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## Girl Scout Registration

Girl Scout Registration night will be held January 25th from 4:30 to 6 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This is for all girls all ages. Come and join us on Thursday.

## Lollipop Garage Sale March 3rd County Barn

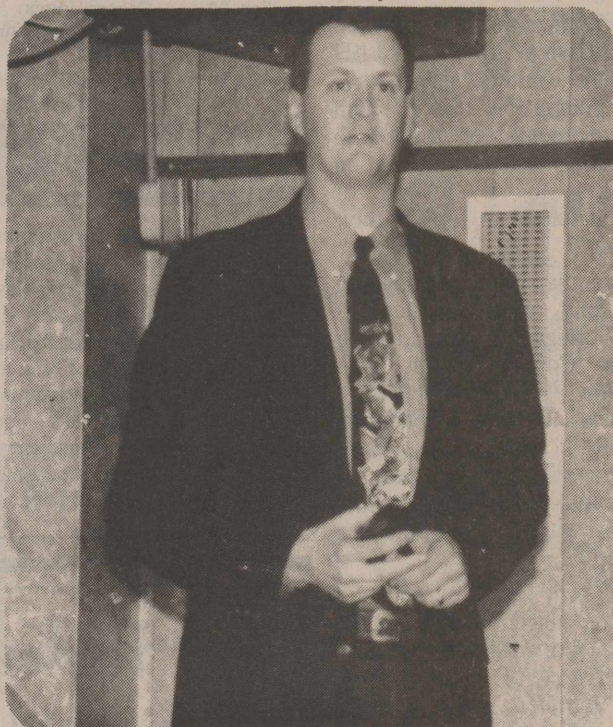
It is time for seniors to begin the application process for all local scholarships. If you are a local scholarship donor or would like to be one, please contact the Stratford ISD Counseling Office at 366-3322 as soon as possible with the details of your scholarship. Thank You!!

## Attention Local Scholarship Donors

Make the most of yourself and clean out to help out the Lollipop Day care Garage sale Saturday, March 3 at County Barn.

For pickup service call:  
Jeanie Bennett 396-2222  
Shanda Davis 366-5614  
Kristine Olsen 366-3166  
Wesley Spurlock 396-2864  
Barbara Schoonover 727-4696

There will be a noon concession stand for Hungry shoppers!



## Atkinson Speaks At SCDC Meeting

Jarrett Atkinson from Panhandle Regional Planning Commission spoke at the SCDC Annual Membership Meeting, held Friday, January 19, 2001. He presented an interesting program on related area water and use and plans to preserve our water for future years.

## USDA Crop Disaster Program Sign-Up Begins

The Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the new Crop Disaster Program (CDP), announced Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director of the Sherman County Farm Service Agency. The Crop Disaster Program provides financial assistance to farmers who are eligible for compensation for crop losses directly attributed to adverse weather and related conditions.

"Natural disasters are a constant threat to our farmers," said Hemphill. "This program will help those who suffered losses last year. The sign-up period began yesterday, and the end of the sign-up period will be announced at a later date, once the program regulations are published in the Federal Register," she said. Producers should be aware that issuance of program payments is pending Federal Register publication as well.

According to Hemphill, 2000 CDP payments will be calculated at 65 percent of the county rate for insured and non-insurable crops. For crops that are insurable in the county, but for which the producer did not purchase insurance, the payment will be calculated at 60 percent of the county rate.

"Funding is not limited for the 2000 CDP, unlike last year," said Hemphill. "Because it was fully funded, farmers will receive 100 percent of the final calculated payments as soon as program regulations are published--providing their County Office Committee has approved their CCC-557 (application), and the producer has provided all the necessary program documentation." FSA employees will participate in Disaster Assistance training prior to program implementation at the county level to better prepare County Offices to handle the large number of sign-ups expected.

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to provide disaster assistance through the CDP by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 106-387.

For more information regarding Crop Disaster Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file an application, contact the Sherman County office at 806-396-2211 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



## Agency Recently Honored

The Sherman County Farm Service Agency employees and County Committee were recently honored by the Texas State Executive Director and the State FSA Committee at their January meeting in Abilene. Sherman County was one of 20 offices in the State that was recognized for outstanding service and tireless dedication in assisting Texas farmers and ranchers during the program years of 1999 and 2000. State Executive Director, Wayland Shurley and State Committee Chairman, Woody Anderson applauded their efforts in administering the many programs of USDA with professionalism, integrity and efficiency to the producers of Sherman County. These programs are primarily in the areas of Disaster, Price Support, Conservation, and Production Flexibility. Shown from left: Florene Murphy - Vice Chairman of County Committee, Michelle Lutes - Program Technician, Gary Dettle - Former Chairman of County Committee, Bart Thoreson - Member of County Committee, Rebecca Hemphill - County Executive Director, John Lavake - Chairman of County Committee, Janice Brown - Program Technician, and Jeanie Bryson - Program Technician. Suzanne Rouse - Former Program Technician (not pictured).

## Construction Update

The walls are going up at the moment. As soon as the outside walls are up, the steel studs for the interior walls will begin to be installed. The brickwork is still scheduled to begin in early to mid March. We are ready to begin work on the auditorium renovation whenever the contractor gives the word. This will take place shortly and the auditorium chairs will be available at that time.

## Amarillo College Division of Nursing Announces New Public Service Class

Amarillo College Division of Nursing announces a new public service class dealing with issues of caring for the elderly.

The Principles of Eldercare begins February 8, 2001 via the Region XVI Distance Learning Network. The class consists of eight sessions, which will be held every Thursday night from 6-8 p.m. The topics include the principles of care giving, the physical and mental changes of aging, elderly medication management, mobility issues in the elderly, elderly self-care issues, available eldercare resources, and end of life issues. Nursing personnel and social workers can earn continuing education credits with the course.

A video-conferencing network is available to the communities of Amarillo, Canadian, Canyon, Childress, Clarendon, Dalhart, Dumas, Hart, Hereford, and Stratford. This free class is designed to provide educational services regarding the issues surrounding the principles of gerontology or "Eldercare" to health professionals, caregivers of the elderly, and family members of the elderly.

The class is funded by the Panhandle Geriatric Education Grant Program, which is a joint venture between The Harrington Regional Medical Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and Amarillo College. Additional funding comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Bivins Foundation.

For more information, contact The Amarillo College Division of Nursing at 354-6010.



Brad Thiessen and all of the coaches at Stratford along with the State Championship football team were honored at the SISD Board meeting held Thursday, January 18. Shown above is Steve Johnson, Brad Thiessen, Jim Taliaferro and Joe Reinart.



Michael McAlister is being congratulated by school board trustees Joe Reinart, Jared McBryde and Ronna Riffe. Shown in background, Steve Johnson, Jim Taliaferro and Russell Ashley.

## Football Team Honored At SISD Board Of Trustees Meeting

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.

President Steve Johnson established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Steve Johnson, President; Joe Reinart, Vice President; Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, Max Christian, Jared McBryde, Ronna Riffe, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Others present: Jerry Hunkapiller, Mary Pat Williams, Travis Melton, Brad Thiessen, Eddie Metcalf, Russell Ashley, Lance Simpson, Dinah Horsford, Joe Taylor, Marty Robertson, D'Lynn Reed, and the Stratford Elk Football Team.

Jim Taliaferro gave the invocation. Mr. Taliaferro recognized the district's honors for the past month. They were as follows: Stratford Elk Football Team - Class 1A State Football Champions. All-District Honors: 1st Team - Adam Bell - Quarterback, Defensive Back; Skylar Walden - Running Back; Corey Naugle - Tight End, Linebacker; Rene Vital - Receiver; Nick Ashley - Offensive Lineman; Mathews - All Tournament team;

Defensive Lineman; Wes Kimball - Offensive Lineman, Defensive Lineman; Gilbert Gutierrez - Offensive Lineman; Skylar Walden - Center, Linebacker; Adam Reed - Defensive End, 2nd Team - Michael McAlister - Receiver, Defensive Back, Punter; Nick Ashley - Kicker; Honorable Mention - Adam Reed - Linebacker; Wes Hunsaker - Defensive End; Javier Licon - Linebacker; Jared Pemberton - Defensive Back; Craig Moore - Defensive Lineman. All-State AP Poll: 2nd Team - Nick Ashley - Offensive Lineman; Sid Resendes - Running Back; Wes Kimball - Defensive Lineman; Honorable Mention - Adam Bell - Quarterback; Skylar Walden - Linebacker. All State - Texas Sports Writers Association - Sid Resendes - Offensive Player of the Year; Brad Thiessen - Coach of the Year; 1st Team - Sid Resendes - Running Back; Nick Ashley - Offensive Linebacker; Wes Kimball - Defensive Linebacker; Corey Naugle - Linebacker; 2nd Team - Wes Kimball - Offensive Linebacker; 1st Team - Adam Bell - Quarterback; Skylar Walden - Linebacker. Stratford Lady Elks - Stratford Tournament Champions - Jessica Young - Rene Vital - Receiver; Nick Ashley - Offensive Lineman, Mathews - All Tournament team;

Beaver, Oklahoma Tournament - 3rd place - Thea James - All Tournament team, Jessica Young - All Tournament team. Stratford Elks Basketball - Stratford Tournament - 2nd place - Skylar Walden - All Tournament team, Rene Vital - All Tournament team - Beaver, Oklahoma Tournament - 3rd Place - Skylar Walden - All Tournament team, Rene Vital - All Tournament team. Junior High Basketball Teams - All four teams (7th & 8th girls & boys) won the West Texas Basketball Tournaments.

Brad Thiessen announced that the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce had named the Stratford Elk Football Team as the December Players of the month. The team was honored at a luncheon held in Amarillo.

Steve Johnson expressed his congratulations and gratitude on behalf of the Board to the football team for the way they set their goals and achieved them throughout the playoffs. He also stated that he had received many compliments throughout the playoff from other people on the manner in which the team conducted themselves. He then read a resolution from the Board naming the Stratford Elk Football Team as Class 1A State Football

Champions. A copy of the resolution was presented to each member of the team that had been signed by each board member individually.

The principal reports were given. Mr. Taliaferro gave the high school report submitted by Steve Haynes. A thank you was given to Mr. B.A. Donelson and First State Bank for donating pizza and drinks for the TAAS night school kick-off. Career Day was postponed until January 31 due to inclement weather. The mentoring program with the Mary Allen Elementary is going well.

Mr. Hunkapiller gave the Junior High report. He went over the results from the benchmark tests that were just given. All junior high basketball teams are in the Spearman Tournament this week.

Mrs. Williams gave the Elementary report. She went over the results from the benchmark tests that the 3rd and 4th graders have just taken. Improvement was made and work continues.

Mr. Taliaferro compliment the campus principals and their staffs for the work they have done on improving district TAAS scores.



**Check Out  
The Library**  
By Sandy Baskin

**USDA Announces  
CRP Contract  
Extensions**

**Upcoming Events  
At Amarillo  
Civic Center**

**Arts in the Area**

By Gaynelle Riffe  
\*\*\* denotes new listing

**4-H To Sponsor  
Concession**

Sherman County 4-H will be sponsoring the food concession during the Livestock Show and Sale January 25 through 27th. The concession will open at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday through the Heifer show that evening. Friday, January 26th concession will be open from 8:00 a.m. until the end of the Lamb Show. On Saturday, the concession will be open from 9:00 a.m. until the end of the Premium Sale.

Frito Pies, Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Beef Sandwiches, along with an assortment of pies, candy, brownies, rice crispy treats, and cold and hot drinks will be offered to hungry participants and supports of the annual County Stockshow.

Proceeds from the concession are used to support the annual Achievement Banquet, Leadership Development opportunities, county, district and state camping opportunities, project training sessions and awards, and community service projects adopted by the organization through the year. 4-H families will be providing food and work donations for the fund raiser.

Cindy Russell, David White and Shelly Lawrence are volunteer coordinators of the concession. Each 4-H family has received a letter with food and work assignments for the three days activity. Each family is encouraged to make sure their responsibilities are fulfilled.

Come by and support Sherman County 4-H and enjoy an array of good eats during the show!

**Gomez Jr. Returns  
From Deployment**

Army Staff Sgt. Alfonso Gomez Jr. has returned from a deployment to Macedonia, a republic of the former Yugoslavia, in support of a United Nations peacekeeping mission in the Balkan region.

The mission is part of a continuing effort by the United States to support the United Nations contain the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina by maintaining peace and stability in the region in compliance with the Balkan Accords.

Gomez, a heavy anti-armor weapons infantryman, is the son of Teresa Gomez of Borger, Texas.

He is a 1992 graduate of Stratford High School, Texas.

The library will be holding a book sale next Friday, February 2, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bring your own sack and fill it for \$2.00 each and get some great bargains.

Story Time will begin on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All children who attend must register first! Parents, please come by the library or call to get your children registered. If the children are not registered, they will not be allowed to check out any books. Children with overdue books or fines will also not be allowed to check out books either.

One of the new books at the library to be highlighted this week is *24 hours* by Greg Iles, author of the *Quiet Game*. The story begins with the perfect family, on the perfect night, about to be trapped in the perfect crime. This nerve-shattering thriller is already scheduled for the big screen.

Young fans of Eric Carle's *The Very Quiet Cricket*, *The Very Clumsy Click Beetle* will enjoy *Dream Snow*. Children love Carle's multi sensory books and will delight in pushing the same microchip button the farmer pushes to hear the tinkling of holiday music.

Library hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Kaplan To Head  
Consolidated  
Beef Producers**

Gary Kaplan of Bend, Oregon, has been selected CEO of Consolidated Beef Producers, Inc. (CBP).

Kaplan, who will begin his duties Jan. 15 at the CBP offices in Amarillo, was chosen from a field of highly qualified candidates, according to Paul Hitch of Guymon, Okla., CBP chairman. "The search committee was pleased with the talented individuals who applied for this position," Hitch said. "They possessed varied backgrounds and skills. Our goal was to find an individual who was well respected for his trading ability and has the vision to lead CBP to improve methods of marketing fed cattle."

According to Hitch, Kaplan brings a varied background to the position and has a wealth of trading experience. His background includes work with Dubuque Packing Company; the Kroger Company; Drexel, Burnham, Lambert and he has maintained a seat on the CME since 1979. While in Oregon, he was a cattle feeder, ran stocker cattle and operated a backgrounding facility.

"We look forward to working closely with Gary as he puts together a staff to help CBP members maximize the value of their cattle," Hitch said.



Heels first appeared on shoes in 1535.

Washington, January 19, 2001- USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly today announced that certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants whose contracts expire on September 30, 2001, will have an opportunity to extend their contracts for one year.

"CRP provides significant and long-lasting environmental benefits for our nation," said Kelly. "A one-year contract extension will go even further to safeguard precious rural land."

Contract extensions will also provide an opportunity for USDA to review the ongoing effect of CRP on buffer areas and critical watersheds such as the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

The one-year contract extension option applies to CRP participants with contracts of original duration of less than 15 years that are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2001. Under the Food Security Act of 1985, a CRP contract may not exceed 15 years.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations existing under an original contract will continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

Local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) are notifying eligible CRP participants of their option to modify and extend their CRP contracts. Although no general sign-up opportunity is scheduled for fiscal year 2001, interested producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly desirable acreage such as filter strips and riparian buffers at any time at their local FSA office.

For more information on the Conservation Reserve Program, contact the Sherman County office at 806-393-2211 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

**King Named  
To Honor Roll**

A total of 3,423 students were named to the fall 2000 honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 1,118 students who received all "A" grades and were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours in the fall with a grade point average of 4.00 and with no incomplete grade in any course, were placed on the President's Honor Roll. Students who completed courses with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, with no incomplete grades or grades below "C," were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Part-time undergraduate who have accumulated at least 12 semester credit hours during the most recent consecutive enrollments at OSU, with no incomplete grades or grades below a "C," were also named to the honors rolls.

Grades earned through correspondence classes may not be included in meeting the minimum enrollment or grade point average required for an honor roll.

Listed to the President's Honor Roll was Jennifer Rene' King, a 1998 Stratford High School graduate. She is the daughter of Keith and Tami King.

- Jan. 26-28 Outdoor World Show
- Feb. 2-4 Boat, Sport & RV Show
- Feb. 6-Amarillo College Distinguished Lecture with Patch Adams AC 806-371-5321
- Feb. 10-Men Who Cook
- Feb. 10-11 Arts & Crafts Show
- Feb. 24-26 Pioneer Gun Show

**4-H Gold Star  
Winners**

The Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is proud to support county 4-H Gold Star winners with a \$1000 scholarship upon graduation from high school. During the premium sale of the county Stock Show, many individuals contribute to this worthy cause.

The organization has awarded the scholarship to county 4-H Gold Star winners since 1986. Upon graduation from high school, recipients are entitled to the \$1000 scholarship upon registration to a college or vocational school to further their education.

The scholarship depends upon various fund raisers to meet its financial obligation. Annually the Sherman County Family and Community Education Council contributes to the scholarship. Memorials, honorariums, and floor prices of youth animal projects sold during the annual County Livestock Show Sale are also accepted.

Youth who have earned the scholarship since 1986 are C.B. Ingham, Wes Allison, Renne Allen, Trisha Tillery, Sammy Ellison, Jennifer Haynes, Buffy Ellison, Shane Sawyer, Wendy Allison, Kimberly Boudlin, Dean Hauser, Ryan Swain, T.D. Baskin, Janell Pronger, Kyle Ellison, Cassie Bell, Patrick Pronger, Amy Sladek, Carla Bell, Brock Swain, Roy McCracken, and Josh Kautz. These youth represent a \$15,500 commitment by the sponsoring organization.

For more information about the scholarship or have an individual or business may contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

- Jan. 26-28 "Ain't Misbehavin'" Musical (Touring Production) Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 8:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Jan 31 "Hansel and Gretel" Opera 8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 1-2 West Texas A&M University Moody Northern Recital Hall 806-651-2840
- Feb. 2-3 Kwahadi Dancers Winter Ceremonials 7:00 p.m. Sunset Center at Joyce's Catering 806-372-6275
- Feb. 2-4 "Always.. Patsy Cline" (Back Again) Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 8:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 "Lift Every Voice" Spiritual Amarillo Opera 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Feb. 6 "Jekyll & Hyde" Broadway Series 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-4297
- Feb. 8-11 "Godspell" Branding Iron Theatre West Texas A&M Canyon 806-651-2840
- Feb. 8-10 Circus Gatti Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 10 LaRita Valentine Dinner Theatre, (performance only) "Ain't Misbehavin'" ALT Touring Production Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646
- Feb. 17 SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIFTH Piano Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 20 George Jones Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 24 Russian Classics Gala- St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463

**Check Out  
These Web Sites:**

Enfish Onespace is at [www.enfish.com](http://www.enfish.com).  
Accutire tire pressure gauges at [www.msiusa.com](http://www.msiusa.com).  
CreditUSA.com at [www.businessCreditUSA.com](http://www.businessCreditUSA.com).  
Laurus Health at [www.LaurusHealth.com](http://www.LaurusHealth.com).  
The American Federation for Aging Research, visit [www.infoaging.org](http://www.infoaging.org).  
Junior Achievement is found at [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org).  
Senokot Laxatives is at [www.senokot.com](http://www.senokot.com).  
The American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society at [www.aofas.org](http://www.aofas.org).  
Minwax at [www.minwax.com](http://www.minwax.com).  
Shadow Mountain at [www.shadowmountain.com](http://www.shadowmountain.com).  
Polaroid at [www.polaroidspecialevents.com](http://www.polaroidspecialevents.com).

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**Timis Tidbits**  
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers Readers, Citizens, this forty six degree Fahrenheit Monday morning January 22, 2001.

We are on the owners of the second phone line, which will allow Timis' E mail friends to chat on line but also keep her phone from being tied up with internet talk.

Yesterday Timi and Lorelyn were invited to 705 N. Wall to stay with Devan, Jo & Alex Aro while their parents, uncles and friends took their Christmas and birthday gifts of guns out in the country for target practice. While Lorelyn was busy with Devan and Alex she set Tee two beside Tee one as she turned around little Tee two patted Tee one on the shoulder, acknowledging the close relationship between the two Tee's. This proved to all that shoulder pats and luv u make the world go around.

Referring to the Boney house explosion We: Timi & Lorelyn remembered meeting Jan & John Boney in Stinnet on our trip to Adobe Walls according to the Amarillo Newspaper this morning January 22, 2001 it told us of the death of Jan. Also that John is in the burn hospital in Lubbock. So we want to offer Christians and Old Timers prayer support to the Boney families.

Again we pray that God go with us during these tiring days.



The Bering Sea (and Bering Strait) are named for Vitus Bering, a Danish navigator employed by Czar Peter the Great to determine if Asia and North America were connected.

Though Robert Fulton is more widely known, the steamboat was actually invented by John Fitch in 1786.

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

The snow kept most people home for several days. They were glad to get out Friday night for a pancake supper. Hosts and cooks were Bill & Donna Gillenwaters and Jo June McDaniel. Bill has a new griddle and it sure cooks pancakes good! The Hamptons furnished the bacon and several others brought eggs that were scrambled.

Others present were R.J. & Mary Hill, Bud & Frankie Shields, Rolene Arkon, Paul Aduddell, Leo & Elaine Horne.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Pat Boren, Florencia Eslinger, Shorty Hudgens, Gary Hudgens, Marjory Munden, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Terry, Barbara, Reed & Rett Schoonover, Ralph, Minnie, Ralph James, Annette Hampton, Marylou McDaniel.

Bill & Pat Boren spent the weekend in Ropesville with Kelly, Kerry, Kevin & Kole Carlisle.



The raspberry is a member of the rose family.



Golf was developed in Scotland around 1100.

**Local Ministry to Sponsor 'Left Behind' Movie In Dumas**

"We Believe Ministries" will sponsor "Left Behind," a movie based on the hit book series, beginning February 2nd, at the Evelyn Theater in Dumas. "Left Behind," starring Kirk Cameron, Clarence Gilyard, and Brad Johnson, is based on the best-selling novel by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. The movie is an action packed, suspense-thriller about the earth's final days according to an interpretation of Biblical prophecy. The film was released on video in November 2000 but the movie version is 20 minutes longer. Those that have seen the video have not seen all the movie.

All shows have been discounted to \$3.50 due to "We Believe Ministries" sponsorship of the movie. Show times are 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. on Friday, the 2nd and Saturday the 3rd. There will be one showing at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday the 8th. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis. Those with large groups may want to buy tickets ahead of time.

"We Believe" is the organization that brought the "Columbine Rally" to Dumas in October of 1999. The non-profit, non-denominational group, which is made up of local Christians, has paid for the costs of the film print so that it could be placed in the theater. In order to help defray costs of showing the film, any tax-deductible donations to "We Believe Ministries" will be appreciated. Contact Dr. Tory Moore at 935-2020 or Kelly Satterfield at 935-3452 for more information or to volunteer to help with the event.

The music term a capella comes from the Italian, meaning "from the chapel."

**4-H Clothing & Textile Project**

The 4-H Clothing and Textile Project will begin on Wednesday, January 31. The first project meeting will be conducted from 3:50 to 5:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

During the first project meeting, youth ages 9 through 19 will learn basic hand sewing and cutting. In addition, 4-Hers will construct a polar fleece accessory under the direction of volunteer leader Jean Everett.

The second project meeting will be February 7th, with youth learning design principles and fabric painting a pillow case. Peggy Hawkins, volunteer leader will be coordinating that activity.

Other project meetings planned are: February 21, March 7, March 21, and April 4th. The county 4-H Fashion Show will be held April 12th. Educational activities are open to all youth ages 9-19 regardless of race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

For more information about the project and opportunities for volunteering to assist with this educational project, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122.



Prospectus Study Club is selling State Champs 2000 license plate frames. The frames are \$5.00 each and are available at Vincent Insurance, Stratford Star, & Tarver Agency. There will also be window decals for sale available in February. Proceeds will go for the playground equipment at Pendleton Park. Shown from left with the license plate frames Patti Vincent, Janice Brown, and Michelle Lutes.



In parts of rural England it was once believed by some that after the mulberry tree had sprouted its leaves there would not be another frost that year.

The Children of Bill & Janice Sladek would like to invite you to Bill and Janice Sladek's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, February 3, 2001  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
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Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**

Rev. Bob Sweeten

5th & Main

Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

No Sunday Evening Worship

Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist**

Rev. Mark Metzger

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am

Morning Worship 10:50 am

Junior High UMY 5:30 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for

Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

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Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Church Training 6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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If you are interested in attending any of these meetings please call Stratford Chamber of Commerce for details and perhaps a ride or at the least, write your support for the U.S. 287 route to Denver. Gaynelle Riffe, Transportation Chairman.

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Boys Ranch 34-24 on Monday, January 15, 2001. Allison Baskin led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Haley Buckles with 7 points and Maida Fierro with 6 points. Chelsi Thiessen added 4 points followed by Katelyn Reed with 3 points and Ramie Stewart and Yaidia Ortega with 2 points each.

On Monday, January 15, 2001 the 8th Grade Lady Elks beat Boys Ranch 46-7. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 16 points followed by Tiffany Knight with 10 points and Brittany Hudson with 6 points. Scoring 4 points each were Jamie Valenzuela and Kayla Robertson. Lindsay Stein, Chelsea Christian, and April Kautz added 2 points each.

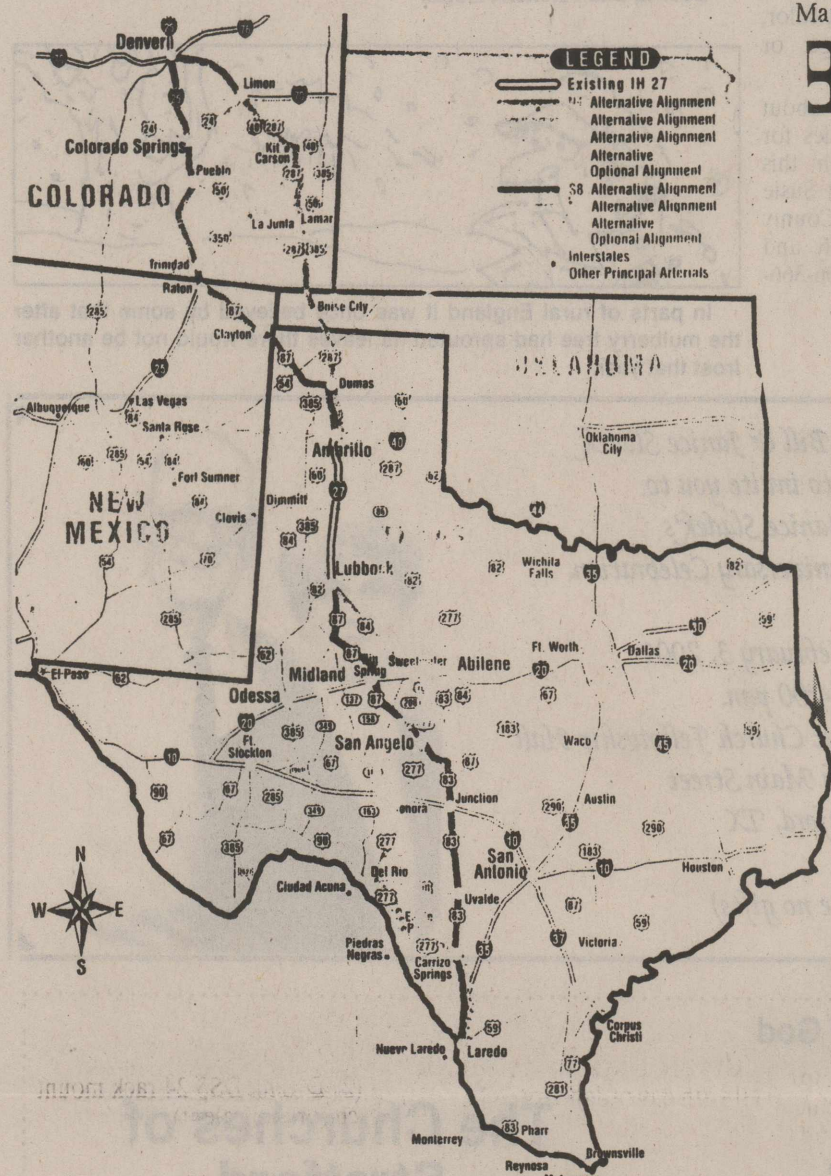
The Varsity Lady Elks lost 36-51 to Gruver in their first District game on Friday, January 19, 2001. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks in scoring with 13 points and 3 rebounds followed by Ashley Brown with 8 points. Carly Mathews added 7 points and 3

rebounds followed by Heather Ashley with 3 points and 6 rebounds. Adding 2 points each for the Lady Elks were Kara Brownlee and Candra Holland followed by Mika Willborn with 1 point.

The Stratford Elks beat Happy 68-35 on Friday, January 12, 2001. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 21 points followed by Adam Bell and Wes Kimball with 11 points each. Rene Vital added 10 points for the Elks followed by Jason Ashley and Nick Ashley with 5

points each. Michael McAlister finished with 3 points and Corey Naugle with 2 points.

The Stratford Elks beat Friona 56-32 on Monday, January 15, 2001. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 13 points followed by Carlos Ortega and Adam Bell with 10 points each. Rene Vital added 9 points followed by Jason Ashley with 8 points, Wes Kimball with 4 points and Michael McAlister with 2 points. Walden also led the Elks in rebounds with 8 followed by Adam Bell and Rene Vital with 7 rebounds each. In their first District game on Friday, January 19, 2001 the Elks beat Gruver 67-44. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 18 points followed by Adam Bell with 15 points and Rene Vital with 10 points. Corey Naugle and Nick Ashley added 7 points each for the Elks followed by Jason Ashley with 4 points, and Carlos Ortega, Michael McAlister and Wes Kimball with 2 points each. Rene Vital led the Elks with 10 rebounds followed by Michael McAlister with 7 rebounds and Skyler Walden with 6 rebounds. Adam Bell led in assists with 8.



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### Letters To 'The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Washington Post recently published an article quoting physicians, patients, a nursing school dean, even a hospital nursing director addressing the lack of safe care in the hospitals today and urging, almost insisting, that just to get basic care and be safe in the hospitals you need to have either family member or hire a sitter 24 hours around the clock. The article can be found on the internet at: <http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A27485-2001Jan6.html>. It is both a sad and frightful realization that our hospitals, which should be a safe refuge for the sick, are now a threat to the sick. Because it is so emotionally upsetting to think that the healthcare system in America is unsafe, it has long been swept under the rug and not addressed.

It is a well known fact that we are in the height of the most critical shortage this country has ever faced. Almost every nursing journal that you pick up today has an article regarding the shortage. It is also a known fact that there are certain steps that an organization can take to help alleviate the profound effects the nursing shortage has on its institution. Because most of these steps involve money, money which most organizations are not willing to spend, it will take an out cry from both the healthcare profession and the public to change the system. When this out cry came from the healthcare profession and public in California, Gov. Grey Davis signed into law Bill AB394 mandating minimum nurse:patient ratios such as in the critical care units one nurse can have no more than two patients, and on the medical surgical floors one nurse can have no more than 4 to 5 patients.

Lower reimbursements rates from managed-care plans and government programs have pressured the hospitals to cut expenses and trim staff, but to

what point do we cut to sacrifice the safety and/or lives of not only the patients but also the staff? Is the almighty dollar more important than the safety of our patients and the staff caring for them? Are you all aware that many times in the critical care units one nurse has three patients and on the medical-surgical floors, where the patients are much sicker now than in the past, those nurses have sometimes 12-15 patients? Let me ask you another question, are you aware that according to the Institute of Medicine analysis that as many as 98,000 Americans die each year of medical errors that occur in the hospital? Documented study after study has proven that there is a direct correlation in medication errors to poor staffing levels. Many of those errors could and would be avoided if we, as nurses, actually had time to look, listen, touch, feel and see how each patient is doing. As a nurse, I can tell you that it is our sincere interest and genuine concern for good patient care but it is impossible to do so when staffed at the current nurse patient ratios. Continuously, we work short staffed, many times without the supplies needed to do basic care for the patient, not to mention advanced life supportive measures. We work "12 hour" shifts, which more often than not are 13 or 14 hours. We are constantly scrutinized for the overtime we have each day however, we are required now to work mandatory overtime shifts. We are on our feet on concrete floors most all of that time, many shifts not even having the time to break for food or to go to the bathroom. We are subjected to all kinds of ridicule by irate doctors, patients and families, not to mention the life threatening job related exposures, such as HIV and Hepatitis, that we are subjected to on a daily basis. I, myself was recently exposed to the HIV virus, through no fault of my own. An irate HIV positive patient spit in my eye and I had to practically jump through hoops, plead, beg, have an initial out of

pocket expense of \$900.00 (which was recouped the following day) and then become irate myself to get the prophylactic medication made me so sick, I was off work for two weeks. The hospital did not pay for that time off, it had to be taken out of my paid time off bank as well as my extended illness bank. What other profession do you know of (other than the Police Department--God Bless all of you police men and women) who are treated this way for trying to save a life and protect the public, all for the sake of saving a dollar?

I find it ironic, that while in the midst of this critical nursing shortage, and we are being told that efforts in both recruitment and retention are at an all time high, we, as nurses, are being treated with such reckless disregard. It is no wonder that nurses are leaving the profession by the hundreds and that the nursing school enrollments are down. If the problem is not addressed, not only by the healthcare profession but also by the public, the trend will only continue to decline. It is imperative that the public become aware of this potentially life threatening situation and the negative impact it will have on the care, or lack of, that you or your loved one will receive. I urge all of you out there to document your concerns, address them to the hospital administrations, hospital boards as well as your local congressmen and representatives.

Nurses are the "heart" of every hospital and to put in nursing lingo, the "heart" is in critical condition and in need of immediate life supportive measures.

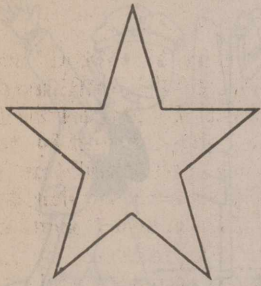
Sincerely,  
SuLynn Mester, RN  
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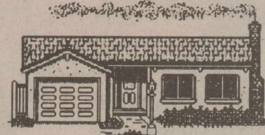
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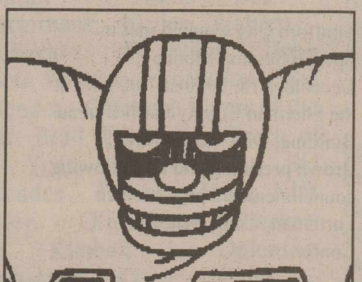
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By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 3rd day of January, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:30 P.M. on the 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

Cause No. 4286 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS SHELLEY JEAN

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Seventy Two (72) Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of January, 2001 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND CITY OF STRATFORD.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of January, 2001.

Sheriff, Jack Haile,  
Sherman County, Texas

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 5th day of January, 2001 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. VINCENT & COLLEEN CAMPOBASSO

Cause #4227 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:30 p.m. on the 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse is said SHERMAN County, in the City of Stratford Texas, the following described property, to wit:

TRACT 1: .026250 Working interest in the Craig 8001 lease located in Sec. 80 Blk 1-C GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 5th day of January, 2001 as the property of VINCENT CAMPOBASSO AND COLLEEN CAMPOBASSO

to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$999.97 plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DIST. CED#20), and NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT.

Given under my hand this 8th day of January, 2001.

Jack Haile  
Sheriff  
Sherman County, Texas

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### STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE

THE STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 10 COMPUTERS SPECIFICATIONS PER COMPUTER
- Single Pentium III 1.0 ghz 256K cache
- 128mb RAM
- 20 gb Hard Drive 7200 rpm
- ATI RagePro Video adapter, 32mb RAM (or equivalent)
- 17"SVGA monitor
- 48xCDROM drive
- 8/4/32x CDR-W
- Creative Labs Sound Blaster Live! Sound card w/speakers
- 10/100 NIC
- 1.44mb Floppy Drive
- Windows 98 Second Edition
- Mouse, Keyboard
- Microsoft Office 2000 Professional-Academic
- 3 yr. parts & labor Warranty

RACK MOUNT SWITCH:  
(2) D Link DSS 24 rack mount switch (or equivalent)

PORT PATCH PANEL:  
(2) 24 port patch panel

UNINTERUPATABLE POWER SUPPLY:  
1000va/800 watt rack mount UPS

EQUIPMENT RACK:  
84" full size equipment rack cabinet to include:  
Sliding Tower Shelves capable of holding 4 server towers  
(2) Stationary shelves  
Vertical cable channels  
Removable/lockable side panels  
Plexiglass door removable/lockable  
Vented rear door and roof  
10-position power strip

THE PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2001 AT 2:00 P.M. ANY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PROPOSALS MAY BE MAILED TO STRATFORD I.S.D. P.O. BOX 108, STRATFORD, TX 79084, FAXED TO 806-366-3304, OR DELIVERED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE AT 503 N. EIGHTH STREET, STRATFORD, TX. THE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2001 AT 2:00 P.M. SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND/OR ALL PROPOSALS.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

J.W. Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 52100, Amarillo, TX 79159 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

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**Legals**  
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Brown Dolomite Formation Bivins (027926) Lease, Well Number 5. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles E/SE of Stratford, TX in the Texas Hugoton Field, in Sherman County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2999 to 3124 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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**School Board Cont. From Pg. 1**

Travis Melton gave the transportation report. Ricky Reed commended Travis Melton on the work he did during the playoffs making sure that all busses were running properly.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the Superintendent's report. Budget expenditures are at 26.7% and 67.5% of revenue has been collected. Tax collections are at 82.85%. The drug dog made the first visit to the school today.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Max Christian seconded to adopt a resolution honoring the Stratford Elk Football Team as the Class 1A State Champions. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed the Fund Balance. The designations are for auditing purposes. The recommended designations are as follows: Construction - \$500,000; Capital Expenditures - \$300,000; Undesignated - \$185,000. Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to make the designations to the fund balance. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Jared McBryde seconded to accept the Keeney and Hembree engagement letter for the 2000-2001 audits. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board then adjourned into closed session concerning the Superintendent's evaluation and contract at 8:58 p.m. No action was taken. The Board reconvened into open session at 10:16 p.m.

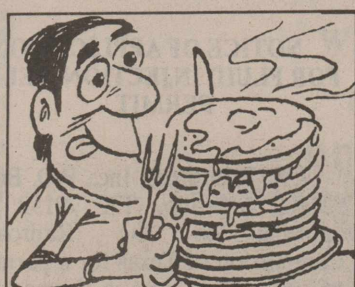
Discussion was held concerning Mr. Hunkapiller's contract and his pursuing the High School principalship at Presidio ISD. Discussion was also held about Mr. Metcalf taking over as Interim Principal at the Junior High.

Ted Allen made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to extend the Superintendent's contract to 2004. Motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.



It is believed Sir David Brewster invented the kaleidoscope. He received a patent for it in 1870.



Pancake Tuesday is the old British name for Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
DECEMBER 14, 2000

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. with Ken Forthman presiding and the following councilmembers present: Blake Confer, Randy Williams, and Marcus Lavake.

Also present were: Ric Walton; City Administrator, Jim Dewees; Chief of Police, Jon King; City Attorney, Marty Bain, and Kristin Olsen.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilman Ken Forthman called the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Randy Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2000 meeting. Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

Jerry Hunkapiller was not present at this time, item postponed.

Gaskill Pharis & Pharis to present the fiscal year 2000 audit results, was postponed, due to Mayor Brown not yet present.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Animal permits for David Cross and Don Reed was discussed. Marcus Lavake motioned to approve the permits. Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider Sherman County Development Committee's request for community development funds. Randy Williams motioned to approve the funds in the amount of \$597,18. Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider Chamber of Commerce's request for community development funds. Randy Williams motioned to approve funds in the amount of \$160,82. Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approve the Tax Roll for calendar year 2000 in the amount of \$355,787.00. Blake Confer motioned to approve the 2000-tax roll, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Craig Bell arrived at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was then taken over by Mayor Pro-Tem Craig Bell.

Consider amendment to Livestock Ordinance #271. Changing one word, from must to should amended section 2 of the current ordinance. Discussion took place. Randy Williams motioned to approve the amendment, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Consider amendment to Employee Policy concerning compensatory time. Discussion took place. Ric Walton explained to the council how the time will work and how it is calculated. Blake Confer motioned to place this amendment in the employee policy, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the purchase of the McMahan Building located at 516 N. Third. The city is running out of space and needs additional space. Marty Bain was present to give a brief discussion on the building. After further discussion the council then asked Marty if the keys could be left at city hall for council members to view the building on their own time. Marty agreed to leave the keys with Ric Walton. No action taken, subject tabled until January 11, 2001 meeting.

Council then discussed the back flow devices. A few citizens in Stratford are having problems with hot water heaters overflowing and water flooding areas of their house. The back flow device has been regulated by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee to be placed on the water meters. Those with the back flow devices on their meter should have a thermal expansion tank, for the overflow to flow back into. The only time a back flow device is put in, is when a water meter is replaced or when a new house is put in. The back flow device keeps the water from flowing back into the city's water lines and then disbursed throughout the city. The City will follow up on the back flow devices at the January 11, 2001 meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishment of a Reinvestment Zone. Public hearing began at 7:55 p.m. The area to be established as the reinvestment is lot 1-20 Block 100 of the Original Town of Stratford. There was no

one present to object to the establishment of the reinvestment zone.

Discuss/consider tax abatement contract with Iowa Vet Supply. Blake Confer motioned to approve the tax abatement contract, Ken

Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Brown arrived at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was then taken over by the Mayor.

Lee Moore with Gaskill Pharis & Pharis was present to discuss the audit results for fiscal year 1999-2000. Lee went over the financial statement with the council. Lee then asked for any further questions and there were none. The overall report of the audit was good.

Consider bids received for new pickup for the police department. Several bids were submitted. Jim gave a brief discussion of the cost on the bids received. Jim received bids on Chevrolets and Fords. Randy Williams motioned to table the awarding of the bid until it could be known on whether the Chevrolet pickup came with dual flip out doors, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider bid(s) received for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System.

Only one bid was received from Ray's Electric. Discussion took place on the cost of the whole system. This system is available in different phases. The council thought that at this time all phases are the way to go, but major problem with the water towers will be solved with phase 1. While phase 1 is being put into place the city is going to look at the Stratford Area Foundation for additional funding on the remaining phases, due to the fact this system will help out all the citizens in Stratford. Craig Bell motioned to go ahead with phase 1 of the SCADA system, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Hunkapiller arrived at 10:25 p.m. Jerry was present to discuss the resource officer position. Garold McDaniel is the current resource officer for Stratford Schools. Jerry was very appreciative of Garold, and commended Garold on what a good job he is doing for the junior high and the kids. The council then thanked Jerry for his comments.

Council adjourned into executive session at 10:25 p.m. under Section 551.074 to discuss litigation.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 10:55 p.m. with no action taken.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the General Store bill, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried with Randy Williams abstaining.

Craig Bell motioned to approve all other bills, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

Randy Williams motioned to approve the financial statements, Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL.**

Mayor Brown presented to the council the Ports to Plains support letter. Mayor is asking for the council's approval to sign the bill of sale for the Ports to Plains Corridor. Mayor Brown read aloud the letter to the council. Ken Forthman motioned to approve the signing of the bill of sale, Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
DECEMBER 18, 2000

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Monday, December 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Farm Bureau Building, with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: Ken Forthman, Craig Bell, Blake Confer.

Also present were Ric Walton, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jim Dewees, Chief of Police; and Jon King, City Attorney.

The City held their annual Christmas party.

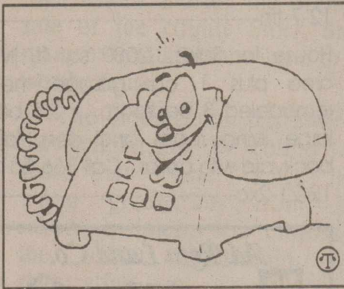
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion took place concerning the purchase of a 2001 Chevrolet pickup. Craig Bell motioned to purchase the pickup from Duncan Chevrolet, located in Stratford, Texas in the amount of \$19,095. Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Did You Know?**

(NAPS)—For information on the Crest Healthy Smiles 2010 campaign to encourage children to maintain a strong and healthy smile, call 1-877-289-6322 or log on to www.crest.com.



The Gillette Company recently introduced improved, thinner blade edges designed to cut hair more easily. Called Comfort Blades, the new blade design will be incorporated into the company's complete line of twin blades shaving systems for men and women.

**How To Dress For Cold-Weather Workouts**

(NAPS)—Learning a few facts about dressing for cold-weather workouts should keep winter from putting the freeze on your healthy lifestyle.

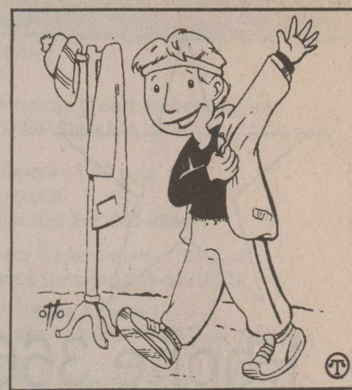
According to a recent survey by Russell Athletic, 57 percent of the women surveyed are more physically active in the summer, while 4 percent preferred the winter. Dressing for the season could encourage more winter workouts:

- Save body-generated heat by layering clothing. With additional layers, heat gets trapped between your body and each layer. The more layers, the more insulated you are from winter elements.

- The outer layer is the first line of defense and the most important layer against the cold. This layer should protect you from wind, rain, sleet or snow and keep cold air from penetrating. Wearing a hooded windbreaker will help control body temperature and protect you from the elements.

- Exercise requires movement and movement generates heat. Russell Athletic suggests wearing clothing that is warm, but doesn't restrict movement. Wear different types of fabrics like a wind-resistant Polartec fleece or a lightweight combed jersey (a cotton/polyester blend).

- Wick sweat away. A damp body exposed in the cold is a first-class ticket to get a chill. The layer closest to the body should be made from a fabric that pulls or wicks away perspiration. Russell Athletic recommends a high-performing fabric like Dri-Release, a lightweight fabric specializing in



**When working out, the layer closest to the body should wick away moisture.**

moisture management. Avoid cotton, which tends to hold moisture.

- Middle layers are effective against sudden changes in temperature. Add them up for extra warmth and take one off to cool down.

Middle layers of cotton provide warmth and polyester layers enhance movement. Mock turtle-necks made of lightweight cotton provide extra warmth to the neck.

- Layering legs and feet is also important. Spandex tights and fleece pants will keep legs warm. Close-fitting spandex, underneath a warm-up or fleece pant, makes a perfect combination for cold-weather workouts. Layering socks is a good way to keep warm. Wear a thin sock on the inside and a thicker sock on the outside.

Russell Athletic products are available at department and sporting stores. For more information, visit www.russellathletic.com.

**SENIOR ASSET PROTECTION WORKSHOP**

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Heritage Room, 610 Denrock Ave., Dalhart, TX  
Wednesday, January 31, 2001 1:00 - 4:00 PM

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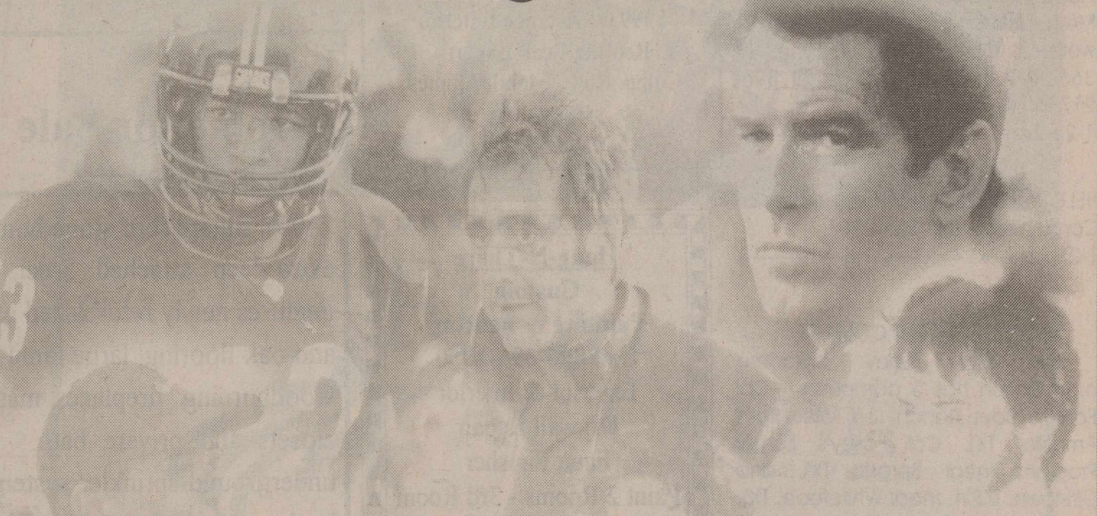
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