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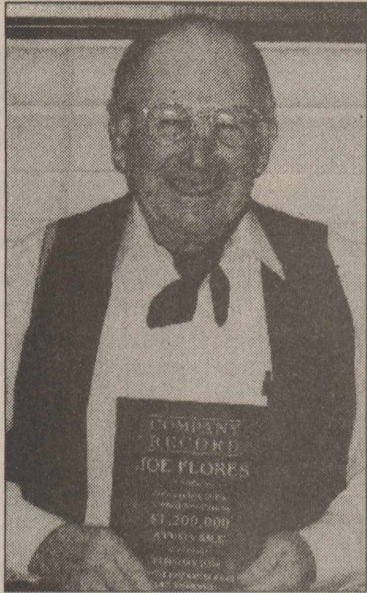
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Flores Sets Record

Editors Note: This story written by Mike Garner was taken from *The Sales Connection*, April 2006, Volume 39, Number 4

Sherman County Texas agent Joe Flores set a record for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance company annuity with 1.2 Million Record Annuity Sale. This achievement took 40 years for Flores to accomplish and he says that he just hopes that he is doing the right thing for his long time friend and customer. Flores has been an agent and agency manager with Farm Bureau Insurance for 43 years. He has won 36 Round Tables and 37 All Stars. He has completed his ring
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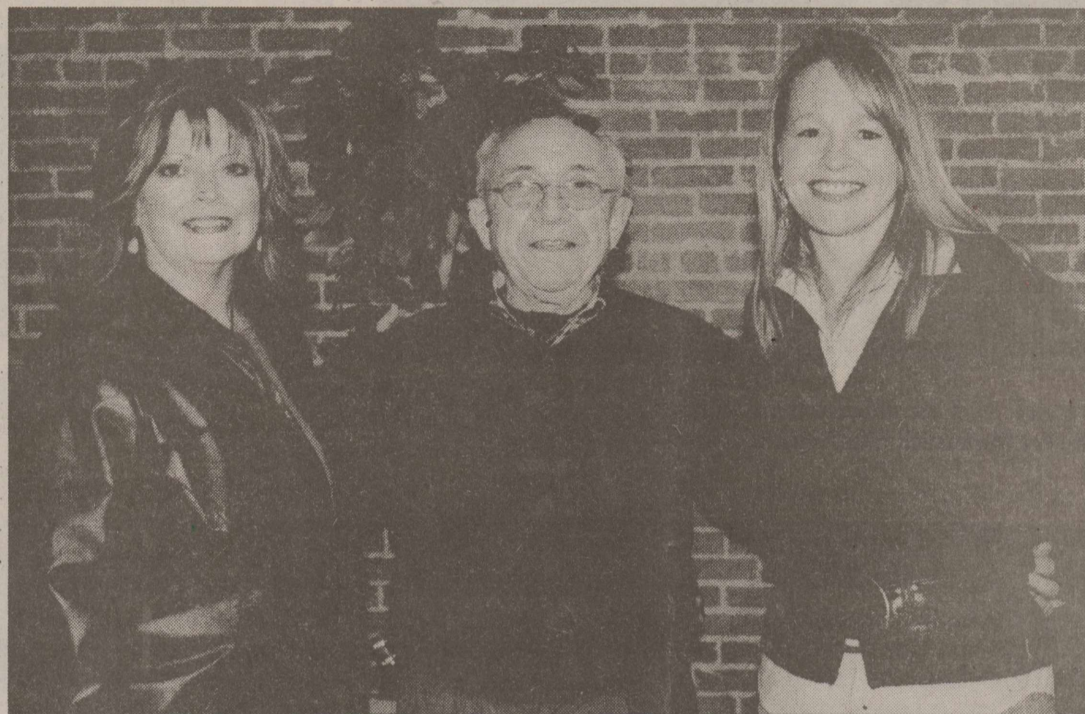
2007 TREE SALE

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Tree Sale. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need. We have added a lot of different species of 5 gallon potted trees this year as well as several 10 gallon potted trees, which should keep the landscape interesting. Please keep in mind, that as in years past, several species of evergreen seedlings are in VERY SHORT SUPPLY OR ARE NON EXISTENT and orders should be made as soon as possible. We will do everything possible to see that you get the trees that you want for your specific needs. Order forms can be picked up if you come by, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at swcd@xit.net.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We do not keep this in stock, but will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you. Delivery is usually within three working days. On our order sheet you will notice that we can also take care of your needs regarding weed barrier. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground. The four and six foot squares are also helpful in the garden for newly planted flower beds and around newly planted landscape trees.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.



Holocaust Survivor Speaks

Judy Stoy and Ronna Riffe are shown above with Max Glauben who shared his experience as a Holocaust survivor with over 80 persons Monday, January 15th at The Imagination Station. Riffe and Stoy received a grant from the Stratford Education Foundation to bring Mr. Glauben to Stratford to share his experience with the Stratford High School Students and Middle School Students. Ronna and Judy presented a Stratford Belt Buckle shadow box to Max Glauben.

Sierra Murray Fund Set Up

A fund has been set up for Sierra Murray at Happy State bank, or you can make donations at Elk Junction or Let's Make Arrangements.

NOTICE

Volunteer Community Responders meeting postponed due to weather to Monday, January 29, 2007 @ 7 p.m. at Fire Station.

Story Time to Begin

Story Time at the Sherman County Public Library will begin on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 9:30-10:15. Dates for the spring session will be Wednesdays, February 14 & 28 and March 7 & 21. Story Time is open to all children ages 2-5. Volunteers are also needed to help with reading and activities. If you would like to register your child or volunteer, contact Sandy at 366-2200.

Stratford Youth Basketball

It's time once again for Stratford Youth Basketball. The program is open to any 2nd-6th grade boy or girl. Entry forms have been sent home and are also available at the Principal's offices. Entry forms will be due on Friday, February 2nd by 4:00 p.m. Forms can be turned into the principal's office or to Kendra Mungia.

If you are interested in coaching a team or helping out in any other way, please call 366-2401.

A volunteer program must have volunteers to be successful!!

City of Stratford Residents

The City is picking up limbs around town that have fallen due to recent weather conditions. If you have limbs or Christmas trees that need to be hauled off, please drag them to your curb. The City will haul them off as soon as possible. There are lots of limbs that need to be picked up, so please be patient!

If you appreciated the sidewalks being clear of snow at the Post Office, then be sure and thank Tanner Riffe!

Red Hats To Meet Feb. 1

Red Hats will meet on February 1st at Elk Junction at 6 p.m. for our Valentine dinner.

Scot Hall is in Full Swing for the New Year

Hey everyone Scot Hall is in full swing for 2007.

Monthly Activities are:

Game night 1st Friday (evening)
Craft Club 1st and 3rd Tuesday (afternoon)
Bingo 1st and 3rd Thursday evening
Birthday Party 3rd Thursday (afternoon)
Board Meeting 4th Tuesday (evening)
Luncheon on the 4th Thursday of the Month

Come to Scot Hall for all of the above or any part of the activities. Membership dues are payable in January of each year. Craft Club will be making the Fleece No-Sew Pillow the 1st Tuesday in February. Instructions and materials list available at Scot Hall.

4-H to Sponsor Concession

Frito Pies, Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, along with Hot Beef sandwiches are the main food selection items at the concession to be held during the Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale January 25-27th

Sponsored by Sherman County 4-H, proceeds from the concession are used to assist 4-H members with camping scholarships, awards and recognition, leadership development, and supplies to enhance 4-H programs. Local businesses assisting with the concession include Dairy Queen, Brown's Meat Locker, Moore Food Pride, Express Lanes, and Allsup's.

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

The High Ground of Texas to host "Free Publicity" Workshop

The High Ground of Texas will be hosting their Winter Membership Meeting and Networking Luncheon on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at the Conference Center on the campus of the Reese Technology Center in Lubbock.

The day will kick off with a dynamic workshop by Jeff Crilley called "Free Publicity". Jeff Crilley is an Emmy Award winning journalist with over two decades of TV news experience. Over the years, Jeff has made a careful study of why some are successful at getting coverage and others aren't. In Free Publicity he shares secrets even public relation professionals don't know. You'll learn: How to Create Ideas Guaranteed to Get Coverage, Whom to Call and When, How to Write A Killer Press Release, What to Say During an Interview, How to Hold a News Conference the Media Will Love, How to Combat Negative News and more...

To learn more about Jeff and his program...go to www.jeffcrilley.com. All participants will also receive his Best Selling Book "Free Publicity".

The event will also include networking and news about various High Ground activities. The Share the Knowledge Panel will be "Economic Development and the Hotel Industry"



Science Saturday

"Science Saturday" at The Imagination Station, January 20. A great attendance of 35 students thanks to Mrs. Gilliland's encouragement to 5th graders.

ATTENTION READERS

I will be having surgery this week and will be out of the office from 4 to 6 weeks. We would like to ask everyone if you know or have something ready to put in the paper, please bring it in by the Friday before. We still have a Monday noon deadline-but would appreciate it so much if you can possibly bring it in early. If you can have items typed it would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help and patience at this time. You may leave items at Allen Insurance (next to Post Office) Shari Hudson-1114 Putman (leave in Mail Box outside front door). Shari's number 366-5398- E-mail address stardim@xit.net or fax 366-5885.
Thanks-Marty

featuring Doug Nelson of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, David Rushing,

Shamrock Economic Development Corporation, and Rob Meyer, Managing Partner of the Arbor Inn and Suites. Each will bring a different perspective of the development of the Hotel Industry and give us a chance to ask questions from a lender, an economic developer and a hotelier's experience.

Other items on the meeting's agenda include the recent Austin Agency & Legislative Visits, the 2007 High Ground Marketing Calendar, Phase II of the Website Initiative, Statewide Alternative Energy Initiatives, the 2007 World Ag Expo events, Trade Show Training and more.

The Networking Luncheon will feature a presentation about the activities at Reese Center and special recognition of Atmos Energy their long-time support and contribution to the economic development of the High Ground region.

Registration for the High Ground Meeting is \$40 per person and this includes the Free Publicity Workshop & Related Materials, Networking Luncheon and High Ground Quarterly Membership Meeting. Meeting Registration Forms are available on the High Ground website at www.highground.org

Meeting Sponsorships are also available. For more information about this event, please contact the High Ground of Texas office at (806)366-7510 or higround@xit.net

Prospective Scholarship Donors

If you wish to give a scholarship to a student in the Class of 2007, please contact: Tiffany Confer at 366-3322.

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting January 29

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. Business items will include evaluation of fund raiser, updates on Spring projects, and training on Best Management Practices.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agents at 366-2122.

Stratford Hospital Board to hold Election

Stratford Hospital District Board has two openings in the upcoming election. Deadline for signing up is February 10 and ends March 6th. Pick up the form at the Business office of Coldwater Manor.

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

Wednesday, January 24

Bring all animals into the barn.

Thursday, January 25

Goats, lambs, and swine in place by 4:00 p.m.

Weigh in goats, lambs, and swine. In this order.

Friday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Judging of Swine

Showmanship of Swine

Judging of Lambs

Showmanship of Lambs

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

Saturday, January 27

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

10:00 a.m. Judging of Goats

Showmanship of Goats

Judging of Steers

Judging of Heifers

Cattle Showmanship

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

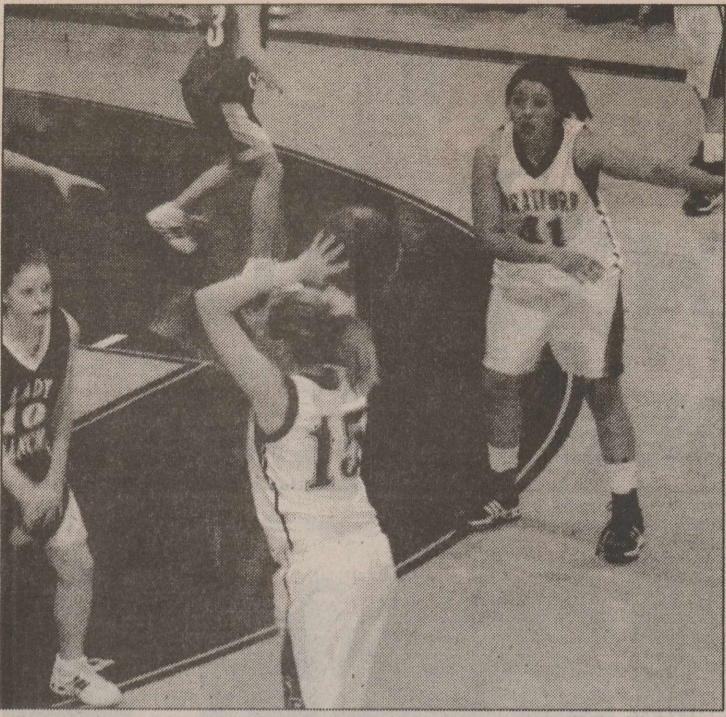
6:00 p.m. Premium Sale - Order: Lambs, Goats, Steers, Heifers, Swine

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, February 12

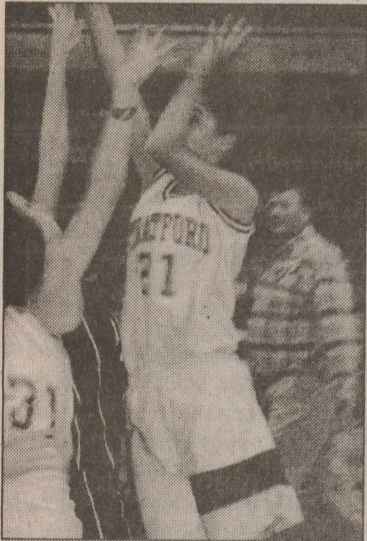
Project Record Forms due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., unless exhibiting at a Major and those are due by March 28 by 5:00 p.m.



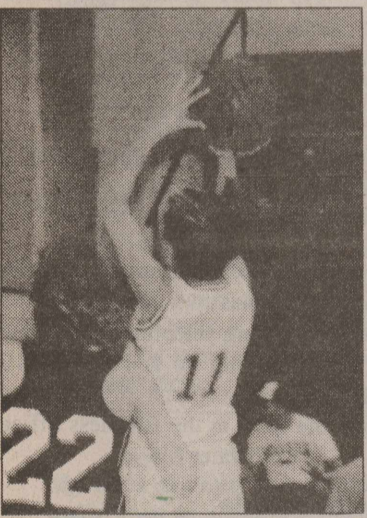
Lady Elk #15 Merilee McDaniel and #41 April Peregrino on offense.



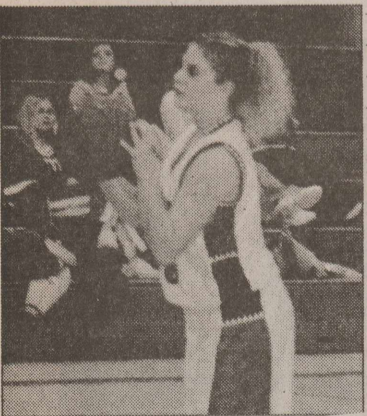
Stratford Elk #23 Kaleb Horsford gets ready on offense.



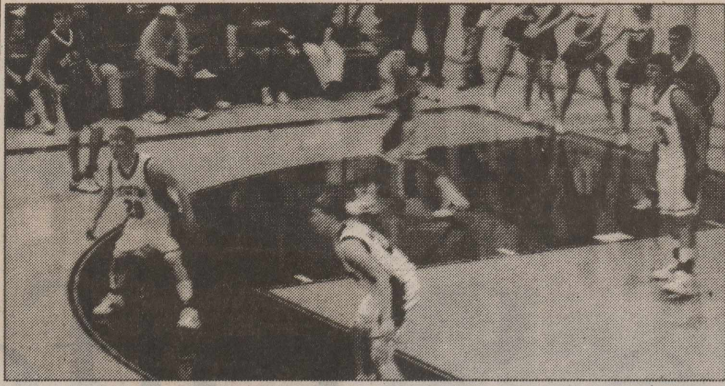
8th grade Lady Elk Brianda Chavoya goes up for two.



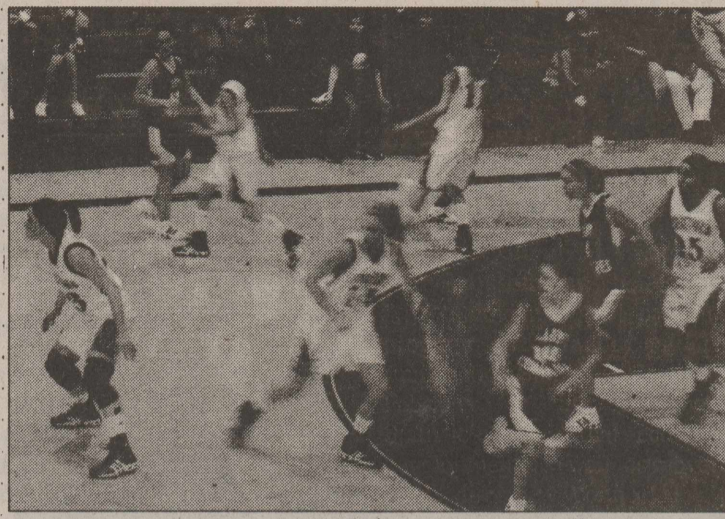
8th grade Lady Elk Kelsie Keener shoots the ball.



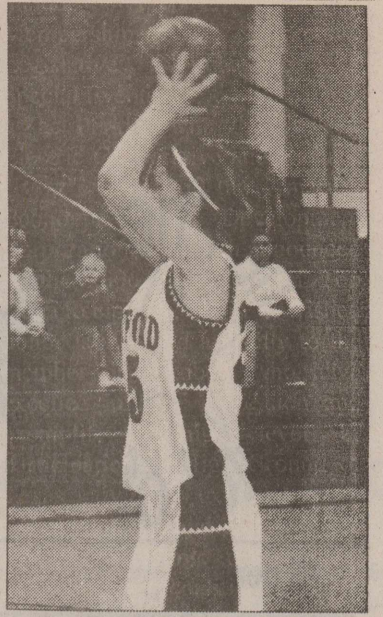
J.V. Lady Elk Chelbye Ellis



Elks from left, Scott Hudson, Brant Cummings, Adrian Vargas and Kaleb Horsford on defense.

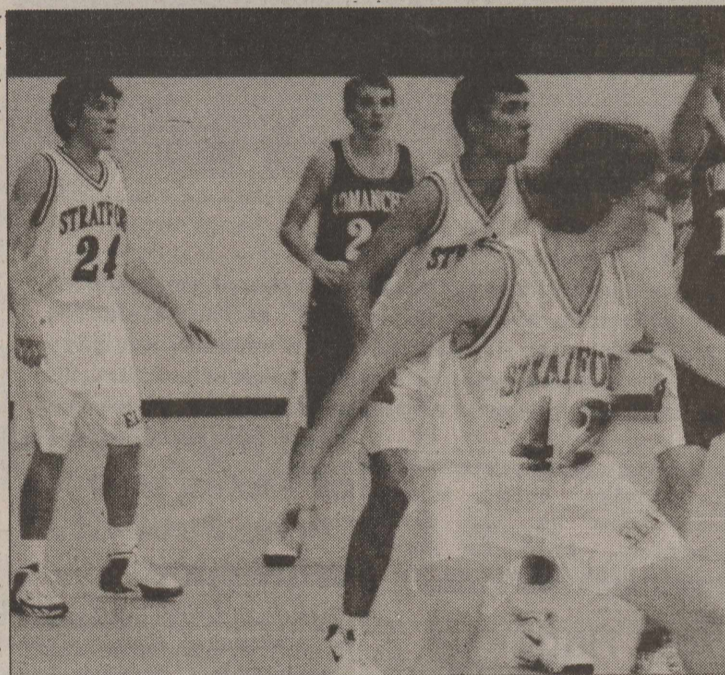


7th grade Lady Elk Shannon Maiwald on defense.

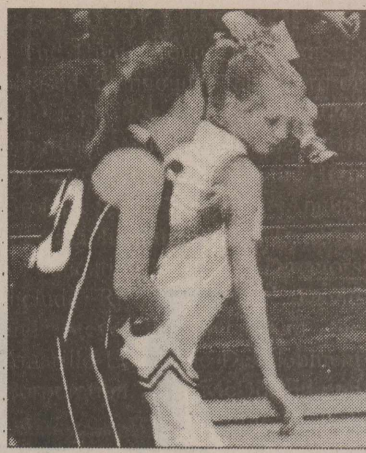


J.V. Lady Elk Sinead Everett

Lady Elks on defense, l-r: Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Merilee McDaniel, Whitney Garza and Crystal Peregrino.



J.V. Elks on defense, Justin Lanning, Jay Hacker and Braden Hamilton.



7th grade Lady Elk Shannon Maiwald on defense.



The High Ground of Texas Elects 2007 Board of Directors

The High Ground of Texas is pleased to announce the Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 program year. The Board of Directors were elected at the High Ground of Texas Annual Meeting, held in Odessa, Texas. Foundation Member Directors include Richard "Buzz" David and Steve Pritchett from the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. Neil McDonald and Gary Vest represent the Odessa Development Corporation. Bob Bryant and Charles Castleberry are representatives from Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. Gold Member Board Representatives are Steve Deaton and Hermilo Martinez from Xcel Energy, Council of Government Representatives includes Gary Pitner and Doug Nelson from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission along with Tim Pierce and Lance Bowman from the South Plains Association of Governments.

At-Large Directors from the High Ground region include Robert Worley-Dumas, Janet Claborn-Muleshoe, Sheryl Hardy-Perryton, Mike Hatley-Sweetwater, David Rushing-Shamrock, Dan Redd-Borger, David Evans-Plainview, and Dave Quinn-Levelland.

Officers for the 2006-2007 year are Robert Worley-Chairman, Dave Quinn-Vice Chairman, Doug Nelson-Treasurer and Mike Hatley-Secretary. These directors join the Foundation Members and the Immediate Past Chairman, David Rushing, as members of

the Executive Committee. Other active High Ground Committees include Agency Relations, Membership, Marketing, Legislative, Nominating, and Special Events.

Zac Perkins with the Swisher Electric Cooperative and Richard "Buzz" David of the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation were both announced as the 2006 High Ground Top Gun Recipients. This cherished honor is awarded annually to the member or members who have excelled in their profession and exemplify a high level of participation in High Ground of Texas activities.

The High Ground of Texas is a regional economic development marketing coalition that represents the northern 60 counties in West Texas. The High Ground targets several industries in their annual diversified marketing plan including manufacturing, food processing, alternative energy, dairies, plastics & packaging, petroleum, corporate headquarters, value-added agriculture, metal fabricating, bio-technology, value added meat processing, and more. The High Ground coordinates various marketing events for the region, including trade shows, recruiting trips, direct mail projects, advertising, industry events, hospitality events, and web based marketing projects. The High Ground also sponsors educational programs, promotes legislative strength and provides networking opportunity for its members.

For more information, contact the High Ground of Texas at 806.366.7510, highground@xit.net or www.highground.org.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Just as they finished with the national anthem at the football game, OFF went the electricity! We missed the best game of the year? No power from 5:30 p.m. to 10:50 p.m. Heard that a semi knocked over a pole between Kerrick and Stratford.

Chandra Hawkins was recently named Student of the Week at Stratford High School.

Leonard Hawkins knee surgery has been set for Monday, Jan. 29. Reese Schoonover celebrated her fourth birthday Saturday at The Happy State Bank. There were 23 children there!

Think there was about 6-7 inches snow.

Interested in Education?

The *Twenty/20* education study sponsored by The Amarillo Area Foundation will present a program in Stratford at The Imagination Station on Thursday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. Statistic's show that economic development as well as poverty are directly connected to education. What education opportunities should the Stratford community be looking to provide an ESL, Literacy or GED preparation program for adults. The public is invited to this program in Stratford and also to be a part of the *Twenty/20* study held in Amarillo.

This program will last only one hour Thursday, February 8 at 5:00 at The Imagination Station.

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Movies Beginning January 26

Epic Movie
PG-13 Kal Penn Jennifer Coolidge

Dreamgirls
PG-13 Jamie Foxx Beyonce

The Queen
PG-13 Helen Mirren

The Hitcher
R Sean Bean

Arthur & the Invisibles
PG Animation

Freedom Writers
PG-13 Hillary Swank

Night at the Museum
PG Ben Stiller

Pursuit of Happyness
PG-13 Will Smith

GET 'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK CRAIG KAUTZ

Craig Kautz is a member of the Elk Football, Basketball and Track teams. He is also a member of the Big Blue Band.
For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Michael Reinart and Hilda Portillo are students of the week at Stratford High School.

The seniors met with Jim Morgan Tuesday to discuss graduation announcements and cap and gowns. Hard to believe it's already that time, isn't it?

The Sherman County Stock Show will be held this weekend. This is a big event for many of our students, as they work very hard to get their animals ready for shows. Please try to attend all or part of the show and sale and support these fine young people. There is no school on Friday, so all may attend the stock show. Some of our students will leave Monday for the Ft. Worth Stock Show.

The Elks and Lady Elks will play in Panhandle on Friday night.

In the third grade battle for a blizzard contest, the Longhorns were finally defeated. The Liopleurodons took the blizzard the third six weeks. This team consisted of AJ Riffe, Tyler Deanda, and Zulia Cocoba. The teams have been

rearranged for the next semester and the battle has begun! Third grade math students are working hard on preparing for the TAKS test that will take place this spring. Practice tests and tutorials have started. The students are working on measurement. This will entail lots of hands on exercises for the kids to learn how to measure using standard and nonstandard units of measurement. It also includes telling time and figuring elapsed time.

5th and 6th grade math classes are taking their first Math Benchmark test to see how we are doing. Mrs. Brownlee will be sending these tests home for you to see. From these results, she will be forming study groups based on what each child needs. You will be getting notes home as per your child's needs.

The ESL classes were excited to learn that the Navajo Code Talker, Teddy Draper, who spoke at our Veterans Day assembly, sent a Christmas card and note to his Stratford pen pal Yamiti Guerra. He said that he enjoyed his visit and the people of Stratford very much.

The junior high ESL students are learning new words and improving their reading and comprehension skills by reading the book *Because of Winn-Dixie*.

High School ESL classes are using the book *Bud, Not Buddy* for the same purposes. They are also beginning class each day with a writing exercise to prepare for the upcoming TAKS test. Since *Bud, Not Buddy* is set during the Depression, students are learning about that era of American history. *Bud, Not Buddy* is a Newberry Award winning book that adults would also enjoy.

Last week the fifth and sixth grade students did in-depth research on the Holocaust in preparation for the presentation by Max Glauben.

We viewed a newsreel of actual 1940's footage on the Holocaust, watched a DVD presentation by Eva Hance, a survivor from Lubbock, and her rescuer, Mark Geeslin. They had a very informative yet sad talk. We researched the web site for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., by using the laptop lab. We learned about the Jews, ghettos, concentration camps, Hitler, Nazis, WWII and also read accounts from other survivors. That made it much easier to understand what Mr. Glauben had to say.

The 4th grade class went on a field trip to the Carson County Museum in Panhandle, Texas, and last week. They saw native wildlife from this area, pioneer clothing, a dugout, an old railroad caboose, and many other interesting items.

Window on the World paid for the transportation funds for the field trip. The students are writing a paper about the experience this week.

Quote of the week: "This one step-choosing a goal sticking to it - changes everything." — Scott Heed

Home

(NU) - Poor indoor air quality is to blame for a variety of health effects. After all, Americans spend more than 90 percent of their time indoors, where air pollution levels can be two to five times higher than outdoor levels. One way to combat indoor pollution is with a high-efficiency whole-home air purifier, such as the Infinity Air Purifier from Carrier Corp. (www.carrier.com). It captures and kills airborne allergens, bacteria, mold spores and viruses.

SAVE THE DATE!

For Panhandle Day at the Capitol
February 11 & 12th, 2007.

This annual trip to our State's Capitol is an effort to show our legislators appreciation for their time served and for the efforts and accomplishments that improve the quality of life in the rural Panhandle Oklahoma Region.

Feb. 11 Legislative Reception
Feb. 12 Legislative Breakfast
Group transportation will be available. For information, call the Guymon Chamber of Commerce at 580-338-3376.

All Oklahoma Panhandle Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Imagination Station News

Imagine the busy activities at the Station! Hosting the Stratford Education Foundation Program Monday January 15, Science Saturday and the Economic Development Annual Meeting January 20.

The Computer Lab has seen some use. The Lab is open to the Public Tue. Wed. Thu. & Sunday. Shanda Davis will be at the Lab on Wednesday from 4:15-5:00 to give computer help.

The Imagination Station is staffed by volunteers and sometimes the staffing of the computer lab hits a glitch and might not be open that day. The Computer Lab is available to any group for special programs, such as the 4-H GSI program which will begin again in February.

The Imagination Station is also looking into computer programs to help with ESL and GED preparation. The Public is invited to the Twenty/20 Education program Thursday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information contact any Board member: Gaynelle Riffe, Jeanne Bell, Laurie Spurlock, George Harding, Cindy Jackson, Yvonne Pittman, Terri Teig and new member Larry Penfold.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Manager Takes New Position

Richard Bowers, General Manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District

informed the Board of Directors of the District that he had accepted the position of General Manager for the Conservation District. The District is located in Burnet County which is located approximately 60 miles northwest of Austin, Texas.

Bowers became the manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in January of 1987 and replaced Orval Allen who retired in June of 1987.

Bowers stated that the move to the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District is an exciting opportunity for him. The District was created by Senate Bill 967 during the 2005 regular legislative session. The Board of Directors of the District have been working on the Management and Conservation Plan required by the Texas Water Code and are in the process of the development of Rules for the District. Bowers will be working with the Board in amending the Management Plan and adopting Rules. Bowers stated that the Board told him they had found a location for the office of the District but expected him to do the rest. Bowers will be the only employee of the District in 1997 and subsequent legislative changes, the job of the move to Burnet will allow him and his wife Gwen to live a little closer to some of their children and grandchildren who live in the Houston, Texas area.

the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District have been very diligent in their job of adopting rules that address water use and regulation of that use, in a way never imagined fifty years ago when the District was created.

Prior to moving to Dumas in 1987 Bowers served a manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District from 1978 through December of 1986. He said "I have been involved in groundwater management for 28 years and have enjoyed every aspect of it. This is probably the reason I am so excited about having the opportunity to help start a new district."

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Baby Shower

David and Angela Hunsaker were honored with a Baby Shower on Saturday, January 20, 2007 in the home of Brenda Brownlee. Due to bad weather on Saturday, Grandmother Gail Hunsaker stood in for the couple who did not come in from Lubbock for the shower. Congratulations!

FCS Club

By Cathryn Griffin

On January 15, 2007, the FCS club met and talked about upcoming events. We talked about the fashion show and the dates. Susie Spurlock told a story of a woman making teddy bears out of a fur coat. The kids loved the true story and were amazed.

The seniors helped the younger ones to sew little drawstring bags. There were two sets of fabrics, one red one with bears and a red polka dot, and pink and red kisses. Everyone enjoyed it and loved the bags. After that was done, everyone helped clean up and the seniors had a meeting afterwards about what they will be making. They decided to make ponchos.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library Fiction

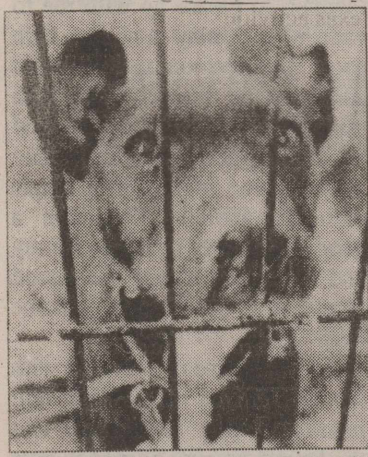
By Sandy Baskin, Librarian

1. Plum Lovin' by Janet Evanovich
2. Cross by James Patterson
3. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
4. The Hunters by W.E.B Griffin
5. Shadow Dance by Julie Garwood
6. Next by Michael Crichton
7. Stalemate by Iris Johansen
8. Dear John by Nicholas Sparks
9. Hannibal Rising by Thomas Harris
10. The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory
11. The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers by Lilian Jackson Braun
12. Treasure of Khan by Clive & Dirk Cussler
13. Brother Odd by Dean Koontz
14. Wild Fire by Nelson DeMille
15. True Evil by Greg Iles
16. Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
17. The Terror by Dan Simmons
18. Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier
19. The Ravenscar Dynasty by Barbara Taylor Bradford
20. Hollywood Station by Joseph Wambaugh
21. The Collectors by David Baldacci
22. Lisey's Story by Stephen King
23. Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen
24. Motor Mouth by Janet Evanovich
25. Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

1. The Innocent Man by John Grisham
2. Marley & Me by John Grogan
- 3.1 Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron
4. The World Is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman
5. Blood and Thunder by Hampton Sides
6. Sea of Thunder by Evan Thomas
7. Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
8. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
9. State of Denial by Bob Woodward
10. Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick
11. The Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage by Laura C. Schlessinger
12. You: The Owner's Manual by Michael F. Roizen
13. Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
14. Who Moved My Cheese? by Spencer Johnson
15. Night by Elie Wiesel
16. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
17. The Worst Hard Place by Timothy Egan
18. The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
19. Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns
20. Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley
21. Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom
22. 1776 by David McCullough
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27. The South Beach Diet by Arthur Agatston
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29. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey
30. 1,000 Places to See Before You Die by Patricia Schultz

To check the availability of these items go to www.hlc.org/stratford/index.html. click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200

Pet of the Week



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

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

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

English Muffins with Pears and Peanut Butter
Makes 2 servings

- 1 English muffin (plain or cinnamon raisin)
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 canned Bartlett pear halves

Split muffin and toast. Spread each half with 1 tablespoon peanut butter. Drizzle each with 1 teaspoon honey. Slice pear halves and arrange slices on top.

Nutritional Information (per serving): Calories 215; Protein 6g; Carbohydrate 31g; Fiber 3g; Fat 9g; Sodium 181mg; Cholesterol 0mg.

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First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main

Sunday 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 9:20 am
Morning Worship 9:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Aleksy Kowalski

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday morning: 9:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Service - Wed. Thurs. Fri.-6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.
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.

Heritage Bible Baptist

Pastor Rick Carter

302 S. Main - For More Info-call 396-2212

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Pastor Billy Chambers

702 N. 3rd

Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School — 9:30

Worship Service - 10:30

Wed. —Children—6:00, youth—7:00

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista

401 S. Wall 396-5376

Domingo-(Sunday)

Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miércoles (Wednesday)

Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am

& Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm

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Kerrick Community Church

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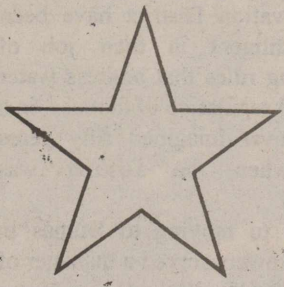
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tfn
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For Rent: One bedroom apartment, 301 South Main-Contact Al Baker @366-5318. 1-25-c

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Stratford Family Medical Clinic needs full time receptionist. Experience preferred, Bi-lingual a plus. Apply in person at 1220 Purnell. Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. till 12 noon & 1 p.m. till 6 p.m and Friday 8 a.m. till noon. 2-1-c 4-x
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Sherman County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for dispatcher/faller. Work a rotating shift. Insurance and retirement benefits. Training provided. For more information call the Sheriff's Office at 806-366-5551. You can pick up an application at the Sheriff's Office in the court house at 701 N. 3rd. Sherman County is an E.O.E. We reserve the right to accept or reject any applications. 2-8-c3x's

My kids always perceived the bathroom as a place where you wait it out until all the groceries are unloaded from the car. —Erma Bombeck

Houses for Sale

For Sale: Beautiful home in a great location, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, ceramic tile & new carpet throughout. Up to date appliances. Large detached garage with shop attached. Heated and air. Beautiful patio. 1311 N. Division. Call 396-2051 or 753-7593. 1-11-tfn

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Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

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The ability to quote is a serviceable substitute for wit. —Somerset Maugham

Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. —Dale Carnegie

Let's have some new cliches. —Samuel Goldwyn

Legal Notice

Bid Notice

Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office is currently taking bids on a 2007 patrol vehicle; specifications may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, 701 N. 3rd St, Stratford, TX. All bids must be sealed and received before February 12, 2007 at 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular Sherman Co. Commissioner's Court, February 13, 2007 at 9 a.m. Bids may be mailed in and marked with sealed bid to Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 526, Stratford, TX 79084. Jack Haile, Sheriff Sherman Co.
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Flores
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and his watch. Flores was also one of the first in the Certificate program. Joe's story follows about his record setting annuity. Jimmy and I go way back for about 50 years. My grandfather used to buy his father's calf crop. This was before the time of horse trailers and double decker cattle trucks. My dad has told me stories about when he and other cowboys went to Jimmy's family ranch horseback and separated the calves from the old Hereford

I can resist everything except temptation. —Oscar Wilde

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Health

(NU) - Each year, an estimated 800,000 Americans will experience the loss of a spouse. While the grieving process is a natural part of life, people who experience symptoms for more than two weeks may be suffering from bereavement-related depression. The condition can have a significant impact on the health of the sufferer, but can be alleviated through early identification of symptoms and treatment options including medication, psychotherapy or a combination of both. For a confidential depression screening, visit www.depressionscreener.com.

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Cub Scouts Visit Post Office

Cub Wolf Den L/R Gage Brooks, Tristan Weinette, Wyatt Dushay, Bret Barnard, Blake Snyder, Cole Smith, Zorro Daniels, Russell Spurlock, Francisco Barajas, Kobi Garza, visit the Post Office and received their Pinewood Derby Cars to build for Pinewood Derby March 4. The next project will be learning about tools.

and trying to drive them about 25 miles to the Flores Ranch. I guess it was a real mess trying to move those bawling calves away from their mothers. Both of our families have lived here in Sherman County since dirt was new.

About 30 years ago, I paid a claim on a Southern Farm Bureau Life policy, which insured Jimmy's mother. The policy paid about double the original death benefit.

In 1988, Jimmy came into my office with a South Coast Life policy, 3 Great Southern Life policies, 1 Southwestern Life Policy and 1 United Fidelity policy. These old policies had considerable cash value. He told me he would like to trade them in for \$100,000 Southern Farm Bureau Life paid up life insurance. We got the 1035 exchange completed and today the cash value is over \$125,000 and the death benefit is something over \$178,000. He is sure proud of his Southern Farm Bureau Life paid up life policy. We have handled Jimmy's P&C insurance for over 40 years.

Jimmy is 76 years old and has Macular Degeneration. He is a very private person who always did most of his own work on a 1600-acre farm. He never did hire much help and he did not get married until he was 58 years old.

He called me one day and told me that he had been offered \$1,600 an acre for his farm and he wanted to know what I had thought about it and I said, "Sell it." I asked Herb Hill, our Estate Planner, to please go with me to visit with Jimmy and his wife about the income tax potential and what he wished to do with his estate. Herb Hill did a good job and suggested to Jimmy that he put some money in a single premium annuity. This was a good influence because Jimmy and I had already discussed annuities 2 or 3 times at some length.

In the course of our visit with Jimmy and his wife, Herb Hill mentioned that \$1,200,000 was the largest amount of money ever paid into a Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company annuity. At that time Jimmy had me write a check for \$500,000 and I applied for an annuity. I also recommended that Jimmy and his wife consider Long Term Care policies.

I then asked Jason Cantrell to go along with me when I went to their home to deliver their annuity. Jason came along and did the Long Term Care presentation and we wrote two applications for Long Term Care. These have since been issued and delivered.

Let me back up a little bit. At the time that I delivered the original \$500,000 annuity, I took Jimmy a pair of antique cowboy spurs which had been fixed up with his cattle brand and an engraved plaque of appreciation. At that time, Jimmy took his checkbook out of his shirt pocket and handed it to me and said, "Joe I want to put some more money in my annuity" and I said, "Okay Jimmy, how much do you want me to make this check for?" His answer was "Well, Herb said that if I would do a total of \$1,200,000 I would hold a record, so make this check for \$700,000 and that is what I did. Jason Cantrell about fell off his chair."

Setting a record for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company annuity wasn't hard, it just took 40 years to do it. I just hope I am doing the right thing for my long time friend and customer.

I appreciate my job as a Farm Bureau agent. I have been here 43 years in the same place among the same people. For me, it is simply just the place for me to be.

—Joe Flores