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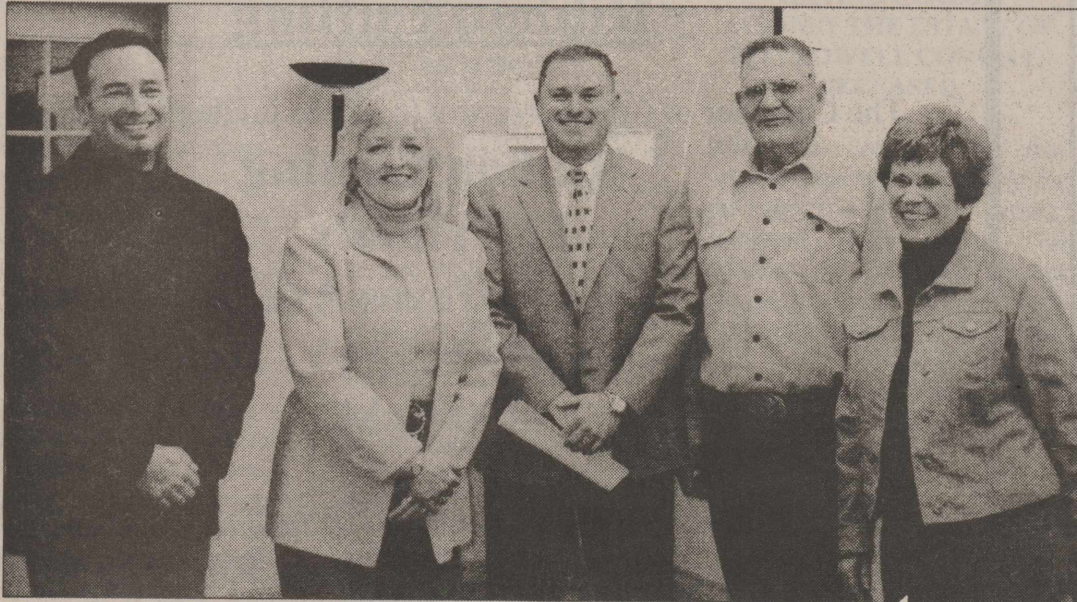
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Carlisle Speaks At Imagination Station

Anette Carslile gave a program Thursday at The Imagination Station on the ongoing education study conducted in Amarillo by "Twenty/20". This is a study of the demographics of the future and the effect on the economy, resulting in steps to be taken now to improve the region. The public is invited to attend the study sessions in Amarillo. Check the web site "Twenty/20" for more information. L/R Duane Mungia, Anette Carslile, Tim Gilliland, Bill & Betty Fesler.

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.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 12, 2007. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 10 through March 12, 2007. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. On March 12th the Office will be open from 2:00 PM to 5:00 P.M. only.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock and Greg Wright.

City of Stratford to Hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 12, 2007 to fill three places on the ballot. The expiring terms are: Ernie Maiwald, Councilmember, Nancy Kimball, Councilmember, and Blake Confer, Councilmember. These are two-year terms. Beginning Monday, February 12, 2007, anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot may pick up a packet from City Hall, 518 N. Third, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 12, 2007 by 5:00 pm.

Stratford Hospital Board to hold Election

Stratford Hospital District Board has two openings in the upcoming election. Deadline for signing up is February 10th through March 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up at the Business Office at Coldwater Manor. Board members whose terms will expire are Wayne Smith and Kathie Altman. Hold over members are Kenton Kimball, Kathy Allen, and LeRayne Donelson.

Stratford Community & High School Blood Drive sponsored by Student Council

Wednesday, February 21st 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
High School Activity Center 503 North 8th
Every donor will receive a T-shirt.
For an appointment, please call 10877-574-8800
Coffee Memorial Blood Center, 7500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79124

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.

Pinewood Derby March 4

The Boy Scouts of Stratford will be holding their Pinewood Derby on Sunday March 4th at 1:00pm. The Imagination Station will be the host spot. There will be awards in Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Weebelos and Open categories. Anyone wishing to race in the open category is welcome. There will also be a prize for best design in each category. If you have any questions, please call 366-2772.

COMPUTER QUESTIONS??
Ask
Shanda Davis
The Imagination Station
Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00

City Has Tires to Dispose Of

The City of Stratford has to get rid of all their discarded tires. If any Feedyards need them to cover pits, please come get them now. The City has 30 days to dispose of them. They are in the Recycle area.

Methodist Men Pancake Supper

Methodist Men Pancake supper will be held Thursday, February 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Free will donation. Everyone invited.

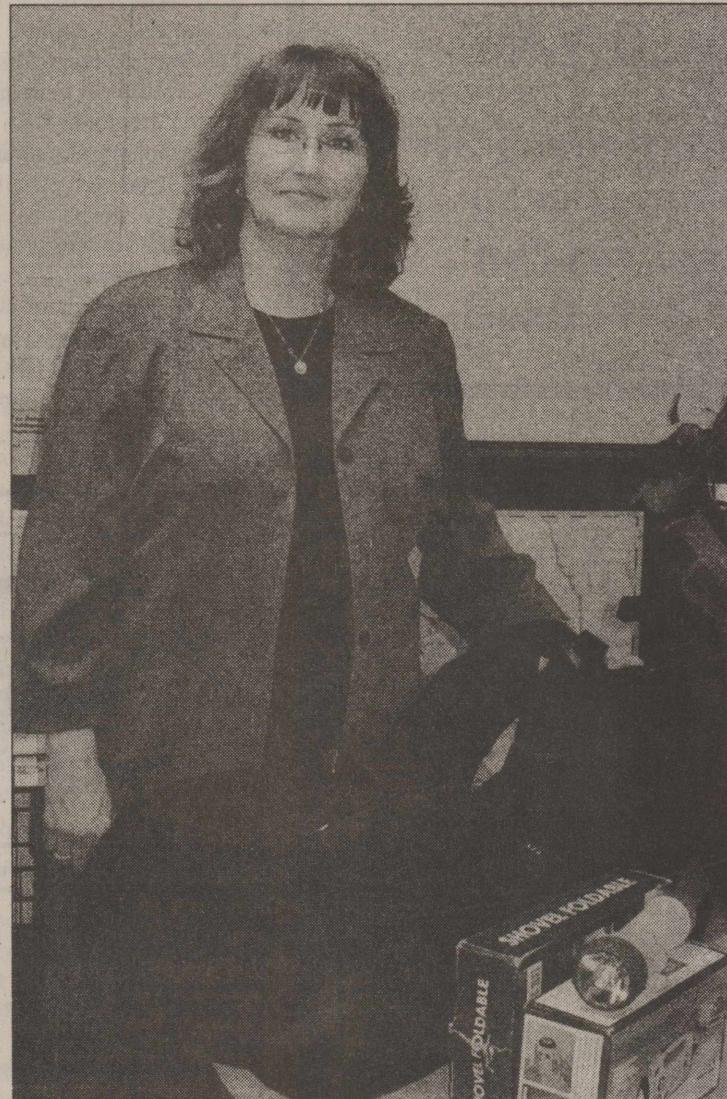
2007 TREE SALE

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 366-5517 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 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 mail us at swcd@xjit.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. Deliveries 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.



Sandy Williams, Coordinator of Stratford First Responders, gave the program at GFWC/Prospectus Study Club Feb. 7.

Williams Gives Program

Sandy Williams gave the program Feb. 7 for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Stratford's First Responders Network was her subject. She is Coordinator. In addition to a slide presentation, she had pamphlets and articles for emergencies.

Cindy Jackson, president, conducted the business. It was reported that Project Christmas Card raised \$4,135. This long-time club and Stratford Star project benefits the Library.

Club members need to turn in their recipes for the upcoming new cookbook.

Plans were made for the Feb. 13 Coldwater Manor party.

Present were Cindy Jackson, Oline Caraway, Sandy Baskin, Pat Hartman, Margaret Reed, Dorothy Haile, Mattie Baskin, Laurie Spurlock, Gina Jones, Marty Bain, Michelle Lutes, Marylou McDaniel.

"GERIATRICS ON THE GO TUESDAY"

By Susie Spurlock

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 "Geriatrics on the Go" Mobile Health Fair will be in Stratford. All Sherman County residents are invited to attend this free event.

The mobile health fair will be at SCOT Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with free educational information for seniors, caregivers of the elderly, family members caring for an aging loved one, healthcare professionals working with geriatric clients or students interested in geriatric nursing.

Free health screenings will include glucose, cholesterol screening, Walk this Weigh, Body Fat Analyzer (BMI), and blood pressure checks.

Amarillo College Nursing Students will be presenting information that will include: diabetes management, fall prevention and safety, control your cholesterol, hypertension/high blood pressure, medication management, osteoporosis education, arthritis advice, caregiving and aging, exercise for older adults, and colon cancer update.

Additional booths by Alzheimer's Association, Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle, Amarillo Alzheimer's Academy, Panhandle Council for the Deaf, Panhandle Area Health Education Center, Veteran's Administration Health Care System, and Texas Cooperative Extension-Sherman County with MyPyramid and Walk Across Texas.

The fair co-sponsors are SCOT and Sherman County Extension Family and Consumer Science program. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at 366-2122 or Lynn Wells at 396-2011 or Karen Russell, Amarillo College Division of Nursing at 806-356-3691.

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MyPyramid Clinic February 22

By Susie Spurlock

You have heard and read about MyPyramid, the US government's dietary advice that was published in 2005, but do you really understand what it means to you personally?

Stratford area residents are invited to come by the Imagination Station Thursday, February 22 anytime between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to learn more about MyPyramid, what it means to each individual and test their knowledge of what the correct food portion sizes are. Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be hosting the clinic in the computer lab. She will be teaching those who attend how to utilize the MyPyramid website to obtain a guide for a personalized daily food intake guide. In addition, an exhibit on correct portion sizes will be displayed.

Reyna Everett will be volunteering as a translator at the clinic for non and/or limited English speaking residents.

The clinic is sponsored by the Sherman County Family Living Committee with Laurie Spurlock and Reyna Everett providing leadership for this educational session. For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

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Prom Time Again

If you have Christmas Lights, extension cords, staple guns that we can use for Prom on March 31, 2007 please mark these items with your name and call Lynette Kautz at 366-3302 or 396-2498.

Learn as if you were going to live forever. Live as if you were going to die tomorrow.
—Mahatma Gandhi

Lunch and Learn to Meet February 21st

By Susie Spurlock

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Wednesday, February 21st at 12 noon at the County Extension Office. The program will be "MyPyramid and Walk Across Texas". All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Jean Everett will be a special guest to share updates on the Spring TEEA Conference scheduled April 12 in Dalhart.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 20th so that adequate preparations can be made.

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Support-Your-Student

The Annual Staff is offering Parents the chance to put a support line on the page of your choosing.

You can Purchase your own line for \$20.


Please limit your line to 45 letter/characters. Page Preference: (ex: band, basketball, students grade, etc) Make checks payable to Stratford Annual Staff Please Contact us at (806) 366-3347. **Deadline: February 21, 2007**

Love absolutely everything that ever happens in your life.
—Paul Cantalupo, M.D.

Hope is the only bee that makes honey without flowers.
—Robert Ingersoll

If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?
—Lily Tomlin

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—Don Kardong

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Terry & Barbara Schoonover visited with son Kelly in Folsom, N.M. during the weekend.

Welcome home, Doug Taylor. He moved back from Waco.

Minnie, Ralph James and Annette Hampton recently had a pizza party and taffy pull for 28 family & friends.

All the fog the area has been having is getting OLD.

Not much new this week. Everyone just stayed home!



Boy Scouts Complete Requirement

The Wolves of Boy Scouts just completed their requirement on tools. Brent Spurlock gave the program and then helped them make a tool carrier. The boys had a blast. Shown with their carriers are (standing) Gage Brooks, Russell Spurlock, Wyatt Dushay, Cole Smith, Zorro Daniels, Kobi Garza, (kneeling) Tristan Weinette and Blake Snider.



ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

Eric Burton and Nicole Davis are students of the week at Stratford High School. Some of our students are gone to the San Antonio Stock Show this week.

The Student Council delivered cookies to the SISD staff on Wednesday for a Valentine's Day treat. Thanks STUCO!

Can you believe it? This week is the end of the Fourth Six Weeks! Report cards go out next Wednesday. Just 2 more Six Weeks then summer!

The junior high and high school teachers had TAKS administration training on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some of the TAKS tests will be given on February 20.

The band directors will be at their convention this week. The regular District meeting will be Thursday in Stinnett.

Many classes are working hard on TAKS preparation. That's the main focus right now.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, telephone calls, visits and prayers. The past weeks have been a personal bewildering adventure for me with tests, prognosis, procedures and treatment. Your words of encouragement and prayer are deeply appreciated.

Ann Johnson

Words cannot even begin to express how I feel about everyone who has been so kind to me and my family since my surgery. All the food, cards, flowers, visits, phone calls. And to everyone who has had to take me to either doctor appointments or therapy or grocery store. A special thanks to Marihoward, Kathie, Zelde, Nita and Joyce. You don't know how I appreciate you girls. When I get my right hand back to write a personal thank you, everyone will get one. Thanks also to Duane, Shari (who has really had to pick up the slack) Gregg and Richard Chumley. I can't thank you enough. Thanks Stratford for your patience and understanding at this time. I am getting better everyday, but I still have several weeks of therapy to go. Thanks for hanging in there with us. You are "simply the best".

Marty

Ruby Citrus Sparkler

- 6 ounces Ocean Spray® Light Ruby™ Grapefruit Juice Drink
- 3 ounces orange juice
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Please turn this in by Feb 28, 2007

NOMINEE: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION: _____

WHY YOU THINK THIS PERSON SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT/ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: _____

NAME & PHONE # OF PERSON COMPLETEING THIS FORM: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED:
Thank you for your nomination

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.

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Purpose Driven Life Program

Join us during the Lenten Season as we go through the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church starting February 21.

- Feb 21 discuss Days 1-7
- Feb 28 discuss Days 8-14
- March 7 discuss Days 15-21
- Skip Spring Break week
- March 21 discuss Days 22-28
- March 28 discuss Days 29-35
- April 4 discuss Days 36-40

Christian Poetry Contest

STRATFORD - A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special poetry contest sponsored by Christian Poets Guild, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all totaling \$5,000.00.

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood Ln Ackworth, GA 30102-1820. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is February 14, 2007.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. "A typical poem," says Contest Director Cecilia Gica, "might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires the reader."

Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem. If you wish a winner's list please enclose a return envelope.

Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road. —Dag Hammarskjold

I think that is what love is—when it's unimaginable to be away from the person, and you care about what makes them happy more than what makes you happy. —Clay Aiken

The secret of a good memory is attention, and attention to a subject depends upon our interest in it. We rarely forget that which has made a deep impression on our minds. —Tryon Edwards

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

- 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 10:30 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: 9:00a.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-5th 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**
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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm
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THE HEART OF LOVE
Valentine's Day has become a time for engagements and wedding bells. It's a time of love. We give a heart shaped valentine to represent the giving of our own heart to that special person in our lives. But we know it is what is in our hearts that really counts. Amazingly enough, this is the message of the Bible. "Let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). Here is the heart of the matter. Love comes from a heart transformed by God. Those who are born of God can say, "The love of God has been poured out within our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). This is a supernatural work of God which is hard to accept. Why? We set our own standards for love based on feelings. When the flame of love is gone we think the love has also gone. We forget the aspect of commitment. We forget the "until death do us part" commitment. We want the privileges of love without the responsibilities. But God's love in our hearts does two things. First, it causes us to keep our commitments. Second, it causes us to enjoy the one to whom we are committed!

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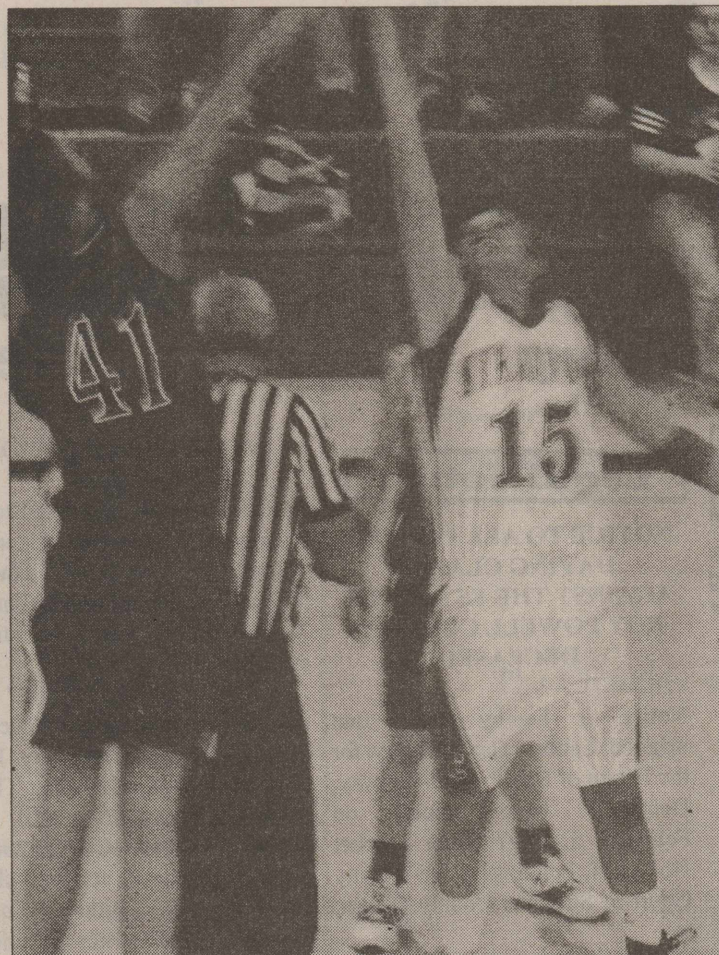




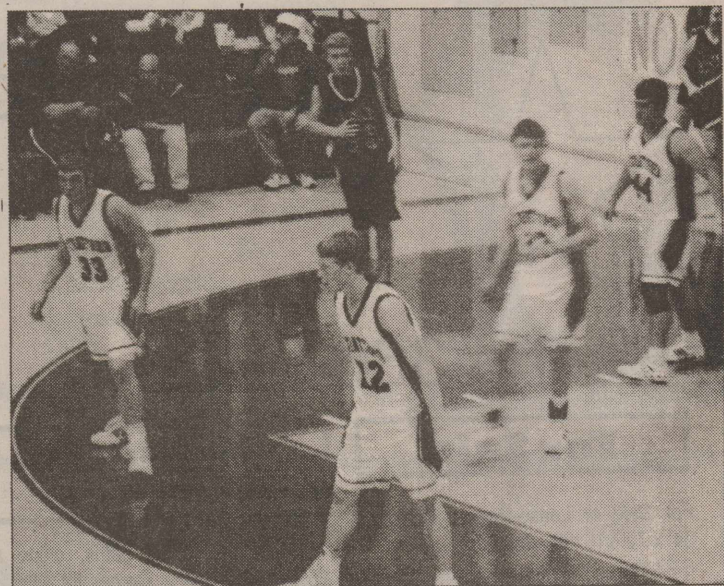
Stratford Elk Scott Hudson shoots free throws.



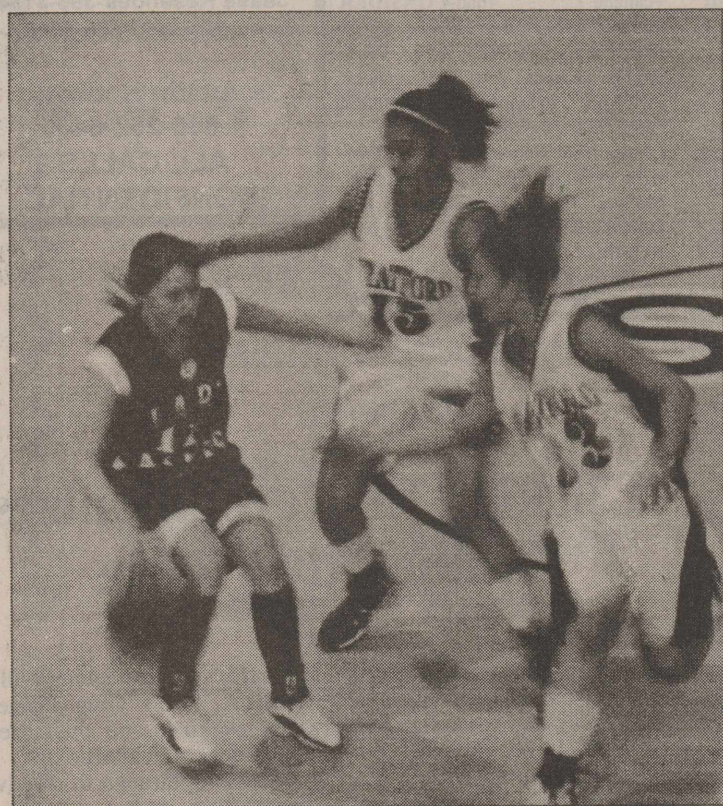
Lady Elk LaRissa Luna looks to pass the ball.



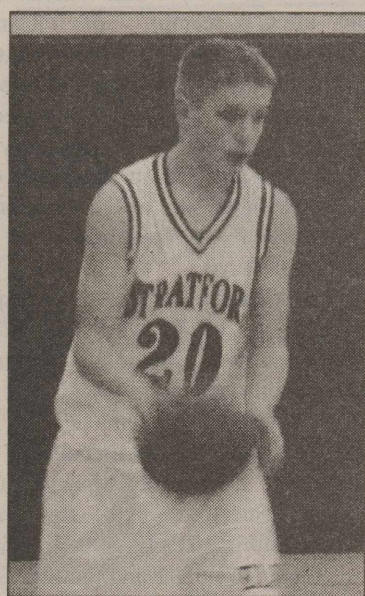
Lady Elk #15 Merilee McDaniel in the opening jump off.



Stratford Elks on defense from left, Daniel Hays, Brant Cummings, Kaleb Horsford and Harrison Walden.



J.V. Lady Elks #15 Yesenia Ibarra and #33 Darcy Rosales on defense.



J.V. Elk Klinton Keener brings the ball down the court.

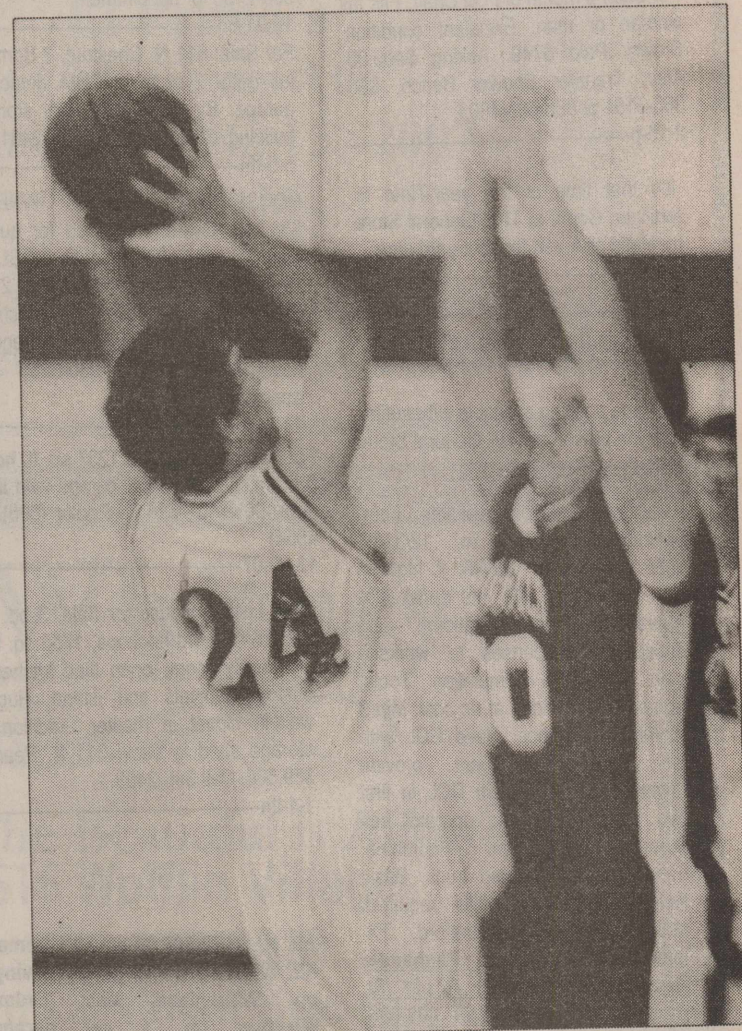
The J.V. Lady Elks beat Fritch 35-20 on February 6, 2007 for their last game. The Lady Elks finished 6-3 in District and tied for 2nd. Sinead Everett was high point with 15 points followed by Yesenia Ibarra with 12 points and Channing Ziemann with 8 points.

The Jr. High boys competed at the Sunray JH Basketball tournament on February 3, 2007. The 7th grade boys beat White Deer in their 1st game 32-16. Braden Hudson was high point with 11 points followed by Marcos Garza with 8 and Justin Mungia with 6 points. In the championship game, the Elks beat Vega 38-22. Braden Hudson was high point with 23 points followed by Jesus Ruedas with 6 points. The Elks went 9-1 for the season.

The 8th grade Elks beat White Deer 40-28 in their first game of the tournament. Tyler Wright was high point with 14 points followed by Kyle Horsford with 13 points and Bryce Cummings with 7 points. In their championship game, the Elks beat Sunray 65-29. Kyle Horsford led with 23 points followed by Tyler Wright with 19 points and Bryce Cummings with 11 points. The Elks went 10-0 for the season.

The J.V. Elks beat Canadian on January 30th 46-33. Luis Ortega was high point with 20 points followed by Jay Hacker with 12 points. On February 2nd, the J.V. Elks lost to West Texas 44-55. Brent Reed and Klinton Keener were high point with 8 points each.

The Varsity Elks beat Canadian 54-45 on January 30th. Brant Cummings was high point with 23 points followed by Kaleb Horsford with 10 points and Harrison Walden with 8 points. On February 2nd, the Elks lost 45-66 to West Texas with Brant Cummings scoring 14 points and Kaleb Horsford following with 8.



J.V. Elk #24 Justin Lanning goes up for two.

Check Out Your Checkoff

February 2007

National and state programs to build beef demand

Beef Youth Education

A new educational brochure for youth, produced by the beef checkoff, utilizes fun games and interesting tidbits to showcase the essential nutrients found in beef. Educating youth on the importance of a healthy diet and the nutritional role of beef is a high priority for state and national beef checkoff programs and a main focus for the Texas Beef Council. Included in the brochure are beef recipes that children can prepare with the help of an adult. The brochure will be provided to youth and health influencers through events and promotions around the state.

Beef Boot Camp

The Texas Beef Council recently conducted a Beef Boot Camp for the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCa). DeCa manages over 200 grocery stores on military bases throughout the U.S. and around the world. In its eighth year, the DeCa boot camp is designed to provide educational training and hands-on experience preparing beef. The boot camp session includes information on cooking methods as well as basic meat science and the nutritional benefits of beef. The goal is for each DeCa participant to gain the knowledge and confidence necessary to communicate with consumers on the military base and ultimately sell more beef.

Beef Backed by Science

The beef industry is strongly impacted by research. A great example of the significance of checkoff-funded research is the development of the Beef Value Cuts. According to *CattleFax*, Beef Value Cuts have added an extra \$60-\$70 value per head to cattle. The cuts are also gaining popularity in foodservice, which sold 169 million pounds in fiscal 2006. Nearly 10,000 retail stores now carry at least one of the cuts, up from just 321 in 2003.

Beef at the Rodeo

The Texas Beef Council's (TBC) mobile marketing unit, the Ultimate Backyard, began its stock show and rodeo tour at the Fort Worth Stock Show in January. Throughout the event, TBC conducted 35 cooking and grilling demonstrations featuring the Mushroom Bacon Burger and Thai Marinated Steak, both provided by Nolan Ryan's All Natural Tender Aged Beef. In addition to demonstrations and sampling, TBC distributed more than 50,000 recipes, nutritional information and grilling guides. The Ultimate Backyard makes its next stop at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the end of February.

Clarendon College Judging Teams Place at Forth Worth

The Clarendon College meat judging team came out on top at the Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the Forth Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on Friday, February 2, 2007.

The team placed first out of ten teams. Derek Moore of Humble, was the first high individual and Josh Hasty of Cleburne, was the eighth high individual.

Other members of the starting team included Jace McMath of Estancia, NM, and Paul Morales of Humble.

In the alternates division, Kyle Larrison of Cleburne, was first high, Henry Ruiz of Eagle Pass, was third high, Kelli

Mock of San Antonio, was fourth high, and Frank Perez of Eagle Pass, was eleventh high.

The livestock judging team placed third out of 17 teams. Judd Gardner of Estancia, NM, finished 7th high in the contest out of 102 contestants.

Other team members included Marcus Arnold of Panhandle, Calvin Rogers of Blum, Chance Williams of Quemado, NM, Ben Estes of Hollis, OK, Lindsey Jessup of Almena, KS, Katy White of Redrock, AZ, Jennifer Blackburn of Grady, NM, Clete Vanderburg of Spearman, and Trevor Thompson of Pilot Point.

EDUCATION

PARENTING

Tips to Strengthen Your Child's Performance in School

NewsUSA

(NU) - How are your children doing in school? Are you pleased with their performance, or do you think there is room for improvement?

No matter what letters appeared on their report cards, it's never too late to help your children get excited about learning. This can be accomplished by creating an encouraging atmosphere in your home.

"It is important for parents to make everyday learning activities fun in order to enhance math, reading, writing and study skills," said Richard E. Bavaria, Ph.D. and vice president of Sylvan Learning Center.

Here are tips from Sylvan Learning Center on how to get involved with your children's learning processes and help motivate them for the rest of the school year:

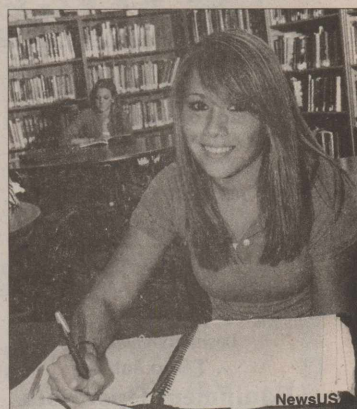
- **Set aside a specific time for homework and studying.**

Take advantage of this quiet time to sit with your child and work on your own paperwork. This visually demonstrates the importance of "work time" to your child.

- **Set up a reward system.**

For example, deposit change in a small jar when homework is complete. As soon as the jar is full, treat the whole family to something everyone will enjoy.

- **Have family reading time at least once a week.** Utilize Book Adventure, a free Sylvan-created, interactive reading program that is available online at www.bookadventure.com. Students choose their own books, take short comprehension quizzes and redeem their accumulated points for



small prizes.

- **Refresh your child's study space.** Make sure that all materials, such as pencil sharpeners, erasers and extra paper, are easily accessible and in adequate supply.

- **Create study plans.** Have your child do the most challenging assignment first, then work on easier tasks. Finish each homework session with a fun activity.

- **Seek opportunities to teach.** Invite your child to participate in cooking or shopping to strengthen math skills.

- **Find a study buddy.** Encourage your child to choose a classmate with whom to study and swap books.

- **Talk to your child's teachers.** Find out if your child needs extra help in a specific subject in order to catch up or get ahead in the class.

For free guides and a variety of complimentary activity booklets and writing journals, visit the "Resources for Parents" section of www.educate.com or call 800-31-SUCCESS for additional information.

Healthy Ideas

(NAPS)—Dennis Goodman, M.D., a cardiologist with Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, created a supplement, HDL Booster, which has been shown to raise good HDL cholesterol levels. For more information, visit www.hdlbooster.com.



*** Hundreds of thousands of Americans who receive Medicare benefits now have access to an important tool for fighting vascular disease: a free abdominal aortic aneurysm screening. To learn more, visit www.aneurx.com.

Business

(NU) - Small businesses play an increasingly critical role in the U.S. economy, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. In fact, small firms represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms and consistently generate more than 60 percent of net new jobs each year. With this trend in mind, Bank of America offers an online service that handles small businesses' end-to-end payroll needs. Easy Online Payroll significantly reduces the hours that small firms spend on payroll, saving the average small-business owner 200 hours a year. For more information, log on to www.bankofamerica.com/business24-7.