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## Card Shower for Irene Wakefield

There is a card shower for Irene Wakefield who will soon be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Send cards to: Irene Wakefield C/O Kim Clayton 4225 Hampton Dr. Valdosta, GA 31605 Happy Birthday-Irene



## Support Our Youth This Weekend

See Stock Show schedule bottom right of this page See you there!!

## 4-H Scholarship Deadlines

Sherman County 4-H members who will be graduating in May are reminded of several scholarships available to them. The deadline for applying is rapidly approaching. Most deadline dates are early February. A list of scholarship available and deadlines are as follows:

**Deadline:** Completed applications are due in the County Extension Office no later than Monday, February 14, 2005. For more information about scholarships, please contact Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office. Telephone number is 806-366-2122.

## Beat White Deer

## Trees to be Available at SWCD

REMINDER: If you are interested in windbreak/landscape trees, call the Sherman County SWCD at 396-5517 ext. 3 as soon as possible. Orders must be placed by the first week in March.

## Samantha Harts Funeral Held Saturday

Samantha Rae Hart, age 14 died January 19, 2005 in Sherman County, Texas. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Stratford with Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating.

In celebration of her life, everyone was asked to wear colorful clothing.

Samantha was born June 16, 1990 in Dumas, Texas. She was a Stratford resident all of her life.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Stratford. She was a freshman at Stratford High School. She was involved in band, 8<sup>th</sup> grade salutatorian and voted class favorite and involved in 4-H and FHA.

Survivors include her mother Kathy Hart of Stratford and her father: Jon Hart also of Stratford. One brother: Christopher Hart of Stratford. Grandparents: Glenn and Joyce Hart, Stratford. Aunts: Honey Zimmer, Gruver and Sheryl Anderson of Amarillo, Texas. Uncles: Bucky Sams, Dallas, Texas, Jerry Sams of San Antonio, Texas, Jeff Hart of Stratford and Joel Hart of Amarillo and Bob Zimmer of Gruver, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Stratford Area Foundation, Box 48, Stratford, TX 79084 or the Samantha Hart Youth Scholarship Fund at First Baptist Church Box 390, Stratford, Texas 79084

## CORRECTION:

In last weeks Hereford Speech Tournament- the following should have been- Evan Hail: Placed **FIRST** in Poetry and **FIRST** in Prose.

Staci Hays: Placed **FIRST** in impromptu speaking. **Third** in Informative Speaking and Participated in Poetry.

We apologize to these young ladies.

## Stratford Jamboree Meeting Feb. 2, 2005

Stratford Jamboree Meeting Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:00 a.m. at Happy State Bank at 100 N. Main.

## Pantry Meeting January 27th

There will be a Pantry meeting on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at XIT Building in Stratford.

## Sherman County 4-H Scholarship

The Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is proud to honor county 4-H Gold Star winners with a \$1000 scholarship upon graduation from high school. During the premium sale of the county Stock Show, many individuals and businesses will have the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund.

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

The scholarship depends upon various fundraisers to meet its financial obligation. Annually the Sherman County Family and Community Education Council contributes to the scholarship. Memorials, honorariums, and contributions from individuals are also accepted.

The scholarship program began in 1986. Scholarship recipients represent a \$20,500 commitment by the Sherman County 4-H Parent Leaders Association to assist young people with their continued education.

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



## King & Haynes Named Academic All-State

Josh King, left and Tyler Haynes were named Academic All-State by the Texas High School Coaches Association. Haynes was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team and King was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. Congratulations!!

## February 9<sup>th</sup> is Coming

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February 9th is coming. FEBRUARY 9TH IS COMING! FEBRUARY 9TH IS COMING!!!! Yeah, so what? It usually does come around every year about this time. So what makes this February 9th so special? Well, I'll tell you.

February 9th marks the first night in a brand new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic class right here in Stratford. The class will meet at the Stratford ambulance building on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 PM -11PM. The class will end on May 25th with time off for spring break and Easter.

You will learn new and challenging skills such as: when and how to apply the Kendrick Extrication Device, how to use the Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment, how to prepare and use properly the Evac-u-Splint, the proper amount of Epinephrine to administer to a patient experiencing a severe anaphylactic reaction, when to use (or not use) a Hare Traction Splint and how to apply it to your patient, how to spell sphygmomanometer and how to

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## Utility Assistance Discussion Thursday

"Keeping Your Cool While Staying Warm", panel discussion will be held Thursday, January 27, 2005 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford.

During the panel discussion, individuals will learn about utility assistance programs available through utility companies and government assistance services, along with tips for conserving energy in the home. Panel members will include representatives of Panhandle Community Services, Area Agency on Aging, Excel Energy, and West Texas Gas Company.

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.

## Red Hat Meeting February 3, 2005

Red Hat Bingo Night at Lets Make Arrangements on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

## 4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting January 31

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

## Beat White Deer

## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.

# Chamber News

By Patty Tims

## HELLO AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses and families for renewing their memberships: West Texas Gas, A&I Parts, John & Sharon Wilson, George & Marilyn Harkins and Vincent Insurance. New membership: Pat Hartman. Without the support of these families and businesses, the Chamber of Commerce would not be able to serve the community of Stratford. Once again, thanks to all of you. If you would like to become a member of the Chamber, please come by the office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, or call 366-2270. Help us make a difference.

## MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Walt Berry, Modern Woodmen of America, District Representative, has opened a new office. He is located at 401 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 2, here in Stratford, located in the XIT building. Walt will be having an open house January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to whenever people stop coming by. He encourages everyone to attend. Refreshments will be supplied. Please stop by and welcome Walt and welcome him into his new office.

## PICTURE THIS

Since there are so many homes for sale by owners, the Chamber of Commerce will be starting a new bulletin board. We encourage you to take a picture of your home, along with information regarding the aware footage, how many bedrooms, bathrooms, and whatever information you would like a prospective buyer to know. The bulletin board will be in the Chamber office and updated as homeowners bring in information. This will be a free service to the general public. Homeowners, please take advantage of this opportunity.

## GRAND OPENING

The General Store will be having their Grand Opening on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The General Store offers weekly specials and any building supplies you could need. Please support this local business and stop by to see for yourself, the improvements that have been made. Make plans to attend the Grand Opening on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nothing is impossible with Gods help.

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- 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
- Feb. 10-12 Circus Gatti Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 19 Amarillo Symphony "POPS" John Bayless piano Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- Feb. 24 Chamber Music Amarillo Family support Services Loft Space 806-236-3545
- Feb. 24 MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Monk & Neagle and the Afters Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 25 Chamber Music Amarillo "Polk Street Jazz" Family Support Loft Space 1001 Polk
- Feb. 25-27 "The Miracle Worker" AC Youth Theatre Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353

## New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

1. The Broker by John Grisham
2. The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
3. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
4. State of Fear by Michael Crichton
8. Night Fall by Nelson DeMille
- 9.
10. Entombed by Linda Fairstein
12. Black Wind by Clive Cussler
13. A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett
14. The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lillian Jackson Braun
15. I Am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
16. London Bridges by James Patterson
18. Life Expectancy by Dean Koontz
21. Whiteout by Ken Follett
22. Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke
25. Demon Rumm by Sandra Brown
28. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
29. Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich.

## Almond Breakfast Cookies

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup almond oil
- 3 tablespoons honey
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup crispy rice cereal
- ¾ cup sliced almonds, roasted
- ½ cup Grape Nuts® or other natural whole grain, wheat and barley cereal
- 3 tablespoons wheat germ
- 3 tablespoons whole-wheat flour



Start your engine with Almond Breakfast Cookies.

To roast slivered almonds: Spread in an ungreased baking pan. Place in 350° F oven and bake 5 to 6 minutes or until golden brown and fragrant; stir once or twice to assure even browning. Note that almonds will continue to roast slightly after removing from oven.

Whisk together egg, almond oil, honey, salt and cinnamon in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon. Drop dough by rounded teaspoons about 2 inches apart on a lined baking sheet. Bake at 300° F for 15 minutes, or until edges are firm. Let cool completely before removing from sheet. Serve, or store airtight up to one week. Makes 24 cookies.

Visit: www.AlmondsAreIn.com for Breakfast Cookies nutritional information and more tasty and nutritious recipes.

## Letters to The Editor

Dear Readers,

In the planning of the Main Street Enhancement project, several businesses expressed a desire to have a tree in the sidewalk in front of their business. They might want to take note of the tree roots in front of the Imagination Station. A broom will not sweep, nor will a water hose clean the sidewalk not to mention the windows. It takes a power washer and about 3 hours and it should be done every day!! Does anyone have a solution to encourage our fine-feathered friends to roost at another place less public?

Gaynelle Riffe

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>  
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use it (you will use it a lot as an EMT-Basic), learn proper use of the acoustics DCAP-BTLS, ABCDE, OPQRST and others, along with a multitude of skills that will be beneficial to have for the rest of your life.

If you think you are simply too busy to take this class, then it is probably YOU we especially need in this class. It is a proven fact, the busiest folks make the best EMT's because folks who have a lot of time on their hands have time on their hands because they simply do not want to do anything. If you walk upright on two legs, are in pretty much good health, have attended the church of your choice at least once in the past year (actually this one does not count), and have a burning desire to help your fellow man (or woman) by rendering pre-hospital medical care, then we want you!

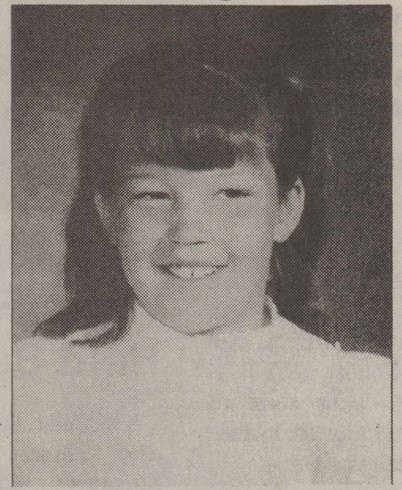
Call 396-2844 to reserve your front-row seat, or contact any member of Stratford EMS for more details.

Now let us recap. What makes this February 9th so special? See you there.

2005 Senior Class  
Barbecue Brisket Dinner  
Sunday, February 6  
11:30—1:00  
High School Cafeteria  
Tickets Can Be Purchased At The  
Door or From Any Senior  
\$6.00 - Adults  
\$3.00 - Children 12 & Under

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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From Your Friends

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The farther behind I leave the past, the closer I am to forging my own character.  
—Isabelle Eberhardt  
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Samantha Rae Hart

1990-2005

I have wondered why I was in Stratford. Now I know why, Stratford is and will always be my family. The outpouring of love is overwhelming. I want you all to know Samantha was who she was because of you. Stratford was a part of her and she was a part of Stratford. God has blessed me more than I ever knew. Thanks to everyone who brought food, fed pigs, mowed yards, fixed flats, came by and other things I am forgetting. I love you all. To all you kids, thanks so much, she loved you all. Thanks for the hugs, flowers, and expressions of love you gave us. Live your lives to the fullest; always be true to yourself and God. Love and keep each other safe. I want to say one more thing, always tell your kids you love them when you part and never part angry with one another. We love you all.

We have always known that we lived in a good town and community but we just didn't know how good. It is hard to believe the amount of food that was brought and the help that was given at every turn. But the greatest of all was the love and hugs that were freely given. To the freshmen class and others of the school system never have we seen young people bond together as you have for Samantha. It was such an outpouring of love. If she could love and touch so many people in a short 14 years, think how more you all will be able to do in your lives. Please know we cherish each and everyone of you and every hug you gave us. To say thank you is so inadequate, but it's all we know.

Love, Glenn & Joyce Hart & Family

Jon & Chris

## Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT had a very successful educational program, "Managing the Medicare Maze", last week. It was quite informative, and well attended, with 36 in attendance.

The next of these programs will be after the luncheon on Thursday, January 27, at 1:30. It is entitled "Keeping Your Cool While Staying Warm". This will be a discussion on utility assistance programs.

Plans are being made to go to The Chicken House for supper on Saturday, January 29, if enough member sign up to go. The bus will leave at 5:30, so hurry and get on the "go" list.

Line dancing continues at SCOT Hall, and numbers are increasing. The time is Monday evenings at 5:30. It is fun and very good exercise. Beginners are welcome—there is instruction.

The December birthday party was great! This birthday person absent-mindedly wandered in, not remembering what was going on. What a lucky break! It was a time of good visiting and wonderful refreshments. Mary Lou and Georgia's apple dumplings could be addictive.

Regular dates to remember are bingo on first and third Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m. birthday party, third Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.; game night, second Fridays at 7:00 p.m.; board meeting, fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.; and the luncheon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 12 noon.

## Imagination Station News

The computer lab use has picked up some with most of the computers in use on Sunday. Commitments are sought for mini-classes (greeting cards, mailing labels, spreadsheets etc.) Computer expert, Chris Riffe has committed to be available for computer advice on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 (exceptions will be if he is called out on a job.)

The Imagination Station has begun to complete Phase III of the building renovation. Electric work is completed (notice outside lights). Next is completion of restrooms, dry wall and paint of Exhibit Hall, floor treatment and relocation of heating/cooling vents.

Another centennial will be celebrated as Week of the Young Child in April.

What will it be? (Peter Pan) Other programs in the planning are Summer Arts and Drama.

The Imagination Station is pleased with the organizations and businesses utilizing the building and the rent donations certainly help pay the gas bill.

The Imagination Station is a totally volunteer and community supported program. Please contribute suggestions for programming to open doors and windows for the community.

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Character—the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life—is the source from which self-respect springs.  
—Joan Didion  
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Men show their characters in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable.  
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
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### Ziemann-Winner of Drawing

Shown left is Deide Ziemann, winner of The First State Bank's \$200 give away in December. She is shown with Carol Zimmer of First State Bank of Stratford.

### See You at the Stock Show

Sometimes people carry to such perfection the mask they have assumed that in due course they actually become the person they seem.

—W. Somerset Maugham

### CASA 69, Inc. Board of Directors Recognizes New Officers

The CASA 69, inc. Board of Directors met Monday night, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the First State Bank in Dumas. The first order of business was to recognize the new officers who will be serving for the next two years. Debbie Ferguson reviewed the highlights of her past two years as president of the board and then turned the meeting over to the new board president, Duane Pittman, past vice-president. Also recognized were B.A. Donelson as the new vice-president, Gwen Bowers as secretary and Gloria Santana as treasurer.

CASA 69, Inc. is a non-profit organization administered by a volunteer Board of Directors, an Executive Director, Becky Peckham, and an Assistant Executive Director, Ann Bookout. CASA 69, Inc. serves the children of the 69<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties). CASA volunteers advocate in the court system for children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

CASA 69 is presently in need of more volunteers, especially in Moore County. There is no special degree or educational requirement to be a CASA (Court Appoint Special Advocate). A concern for children and a willingness to speak up for a child's best interests are the most important qualifications. You must be a responsible adult with good judgment and the common

sense that comes with life experience. If you are patient and have the ability to understand children and families in stressful situations, you could make an excellent child advocate. Training and support is provided for all volunteers.

If you would like to become a CASA volunteer, if your group or organization should need a speaker, or if you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the CASA program, please contact the CASA office (244-2684 or

Located in the basement of the Dallam County Courthouse. CASA 69, Inc. is a United Way agency.

### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Sunday dinners are great! The Hamptons and Jo June McDaniel hosted the dinner again. Besides the good food, there was lots of visiting. From Stratford were Mary and Dudley Hill, Mark, Clinton & Kelsey Keener, Charley and Denton Crabtree, Lynn Wells, John McDaniel.

Lois Garner, Judy Potter of Boise City, Leo & Elaine Horne, Conlen.

Marjory Munden, Pat & Bill Boren, Mike & Marylou McDaniel, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews.

Donna Gillenwaters told about Dalton Sladek talking to third grade about his job on the railroad. He encouraged the students to continue their education.

Rese Schoonover celebrated her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Saturday with Chilidogs and nachos. A "Bunch" of folks were on hand to help her celebrate.

### OPEN HOUSE

*Great Lengths Salon & Sherman Co. Development*  
*Tuesday—February 1st*  
*Come & Go All Day*  
*(or as long as the cookies and coffee hold out)*  
*\*Come in and meet Mika Bell, new stylist at Great Lengths.*

### HEALTH

## Lifestyle Changes Key to Lowering Blood Pressure

(NU) - With few early symptoms, high blood pressure can easily go undetected. When it is not properly controlled, high blood pressure often is a precursor to the No. 1 killer in the United States — heart disease.

The heart must work overtime when the blood vessels become clogged due to a plaque buildup of cholesterol and fat. This is what causes blood pressure to rise.

To stay healthy, you must adopt a healthy lifestyle. The following tips will help you prevent or even lower high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.

• **Maintain a healthy weight.** Blood pressure rises as body weight increases. Therefore, obesity can increase your risk of developing high blood pressure. If you are overweight, losing just 10 pounds can make a difference.

• **Reduce salt in your diet.** Your body needs salt to function properly. Most Americans, however, consume more salt than they need. You should consume about 1 tablespoon of table salt a day. Also, read nutrition labels on packaged foods to see how much sodium is in one serving.

• **Increase potassium in your diet.** Though most Americans eat too much salt, many don't get enough potassium in their diets. Since potassium helps balance the amount of sodium in cell fluids, not consuming enough of this mineral can lead to excess sodium. Eating foods such as fruits

and vegetables is the best way to increase your potassium intake.

• **Limit alcohol consumption.** Alcohol has been shown to raise blood pressure by interfering with the flow of blood to and from the heart. It also can harm the liver and brain. If you drink alcoholic beverages, have only a moderate amount.

• **Take a natural antioxidant.** A recent study of individuals taking medication to control high blood pressure found that they were able to cut their dosages nearly in half by adding a natural antioxidant alternative. One such antioxidant that has proven effective in lowering high blood pressure is Pycnogenol, which is derived from the bark of the French maritime pine tree.

In a study conducted by researchers at the University of Arizona's College of Public Health, subjects with moderate hypertension showed significant decreases in their systolic blood pressure after taking Pycnogenol.

The most impressive results were found in patients with the highest blood pressure, at around 150 mmHg. (Experts recommend that you maintain a blood pressure lower than 140 mmHg.) The patients using Pycnogenol were able to reduce their blood pressure to 135 mmHg, right on target.

For more information about blood pressure and Pycnogenol, visit [www.vitaminfactory.com](http://www.vitaminfactory.com) or call (800) 619-1199.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

—James A. Froude

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To succeed is nothing, it's an accident, but to feel no doubts about oneself is something very different: it is character.  
—Marie Leneru  
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I could never think well of a man's intellectual or moral character, if he was habitually unfaithful to his appointments.  
—Nathaniel Emmons  
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**GOT COTTON?  
WANT COTTON?**

First State Bank is sponsoring a seminar on cotton as a cash crop. Discussion will include: growing, marketing and financing necessary to produce cotton in our Panhandle area. This seminar is for farmers, implement dealers, fertilizer and chemical providers and anyone else impacted or curious about increasing our cotton acres in the Panhandle.

When: Thursday, January 27th  
Where: First State Bank in Dumas—500 East 1st Street  
Time: 10:30—2:30  
Lunch: Provided  
RSVP: by Tuesday, January 25th  
Dumas 935-4184  
Dalhart 249-5513  
Stratford 396-5521

Presenter: Brady Heffington—Littlefield, Texas—Cotton Producer  
Danny Glenn—Lubbock, Texas—Cotton Financier  
Deryl Bennett—Lubbock, Texas—Retired Sr. Ag Lender, American State Bank

Question and Answer Session after the session.  
Join us for good information, food and fun!

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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### Testing, Testing...

"Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). The spirits to be tested are the spirits of men and women. We are to determine whether or not they truly represent God by testing their spirits. But how do we do that? We must have a standard by which to test the words of these men and women. In order for there to be a high degree of accuracy, this standard must not be based on feelings. Internal sensations can throw us off track. If we have an objective set of guidelines, we are on the higher road. This set of guidelines is found in the Bible. For example, the Bible tells us, "If I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). I can give money to help the poor in order to be applauded by others. I can give my life in rescuing someone from a fire in order to be applauded for my bravery. My actions are good. My motives are bad. I do not act out of a love for God or my neighbor. I want to be loved. I do not pass the biblical test. "By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error" (1 John 4:6).

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### First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, 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. Walter Reed  
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. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

### St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
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

Ernie Maiwald  
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

Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
Early Service 9:00 a.m.  
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

### La Mision Bautista

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

### Miercoles (Wednesday)

Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am  
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm  
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

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## Southeastern Texas Panhandle Gets New Weather Warning Radio

As the spring severe weather season draws near, residents of the southeastern Texas Panhandle will be able to stay a step ahead of the storms by tuning in to a new NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) station—a 24-hour source of weather forecasts, watches, and warnings provided by the National Weather Service. A Press Conference Ceremony to announce this new weather radio station has been scheduled for 11 a.m. January 28<sup>th</sup>, at the City Hall in Pampa (201 W. Kingsmill). Officials from Gray, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler Counties and the NWS will participate in the ceremony. The ceremony is also open to the public.

The new weather radio transmitter (WNG-713) was recently installed on the Four County Repeater Emergency Services tower near Miami. Broadcasting on a frequency of 162.450 Mhz directly from the National Weather Service Office in Amarillo, this weather radio reaches nearly all of Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, and Wheeler Counties, as well as portions of Hutchinson, Carson, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Donley and Collingsworth Counties in Texas and Roger Mills, Ellis and Beckham Counties in Oklahoma.

"This new Weather Radio will be very beneficial to the communities that it reaches," said Steve Drillet, NWS Amarillo Warning Coordination Meteorologist. "Residents now have an extra resource that can be used to receive critical advanced warning information to protect their families. Through the radio's tone alert capability, residents can be alerted day or night of impending dangerous weather."

The NOAA Weather Radio network has more than 900 stations nationwide. The Miami transmitter is one of a number

of weather radio stations that provide coverage to residents in the Texas Panhandle. Other NWR sites include: WXK-38 Amarillo (162.550 Mhz), KXI-88 Borger (162.400 Mhz, and WNG-657 (162.500 Mhz) Summerfield/Hereford.

NOAA Weather Radio is the "Voice of the National Weather Service". In recent years, the sound of the voice has changed. Automation, which allows NWS Forecast Offices to speed critical weather information from advanced workstations directly to the growing number of transmitters, makes use of computer-synthesized voices. This new technology eliminates many of the delays inherent in the older systems and allows simultaneous broadcasts on multiple transmitters when necessary. It also makes better use of other new technologies, such as

Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME), which allows listeners to program specially equipped NWR models to receive warning alarms for specific counties, and the Emergency alert System (EAS), which brings critical warnings to commercial broadcasters faster than ever before. Weather Radios come in many sizes, with a variety of functions and costs. Some receivers, including the new SAME receivers, will automatically sound an alarm and/or turn themselves on if a severe weather warning is broadcast. Most receivers are either battery-operated portable or AC-powered desktop models with battery backup. Some scanners, HAM radios, CB radios, short wave receiver and AM/FM radios also are capable of receiving NOAA Weather Radio transmissions. Weather

Radios can be purchased at most electronics stores. Prices range from \$25 to \$75.

Irene Wakefield will soon be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Anyone with memories and thoughts of Irene and her life with husband Tom and would like to share those memories, please put in writing and mail to Kim Clayton at 4225 Hampton Drive, Valdosta, GA 31605 or email at kim@garyminchew.com. My grandmother's birthday is February 4 and we are getting down to the wire. Friends of Irene Wakefield, please submit to me. My Grandfather (Tom Wakefield) served Stratford as commissioner many times and though he did not let us know often, he missed Stratford very much. In fact, he would just sit in his pickup truck to reminisce and "smell" Texas.

Nothing is ever gained by winning an argument and losing a customer.

—C.F. Norton

Keep the gold and keep the silver, but give us wisdom.

—Arabian proverb

### Health

(NU) - If your child has recurring illnesses, don't simply brush off these ailments as normal childhood health problems. He or she may have a serious underlying disease. Primary immunodeficiency, or PI, is a genetic defect that can compromise a child's immune system, leading to an increased susceptibility to certain infectious illnesses. Parents should know that a simple blood test could identify the disorder. To learn about the warning signs of PI, as well as various treatment options, visit the Jeffrey Modell Foundation Web site at www.info4pi.org or call (866) INFO-4-PI.

### See You at the Stock Show

## A Good Night's Sleep Helps Ensure A Great Morning For Kids

New Study Reveals News to Help Kids Snooze

(NAPS)—Kids need a good night's sleep so that they can wake up to productive, energy-filled days. However, according to a new study conducted by the GoodNites<sup>®</sup> Brand, most parents say it's harder to get their kids to sleep at night than it is to get them up in the morning.

"I recommend parents develop a nighttime routine to help their children mentally get ready for bed," says parenting expert Judsen Culbreth, former editor-in-chief of Working Mother and Parent & Child magazines. "Parents can also prepare for common sleep obstacles, such as fear of the dark, waking up in the middle of the night and bedwetting."

Culbreth and the GoodNites Brand provide parents helpful tips:

- Not ready for sleep at bedtime: Establishing a routine can help program your child to feel sleepy and signal bedtime. Include activities such as reading a bedtime story and organizing the next day's school bag.

- Waking up in the middle of the night: Keep a "back-to-sleep kit" on the child's nightstand with comforting items such as a flashlight, family photo and a favorite stuffed animal. If they still come to your bedroom, gently tuck them back into bed with reassuring words.

- Fear of the dark: Keep to a regular bedtime schedule, since children may feel more anxious or have nightmares when they are overly tired. Leave small night lights on throughout the house, and clean out clutter from the child's bedroom. Avoid frightening movies, stories or video games before bed.

- Hard time getting up in the morning: Make mornings easy by

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**Night:** Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64 percent) said their children sometimes have a hard time winding down and getting to sleep at night!

45%

**Morning:** Fewer than half the respondents (45 percent) said their children have a hard time getting up in the morning.

planning ahead. Have clothes and school bags organized. Have your child set their own alarm clock, and help pack their lunch. Eat a balanced breakfast as a family, and play a game guessing what might happen at school.

- Bedwetting: Millions of children experience bedwetting—parents should understand bedwetting is not an emotional problem and not a condition a child can control. However, parents have options to help their kids manage bedwetting until they outgrow it, such as GoodNites<sup>®</sup> Disposable Underpants. They have been redesigned with customized protection for boys and girls and also come in kid-preferred underwear-like prints.

For more information on sleep and bedwetting, a leading resource is goodnites.com. Kids can confidentially connect with other kids who also wet the bed at night and share their experiences, and parents can sign up for a monthly e-newsletter and seek advice from doctors, experts and other parents.

A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.

—Muhammad

No man is rich enough to buy back his past.

—Oscar Wilde

## Tips for Perfect Valentine's Day Roses

(NU) - A stunning floral arrangement — whether it's full of sunflowers, tulips, carnations or roses — can express a range of emotions, from romantic to friendly to something in between. So if you want to make a lasting impression this Valentine's Day, give bouquets to all of the important people in your life.

The most popular Valentine's Day flowers are, of course, roses. For many people, red roses are the perfect way to say, "I love you." To make this loving gift a long-lasting one, recipients should follow these simple steps from the experts at 1-800-Flowers.com.

- If the roses are delivered in a box, open the box as soon as possible and place the flowers in water. If water isn't immediately available, place the open box in a cool, dark place.

- Fill a vase with lukewarm water and mix in a floral preservative.

- Fill a sink or bowl with water. Using a knife or shears, cut an inch from the bottom of each stem while holding it under the water. Remove the foliage that would fall below the water line.

- Immediately place roses, loosely and evenly spaced, in the vase.



It takes just a few simple steps to keep your roses looking beautiful.

- Place the vase in a cool spot, away from any heat sources.
- Add warm water to the vase every day to keep the roses looking fresh.
- Completely change the water every three days and recut the stems.

Remember that with these simple yet effective tips, your loved one will be able to truly appreciate the gift of roses.

To order beautiful flowers and other Valentine's Day gifts, visit www.1800flowers.com.

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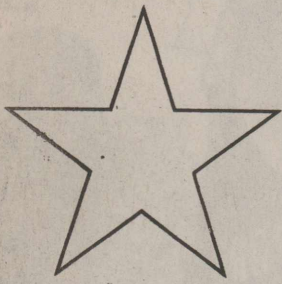
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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

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 LILE

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, 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

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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.

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## Found

Found: A pair of glasses on Purnell. These were found sometime ago. To claim, please call 366-5885. 1-27-1xc

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## Cards of Thanks

The Stratford HS Student council would like to thank the classes (Pre-K through 12 grade) that participated in the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fundraiser for the American Red Cross. There was a total of \$1209.50 raised. This money has been sent to the American Red Cross and will all be going toward the relief efforts in Asia. Thanks again. You have helped to make a difference.

Student Council

## Beat White Deer

## 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.

## Good Luck Elks & Lady Elks

## COLLEGE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### College Admissions: Not Complicated, But Not Simple

(NAPS)—The college admissions process is neither predictable nor random, according to a study by the College Board summarized in Admissions Decision-Making Models, a resource for admissions professionals, by Gretchen Rigol.

Even if you have all the characteristics a college is looking for, that doesn't mean you're certain to get in, Rigol explains, because "supply and demand" often enters the equation. When a college receives many more qualified applications than it has seats available, admissions decisions become very hard to make.

Recomputing students' grade-point averages is one way that colleges "standardize" information so that they can compare students from vastly different backgrounds fairly. "Because there is no uniformity in the way that high schools compute GPAs, many institutions recalculate it," Rigol explains. Grades achieved in Advanced Placement (AP) and other challenging programs may be used to "weight" a GPA, while the grades earned in non-college prep courses may be eliminated.

Some colleges go a step further and compute an "academic index"

for each applicant—a measure that takes into account GPA, class rank, and/or test scores. An academic index is a useful tool for identifying applicants who are most like the students who've succeeded at that college or university in recent years.

Who decides who gets in? At some colleges, each application is individually read by the admissions staff, working singly or in teams. At other institutions, applications are computer-sorted into groups that are accepted, declined or routed to individuals or committees for additional review. Rigol says "the decision to reject an application typically involves more steps than a decision to accept."

"When you think about it," says Renee Gernand, the College Board's senior director for College Planning Services, "students make decisions about colleges in much the same way. You can use the collegeboard.com College Search feature to sort through the thousands of colleges in the U.S. and come up with a manageable number to investigate in depth," she says. "Then you read the colleges' view-books or visit their campuses to find out more about them."

## Support Our Youth This Weekend

### 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.

GIVEN under my hand this the 31st Day of December, 2004.

## Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Scaled proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 1108-01-016 for OVERLAY AND ADD SHOULDERS in HARTLEY County, etc. will be opened on February 09, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list: at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us), and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO 15370

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

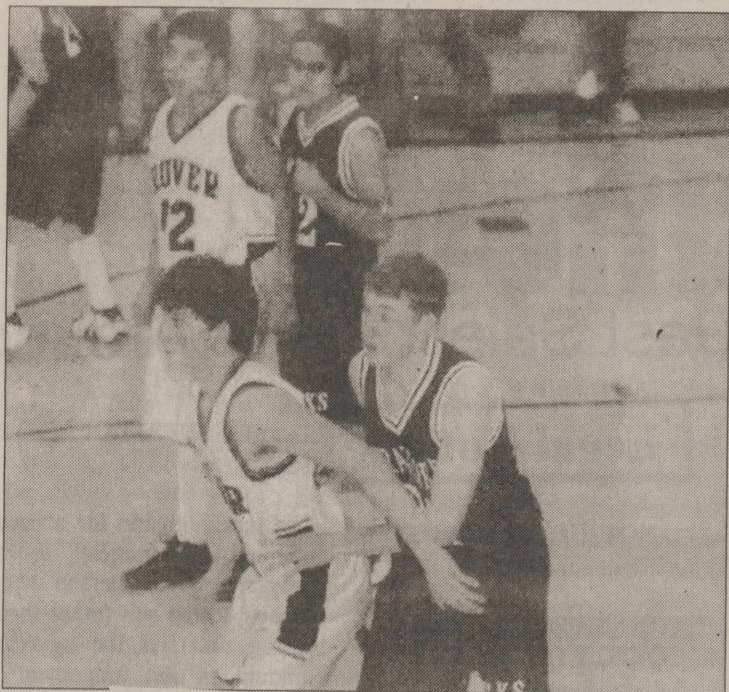
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Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.  
—Maurice Chevalier  
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Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.  
—George Bernard Shaw  
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Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit.  
—Epictetus  
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# Basketball



J.V. Elks Gustavo Rosales and Daniel Hays.



Lady Elks l-r: Lindsay Stein, Allison Baskin, Deidre Tarver and Brittany Hudson.



Stratford Elk Josh King



J.V. Lady Elk blue team and Coach Davis during a time-out against Gruver.



Stratford Elk Travis Soto



J.V. Lady Elks blue Crystal Peregrino and Jordan Confer.



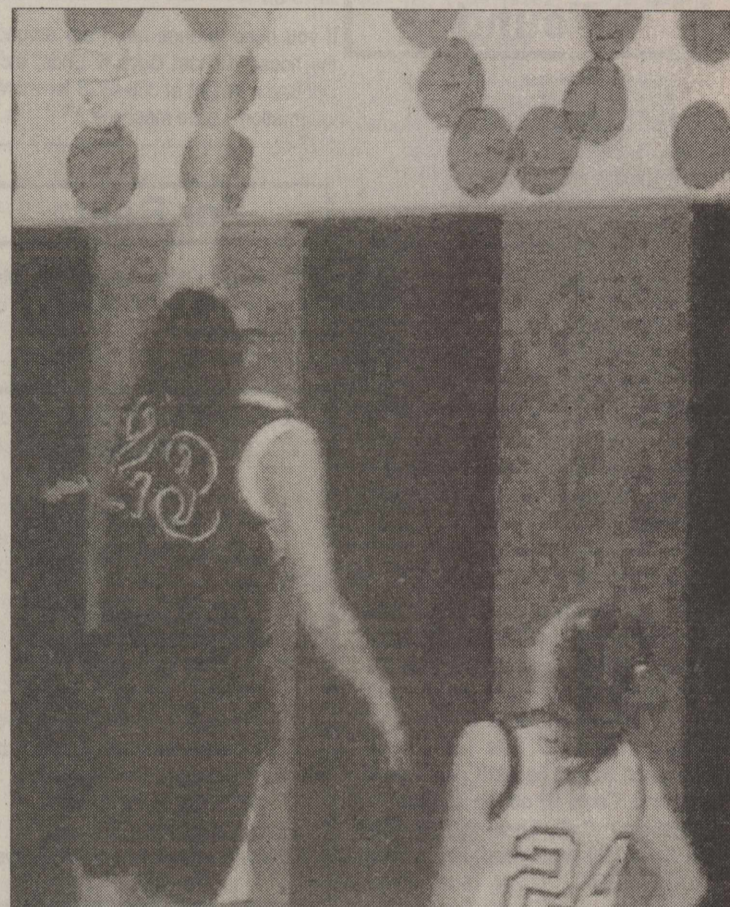
J.V. Elk Jeffrey Frizzell.

The J.V. Elks lost 31-36 against Gruver on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Hunter Buckles led the Elks with 14 points followed by Scott Hudson with 9 points. On Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the J.V. Elks beat Booker 48-33. Matt King led the Elks with 11 points followed by Hunter Buckles with 8 points.

The J.V. Lady Elk blue team beat Booker 51-12 on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Rhia Everett led the Lady Elks with 13 points followed by Jordan Confer with 10 points. The J.V. Lady Elks remain undefeated for the season.

The Lady Elks beat Gruver 8-34 on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Shadley Audrain led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Yadira Ortega with 9 points. On Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Lady Elks beat Booker 38-31. Allison Baskin and Yadira Ortega were high point with 9 points each and Brittany Hudson followed with 6 points. The Lady Elks are 5-0 in district play.

The Stratford Elks lost 32-51 to Gruver on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Chris Ortega led the Elks with 14 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 9 points. On Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Elks beat Booker 49-46. Tyler Haynes was high point with 16 points followed by Chris Ortega with 12 points.



Lady Elk Yadira Ortega scores against Gruver.

Beat White Deer

Good Luck Elks & Lady Elks

## STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,384,502	\$ 13,615	\$ 1,398,117
State Program Revenues	104,021	23,043	127,064
Federal Program Revenues	-	167,253	167,253
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,488,523</b>	<b>203,911</b>	<b>1,692,434</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
<b>Current:</b>			
Instruction	627,446	114,572	742,018
Instructional Resources & Media Services	6,874	221	7,095
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	8,332	9,618	17,950
Instructional Leadership	-	4,482	4,482
School Leadership	97,381	3,357	100,738
Health Services	386	-	386
Student (Pupil) Transportation	32,959	1,668	34,627
Food Services	-	106,247	106,247
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,430	-	1,430
General Administration	163,590	1,690	165,280
Plant Maintenance and Operations	122,044	1,782	123,826
Data Processing Services	9,466	-	9,466
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	364,032	-	364,032
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	29,619	-	29,619
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,463,559</b>	<b>243,637</b>	<b>1,707,196</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	24,964	(39,726)	(14,762)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	5,000	-	5,000
Transfers In	-	39,726	39,726
Transfers Out (Use)	(39,726)	-	(39,726)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(34,726)</b>	<b>39,726</b>	<b>5,000</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(9,762)	-	(9,762)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	347,119	-	347,119
<b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 337,357</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 337,357</b>