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Stratford Hospital District will hold a reception for Off-going Board members Shannon Taliaferro and Betty Brown. And newly elected Board member Kathy Altman and appointed for the unexpired term of Shannon Taliaferro is Kenton Kimball. June 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Coldwater Manor's Conference Room.

Deadline for the June 2, 2005 edition of The Stratford Star will be on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

Windbreak Trees Still Available

Windbreak trees are still available from the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District. Call 396-5517 ext. 3 for more information.

Memorial Day Program May 30<sup>th</sup> Stratford Cemetery

The Chamber of Commerce will host the Memorial Day Program, Monday May 30, 2005 at the Stratford Cemetery. Coffee will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the 4-H Horse Club presenting the program at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair for seating.

PRAISE SERVICE  
7:30 P.M.  
Each Wednesday  
County Barn

Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank.

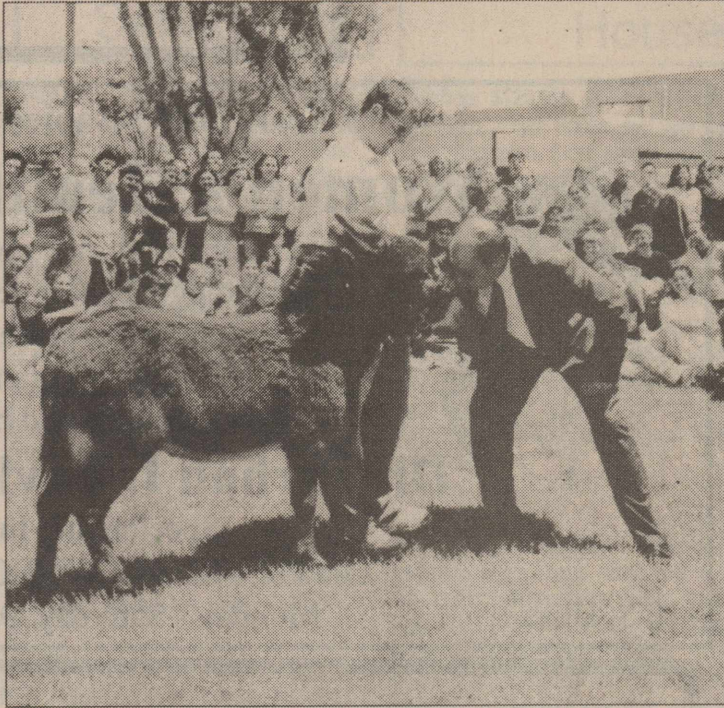
Red Hat Society to Meet

The Red Hat Society will meet June 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Elk Junction, Dorothy Haile & Oline Caraway are hostesses. Put on your Red Hat and a smile and join us for a fun evening! (Pink hats are also welcome!) Women under 50 wear Pink hats!

Pantry Meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Pantry meeting on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the XIT Building.

Memorial Day Program at Stratford Cemetery, Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>



## Mr. T Lucky Winner

Mr. Jim Taliaferro was the lucky winner of "Kissing the Donkey". Stratford High Student Council had jars around for a Fundraiser for giving to Relay for Life and Mr. T was the lucky winner. Remember "Relay for Life" Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Cancer Survivor Spotlight

This is the Cancer survivor story of Velma Blake. Velma was diagnosed with breast cancer April of 1971. She is one of our long time survivors in Stratford, Texas.

While showering Velma found a lump in her breast during a self-examination. She immediately went to the doctor where they found a small tumor. Her doctor explained to her that it was good she found the tumor when she did because it had not had a chance to spread.

Chemotherapy and reconstructive surgery were not options back then. The doctors did not have the treatments and medications that are available in this day and age. The only form of treatment was to have the tumor removed.

Velma said that everything happened so fast that there wasn't time to sort through her feelings. She did say that the doctors showed her a lot of different exercises to do to help speed up the recovery process and to reduce the pain.

Velma had nine years of follow-up appointments and then was told she was cancer free. She said the cancer did not have a great effect on her family because it only took her three months to get busy with life again. Velma kept busy by painting and took art classes from Dord Fitz.

Velma will participate in the Relay for Life by walking the Survivor Lap. Let's all be sure and come out and support all of our wonderful survivors!!

Our next cancer survivor to share her story is long-time Stratford resident Joyce Ann Lasley.

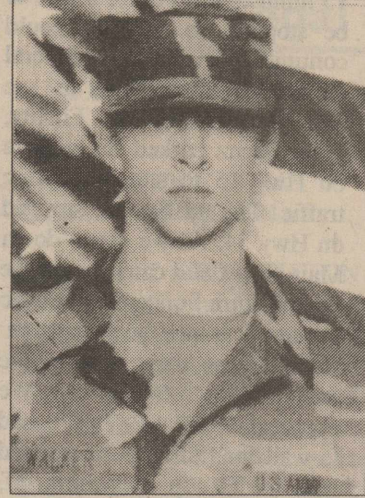
In 1971, Joyce Ann discovered a lump in her breast during a self-examination. After having a biopsy done, it was discovered that the tumor was benign. This experience though painful did cause Joyce Ann to become more pro-active regarding health issues. She began doing monthly self-breast exams and yearly mammograms with the Harrington Cancer Mobile Clinic.

In 2002, during a mammogram, the technician detected a shadowy area on her breast. A short time later, a

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SPC Wesley York



PFC William Walker



Sergeant First Class Alfonso Gomez, Jr.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Treat 'N Troops Gift Bags on way to Iraq

Thanks to the generosity of the community of Stratford, and the hard work of several ladies, the first Treat 'N Troops gift bags are now on their way to Iraq.

Those who gathered at the First United Methodist Church to pack the gift bags on Thursday were, Janice Sladek, Norma Trimpa, Maurine Plunk, Melanie York, Ann Wells, Teresa Wells, Kay Mires, Betty Chamberlain, Sue Hudson, Kay Payne, and Betty McMillion.

Gift bags were sent to SPC Bill Walker, son of Bill and Tiffany Chaffee, grandson of R.J. and Betty Chamberlain, as well as the other members of his unit. He will share 10 gift bags, plus books, magazines, batteries, and jerky. Also receiving boxes from Treat 'N Troops will be PFC Wesley York and the members of his unit which numbers 40. His unit will also receive the books, magazines, batteries, and jerky. There just might be a surprise or two in the boxes...frisbies, letters from school children and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class of First United Methodist Church.

Junior Gomez, husband of Mandy Mires Gomez, was to also receive the gifts, but thankfully, Junior will be leaving Iraq before his boxes could have reached him.

A special Thank You goes to several local groups for their donations. The Mary Allen Elementary (God Bless the enthusiasm of little children), responded overwhelmingly with AAA batteries. There were too many to count, but both groups of soldiers are going to be

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Shown above packing gift bags for Treat 'N Troops are Betty Chamberlain, Betty McMillion, Teresa Wells, Norma Trimpa, and Janice Sladek.

## STRATFORD JAMBOREE

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## Stratford Jamboree

Mark your calendars July 29 and 30th for this year's Stratford Jamboree. We are having a contest this year to select the Parade Theme. The winner will receive a cash prize! So be sure and send those theme forms in by the deadline of June 24. The theme and winner will be in the June 29th issue of the Stratford Star.

This will be an exciting time in Stratford with the Jamboree and Ex-Student Reunion; we have lots of activities planned! The Meet & Greet for the Ex-students will start at 5:00 Friday at the County Barn. All Ex-students are invited to come even if you are not an honored class. We will have Pokey the Clown Jr. Ranch Rodeo and the Rodeo will begin @ 7:30. If you have any questions about the Ranch Rodeo contact the Chamber of Commerce. The concession stand for the Rodeo will be provided by Stratford Patriots (Stratford's Special Olympics teams).

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## Stratford Hospital District Minutes-Corrected Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2005

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the E.M.S. building.

Officers and Directors present were: Shannon Taliaferro, President; Ronnie Brooks, Vice President; Larry Drake, Director and Wayne Smith, Director.

Also present, Judy Griffith representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Debbie Beilue, Administrator, and Gail Schmidt-Witcher for Coldwater Manor.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Jimmy Lanning was called out for an ambulance run; he was able to attend last few minutes of meeting. Motion by Ronnie Brooks for approval to pay Stratford EMS payables as presented, seconded by Wayne Smith; motion carried 4/0.

Judy presented the financial report for Stratford Family Medical Clinic. She reported Doctor visits-324 patients for March, 12 new patients and 72 Veterans. New sodium potassium machine should be in this week; it will do more than old machine and some labs can now be done in house, which will be cheaper. Monday or Tuesday electronic billing should be in place. Motion by Larry Drake for approval to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinic payables as presented, seconded by Ronnie Brooks; motion carried 4/0.

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## Summer Track Camps

This summer weekly track camps will be offered to teach the fundamentals of the six field events in track and field. The emphasis will be on fundamentals in hopes of jump-starting next year's track season. Field events are very skill-oriented and take much of an athlete and coach's time. These camps will be very beneficial to field event athletes in the future when time is short during the regular track season. Any boy or girl that was in 5th grade or older is welcome to attend. We will meet for 2 hours a day, 4 days a week. The cost is \$15 for the first camp attended and \$10 for each camp attended following. Each camper will receive a T-shirt. If you have any questions, contact Coach Hand at 366-3678.

Week 1 May 23, Monday - May 26, Thursday 1:00 Pole Vault; 3:00 Discus

Week 2 May 31, Tuesday- June 3, Friday 9:00 High Jump

Week 3 June 6 NO CAMPS  
Week 4 Watch the paper for the events and time!!!

# Obits

## Jack Pendleton Smith

Guymon, OK-Jack Pendleton Smith, 81, died Sunday, May 15, 2005 in Albuquerque.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford, Texas, with Mike Hughes officiating. Arrangements were by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home of Texhoma.

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 16, 1923 in Stratford. He married Imogene Davidson on January 7, 1998 in Stratford.

Survivors include his wife; five stepchildren, Doris Erickson, David Glover, Terry Glover, Bobbie Strong of Stratford and Erik Michaud of Rhode Island; a son, Wesley Wayne Smith of Kansas City, KS; nine stepgrandchildren; 12 step great grandchildren; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.



## Irene Christian Crisp

Clayton, N.M.-Irene Christian Crisp, 83, died Sunday, May 15, 2005.

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with P. Louis Montoya, deacon, officiating. Mass was at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the church with the Rev. James McGowan, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Clayton Memorial Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crisp was born March 28, 1922, in the Otto Community to Samuel Joseph and Victoria Marie Christian. She married Ira Vincent Crisp in 1939.

Survivors include a daughter, Dr. Carleen Lazzell of Albuquerque; seven grandchildren; seven great granddaughters; two brothers, Rex Christian of Stratford, Texas, and Gail Christian of Amarillo, Texas; three sisters, Pauline Leighton of Clayton, Rose Bookout of Tularosa and Nira French Gross of Dalhart, Texas.

The family suggests memorials be to Clayton Nursing and Rehabilitation Garden Project, 419 Harding St., Clayton, NM 88415.

## Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:  
To Whom it May Concern:

Recently, our Dad passed away. Arrangements to have traffic stopped at the appropriate places were made in advance. We thought we would not have any concerns.

On the day of the funeral, we found out differently. After Church services were conducted, we were ready to proceed to the cemetery. We sat in front of the Church for 10 or 15 minutes waiting for traffic to be stopped so that we could continue. Even the funeral directors were calling to see what the hold up was. Finally, Felix Saenz parked his vehicle on Hwy 15 to stop oncoming traffic. The traffic was stopped on Hwy 54. As we drove down Main Street and came up on the second turn, oncoming traffic began to cut into the procession. No one was there to stop the oncoming traffic. We approached Hwy 287. We had to wait for traffic to be stopped here to. To top everything off, the person stopping traffic on 287 did not take off the hat as we drove by. How's that for common courtesy??? We don't know about all of you but we call that DISRESPECT!!! Doesn't this make you proud to be a Stratford Citizen??? We were very DISAPPOINTED!!!

Ramos Family

**Memorial Day  
Monday,  
May 30<sup>th</sup>**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hogmen Scholarship Golf Tournament June 16 At Stratford County Club

First...what is a Hogman? It is one of those young men who on Friday nights do ALOT of work so their team wins and the glory goes to others.

Second...why do we have this tournament? It is a night to honor these hard working "Gladiators of the Gridiron?-" Foremost...at the end of the tourney, one of this year's graduating Stratford Elk senioll will receive a scholarship for next fall. With a complete field, the honoree could receive about \$1000.

You ask...what is in it for all the other players? Mainly, it will be the most fun nine holes of golf you have ever played. Besides that, you will also receive an official "Hogan" T-shirt courtesy of Happy State Bank, trophies for the first 3 place teams, closest to pin trophy and longest drive trophy. (Each trophy has an official "Hog" on it) Last, but not least, a huge hamburger cookout at the end of the tourney will be served.

The tournament is open to anyone who in his playing career was an offensive or defensive lineman. ALTERNATIVELY, if you are one of the great supporters of these hard working players, you are also invited to play. If you are not able to play, but would like to contribute to these gladiators, the scholarship fund accepts deductible donations to help pay for the trophies or hamburger for the cookout.

A highlight of this year's tournament is a fundraiser. For a \$5 donation, you could win a classic 1989 Chevy Pickup. All proceeds from this will be added to the scholarship fund. For tickets on the pickup or to enter the Hogmen Tournament, contact Coach Hand at 366-3678 or see one of this year's "Hogs".

## Scot Luncheon Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Program by Carlton Baugus

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The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.

—Dorothy Parker

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Rod Harrington is known for getting to the point. He is the current men's world match play darts champion.

*The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees  
Would like to invite you  
To a reception honoring  
Mr. Dan Hembree*

*Sunday, May 29th  
2:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  
High School Cafeteria*

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other events that they sponsor like the Jr. Ranch Rodeo. At 12:00, we will have National Anthem, Presentation of Colors and live music. The Kids games will begin at 1:00 with cash prizes and the turtle race will begin as soon as the kid's games are over. The Horse Shoe Pitch is scheduled to begin at 2:00 and is sponsored by the Museum Board. The Stratford High School will have an open house at 2:00 for all ex-students. There will be Green Fee Golf at the Stratford Country Club at 2:00. The ("mal performance of the Ranch Rodeo will begin at 7:00. As you can see there will be lots of events for everyone to participate in so mark your calendars and come in and enjoy a great time in Stratford.

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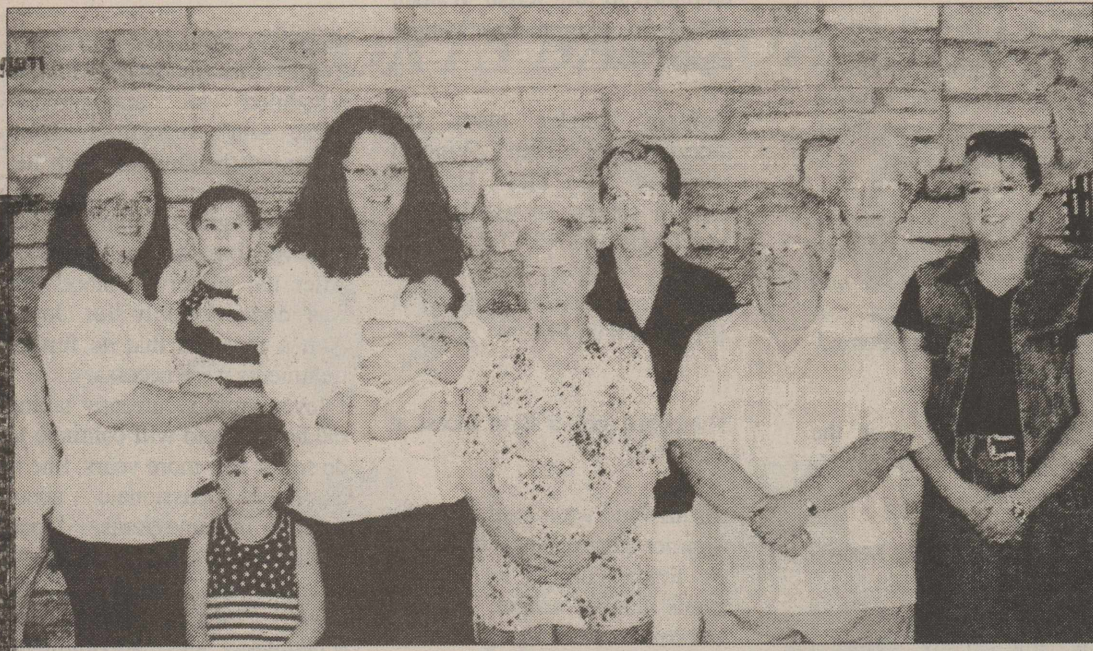
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## Chrystal & son Thomas Honored

A baby shower honoring Thomas Scott Mariscal, son of Jessie & Crystal Mariscal was held in the home of Karen Riffe on Sunday, May 22, 2005. Shown from left, Grandmother Diann Murphy, Cindi Trevino, and Payton & Morgan, Crystal and Thomas Scott Mariscal (9 lb 7.4 oz), Wanda Riffe, Kay Pickens Bachman, Terri Ellison, Elsie Pickens, Tammi Ellison.

### Hospital Board Cont. from page 1

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Census 30, very low right now. Doing Marketing in Newspapers. Motion by Wayne Smith for approval to pay Coldwater Manor payables as presented, seconded by Ronnie Brooks, motion carried 4/0.

Debbie Beilue presented the financial report for Stratford Hospital District. Discussion on tax collections. Discussion on insurance rates and duplications of some policies. Discussion on Directors and Officers policy as enabling legislation. Discussion on Gen3ral Professional liability insurance will revisit this issue later. Will have two new Board members on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Motion by Wayne Smith for approval to pay Stratford Hospital District payables as presented, seconded by Ronnie Brooks, motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

## SCDC's PHOTO CONTEST



Help us find the "The Best of Sherman County"

The Sherman County Development Committee is searching for pictures to be posted on our website. Potential residents and business people from all over the country - maybe the world - will be viewing the website and we want to show them our area as we all know it. So we're having a contest to find the best of Sherman County! Contest rules are:

1. Photo has to be taken in Sherman County.
2. You can use an old or a recent photograph.
3. Contest is open to all ages.
4. Deadline is 12:00 Noon on June 10, 2005

After the deadline all entries will be on display for viewing. Prizes will be awarded: 1<sup>st</sup> Place will win \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place will win \$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will win \$75. To enter bring your photo & short description telling where and/or who is in the picture, to the SCDC Office at 301 N. Main or mail it to PO Box 652, Stratford, TX 79084. Be sure to include return address. Photos will be returned to the owners.

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### Elk Summer Basketball

The Elk Summer Basketball Team is hosting a Hamburger Feed to raise money to play ball this summer. Please come and support their efforts.

**First State Bank  
Parking Lot  
Thursday, May 26  
11:30-1:30**

## Hamburger Feed

### FREE WILL DONATION



#### Team Members

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Every improvement in communication makes the bore more terrible.  
-Frank Moore Colby  
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## Scot News

By Jack Gore

Everyone is invited to come to the newly remodeled Scot Hall for a country-western dance on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 till 11 p.m. New Dance Band called the "Oklahoma Cowboy" from Guymon will be here.

Come enjoy the music, good exercise, and good refreshments.

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees  
Would like to invite you  
To a reception honoring  
Mr. Jim Taliaferro

Sunday, June 5th  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
High School Cafeteria

**NU BETA SORORITY**  
is hosting their  
First Annual  
**Tiffany Knight & Samantha  
Hart Memorial Scholarships  
Golf Scramble**  
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You may pre-register by calling  
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PLEASE SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL EVENT

## The Churches of Stratford

### The Testimony of Faith

Evolution is the prevalent view today. That there is a God who created the universe is almost universally rejected. But the Bible says, "By faith we understand that the worlds were created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:3). Is the Bible advocating a leap in the dark? No! Faith has a rational and reasonable foundation. Real faith is based upon evidences. Faith is not a leap in the dark. Faith is a leap into the light. Let's take art as an example. People who study paintings know an artist leaves his or her imprint on the masterpiece. The artist is known by his or her work. The same is true of creation. The universe is a veritable masterpiece. God reveals Himself through the creation. "His invisible attributes, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made" (Romans 1:20). When we study the universe, we come to grips with the eternal God. More than one scientist has had to admit this is the case. Then they embrace God as the creator. This is what we mean by faith. But this is the first level of faith. You see, the Bible assumes the existence of God because there are two great books revealing the living God. The first is the book of God's creation. This is a more general revelation of God. The second is the Bible. The Bible gives the plan of God, which is played out upon the stage of creation. And so the one builds on and complements the other. But if you do not accept God who reveals Himself through the creation, you will never accept God who reveals Himself through the Bible.

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Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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### First Assembly of God

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

### 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  
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Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.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  
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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  
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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  
Susninno Durante El Servicio.

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**Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Regular Session**

**May 10, 2005**

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Board members present:

Joe Reinart  
 Ricky Reed  
 Garec McBryde  
 DeWain Traylor

Brent Spurlock Patti Vincent  
 Steve Hays Jim Taliaferro,  
 Superintendent

Guests present were Dinah Horsford, Tim Gilliland, Mary Pat Williams, Barney Willborn, Shanda Davis, Judy Stoy, Lynda Hauser, Kaci McBryde, Nita Hudson, Shannon Stewart, Laurie Gilliland and Chief Dennis from the Stratford Police Department.

Mrs. Williams led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced the guests.

Stratford ISD Education Foundation grant recipients were there to present a brief synopsis of the grant they received. Shanda Davis, Shannon Stewart, Kaci McBryde, Nita Hudson and Lynda Hauser were awarded a grant for the fall semester for

the author of the Hank the Cow Dog series to come to our school for the day. He met with the students and read from the Hank the Cow Dog books. The teachers explained that the students were very excited to meet the author and it had promoted an interest in reading.

Laurie Gilliland was awarded a grant for the spring semester from the Science Spectrum. The Science Spectrum from Lubbock has made 2 trips to Stratford. The first presentation was over "Restless Natives". He brought snakes, prairie dogs, lizards and other creatures for the students to see. He explained their habitats and taught the students how to tell if a snake is poisonous. He will return on May 13 for "Rainforests."

Judy Stoy and Terri Teig were awarded a grant for a theater experience for the spring semester. They took the One Act Play and a group of sophomores to see *Two Men from Verona* and then to eat at the Kabuki Steakhouse. This grant allowed many students to experience the theater, an experience that they may not have ever had.

All the grant recipients were very grateful to the board and the Education Foundation for the grant program. Mr. Taliaferro thanked the teachers for their participation.

Chief Dennis from the Stratford updated the board on the school resource officer grant. Because it was not an agenda item, no action was taken.

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

1. High School District Track meet results are as follows:

JV Boys - 1st Place  
 Discus: Dilyn Williams - 1st, Sandro Gomez - 3rd  
 High Jump - Julio Ramirez - 1st  
 Long Jump - Jeffrey Frizzell - 6th  
 Pole Vault - Andrew Correll - 1st

Shot Put - Sandro Gomez - 1st  
 Dilyn Williams - 3rd  
 400 M Relay - 1st  
 800 M Run - Michael Frizzell - 3rd, Joey Reta - 5th  
 100 M Dash - Gustavo Rosales - 1st, Jeffrey Frizzell - 2nd, Steven Rueda - 3rd  
 800 M Relay - 1st  
 400 M Dash - Pablo Ibarra - 1st, Corey Carter - 2nd, Chad Smith - 3rd  
 200 M Dash - Jerald Frizzell - 1st, Steven Rueda - 4th, Jonathan Licon - 6th  
 1600 M Relay - 1st

Varsity Girls - 2nd Place  
 Discus - Deidre Tarver - 1st, Katelyn Reed - 5th  
 Shot Put - Katelyn Reed - 3rd, April Peregrino - 5th  
 400 M Relay - 6th  
 800 M - Kristen Crabtree - 1st, Yadira Ortega - 2nd  
 100 Hurdles - Lindsay Stein - 2nd  
 800 M Relay - 5th  
 400 M - Allison Baskin - 2nd  
 1600 M - Kristen Crabtree - 1st, Yadira Ortega - 2nd  
 1600 M Relay - 3rd

High Jump - Whitney Garza - 2nd  
 Varsity Boys - 2nd  
 Shot Put - Martin Beltran - 5th  
 3200 M - David Chavez - 3rd  
 400 m Relay - 1st  
 800 M - David Chavez - 4th  
 110 Hurdles - Craig Kautz - 3rd  
 100 M - Tony Ruiz - 1st  
 800 M Relay - 1st  
 400 M Dash - Hunter Buckles - 6th  
 300 Hurdles - Josh Lanning - 4th  
 200 M - Case Crabtree - 1st  
 1600 M Relay - 3rd

Area Track Meet Results - 1st - 4th  
 Advances to Regionals Varsity Girls - 2nd  
 800 m - Yadira Ortega - 1st, Kristen Crabtree - 2nd  
 100 hurdles - Lindsay Stein - 4th  
 400 M Dash - Allison Baskin - 2nd  
 1600 M Run - Kristen Crabtree - 1st, Yadira Ortega - 3rd  
 1600 M Relay - 4th  
 Shot Put - Katelyn Reed - 4th  
 Discus - Deidre Tarver - 1st  
 High Jump - Whitney Garza - 3rd  
 Varsity Boys - 2nd  
 3200 M - David Chavez - 8th  
 400 M Relay - 1st  
 800 M Run - David Chavez - 5th  
 110 Hurdles - Craig Kautz - 2nd  
 100 M Dash - Tony Ruiz - 1st  
 800 M Relay - 2nd

300 Hurdles - Josh Lanning - 2nd  
 200 M Dash - Case Crabtree - 1st  
 1600 M Relay - 4th

3. Qualifying for the State Track Meet in Austin is: Deidre Tarver - 1st - Discus, the boys 400 M Relay which consists of Tony Ruiz, Case Crabtree, Josh Lanning and Travis Soto. Good Luck to these students.

4. The boys varsity golf team placed 1st at district and 3rd at Regionals. They will advance to the state golf meet in Austin. Good Luck golfers!

5. Jordan Taylor has met the requirements to enter the 2006 National Merit Scholarship program. Each of these students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of some

1.3 million program entrants. Congratulations Jordan.

6. Junior High Cheerleaders for the 2005-2006 school year are: Kelsi Dennis, Chelbye Ellis, Angie Rosales, Sunny Russell, Channing Ziemann, Lindsy Confer, Courtney Hartman, Kelsie Keener, Kimberly Melton and Taylor Melton. Congratulations to these students.

7. High School Cheerleaders for the 2005-2006 school year are: Junior Varsity - Sierra Valenzuela, Katrina Harkins and Anna Torres.  
 Varsity - Haley Buckles, Allison Baskin, Kelsey Stein, LaRissa Luna, Merilee McDaniels and Cassi Garza. The mascot will be Jordan Confer.

8. Marcos Garza placed 2nd in the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation Poster contest for the 5th grade.

9. Student Council elections results are as follows:  
 Seniors: President - Haley Buckles, Allison Baskin, and Maira Argomaniz - Juniors - President - Evan Haile, Rustin Russell and Bryce Wright, Sophomores - President - Trena Maiwald, Austin Riffe, Freshmen - President - Jennie Spurlock, Chandra Hawkins, Chandler Lutes and Deborah Molina.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She reported that they had taken 175 students to Donelson Park today for their AR reward trip. The students had a lot of fun. Thursday will be the 4th grade science fair. The Science Spectrum will be here on Friday to present the "Rainforest". Kindergarten graduation will be on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 PM. The 1st - 4th grade awards assembly will be on Friday, May 20 at 9:00 AM.

Mr. Gilliland gave the middle school report. He reported that Shannon Maiwald was 3rd in the Soil Conservation Poster contest. Nita Hudson and Keri Walden will be the junior high cheerleader sponsors. The Junior High Gifted and Talented students went to Amarillo to see the play *42nd Street*. The 5th - 7th Awards assembly was held today at 10:00 AM. The 5th, 6th & 7th graders will be going to Wonderland Park for their end of school party on Thursday. The 8th graders will go to OPSU and Guymon on Wednesday, May 18th for their 8th grade trip. Graduation will be on Thursday, May 19 at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro reported that Mr. Haynes was at the State Golf meet.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the transportation report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 40¢. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 57.24% and revenue collected at 89.33%. Tax collections are at 97.88%. Current enrollment is as follows: Mary Allen Elementary - 259, middle school - 173 and high school - 196. The board will meet on Monday, May 16th at 6:30 PM to canvass the school board votes. The Scholastic Banquet has been changed to May 17th at 7:30 PM. The basketball tournament held over the holidays was discussed. It was suggested that this tournament be cancelled due to poor response. The renovation of the football field will begin on Wednesday. The State Championship signs are being painted. The TASB Spring Workshop will be May 18th in Canyon. He passed out a list of school board meeting for the

5-06 school year. He reported that the school was vandalized.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Garec McBryde seconded to accept the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the textbook adoption list. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro went over the proposal received for the car. It was as follows:  
 2005 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx \$18,568.55  
 Garec McBryde made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT

Mr. Taliaferro presented the ESL Summer School schedule and reporting of student progress. The summer school will begin on June 1 and end on July 1 plus a field trip of 5 hours. The hours will be from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM to fulfill the 120 requirement. Progress will be determined by periodic testing in addition to end of session test. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the schedule and reporting of student progress as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the proposal for band uniforms from Fruhauf Uniforms through the TASB Buy Board. The proposal was for 30 uniforms for a total amount of \$13,645.20. Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the proposal in the amount of \$13,645.20.

Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Darlene Walker. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the letter of resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to hire Kristi Walden subject to assignment. Motion carried 7-0.

DeWain Traylor made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to hire Harletta Carthel subject to assignment. Motion carried 7-0.

John Bass from Region XVI arrived at 8:00 PM.

The board took a short recess at 8:02 PM.

Discussion was held on the summer maintenance including the fence, parking lot islands, tennis courts, carpet, porches and basketball dressing rooms.

At 8:18 PM, the board entered into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074. Superintendent Taliaferro left during closed session. Only board members were present. John Bass from Region XVI addressed the board concerning the superintendent vacancy.

The board reconvened to open session at 10:15 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.

physician from the Harrington Center contacted Joyce Ann and scheduled an appointment. Joyce Ann's regular physician discussed the findings with her and recommended a surgeon. The malignant tumor was removed on August 19, 2002. After the surgery a blood test was done. Luckily for Joyce Ann it revealed that no further treatments were necessary.

Joyce Ann is currently taking medication and will continue to do so for two more years. She is extremely passionate about yearly mammograms. Upon receiving her yearly mammogram reminder in the mail, she immediately schedules an appointment. Every 3 to 4 months, Joyce Ann visits her Oncologist, Dr. David Beggs whom she describes as a very compassionate, professional physician. She continues to have blood work, yearly x-rays, and physical exams at the Harrington Cancer Center.

Joyce Ann would like to express her sincere thanks to the community of Stratford for all of their prayers and words of encouragement during her bout with cancer.

**Cancer**  
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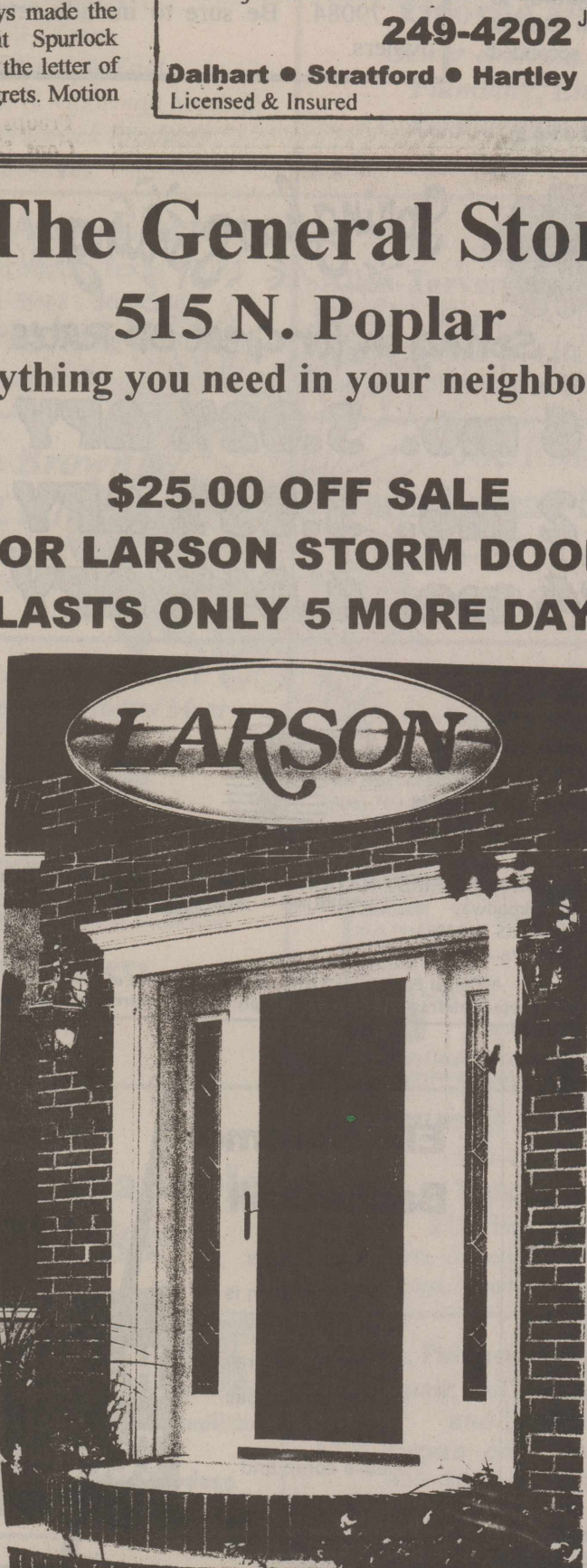
The geoduck is a huge edible clam, found along the Pacific Coast. Its shell is about six inches long, but the clam itself can weigh up to six pounds.

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**OUTSTANDING GIRL & BOY TRACK**  
L/R: Kristen Crabtree, Deidre Tarver, Case Crabtree & Tony Ruiz



**OUTSTANDING CROSS COUNTRY**  
L/R: Yadira Ortega, Brittany Hudson & Kristen Crabtree

## Auto Care

(NU) - As the weather gets warmer, motorists should begin thinking about getting their vehicles ready for the busy summer driving season. Given today's busy schedules and complex vehicle systems, many drivers prefer to take their cars to repair shops than do the work themselves. When shopping for a repair facility, look for evidence of qualified technicians. This includes trade-school diplomas, certificates of advanced coursework and certification by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. ASE is dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive professionals. Visit [www.asecert.org](http://www.asecert.org) for more information.



**OUTSTANDING GIRL & BOY TENNIS**  
L/R: Josh Lanning, Cassi Garza, Crystal Peregrino & Connor Vincent



**FIGHTING HEART AWARDS**  
L/R: Boys Basketball - Chris Ortega, Girls Basketball, Yadira Ortega & Brittany Hudson, and Football - Travis Soto.



**GIRL & BOY ATHLETE SCHOLARS**  
Allison Baskin & Tyler Haynes

Troops  
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listening to their Walkmans and playing GameBoy without the threat of running out of power!!! Ronna Riffe and her classes responded with plenty of disposable razors and with chewing gum. Stratford Middle School chose to treat the soldiers with peanuts and sunflower seeds. Kathy Melton at Stratford Thriftway displayed the items available and also provided a drop box to collect the donations. First State Bank of Stratford and Happy State Bank were both generous in donating pens and pads for every soldier. Dennis Plunk of Dumas donated tooth brushes and dental floss and also from Dumas, Mary Lynn Garth of The Alley Cafe supplied crystal lite packets. We were anxious for the Tip Top Town in Texas to be recognized, so the Stratford Chamber of Commerce provided Texas pins which show the location of Stratford. Hopefully, these young men (48) and women (two) will remember their friends from Texas. Monetary donations approximately \$700.00 have been given in memory of loved ones and given as generous gifts to be used for postage and to "fill in the gaps" when particular items needed to be purchased for each soldier to receive like items. The ladies at our local post office have been extremely helpful in saving postage dollars. Nancy Oakley, Desire Davis, Jodi Wilson have offered avenues unknown to most of us, in order to ship these gifts in the most efficient way.

Treat 'N Troops will continue to collect gifts for the soldiers in Iraq. We are completely out of MENS socks. Other gift items will be printed in the Stratford Star and local churches have the gift list suggestions. Remember that all items must be TRAVEL SIZE. If the collections are not adequate to have additional mailings to the local troops, the remaining items will be donated to Socks for Soldiers in Amarillo.

Again, thank you to the community for your donations and gifts for Treat 'N Troops.

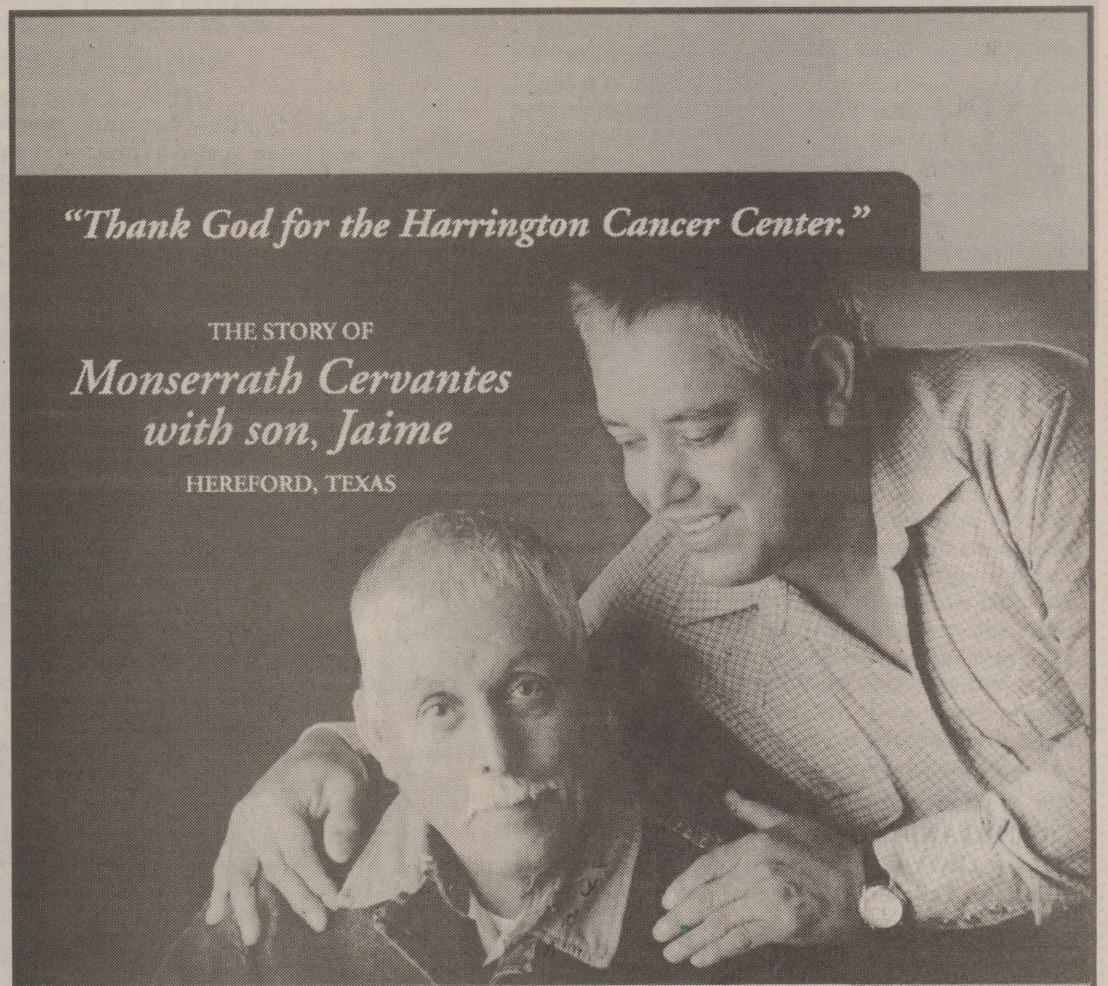


**BEST ALL-AROUND ATHLETES**  
Yadira Ortega & Josh King

## More All Sports Banquet Pics Page 6

"Thank God for the Harrington Cancer Center."

THE STORY OF  
*Monserrath Cervantes*  
with son, Jaime  
HEREFORD, TEXAS



AFTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH STOMACH CANCER IN 1991, Monserrath Cervantes underwent surgery to remove the tumor. Eight months later, the tumor grew back and he began to get very ill. After a second surgery, Monserrath was sent to Harrington Cancer Center to receive chemotherapy treatment.

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Tami & Keith King



**MOST VALUABLE GIRL & BOY BASKETBALL PLAYER**  
Yadira Ortega & Tyler Haynes



**GIRL'S MOST VALUABLE DEFENSIVE BASKETBALL PLAYER**  
Lindsay Stein & Allison Baskin



Shown at right,  
**OUTSTANDING GIRL & BOY GOLF**  
Juliana Taliaferro & Tyler Haynes



**MOST VALUABLE FOOTBALL AWARDS**  
L/R: Offensive Lineman – Trent Boyd, Offensive Back – Josh King, Defensive Lineman – Mark Miller, and Defensive Back – Ryan McDaniel.

**Oakley of Stratford Honored, graduates University of Central Oklahoma**

Jennifer Oakley, a 2000 graduate of Stratford High School, has been named as the Top Student Teachers at the University of Central Oklahoma's College of Education and Professional Studies this year.

She is the daughter of Leah Oakley, and the granddaughter of Charles and Nancy Oakley, all of Stratford.

Oakley, an early childhood education major, graduated UCO May 6.

During her education at the university, she has remained on President's and Dean's Honor Rolls.

Oakley has been active in numerous UCO organizations, including the University of Central Oklahoma Early Childhood Association, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Oklahoma Education Association and was secretary of the UCO Association of Childhood Education International from 2004 until 2005.

Oakley said her plans now are to teach in the Oklahoma City area.

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There is a time for many words,  
and there is also a time for sleep.  
—Homer  
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**New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July by James Patterson
2. True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
3. Broken Prey by John Sandford
4. Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk
5. The Da Vinci Code by Dan brown
6. Countdown by Iris Johansen
11. The Innocent by Harlan Coben
12. Zorro by Isabel Allende
13. No Place Like Home by Mary Higgins Clark
14. The Hot Kid by Elmore Leonard
15. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
16. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
19. Saturday by Ian McEwan
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25. The Rising by Tim LaHaye
29. Two Dollar Bill by Stuart Woods
34. Honeymoon by James



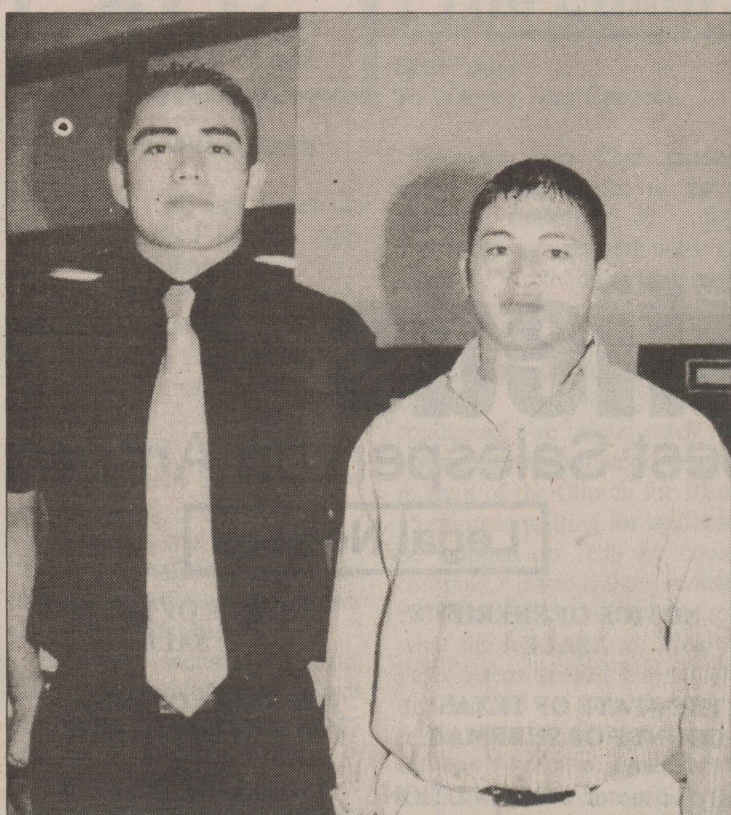
**Sixth Grade Parade**

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading classes ended their school year with a parade. Each student designed and created a float representing his/her favorite book that was read this year. The floats were about 3 ft. by 3 ft. The students used wagons, toy cars, skateboards, etc. They also used tissue paper, cardboard, chicken wire and many other things. A variety of books were represented.

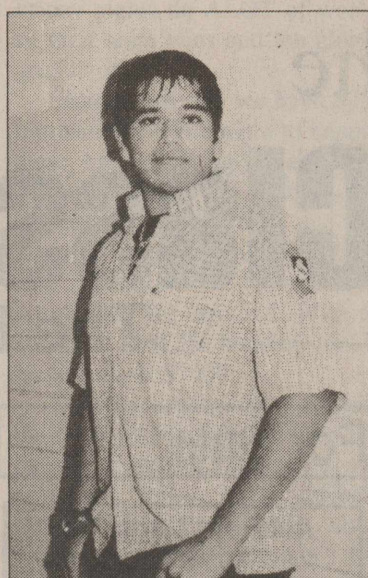
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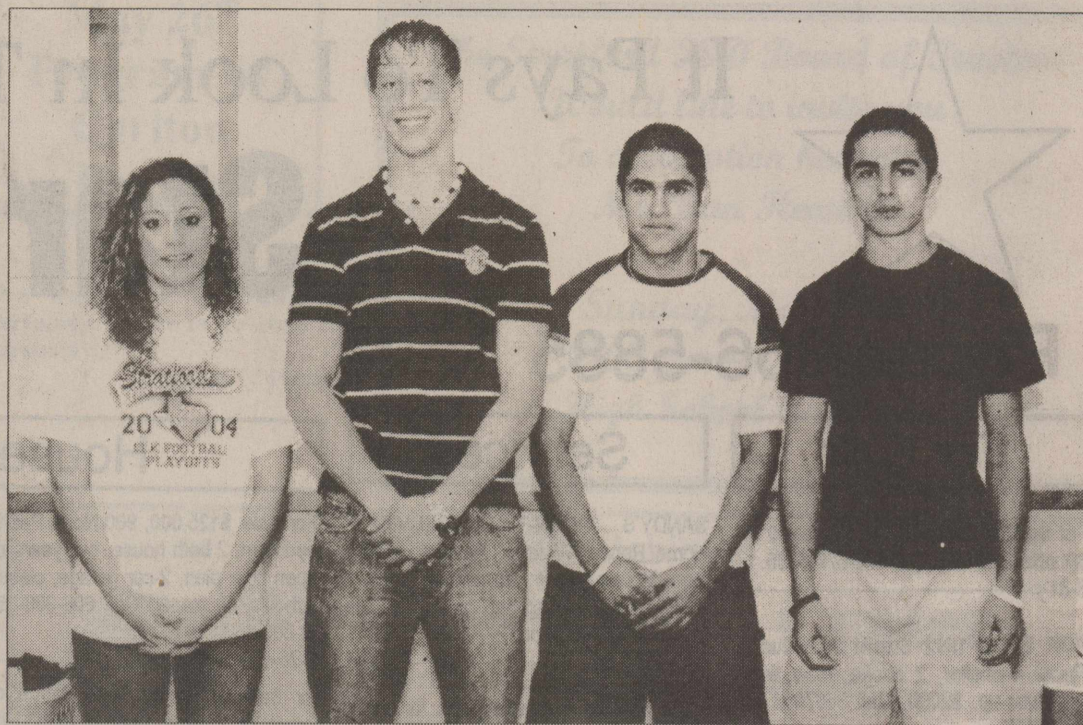
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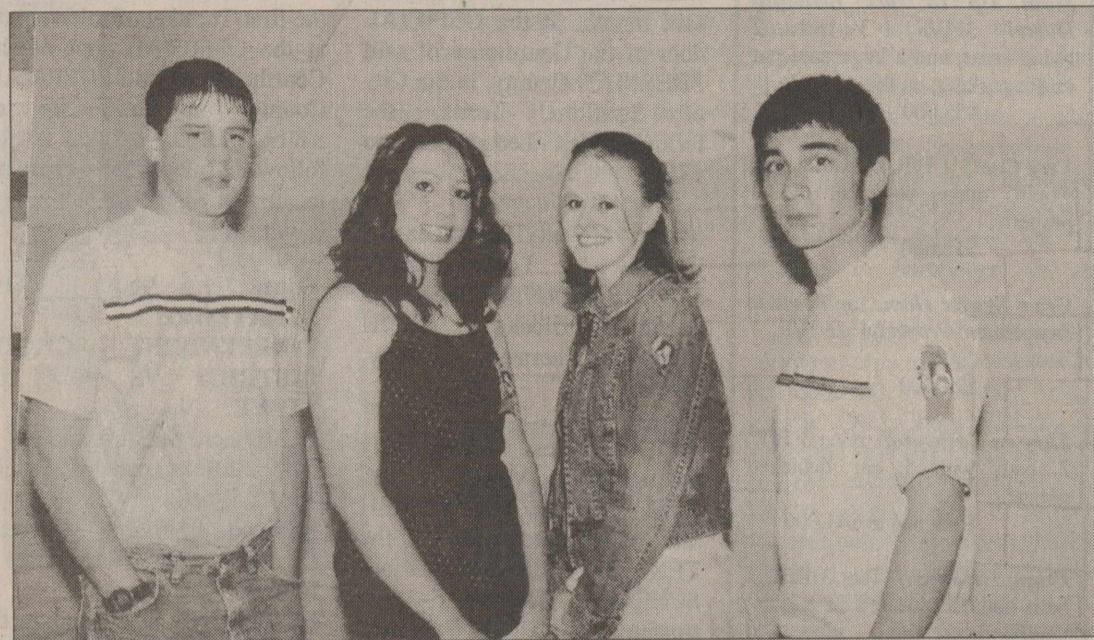
**V.O. LASLEY AWARD**  
Asbel Gomez & Travis Soto



**LAZIEST SENIOR**  
Luis Trejo



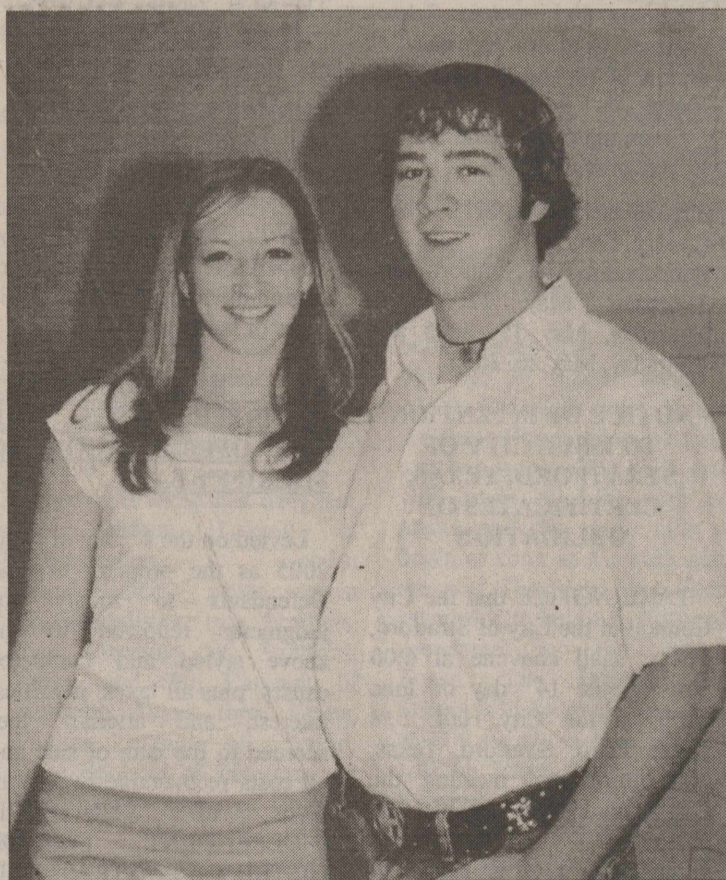
**OUTSTANDING AWARDS**  
L/R: Outstanding Woodwind – Rocio Molina, Outstanding Percussion – Cory Rendon, Outstanding Brass – Gustavo Rosales, Outstanding Marcher – Michael Frizzell, and Outstanding Freshman was awarded to Samantha Hart.



**OUTSTANDING COOKS & BUN DRESSERS**  
L/R: Cook – Daniel Nusz, Bun Dresser To Be – April Peregrino, Bun Dresser – Emily Shafer, and Cook – Jeffrey Frizzell.



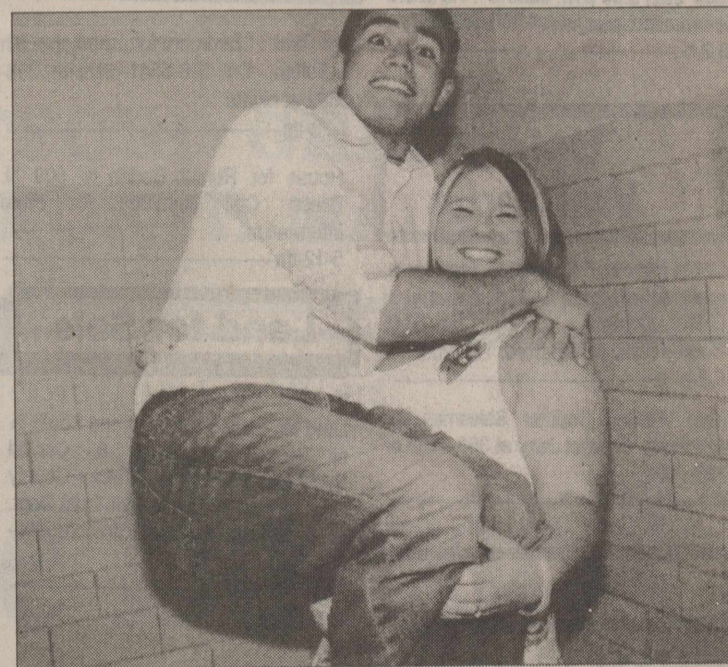
**OUTSTANDING SECTION – BARITONES**  
L/R: Raquel Henderson, Steven Rueda, Michael Frizzell, Andy Pale, Jesse Daniels, Daniel Hernandez, Gustavo Rosales and Richie Melton.



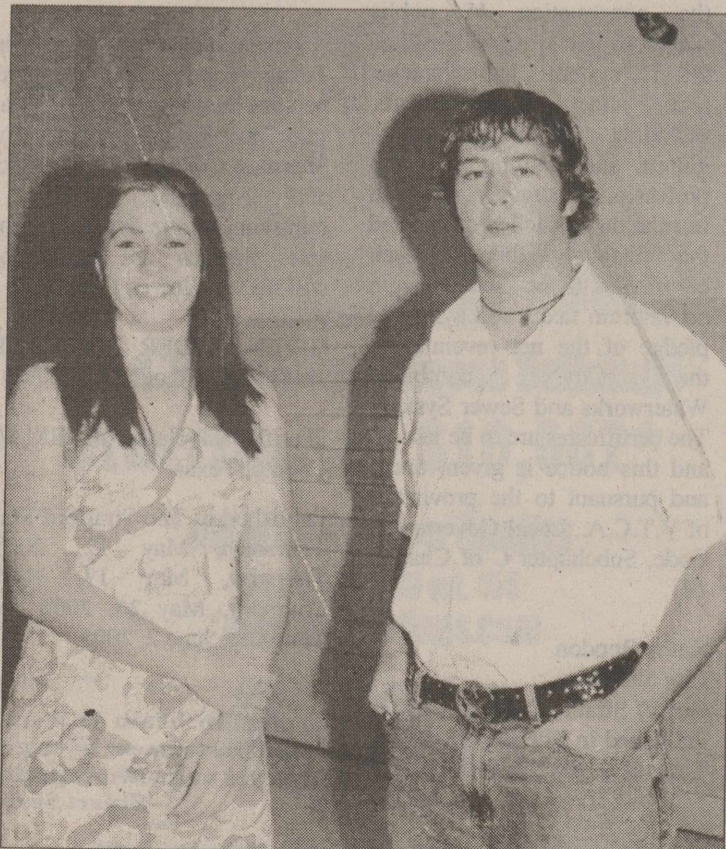
**BAND BEAU & SWEETHEART**  
Allison Baskin & Ryan McDaniel



**OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD & JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD**  
Leadership – Rocio Molina, John Philip Sousa – Craig Reinart



**BIGGEST GOOF-OFF GIRL & BOY**  
Heather Robertson & Asbel Gomez



**OUTSTANDING GIRL & BOY MUSICIAN**  
Juliana Taliaferro & Ryan McDaniel

**The Stratford Star will be closed Monday for Memorial Day-Deadline for June 2nds paper Friday May 27 at 4 p.m.**

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- June 2-Aug.20 "Texas Legacies" Musical Tue.-Sat. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
- June 5-Aug15 "Texas Express" Music Sun.-Mon. 806-655-2181 Pioneer Amphitheater Palo Duro State Park
- July 8-10 "Beauty and the Beast" Youth Musical Amarillo Civic
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