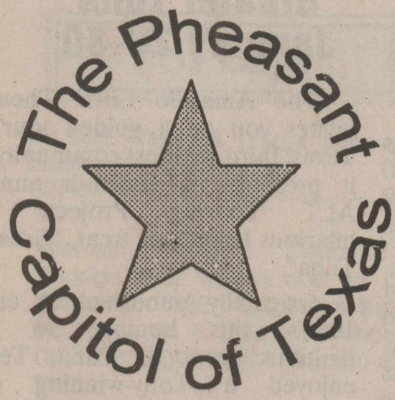


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Centennial 2001 Group Meeting

The Centennial 2001 group meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th at noon at Headquarters.

Stratford Country Club Annual Stockholder Meeting

Stratford Country Club Annual Stockholders Meeting Saturday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.. Free Barbecue dinner.

Wenger Fund Set Up At Bank

A Troy Wenger fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford. The fund is to help the 17 year old and his family.

Financial Aid May Still Be Picked Up

For all junior and senior parents who were unable to attend Financial Aid Night on December the 9th, you can still get a copy of the material that was distributed that night. All parents received a copy of the Stratford ISD Post Secondary Guide for Juniors and Seniors. This guide contains important information on planning for college, college selection and admission, visit the classrooms and have scholarships, federal financial aid, and writing resumes. Please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322 to obtain your copy.

Blood Drive January 17

The Student Council of Stratford High School will be sponsoring a Blood Drive through Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Monday, January 17, 2000 at the Old Gym at Stratford High School between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. T-shirts will be given to donors.

Community Meeting To Discuss Proposed Bond Election

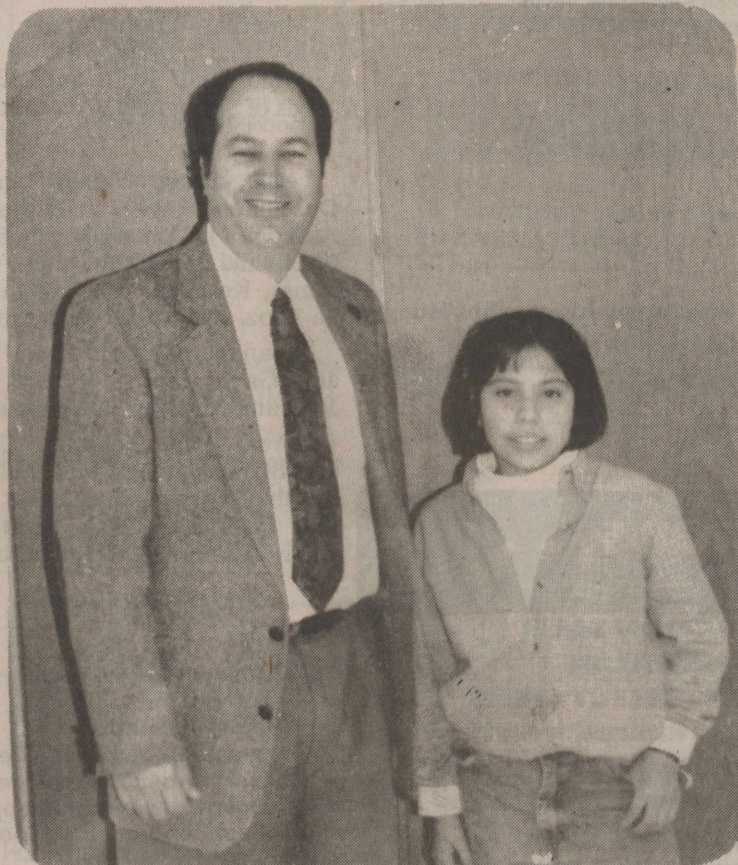
The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees will hold a Community Meeting Thursday, January 13, in the Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss and answer questions about the proposed bond election for classrooms, library, and cafeteria at the Mary Allen Elementary, a new band hall, library research center and junior high/high school renovations. Please come and share your thoughts, ideas, and questions.

Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry meeting on Monday, January 17th at 7 p.m. at The Pantry.

Younger Texans 4-H Club To Meet

Younger Texans 4-H Club will meet on Thursday, January 13, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. The program will be Ethics in the Show Ring. All members are encouraged to attend.



Mary Allen Principal Jim Taliaferro is shown receiving a check from Stacy Metcalf of Nu Beta Sorority. Nu Beta donated a set of books (28 Books) for the Accelerated Reader Program at Mary Allen.

Blackwell Will Not Seek Re-Election

District Attorney Barry E. Blackwell today announced that he will not seek re-election to a seventh term as District Attorney of the 69th Judicial District.

"It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of this district as your District Attorney for the past 24 years and I thank each of you for the support you have given me", Blackwell added.

Blackwell was appointed to fill the office of the District Attorney in May, 1975, by then Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, and was subsequently elected to six terms.

"It is my intention to serve the remainder of my term as District Attorney and to fulfill the responsibilities of the office", Blackwell concluded.

Board Of Trustees Holds Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD met for a board workshop on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Steve Johnson - Pres., Ted Allen - Vice-Pres., Sandy Baskin - Sect - absent, Philip Walden, Kenton Kimball, Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Vernon Paul, Supt.

Administrative team members present were Jerry Hunkapiller, Steve Haynes, Jim Taliaferro and Brad Thiessen.

Discussed facility needs, what is needed, where we need to go and what to do. No action taken. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD met in regular session on December 20, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Steve Johnson - President, Ted Allen - Vice-President, Sandy Baskin - Secretary, Philip Walden, Kenton Kimball, Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Vernon Paul, Supt.

Administrative team members present: Steve Haynes, Jim Taliaferro, Jerry Hunkapiller, Brad Thiessen, Travis Melton. Guest present: Jeff Witcher and Greg Wright. Invocation was given by Steve Haynes.

Public hearing was conducted on the AEIS Report. Steve Haynes gave report. District is Academic Acceptable. Mary Allen Elementary-Academic Acceptable. Middle School-Academic Acceptable. High School-Academic Acceptable. Steve Haynes voiced concern-district wide for reading.

Jeff Witcher encouraged board to continue to support family life and distributed pamphlet "The Family: A Proclamation to the World".

Principals Report: Jim Taliaferro talked about the combined Christmas Party to be held at the county barn for grades Pre-K-4th. TAAS practice test conducted. Students are at 11,300 points on the accelerated reader program. Jerry Hunkapiller expressed his appreciation to community. Looking at after school programs for second semester. Talked about band concert. Steve Haynes expressed concern for students who are flunking.

Board congratulated Brad Thiessen on football. Travis Melton gave transportation report stating the total operation cost per mile at \$0.33. Vernon Paul, Supt. reported tax collection at 75.05%

and delinquent at 96.30% collected. Budget summary to date was 60.62% of the revenue collected and 29.69% of the

expenditures spent. Investment report given-interest for period of October-December was \$11,500.74 with interest to date at \$11,500.74.

Mr. Paul reported the interviews would be conducted in January. Superintendent's evaluation forms are to be completed and mailed to Steve Johnson.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion was made by Sandy Baskin and seconded by Kenton Kimball to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Vote 7-0-0.

Motion was made by Joe Reinart and seconded by Ted Allen to approve the appraisal district contract. Vote 7-0-0.

Motion was made by Sandy Baskin and seconded by Ricky Reed to adopt the campus plans as presented. Vote 7-0-0.

Greg Wright brought quotes for sound system and presented them with explanation. Discussion held. No action needed by board.

Board did not act on item #9. Considering adopting the order to call for a bond election. Special meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Board adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD met in special session on Tuesday, December 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Homemaking Building. The meeting was called to order by Ted Allen at 7:04 p.m. Members present were: Steve Johnson - Pres. absent, Ted Allen - Vice-Pres., Sandy Baskin - Sect., Philip Walden, Kenton Kimball, Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Vernon Paul, Supt.

Administrative team members present were: Jim Taliaferro and Jerry Hunkapiller. Invocation was given by Jerry Hunkapiller.

After discussion of a possible bond election for February 12, Joe Reinart made the motion to order a bond election to be held in Stratford ISD in the principal amount of \$2,400,000.00 for the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the district, with an election to be held on the 12th day of February 2000. Seconded by Philip Walden. Vote was 6-0-0.

Ted Allen read a letter from Steve Johnson saying he was in total support of a bond election for \$2.4 million to include the construction of classrooms, library, and cafeteria at Mary Allen Elementary plus a Band Hall and Library Research Center with appropriate renovations at the Jr. High/High School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Perfect Attendance

4th Grade Student Ivy Valenzuela won the perfect attendance drawing for the last 6 weeks. Ivy was treated to lunch by Mr. Taliaferro, Mary Allen Principal.

Grandparents Day At School

We would like to invite our grandparents to visit our schools Wednesday, January 19th. Come visit the classrooms and have lunch with us. Cost of lunch for guests is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children. Come and have lunch and spend the day with our Elks.

1999 SCDC Annual Membership Meeting Friday, Jan. 21, 2000

The 1999 Sherman County Development Committee Annual Membership Meeting and Hamburger Fry is scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2000, at the Sherman County Barn beginning at 11:30 a.m. For further information or if you have questions please contact the SCDC office at 806-366-2897. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

2000 Sherman County Ag Producers Meeting

The 2000 Sherman County Ag Producers meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 14, 2000 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Extension Specialists will be on hand to answer your questions on various topics. Richard Bowers, will be the guest speaker. Three hours of CEU's for private applicators can be obtained.

A Steak lunch will be provided. In order to have an accurate count for lunch please call the extension office. Don't miss this great opportunity. Call 806-366-2081 and register now.

A&M Club To Feed Aggie Judging Team

The XIT A&M Club will be meeting Sunday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Bar-H Steakhouse (formerly K-Bob's) in Dalhart. Our guests will be the Texas A&M Livestock and Meat Judging Teams. We expect to feed about 25 students and coaches heading back to A&M after competing in the Denver Livestock Show. The Aggie Team has already won the National Championship in Louisville KY. earlier this season.

Also, the club will be launching the Elwyn Dysart Memorial Scholarship Fund at this meeting. Support for several students at Texas A&M is given through the club by the John David Scholarship Fund and local contributions, and we plan to add to that support with the new Scholarship. Mr. Dysart was a long time XIT area resident, A&M graduate Class of '41, Dallam County Extension Agent and a friend to all, especially Aggies. Mr. Dysart passed away in 1989.

All Texas A&M Former students and friends are invited to come for food, fellowship and support of the activities.

Power Wheelchairs Available

Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old & up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required.

The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who can not walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age.

Please call 1-800-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

The only U.S. president who never married was John Buchanan.

Calling All Local Scholarship Donors

The counseling office at Stratford I.S.D. is currently in the process of updating all of our scholarship files for the local scholarships offered every spring to the senior class. We are asking all individuals who are responsible for a local scholarship to contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322 in order to verify the information and requirements for your scholarship. Please do so as soon as possible so that the scholarships can be announced to the seniors in a timely manner.

Emergency Meeting

Concern for the erosion of our entire area's economy will be bringing together producers from Oklahoma, West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Low prices for almost all commodities have dealt a massive blow to our nation's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry and thus our economy.

Farm and trade policy will see major changes this year. Hearings will soon begin that will affect all of us, and they may take place with or without your input. New policies may be influenced by others who do not necessarily have our best interests at heart.

This meeting is designed to let numerous farm organizations and/or independent farmers and ranchers have personal input into new farm policies.

The time has come for the collective thoughts of area producers to be heard as they speak from the heart about the future of agriculture. Together we can make a difference.

The meeting will be held: Friday, January 14, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, Texas. For additional information contact Don Kimbrell at 806-948-1106.



Military barracks are so-called from the Gaelic barrachad, a hut made of branches."

National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Obits

Billy Wade Turner

Friona-Billy Wade Turner, 77, died Saturday, January 8, 2000.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 10 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Cain officiating. Burial was in the Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Turner was born in Celeste and had been a lifetime resident of Friona. He was a veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He formerly owned and operated the Whites Auto Store in Friona. He retired in 1975. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He married Eva Aline Coker in 1942 at Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Karen Sue Blake of Stratford and Becky Jan Hardcastle of Wheeler; a sister Jean Coker of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Letters To The Editor

Fellow SISD residents,

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District, has recently called a bond election for February 12, 2000. As most of you know, this is the third attempt to present a facilities improvement package to the voters of the district, the first on November 15, 1999. Obviously, we have failed to present a package that you, the voters can support, and for a number of reasons. Since that first proposal, the administration, and the board have continually reviewed the facility needs of the district so that we may continue to provide a quality educational environment that enhances student achievement. At the same time, we have raised the expectation of student performance by charging the administration that all three campuses achieve a minimum rating of "Recognized" by the end of the 2002 school year.

Following the defeats of the previous bond proposals, we have conducted surveys of the community and the staff, and have held open public forums to better determine the obstacles that prevented successful passage of the bond. We have consistently heard 3 things:

1. Present a package that emphasizes educational needs.
2. Don't try to do it all at once! Prioritize the needs and build the projects over a longer period.
3. Do a better job of informing the public.

Several new members have been seated on the board since that first proposal. And, as you can imagine, it takes time as a new board member to become familiar and comfortable with the needs of the district. Your district trustees and administrators have spent many hours in work sessions and board meetings building consensus for a proposal that will be accepted by our fellow residents. The proposal we offer is in the amount of \$2.4 million, to be paid over 15 years. We hope you agree that this proposal answers your demands.

The proposal is as follows: (please attend announced public meeting for greater detail)

* build eight (8) new classrooms and a library at Mary Allen Elementary. The library modernization would allow for further enhancement of the Accelerated Reader program. The expansion would also provide a room for the elementary music program.

* restore the cafeteria/auditorium to Mary Allen Elementary.

* Build a new Band Hall to accommodate the 80 to 100 kids that participate in this program. This addition would allow for our Art program to move to the current band hall.

* Convert the High School Auditorium to a Junior High/High School, Library & Research Center. This area would greatly enhance our computer research capabilities and Internet access. This provides four (4) classrooms to be gained in the Junior High, and two (2) in the High School.

I hope you will agree that this proposal conforms to the three

"January Journeys" Stories Around The World

Loralee Cooley, storyteller from Pampa, Texas, in collaboration with the Division of Public Education, Office of International Affairs, and Texas Tech University will bring to our kids and community Stories Around the World on January 12, 13, and 14 in the school auditorium. Stories and histories of different regions and cultures of the world vividly brought to life by Loralee Cooley-a professional storyteller and approved Touring Artist with the Texas Commission of the Arts. Please join us for any or all three days of excitement over "January Journeys" The following schedule will be used:

January 12- High School	Seniors 1:15-11:15
	Juniors 11:30-12:30
	Sophomores 1:15-2:15
	Freshmen 2:30-3:30
January 13-Junior High School	
	5th Grade-9:00-10:00
	8th grade-10:15-11:15
	6th Grade 1:15-2:15
	7th grade-2:30-3:30
January 14-Mary Allen Elementary	
	K-1st Grade-8:45-9:45
	2nd grade 10:00-11:00
	3rd Grade 12:15-1:15
	4th Grade 1:30-2:30

main criteria that you, the public, has communicated to the administration and board. We anxiously await the opportunity to explain the proposal to you in detail. We encourage everyone to attend the announce public meetings. If you are a member of a civic group that would like a presentation at your next meeting please give one of us a call. Or, if you have questions and cannot attend a public meeting please call any board member or the administration. I thank you in advance for your support.

- Steve Johnson - Board President - 396-2494
- Ted Allen - Vice President - 396-5617
- Sandy Baskin - Secretary - 769-4480
- Kenton Kimball - 366-2417
- Phillip Walden - 769-4467
- Joe Reinart - 384-2217
- Ricky Reed - 366-2427
- Vernon Paul - Superintendent - 366-5804 home 366-3303 office

Steve Johnson
Board President

January Scholarship Deadlines

The following scholarships for juniors and seniors are due during the month of January: Classic Cable-Seniors in top 20% Jan. 1
Discover Card Tribute Award-Juniors with 2.75 GPA Jan. 11
Foot action Hooked on Sports-Senior athletes Jan. 15
Tylenol Brand Scholarship Fund-Seniors Jan. 17
Scantron Future Educators of America-Seniors planning to major in education Jan. 21
Phi Delta Kappa International-Seniors planning to major in education Jan. 31
Don't miss these deadlines as applications postmarked after the due date will not be accepted!! For more information on these or other scholarships, call Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** denotes new listing

- Jan. 15 Amarillo Symphony "Pops" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan 16 Young Peoples' Concert. Amarillo Symphony Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Jan. 17 "Victor-Victoria" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Jan. 20 Amarillo Symphony- Itzhak Perlman in Recital Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan 20-30 "Greater Tuna" Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun-Matinee Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan 21**** Superbull "Asleep at the Wheel" Superbull "Rambler" Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan 22
- Jan. 24 Tribute to "Hoagy Carmichael" Big Band Legend Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Feb. 1 William Doppman, pianist/composer 8:00 p.m. Mary Moody Northern Hall WTAMU, Canyon 806-651-2798
- Feb. 4 Randel Chamber Orchestra /Joanna Mendoza, viola Trinity Baptist Church 806-376-8782
- Feb. 12 Red Stegall Valentine Show LaRita Theatre, Dalhart 244-5646
- Feb. 12 Jose Greco II Flamenco Dance Co. Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463
- Feb. 18-20 25,26 "Nunsense Jamboree" Musical Guymon Community Theatre 338-6760
- Feb. 19*** Amarillo Symphony-Joseph Silverstein, violin Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 27*** "Spirit of the Dance" Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096
- Feb. 29*** "Annie" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096

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—William Blake

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Recipes Still Needed

Recipes are still wanted for the Stratford Centennial Celebration. Need them from family recipes, old cookbooks, etc.

Get to Jean Everett, Centennial Cookbook Chairman, by May 1st. Please!!!

Births

Hallie Michele McAdams was born December 28, 1999 at 8:20 p.m. in Amarillo. She weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Hallie's parents are Kyle and Ronna McAdams. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Chris McAdams. Great grandparents are Jean Warren of Schulenburg and Dixie McAdams of Pasadena. Elsie Lasley is a great-great grandmother.

Maternal grandparents are: Cathy and Brian Brown of Amarillo and Ron and Carla Deeds of Springfield, Colorado.

Allie Shaye James arrived December 26, 1999 at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. She is the first child of Trew and Cara James, Kerrick. Allie weighed 7 lb. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Ben Tom and Gayla James, Kerrick and John and Nina Lavake, Stratford.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Blanche James and Paul and Martha Redwine, all of Boise City, OK, Georgia Lavake, Stratford, Lewis and Fern Yell, Amarillo.

"Spirit Of The Dance"

"Spirit of the Dance" will be at the Amarillo Civic Center Feb. 27, 2000. Tickets will be open to the public Dec. 6, 1999-806-378-3096. It's Irish Dance Meets Broadway! It's Sensational, It's Unmissable! The Times "A Thrilling spectacular show in the Footsteps of Riverdance...." Bristol Evening Post

"Greater Tuna" January 20-30

The Amarillo Little Theater invites you on a guided tour of Texas' third smallest community as it presents its eleventh annual ALT Touring Project, the hilarious Lone Star treat, "Greater Tuna".

Originally published in early 1980's, this homage to the fictitious town of Tuna, Texas enjoyed a Tony-winning off-Broadway run and has become a regional classic, spawning two sequels, "A Tuna Christmas" and "Red, White and Tuna." "Greater Tuna" is a hilarious send-up of small town mores as two actors, in a tour de force of quick-change artistry (both in costuming and characterization), create the entire population of this tiny Texas Town.

"Greater Tuna" will open on the ALT stage before beginning its tour of several Panhandle stages, January 20-30, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinees 2:30 p.m.

In some states, Arbor Day, Bird Day and Flag Day are school holidays.

CAJUN CORN

2-1/2 quarts popped popcorn
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon lemon pepper

Pour butter over warm popcorn. Combine remaining seasonings and sprinkle over popcorn, toss to mix. Bake in 300-degree oven for crispy popcorn, if desired. Makes 2-1/2 quarts.

Nutritional Information
(based on 1-cup serving):
Total Calories 92; Fat 7g;
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Sherman County: Stratford. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

Timi's Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, readers, citizens this mild breezy sunny Monday morning January 10, 2000. We want this issue of the Tidbits to be the most interesting, readable, reporting we have ever published. Why? For no good reason that we can give. We will begin by telling readers of the visit of The Rex Christian daughters, Rosann and Shirlyn and granddaughter Chelsea Christian, who came to see the quilt. Timis tidbits Shirlyn found the picture of Tim Hudson an became very excited as she recalled teaching him in Home Economic Class some years before she exclaimed this can't be true Rosann was excited when she found her parents names and names of numbers of people that she knew (which was easy to do since there are some three hundred names on the quilt. The junior age person was granddaughter Chelsea Christian who is also the granddaughter of Letha Batis, Justice Of Peace Precinct 4, whose wondering silence was a joy to us all (Incidentally the fellows were to busy helping Bernice to prepare the meal that was to follow and babysitting to spend time looking at a quilt).

Other interesting personal reports came by telephone and E-Mail, For instance grandson Allan Haile of Friona, TX called to tell us that they were at Hereford, TX with mutual friends the Gibsons. Beside the news of his family and their activities. Timi had a short conversation with Mona Gale Gibson, who will be remembered as teaching in the Stratford School System some time back.

By E-Mail little great grandson Joe Shane Eidon Brown greeted us and grandson Joe Ray interpreted that the family well and plans to see us in Stratford soon.

Also from the Ron Williams came pictures of their ski trip at Angel Fire, NM (Allan Haile family, the Joel Aro Family, were included in the skiing party as well as Mike & Lori Powers.

People we have no word from Frans & R.W. Standefer from White Deer; Agnes Sy Brandht and families; the Charles F. Crowe families, California; the Garnet Meek families.

Tommy Frank & Mattie Baskin accepted an invitation to a sort of Fortenberry cousins reunion at Lone Oak, TX. Old Timers will remember that Maggie T. Baskin was (Mrs. T.F. Baskin, Jr) they met Bonnie, Maggies only sister and Lorena-Maggie's sister-in-law who are the only senior survivors in the Fortenberry family.

A newsy letter from John Steel, Greeley, CO brought word that his wife Jewel's health has failed to the point that her children an John agreed that she must have more extensive health care as a result John is living alone again. However Jewel is near enough that he can visit her daily. John gave a glowing report about his

extensive family an that he is contended an serene an happy. God go with you John.

Letters from the Knudson families brought unusual, information and exciting accounts of the activities of their second generation from Africa, Switzerland, Central America and other places; the most interesting over all picture that we have of their lives is that all activities are church centered.

A letter from Nell Brown (Mrs. Bob Brown) Weatherford, TX brought new of Bob's state of health and their children's activities in a most interesting fashion by the way Bob is not too well! Information from Kim McAter daughter of Marlene Brown telling us that her husband is being transferred to Bastrop, TX and a chance meeting with Sue Hudson at Amarillo Airport, caused Kim to write us about the Brown connection in Bastrop. Hilma B. Cleveland will probably be interested in answering this inquiry we enclose Kims Address Kim McAter, Rt. 3 Box 300, Cedar Creek, TX 78612.

Returning to local activities, The Blood Drive January 17, 2000 at the Old Gym at Stratford High School between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Success to Sheriff Jack Haile in the upcoming election.

We express our appreciation to the Letter to the Editor explaining the Miss communication in the Burial of Elsie Pearl Hill, an clearing our funeral home of any negligence it was a gracious act.

We express old Timer and Scotters appreciates of the

committee responsible for the The Gateway Sculpture at Pendleton Park, it adds much dignity to the Park entrance (although we understand is not completed).

What is your opinion of the before and after picture of the Ted Allen house? We approve of them heartily.

We ask the same question and add the same comment about the Iowa Veterinary Supply Co.

Congratulations to prospective wedding partners.

We appreciate the pictures of Stratford ISD Business Office Personal and the accompanying picture of the Pheasant Hunters an results on page 8 of Star dated January 6, 2000 because the caption give insight and comment on Stratford citizens who help make Stratford such an interesting, out-going county town to live in.

Dare Timi close what she wished to be the best issue of Timis Tidbits an not mention the tribute paid to her on the first page of current issue of the Star, positively NO We accept with deep appreciation on the Tribute paid to her in the caption in the same spirit that it was tendered to her and by God's grace will continue to say remember to great folks with a cheery shoulder pat and lov U.



Here are some helpful and informative websites you may want to visit:

- Sharp PocketMail devices at www.pocketmail.com
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Five Generations

Five Generations shown above are seated Great Great grandmother, Elsie Lasley, Standing left to right Great Grandmother, Dixie McAdams, Grandfather, Steve McAdams, Dad, Kyle McAdams and baby Hallie Michele McAdams.

Family Community Education Council Holds Meeting

Family Community Education Council met Jan. 7 at the Extension office. Mary Lou Walden conducted the session with Jean Everett, DeeDee Dewees, Jimmie Pronger, Marylou McDaniel and Susie Spurlock, attending.

Council has been providing meals for Leadership Sherman County Meetings. They will be hostesses for the Feb. 16 meeting.

2000 TAFCE Handbooks are being distributed. There was a review of County Standing Rules. Reports of club activities were given.

Available now are tickets for a Patio Party package consisting of grill, lawn chairs, barbeque utensils, seasonings and cookbook. This will be given away March 28 at Hereford District meeting. Tickets are \$5.00. Need not be present.

There has been a change in Cultural Arts rules. Items will be taken to Amarillo June 9 and judged there. Details announced later.

Susie Spurlock, agent, reported here coming activities.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Community will have a noon luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Bring a covered dish. There will be a brief community meeting also. The Ralph Hamptons family are hosts.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had a fish fry and canasta party Saturday night. Present were George & Barbara Avent of Dalhart, Bud & Frankie Shields, Paul Aduddell of Stratford, Jo June McDaniel, Jimmy & Kyle Gillenwaters.

Visiting with Bill & Pat Boren during the holidays were Bill's sister and family, Frank & Janice Kerchoffner and daughter Sara of Silvertown. Daughter Kerry and grandson Kevin, Ropesville, came when Joe Bill Boren's family were here.

The "crud" has kept many at home during the last week.

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Millennium Challenge Number Two

Here is another millennium challenge. The Bible exhorts, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness," (1 Timothy 4:7). Does this seem strange? It shouldn't. The word discipline in our English Bibles is the word from which we derive "gymnasium" and "gymnastics". Gymnasts must do their routines over and over again. The same goes for those involved in skating, skiing, tennis, golf, or active in team sports like football or basketball. Practice, practice, practice. That's the name of the game. Christianity is no different. Discipline yourself. Do you have a problem getting into the Bible? Work at it. Set aside a time each day and get in the habit of reading your Bible. It takes discipline. The same goes for prayer. Practice prayer. Discipline yourself and pray regularly. Keep a written prayer list and check off God's answers to your prayers. Does a bad habit often trip you? Discipline yourself. "Flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace" (2 Timothy 2:22). Turn away from the temptation. Work on forming new habits. Discipline yourself. Here is the catch. You don't do this alone. Christianity differs from pep talks from coaches and exhortations from teachers. The Bible says the gospel is "the power of God" (Romans 1:16). Think about it. Christianity is the power of God at work in you to enable you to discipline yourself.

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- Kerrick Community Church**
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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

The Library Board and the staff wish to thank the citizens of Sherman County for their continued support and their donation through the Prospectus Study Club's Christmas Card Project. One hundred and two families and businesses contributed to the fund this year. The board also wishes to thank The Stratford Star for furnishing the full page ad and the First State Bank for being in charge of the donations.

Story Time will soon be starting again and volunteers are still needed to assist with this project. If you are interested in assisting please contact the library for more details.

A Map of the World by Jane Hamilton, one of Oprah's Book Club Selections, has just arrived at the library. Hamilton's story is about a rural American family and a disastrous event that forever changes their lives. A vivid human drama of guilt and betrayal, *A Map of the World* chronicles the intricate geographies of the human heart and all its mysterious, uncharted terrain. The result is a piercing drama about family bonds and a disappearing rural American life.

The Junction Boys: How Ten Days in Hell with Bear Bryant Forged a Championship Team by Jim Dent and Gene Stallings has also just arrived. This is the story of when Bear Bryant took over the Texas A&M football program in 1954 which had lost its last five games by a combined score of 133-41. 100 Aggie hopefuls arrived in the small town of Junction for the first practice of a now legendary training camp. The sun bore down. The drills escalated. Trainers doled out water like gold, and meal and accommodations were horribly spartan. Ten hellish days later, only 34 remained to form the 1954 team that would only win one game, but those survivors-and that's what they were-formed the nucleus of the squad that would go undefeated just two years later. This is the story of the team, that coach, the 10 days that shook their world, and the seasons they played together.

Mary Allen Elementary "A" Honor Roll

James Daniels	Patty Brown
Sinead Everett	Patty Brown
Derek Johnson	Patty Brown
Nathan Kimbrough	Patty Brown
Brent Reed	Patty Brown
Margarita Rocha Zubia	Patty Brown
Megan Walker	Patty Brown
Stephanie Bell	Shanda Davis
Chelsea Garza	Shanda Davis
Chandra Hawkins	Shanda Davis
Kaleb Horsford	Shanda Davis
Clayton Johnson	Shanda Davis
Justin Lanning	Shanda Davis
Deborah Molina	Shanda Davis
Connor Esparza	Sonja Ragsdale
Kristen Leyva	Sonja Ragsdale
Chandler Lutes	Sonja Ragsdale
Jennie Spurlock	Sonja Ragsdale

Mary Allen Elementary "A" Honor Roll 1st Semester

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Artist's Logo Contest

Guymon Community Theater is sponsoring a logo contest for its programs, advertising posters and through the Prospectus Study Club's Christmas Card Project. One hundred and two families and businesses contributed to the fund this year. The board also wishes to thank The Stratford Star for furnishing the full page ad and the First State Bank for being in charge of the donations.

The show is a cross between the Grand Ole Opry and Laugh-in. There are 4 nuns and a Franciscan Priest who do a country western style show with one-line jokes mingled in. The set is a very large two story barn, a chicken coop and horse stalls with a landscape scene in the background. The nuns are wearing the traditional black and white habits with various items as accessories, such as western hats, capes, boots, etc. The priest wears the costume of the Franciscan priest with accessories as well.

GCT is looking for imagination, theme and clarity under the following rules: 1. Must be original idea and artwork; 2. must be black and white with sharp contrasts that will duplicate well; 3. The logo should be on paper no larger than 8 1/2 x 11; 4. Logo must be clear enough to enlarge to 4 ft. x 4 ft. for marquee sign and reduce to 4 inc. x 4 inc. for program. 5. Submit unfolded no later than January 22, 2000 to Guymon Community Theater, Box 1904, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942. Include name, address, and contact telephone number on back of art work.

Mary Allen Elementary "A" Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

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Samantha Hart	Kaci McBryde
Alyssa Johnson	Kaci McBryde
Hailey Long	Kaci McBryde
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Kelsey Stein	Mary Williams
Chelsie West	Mary Williams
Pablo Acevedo	Verlie Norris
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The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is at www.aspc.org. Zyrtec product information is at www.kidallergy.com.

Depot Museum News

A few calendars are still available at the Depot Museum for the year 2000. If you didn't get one for Christmas, do come by the museum to see them, and buy some for yourself and friends. They are only \$6.50 each and this includes the tax. This is one way the museum is trying to make some money, and you'll be helping the museum while you enjoy this vintage calendar. Different pictures for each month depict early day Stratford; The Martin, Blackwell Hardware, the Stratford Mercantile, early day school buildings, service stations, Silk Stocking Avenue (3rd Street) and Dr. Norvell in his office are some of the photos.

The museum is open from 8 to 12 each morning, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoons when the volunteers are helping.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club held their first meeting of the year 2000 at Sherman County Library on Jan. 5. Marsha Wright, president-elect, conducted the meeting.

Becky Adams, Education Coordinator, gave the program, "Testing in our Schools". Members were given a TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test. After the "moans" of members, they have a better understanding of the teaching and studying of teachers and students. Grade school students are studying what their grandparents had in high school and high school has college studies.

Mrs. Adams used an overhead projector and showed changes made by Representatives in Austin for future testing. Roll call

was answered to "Do you know what the TAAS test is?"

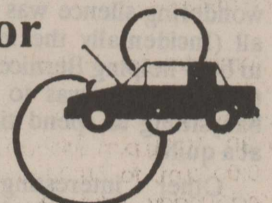
Scholarship letters from Stratford High School seniors are due March 1. Nominating committee for 2000-01 officers was elected. They are Margaret Reed, Ann Johnson, Marsha Wright.

Stratford Elk flags will soon be on sale for businesses and homes. Watch for details.

Club reports are due to Marylou McDaniel by Jan. 21.

Co-hostesses Barbara Chumley and ViAnn Reed served refreshments to Marsha Wright, Laurie Spurlock, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Mattie Baskin, Misti McBryde, D'Lynn Reed, Sonja Kendrick, Jimmie Pronger, Dorothy Haile, Liz Sanders, Marty Bain, Michelle Lutes and Becky Adams.

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Miscellaneous

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This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to his invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Kenneth Petr, Area Engineer, Dumas, Texas and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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CITY OF STRATFORD LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Stratford is accepting proposals for the following equipment:

One (1) medium duty mowing tractor

SPECIFICATIONS: Engine: 60 net horsepower (approx.), vertical exhaust PTO: Approx. 52-58 hp; live; 540 rpm Trans: Std, 8/2 or 8/4 Standard instrumentation w/hr meter; 3 point linkage W/cat. I interchangeable ball ends; 2 wheel drive; Power assist steering; headlights/tailights/work lights/flashing safety lights.

The Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. January 18, 2000. Any proposals after this date will not be accepted. The Proposals may be mailed to the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084; faxed to the City of Stratford at 806-366-2254; or delivered to City Hall at 520 N. North Third Street. The Proposals will be opened at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. January 18th. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals.

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Houses For Sale

For Sale: 313 S. Maple, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, corner lots with small rent house in back. Call 396-2024 or 383-9790 for appointment. Doug & Lola Cathey. 1-6-4xp

House For Sale: 608 S. Fulton, Stratford, TX 2 story, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living, spacious den & Kitchen. Lots of storage. Central heat & AC. Call 806-832-4035. We are willing to negotiate. 10-28-tn

The first version of the Equal Rights Amendment was submitted to Congress in 1923.

For Sale: Older 3 bdrm, 2 bath, huge walk-in closets over 1600 sq. ft. Needs a little TLC. WILL NOT RENT. Appt. only, \$35,000. Call 366-5011, leave message. 1-13-tn

Legal Notices

Combined Notice Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Date: January 13, 2000

Name of Contractor: City of Texhoma, P.O. Box 736, Texhoma, TX 73949-0736

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Texhoma, Texhoma, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 719819.

Project Title: Water System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Texhoma's water system by constructing a new ground storage tank.

Location: City of Texhoma, TX Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9501

Estimated Cost of Project: \$273,626.00 (\$250,000 TDHCA) (\$23,626 City of Texhoma)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Texhoma's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Karen Babcock, (806) 372-3381 or from the City of Texhoma.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for

consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Texhoma will undertake the project described above with Community Development program funds from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Garland Dahl, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Texhoma may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Finance Division, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Certifying Officer of Contractor: Garland Dahl, Mayor, Environmental Certifying Officer, P.O. Box 736, Texhoma, TX 73949-0736

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A Quick Home Tip

(NU) - The key to successful home decorating is to identify a look that reflects your personal taste and lifestyle, say the experts at Chicago Home & Garden Magazine.



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(NU) - For apartment living, create the "feel" of a garden by using hanging baskets, window boxes and pots positioned on your deck or window sills, say the experts at Chicago Home & Garden Magazine.



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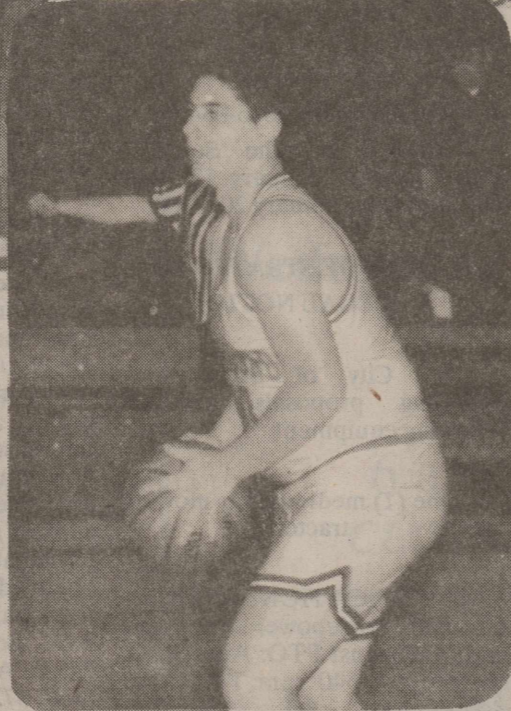
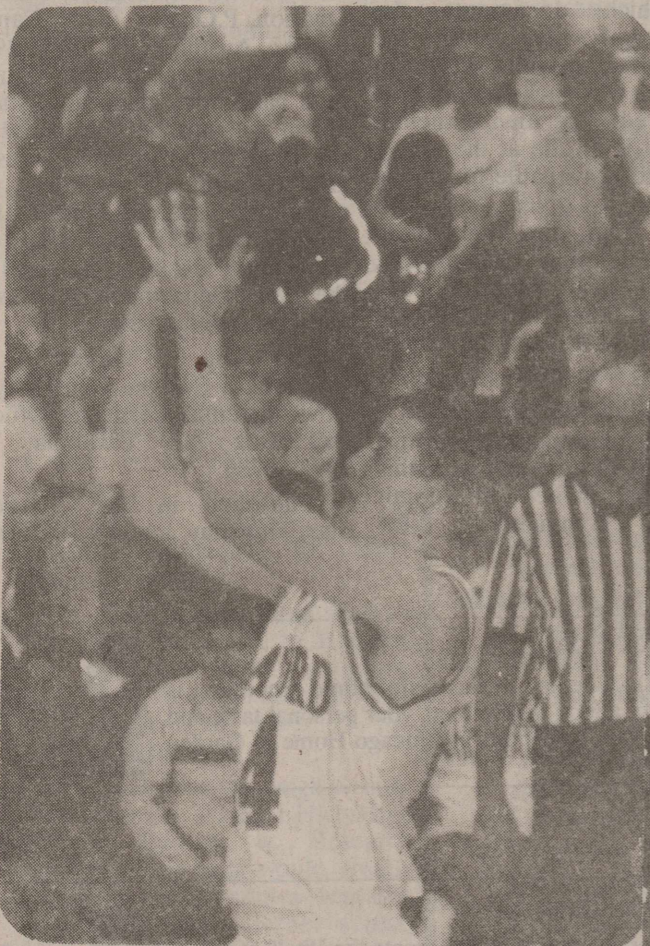
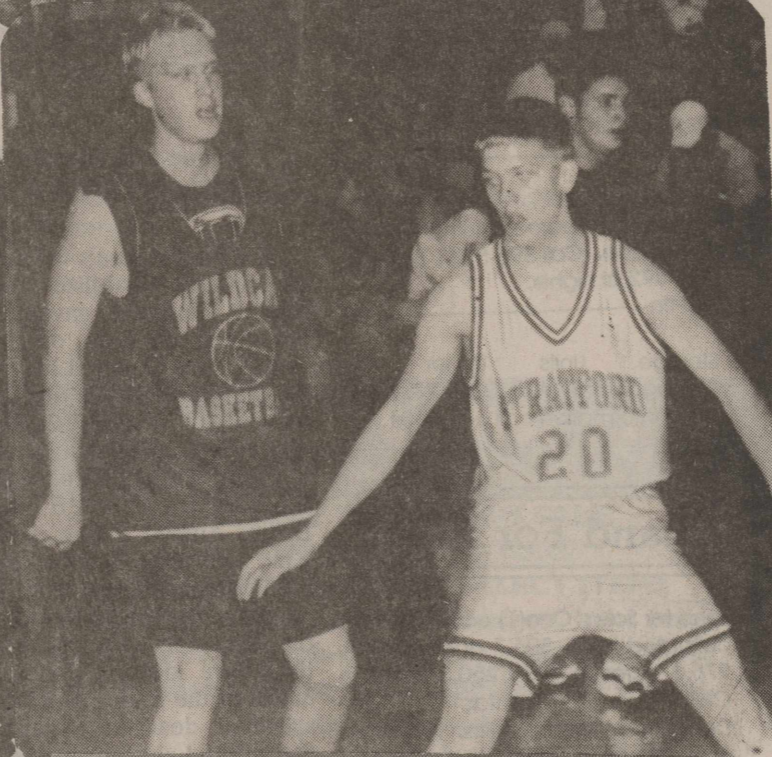
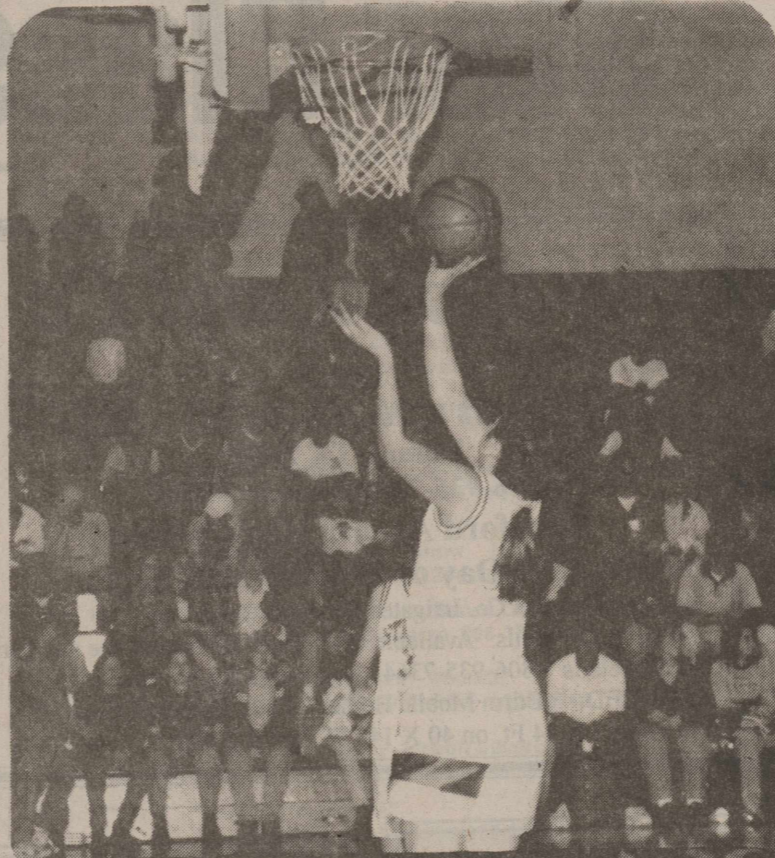
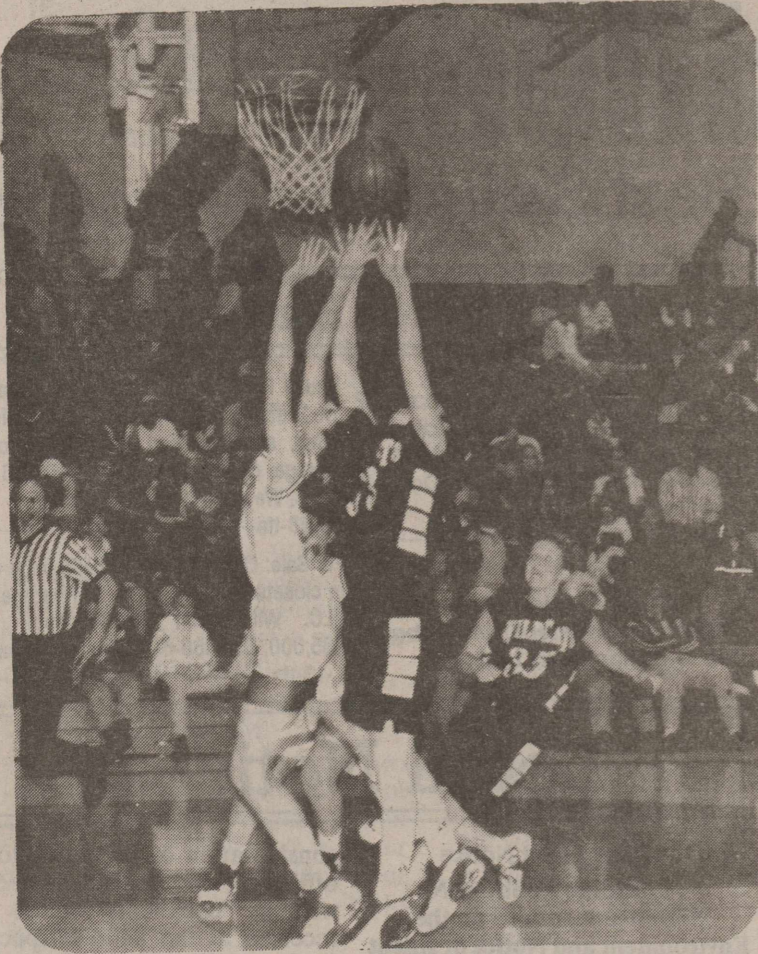
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Basketball Shots!!



The 7th grade Elks won 2nd place in the Spearman Tournament held this past weekend. In their first game, they beat Canadian 41-26. Tyler Haynes was high point with 17 points followed by Josh King with 11 points and Chris Ortega with 9 points. Adam Gomez and Trenton Boyd added 2 points each. In their second game, the Elks beat Dalhart 45-31. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 16 points followed by Josh King with 13 points and Chris Ortega with 10 points. Adding 2 points each were Adam Gomez, Trenton Boyd, and Asbell Gomez. In their final game, they lost 17-51 to Perryton. Josh King was high point with 8 points followed by Chris Ortega and Cory Rendon with 3 points each. Adam Gomez added 2 points and Tyler Haynes 1 point.

The 8th grade Lady Elks lost 20-36 to Canadian in their first game of the Spearman Tournament held this past weekend. Leading the Lady Elks in scoring was Erin Ashley with 9 points followed by RoAnn Lopez with 6 points. Amber Larance added 3 points and Alisha Sladek finished with 2 points. In their final game, they lost 24-29 to Spearman. Amber Larance was high point with 8 points followed by Erin Ashley with 6 points. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Alisha Sladek with 3 points, RoAnn Lopez, Audrey Navarrete, and Tanya Whitley each with 2 points and Mimi Ruiz with 1 point.

The 8th grade Elks lost 21-29 to Canadian in their first game of the Spearman Tournament. Jason Ashley led the Elks with 7 points followed by Levi Artho with 6 points, Marcus McAlister and Carlos Jacquez with 4 points each and Carson Buckles with 2 points. In their final game on Saturday, they lost 42-51 to Perryton. Jason Ashley was high point with 18 points followed by Josh Williams with 14 points. Carlos Jacquez added 5 points followed by Levi Artho and Carson Buckles with 2 points each and Marcus McAlister with 1 point.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Boise City 29-13 on January 4, 2000. Ashley Brown led the Lady Elks with 13 points followed by Jessica Young with 8 points. Adding 2 points each for the Lady Elks were Candra Holland, Robin Daniels, Heather Ashley, and Tiffany Duke. In their district opener against West Texas on Friday, January 7th, the J.V. Lady Elks won 43-27. Jessica Young was high point with 12 points followed by Candra Holland with 11 points and Ashley Brown with 9 points. Heather Ashley added 5 points followed by Valerie Valenzuela with 4 points and Robin Daniels with 2 points.

The J.V. Elks lost 16-46 against Boise City on Tuesday, January 4th. Dalton Sladek led the Elks with 6 points followed by Corry Williams and Dylan Everett with 3 points each. Denton Crabtree and Scot Plunk added 2 points each. The J.V. Elks lost their 1st district game on Friday, January 7th against West Texas 16-57. Dylan Everett and Corry Williams led the Elks with 5 points each followed by Dalton Sladek with 4 points and Mathew Taliaferro with 2 points.

The Lady Elks beat Boise City 50-38 on Tuesday, January 4th. Lynz Browning was high point with 13 points followed by Missy Sikora, Jessica King, and Oralia Vital with 9 points each. Carla Bell added 5 points followed by Ivonne Hernandez with 3 points and Kara Brownlee with 2 points. The Lady Elks beat West Texas 67-35 in their district opener on Friday, January 7th. Lynz Browning led the Lady Elks with 19 points followed by Oralia Vital with 10 points. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Jessica King and Carla Bell with 8 points each followed by Missy Sikora with 7 points, Thea James and Ivonne Hernandez with 4 points each, Kara Brownlee with 3 points, Keri Wight and Carly Mathews with 2 points each.

The 7th grade Lady Elks won 2nd place at the Spearman Tournament held this past weekend (January 6th, 7th, & 8th.) In their first game, they beat Canadian 30-13. Deidre Tarver led in scoring with 13 points followed by Katy Bench with 10 points, Brittany Hudson with 5 points and Kayla Willard with 2 points. In their second game, they beat Dalhart 41-30. Deidre Tarver was high point with 20 points followed by Katy Bench with 7 points. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Lindsay Stein with 6 points, Jamie Valenzuela with 4 points, Brittany Hudson with 3 points, and April Kautz with 1 point. In the championship game, the Lady Elks lost 42-32. Deidre Tarver was high point with 21 points followed by Katy Bench with 4 points and Brittany Hudson with 3 points. Others scoring for the Lady Elks were Jamie Valenzuela with 2 points, and Jayme Wilhelm and Lindsay Stein scored 1 point each.

The Elks lost 50-53 in overtime to Boise City on Tuesday, January 4th. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 13 points followed by Martin Acevedo with 12 points. Andy Witcher added 9 points followed by Rene Vital with 8 points, Michael McAlister with 4 points, Adam Bell and Wes Kimball with 2 points each. In their district opener against West Texas on Friday, January 7th, the Elks lost 47-49. Rene Vital led the Elks with 13 points followed by Adam Bell with 11 points. Also scoring for the Elks were Martin Acevedo with 9 points, Skyler Walden and Michael McAlister with 6 points each and Carlos Ortega with 2 points.

Pedraza Graduates

Air Force Airman 1st Class Vanessa J. Pedraza has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Pedraza is the daughter of Mary A. Pedraza and sister of Jyssia L. Gardner, both of Stratford, Texas.

Cards of Thanks

The General Board of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone who attended the New Year's Celebration at the County Barn. A special thank you to Paula Nusz, Chamber Manager, and Don and Gaynelle Riffe for their time and effort in setting the whole celebration up. Thanks to Jimmy Gillenwaters for his help with the fireworks and to the Stratford Fire Department for standing by. Thanks to Dean Williamson, Ric Walton and Tiffany Duke for providing our entertainment. Last but not least, a thanks to the entire community for their support and attendance.

Wayne L. Smith
 Chairman of the Board
 Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Stratford's Angel Tree Project has the opportunity to reach many children. Many of these children are in need of direction. This year I wanted to give these children something that would benefit them for the rest of their lives. All the children were given Bibles, Devotional Books, infant books etc. according to their age. The parents of these children were given a family bible and a Jesus video. This particular part of our outreach was made possible by those of you who purchased food at the concession stand during Stratford Days Ranch Rodeo in September of 1999, and by generosity of the following organizations: CYF - First Christian Church - youth, Ladies Bible Study - First Christian Church - Joyce Ann Lasley, Nu Beta Sigma Phi, Prospectus Study Club, Stratford Lion Club, United Methodist Women's Group, Hazel Williams. I feel this is a very important part of the project and will continue to do this every year. I would also like to thank everyone who helped organize, wrap and shop for these children. Rob and Tonya Chandler, Thank you for reading the Christmas Story to the children and for letting us use the Community Chest us a drop off point. Sheryl and Ted Allen, Thank you for your time and for letting us have the concessions stand. Steve Beattie, Thank you for praying with these families. Tiffany Confer, Thank you for doing the last minute shopping. First State Bank Employees, Thank you for helping collect the gifts and the donations each of you made. Gideons organization, Thank you for providing the families with Bibles. Cynthia and J.D. Henley, Thank you for the boxes. Jerry Hunkapillar, Thank you for saving the day! Michelle Lutes, Kendra and Brian Mungia, Linda Quinn, Laura Smith, Thank you for keeping track of the Angels! Toni Watson, Glen White, Thank you for praying with these families. Barbara Wiley, Paula Willey, Greg and Marsha Wright, Thank you for the pencils and erasers with their important messages! We also have a special person that has been very generous for the past two years. This person makes sure there are no children left on the Tree. The donor is anonymous and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for their generosity. To everyone that has donated their time or made a donation to the project thank you, we wish each and everyone the best for the New Year!

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