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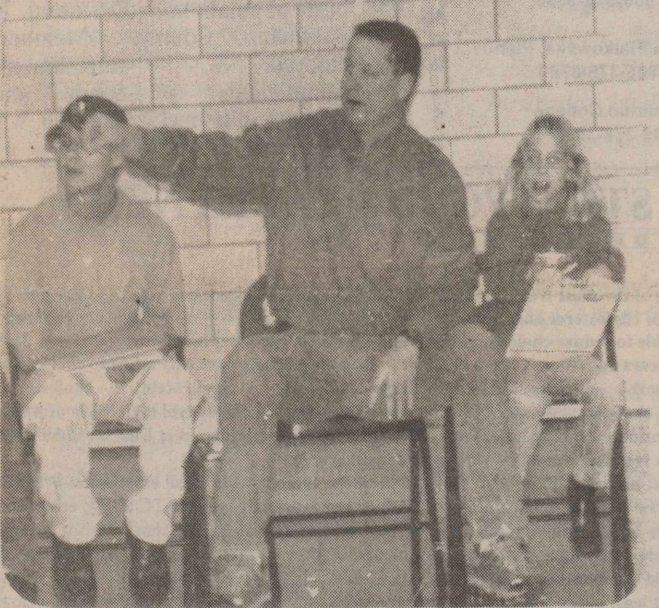
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Basketball Royalty Crowned

Crowned the 2002 Basketball King and Queen on Friday, January 18th were Michael McAlister, Sr., and Jessica Young, Sr. Congratulations!!



Coach Mark Keener gets a little help from daughter Kelsie at the Spearman Tournament held this past week-end.

City Park Tree Trimming Opportunity

By Gaynelle Riffe

The trees have been trimmed at the Cemetery, thanks to 22 or more donations.

The trees need to be trimmed at Pendleton City Park. The \$350.00 in the City budget for tree trimming was spent in October, with an individual sharing the cost, to trim the evergreens in both the City and Girl Scout Parks. There are 40 trees at a cost \$2000.00 for the complete job. That would be 80 donations at \$25.00 each or 40 donations at \$50.00 or 20 donations at \$100.00. Some trees have been trimmed in recent years with an individual cost share and the City. The tree line next to the Baseball Field was trimmed as Andy Riffe's Eagle Scout Project. The tree line under the highlines was trimmed by Southwestern Public Service some time ago. If you or your family have used the Park in the last year, you are invited to participate in this special project. Donations will be accepted at the City of Stratford, note for tree trimming or call Gaynelle Riffe to pick up your donation. Hopefully they can do this week.

Lollipop Holding Community Garage Sale

Back by popular demand, Lollipop Junction is planning another Community Wide Garage Sale. Once again we will be seeking donations for the garage sale, so start cleaning out your closets, garages, attics and basements. We are planning to hold the garage sale on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Keep a watch in the Stratford Star for further information about the upcoming event and who to call when you have stuff that needs to be picked up. We are looking forward to another successful Garage Sale.

Attention Senior Parents

It is time to start making plans for after graduation. If your senior son or daughter is planning to attend a college, university, two-year college, or vocational/technical school, now is the time to apply. Most schools have application deadlines in early spring for all freshmen applications.

Scholarship applications for the spring are beginning to come in for senior students who qualify. There are approximately 20 scholarships with various criteria for eligibility available at this time, with more expected daily. Make sure that your son or daughter is checking the scholarship board by the counselor's office regularly for new postings.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications can also be picked up in the counselor's office. These applications are for federal grant money. All FAFSA applications should be filed as soon as possible.

For more information on college applications, scholarships, or FAFSA applications, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

NOTICE

In the near future the City of Stratford will begin strictly enforcing all ordinances concerning junk, rubbish, debris, trash, illegal mobile homes, and abandoned motor vehicles.

For more information call City Hall at 366-5581.

Don Nicholson
City Administrator

New Voter Registration Cards Mailed

By now, most of you have received your new orange voter registration cards. These cards are effective from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. Please check your card carefully for accuracy. If any of the information is incorrect, please contact my office at 806-366-2150. If your card still shows a rural route number, please contact my office with your new 911 address.

Some of you will now be voting in different places, due to the re-districting done by the Department of Justice. Below is a list of the correct voting locations in Sherman County. If you have any questions, please call my office at the number given above.

PRECINCT 1 - VOTING BOX 101	COUNTY BARN AT LAUTZ SOUTH OF STRATFORD 11 MILES ON HWY. 287
PRECINCT 1 - VOTING BOX 102	SHERMAN COUNTY LIBRARY 719 N MAIN ST STRATFORD TX
PRECINCT 2 - VOTING BOX 201	SHERMAN COUNTY BARN 501 S MAIN ST STRATFORD TX
PRECINCT 2 - VOTING BOX 202	COUNTY BARN COUNTY ROAD 24 & COUNTY ROAD W SHERMAN COUNTY
PRECINCT 3 - VOTING BOX 301	STRATFORD AMBULANCE BUILDING 1109 BEAVER RD STRATFORD TX
PRECINCT 3 - VOTING BOX 302	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXHOMA TX
PRECINCT 4 - VOTING BOX 401	COUNTY & DISTRICT COURTROOM COURTHOUSE 701 N 3 RD ST STRATFORD TX

Thanks,
Valerie McAlister
Sherman County Tax A/C
Voter Registrar



2001 Centennial Book Committee Donates Books

The 2001 Centennial Book Committee has donated all remaining God, Grass and Grit III volumes to the Depot Museum. Persons wishing to buy copies can now secure them at the Museum. The book committee ordered 750 copies, and after paying all expenses, had 177 copies left to donate to the museum. Shown above left to right Ann Wells, Arthur Judd, Marillyn Albert, Clovia Talley, James Johnson, Lynda Hauser, Marge Moore, Dorothy Haile and Gaynelle Riffe.

Your Chance To Win Flowers For One Year From Let's Make Arrangements

Give your valentine the gift that last all year long. Let's Make Arrangements will be selling chances to win just that, flowers for the rest of the year. One winner will receive one bouquet of flowers each month for the next 12 months. Tickets for the raffle cost \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on February 9, 2002, just in time for Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Lollipop Junction. Check the following places for tickets: Let's Make Arrangements, Lollipop Junction or XIT Communication or contact a Lollipop Board Member.

6-Hour Course To Be Given

CPR and foreign-body airway obstruction rescuers skills will be taught to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members and others who are interested. The six hour course is Feb. 2, 9:00 a.m. at the Stratford EMS Building. Instructors are Paramedics Jimmy Lanning and Ricky Reed.

If you are interested, contact Mr. Lanning so that material may be ordered. Club members will be contacted.

SCDC Annual Meeting

The Sherman County Development Committee held their 2001 Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, January 18, 2002. There were approximately 40 members present including current and past board members of the committee. We served hamburger, beans, and potato chips and had brownies for dessert.

There was an update from the Executive Director on the progress of current projects. These included recruiting of a motel, recruiting of dairy, building a mobile home park, and update on Transportation projects. There was an update on the City's Main Street project. Kristine also talked about some of the growth that we have seen over the past year and some of the growth we anticipate in the months to come.

J.D. Henley, Board President conducted the business meeting, in which two new board members were elected to fill three-year terms. Those individuals are B.A. Donelson with First State Bank and Steve Hays with Cimarron Feeders.

Rick Reinart was recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation for serving on the board for the past three years.

Lorie Vincent spoke to the group about the growth of the Dairy Industry in the Panhandle of Texas and the potential for this industry in Sherman County. Lorie Vincent is the Executive Director for the High Ground of Texas. According to Lorie, the High Ground has been very active in recruiting dairies into the High Ground region. The High Ground has been present at the World Ag Expo in California for several years now and just recently sponsored a reception at the World Dairy Exposition in Wisconsin. Lorie feels confident that the dairy industry is coming to our area, especially with the De Jong family now expanding into Hartley County.

At the close of the meeting J.D. emphasized some of the key points that Lorie made and talked further about the motel project. J.D. thanked everyone for coming and for their support for the upcoming year. The SCDC will be starting its 10th year as an organization in this community, and we are looking forward to another great year. We hope to see some great things happen this year as we mark a milestone for the Sherman County Development committee.

4-H To Host Concession

Frito Pies, Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, along with Barbecue Beef sandwiches are the main food selection items at the concession to be held during the Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale January 24-26th.

Sponsored by Sherman County 4-H, proceeds from the concession are used to assist 4-H members with camping scholarships, awards and recognition, leadership development, and supplies to enhance 4-H programs.

The public is invited to come and enjoy hot food, homemade pie, doughnuts and an assortment of soft drinks and candy at the concession while supporting the youth livestock show exhibitors.

Centennial Cookbooks

If you missed the Centennial Cookbooks, there is a possibility to reprint. To order, we need at least 25 prepaid. Contact Roxie at the Sherman County Extension Service to put your name on the list.

Attention to Anyone interested in making a donation to the Sherman County Livestock Contributors Fund. This is to benefit 4-H and FFA. Call Scott Buckles at 769-4464 or 753-7047 or go by Sherman County Extension office and see Roxie. Contributions can be made before 1 p.m. on Saturday (Sale Day).

Centennial 2001 Final Meeting Jan. 30

The Centennial 2001 Committee will evaluate and finish the Centennial 2001 project Wednesday, January 30, 2002.

The meeting will be at Rendon's Headquarters Restaurant at 11:45 with dutch treat lunch. Final accounting of projects, "God, Grass and Grit III", Centennial Cookbook and related items will be presented. All persons on the committee and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Suggestions will be recorded for the next celebration in 2026!

Emergency Fund For Butler Family

An Emergency Fund has been set up for Judd, LaRita and Taylor Butler. You may make your checks payable to the First Baptist Church Fund, (Judd, LaRita, & Taylor). This will be given to the family to help in medical expenses. This is tax deductible.

City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Craig Bell, Joe Zak, George Harding, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Randy Agan, Chief of Police; and Eddie Williams, Fire Chief.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES
Joe Zak motioned to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2001 Regular Meeting, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

LaRita Butler presented to the council a letter written by Barbara Dettle requesting the placement of cornerstones and the planting of trees in the Mary Riffe Addition of the Stratford Cemetery. Craig Bell motioned to approve the cornerstones and the planting of trees, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Eddie Williams was present to discuss the Mutual Aid Agreement with Moore County. Discussion took place on how the current Mutual Aid program works with other counties in the area. Item was tabled until next meeting in order to re-write the agreement.

Discuss closing City Hall all day on December 24, 2001. Consensus of the council was to close all day the 24th.

Discuss the curb and gutter replacement in the 1200 Block of North Chestnut. Discussion took place concerning the area. Consensus of the council was to place money in next year's budget to allow for replacement of curb and gutter around the City.

Voting for Sherman County Appraisal District Board of Director's. Craig Bell motioned to vote for David Cross, Jon Engelbrecht, and Gerald Wilhelm, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion took place regarding non-city employees participating in utility repairs. City Employees are covered by the insurance, however, any non-city employees are not. The City is trying to reduce the risk of this type of claim.

Discussion of Ordinance providing for the Taxation of Leased Motor Vehicles Pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.252 took place. Item tabled until next meeting, more information needs to be gathered concerning the ordinance.

Consider refund request from Professional Hay Service LTD for 2001 City of Stratford taxes. Discussion took place. Craig Bell motioned to grant the refund, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motioned to approve funding for Sherman County Development Committee at \$604.78, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council adjourned into executive session under section 551.074, 551.071, and 551.072 to discuss personnel, litigation, and real estate, at 7:35 p.m.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Joe Zak motioned to set a predetermined bidding price on real estate, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the Open Meetings and Public Information Workshop to be held in San Antonio January 17, 2002.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the bills, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motioned to approve the financial statements, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Don Nicholson reported the clean-up campaign is moving nicely.

Christmas trees can be taken to the landfill, tree limb pile, which is open 24 hours a day, or the old water tower on North 1st Street.

The sewer machine building has been insulated.

The street seal coating project is progressing with the streets being identified and submitted to Oller Engineering and the preparation work has begun. Approximate square yards to be seal coated is 60,765.

Discussion took place concerning the purchase of another vehicle for the City. Consensus of the council was to look into other vehicles and pricing.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Randy Agan reported on the junk vehicles. The monthly report was given.

Randy reported he has hired a new officer to start January 1, 2002.

Randy also reported all grants are closed until next year. Police Department must adopt racial profile policy by January 1, 2002.

All patrol cars must have video cameras in the units by December 31, 2001; however the City of Stratford has been granted a delay. Grants are available for this equipment and Randy stated he has applied.

Craig Bell motioned to adopt the Racial Profile Policy, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

It was mentioned that Tina Duke's third grade class has written letters to Texas Department of Transportation Commissioners, concerning the Main Street Enhancement Project.

Craig Bell questioned the status of the State Championship Signs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Friday, December 28, 2001 at 12:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Joe Zak, and Craig Bell.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Randy Agan, Chief of Police; and Ken Forthman, Public Works Director.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Craig Bell motioned to approve the Ordinance providing for the Taxation of Leased Motor Vehicles pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 11.252, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning the purchase of an additional city vehicle for the Street Department. Joe Zak motioned to approve the purchase of the 2002 Chevrolet pickup from Duncan Chevrolet, Craig Bell seconded with the stipulation that the pickup price be \$18,000 or less, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Arts in the Area
By Gaynelle Riffe

Jan. 17-27	"Forever Plaid" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage 806-355-9991
Jan. 18-19	"Frankie and Johnny in Clair de Lune" Merely Players Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-358-6214
Jan. 26	Amarillo Symphony, Gabriela Imreh, piano Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
Jan. 31 Feb. 10	"Cabaret" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
Feb. 1	"Sunshine Boys" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
Feb. 2	"Lift Every Voice" Spirituals concert Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7467
Feb. 7-9	Circus Gatti Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
Feb. 9	"Masterpieces" Ft. Worth/Dallas Ballet Lone Star Ballet, Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to § 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Sherman County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 27th day of December 2001.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2000 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Sherman County, Texas.

M.L. Albert
County Clerk
Sherman County

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AVISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECINTOS

Conforme a § 42.035, Tejas Eleccion Codigo, la Corte de Comisario, Condado Sherman County, Tejas, avisa cambio en las fronteras politicas de condados segun se adopte por la corte de comisario y aprobado (precleared) por Estado Unidos Ministerio Justicia el 27th de December 2001.

Los individuos interesados pueden repasar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del official Condado (County Clerk) durante horas de oficina regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. § 1973, tambien sabido como Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloqueo de los datos 2000 de censo. Cambios en eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisines, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Sherman County de Tejas.

M.L. Albert
Official de Condado
County Clerk
Sherman County

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Business

(NU) - If you are reluctant to get on a plane since the Sept. 11 tragedy, you aren't the only one. But does that mean your business has to stop if you travel for much of it? No. You can still meet those clients and colleagues across the country by doing it online. To learn about Webcasting, log on to www.thaon.net.



100's Day At Mary Allen

The first grade classes of Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Switser, and Mrs. Pittman enjoyed 100's Day on Friday, January 18th. Shown above, the students are preparing to make 100 pancakes.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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| Feb. 9 | Harrington String Quartet, pianist
WTAMU Northern Hall, Canyon 806-376-8782 |
| Feb. 10 | "Love Letters" 2:00 p.m.
Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-5646 |
| Feb. 14 | "Love Letters" Dinner Theatre
Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-5646 |
| Feb. 14 | Holly Dunn Dinner & Show
Amarillo Civic Grand Plaza 806-378-3096 |
| Feb. 16 | Amarillo Symphony Janina Fialkowska, Piano
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 |
| Feb. 21 | Sugar Ray presented by Amarillo College
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096 |

Duty is the sublimest word in the language; you can never do more than your duty; you should never wish to do less.
—Robert E. Lee

4-H Club News

Submitted by Jennie Spurlock in Clayton Johnson's absence

The Younger Texans 4-H Club met January 16th at Western Organics. Twenty-four members and parents were there. Sandy Williams and Brad Reed gave us a program on bird watching, different types of birds, and what birds eat. We also toured the plant. Bill Pendleton told the group how pheasants and other bird populations got started in Sherman County. Members enjoyed refreshments compliments of Sandy and Western Organics. The club will not meet in February.

STRATFORD HEALTH NEWS

One of the most frequently asked questions heard by physicians relates to the significance of cholesterol and diet in causing heart disease and at what point is drug therapy advisable to reduce cholesterol levels and the risk of coronary heart disease (CHD). Just a few years ago (when I was a resident in 1995) physicians were only asked to check total cholesterol and HDL (high density lipoprotein) cholesterol. A total cholesterol greater than 200 and HDL (the good cholesterol) high levels of which are considered therapeutic level of less than 35 were considered at least treatable with dietary restrictions and possibly with drug therapy.

Now, however, in light of more impressive data showing close association between lipid levels (TC or total cholesterol, LDL or low density lipoprotein, TC triglyceride, and HDL or high density lipoprotein) and coronary artery events, the standards for acceptable lipid levels have stiffened. Now all adults 18 years of age and over, should have all the lipid components checked (TC, HDL, LDL, TG) at the initial screening and thereafter at least every 5 years, but more frequently for those with risk factors or abnormal values.

The Third Report of the Adult Treatment Panel III (ATP III) of the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) lists the major risk factors for CHD: (1) Cigarettes Smoking, (2) Hypertension (BP greater than or equal to 140/90 or on HTN therapy), (3) Low HDL (less than 40 mg/dl), (4) Family history of premature CHD (CHD in male relative less than 55 years or female relative less than 65 years), and (5) Age (men greater than 45 years; women greater than 55 years).

In addition, for several years the focus has been shifting away from total cholesterol to LDL values, and now with these new guidelines the LDL goals have become even stricter. The Framingham Risk Assessment System for calculating 10 year risk of heart attack was created which uses age, sex, total cholesterol, smoking status, HDL level, and systolic BP to come up with LDL goals and cut off points for initiating lifestyle changes or drug therapy. For example, a 62 year old male smoker with a TC of 220, HDL of less than 40, and systolic BP greater than 160 would have a score of 16 which translates to a 25% 10 year risk of having a heart attack. Anyone with a 10 year risk greater than 20% and/or documented CAD (coronary artery disease), CHF (congested heart failure), or diabetes would have a target LDL of less than 100. With 2 or more risk factors and a 10 year risk of less than or equal to 20%, the LDL goal would be less than 130, and with 0-1 risk factors the LDL goal would be less than 160.

Obesity of source is an independent risk factor for CHD along with high TG levels. Normal TG is now defined as less than 150.

Diet is first line recommended therapy. As part of dietary changes to lower LDL, physicians are now encouraged to recommend plant stanols/sterols and foods with high soluble fiber to their patients; (1) stanols/sterols are found in certain margarine products and salad dressings; and (2) sources of soluble fiber include legumes, cereal grains, beans, and many fruits and vegetables.

Essentially a class of drugs called "Statins" (Lipitor, Pravachol, Zocor, etc.) is recommended for high LDL levels, fibrates such as Lipid are recommended for elevated TG levels, and niacin is suggested as the best drug for increasing HDL cholesterol. Statins also have a positive impact on HDL levels, TC, and TG levels. The ATP III recommends cutoff LDL levels at which drug therapy should be initiated. Fish oil may have a role in reducing lipid levels, but the research is controversial. Garlic is a more tried and proven dietary supplement for reducing LDL cholesterol. See your local physician for more details.

Perry Bassett M.D., Ph.D.

Crimestoppers Needs Your Help

Sherman County Crimestoppers is searching for the person or persons responsible for the burglary that occurred after dark on Nov. 2, 2001 at Brown's Meat Locker. Crimestoppers will pay a reward of up to \$1,000.00 if the information is used in the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible. Please leave a message on the Crimestoppers machine at 366-TIPS or contact the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police at 366-3051.

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Scot News

By Jack Gore

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers this sunny but cool 38 degrees Monday January 21, 2002.

Basketball for High School is in full swing and National Football is about to end with their big Super Bowl game.

In reading and looking at the last several issues of the Stratford Star we recognize the people who work and teach our children. We are very fortunate in our school.

It is advised by Valerie McAlister to check your new voter registration card. Upon checking our cards they must be corrected.

In order to get our card to Valerie and take this to the Star we must arrive and get our coats and see how cool the weather is so we ask our peers and friends to pat shoulders and tell each other luv u for luv is what makes the world go round.

BAJA BANANA CAKE

9 servings

FILLING

- 1/2 cup Kretschmer wheat germ, any flavor
- 1/4 cup finely chopped toasted almonds
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

CAKE

- 1/2 cup mashed ripe banana (about 1 large)
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup Kretschmer wheat germ, any flavor
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 4 Tbsp. (1/2 stick) 70% vegetable oil spread
- 3 Tbsp. fat-free chocolate syrup plus additional for garnish, if desired

2002 SHERMAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 24, 2002

All animals in must be in place
4:00 p.m. Weigh Lambs and Goats
4:30 p.m. Weigh Steers followed by Swine

(All animals not in place at time of weigh-in must wait outside until other animals are weighed.)

Friday, January 25, 2002

9:00 a.m. - SWINE SHOW
PEE WEE SWINE SHOW
SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
LAMB SHOW
PEE WEE LAMB SHOW
LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

Saturday, January 26, 2002

8:00 a.m. STEER SHOW
HEIFER SHOW
BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
GOAT SHOW
GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

1:00 p.m. - PREMIUM SALE

SALE ORDER:
LAMBS
GOATS
STEERS
SWINE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2002

7:00 p.m. - Buyers' Appreciation Banquet
County Exhibit Building

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2002

Project Record Form due in
County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a turkey fry Friday night, Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Hosts are Ted & Joyce Irlbeck. Ted received a turkey cooker for Christmas and he wants to try it out on the community! So, bring a dish of your choice and let's see if Ted is a good cook!

The community thanks the highway department for the repairs in front of the post office. Now, if Dallam County could help the road that goes around to the Community Center, We'd be in good shape.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, came to watch her niece, Merilee, play in Spearman Junior High tournament and at Dalhart Monday. The 7th grade girls won second.

Ralph, Minnie and Ralph James went to Verona, Mo., to visit Joe & Zona Crabtree. They also saw Matt & Gail Heath and their five children, Justin, Ashley, Grant, Grayson and Ellie.

They especially enjoyed seeing the Wildlife Museum in Springfield.

Visiting with Jo June McDaniel Saturday afternoon were her brother, Penny & Linda Whitson. That night Frankie Shields & Rolene Arkon brought pizza and they had a "hen party" and cards with Donna Gillenwaters and Jo June.

Mike McDaniel, Jon Hart and Jon's sister, Honey Zimmer drove to Denver where Mike and Jon spent the night with Mike's sister, Patti. Honey went on to Fort Collins to visit with a girl friend. The fellows boarded Amtrak for Reno, and after a couple of days, returned to Denver by plane.

Wait Out Winter With Produce

By Susie Spurlock

As a society we are urged to eat a wide variety of fruits and vegetables everyday. Research shows that these foods contain vitamins, minerals, fiber, and other powerful substances that help reduce risk of cancer and other chronic illness.

Eating produce is more appealing in summer when fruits and vegetables are abundant. It is equally important during winter, when there are often slim pickings in the produce aisle (in terms of quality and price). Luckily, advances in food technology such as flash freezing, which traps nutrients immediately after harvest-have resulted in packaged fruits and vegetables that offer similar taste and health benefits to fresh produce.

In some instances, frozen and canned produce may actually deliver more of a particular nutrient. Frozen spinach for typically contains 80 percent more beta-carotene, a cancer-fighting antioxidant, than fresh spinach, which can lose nutrients during shipping and display. Similarly, processed tomato products contain a higher level of the antioxidant lycopene than fresh tomatoes. And levels of Vitamin-C are significantly increase when ascorbic acid is added to both frozen and canned produce to preserve color.

Convenience is your concern, pre-chopped frozen and canned produce can cut down on preparation and cooking time. Also, since fresh items begin to lose their nutrients after 3 to 4 days, stock your pantry and freezer with packaged fruits and vegetables for times when fresh produce is scarce, expensive or inconvenient. These products can help you reach the recommended five or more daily servings all year round.

Tips for selecting healthy canned or frozen produce are:

*Look for "reduced sodium" or "No salt added" on the label of canned vegetables.

*Choose canned fruit packed in its own juice with no sugar added.

*Find plain frozen vegetable medleys without sauce; add your own seasonings at home.

*Buy packages of frozen vegetables in which the contents move freely; they are less likely to have lost nutrients through thawing and refreezing.

Health Tip

(NU) - People who need daily injections to keep up their health are finding life a lot easier, thanks to a new technology called CompuFlo. Developed by Milestone Scientific, Inc., its purpose is to ensure that injections are given more safely and more accurately in hospitals, medical offices and homes. To learn more, log on to www.thewand.com or call 1-800-862-1125.



Hat Day Held

Hat Day was held at Coldwater Manor on Thursday, January 17th. Shown above, some of the residents with their hats on.

SISD Board of Trustees Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. in the Home Economics building.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, President, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, Ronna Riffe, Garek McBryde, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Steve Johnson was not present.

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Mary Pat Williams, Mike Fitzwater, Steve Haynes and Bryant Riffe.

Steve Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

1. The Stratford Elk football team finished the season as State Semi-Finalists. The following players won additional honors:
Associated Press - Adam Bell - Offensive player of the year, Skyler Walden - Defensive player of the year.

1st Team Offense - Quarterback - Adam Bell, Offensive Line - Nick Ashley.

1st Team Defense - Defensive Lineman - Wes Kimball, Linebacker - Skyler Walden.

Honorable Mention - Defensive End - Adam Reed.

Texas Football - Adam Bell - Class A Player of the Year.

1st Team All District - Quarterback - Adam Bell, Running Back - Javier Licon, Tight End - Michael McAlister, Offensive Lineman - Nick Ashley,

Wes Kimball, Adam Reed, Center - Skyler Walden, Kicker - Nick Ashley, Defensive Lineman - Wes Kimball, Nick Ashley, Craig Moore, Linebacker - Skyler Walden, Javier Licon, Defensive End - Adam Reed, Defensive Back - Adam Bell.

2nd Team All District - Offensive Lineman - Dylan Everett, Defensive End - Wes Hunsaker, Defensive Back - Michael McAlister.

Honorable Mention All District - Running Back - Carlos Jacquez, Linebacker - Carlos Jacquez, Defensive Back - Jaret Pemberton, Wide Receiver - Isaac Chabolla.

2. The Stratford Lady Elks

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First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor
921 Fulton
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

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

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401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
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What Is Faith?

We all believe many things. Some people believe the theory of evolution. When a couple exchanges marriage vows, they believe their new spouse will keep those vows. We could multiply examples. But I am interested in religious faith. More specifically, I am interested in Christian faith. And the question is, "What is faith, according to the Bible?" First there is an intellectual part to faith, your mind is involved. You come to grips with the truth of the Bible with your mind. You understand you are a sinner and that Christ died on the cross for sinners. Like many people, you understand this truth. Many people reject this truth too. But the point is, simple belief in what the Bible says is only the beginning of faith. It is only the first step. You may take the position that you cannot understand the bare facts about Christ without being born again. Now I believe the new birth does come before faith in Christ. Jesus Himself said a person cannot enter the kingdom of God unless he is first born again (John 3:3 and 5). But I am saying that you can understand the facts of the Gospel. You can understand that you are a sinner. You can understand that Christ died for sinners. You can believe this teaching of the Bible. But this is no sign you are born again. Mere belief in what the Bible says is only the beginning of faith. "The demons also believe, and shudder" (James 2:19). God forbid that you or I should only have the faith of devils. Such faith certainly does not gain access to heaven. You and I must not only believe what the Bible says, we must agree with it and we must then trust in Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin.

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Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
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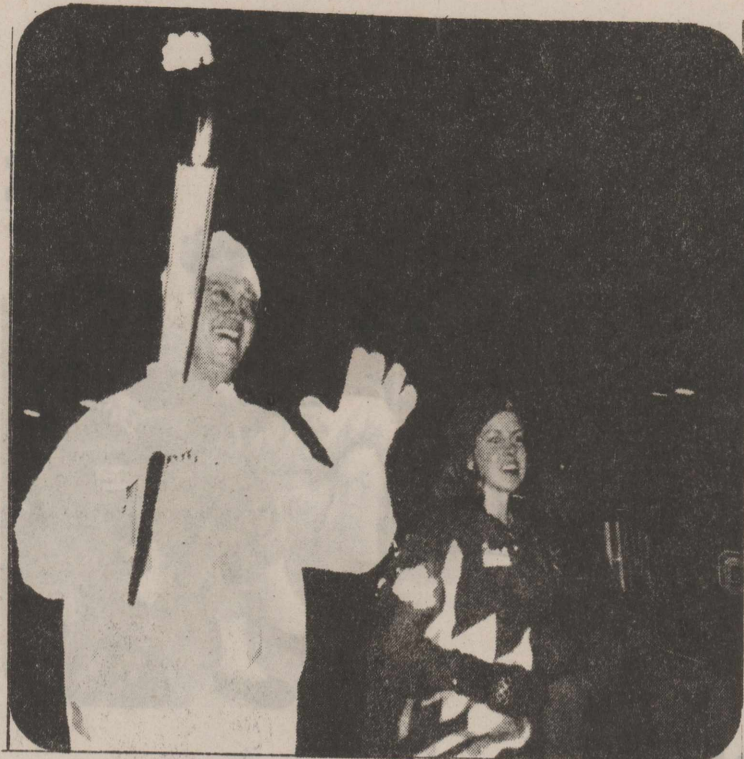
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James Burleson, son-in-law of Maurine Plunk of Stratford, was chosen as an Olympic Torchbearer

Burleson-Chosen As Olympic Torchbearer

James Burleson, son-in-law of Maurine Plunk, was chosen as an Olympic Torchbearer to run in Amarillo on January 12, 2002. James and his wife, Luann, live in Snyder, TX.

Torchbearers were nominated by family, friends and colleagues who wrote a 50-100 word essay explaining how the nominees embodied the Olympic Spirit and provided inspiration to their communities. The Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC, Coca-Cola and Chevrolet accepted nominations during March and April of 2001.

Nominations received by SLOC were read and judged by regional community task forces. Those received by Coca-Cola and Chevrolet were selected randomly, then checked and verified for authenticity before torchbearers were notified.

Each potential torchbearer was required to meet a criteria used by

the judging panel:

- *Inspire others to greater achievement
- *Inspire their communities
- *Embody the inspirational spirit of the Olympic Movement
- *motivate others by encountering and overcoming adversity.

Dr. Burleson was selected for the Amarillo run from a field of 210,000 nominations.

As a reminder of Burleson's involvement in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, he was given the Olympic Torchbearer's uniform consisting of a white wind suit, long sleeve T-shirt, fleece hat and gloves. He also purchased the Olympic Torch that he ran.

Family members attending the run said the event was exciting and exceeded their expectations..though cold, dark, and tired (Jim ran at 3:15 a.m.) it was worth the trip.

Lagoons Designed To Protect Water

What could be mistaken for a serene pond is really carefully engineered and filled with natural microbial activity that protects the environment.

"We design lagoons to be natural treatment centers for animal waste," says L.M. (Mac) Safley, an agricultural engineer with Agri-Waste Technology, Inc. "Lagoons are not just storage units. They are treatment facilities teeming with natural, beneficial organisms that break down wastes so that they can be recycled for more beneficial uses."

Many livestock lagoons are 22 or more feet deep. The depth helps to promote year round bacterial activity. "We carefully design the lagoons to maximize the natural treatment of wastes," Safley explains. "The lagoon design is calculated by the number and type of animals, how much waste will be produced at the farm, site specific meteorological information and how much capacity the lagoon must hold."

The manure and water from the livestock barns or pens settles into natural layers. As Safley explains it, the lagoons have three distinct components, and each component has a unique function.

The first component is the bottom layer that collects settled organic material which is decomposed or 'digested' by anaerobic bacteria. That means organisms that live without oxygen are at work. "These microbes survive by breaking down the solids that settle to the bottom of the lagoon," Safley says. The bottom layer also stores decomposed inorganic material.

The second and typically the largest component of a livestock lagoon is the treatment portion. This component contains additional anaerobic bacteria that continue the treatment process begun in the bottom layer. The microbes naturally break down the wastes into simple compounds. The simple compounds contain elements like nitrogen, which can then be reused by plants.

The third and uppermost portion of the lagoon is designed for the storage of waste material. "The top layer is almost 99 percent water," Safley says. This stabilized liquid can be utilized to supply nutrients to crops. Some of liquid will naturally evaporate to the high plains arid climate.

Some Texas lives producers depend on evaporative lagoons for w removal while others choose allow neighboring farmers need water for crops to recycle top layer for crop irrigation. S it's a 99 percent water, it c completely replace comme; fertilizer, but it can be a vi supplement.

"Many local farmers apprec the accessibility to water nutrients needed for crop gro that is readily available with... incurring the growing expense of pumping that water out of the ground and adding chemical fertilizers," said Safley.

The result of the complex and extensively engineered lagoons is what Safley calls a living system. "We're designing natural systems to protect our environment, reduce odor and provide valuable water and nutrients for local crops," Safley concluded.

Discussion was held on designating the fund balance. Ricky Reed made the motion and Max Christian seconded to make the fund balance designations. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. Mr. Taliaferro is to provide more information concerning a final decision. No action was taken.

At 8:24 a.m., the board adjourned into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. The board reconvened into open session at 9:07 a.m.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to extend Jim Taliaferro's contract as Superintendent to 2005. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on transportation and compensation issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



At one time in China the peach was considered an emblem of long life and immortality. It is also the emblem of the bride.

Minutes

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placed 3rd in the Vega basketball tournament. Ashley Brown was named to the All-Tournament Team

3. The Stratford Lady Elks won 1st place in the Stratford Tournament. Carly Mathews and Jessica Young were named to the All-Tournament Team. Ashley Brown was the tournament Most Valuable Player.

4. The Stratford Elks placed 3rd in the Stratford Tournament. Skyler Walden was named to the All Tournament Team.

5. The 9th Lady Elks were in the Perryton Tournament. They placed 2nd.

6. The Junior High Basketball teams competed in the West Texas basketball tournament. The 7th Girls placed 1st, the 8th Girls placed 2nd, the 7th Boys placed 2nd and the 8th Boys placed 2nd.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. Preparation for the TAAS test continues. The sophomores will take the Exit Level TAAS next month. The new library and computer lab is completed with many classes visiting each day. There will be a Panduit wiring workshop held at the school on February 5th. Panduit is a computer company that supplies wiring and fiber optics. They will demonstrate techniques using their product. The High School will begin TAAS night Monday, January 28th. The High School has purchased AlphaSmart keyboards for students to use and check out to take home to use for schoolwork. The AlphaSmart Keyboard is a portable work processor that a student may type a paper on bring to certain computers in the high school and point a infrared light at the computer and the paper is transferred to that computer and then able to be printed.

Mr. Fitzwater gave the middle school report. He passed out the weekly bulletin. The middle school is currently participating in a simulated TAAS test.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletin. The 3rd and 4th grade participated in a writing TAAS benchmark this week. The 2nd grade ITBS scores have been received. The grades on the test were very good.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. Total operation cost per mile for the month was .30.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendent's report. 69% of the revenue has been collected, 34.8% of the expenditures have been spent and tax collections are at 82%. The investment report for last quarter was passed out and discussed. Current district enrollment is 637. Quotes were discussed for re-tiling the high school cafeteria. The construction report was given. Paint clean up continues, wiring and electrical glitches are being corrected and the ADA requirements are still being worked on.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro briefly explained TASB Legal Update 67. Gareed McBryde made the motion and Max Christian seconded to accept TASB Legal Update 67. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the Appraisal District run-off. Ricky Reed made the motion and Gareed McBryde seconded to vote on Jon Engelbrecht and Jay Murphy. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed the engagement letter from Keeney and Hembree & Company for the fiscal year 2001 audit. Joe Reinart made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Card of Thanks

The Sherman County Development Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our annual meeting on Friday, January 18, 2002. We would especially like to thank the sponsors who helped in making our annual meeting successful and helped with the cost of the meal. Let's Make Arrangements provided the delicious brownies, Cimarron Feeders provided hamburger patties, Duckwall's donated Ketchup & Mustard, Thriftway donated the Hamburger buns, and Consumers, Inc., First National Bank of Texoma and Frontier Fuel were our cash sponsors. We would like to say a special thank you to Lorie Vincent who was our speaker on Friday she did an excellent job talking to us about the dairy industry. We would also like to say thank you to our two new board members who have agreed to serve on our board, they are B.A. Donelson and Steve Hays. Thank you everyone for making this year's annual meeting a great one.

SCDC Board of Directors & Executive Director

Thank you to the City of Stratford and the following individual donations sharing the cost to trim the Cemetery trees. As of Friday, January 18. Donations will still be accepted by the City of Stratford. W.R. Boney, Bill & Selma Pendleton, Brooks Motor, Bill Riffe, Wanda Riffe, Gary & Sue Hudson, Mary W. Wisdom, Mary Riffe, 1st State Bank, Betty O'Brien, Scott Buckles, James & Linda Spurlock, Bill & Katie Allen, Appraisal Dist. Employees, Wesley Spurlock, Bess Wherry, Mary W. Wisdom, Jill Gilley, Tommy & Mattie Baskin, Ann Wells, E.R. & Joan Bell, Waylon Green.

The family of Ken Melton wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all our Howardwick, Clarendon and Stratford friends for their thoughts and prayers at the time of Ken's death; but even more so for their friendship during his lifetime. Your warmth and concern at our time of sorrow is truly appreciated.

Billie Melton
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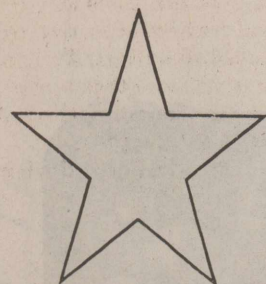
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For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 bath, large utility room, central heat/air, storm windows, large fenced backyard, close to school. 903 N. Maple. Call 366-3019 evenings.
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Home for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new, vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, new carport in back, 2 car garage, electric door openers. \$79,500. Phone 254-772-6584 or 396-2051.
7-12-tfn

For Sale or Lease: 212 N. Poplar. 806-679-5585.
1-10-tfn

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1-24-2xc

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Immediate opening for reliable mechanic in Stratford area. Must provide own tools. Apply at: Innovative Staffing Solutions 402-B Tanglewood Rd. Dalhart, Texas 79022 Toll Free: (877) 379-1434.
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1-24-2xp

Wanted: Person for bookkeeping position at Stratford Grain Co. Come by at 4 North Main for an application. 396-5541.
1-24-2xc

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

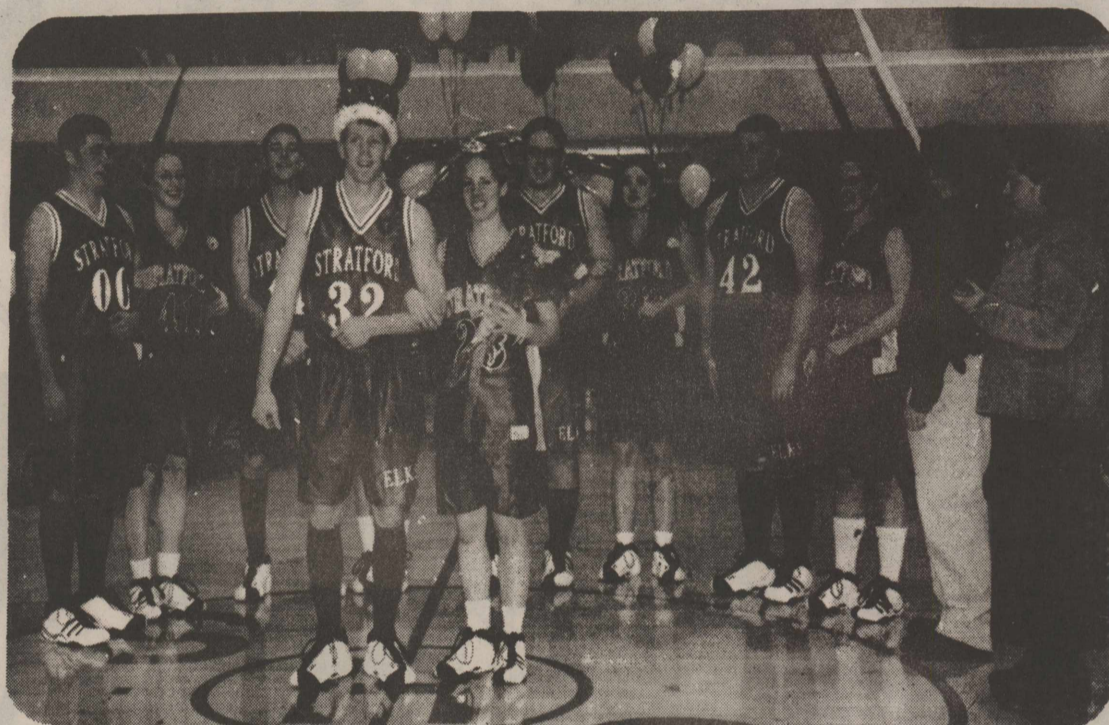
—Theodore Roosevelt

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

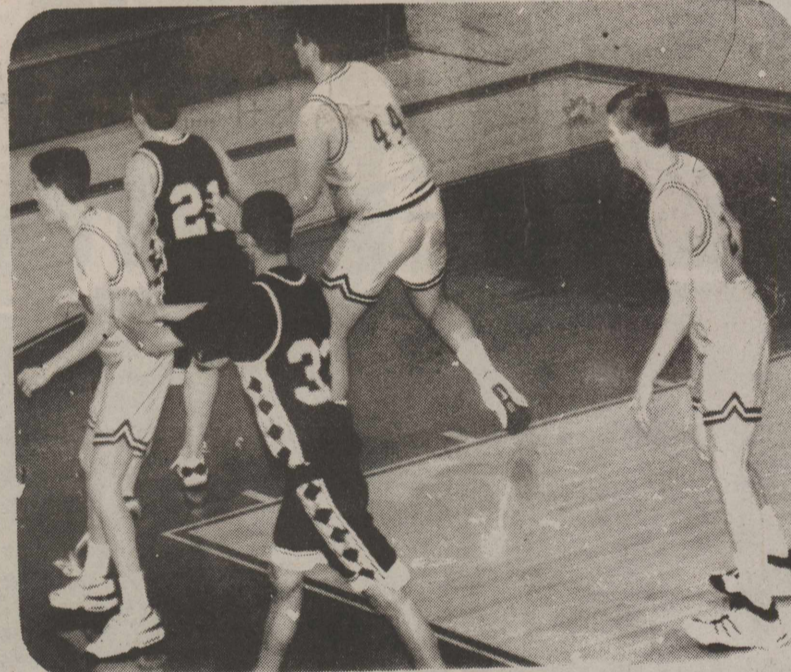
—Mark Twain



In 1972 Bernice Gera became the first ever female umpire in Major League Baseball history.



Michael McAlister and Jessica Young were crowned Basketball King and Queen on Friday, January 18th. Shown from left: Skyler Walden, Heather Ashley, Adam Bell, Carly Mathews (behind Michael), Michael McAlister, Jessica Young, Wes Kimball, Candra Holland, Nick Ashley, Ashley Brown, Brandon Davis, and Sandy Barraza.



J.V. Elks from left, Matthew Taliaferro, Dylan Everett, and Dalton Sladek.

LEGAL NOTICE

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
NOTICE OF SALE

In compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes article 4477-9A, Section 5.03, Litter Abatement Act, I will proceed to sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 5th of February, 2002 all of the following listed abandoned motor vehicles.

Location of the sale will be: C&D Body Shop

814 East Texas Ave.

Sherman Co. Barn

501 South Maple

Sale will begin at: 10:00 a.m. at C&D Body Shop
You must be a Texas Resident to Bid at this sale.

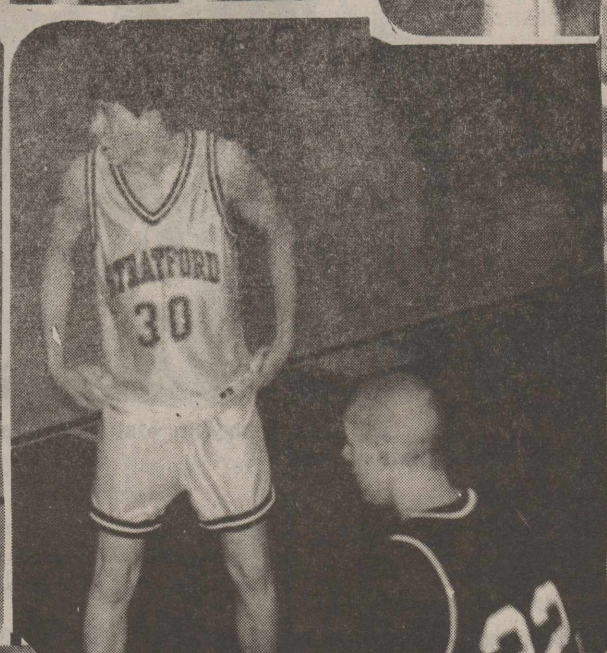
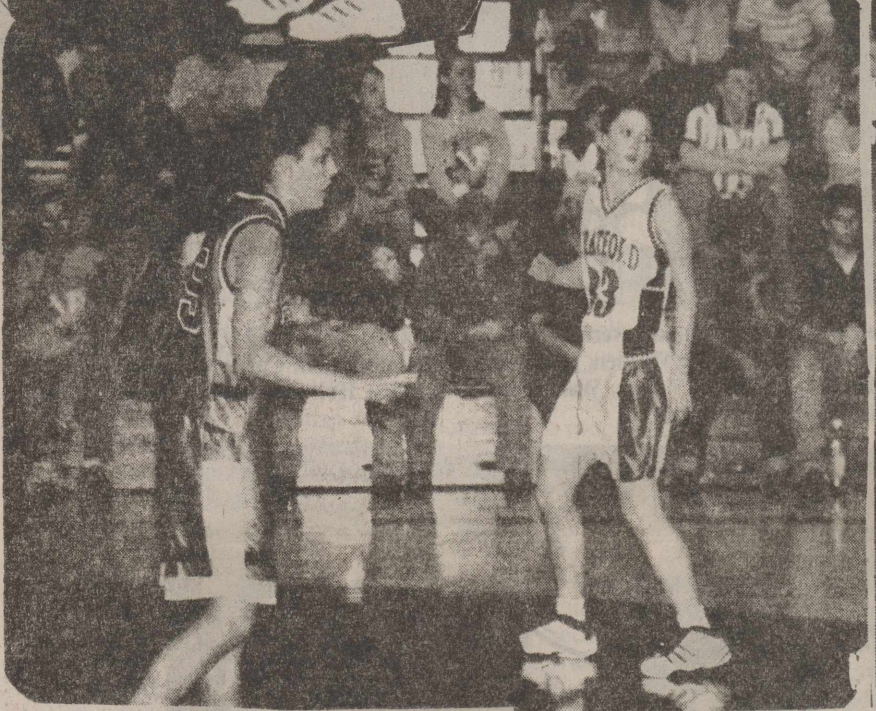
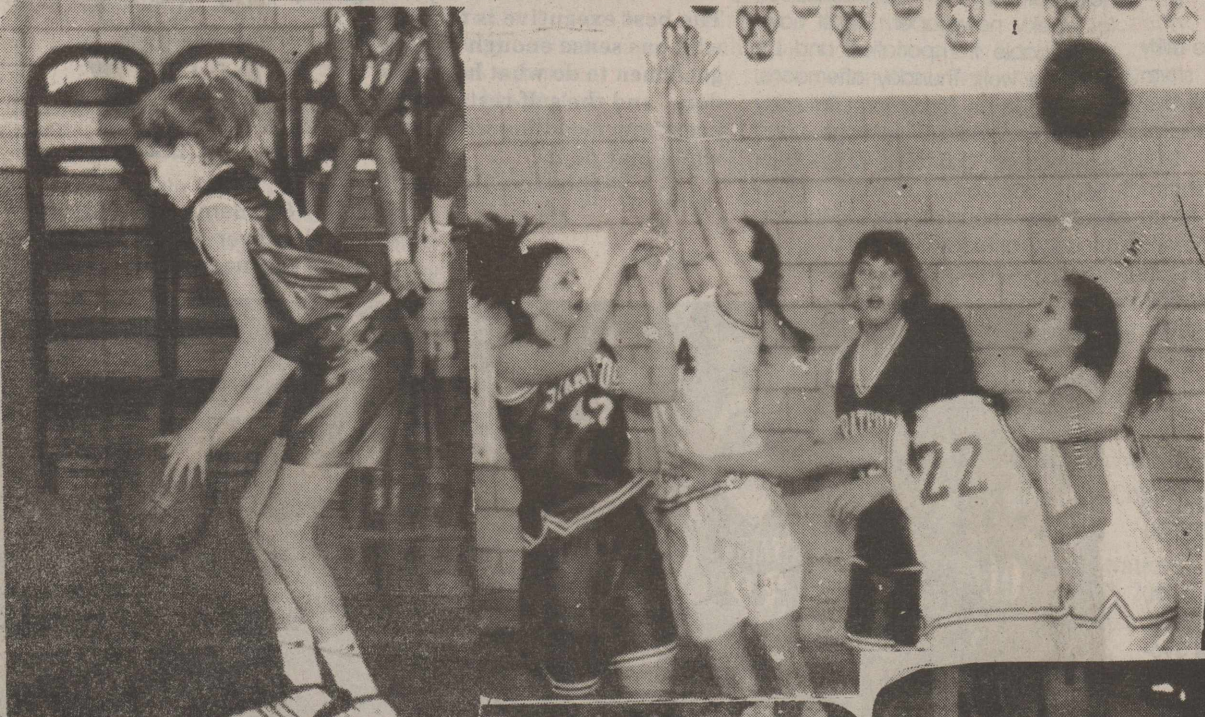
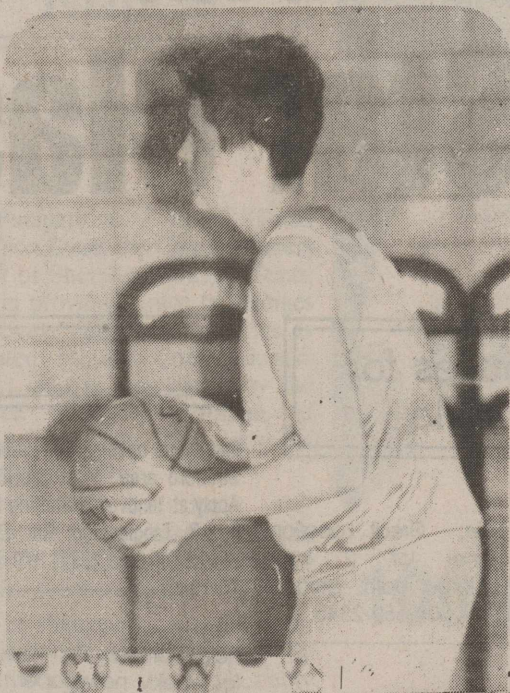
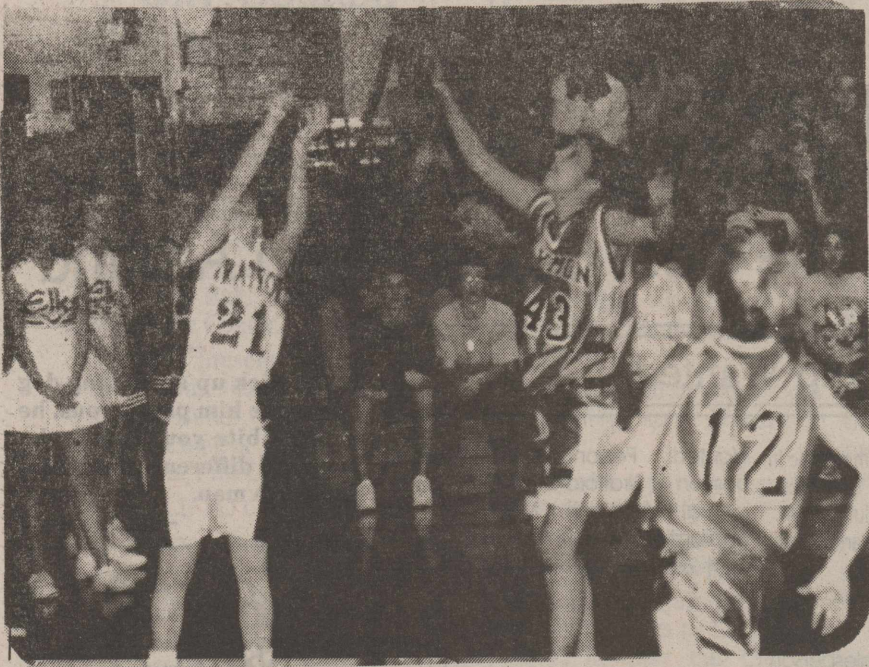
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1985	Pontiac	Grand Am	1G2NW51L2H4C703527	NO TAG
1988	Jeep		1JTCM26N7FT059374	MPN05L/TX
1988	Dodge	Van	2B4HB21W1JK140700	NO TAG
1988	Pace	Trailer	47ZFB10181X013496	P2027X/TX
1980	Ford	LTD	OU63F12274	Dealer Tag
1998	Hvy		KMHCF24F2 VA065033	TST637/OK
1986	Buick		1G4CF69B6C 40422	718ABC/CO
1983	Buick		1G4AP37Y6D 50242	YLY19V/TX
1988	Ford		1FABP57U5JC 59850	DCC63Y/TX
1982	Chevy	Citation	1G1AX68R1C 125655	324GZE/MO
1992	Plymouth		1P3NP24D2N 303	181ERJ/CO
1979	Venture	Trailer	STRA1MFFK11 072	L30KRH/TX
1998	Pontiac		KL2TN2163JB3 1728	AZR064/KS
1988	Chevy		1GN0M15Z3JB238405	586TXC/OK
1988	Chevy	2GB	2GB0C25H14J156434	266DBT/AZ
				T414/TN

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Basketball



The 7th grade Lady Elks won 2nd place at the Spearman Tournament held this past weekend. In their 1st game, the Lady Elks beat Canadian 27-13. Candie Bell and Rhiannon Everett led the Lady Elks with 4 points each followed by Lillian Valenzuela, Merilee McDaniel, and Krista Reta with 3 points each, LaRissa Luna, Juliana Taliaferro, Shadley Hawkins, Crystal Peregrino, and Kayla Melton with 2 points each. In their 2nd game, they beat 36-16. Kayla Melton led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Shadley Hawkins with 11 points. Also scoring were Merilee McDaniel with 4 points, LaRissa Luna, Lillian Valenzuela, Juliana Taliaferro, Krista Reta with 2 points each and Rhiannon Everett with 1 point. In their final game, they lost 25-29 to Spearman. Rhiannon Everett was high point with 7 points followed by Kayla Melton with 6 points, LaRissa Luna and Shadley Hawkins with 4 points each, and Candie Bell and Merilee McDaniel with 2 points each.

The 7th grade Elks won 3rd place in the Spearman Tournament held this past weekend. In their 1st game, they beat Canadian 33-11. Harrison Walden led the Elks with 13 points followed by Gilbert Reta with 7 points, Jeffrey Frizzell and Brant Cummings with 4 points

each, Landan Luna with 3 points and Jake Lawrence with 2 points. In their 2nd game, they lost to Perryton 50-27. Harrison Walden led the Elks with 17 points followed by Gilbert Reta with 8 points and Scott Hudson with 2 points. In their final game, they beat Dalhart 39-36. Harrison Walden was high point with 24 points followed by Gilbert Reta with 6 points, Brant Cummings 4 points, Daniel Hays 3 points, and Scott Hudson 2 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks won Consolation at the Spearman Tournament. In their 1st game, they lost 22-25 to Canadian. Chelsi Thiessen and Yadira Ortega led with 6 points each followed by Haley Buckles and Allison Baskin with 4 points each and Cheyenne Zieman with 2 points. In their 2nd game, they lost 26-38 to Perryton. Yadira Ortega and Allison Baskin were high point with 14 points each followed by Haley Buckles with 4 points, Chelsi Thiessen with 2 points and Gina Mattocks with 1 point. In their final game, they beat Dalhart 49-35. Yadira Ortega led with 20 points followed by Allison Baskin with 10 points and Katelyn Reed with 7 points. Gina Mattocks added 5 points, Cassie Garza and Haley Buckles 3 points each and Chelsi Thiessen with 1 point. On January 14, 2002, the 8th grade Lady Elks beat Boys Ranch 35-20 to put them 5-0 in

each, Landan Luna with 3 points and Jake Lawrence with 2 points. In their 2nd game, they lost to Perryton 50-27. Harrison Walden led the Elks with 17 points followed by Gilbert Reta with 8 points and Scott Hudson with 2 points. In their final game, they beat Dalhart 39-36. Harrison Walden was high point with 24 points followed by Gilbert Reta with 6 points, Brant Cummings 4 points, Daniel Hays 3 points, and Scott Hudson 2 points.

Elks lost to Gruver in their District play. Allison Baskin was opener 36-45 on Friday, January high point with 12 points followed 18th. Carly Mathews led the Lady by Yadira Ortega with 10 points Elks with 13 points followed by Chelsi Thiessen, Haley Buckles, Jessica Young with 12 points and Katelyn Reed with 4 points Ashley Brown with 8 points. Also each, and Gina Mattocks with 1 scoring were Erin Ashley 2 points, and Alisha Sladek 1 point.

The 8th grade Elks won 3rd place in the Spearman Tournament. In their 1st game, they beat Canadian 34-25. Brady Bell led the Elks with 22 points followed by Case Crabtree with 6 points, Gustavo Rosales with 4 points and Josh Lanning with 2 points. In their 2nd game, they lost 27-28 to Perryton. Brady Bell was high point with 12 points followed by Josh Lanning with 11 points and scoring 2 points each were Gustavo Rosales and Connor Vincent. In their final game, they beat Spearman 32-21. Brady Bell led the Elks with 18 points followed by Case Crabtree with 5 points, Josh Lanning 4 points, Johnny Gonzales and Gustavo Rosales with 2 points each and Kelby Smith with 1 point.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 24-36 to Guymon on Tuesday, January 15th. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Tiffany Knight and Lindsay Stein with 4 points each, Brittany Hudson with 2 points, Robin Daniels and Veronica Ortega with 1 point each.

The Lady Elks beat Guymon 40-34 on Tuesday, January 15th. Jessica Young was high point with 11 points followed by Carly Mathews with 10 points. Also scoring were Heather Ashley 6 points, Alisha Sladek 4 points, Candra Holland 3 points, Ashley Brown, Erin Ashley, and Amie Witcher 2 points each. The Lady

Walden led the Elks with 35 points followed by Cass Melton with 16 points and Jason Ashley with 8 points. Also scoring 4 points each were Chris Ortega, Tyler Haynes, Michael McAlister, and Wes Kimball. In the Beaver Tournament held January 10-12, the Elks beat Tyrone in their 1st game 62-54. Skyler Walden was high point with 29 points followed by Cass Melton with 12 points, Michael McAlister 6 points, Tyler Haynes and Jason Ashley 4 points each, Josh King 3 points, Chris Ortega and Wes Kimball with 2 points each. In their 2nd game, they lost to Beaver 55-47. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 14 points followed by Josh King with 11 points. Scoring 6 points each were Cass Melton and Jason Ashley followed by Michael McAlister with 5 points, Tyler Haynes 3 points, and Chris Ortega 2 points. In their final game, they lost 48-60 to Hooker. Skyler Walden was high point with 24 points followed by Michael McAlister with 9 points and Chris Ortega with 6 points. Also scoring were Jason Ashley 4 points, Josh King and Cass Melton 2 points each, and Tyler Haynes 1 point. On January 15th, the Elks lost to Guymon 46-74. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 32 points followed by Josh King with 6 points and Jason Ashley with 4 points. Adding 2 points each were Chris Ortega and Tyler Haynes.