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2005 Sherman County Livestock Show Entries Due

Entries to the 2005 Sherman County Livestock Show are due to the Extension Office by January 17, 2005 at 5:00 p.m., entry fees double after this date and will not be accepted after January 24. Cards may be picked up at the Extension Office or through Mr. Burkhalter at Stratford ISD. Entry fees are \$18.00 for the first entry and \$10.00 for each additional entry. Six dollars of your first entry is for the Buyer's Appreciation Supper. The 2005 Sherman County Livestock Show will be held on January 27-29, 2005 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

Medicare Program Tuesday

Andy Crocker, Gerontology Health Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension, will present "Managing the Medicare Maze to help Medicare recipients better understand their benefits. The workshop will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at SCOT Hall in Stratford beginning at 2:00 p.m.

During the two-hour workshop, Andy will address changes to Medicare benefits for 2005. Medicare supplement insurance, mail-order health products and Medicare's prescription drug benefit plan. In addition, Andy will be available to answer questions regarding other prescription drug assistance programs, including manufacturer's discounts.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT at 396-2011.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. All interested persons are invited to attend and learn of changes in Medicare benefits and know if they are getting all the benefits available to them.

Silver Boxes & Tea Cups Words of Encouragement

First Baptist Church will be hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday, January 16th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for a time of inspiration and fellowship for all the women of Stratford.

Speaker will be Rexan (Christian) Gerard and music will be led by Robin Pelton.

For more information, please contact the First Baptist Church Office at 396-5554.

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Sherman County Emergency Management

Sherman County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold a meeting on January 24, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Imagination Station. Guest speaker will be Mr. Carl Unlaub, Dumas, Texas, who will present a program on Community Emergency Response Teams.

All agencies and individuals involved in emergency response are urged to attend as well as community volunteers organizations. This will be a program designed to provide information to help Sherman County, Stratford and Texhoma citizens to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is comprised of judicial, law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical services and administrative branches of Sherman County, City of Stratford and City of Texhoma.

Contact Sandy Williams, 366-5330 or 366-3245 for additional information regarding the meeting.

One Act Play needs your Help

Stratford High School is performing the play *Bliithe Spirit* for the One Act Play Contest and the Dinner Theater. The Play is set in the forties and we need some furniture for our set. The items needed are:

1. Sofa
2. Chair
3. Wing Chair
4. Lamps
5. End Tables
6. Dining Room Chairs
7. Doilies
8. Gramophone
9. Forties style Telephone

If you have any of these items and would consider loaning them to us for our performances and rehearsals please call Terri Teig, School 366-3340 or home 727-4412. Your help would be greatly appreciated

4-H To Sponsor 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 27th-29th.

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.

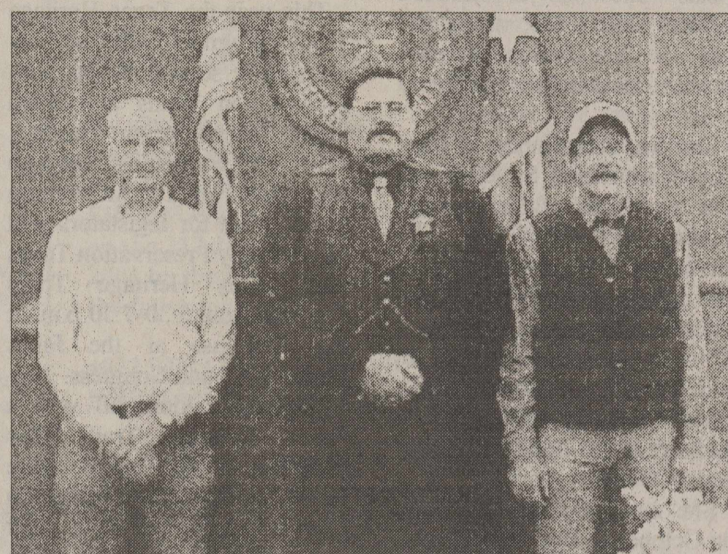
The public is invited to come and enjoy hot food, homemade pie, doughnuts, and an assortment of soft drinks and candy at the concession while supporting the youth livestock show exhibitors.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend

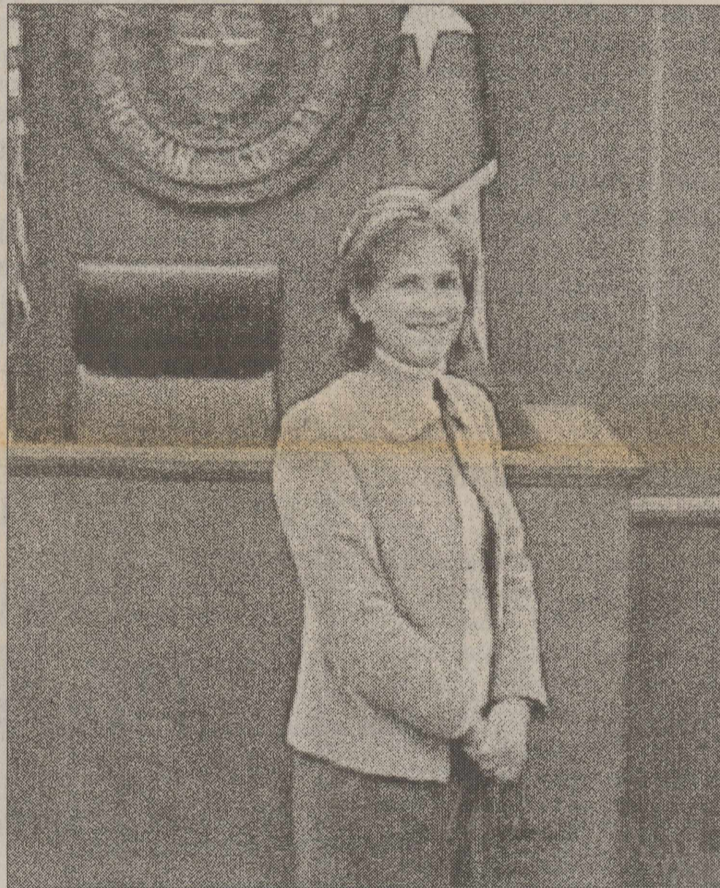


Tax Collector (left) Valerie McAlister shown above being sworn in by County Clerk M.L. Albert.



Sworn into office, David Hass, Commissioner Pct. 3, Sherman Co. Sheriff Jack Haile and Steve Pemberton, Commissioner Pct. 1.

County Officials Sworn In



County Attorney Kim Allen was sworn in by County Clerk M.L. Albert.

Panhandle Days in Austin February 28-March 1

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is coordinating Panhandle Days in Austin for the purpose meeting Texas legislatures to bring attention to decisions that could have an impact on the Panhandle and to encourage policies that benefit the business climate in this area. The event will begin Monday February 28 at 7:30 with a reception at the Texas Historical Museum.

Tuesday is the big day at the Capitol beginning with a 7:00 a.m. breakfast at the event headquarters Radisson Town Lake. Packets and team assignments will be distributed at the breakfast with a training session regarding the Panhandle Day key issues.

There are six key issues: Support programs at WTAMU-Agriculture Industry Support and Development-Establish Civil, Electrical and Environmental Engineering Programs-Integrated Pest Management: School Finance:

Cheerleaders Selling State Football Shirts

Cheerleaders are selling State Football T-shirts. Pick up order forms from any campus secretary or call 366-3324. Order forms with money must be returned by January 18th to Jessica Wheeler or your school secretary.

Texas Erg Experiment Station research to Improve Competitiveness of Texas Beef: Support Ports-to-Plains expansion of Hwy 287 from Stratford north to Oklahoma border to complete the Panhandle portion of the 4 lane divided transportation corridor. At 9:30 a.m. busses will be provided to the Capitol for a group photo and then proceed to the Senate Chambers and the House Chambers for the reading of the Panhandle Day Proclamation. Lunch will be catered at 11:30 by the Big Texas Steak Ranch in a tent on the Capitol grounds with legislators and staff invited.

1:20 to 4:30 p.m. will be team visits to appointments made with legislators. Each participant is responsible for registration, travel and overnight accommodations. Information and registration is available at the Stratford Chamber of commerce.

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Red Hat Society to Meet January 14th

The Red Hat Society will hold a meeting on Friday, January 14, at 6 p.m. at Let's Make Arrangements.

Berry To Have Open House Jan. 26

You're Invited: Modern Woodmen of America representative Walt A. Berry will hold an open house on January 26th at 10:00 a.m. His Modern Woodmen office at 401 North 3rd Suite 2 inside the XIT Communications Building will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served, and Berry and others will be on hand to answer your questions. Door prizes will be awarded.

As a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and member benefits to meet the needs of today's American families. Modern Woodmen is on the Web at www.modernwoodmen.org

For more information about the open house or Modern Woodmen, contact Berry at 806-366-7684.

State T-Shirts Available

It's a Stratford Thing State Finalist T-Shirts still available. Orders will be taken until Friday, January 14th. Some sizes in stock. For more information and to place order, call 366-2482.

Friona Speech Tournament Results

The Stratford Speech Team traveled to Friona on Saturday to participate in The Bobsled Classic. The team members were Staci Hays, Evan Haile, Heather Robertson, Austin Riffe, Trena Maiwald, Ashley Duschl, Shiloh Dickenson, and Ryan Pendergrace. The team overall placed 4th out of 23 teams. Individual results were:

Staci Hays- First Novice Informative, Third Novice Poetry, Third Impromptu. She had a total of 80 points; Austin Riffe - Second Novice Poetry and Second Duet Improv. He had a total of 54 points; Shiloh Dickenson - Novice poetry and she broke to Semi-Finals and had a total of 7 points; Ashley Duschl - Fourth Novice Informative. She broke to Semi-Finals in Impromptu and Duet Improv. She had a total of 24 points.; Heather Robertson - She broke to Semi-Finals in Novice Prose and placed Sixth in Duet Improv and had a total of 24 points; Trena Maiwald - participated in Novice Poetry, Impromptu, and placed Sixth in Duet Improv and had a total of 17 points; Ryan Pendergrace - participated in Novice Informative and Impromptu. Way to go Speech Team!!!

2005 Sherman County Livestock Show Schedule Sherman County Exhibit Building Stratford, TX

Wednesday, January 26

Bring all animals into the barn

Thursday, January 27

Goats, Lambs and Swine in place by 4:00 p.m. Weigh in goats, lambs and swine

In this order

Friday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Judging of Swine

Showmanship of Swine

Judging of Lambs

Showmanship of Lambs

Afternoon (Not before 1:00 p.m.) Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Weigh and Check-in Heifers & Steers

10:00 a.m. Judging of Goats

Showmanship of Goats

Judging of Steers

Judging of Heifers

Cattle Showmanship

4:30 p.m. Buyers: Appreciation Supper, County Exhibit Building

6:00 p.m. Premium Sale-Order: Goats, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Lambs

Sunday, January

1:00 p.m. Exhibit & Animal Barn Clean-up

Tuesday, February 8

Project Record Forms due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., unless exhibiting at a Major and those are due by March 16th by 5 p.m.

Obits

Alice L. Ellison

Alice L. Ellison, age 77 died January 9, 2005 in Stratford. Services were held on Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Stratford, Texas with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Alice Ellison was born October 22, 1927 in Wheeler, Texas. She was a Stratford resident since 1945, where she was a housewife, devoted mother, grandmother and friend to all.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford and was a member of the Priscilla Sunday School Class. She served on many committees at her church, volunteered at the Coldwater Manor Nursing Home in Stratford and was an avid contributor to the Sherman County Library. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and SCOT Hall.

She married Clifford Ellison on October 6, 1945 in Stratford, Texas. They were engaged in farming and ranching. He preceded her in death in 1997.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie Murphey in 1980; daughter-in-law, Nina and two great grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters: Terry Lee Ellison, Amarillo, Melissa Kay Haggard and husband, Eddie of Wichita Falls, Texas; one son: Floyd (Butch) Ellison, Stratford; two brothers: J.B. Mullin and Otis Mullin, both of Edmond, OK. Two sisters: Margie Heflin, Ryan, Oklahoma and Artie Lee Robinson, Sunray, Texas. 26 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren.

Memorial Requests may be made to Sherman County Library, 719 N. Main in Stratford, Texas 79084 or American Cancer Society, NICIFUL, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2454.

New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

New York

1. Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
2. State of Fear by Michael Crichton
3. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
4. Life Expectancy by Dean Koontz
5. Night Fall by Nelson DeMille
6. Black Wind by Clive Cussler
7. A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett
11. I am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
12. Whiteout by Ken Follett
14. Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke
15. Metrol Girl by Janet Evanovich
16. The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lilan Jackson Braun

Business

(NU) - One of the keys to running a successful small business or home office is learning to control costs. Even the smallest expenses can quickly add up and cut into profits, making it difficult for a business to move forward. To save money, Demos Parneros, president of U.S. stores at Staples Inc., suggests buying quality alternatives to expensive brand-name items. Staples ink and toner products, for example, offer a 15 percent to 20 percent cost-savings per cartridge. For more information, visit www.staples.com.

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory.
—Albert Schweitzer

Texas Heritage Trail Days

Borger-Austin will be buzzing with activity at the upcoming legislative session in 2005. The Texas Heritage Trails program will converge on the Capitol for Texas Heritage Trails Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

This year eight of the ten designated trails will be active. The Texas Plains Trail was the sixth of these trails to be activated. We are looking for support to visit legislators and explain the importance of heritage tourism. Tourism is the third largest industry in the state and helps many other programs through these added revenue sources.

This year the Texas Heritage Trails program will be co-sponsoring several events with Preservation Texas and Main Street. Events begin Tuesday, Feb. 15 continuing through Thursday, Feb. 17. An evening social event for legislators will be hosted by Preservation Texas and Texas Heritage Trails Program from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the ArtHouse at the Jones Center at 7th and Congress.

Wednesday kicks off with a Texas Heritage Trails Day breakfast at the Capitol Grille located in the Capitol Extension from 8-9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to have your photo taken with legislators. Resolutions will be read beginning at 10 a.m. in the House and Senate Chambers for the Texas Heritage Trail Day.

Other events with Preservation Texas and Main Street on Wednesday and Thursday include: buffet lunch with Peter Brink, Vice President for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Building Industry Council Seminar.

If you are attending Texas Travel Industry Association (TTIA) Unity Dinner on Monday, Feb. 14, join the Texas Heritage Trails program, Preservation Texas, and Main Street for activities for the remainder of the week.

Events are opened to those interested in promotion heritage tourism through the Texas Plains Trail Region and the Texas Heritage Trails program. If you would like more information please call: 806/273-0920 or email txplainstrail@yahoo.com

Amarillo College Lecture Series "Heroic Women"

Amarillo College is honoring the memory of Louise Daniel with a lecture series on "Heroic Women" (Louise Daniel took the 2001 panorama picture of Stratford as a companion to 1907 picture for Stratford 2001 Centennial). Louise Daniel was considered a master teacher for elementary students in Amarillo. Her volunteer career included Amarillo's Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, Community Chairman for operations at Pantex and Amarillo College Board of Regents.

Lecture series begins January 27 "Heroic Women of the Classical Period" Susan Ford Wiltshire, Classic Dept. of Vanderbilt University; February 10, "Heroic Women of the Renaissance" Elisabeth Gleason, San Francisco State University; February 24 "Heroic Women of Texas" Mary Beth Rogers, writer and Media Consultant; March 10 "Heroic Women of Modern Times", Celia Morris, Biographer. A one-hour credit or audit course will meet in conjunction with the lecture series. For more information, contact: Carol Nicklaus (806) 371-5354.

Beat Sunray

Even his griefs are a joy long after to one that remembers all that he wrought and endured.
—Homer, The Odyssey

The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc.-Scholarships

The board of Directors of the Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for the Fall semester of 2005. The fund was established in 1992 in the wake of the litigation regarding helium processed from natural gas produced from the Hugoton Field in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Under the guidelines established by the Scholarship Fund Board, incoming college freshmen from this area where selected to receive \$1,200 scholarships for the Fall semester of 2004 and which will be eligible for renewal. This year a similar number of scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2005 semester.

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of one of the following counties: the Southwest Kansas counties of Hamilton, Kearny, Finney, Stanton, Grant, Haskell, Stevens, Seward and Morton; the Oklahoma Panhandle counties of Texas, Beaver and Cimarron; of the Texas Panhandle counties of Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Hutchinson. Further, the prospective scholarship recipients must be students who will be engaged in agricultural, environmental or energy related studies at an accredited college, university or junior college.

The Board will accept scholarship applications from students, who will be eligible for scholarship funds beginning with the 2005 Fall semester. The deadline for such

Imagination Station Computer Lab Hours

Imagination Station Computer Lab Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 4:00 to 6:00 Sunday 2:00 to 5:00.

Imagination Station News-January

The Imagination Station did not have any programming in December other than Girl Scouts. The facility was rented for two company parties. January is a facility work time for electrical work and re-organizing space. The computer lab was closed in December due to lack of interest. It is open again on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with the hope that it can offer an alternative to the after school crowd at the library and on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 for family use. It is the hope that more classes will be offered for the computer lab. Anyone who will share their computer skills is welcome and encouraged to use the facility for classes. Some interests have been in creating cards and stationery, newsletters, spread sheets, photos/pictures. A small fee is charged for printing. The Imagination Station is always open to program suggestions. If you have a subject you can help us explore please contact Laurie Spurlock 366-2772, Yvonne Pittman 366-5831, George Harding 366-2206 or Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303. It took over a year to put the Italian Exhibit together and 3 months for the Lewis and Clark Exhibit so planning needs time.

Bridal

(NU) - Hosting a bridal shower? Make it special for the bride and add personal touches for an affordable, yet spectacular soiree. Use materials you have around the house to create one-of-a-kind decorations. For instance, a glass cylinder can be transformed into a colorful and unique centerpiece with just a little fabric and ribbon adhered with Perfect Glue 1, which works on a variety of surfaces. For tips and project instructions, visit www.perfectglue.com. Perfect Glue can be found at craft and home improvement stores.

applications if **February 1, 2005.**

For more information, please contact The Helium Litigation Scholarship Fund, Inc. at P.O. Box 228, Hugoton, Kansas 67951 or call 620-544-4333. The application form, along with information about the scholarship program is also available online at <http://www.swkroa.com>

Under Forms & Publications.

First Ag Credit Declares \$6.2 Million Cash Patronage Dividend

First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors declared approximately \$6.2 million in cash patronage dividends at their December meeting for 2004. The patronage will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent. This marks the seventh consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash patronage and they can expect their checks in early 2005.

First Ag Credit has returned over \$30 million in cash to its customers since the merger in 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Brownfield, said, "The refund is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as the value we try to create for our stockholders."

Terry Dane, CEO, said, "We are pleased that once again we were able to return a substantial cash patronage dividend to our stockholders. This distribution enhances our mission to help our stockholders fulfill their dreams."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.1 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 37 offices conveniently located throughout its territory.

The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.

—Al Batt

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 20, 21 and 22 the Railroad Crossing on 287 will be closed for repairs by the Railroad. Texas Department of Transportation will be doing traffic control. Please plan on taking an alternate route for those three days. (Detour Hwy 54 to Main and back to 287 on 1st street) or detour that works for you.

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Our Torch Section!

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Self-Igniting Torch

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

There was a big family "Christmas" gathering at Dennis Irlbeck's in Amarillo over the weekend. Ted & Joyce's children and families were Lester of Arlington, Belinda of Conlen, Randy of Irving, Melvin of Austin. Also Megan Keyes and children and Aaron of Snyder. Ted's brother Al of Amarillo also came by.

During the holiday Bill & Donna Gillenwaters hosted all their family. Granddaughter Kylee visited later.

NEW BABY

Bethany & Wade Callaway of Clarendon have a new baby girl born Jan. 5, 2005. Caris Ann weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. She was welcomed by two brothers, Creed 3 and Keegan, nearly 2.

Grandparents are Glennana Craig of Payson, AZ. And Baxter & Linda Callaway of Childress. Great-grandparents are Donnie & Martha Ellison of Stratford.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 1 p.m. there will be a dinner at the Community Center. Soup, chili, chicken and noodles will be furnished. Bring something to go with it. Jo June McDaniel and the Hampton family will be hosts.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended funeral service for his aunt, Isla Bay, at Wynoka, OK. Saturday. Mrs. Bay was 88.

Trisha Schoonover was busy attending events of nephew and nieces. Saturday she and Rese watched as Justin Mungia won three gold medals in gymnastics at Dalhart. Sunday it was a birthday party for 10 year old Kaylee Mungia.

Multiple Sclerosis Benefit Bridal Show To Be Held

Couples planning a wedding within the next year or more will have an opportunity to visit bridal related merchants and consultants, offering wedding planning hints and guidelines at the 22nd Annual M.S. Benefit Bridal Show from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2005 in the Heritage Ballroom in the Amarillo Civic Center. The event is sponsored by Tuxedo Junction and Amarillo Globe News. The show benefits the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Tickets for admission will be available at the door for \$5.00.

"This is the perfect opportunity for couples to get planning ideas for their wedding and see all of the products and services our area merchants have to offer", says Jeri Farris, President of the Panhandle M.S. chapter. "The event has become the largest of its kind in the Panhandle area with over 1000 attendee's and nearly 100 merchants under one roof".

Activities planned throughout the day include: continuous modeling of Bridal & Formalwear Fashions, a Silent Auction featuring donated products and services provided by participating merchants and a Grand Prize Honeymoon Giveaway.

The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis. The Panhandle Chapter covers over 29 counties of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and 4 counties in Eastern New Mexico, providing services for nearly 650 families. For further information about the show, contact Farris at (806) 468-7500 or Bill Geist, Bridal Show Director, at (806) 353-9141.

Beat Sunray

Scot Talk
By Mary Hill

Believe it or not, it is time to get the new year, 2005, started! So, SCOT Hall is getting some activities going.

Friday night, January 14th, will be game night-a really special night, with homemade soup being served at 6:30 for those who come to play games. If you were among those who stayed to play games after the Christmas party, you know how much fun it will be. We would like those who plan to come, to please call SCOT Hall at 396-2377, just to let the soup makers know how much soup to make. But, if you forget to call, come anyway.

On January 18th, at 2:00 p.m., there will be the first of a series of special program for senior citizens. This one is "Managing the Medicare Maze". Our extension office is sponsoring this, and the program will be presented by a specialist from Amarillo. More information may be obtained from SCOT Hall or the extension office.

On January 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. the second of these programs will be presented. It is entitled "Keeping Your Cool While Staying Warm."

More programs will be coming up in February, March, April, August and September. Watch for more information on these.

Now, once again there will be line dancing at SCOT Hall. The time has been set for 5:30 on Monday evenings, but could be changed if necessary. Line dancing is fun and very good exercise, so come on down. There will be instruction, so new dancers, or old ones who have forgotten how, will be

welcome. (Some of us have forgotten!).

SCOT Members were saddened to learn of the death of Alice Ellison. She was a faithful member for many years. We will have fond memories of her. May SCOT have a great 2005.

Easy-to-Follow Tips for Creating Timeless Scrapbooks

NewsUSA

(NU) - Flipping through old photos can instill feelings of nostalgia, but it also can evoke disappointment and frustration when you no longer remember the people, details and emotions behind them.

Scrapbooks allow you to not only preserve photos and memorabilia, but to capture the emotions behind your precious memories.

Putting together a scrapbook can seem like a daunting project, especially when you first look at the boxes and piles of unsorted photos. Joy Macdonell, education director at EK Success, a scrapbooking company, offers these tips.

• **Purchase the basic tools.** To get started, buy adhesive, a paper trimmer, scissors, pens, paper and albums. Herma brand adhesive is recommended, as is the Zig Memory System line of pens. Always purchase products with the keywords "acid-free," "photo-safe" and "lignin-free" to ensure the best quality.

• **Organize your pictures.** Sort your images by theme, occasion, year or people and store in an acid-free photo box with tab dividers. Write all the important details on the back of the photos with a photo labeling pen.

• **Select the pictures.** Choose the pictures that best illustrate the theme of your page. Store the others. A beginner should aim to have

about three pictures per page.

• **Sketch the layout and determine the colors.** Sketch how you want your page elements to be organized and use temporary adhesive so you can move things around. Also, choose coordinating colors that complement the hues in your photos.

• **Crop and mat the photos.** Crop your photos to eliminate superfluous detail. Then create a simple mat, about a quarter-inch wide on all sides, to put under the photos so they stand out on the page.

• **Embellish the page.** Add life to the page with stickers, creative lettering or other 3-D embellishments. Start simple; you want your pictures to be the main focus.

• **Write journal entries.** This is the most important scrapbook element because it conveys the details and feelings about that moment, which can be forgotten with time. To make journal writing easy, write bullet points to highlight the main events.

• **Take a class.** Although these tips will help you get started, take classes to really hone your skills. Scrapbook Design & You, for instance, is a 10-class program available at more than 250 retailers nationwide.

For more information on creating your own scrapbooks, visit www.scrapbookdesignandyou.com.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Jan. 12-13 Amarillo Symphony Young People's Concert
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 13-23 "Five Guys Named Moe" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan. 16 Larry the Cable Guy
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan. 22 Amarillo Symphony, Harrington String Quartet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 25-26 "Say Goodnight Gracie" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Jan. 26 Snoop Dogg
Amarillo Civic Center coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan. 27-30 "Always Patsy Cline" returns
Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-355-9991
- Jan. 29 Dave Taylor Dance Co "Rainforest" Lone Star Ballet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463
- Feb. 5 "Lift Every Voice Concert" Amarillo Opera
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Feb. 10-27 "Sweeney Todd" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Feb. 10 David Copperfield Magic
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

LOOK WHO'S BACK

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our members who have renewed their memberships so far this year: Joyce Ann Lasley, Ed & Marge Moore, Iowa Vet Supply, First State Bank, Max & Dicy Stephenson, North Plains Water Conservation, Rep. David Swinford, Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis, Dick & Barbara Chumley, Mary Riffe, Jess & Sharon Willard, James & Linda Spurlock, Walter Lasley & Sons, BA & LeRayne Donelson, Powell Abstract, Oline Caraway, Sherman County Real Estate, Doug & Joyce McBryde, Wesley & Susie Spurlock, Happy State Bank & Trust, Stratford Hospital District, Betty Lou O'Brien, Claude & Leonda Fedric, Ron & Marihoward Engelbrecht, Dick & Jo Davenport, THE General Store, Sherman County Development, Bill & Kathy Riffe, Worsham Interests, LTD, The Stratford Star.

Without the continued support of these businesses and families, the Chamber of Commerce would not be able to provide services for our community. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. If you would like to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce, please come by the office or call, 806-366-2260.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Yes, once again the office hours will be changing. Beginning January 13th, the office will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. I will try to get a sign that will stay on the door posting the hours.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Liars make honest people look crazy.

Health

(NU) - With a flu vaccine shortage, it's more important than ever to wash your hands to keep from getting the flu and spreading it to others. But what do you do if you can't wash your hands because you're wearing a cast? Get the cast you can get wet — the Gore Procel Cast Liner. It was developed by W.L. Gore & Associates Inc., the inventors of Gore-Tex Fabric, and does away with the hygiene limitations of a traditional cast. It allows patients to bathe, shower and even go for a swim. For more information, visit www.castliner.com.

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No Sunday Evening Worship
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass, or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

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

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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702 N. 3rd
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Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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SELF LOVE?

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Pastor Roy Harris
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Technology

(NU) - In recent years, satellite programming has moved beyond the living room and into airplanes, hotels, sports stadiums and now into vehicles. KVH Industries has made it possible to receive a static-free, uninterrupted satellite signal in your car, SUV or minivan while it's on the road. KVH's TracVision A5 system includes an automotive satellite receiver and a low-profile antenna that mounts directly onto the car's roof. Coupled with a special DirecTV mobile package, it gives you more than 125 channels of programming and music in your car. For more information, visit www.kvh.com.

Finance

(NU) - Juggling may be entertaining, but the average person may not have the concentration to keep the balls in the air. Yet half of Americans in their prime savings years juggle their retirement money in three or more accounts, according to Fidelity Investments estimates. Merging multiple accounts into a single Rollover IRA can make it easier to manage your savings, allowing you to easily review your holdings and quickly make adjustments.

BRIDAL

Create a
Personalized
Bridal Shower

NewsUSA



NU

(NU) - Hosting a bridal shower? Make it special for the bride and add personal touches for an affordable, yet spectacular soiree. Here are a few tips.

- It's all about the bride. Take into consideration the bride's personality and style. Is she a romantic? Use floral accents, lace and ribbon for a vintage-style shower. Is she a modern fashionista? Create your own feminine and flirty heart-shaped place cards or invitations.
- Save money by requesting that fellow bridesmaids pitch in for food, floral arrangements and party gifts.
- Use materials you have around the house to create one-of-a-kind decorations. For instance, a glass cylinder can be transformed into a colorful and unique centerpiece with just a little fabric and ribbon adhered with Perfect Glue 1, which works on a variety of surfaces.

For tips and project instructions, visit www.perfectglue.com. Perfect Glue, which can be found at craft and home improvement stores, can be used for a variety of projects and home repairs.

Auto

(NU) - Winter is the season to be "car care aware." The Car Care Council recommends checking the engine and coolant, and changing the oil every 3,000 miles to get your vehicle ready for severe winter conditions. If you're not a do-it-yourselfer, have a professional auto technician do these tasks for you before the temperature dips. A complete service schedule, along with other car care tips, is available at the Car Care Council's Web site, www.carcare.org.

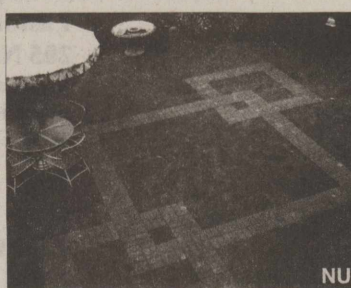
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9	10 JVVB vs. Nash (T) 8:30 PM	11 Vega (T) JVB 4:00, JVS 5:00, VJ 6:30, VB 8:00	12 Early Release	13 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Surrey (T) JVB 4:00, JVS 5:00, VJ 6:30, VB 8:00	15 Spokane #1 Team
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30	31 7th & 8th vs Surrey (T) 7:00 PM					

HOME

Do-It-Yourself
Patio Tips

NewsUSA



NU

(NU) - Thinking of installing a brick patio? Here are some tips from Laura Schwind, a registered landscape architect for Pine Hall

Brick, the largest supplier of clay pavers in the United States.

- **Consider the size.** Most people make their patios too small. The average patio is 150 square feet. To get an idea of the size and space, place furniture, a grill and your kids' toys in the proposed area and outline the area with a garden hose.
- **Decide on the shape.** Rectangular and linear patios are considered more formal. A curved patio allows you to bring planting beds into the space, adding interest by creating depth and dimension.
- **Choose the pattern.** The most popular pattern is herringbone but you can use a combination of patterns or colors to make your space more visually appealing.

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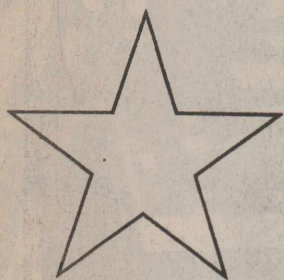
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For Sale: 2000 Model Chevy. Pickup, ¾ ton 4-w drive ext cab. 137,000 miles. Submit sealed bids to Chad Hinds at Cimarron Feeders no later than 5 p.m. on January 24th. For more information contact Chad at 580-543-6383 Ext. 500 1-20-c

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If you need errands ran, Help around the house, Or just Odds & Ends, etc. call Bryce Wright at 366-5928 for more information. Leave message. 1-27-c

Houses For Sale

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

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For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775. 4-22-tfn

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Cards of Thanks

The Sherman County Public Library would like to thank everyone who contributed to "Project Christmas Card", this project netted \$2,130 in donations for the library to use in areas where needed. Your kindness has demonstrated that the continued improvement of this library is important to you. The library would also like to thank The Stratford Star for their contribution of the one page ad, without the paper this project couldn't be the success that it is.

The Sherman County Public Library Board & Staff

It is pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed. —Kin Hubbard

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN COUNTY, Texas on the 31st day of December, 2004 by the Clerk thereof in the following cases:

4562 STRATFORD ISD VS NORMAN JEAN HOBSON

.011718 Royalty Interest in the Hobson, A #1, Lease Number 10100, RRC #27605, located in Section 386, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County Texas

4576 STRATFORD ISD VS ALBERT DEAR

.008593600 Royalty Interest in the Dear No. 1 Lease located in Sec. 20, Block 2-T, TNO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

4580 STRATFORD ISD VS LLOYD LIKE

Tract 1: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander "A" #1, Lease number 30325, RRC Number 7303, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 2: .0044464 Royalty interest in the Carlander #1 B, Lease Number 30135, RRC Number 6790, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 3: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #3, Lease Number 30029, RRC Number 6501, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 4: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #2, Lease Number 2160, RRC Number 78181, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

4583 STRATFORD ISD VS GEORGE GEIL

.005815 Royalty Interest in the Price #1C, Lease number 11480, RRC Number 27706, located in Section 14, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

4584 STRATFORD ISD VS HARRY RAVICK

.004436 Royalty Interest in the Lee #14, Lease Number 5680, RRC Number 27409, Section 4, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

And to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell said properties located in SHERMAN COUNTY at TEN (10:00) o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005, 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.

Levied on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 2004, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes plus all taxes, penalties, interest, attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of the Plaintiffs therein.

Under my hand this the 1st Day of December, 2004.

Sheriff, SHERMAN County, Texas

The minimum bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgement (s) against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or the tax collector.

Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, January 13, 2005, Thursday, January 20, 2005 and Thursday, January 27, 2005.

It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head. —Sally Kempton

Don't Get Stuck out in the Cold: Prepare Your Car for Winter

(NU) - Who hasn't slipped and slid across an icy road or struggled to see clearly out of a foggy windshield? The cold winter months bring an increase in dangerous driving conditions. Make sure your car is up to the test.

First, think tires. Avoid that frightening feeling you get when your car has little traction during inclement weather conditions by putting on a set of winter tires. Today's winter tires are designed for snow and ice performance, with tread that reduces the risk of slipping and allows for better traction. Remember, the only part of your vehicle that touches the ground is the tire.

In addition to the right tires, you also need appropriate car maintenance.

"To help remain safe on winter's icy roads, adopt good vehicle maintenance practices," advises Trisha Hessinger, car education specialist and pace car driver. "Firestone Tire and Service Centers offer winter care tips to help bolster car performance — and driver confidence — during the colder months."

As in all seasons, make sure tires are properly inflated, rotated, aligned and replaced as necessary. As outside temperatures drop, the air inside a tire contracts and the pressure is reduced. Therefore, check your tire pressure often during colder months. Underinflation will lessen the gripping action because the tread will not meet the road surface as it is designed to

- #### Winter Car Care Tips
- Get the right tires for winter conditions.
 - Check tire pressure weekly.
 - Check engine, battery, heating and defrosting, and exhaust systems.
 - Keep vehicle fluids filled to recommended levels.
 - Keep gas tank at least half full.

do; this also occurs with overinflation.

Tires should be checked weekly at times when the tires have been driven less than a mile or have not moved in at least three hours.

Other vehicle components that need to be checked by a certified automotive technician include the engine, battery, exhaust, heating and defrosting systems. Also, make sure the vehicle's main fluids are filled to the recommended levels.

Drivers should keep their gas tanks full throughout the winter, as the extra volume can help lessen moisture problems within the fuel system and add helpful weight.

You'll be thankful for the added driving control and feeling of security that winter tires and the right maintenance will give you the next time you get behind the wheel during a snow storm.

To learn more, visit www.mastercareusa.com.

Help Wanted

Looking for dependable, reliable & loves to work with children. Fulltime/parttime position. Must apply in person. No phone calls please. Lollipop Junction 9-30-tfn

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Yard Maintenance Dept. Responsibilities will include equipment operation and general feed yard maintenance. Great benefits that include: Medical, Life & Dental insurance as well as 401K, vacation & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call: Chad @ 580-543-6383 ext. 500. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE. 2-3-c4x

Wanted: Driver with CDL to haul feed to swine farms in the Texhoma area during 2nd shift. Must have 2 years experience, be 23 yrs. Old or older, have good driving record and pass drug test. Benefits include: health ins. 401K, paid vacation. If interested call: 800-872-0079. 1-13-c

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" - facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

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Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South ½ of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

To Give Away

HELPI HELPI!

My name is Fred, I am a 2 ½ year old pure bred Dachshund. Unfortunately, I am the son of a broken home, and I need to be adopted. I am a male, very friendly, (but neutered). I come with a set of furniture and a nice wardrobe. I would like to live with a senior citizen who has a warm place where I could sleep. My daddy will probably require references, but please call Joe at 396-5538, 396-5389, or 753-7535. 1-20-2x

Business

(NU) - It's a dog-eat-dog world. So when deciding to open your own practice or small business, you need to know how to make your business grow. In the book "MBA In A Day," Steven Stralser, clinical professor at Thunderbird: The Garvin School of International Management, addresses business professionals who have extensive training in certain industries but want to learn the skills necessary to manage businesses of their own. To help your business grow, Stralser suggests focusing on existing customers, offering more products or services to existing customers and developing a Web presence. For more tips, visit www.mbaaday.com.

The discovery of a new dish does more for human happiness than the discovery of a new star. —Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Acquisitions...

January Clearance Sale!!!

1/3 off wood furniture including tables, chests, shelves, buffets, washstands, dressing tables, cupboards, tea carts, and trunks!
1/2 off select jewelry and accessories.
Stop by soon, because this sale ends January 28th.

Acquisitions...

at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford
(New merchandise coming in February)



J.V. Elk #20 Scott Hudson jumps ball against White Deer in District opener on Friday, January 7th.



Stratford Elks #20 Tyler Haynes, #14 Travis Soto, and #22 Asbel Gomez on defense.



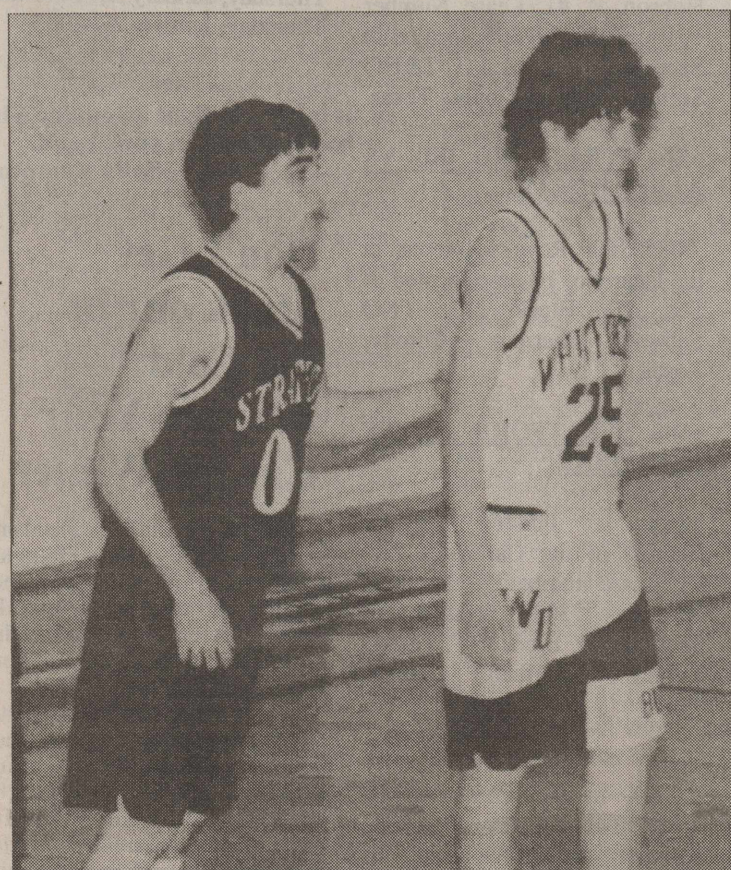
Lady Elks #25 Kayla Robertson, and #31 Shadley Audrain.



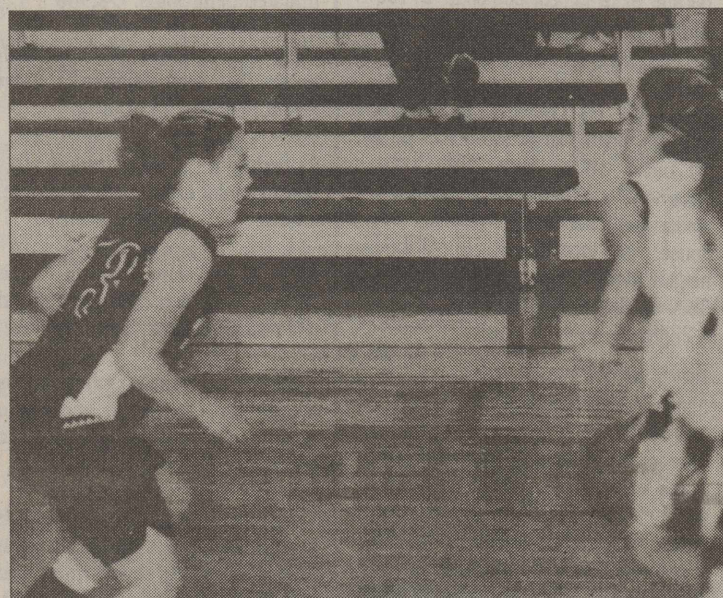
Stratford Elks from left, Cory Rendon, Case Crabtree, and #32 Brady Bell against White Deer.



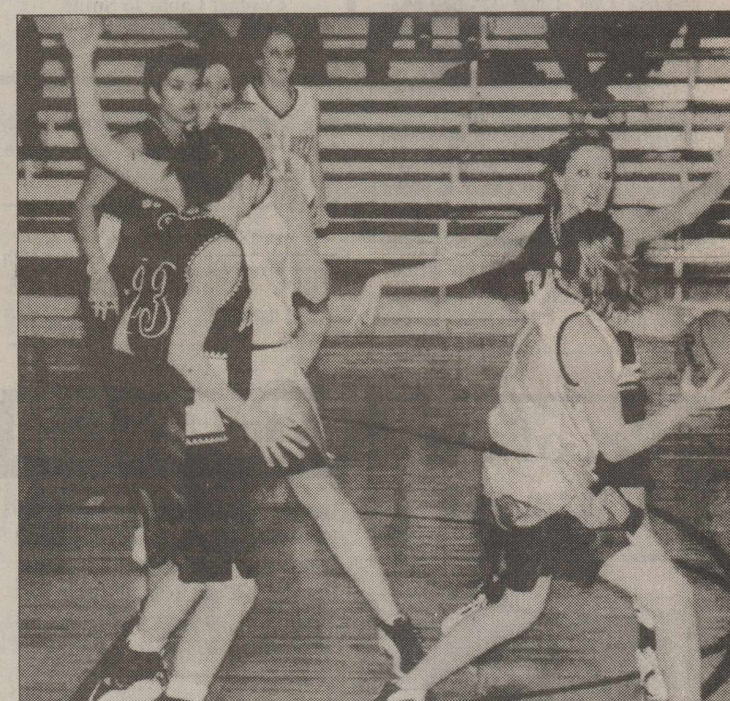
Lady Elk #35 Katelyn Reed.



J.V. Elk Hunter Buckles.



J.V. Lady Elk Haley Buckles.



J.V. Lady Elks from left, Rhia Everett, Jordan Confer, and Merilee McDaniel on defense against White Deer.

Basketball

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Booker 26-8 on Thursday, January 6th. Stephanie Bell led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Chelbye Ellis with 10 points.

The Lady Elk Blue team beat Dalhart 49-33 on Tuesday, January 4th. Rhia Everett led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Jordan Confer with 9 points and Haley Buckles with 7 points. On Friday, they kicked off district play with a win over White Deer 56-27. Merilee McDaniel was high point with 10 points followed by Rhia Everett with 9 points and Cheyenne Ziemann and April Peregrino with 8 points each.

The Lady Elks beat Dalhart 48-45 on Tuesday, January 4th. Katelyn Reed and Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 12 points each followed by Deidre Tarver with 7 points and Allison Baskin, Candie Bell, and Brittany Hudson with 5 points each. On Friday, the Lady Elks beat White Deer 62-45 in their district opener. Katelyn Reed and Brittany Hudson led the Lady Elks with 15 points and 14 points respectively. Allison Baskin followed with 13 points.

The Stratford Elks lost 52-59 to Dalhart on Tuesday, January 4th. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 23 points followed by Josh King with 15 points. On Friday, the Stratford Elk lost their District opener to White Deer in overtime 43-41. Tyler Haynes was high point with 18 points followed by Chris Ortega with 10 points and Josh King with 9 points.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2004 camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations Include: Commerce, TX Prescott, AZ, Belmont, CA, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Carlinville, IL, Macomb, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hickory, NC, Schenectady, NY, Bluffton, OH, Doylestown, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANYTIME.

Pets

(NU) - Having trouble teaching Fido to sit and stay when you want him to? New research shows nutrition could affect your dog's ability to learn. A study released at the 2004 meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association shows docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), an essential brain-building nutrient for human babies, is good for puppies, too. The new research, conducted by The Iams Co., found puppies nourished high levels of DHA were smarter, more trainable than puppies that consumed low amounts of DHA. Eukanuba puppy foods have enhanced levels of DHA.

Ten Free Flowering Trees from Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2005.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers—and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, By January 31, 2005. Or go online to

Rural Health Column/Jan. 05 "Glaucoma can Affect all ages" By Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Change in your vision is a natural part of aging. However, some of the eye problems most often associated with older people such as glaucoma can actually affect people of all ages.

M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said one misconception about glaucoma is that it affects only the elderly when in reality many people younger than 50 have the disease. January, which is designated Glaucoma Awareness Month, brings an opportunity to educate people about how to prevent the disease, he said.

Glaucoma occurs when the natural fluid inside the eye does not properly drain, causing pressure to build up within the eye. Left untreated, this disease can damage the optic nerve and eventually lead to blindness.

"About 9 percent to 12 percent of all glaucoma cases in America result in blindness," said Wilson, an ophthalmologist and internationally recognized glaucoma researcher. "Understanding one's risk and getting regular eye exams are two of the best lines of defense against the disease."

At greatest risk are those of Mexican-American and African-American descent. In African-Americans, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness. In the 45-65 age bracket, African-Americans are

14 times to 17 times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than Caucasians of the same age, according to EyeCare America, a foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Other risk factors include age (being older than 50), a family history of glaucoma, previous serious eye injury and other health conditions such as diabetes.

The exact cause of primary open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of the disease, is uncertain, and there is no cure. However, early detection and treatment can usually preserve vision.

Yet, more than half of the 2.2 million Americans with glaucoma are not aware they have the disease because there are no early symptoms. As the disease progresses, peripheral vision initially deteriorates, and then central vision eventually is lost. Usually, Patients do not become aware of their vision until that late stage.

However, during a regular exam, your eye doctor can detect glaucoma and prescribe treatment. Commonly, doctors use eye drops, eye surgery, laser surgery or a combination of these treatments to lower the pressure in the eye to prevent further nerve damage and vision loss.

That is why regular eye checkups are so important. The American Association of Ophthalmologists recommends that all individuals have a complete eye exam by age 39. After that, schedule follow-up exams every two to four years.

After age 64, people should have eye exams every one to two years.

By knowing your risk factors and adhering to regular checkups, you can prevent or reduce the effects of glaucoma. Don't let your eyesight be an oversight when it comes to your good health.

Classic Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

¾ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar

½ cup granulated sugar
¼ cup milk
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
3 cups old-fashioned oats
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 cup Sun-Maid Raisins

Heat oven to 350°F. Beat butter, sugars, milk, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. In separate bowl combine flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Add to butter mixture and mix well. Stir in oats, walnuts and raisins. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets; cool on wire racks. Makes about 3 dozen.

*** Money can't buy friends, but it can get you a better class of enemy.

—Spike Milligan

Treat your friend as if he might become an enemy.
—Publilius Syrus

Use your enemy's hand to catch a snake.
—Persian proverb
