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## Ten Reasons to Love Your Library

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways," begins one of the best loved poems of English literature. The Sherman County Public Library is sharing ten reasons why the citizens of Sherman County should love their library: 1) Use the library's 12 computers free of charge; 2) Check out the latest bestsellers; 3) Find biographies of the great and the average; 4) Enjoy story time with you child; 5) Ask your library to arrange an interlibrary loan of a book or other resource from another library free of charge; 6) Take a practice test for becoming a policeman, fireman, graduate student, and more; 7) Check out a couple of great books on CD that the whole family can enjoy on the drive to Grandma's and other distant places; 8) Research your health concerns; 9) Get live homework help from Tutor.com; and 10) Help your library by volunteering, assisting with special projects. Your investment in time and ideas will pay off big time to your community and to yourself.

This Christmas season show your love for the Sherman County Public Library by contributing to Project Christmas Card sponsored by the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star. The project is very simple, instead of sending individual Christmas cards to your friends and neighbors in Sherman County, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Calculate the costs of cards, postage, time and your effort and take your donation to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. Your family's name or your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Very Merry Christmas."

### PUBLIC HEARING

Texhoma Independent School District 211-901 will have a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator System at the Office of the Superintendent (4th & Denver) on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, December 6, 2007.

## Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree will provide clothing only this year. Please submit toy wish list to Happy State Bank Toy Drive due to time restraints, no applications will be accepted after December 1, 2007. Please bring donations to First State Bank wrapped and labeled with Childs number by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Angels will be hung on tree on December 3, 2007.

Este ano, El Arbol de Angeles regabra unicamente ropa. La list para los juguetes deber ser entregada a Happy State Bank. Debido al corto tiempo, aplicaciones no seran aceptados despues del 1 de Diciembre. Los angeles calcificacions seran colgados en el arbor el 3 de diciembre. Por favor traigan los regalos a First State Bank envelops con el numero del angel apuntado en el regalo. Todos los regalos seran entregados para el 15 de Diciembre.

### Rodriguez Family Fund Set Up

A fund has been set up at First State Bank to help the family of Elizabeth Rodriguez who was in an accident on September 6, 2007 and pasted away Friday November 23, 2007.

## Christmas Parade

Shown at left and below are two of the entries that were entered in the Christmas Parade on Wednesday, November 28, 2007. Lots of folks braved the cold temperatures to watch the parade, get something to eat at the Imagination Station and visit with Santa.

### HUNTER'S SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE DECEMBER 14 & 15

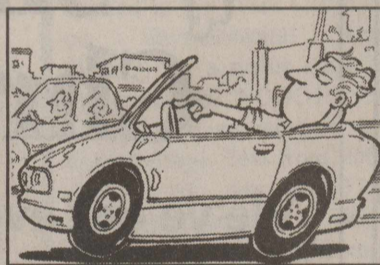
By Susie Spurlock

Hunter's Safety Education Course will be offered in Stratford December 14th and 15th. Lee Morris of Dumas will be conducting the course open to all interested individuals age 12 and older.

The State of Texas requires that all individuals age 17 and older to who plan to participate in any outdoor hunting activities to complete the safety education course.

The course will be conducted at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost of the class will be \$15.00 per person.

Individuals who would like to register for the course may do so by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



Move up. You're sitting too far back while driving if you can't drape your wrists over the steering wheel without lifting your shoulder blades from the seat back. You should also be able to depress the clutch and brake pedals without straightening your legs all the way.

## End of Year Donations

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation would like to thank the many people of the community who have donated to the foundation this year. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that without your donations the fulfillment of grants for the students of Stratford would not be possible. Please remember the foundation when you are thinking of making your end of year donations. You never know when your donation is going to touch the life of a child.

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If a man had as many ideas during the day as he does when he has insomnia, he'd make a fortune.  
—Griff Niblack  
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### Red Hat Society to Meet December 6th

The Red Hat Society will meet on Thursday, December 6th at 6 p.m. at Elk Junction. Please bring a dozen cookies (your choice) of Peanut Butter, Chocolate Chip or Oatmeal.

You will also need to bring a white elephant gift for exchanging gifts. See you there.

### Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5521.

### News from Depot Museum

The Sherman County Depot Museum welcomes Christmas displays to go with nice ornaments this year.

Due to shortness of volunteers the Museum will be closed Dec.-March. May call phone numbers on the door to get in.

There will be a hamburger fundraiser lunch for Jason Elerick on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Sherman County Barn Free Will Donation

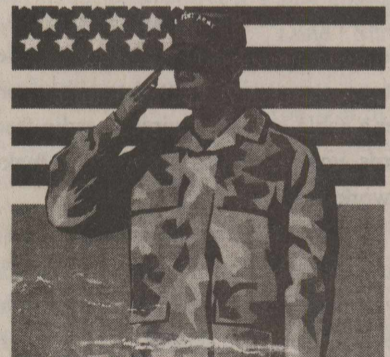
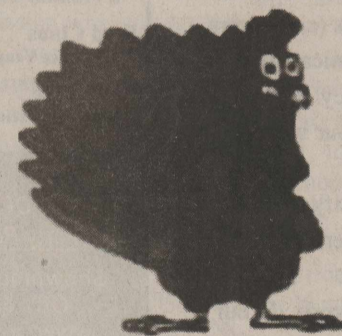
Toy Drive to benefit those less fortunate in Stratford



Please bring new toys to Happy State Bank by December 12<sup>th</sup>

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### It's time to cook turkeys again!!

More than ever we need to honor our service men and women and their families during the holidays. We'll be firing up the cookers on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the same place as before - Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn. If you know of a service man/woman's family in Sherman County email their names and addresses to [laken6423@aol.com](mailto:laken6423@aol.com) or call 806/753-7979 and leave a message. If you'd like to donate turkeys, chickens, beef or any type of meat use the same email & phone number. The cooks will also be glad to deep fry or smoke your holiday meat for you.



### SANTA LETTERS

#### Hey Kids,

It's time to get your Santa letters in to The Stratford Star to be printed. We will send them on to the North Pole!

#### Deadline for letters:

Thursday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Mailbox located at Mary Allen Elementary or call 366-5885 for more information

# OBITS

Margie Lewis  
1922-2997



Margie Lewis - 85 passed away Monday, November 26, 2007 in Dumas, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, November 29, 2007 at North Plains Christian Church with John Green, family friend officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Margie was born August 5, 1922 in Lamar, Nebraska to Mary Helen and David Francis Steele. On March 21, 2002 she married Vic Lewis. She had been a resident of Dumas since 1932 and was actively involved in the community. Margie was a homemaker and a member of North Plains Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Shirley Daniels and Detta Fears; brothers, Joy Steele and Delwin Steel; son Delmar Rice; and three husbands, Robert L. Rice, John Cook and Jerry Meador.

Survivors include; her husband Vic of the home; son, Bobby Rice and wife, Sally of Dumas; three sisters, Darline Berg of New Braunfels, Laverda Hughes and husband, Doyle, Rhea Hatfield and husband, T.G. all of Dumas; four step-daughters, Sonja Cerni and husband, Don, Kathline "Jo" Berg and husband, Phil all of Corona, Calif., Brenda Long and husband, Tommy of Stratford, Becky Seals and husband Jerry of Florida; step-son John (Bo) Cook and wife Valerie; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dumas, TX 79029 or the American Cancer Society, 403 Pear, Dumas, TX 79029.

## CHEERLEADING GYM TO OPEN IN STRATFORD

Looking for one more Christmas gift for that special little girl? How happy would she be to find that she would get to go to cheer camp every week?! A cheerleading gym is opening in Stratford this January and enrollment begins as of today.

This gym will be offering classes that teach aspiring young cheerleaders motions, jumps, cheers, dance, and gymnastics. They will learn cheerleading routines that they will get to perform in front of crowds and even get the chance to go to a real competition. A Hip-Hop dance class will also be offered. The classes will promote a healthy active lifestyle and will be given on a weekly basis. Ages 4 and up are welcome to sign up. Classes will be limited and only a certain amount of spots will be available per age group.

The owner and head instructor will be a new face you may have already seen

around Stratford. Her name is McKenzie Talcott and she is currently teaching science at Stratford High School. McKenzie owns 3 other cheerleading gyms in Oklahoma and Kansas and is excited about bringing her program to our area. She is a former NCAA Division II college cheerleading captain and Cheer Coach from OPSU where last year they won a National Championship competition in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The cheerleading gym will be called "Miss Kenzie's" as it is in Guyton, Elkhart, and Hugoton. Registration Day and Open House will be on Wednesday, December 19, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at 209 N Main. You are encouraged to call ASAP to reserve your child's spot. The paperwork will be available to be filled out and registration completed on the registration day. Please come by and see the facility and meet Miss Kenzie and her staff on the 19th.

Call 806-570-8542 for more information and to get signed up.

## The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

We thank those who came to share the China Exhibit and had Stew & Soup. A school group from Gruver will visit Monday, Dec. 3 and a group from Sunray will visit on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The China Exhibit will be available most of December in hopes that we can share it with more Stratford persons. The Imagination Station exhibit can be open to any group 3 to 30 by appointment, call Laurie Spurlock or a self guided tour on the days the Computer Lab is open. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4-6 and Sunday 2-4. We wish you a Merry Christmas and will wish you a Happy Chinese New Year in February.

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Kaleb Horsford

Kaleb Horsford is a member of the Elk football, basketball and track teams. He is also a member of the student council. Kaleb is also active in 4-H shooting sports and showing pigs.

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## Ask the Geek

By Kevin McDonald

### No Strings to Hold You Down – Wireless Networking

Let's take a little time today to discuss wireless networking. If you don't have it now, you might have it in a few weeks after you open packages from under the tree. Who knows, right? Wireless networking is not all that mysterious, really, but it's commonly misunderstood. I'll describe the most common components that a home-based wireless network will have, assuming the following scenario:

- A broadband (cable, DSL, etc.) Internet connection
  - One PC that will be wired to the network
  - One laptop that will connect to the network via wireless
- Let's also get some of vocabulary housekeeping out of the way:
- A "network" can be as little as two devices (a computer and a wireless router, for example) that are hooked together in a way that allows them to share information and/or resources.
  - For purposes of this article's scenario, a "wireless router" is a device that allows multiple network devices (computers, laptops, some printers, etc.) to either communicate with each other over a cable or over a wireless radio frequency. In other words, your wireless router is what makes your wireless network possible.
  - "IP addresses" are special numbers that identify a device on a network and allow devices to find each other. Every device must have its own, unique IP Address.

Your wireless router is the central piece of your network. In our scenario, we'll plug our Internet connection directly into the wireless router, usually into a special port labeled "WAN" or "Internet." Now, instead of your Internet connection going straight into one computer, it's going to make it's first stop at your wireless router. The router now makes the connection to the Internet, and shares your Internet connection with all of the devices that you attach to the router.

We'll now use an Ethernet cable to plug the PC directly into the wireless router. Your router will assign the computer an IP address. This is another essential function of your wireless router. It must keep track of all the IP addresses that it has assigned to all the devices that are connected to the network, since no two can be alike.

Finally, we'll turn on our laptop. If your laptop came with built-in wireless network device, it should have some kind of software installed already to detect and connect to wireless networks. As long as you're within range of your wireless router, your laptop will see the wireless network, connect to it and get it's own unique IP address.

Now you've got a cabled PC and a wireless laptop sharing your broadband Internet connection. Your wireless router can probably handle many devices connected at once, so you've got room to grow.

This also works for a non-wireless network as well. Just replace "wireless router" with a non-wireless router and do the same thing.

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## Wheeler Honored with Baby Shower

Colby and Sandi Wheeler were honored with a baby shower in the home of Tami King last month. Shown from left, Susan Wheeler, Sandi Wheeler and Kathy Rich. In front is Jaycie Wheeler.

### Food Ideas

(NAPS)—Chef, columnist and cookbook author Andrew Schloss and the Canned Food Alliance have developed recipes with a contemporary twist on classic holiday fare that add nutrition and convenience to any meal. For these and hundreds of other healthy and easy-to-prepare recipes, visit [www.Mealtime.org](http://www.Mealtime.org).



Creative chefs are bringing another vegetable to the table: onions. Fall/winter storage onions are an excellent choice for savory dishes that require longer cooking times or more flavor. To learn more, and for recipes, visit [www.onions-usa.org](http://www.onions-usa.org).

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### INSURANCE TIDBITS

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As of April, 2008, the new minimum state liability requirement for auto insurance will increase from \$20,000/\$40,000/\$15,000 to \$25,000/\$50,000/\$25,000\*. What does this mean to you as a driver? Let's address the fact that the average cost of an automobile death claim in Texas is over \$200,000. With that being said, this is one of the reasons that the Texas Department of Insurance has taken steps to increase these limits. Do I believe this new minimum is adequate coverage to protect you and your family? Absolutely Not! However, it is a step in the right direction. On the other hand, we all know an increase in coverage could mean an increase in cost. If you have questions or concerns about your personal coverage, contact your agent. Or feel free to contact our agency at any time.  
\*visit [www.tdi.state.tx.us/auto/frvp.html](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/auto/frvp.html)

## The Diamonds Return

"The Diamonds" return to the LaRita Theatre in Dalhart Tuesday December 18 for a yuletide Rock V Roll Revue. "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year" for "Getting In The Mood For Christmas" to "Let It Snow" in "Winter Wonderland". The Dinner & Show will begin at 6:30 p.m. \$35 per person with Show only \$20 per person at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce 244-5646. A great way to start the holiday season.

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.  
—John Ruskin

## Births

Marcus and Ashley Lavake of Stratford, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son Mason Andrew Lavake born on October 31, 2007 at 7:10 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs, 9 1/2 oz. and 19 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big sister Ashton Lavake.

Grandparents are John & Nina Lavake of Stratford, TX and Charlie & Katy Taylor of Wellington, Texas.

## Study Club Begins Cookbook Sales

Prospectus Study Club has begun selling their newest cookbook. It is called "Favorites from Our Table". It is a hard cover, three ring binder style cookbook and sells for \$14.00. Contact any Study Club member or visit Sandy at the Library. Please call 366-2772 with any questions.

### Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

A Memorial Service for Donna Graham Baker, Colorado City, CO, was held Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m. at Boise City, OK, Hope Lutheran Church.

She is survived by three children, Cindy Graham Stewart, Eric Baker, both of Colorado City, and John F. Graham III of San Jose del Cabo, Mexico. Also eight grand children, one great grandson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Her ashes were buried at the Boise City Cemetery. Several from Kerrick and Stratford attended.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, arrived Friday night to attend service for Donna Baker.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters and grandchildren Kylee and Kaiden attended a family gathering at Buffalo, OK. Saturday. There were 20 present.

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Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 8:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

### First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weintete

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Morning Worship 10:30 am  
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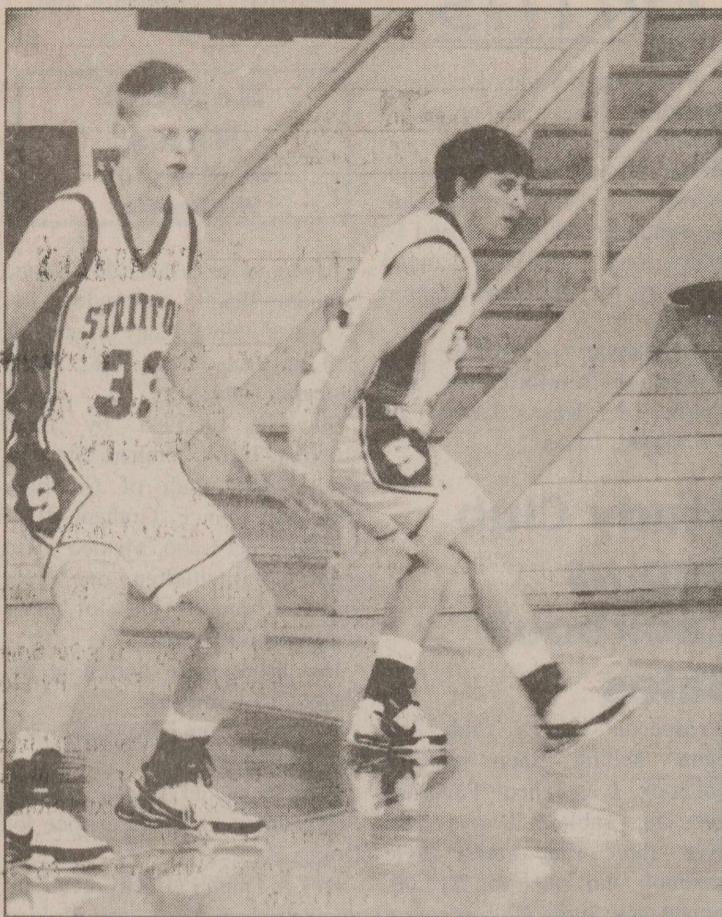
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# Basketball



Stratford Elks Kyle Horsford and Craig Kautz on defense in the Elks win over Channing on Friday, November 30, 2007.



Lady Elks Whitney Reese and Kelsey Stein on defense against Channing on Friday, November 30, 2007.

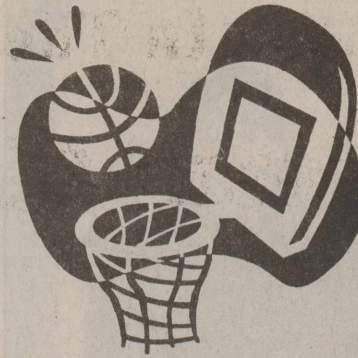
The J.V. Lady Elks won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Gruver Tournament held this past weekend. In their first game, the Lady Elks beat Perryton 29-22. Kelsi Keener was high point with 12 points followed by Brianda Chavoya with 6 points. In their second game, they beat Gruver 25-21 with Kelsi Keener high point with 9 points followed by Rubi Rueda with 7 points. In the championship game, the Lady Elks lost 22-25 to Spearman. Brianda Chavoya was high point with 10 points and Rubi Rueda followed with 7 points.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Elks beat West Texas on November 29, 2007 23-15. Tanner Wright was high point with 10 points followed by Kelby Hartman with 7 points.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Elks beat West Texas on November 29, 2007 41-26. Edgar Guerrero was high point with 16 points and Justin Mungia followed with 9 points.

The J.V. Elks won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Gruver JV Boys tournament held this past weekend. In their first game, the Elks beat Gruver Red 72-14. Angel Resendes led in scoring with 12 points followed by Luis Ortega with 11 points and Tyler Wright and Bryce Cummings with 10 points each. In their second game, they beat West Texas 41-30 with Kyle Horsford high point with 13 points followed by Justin Lanning with 6 points. In the championship game, the Elks lost 43-45 to Perryton. Tyler Wright was high scorer with 11 points followed by Kyle Horsford and Bryce Cummings with 8 points each.

The Stratford Elks beat Channing 58-39 in their season opener on November 30, 2007. Kyle Horsford led the Elks in scoring with 17 points followed by Kaleb Horsford with 15 points.



There will be a hamburger fundraiser lunch for Jason Elerick on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Sherman County Barn - Free Will Donation

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### Sherman County 4-H Take Nutrition Quiz Bowl Top Honors

By Susie Spurlock

Sixty two youth competed in the Panhandle District Nutrition Quiz Bowl held November 20 on the campus of Clarendon College in Pampa. Twenty-two members of Sherman County 4-H participated in the contest and took top placing honors.

Youth ages 8-18 squared off to answer questions based on a variety of subjects, including: basic nutrition, food preparation skills and storage, nutrition and health, consumer information and kitchen safety in age group. Each competition round was composed of 30 questions.

Sherman County was represented by two junior teams, three intermediate teams, and one senior team.

In the Junior competition (ages 8-10 years) Sherman County captured first and second places. The first place team members were Bethany Everett, Jacie Seward, Desinya Garza, and Landry Davis. Team members placing second in the contest were AJ Riffe, Russell Spurlock, and Branson Palmer. They were coached by Laurie Spurlock, assisted by Jennie Spurlock, and Katie Killian.

The intermediate teams took 1st and 3rd places in the contest. Intermediate (ages 11-13) team members were Rhyann Burton, Ransom Lermon, Shyanne Acker, and Kavan Killian. The 3rd place team members were Ben Gilliland, Mary Ann Spurlock, Mazie Vincent, and Nathan Bennett. Tyler Rouse, Brooklyn Palmer, and Hunter Everett composed the third intermediate team from Sherman County. Coaches for the teams were Connie Burton and Laurie Spurlock. This was the fifth consecutive year Sherman County has won the intermediate contest.

Senior 4-H members took 1st place at the contest and qualify for state competition to be held during Texas 4-H Roundup in June. Senior members (ages 14-19) were Eric Burton, Sunny Russell, Katie Killian, and Rowdy Lermon. Connie Burton coached the senior team.

Sponsors of the contest were Texas Wheat Producers Association, and Texas Cooperative Extension. Extension

programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Congratulations to all Sherman County 4-H team members and their coaches. A special thanks is extended to Connie Burton, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, and Clint Seward for chaperoning the delegation to the contest. This type of support from volunteer leaders is a strong key to the success of the teams.

### Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meeting

When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to; them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 3521 SW 15th in Amarillo.



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