAMILY AND COMMUNITY NIGHT on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 3 pm to 6 pm. Funds raised will help purchase books for the elementary library and teachers. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List program.

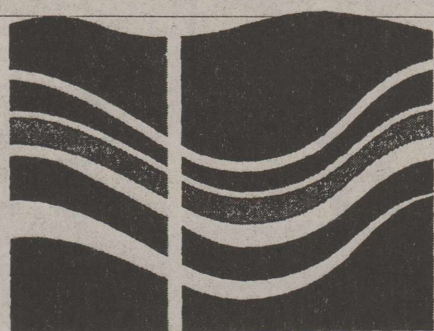
The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads from dozens of publishers. We hope to see you there!

## Community Notice

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct the annual American Legion Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, March 1, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn. As always, this is a free will offering. All funds will be used to defray the expenses of the delegate's trips to Austin and Sequin this summer. Everyone is invited!

## CHIROPRACTOR CHANGING DAYS IN STRATFORD\*\*

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Ian Kelly DC, will be open in Stratford on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. Dr. Kelly appreciates the community's school spirit and the change of days will keep him from conflicting with sports schedules. To make an appointment you can still call 806.337.2084 (if no one answers leave a message & we'll call you back). Don't forget that Dr. Kelly is also certified in Animal Chiropractic through Parker University, appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. *No pets in the office please.*



**NORTH PLAINS  
GROUNDWATER**  
Conservation District

Attention All Producers of  
Groundwater in the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District  
Your 2016 production reports are due in the Dumas office  
by 5 pm on March 1st.

The 2016 Annual Production Reports for the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District are required to be completed and filed in the District Office no later than March 1, 2017 by 5:00 PM. Each report filed after March 1, 2017 will be subject to a \$50.00 per day late filing fee up to \$500.00 per report. Reports deemed "LATE" are not eligible to accumulate Groundwater Conservation Reserve. Reports sent in by regular mail and postmarked on or before March 1, 2017 will be considered on time. To accommodate filing, the District Office will be open from 8 am - 5pm including the 12-1pm lunch hour from February 22nd to March 1st during normal business days. There is an after-hours drop box for reports located next to the front (East side) entrance. Any mitigating circumstances that would prevent the producer from reporting on time, should be reported to the District Office as soon as possible and will be evaluated by the General Manager on a case by case basis.

The board and staff thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of the management of the area's groundwater resources.

Please mail your completed reports to:  
North Plains Groundwater Conservation District  
PO Box 795,  
or hand deliver to:  
603 E 1st Street  
Dumas, TX 79029

For more information about 2016 production reporting, call the office at 806-935-6401 or email [productionreporting@northplainsgcd.org](mailto:productionreporting@northplainsgcd.org)

## 2017 Tree Sale

### REMINDER-DEADLINE MARCH 3, 2017

Time is here once again for Sherman county Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at [shermawcd@xit.net](mailto:shermawcd@xit.net).

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock, and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.

## Stratford Hospital District

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### Stratford Family Medical Clinic

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### Stratford EMS

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



## Valentine Activities at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living residents, located in Dalhart, Texas, have enjoyed a variety of activities for the Valentine season. The residents have been preparing their Valentines for distribution at the party. Of course, everyone will need a collection box for those cards. Legacy was very happy to have the Dallam County 4-Hers come on Thursday, February 9th to help residents decorate their boxes. A variety of ribbon, cuts-out, doilies, and stickers were used to make beautiful boxes. Valentine Bingo was on Thursday, February 16. Special prizes were awarded.

The Valentines Party was held on Valentine's Day - February 14. Paula Nusz, Resident Services Coordinator gave a program about the different types of love - Agape, Phileo, Eros, and Storge. She gave a personal example of Storge love that has impacted her life. The valentine cards were dispersed with each resident receiving their brightly decorated boxes. Party snacks of Cherry Royale and homemade sugar cookies were served with blackberry tea. Thank you to all of the local groups who brought Valentine cards and snacks for the residents. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Shown above L-R Avi day Ellie Bezner, Natalie McDaniel, Barrett Bezner, Theresa McDaniel. Not pictured Georgia Bezner at Legacy Valentines Box Decoration Event.

## New Bible Study offered at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living located in Dalhart, Texas, is thrilled to welcome Jim York, minister of the Church of Christ as the new Bible Study leader. Mr. York contacted Legacy in response to a call made to his office, and graciously agreed to bring Bible study to the Legacy residents.

The first session was held Wednesday, January 25, 2017. The topic was about David and his reign as king. Mr. York spent some time describing the Ark of the Covenant and its rules for transportation and contents. His extensive knowledge of the Bible and the customs of the people made his descriptions even more engaging.

Mr. York will be conducting Bible Study, twice a month (2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month). The community is welcome to attend the studies. Studies are held in the living room at Legacy, located at 301 Texas Boulevard, in Dalhart. Six residents gathered for study and prayer.

## Interstate 40 Sorghum Luncheon set for March 28th in Amarillo

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Contact: Austin Voyles, 806-373-0713, [austin.voyles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:austin.voyles@ag.tamu.edu)  
Amanda Spiva, 806-267-2692, [amanda.spiva@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:amanda.spiva@ag.tamu.edu)

AMARILLO - Four Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices are joining to host a three-hour "Interstate 40 Sorghum Luncheon" on March 28 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

"Our goal with this program is to give producers in our area the tools they need to plant and harvest a successful grain sorghum crop," said Austin Voyles, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

In addition to Voyles, host AgriLife Extension agents and counties include Amanda Spiva, Oldham County; Derek Williamson, Armstrong County; and Jody Bradford, Carson County.

Lunch will be provided and there is no charge due to the sponsorship of the Texas Sorghum Producers. Voyles said. But those planning to attend must RSVP by March 22 to one of the four AgriLife Extension offices.

One integrated pest management continuing education unit will be offered by the Texas Department of Agriculture for pesticide applicators.

The program will include the following topics and speakers:

- Sugarcane aphid management, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.
- Pre-plant consideration, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.
- Agronomic discussion, Dr. Brent Bean, United Sorghum Checkoff director of agronomy, Amarillo.
- Industry update, Wayne Cleveland, Texas Grain Sorghum executive director, Salado.
- Pricing strategies, DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist, Amarillo.

"We cannot say thank you enough to Wayne Cleveland and Texas Sorghum for sponsoring our lunch and making this program free of charge to our producers," Voyles said.

For more information, contact any of the following: Spiva, 806-267-2692; Voyles, 806-373-0713; Williamson, 806-226-3021; or Bradford, 806-537-3882.

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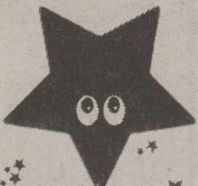
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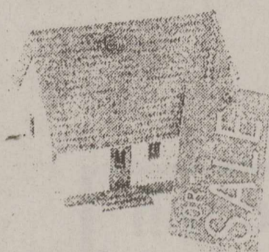
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## Sanchez Graduates from UNT

Cain Sanchez recently graduated from University of North Texas with a BS in Criminal Justice. UNT is one of Texas' largest universities, offering 101 bachelor's, 82 masters and 38 doctoral degree programs. Many of these programs are nationally and internationally recognized.

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#### Ho, Ho, Ho...Save H2O!

(NAPS)—During this busy season of holiday parties, shopping, and family festivities, it's easy to forget how much this time of year can increase your environmental footprint. A family of four uses about 400 gallons of water at home daily, but when you add holiday cooking and guests to the mix, the gallons can really add up!

If you have a houseful this holiday season, you can still save water by using these simple tips:

- **When cooking:** Thaw your turkey or other frozen foods in the refrigerator overnight instead of under the tap with hot water. Clean vegetables in a pan of water rather than running water.

- **When cleaning up:** Running a (full) dishwasher uses less water than washing dishes by hand in small batches. And scrape the leftover scraps from plates instead of rinsing them before loading.

- **When the guests leave:** Run only full loads of sheets in the clothes washer.

Need a few holiday gift ideas for the hard-to-buy-for person on your list? Check out the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® product search tool for a variety of gifts that not only save water, but are independently certified to perform well! Here are a few suggestions to make savings a fixture in your home year-round:

- **Have a teenager that lets the shower run a little long?** A WaterSense labeled showerhead can save your family about 2,900 gallons of water per year, plus the energy used to heat that water—enough to power your home for 13 days. WaterSense labeled models also

#### Save water this holiday season with gifts and tips from WaterSense!

provide the same water coverage and satisfying spray as showerheads that use 20 percent more water.

- **For the person on your list who loves a perfect lawn but doesn't have the time to water it,** how about a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller? This smart appliance accesses local weather data and does the thinking for you in terms of when and how much to water. Plants get the right amount of water, and sprinklers don't go off when it's raining, saving nearly 8,800 gallons of water annually.

- **Need a last-minute stocking stuffer?** WaterSense labeled bathroom faucet aerators save 700 gallons of water per year without a noticeable difference in flow, plus enough energy to dry your hair for 10 minutes a day!

Check out the WaterSense product search tool at [www.epa.gov/watersense/product\\_search.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/product_search.html), or learn more water-saving tips for the holidays at [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).



## HOW WORK AFFECTS YOUR MEDICARE DECISIONS



Older workers need to watch out for these Medicare enrollment mistakes

**Dear Savvy Senior:** *Should I enroll in Medicare at age 65 if I'm still working and have coverage through my employer?*

— Approaching 65

**Dear Approaching:** The rules for enrolling in Medicare can be very confusing with all the different choices available today. But when you postpone retirement past age 65, as many people are doing, it becomes even more complicated.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium of \$134 for most new (2017) enrollees.

If you're already receiving Social Security, you will be enrolled automatically in parts A and B when you turn 65, and you'll receive your Medicare card in the mail. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

If you aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do online at [SSA.gov/medicare](http://SSA.gov/medicare), over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department

how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. But to decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

#### SMALL EMPLOYER

If your current employer (or spouse's employer if it's providing your coverage) has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare

will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. This is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three

months after your 65th birthday. If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

#### LARGE EMPLOYER

If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you (or your spouse if the coverage is from his/her employer) remain an active employee. If this is the case, you don't need to

enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims.

Once your employment (or group health coverage) ends, you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty. This is known as the Special Enrollment Period.

#### DRUG COVERAGE

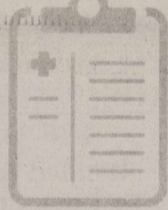
You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage.

Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." Creditable coverage is one that is considered to be as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug benefit. If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a plan (see [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan)) during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (1 percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

For more assistance, call Medicare at 800-633-4227 or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see [shiptacenter.org](http://shiptacenter.org)), which provides free Medicare counseling.

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

**“To decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.”**



## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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

**First Christian Church**  
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.

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

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

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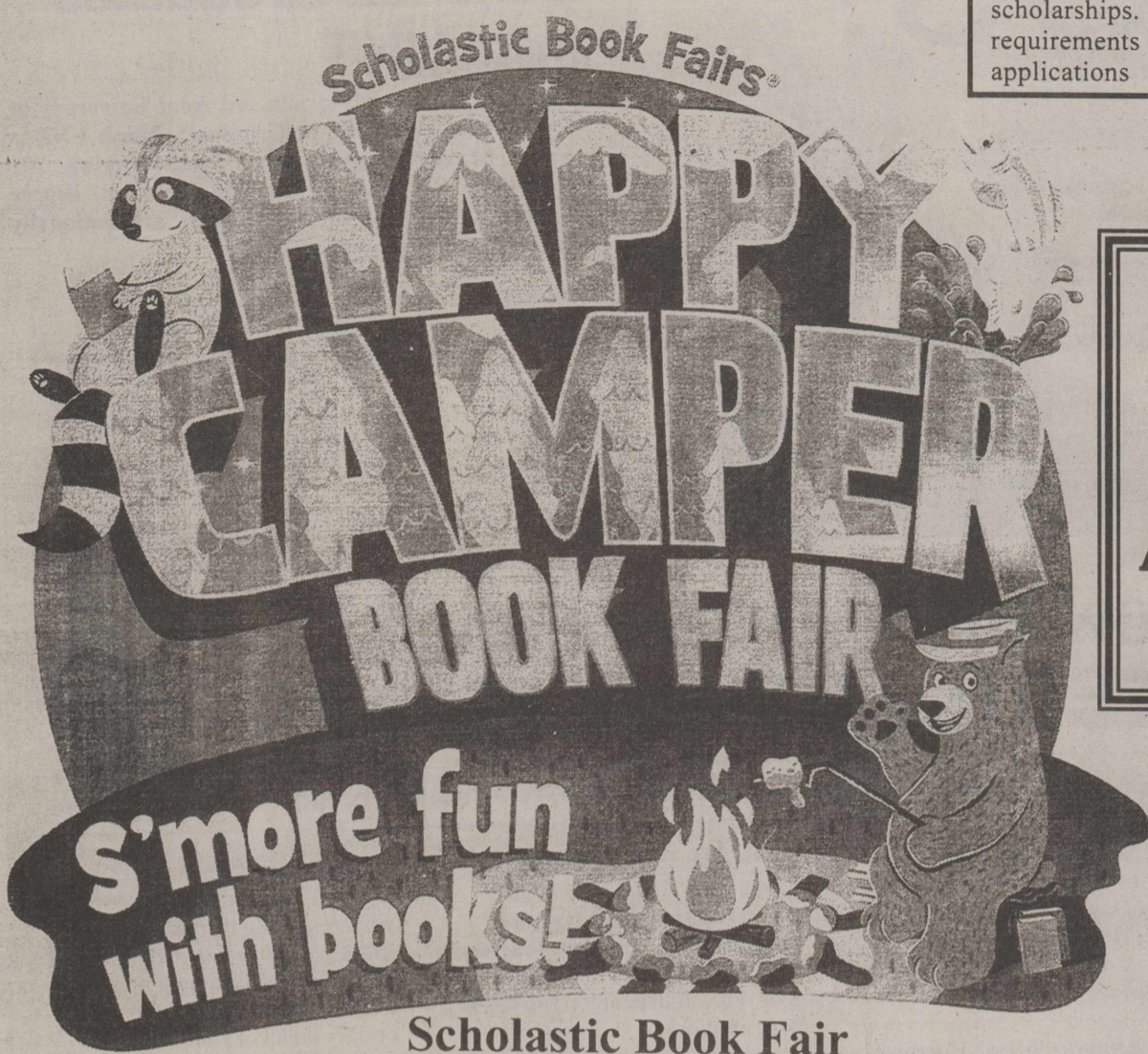
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FAMILY NIGHT  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Stanley Boyd Spurlock, Deceased were issued on February 13, 2017, in Cause No. 2261, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Brent Spurlock.

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

c/o Brent Spurlock  
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DATED the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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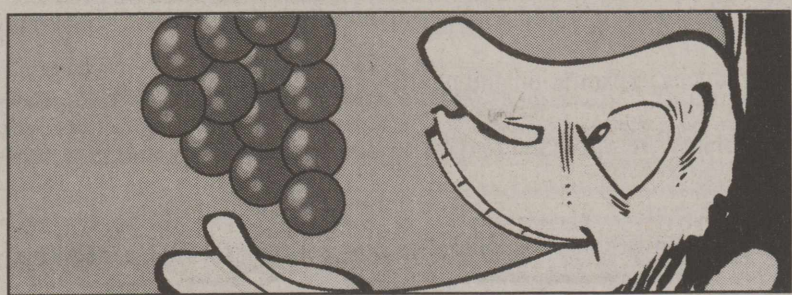
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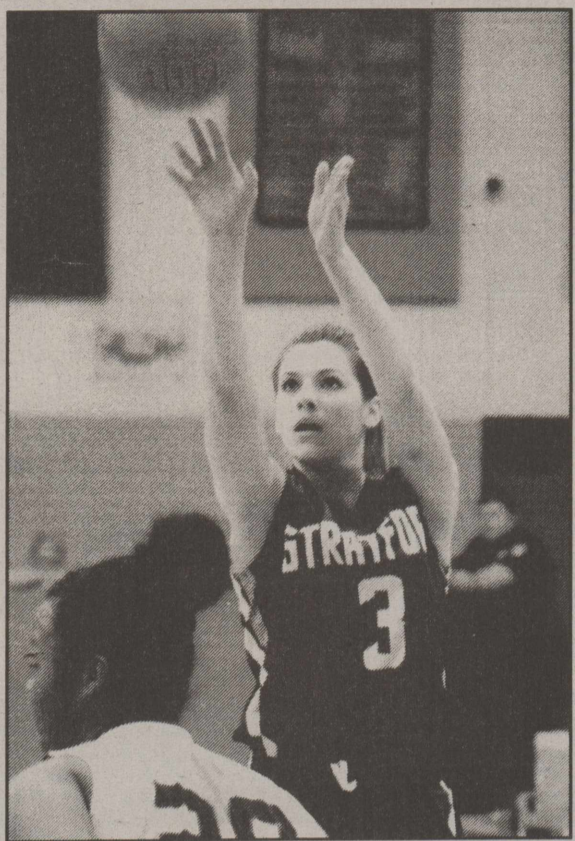
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The people of Portugal and Spain will often eat 12 grapes from a bunch just as the clock strikes 12 midnight on New Year's Eve. This tradition is said to ensure 12 happy months in the coming year.

## Congrats to all of the Elks boys & Girls

# Basketball



Lady Elk #3 Laynee Burr goes up for two points under the basket against Lockney in Area round of playoffs.



Lady Elk #31 Shaylee Audrain breaks for the basket in the Lady Elks Area win over Lockney.

Editors Note, please check out the article Stratford's fast start too much for Lockney which appeared in the Amarillo Globe-News on February 17, 2017 by Lance Lahnert

At presstime the Stratford Girls lost to Claude by 51-48

The Boys beat Memphis 50-42



## 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls win Hooker Basketball Tournament

These 4th grade girls won the Hooker Tournament! There were teams from Oklahoma, Kansas and we were the only Texas team! We played this past weekend beating Liberal Kansas in the Championship! Back row: Addison Bell, Deidre Hiniger, Makenzie Bell, Michelle Lopez and Lynley Albert Front row: Alli Jo Roberts, Jasmine Moczygamba, Danaja White, Faith Tims and not pictured was Mireya Zapata. Thanks! If need to pay send the bill to me!

## Spider mite control in corn aided by moisture

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AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a list of do's and don'ts when it comes to spider mite treatment on corn, according to Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist in Amarillo. Spider mite damage can reduce, corn silage yields about 17 percent and grain yield production by 23 percent or more when not controlled, Bynum said, speaking recently at the High Plains Irrigation Conference in Amarillo. He said spider mites reduce yields by desiccating leaf tissue, which lowers chlorophyll content and reduces transpiration and photosynthesis. Mite feeding also reduces plant water-use efficiency. Spider mites are a pest in and regions that reproduce most rapidly on moderately drought-stressed plants, he said. One female produces 45-100 eggs and they live in colonies. It takes about 10 days for them to go from egg to adult. "So you can have as many as 11 generations in a summer growing season in the High Plains," Bynum said. "The key is to know which species you have and what causes them to increase," he said. "The Banks grass mite and two-spotted spider mite both feed the same. The Banks grass mite is more common early in the season and stays on the lower portion of the plant, moving up as the population develops. The two-spotted mite is spread out on the plant throughout the growing season." Bynum said the list of do's and don'ts includes:

- Don't let the corn stress from moisture or heat, especially moisture because it adds to the heat stress. - Don't over fertilize.
- Scout fields at least once a week to know if mite and predator populations are increasing, decreasing or staying static.
- Spray before mite populations get out of control.
- Improve the application coverage by getting it down into the canopy. - Spray early in the morning to keep it from evaporating.

Damage assessment is based on a scale of 1-10, Bynum said. "We used to advise waiting until a level 5, but with the miticides that we have now, we can't get the quick control," he said. "We are advising the damage level of 3, between 21-30 percent plant damage where none of the lower leaves are killed or have excess injury, is the mark for making a miticide application now." Bynum said grain corn is only safe after the dent stage is reached, so any infestation prior to that may need to be treated if infestations reach the outlined damage level. Heavily infested plants are prone to stock rot. "Sometimes people don't recognize how much loss can occur," he said. "Some producers may want to control mites at the whorl stage, however at that point you don't know what the predator populations will do to keep the mite populations under control."