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## XIT Communications' Third Annual Rise & Shine Food Drive A Success!

XIT Communications' directors, management and employees would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Third Annual XIT Rise & Shine Breakfast Food Drive. XIT invited all customers and local residents in our coverage areas to participate in the food drive, which ran from October 1 to December 31. By bringing in breakfast food items into one of the XIT stores, participants were given a FREE reusable tote bag to keep as our thank you. The response in all our service areas was wonderful! XIT collected over 85 bags of groceries this year for the local food banks and pantries.

The pantries participating in the food drive included The Pantry of Stratford, Vega Food Pantry/UMC, Texline Food Pantry, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church and the Dalhart Church of the Nazarene Food Bank. The food is given to local families that need a little extra help to put food on their tables.

If anyone would like to still participate in the breakfast food drive, it's never too late! We will never turn down donations! Just drop your donated items off at any XIT office, and pick up your FREE XIT reusable tote bag as our thank you!

Without generous and caring members of our communities, we could not have made the food drive as successful as it was! Caring people are what make the Texas Panhandle such a wonderful place to live and raise a family! Thank you all so much! Shown above is Audra Meidinger (left), Stratford Food Pantry Coordinator, shown with Lupe Duarte (right) XIT Communication Customer Service Representative displaying the food collected for the Stratford Food Pantry during XIT's Third Annual Rise & Shine Breakfast Food Drive

## ATSSB All-State Band Selected

HOUSTON -- The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce the selection of the 2018 ATSSB All-State Band. More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty-two different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 280 of these 2,288 students were selected for all-state honors.

The ATSSB All-State Bands will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 14-17 and will present a concert beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in the Lila Cockrell Theatre of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Brian Britt, University of Oklahoma, will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Symphonic Band. Dr. Matthew McInturf, Sam Houston State University, will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Concert Band which will premiere the winner of the 2018 ATSSB Composition Competition Chicago Belle Motifs by Kenneth L. Griffin. Jay Saunderson, University of North Texas, will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Jazz Ensemble which will perform at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018, in Convention Center Hemisfair Ballroom 1.

Lilia Traylor a member of the Stratford High School Band was selected as a member of this band. She was chosen for this honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state at region and area levels. Lilia is a student of Helen Blackburn, WTA and Dr. Charles Traylor, Grandfather and plays the flute at school under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Nusz, who is a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, an 1175 members group of band directors in class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A high schools in Texas. This is her first time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All State Band. Her other interest at school include Stratford One Act Play. She is al a member of the Stratford Church of Christ. She is the daughter of DeWain and Suzanne Traylor in Stratford, Texas.

## 2018 Pinewood Derby

Stratford Cub Scout Pack 38 would like to announce that plans are underway for the 2018 Pinewood Derby. This year, we will have an open division where anyone is welcome to build a car and come and race. Cost to participate will be \$10.00, which covers the cost of the car and as well as a donation to Pack 38. There will be a practice run and weigh-in on March 2, 2018 from 5pm to 6:30pm. The race will be Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Imagination Station. Check in time is 2:30pm - 3pm. If you would like to enter or have questions, please contact Jesse Mariscal 806-753-6587.

## SHS Dual Credit Parent Night

Parents of incoming Sophomore, Junior and Seniors students: We will be having our annual Dual Credit Parent Night on Thursday, March 1st at 6:00 pm in SHS Library. Dual credit course offerings allow our students to earn college credit while still in high school. Representatives from Amarillo College will be here to present information on the dual credit program and requirements for all students new to Dual Credit and those who are already enrolled. Please join us to learn more about next year's increased Dual Credit offerings for our HS students!

## SHS Noche de Padres Doble Crédito

Padres de estudiantes entrando Segundo Año, Junior y Seniors: Tendremos nuestra noche anual de Doble Crédito para Padres el Jueves, 1 de Marzo a las 6:00 pm en la biblioteca de SHS. Ofertas de cursos de crédito dual permiten a los estudiantes de ganar créditos de colegio mientras que aún asisten la secundaria. Representantes de Colegio de Amarillo estarán aquí para presentar información sobre los requisitos y programa de crédito doble para todos los estudiantes nuevos a Crédito Dual y a los que ya están inscritos. Por favor acompañanos para aprender más acerca de los aumentos de Crédito Dual ofrecidos para el año que viene para nuestros estudiantes de HS!

## CANDIDATES FORUM to be held FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup>

There will be a Candidates Forum on Thursday Feb. 8, 2018 at the Sherman County Barn. We will begin at 6 p.m. with introductions followed by questions from the floor. All candidates will receive an invitation to participate. Watch the Stratford Star for more details.

*This is a public service brought to you by the Sherman County Republican Committee & Sherman County Development.*

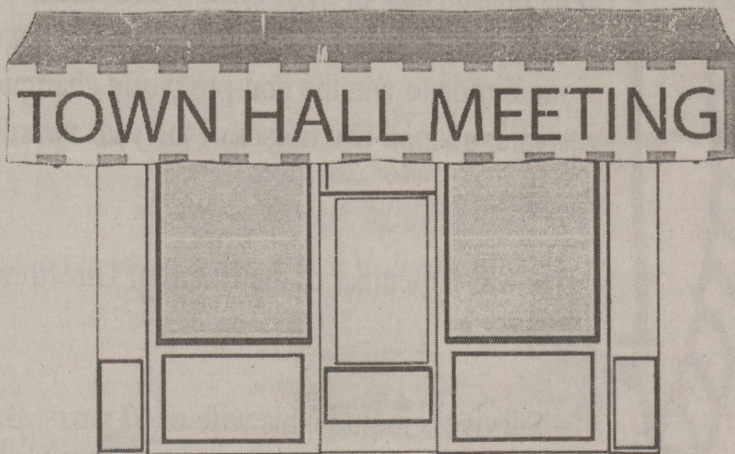
# Victor Leal

Republican for Texas Senate

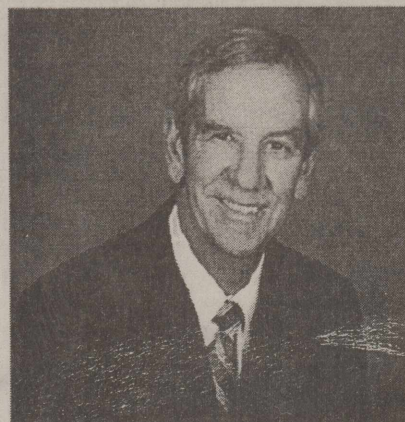
Sherman County Meet and Greet  
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## COUNCIL MINUTES November 28, 2017

Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Kyle Sandvig, Ann Johnson  
Absent Council: Greg Wright  
City Manager: Tommy Bogart  
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon  
Police Chief: Randy Hooks  
Public Works Supv: David Tollison

Others present: Ann Wells, Kathy Allen

### Swear in Councilmembers

- Mayor Reed swore in Councilmembers Kyle Sandvig and Ann Johnson.

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from Council meeting on November 1, 2017
- Budget Amendment for Well #1 Repairs
- Accounts Payable for October 2017
- Financial Statements for October 2017
  - Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: ballot for SCAD Board of Directors for 2018-2019 term of office
  - Joe Zak motioned to vote for H.A. Carter, Roger Wells and Richard Ragsdale, Ann Johnson seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: 2017 tax roll approval for SCAD
  - Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Kyle Sandvig seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing
  - The contract wording has been updated. Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all else in favor, motion carried.

### Police Department Report

- Report is in Council packet.

### Public Works Report

- Report is in Council packet.

### City Manager Report

- CM Tommy Bogart has a meeting at PRPC on Wednesday. He is on the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee.
- OJD Engineering has looked at the electrical on Well #1. We are waiting on results.
- There will not be a December Council meeting. The Mayor and/or City Manager will approve the a/p report
- The City is looking into a grant for a community storm shelter. Looking at the one in Cactus for model ideas.

### Citizen Comment Period

- Ann Wells asked about the community storm shelter location and also advised about a faucet drip at the cemetery.

### Items from the Council

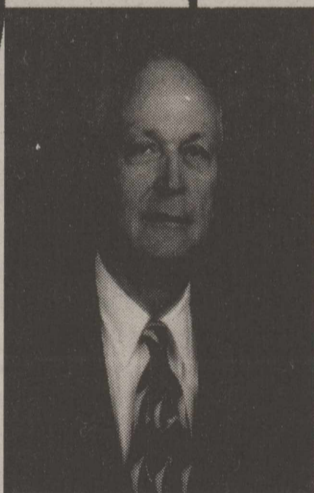
- Ann Johnson thanked the supervisors for the staff reports and also asked whether the electronics recycle program will be available again.
- Joe Zak asked about on-going street repairs and locations.
- Kyle Sandvig asked if the Fire Dept grant is in the current budget, about the cardboard bales being scheduled for transport to Amarillo via PRPC, and grass containers need to be emptied when time allows.
- Mayor Reed stated that the current City Attorney has been hired by the City since 2004. During his tenure, there has only been one settlement. The Mayor is supportive of his dedication to the City of Stratford. He will be sending his assistant Morgan to attend Council meetings when he is unavailable.

### Adjourn

- Ann Johnson motioned to adjourn at 6:35 pm, Kyle Sandvig seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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for  
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District Clerk**

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Lonnie D. Allsup

### LONNIE D. ALLSUP

Lonnie D. Allsup, 84, of Clovis, NM died Sunday, January 28, 2018 at his home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Faith Christian Family Church, Clovis, New Mexico with Joe Howard Williamson officiating. Private family burial has been held.

Lonnie was born September 7, 1933 in Lubbock, TX to Roy Allsup and Ellen Reed Allsup. He was raised and graduated high school in Morton, TX in 1950 where he played football and basketball. After graduation he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Barton August 13, 1950 in Lubbock, TX. Lonnie attended college at Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University for two years. He joined the Air Force for four years and was discharged after serving his country in the United States and Japan during the Korean War. Always in love with the grocery business, he found a small store to buy in Roswell, NM and he and Barbara operated their first store called Lonnie's Drive-In Grocery. In 1963 the small company was sold to 7-11 of Dallas, Texas and family moved to Clovis, New Mexico and started a new group of stores. Over 60 years later their company grew from one store to its present size of 318 Allsup's Convenience Stores. Lonnie always had a passion for cutting horses which he was first introduced to by his father. In 1981, he began showing cutting horses being instructed by trainers like Pete Branch to train the mare which Lonnie rode to win the non-pro world championship. Lonnie continued to breed, train and show champion cutting horses for many years, owning two horses of the year awarded by the NCHA. Lonnie served a full term as president of National Cutting Horse Association.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of Affiliated Foods, Tri-State Bakery, Plains Dairy, and past president and lifetime director of NCHA.

Survivors include: his wife of 67 years; Barbara of the home, son; Mark (Jessica) Allsup of Fort Worth, TX, five grandsons; Dwayne Allsup, Ian Allsup of Clovis, NM, Alex Allsup, Andrew Allsup, and Wyatt Allsup of Fort Worth, TX, two great-grandchildren; Bonnie Kat and Silas Allsup of Clovis, NM, sister-in-law; Pat Evans of Levelland, TX, caregivers; Chuck and Suzanne Evans and their daughter; Lauren of Lubbock, TX, Cassandra Evans of Santa Fe, NM, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son; Todd Allsup, parents; Roy and Ellen Allsup, two brothers; Lloyd and Don, and three sisters; Cordie, Tressie, and Glenda.

The family request memorial contributions be made to Hardin-Simmons University, 2200 Hickory, Abilene, TX 79698, Tarleton State University, Box T-0260, Stephenville, TX 76402, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home, 575-762-4435, Please send condolences via [www.muffleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.muffleyfuneralhome.com)

## USDA Announces a Near-Record Year for Farm Loans

*Infusing Rural Communities with Stronger Businesses and Sounder Agricultural Economies,*

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 2018— The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced another year of high activity in its farm loan programs. Hardworking farm families across the country accessed nearly \$6 billion in new credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders in 2017. At year end, FSA was assisting more than 120,000 family farmers with loans totaling just over \$25 billion.

"FSA loan funds have been in high demand the last few years," said Dr. Robert Johansson, Acting Deputy under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. "We provide opportunities to qualified small, beginning and underserved farmers who are unable to obtain commercial credit, to help them get started, gain access to land and grow their operations. Family farmers across America also come to us for credit when they face challenges to stay in business. We're proud to support rural prosperity by providing credit to those who need it most."

FSA provides a variety of loan assistance, including direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans, operating loans and even direct Microloans up to \$50,000 and EZ Guarantees up to \$100,000 with streamlined application processes.

More than 25,000 direct and guaranteed FSA loans went to beginning or underserved farmers and ranchers. Over 4,200 beginning farmers received direct farm ownership loans from FSA to make their first land purchase. And of the approximately 6,500 Microloans made in the last fiscal year, three-quarters (almost 4,900) went to beginning farmers, 1,000 went to women and 400 to veterans.

FSA's direct farm loans are unique in that the agency provides technical assistance in addition to credit. Consistent with efforts to continually improve technical assistance, today FSA announced the publication of two booklets that will serve as important informational tools and resources for existing and prospective farm loan borrowers.

**Your FSA Farm Loan Compass** booklet was recently developed specifically for farmers and ranchers who have an existing farm loan with FSA. It provides detailed guidance outlining borrower responsibilities and the servicing options that FSA offers. It also addresses common questions borrowers may have as they navigate through loan program requirements and the financial concepts involved.

Originally published in 2012, **Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans** was designed for new loan customers. It provides information about the various types of farm loans available and guides new borrowers through the application process. The revised version addresses program changes and includes new loan offerings, like the popular Microloan program that was rolled out after the publication of the original Guide.

"Your FSA Farm Loan Compass" and "**Your Guide to FSA Farm Loans**" are available on the FSA website at [w.fsa.usda.gov](http://w.fsa.usda.gov). Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to download and share them with others in their community who may require assistance in understanding FSA's loans and servicing processes. For additional information about FSA farm loans, please contact your loan officer or other FSA staff at your local office. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

## Imagine That at The Imagination Station

The Imagination Station can be rented for your event. Events:  
Monday, Feb. 5 Town Hall meet Mike Canon, candidate for Texas State Senate 4:00-4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 7 Town Hall meet Victor Leal, candidate for Texas State Senate 10:00-12:00

(Thursday, Feb. 8 Voters Forum 6:00 Sherman County Barn)

Saturday, Feb. 17 Patrick Swindel Jazz Dance Band, tickets Greg Wright, Andy Riffe

Erin Garrond Yoga classes

## Happy State Bank Announces Wage Increase for Employees

In its board meeting, January 23, the Board of Directors of Happy State Bank voted unanimously for a significant wage and benefit increase for employees of the company as a direct result of the new tax reform legislation. The announcement was made by Board Chairman and CEO, J. Pat Hickman.

The wage increases directly impact over 600 of the bank's 700+ employees.

The highlights of the new program are:

\*Happy State Bank has a new starting minimum wage of \$13.50 per hour ... increasing to \$14.00 after a 90-day probationary period.

\* Present employees currently earning less than \$14.00 per hour will be increased to this amount immediately.

\*Employees currently earning between \$14.00 and \$17.50 hourly will receive an approximate \$0.50 hourly wage increase.

\*Salaried employees making less than \$18 hourly will receive a \$1,000 annual increase.

\*Full-time employees making up to \$100,000 (and not in the above categories) will receive a one-time \$1,000 bonus or \$500 bonus if part-time.

\*The KSOP Retirement Plan dollar-for-dollar company match will increase from 6% to 7%, which benefits every employee that participates to that level.

"Our board is really excited to pass a major portion of our bank's tax benefit over to our employees. For many of our employees, the raise will be life-changing. All told, these increases will impact 80% of our 700+ employees. It's a win-win for everyone. Obviously, we're all pretty happy around here," stated Hickman.

## From the baseline with outside Allen!

This is Howard Cosell, there was a thrilla in Manilla, Malice at the Palace and now there is the Saga of the Fat Stock Show Brawl (thanks commish). Friday Night the Stratford Elks vs Fritch Frogs and there was mayhem and I'm not talking about an Allstate Commercial. Bodies a fly'n, trash be'in a throw'n, people a shovin', and the cops a cop'n. We haven't had that many cops in the gym since the Veteran's day program!!!! Even our offensive tackle had our QB's blindside in a different sport. Jim Pearce felt right at home like he was back in the hood. Prior to the start of the Mayhem the Lady Elks set the tone by beating the Lady Frogs by 35!pair We beat them so bad they were worried about the scoreboard exploding hence Jim Pearce being there. They didn't need their propane bottles full of rocks and ball bearings to whip the Frogs. This court side reporter believes it all started when Noah tried to go downtown and dunk it on the whole Frog Team. Question: How many Fritch Frogs does it take to get in an Elk Huddle? Evidently two and the Elks take exception to that! Elks won the brawl and took their jawl to the hall. After the dust settled the Elks beat the Frogs by 21, not punches, points, if you aren't going to the gym to watch Elks & Lady Elks, you are missing out. Let's all pray for our Country, President and Fritch Fans. Once an Elk always an Elk and never been more proud to be one.

Roger Malon Allen-Class of 1981

P.S. As Woodrow call from Lonesome Dove would say, "I hate rude behavior in a man. I won't tolerate it."

## SCOT Monthly Activities

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

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes  
Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

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

## Agricultural producers, sign up now for the Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE, Texas, Jan. 29, 2018 – Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Applications for CSP are accepted year round, however, applications for the current funding period must be received by March 2, 2018. Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation.

NRCS encourages all producers to visit their local NRCS office and submit applications for eligibility by March 2.

"CSP is an outstanding opportunity for agricultural producers, forest landowners and federally recognized Tribes to enhance the sustainability of their ongoing conservation efforts across the land," said NRCS Texas State Conservationist, Salvador Salinas. "This program and its suite of conservation practices is geared toward long-term benefits. Producers just need to sign up by the deadline to be eligible for funding consideration. Conservation planning decisions in collaboration with NRCS staff can be done after that date."

NRCS recently made several updates to methods and program software that help producers better evaluate their conservation options, determine whether they are meeting stewardship thresholds, while also enabling producers to see potential conservation payment scenarios early in the process.

Through CSP, eligible participants earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities such as cover crops, ecologically-based pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land.

Some CSP benefits include:  
Improved cattle gains per acre;  
Increased crop yields;  
Decreased inputs;  
Wildlife population improvements; and  
Better resilience to weather extremes.

Producers interested in CSP can contact their local USDA service center or visit [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

*The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender*



It's believed that the tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year started in Greece around 600 B.C. Other traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions, which also dates back to the early Babylonians.

## 2018 TREE SALE

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office - 418 North 4th in Stratford.

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 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 have questions regarding the trees or planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3, or email us at [shermwcd@xit.net](mailto:shermwcd@xit.net).

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

## Eye On Health

Give The Gift Of Sight This Holiday Season

(NAPS)—It's a fact of life. When people reach their senior years, they are at high risk for developing age-related eye diseases that can lead to blindness if not caught and treated in time. The good news is, people can take steps to protect themselves through a simple eye exam.

**What You Can Do**

During the holiday season or at any time, you can give the gift of sight by connecting an older loved one with an ophthalmologist who can provide eye exams, often at no out-of-pocket cost, through the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America program.

This year-round program is designed for those age 65 and older who have not seen an ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in medical and surgical eye care, in three or more years. Eligible patients are matched with a nearby volunteer ophthalmologist and receive a medical eye examination and up to one year of care for any condition diagnosed during the initial visit.

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**Who Can Help**

EyeCare America has helped nearly 2 million people since 1985. Its sight-saving services are made possible through the generous support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., with additional support provided by Alcon.

**Learn More**

To see if you or others are eligible, visit [www.aaao.org/eyecareamerica](http://www.aaao.org/eyecareamerica).

## Business Directory

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### Albert's Manor House Restaurant



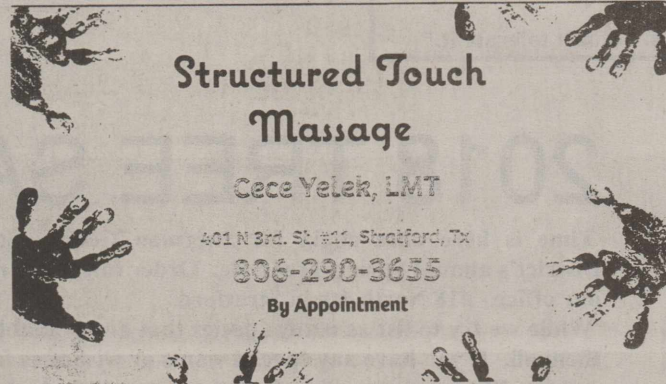
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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  
Tim Boyer, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (Nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist  
Rev. Damon Stalvey  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
6<sup>th</sup> & 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist  
Pastor Mark Looney  
302 S. Main  
For more info-call 396-2212  
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



La Mision Bautista  
Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo (Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio  
Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
Susunos Durante El Servicio

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano  
Asambleas De Dios  
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela  
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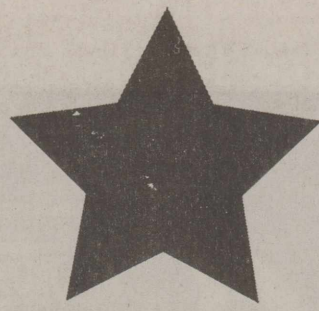
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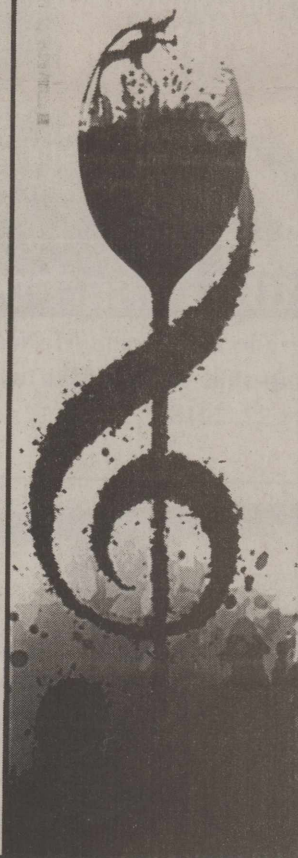
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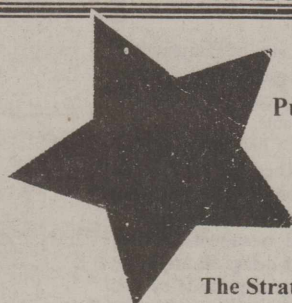
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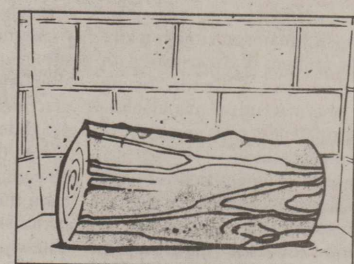
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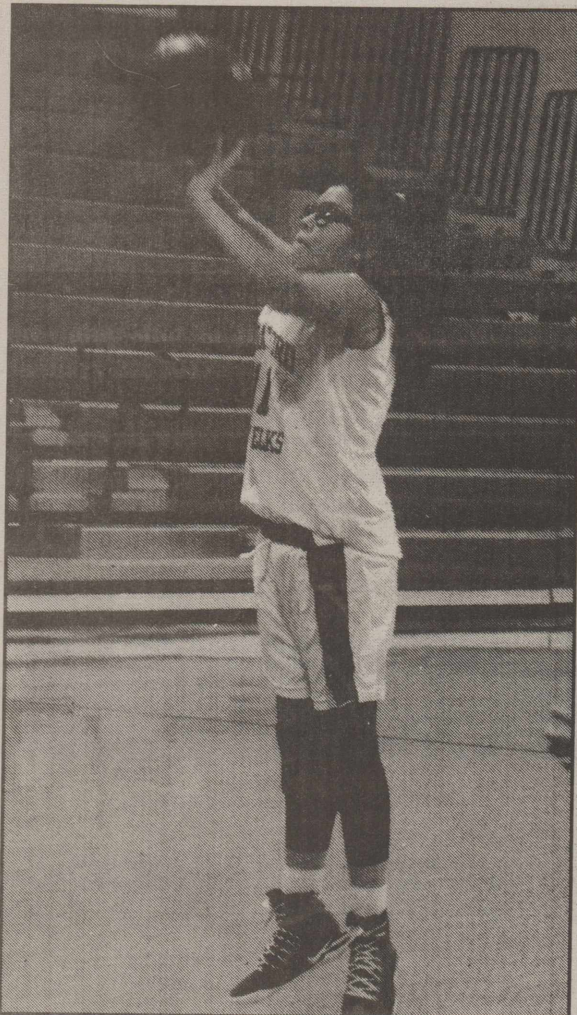
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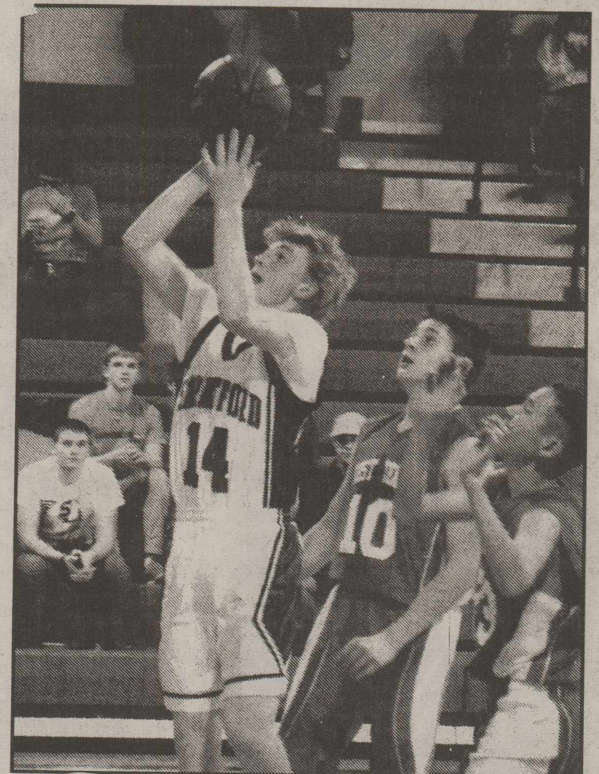
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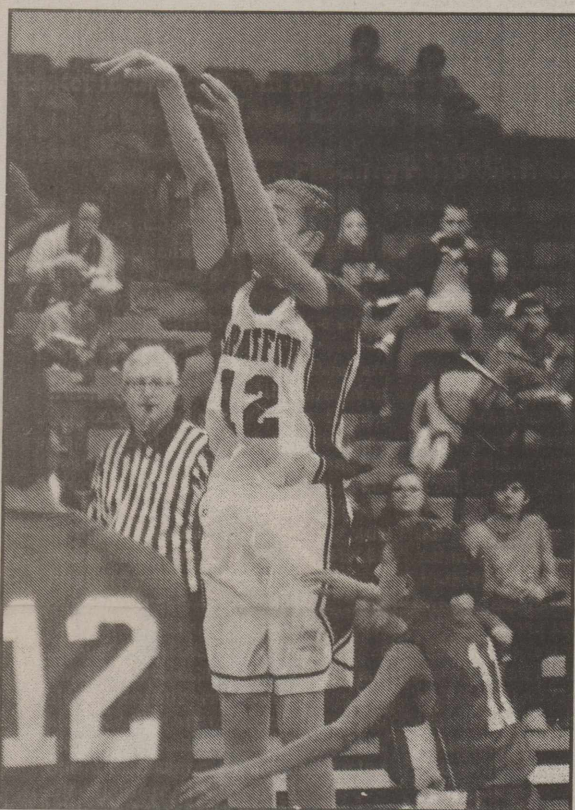
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8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk Viktoria Moczygmba gets ready to shoot the ball in their win over West Texas.



8<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Cody Ritten goes up for the shot in the Elks wins over West Texas Monday, January 22, 2018.



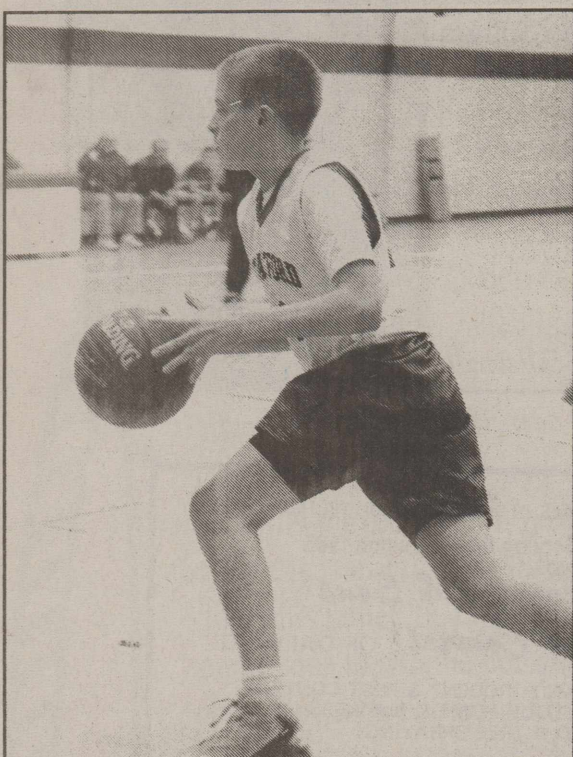
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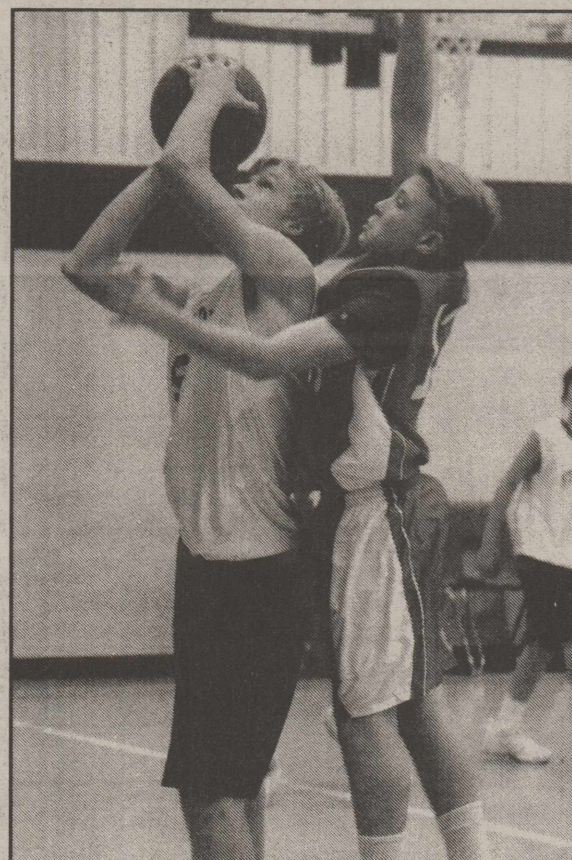
7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk Shay Clements hits the 2 point shot under the basket for the Lady Elks win over West Texas.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #1 Addie Wells scores on the lay-up against West Texas.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Luke Braden drives to the basket in the Elks win over West Texas.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Zane Burr is fouled on the shot in their win over West Texas.

## Finding Help With Expensive Medications

by Jeffrey Lewis

(NAPS)—If you or someone you love is one of the millions of Americans with a chronic disease or a life-threatening condition, pharmaceutical manufacturers and their partners offer you a gift of hope this holiday season.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are criticized as Scrooge or the Grinch in our country's health care system. Elected officials and advocacy organizations want to blame somebody for rising Rx costs, and the most obvious target is the Big Pharma.

But in this blame game, very little attention is given to the help the pharmaceutical industry and its partners quietly provide to patients in need through a variety of programs. Such programs are often based on the patient's household income, but not always. Patients with no health insurance coverage are often the first group considered eligible. Likewise, those with one or more chronic or life-threatening conditions are a high priority.

If you fall into one of these categories, check out the Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) found on individual pharmaceutical company websites or

through Partnership for Prescription Assistance ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)), the website created by PhRMA, the trade association representing pharmaceutical manufacturers, linking patients to more than 475 different assistance programs.

On most of these websites, you can be connected with a customer support team member who can help determine if you are eligible and get you enrolled. You will be asked to verify that you are insured or uninsured and, in some cases, provide proof of income. You may need your physician to validate your condition. But once approved, access to medication is almost immediate.

(Note: Patients enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid may not be eligible.)

Pharmaceutical manufacturers also offer co-pay assistance, in which the patient is offered help with the cost of medication co-payments. Some co-pay assistance programs do not limit who is eligible. And, it is important to know that some co-pay assistance programs will not help people on Medicare. Each program sets its own rules.

People searching for an online provider should check out [www.RxAssist.org](http://www.RxAssist.org). This site was developed by Astra-

Zeneca, a pharmaceutical manufacturer, with the sole purpose of helping people access needed medications. It is one of the best sites available.

The California Chronic Care Coalition (CCCC) launched the website [www.mypatientrights.com](http://www.mypatientrights.com) in California and is taking it nationwide to help people who have been denied treatment or medicines, experienced delays or are dissatisfied with the decisions made by their health plan. Today, this program is operating in 17 states. It helps patients get the care or treatment they need if denied, or if their plans don't cover their needs and force them to pay full price. The program is available in 17 states—check the website to see if your state has a program.

This holiday season, if you need help with your medications, you are not alone. Go to the websites cited throughout this article. They can help connect you with low-cost and free alternatives. It is worth your time to explore these options. Feel free to e-mail me with your questions.

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**There is a benefit account at the Happy State Bank for Victor Garay and his family to help with expenses from the fire in their home over the New Year's Weekend**

## Five Handy Pointers On Painting Your Home

(NAPS)—A fresh coat of paint can be one of the easiest and most inexpensive ways to update a home's decor and value. With the right tools and tips, even first-time painters can learn to paint like a pro.

### Prep the Area

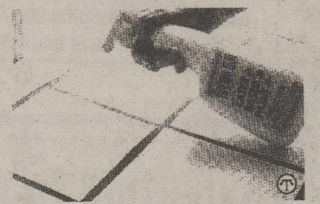
Remove furniture, wall hangings, and light switch and outlet covers. Protect floors from drips and spills with canvas sheeting. Apply painter's tape along trim, molding and windows. Use a putty knife to ensure that tape is securely adhered around edges.

### Clean Slate

For a truly professional look, start with a smooth, clean surface. Fill in nail holes and cracks with Spackle. Remove dust, dirt, grease, and glossy finishes with a nontoxic, trisodium phosphate (TSP) substitute such as Mottsenböcker's Lift Off All Surface Paint Prep. This not only makes your finished project look better, it helps the paint last longer.

### The Right Tools

Before you apply your first coat, be sure you have all the right tools for the job. A nylon-polyester brush will work with nearly any type of latex paint. Rollers can be used to paint large surfaces such as walls. Look for a cover with a 1/2" to 3/4" nap. Paint spills and drips are practically inevitable, but Mottsenböcker's Lift Off Latex Based Paint Remover can be handy for easy cleanup.



You don't have to let paint drips on the floor detract from the beauty of new paint on your walls.

### Brush Up on Good Techniques

Paint one wall at a time starting at the top so drips fall on unpainted areas. Brush on paint around trim and in the corners of walls. Use a paint roller for larger surfaces. Roll paint into a three-by-three-foot W pattern. Continue rolling until all sections are painted, adding fresh paint to the roller as it dries. Most paints will require two coats and some darker shades may require three.

### Clean Up

Remove tape immediately after painting, before the wall dries, so fresh paint isn't peeled off with it. Check for paint drips and spills on floors, hardware and furniture. Use a dry cloth to wipe wet paint from surfaces. Then apply a paint remover, such as Mottsenböcker's Lift Off to the surface. Gently agitate dried paint with a soft-bristle brush, then blot dry.

### Learn More

For further tips on how to paint your home, you can visit [www.facebook.com/LiftOffGreen](http://www.facebook.com/LiftOffGreen).