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Depot Museum Spring Fundraiser

Sherman County Depot Museum held their Spring Fundraiser on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the Sherman County Barn. A Hamburger Dinner was held with a free will donation to benefit the Museum. Shown are the folks helping to put it on (l to r) Donnie Ellison, Gladys Arnold, Larry Drake, Jim Hartman, Pat Hartman, Ann Wells, Kathie Altman, Richard Ragsdale, seated JA Lasley and Ken Forthman.

MAC THROBERRY TO SPEAK AT LOCAL BANQUET

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that United States Representative Mac Thornberry will be the featured speaker at this year's Stewardship/Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held April 13, 2007 at noon at the Sherman County Barn. Please mark your calendars with the date and time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 for reservations as soon as possible.

Stratford Youth Baseball Association Organizational Meeting

The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratford High School Library. Anyone who has input or questions concerning the baseball association should plan on attending.

All those who are interested in coaching a team in T-Ball, Machine Pitch or Little League this year, need to contact Garek McBryde at 366-5307 before the meeting. Coaching slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis and coaches attendance will be required at the organizational meeting on the 28th. If you have any questions, please call 366-5307.

Attention Readers

In March 15th's Edition I ran a letter from a Robert E. Savitz. Several folks missed the Editors Note: above the letter. It said The letter was given to me by Butch Ellison. I wanted to share it with my readers in hope that maybe it would help one person (hopefully more). The young gentlemen who wrote the letter committed suicide. He felt like he had no choice."

SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

Come and learn about rocks and soil with us at The Imagination Station from 10-12 on Saturday, March 31st. Cost is only \$ 1.00. We will do some fun experiments. Please call 366-2772 for reservations.

Attention Senior Citizens

If you would like to tour Bill's Gym and if you are an Older Texan please be at Bill's Thursday, March 29th at 10 a.m. Bill has offered a reduced rate. For more information contact Lynn Wells at 396-2011.

Manor Friends To Meet April 2

Manor Friends will meet Monday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Volunteer Community Responders Training

Volunteer Community Responders training April 3, 2007 7 p.m. EMS Building CERT First Aid Training

Spring Cleaning?

Time for spring cleaning at your house or just running out of room? Remember to take your discarded items (books and videos in both VHS and DVD format) to the Sherman County Public Library. The library's policy is to use what we can and sell the rest at our annual book sale. For more information call the library at 366-2200.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic to Be Held

The Don and Sybil Barring-ton Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. Main, in Stratford on March 29, 2007.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative Celebrates 56 Years...

Approximately 500 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 14th to celebrate XIT Rural Telephone's 56th Annual Meeting of the Membership. One hundred and nine were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Round tables were draped with royal blue and lime green tablecloths. Brightly colored tulips in crystal vases centered each table.

The stage was set with blue draping and a white banner depicting XIT's organization in 1951. Ficus trees and tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by XIT Director, E.H. Little.

Walter E. Lasley, Board Vice President and Chairman of the Marketing Committee; Kathy Duggan, Assistant General Manager, and Trena Howell, Sales & Customer Relations Representative, presented the 2007 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Duggan explained that several scholarship

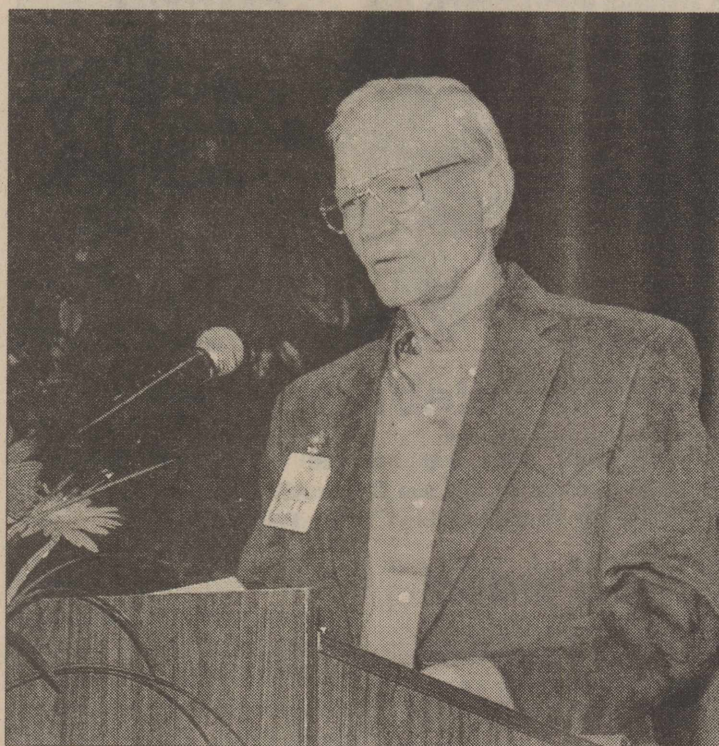
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PRE - KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2007-2008, beginning on April 11, 2007. Please come to the Mary Allen Elementary from 9:00 - 12:00 to register. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1st, 2007. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre- Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2007 and is:

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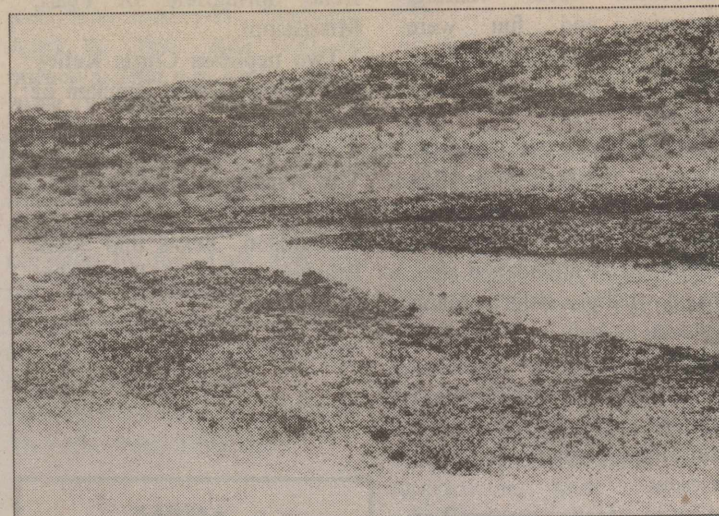
If you are unable to attend on the 11th, registration will continue at the MAE during school hours.



XIT 56th Annual Membership Meeting Held

XIT Board of Directors President, J.W. McClellan, Jr., welcomes members and guest who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the fifty-sixth annual membership meeting.

Welcome Moisture Over the Weekend



Water rushing into the Coldwater Creek through the hail. They had about 4 to 5 inches of rain. (Photos by Cece Yelek)



Water taking over the field west of 119 north of Monte Carlo

SHERMAN COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help. On the night of March 8, 2007 a person or persons committed the crime of Criminal Mischief by vandalizing the vacant residence at 608 N. Wall, Stratford.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept at 366-3051. All callers will remain anonymous.



FARMERS

Teacher of the Month

March, 2007

Thank you for your commitment to our kids!!

Diane, Patty, and Joanie



Teacher of the Month

Shanda Davis was selected as our March, 2007, Teacher of the Month. If you see Mrs. Davis, please thank her for her commitment to our children.

Name: Shanda Davis
Family: Husband: Terry
Children: Eric - 21, Cade - 20, Ty - 19
Landry - 9 and Gentry - 2
Hobbies: Reading, Gardening,
Playing with her children
Grade: 3rd grade
How long have you taught? 11 years
Why did you become a teacher? "I like to work with children."
Words of Wisdom: "You never know how much you can do until you try."
What do you like best about teaching? "Seeing success in my students."



Dortha Celebrates "80"

Dortha Nell Allen was honored with a 80th Birthday celebration hosted by her son Roger Allen on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

And a Good Time Was Had by All!

On Sunday, March 4, a red Chevy Corvette pulled up to the front sidewalk at the Sherman County Barn. The red carpet was rolled out and Rose Wells stepped out of the "vette" to start the 5 generation celebration of her 90th birthday. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by the honoree, family and friends. A DVD of Rose's life was shown and stirred lots of memories, laughter and tears.

Excellent food, visiting, memories and fun were enjoyed by Rose, her three children: Jeanne Brannan and husband Marian of Fritch, Texas, Mary Lou "Shorty" Albert of Stratford, and Allen "Buck" Wells and wife Sharilyn of Barnsdall, Oklahoma. In attendance also, Rose's baby sister Joann Bracken of Barnsdall, Oklahoma. Rose and Joann are the survivors of 10 siblings; 5 boys and 5 girls-Rose being 6th from oldest, Joann youngest of the crew.

Also in attendance were 7 of her 8 grandchildren: Renee Brannan Phillips, of Fritch, Ron Brannan of Borger, rose Brannan Lemley of Clarendon, Joe Pete Albert and Steve

Albert of Dumas, Lisa Cook of Stratford and Thad Wells of Barnsdall, Okla. Unable to attend: Joel Wells.

Great Grandchildren attending were Ami Barraza, Jessica Carlisle, Lauren Brannan, Abby Brannan, Chance Albert, Lynley Rose Albert, Mary Cook, Lexxie Albert, and Hunter Albert, Brittany Wells and Trace Wells. Greats unable to attend were: Kelley Rose Lemley, Regan Lemley and Skyler Albert.

Great-great grandchildren in attendance; Brannan Lee Carlisle, Wyatt Carlisle and Asia Brannan, Fidel Barraza, Jr. Four close family friends attended: Elsie Pickens, Geneva Bell, Mary Woodford Wisdom all of Stratford and Irene Springfield of Pearl, Mississippi.

Two nephews Curtis Kelley and George David Bracken of Barnsdall & Pawhuska, Okla. 4 nieces: Gloria Kelley, Judy Van Winkler Barnsdall, Okla., Ann Marie Simmons of Richardson, Texas and Jodie Bracken of Pawhuska, Oklahoma.



Rustin Receives First Place

Rustin Russell received first place in the state of Texas in the J1 category for smallbore 3P rifle. This match was shot throughout the state in December 2006 and scores were sent in to the state office and compiled. Shooters were notified of the placings in March. Rustin is the son of Lem and Cindy Russell and will be attending the University of Memphis on a shooting scholarship next fall.

CHILDFIND "ROUND-UP"

Stratford ISD is hosting a childfind "Round-Up" for children birth to age 4. The "Round-up" is an early identification collaboration between ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) and the local school district.

The free "Round-Up" will include a hearing and vision screen, gross and fine motor skills screen, speech development screen, and a cognitive abilities screen. Translators will be available.

The "Round-Up" will be Wednesday, April 11th from 9:00am-12:00 at the Mary Allen Elementary school. It is open for children ages birth to 4. For birth to 3 year olds please contact Jessica Sutterfield, Diagnostician at 366-3324 to schedule an appointment.

Hallazgo de niños

La escuela de Stratford esta anfitriando un evento de "Hallazgo de Niños". Es para niños recién nacidos hasta la edad de 4 años. Este evento es la colaboración entre ECI (la intervención temprana de niños) y el distrito local de la escuela.

Esto sera gratis y incluye exámenes de la vision, oído y las habilidades físicas. Para su conveniencia traductores estaran disponibles.

Este evento se llevara acabo el miercoles, 11 de abril de las 9:00-12:00 a.m. en la escuela primaria y sera para niños recién nacidos a 4 años. Por favor hable con Jessica Sutterfield para hacer cita para niños menos de 4 años. Hable al 366-3324.



Lasley Honored with Bridal Shower

Ashlie Lasley, bride elect of Thomas Bailey was honored with a Bridal Shower Saturday, March 24, 2007 in the home of Nancy Kimball. Shown above left to right Sunny Jo Lasley, Kris Lasley, Ashlie, LeVerne Lasley, and Terese Bailey.



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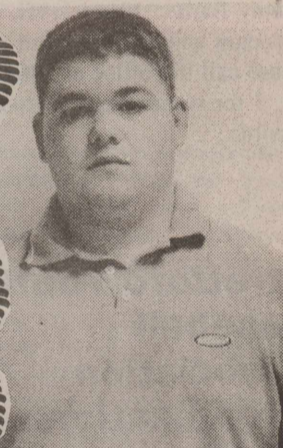
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Baby Shower for Lynz McCracken

A baby shower was held for Lynz McCracken Sunday, March 25, 2007 in the home of Nancy Kimball. Shown above left to right Linda Clements, Daphne Austin, Kim McCracken, Kathy Riffe, Lynz, Mary Watley, Sasha McClure, Katie Allen and Merilee McDaniel.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

March 24 Bill & Donna Gillenwaters attended a birthday cookout for Bill's sister-in-law Dorothy Gillenwaters at Buffalo, OK.

Kylee & Kaiden of Amarillo, their grandchildren, recently spent a weekend with them.

Jo June McDaniel attended the Sunday birthday party for Dortha Nell Allen.

Dr. Gary Mathews is practicing at Cimarron Memorial Hospital in Boise City. He is at the clinic five days a week and rotates ER Duty with P.A. Mark Pepples, and Dr. J.L. Wheeler and Fr. Roger Bombach. Information is from the Boise City News.

Dr. Gary and Stacy Spradling were married Feb. 14.

Clifford Abbott, Lubbock, spent the weekend with Marylou and Mike McDaniel. He started home Sunday afternoon and received a call from his daughter in Lubbock to not come home because of the weather that included a tornado a mile east of his home!

Births

Rhea and Keely Chumley, of Dumas, announce the birth of their daughter Haskell Belle Chumley, who was born on March 13, 2007. Haskell weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Howard and Valerie Naugle and Dick and Barbara Chumley, all of Stratford. Great-grandparents are Leonard and Martha Duncan of Stratford and Alpha Chumley of Dalhart. Great-great grandmother is Helen Carthel of Rio Rancho, NM.

We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress, while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation.

—Caius Petronius



Post Nuptial Shower Held For Couple

A post-nuptial shower was held for Heather (Dockery) and Jeremy Pool on Saturday, March 24, 2007 in the home of Orlanda Garoutte. Shown from left, Jenna Pool, Mary Pool, Heather Pool and Gloria Tindol.



Baby Shower Held for Keely Chumley

A baby shower honoring Rhea and Keely Chumley was held in the home of Nina Lavake on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Shown from left, Keisha Naugle, Martha Duncan, Allison Duncan, Reba Thompson, Shelby Duncan, Michelle Duncan, Valerie Naugle, Keely Chumley, Bailey Naugle, Barbara Chumley, Alpha Chumley, Cristie Childress, Kallie Childress, Edna Keel.

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No Sunday Evening Worship Service
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And watch its gentle flow;
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Edna Fontaine

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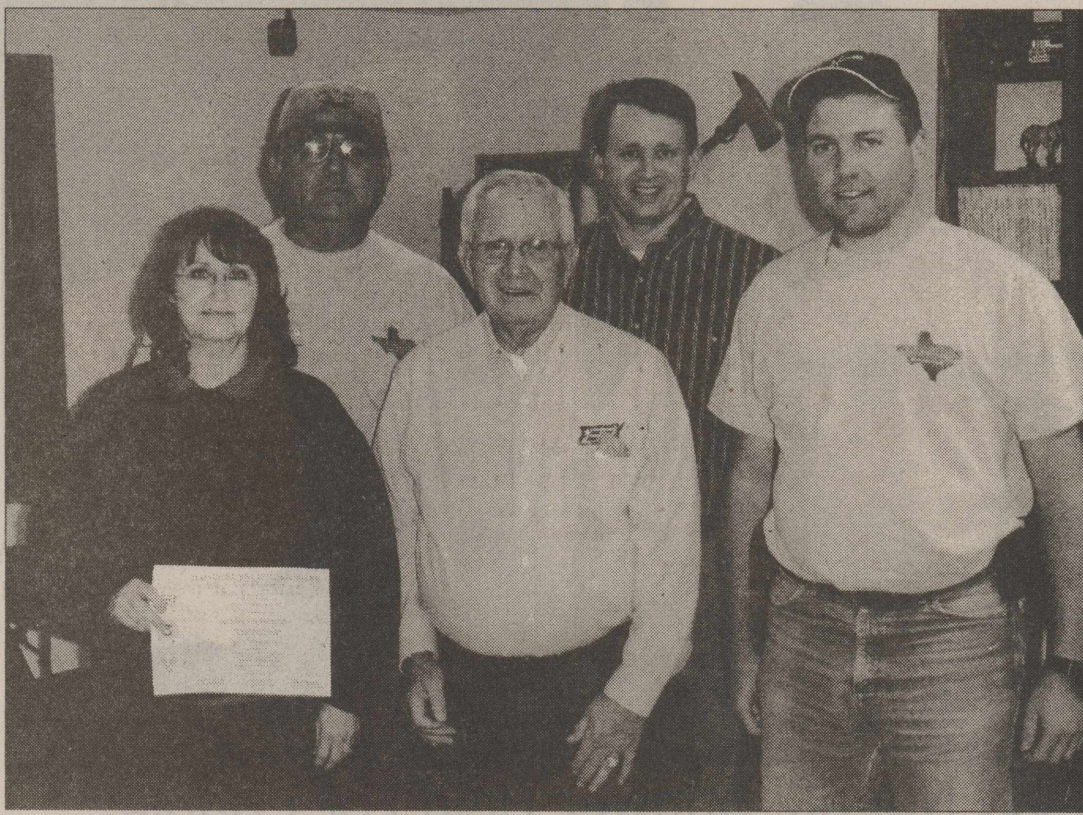
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Stratford Fire Dept. Attends Training

Stratford Fire Department members attended the 16 hour Incident Safety Officer Training presented by Billy Marquis, Emergency Services Training Institute Instructor, a division of Texas Engineering Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System and the National Fire Academy. Stratford attendees were Chief Eddie Williams, Firefighters Dean Hauser and Ernest Maiwald and Asst. Chief/Coordinator Sandy Williams. Not pictured is Nathan Rook, Firefighter Cactus Fire Department.



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

The high school UIL Academic meet was held last Thursday in Canadian. Stratford HS has seven students who are Regional Qualifiers. They are Rhia Everett, Brooke Barnard, Evan Haile, Austin Riffe, Trena Maiwald, Kelsi Dennis, Jordan Confer, and Kristen Crabtree. Kristen qualified in two events. Other placing at the District Meet included: Tyler Gilliland, Channing Ziemann, Merilee McDaniel, Deborah Molina, Tiffni Drake, Whitney Reese, Jennie Spurlock, and Jordan Confer. Teams placing included Accounting Team (Kristen Crabtree, Brant Cummings, Daniel Hays, Merilee McDaniel) - 2nd; Spelling Team (Braden Hamilton, Katie Killian, Deborah Molina, Sunny Russell) - 2nd; Number Sense Team (Brooke Barnard, Kristen Crabtree, Becky Rosales, Harrison Walden) - 3rd; and Social Studies Team (Jennie Spurlock, Katie Killian, Michael Frizzell, Brant Cummings) - 2nd. Stratford is strong academically. Congratulations, kids!

Order your 2006-2007 yearbook soon. The cost is \$50.00, and for five dollars more you can have it personalized. After April 4, the cost will be \$55.00, so hurry and get your order turned in. Order forms have been sent to all students. If you need an order form, you may pick one up in the high school library or any of the secretary offices at each campus.

Varsity Cheerleaders for next year are: Kelsey Stein, Captain, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales, Jordan Confer, Ivy Valenzuela, and Channing Ziemann. April Peregrino is mascot. Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are Kelsie Keener, Taylor Melton, Lindsy Confer, Kimberly Melton, and Courtney Hartman.

The One Act Play Dinner Theater was presented at Mary Allen Elementary last Saturday evening. It was outstanding! District One Act Play contest was held this past Tuesday at Stinnett.

Girls' golf was Monday at Canadian, Varsity Boys' golf was Tuesday at Canadian, and JV boys' golf was Tuesday at Dumas.

The junior-senior prom is this Saturday evening from 7:00-12:00. Decorating will begin on Thursday and continue Friday and Saturday. The juniors will clean up the cafeteria on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The Stratford HS Track Meet will be on Friday and the Junior High Track Meet will be on Saturday.

Last Thursday the eighth grade English students celebrated the completion of their unit on Greek mythology by having a Greek Feast. During the feast they also put on skits that they had written relating to Greek mythology. The entire unit and feast were a well-earned reward for having done so well on the TAKS test last year!

On March 20th the junior high Gifted and Talented students attended a performance at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium of Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy. It is a circus with "European flair, imaginative theatrics and world-class acrobatics." The show is also described as having "an international cast of spine bending contortionists, vine swinging characters, strong men and balancers that bring the jungle dream to life in a lush Broadway setting filled with wildly unpredictable designs, special effects, inventive choreography, puppeteers and dazzling costumes." It was an amazing evening out, thanks to Stratford ISD!

Quote of the week: "No Elk Tales next week. I'll be off for Dean and Joli's wedding Thursday through Monday! I'll be back next week." -- Lynda

Grandmother's Bragging Rights

By JA Lasley

Getting a good job on his own has never been a problem for Jason Kline. When he graduated from Indiana Tech in 1994, he was well on his way to a successful career with a plastic Co. in Fort Wayne, Ind. Six months into that job, though Kline called his father. "This isn't for me" Dan Kline remembers his son saying. "I grew up in a gym." "I want to coach".

After asking his son if he was sure and also, if he was crazy," Dan Kline called a coaching colleague, Jerry Jones, at Ks. Wesleyan, in Salina, Ks and father and son drove 13 hrs. from Ft. Wayne to Salina-results!

As a full time assistant coach at Ks. Wesleyan. Kline was finally doing the only thing he'd known while growing up and watching his father's players dismantle teams defensively and playing an equally up-tempo style on offense and it was in Salina, too, that Kline met and fell in love with Jolina (also a Lady B.B. player there).

In 1998 Jason decided it was time for another risk. His Dad, after 18 years of coaching at Indiana Tech was hanging his coaching hat and stepping into an administration position. And to make a long story short-while Dan Kline was narrowing a list of 80 applications to 10 and Anclofer already had made his decision. He wanted to hire Jason Kline, 26, at this time and place him in charge of the program his father had built.

It wasn't long before the Indiana Warriors were one of the top programs in NAIA Division II-Dan Kline (his Dad) said "He took it to the next level!"

Seven seasons later, after completion at 140-84 record at Indiana Tech Jason decided it was time for a new challenge and another risk His last 2 teams at Tech had finished in the top 15 in the nation and 914% of his players had also earned degrees. But it was time to move at a higher level.

A very king thought Kansas City was closer to his wife, Jolina's family in Texas. Jason's first season (and not the best) his players were not his players. He was then open to finding and getting his own recruits. Jason worked very hard to get some quality players. "And once you do get those quality BB players," "You can turn your program around "And the Parks Pirates made a run at the NAIA Division I Independent Region Tournament in Columbia, S.C. Park finished its regular season with 24-6 record and finished the season ranked #9 in NAIA Division I. The Pirates played in NAIA Division I Tournament for the first time since 1998-Jason was honored as Region's Coach of the Year. What risk will Coach Jason take-Next! This grandmother thinks "wherever Jason" I am proud of you.

Orlanda traveled to Kansas City, Ks for the Tourny finals. The Pirates had won their 1st game. She was hoping for 2 games, but Pirates lost their 2nd game by 3 pts.

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"Dirty Blonde" (HarperPaperbacks) became a New York Times hardcover best-seller, reaching as high as number 5 on the newspaper's top 10 list. Described as a riveting page-turner, People magazine called it a "breathless thriller" and Cosmopolitan magazine hails it as "fantalizing" and "tough to put down."

Scottoline's books are known for their trademark strong female characters who also enjoy a bit of romance in their lives, and "Dirty Blonde" is said to be one of the best examples so far.

She is the best-selling author of 14 books and is a winner of the Edgar Award, crime fiction's most prestigious award. A former trial attorney, she teaches a course in Justice and Fiction at the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in the Philadelphia area with her daughter.

The book is available online and where books are sold.



2007-2008 Varsity Cheerleaders

2007-2008 Varsity Cheerleaders seated l-r: Ivy Valenzuela, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales. Standing l-r: Kelsey Stein - Head Cheerleader, Jordan Confer, April Peregrino - Mascot and Channing Ziemann.

If there is a sin against life, it consists perhaps not so much in despairing of life as in hoping for another life and in eluding the implacable grandeur of this life.

—Albert Camus

The future depends on what we do in the present.

—Mahatma Gandhi

To really know is science; to merely believe you know is ignorance.

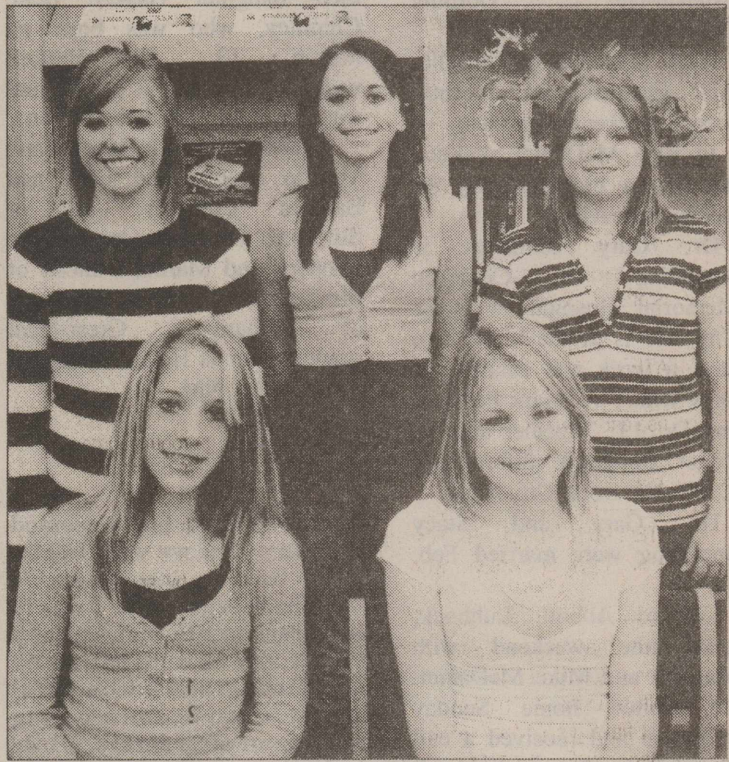
—Hippocrates

The greatest gift is a portion of thyself.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

For in all legends men have thought of women as sublime separately but horrible in a herd.

—G. K. Chesterton



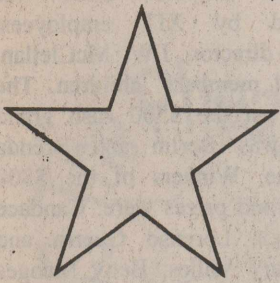
2007-2008 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

2007-2008 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders seated from left, Kelsie Keener and Taylor Melton. Standing l-r: Kimberly Melton, Lindsy Confer and Courtney Hartman.

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3-29-c

Help Wanted: Full-time Maintenance & Warehouse Position. Apply at Western Organics. 119 S. Spruce.
3-22-c

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has the following opportunities available:
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Customer Service Clerks-Dalhart & Stratford Locations
Network Operations Support Representative
Outside Plant Technicians
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COLDWATER MANOR has an opening for DON. Requirement is R.N. license and experience in a long-term care facility. Health benefits after 90 days. EOE, see Debbie.
3-29-c

COLDWATER MANOR has openings for C.N.A.s. Apply in person. See Chassidy.
3-29-c

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is looking for someone to fill the secretary/office manager position. This person must have great people skills, be self-motivated, well organized, have networking abilities, and be computer literate. Please send resume to PO Box 5 Stratford, TX 79084.
2-22-tfn

Full time position available w/benefits. Apply in person at THE General Store
2-15-4-x

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT will be taking sealed bids for lawn mowing for the Clinic and EMS. They can be turned in to Administrator's Office at Coldwater Manor.
3-29-c

Stratford Family Medical Clinic needs CAN. Apply at 1220 Punell. Hours Monday-Thursday 8 until 12 and 1 until 6 Fridays 8 a.m. till noon.
3-29-c

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For Sale or Lease-Morten Building, 54' x 72' x 16. 396-2305.
6-22-tfn

For Sale: 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 60,000 miles \$8500.00 1998 Super cab Ford (Black) Nice pickup \$7,000. Call 806-674-3118 and ask for Barry
3-15-tfn

It's that time of the year-Time to fertilize. Come to THE General Store for Halts or A-vfert for your yard care.
2-15-c

Used Tire sale: Duncan Chevrolet
366-5557
7-28-tfn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585
4-1-tfn

Services

Get Your Mower ready for Spring. We carry parts for mowers and weed eaters. Call Travis 396-2512.
4-6-c

For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 nights.
1-28-tfn

I was irrevocably betrothed to laughter, the sound of which has always seemed to me to be the most civilized music in the world.
—Peter Ustinov

Houses for Sale

House for Sale at 611 N. Maple, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen with new appliances. Lg. fenced yard, single car garage, and large shed. Call Kelly at 366-2207.
3-29-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 3/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 3/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment.
3-29-c

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House For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2718 Sq. Ft., New Central Air, Large Living Room, Den/Sun room, Gorgeous Rock Fire Place, Storm Cellar, Big Bath Room with Jacuzzi Tub, Amazing Storage, Close to Schools, Call 396-5320 after 5:00. Will show by appointment only.
3-1-tfn

House for Sale: 1214 Division St. Stratford, Texas 1/2 block from Mary Allen Elementary School. Great neighborhood, brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, game room, remodeled-open kitchen to family/dining, central air, rock fireplace with fenced in back yard. Selling for appraised value. Call Carolyn Tarver 210 824 8451, 210 854 8924 or 806 396 5810
8-17-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER- \$38,710. Owner motivated for quick sale! Bring all offers! 819 N. 2nd St., 2 story stucco house, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 5 lots on corner, has attached garage and 3 detached garages, basement. Call 806-930-8555 for appointment.
11-2-tfn

For Sale: Remodeled 1237 sq. ft. home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 car garage with living area, 90'x140', 516 N. Poplar (806)249-6554
12-30-07

New Listing! House for Sale, 3 bd, 2 bth, HVAC, w/d hookups, 1750 sq. ft. Lg. family room, open tiled kitchen, custom cabinets and island. Huge walk-in closet in master. Additional storage shed in back. 311 S. Pearl, \$59,500. Call 396-2403.
1-4-tfn

3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, office area. Some new floor. Corner lot with 2 big buildings. 601 S. Pearl. 806-674-3118 or 366-3431. Ask for Barry Smith.
2-1-tfn

206 N. 3rd-79,900.00 3/1.50/1 home. Kit. W/steering bar & pantry. Living rm. W/ fireplace. Mstr. Bdrm. W/ sitting rm. 1 car garage w/storage & 2 car carport. Storm cellar. Call Lindahl Realty 806-935-7300, 1-866-935-7300
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Garage Sales

Friday night garage sale. 611 N. Maple, 4 p.m. to? *Must See to believe!
3-29-c

Garage Sale: Saturday, March 31st, 1211 Butler, 9 to? *Lots of Good Stuff!
3-29-c

Cards of Thanks

Thanks so much to everyone who has helped in so many ways since I broke my leg. I appreciate your cards, calls, and especially your prayers. To John Killian, Robert and Richard Ragsdale, George Bonds who have done things I wasn't able to. Thanks so much! To my kids and grandkids who have been my legs for these past weeks, Ellen and I couldn't have gotten by without your love and support. It is great to have such great friends and neighbors!
Sandy Tillery

THANK YOU
The Depot Museum Board would like to thank everyone who came to the County Barn to share our Hamburger Picnic on Sunday last, Special thanks to Ken Forthman for cooking the meat, thanks to Kathie Altman, Marty Bain, Gladys Arnold, Jim Hartman and Cece Yelek for helping serve, Thank you Marty for taking pictures for the paper. And a big thank you to the Museum Volunteers who made desserts for us.
This was made possible by Stratford Grain, First State Bank, Happy Bank, Stratford Feedlot., Lesley Feedlot, Joe Flores, Leonda Fedric, Brown's Meat Locker, Express Lane Gophers and Moore's Food Pride. We couldn't have done it without the community support.

I want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, hugs, visits, etc. at my 80th Birthday Party Sunday, March 25th at First Christian Church. A special thanks to my dear Son Roger for the lovely cake.
Dortha Nell

When a nation goes down, or a society perishes, one condition may always be found; they forgot where they came from. They lost sight of what had brought them along.
—Carl Sandburg

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO
XIT RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,
XIT COMMUNICATIONS AND XIT WIRELESS CUSTOMERS

FUSC Surcharge Factor Increase Effective April 3, 2007, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will increase as a result of an increase in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) universal service fund contribution factor from 9.7% to 11.7%. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor against your interstate access services. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States.
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 29, 2007.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sherman County is accepting applications for the position of Custodial/Maintenance Person. Applicants should have basic skills in cleaning; grounds maintenance; and minor repairs of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. Complete job description is available in the County Judge's Office. Applicants should mail or deliver applications and/or resumes with references to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge, 701 N 3rd, P O Box 165, Stratford TX 79084. Deadline for accepting applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Sherman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 29, 2007 and Thursday, April 5, 2007.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sherman County will accept sealed bids for the purchase and installation of a fire alarm system for the Sherman County Courthouse, Annex and Jail. Bid specifications will be available in the County Judge's Office. Bids must be delivered or mailed to Sherman County Judge, Terri Beth Carter, 701 N 3rd St, P O Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084, no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2007. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2007. Bids will be considered at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at the Regular Meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. No bids accepted by fax. Late bids will not be considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Terri Beth Carter, Sherman County Judge.
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Quit worrying about your health. It'll go away.
—Robert Orben

The human body was designed to walk, run or stop; it wasn't built for coasting.
—Cullen Hightower.

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.

Acquisitions...

New Spring Arrivals!!!
A Victorian mirror-back sideboard, a beautiful satinwood Princess wardrobe, a carved oak barley twist buffet with drawers, a walnut double-door mirrored French armoire, cowhide frames, mounted longhorns, framed tin squares, old painted tin stars, lots of new purses, and enough new jewelry and accessories to make a Prom Queen's head spin!!!
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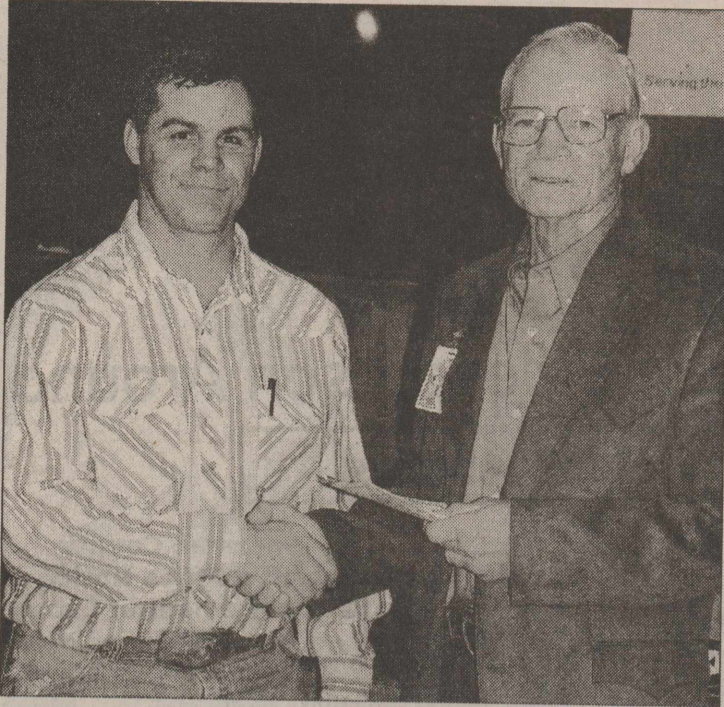
Spring Easter Sale!

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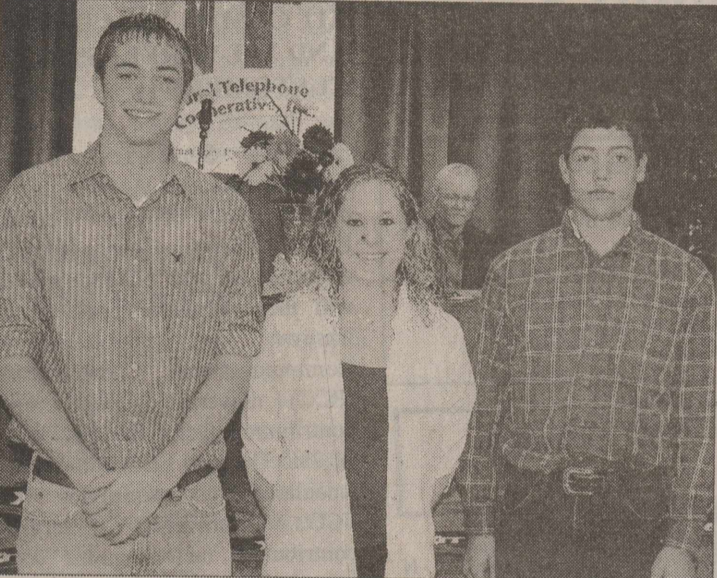
J.W. McClellan, Jr. presents five crisp new \$100.00 bills to the grand prize winner of the day, Berlin Osborne.



XIT employee, David McCollum, along with other XIT employees served approximately 500 members and guests a delicious sit down meal catered by Bar H Restaurant.



Door prizes were given to all the children attending the meeting.



Five XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program scholarships were awarded to senior students whose parents are members of the XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Seniors who attended the annual meeting were Caleb Finch of Dalhart High School, Sabra Galloway and Clayton Posey from Texline High School. Those unable to attend were Evan Haile and Harrison Walden from Stratford High School.

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applications were received this year. She said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to make. The 2007 scholarship winners are: Caleb Finch, Dalhart High School; Sabra Galloway and Clayton Posey from Texline High School, and Evan Haile and Harrison Walden from Stratford High School. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students. XIT Board President, J.W. McClellan, welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

He then announced that a quorum had been met and called the business meeting to order. Board Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Finch, was asked to read the notice of the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting. There was a motion and a second from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

President McClellan then asked that XIT's General Manager, Darrell Dennis, present his annual report to the membership. Dennis began by thanking Diane Hodo and Bar-H Steakhouse for the delicious catered meal.

He continued by recognizing XIT's employees. New employees present were Lloyd Ames, Manager - Southern Area, Tony Martinez, Sr. CATV Technician, and Janie Jimenez, Cable Office Clerk, all from XIT's Hereford office. Dennis expressed his appreciation to the employees for all their hard work. Currently, XIT employs sixty.

Manager Dennis gave special recognition to Clint Formby, founder and former managing partner of Hereford Cablevision. Mr. Formby, also known as "The Old Philosopher" is credited with having the longest running radio show in America with over 16,000 consecutive broadcasts. Dennis said, "If you tune in to KPAN 860 any morning, six days a week, at 7:45 a.m., you are sure to be entertained." Dennis thanked Formby for his continued support of XIT Communications' efforts in its Hereford market.

Dennis then presented the Cooperative's financial reports and gave an update on the activities of the Cooperative's wholly-owned subsidiary, XT&T.

Manager Dennis then introduced Doug Schoppe, Comptroller, and asked him to give the financial reports of the Cooperative and its wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd.

Gary Finch, Board Secretary-Treasurer, introduced Ed Latham, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - J.W. McClellan and Lynn Haruff; District II, Hartley County - Kenneth Stanley, and District III, Sherman County - James Spurlock. Finch then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Jack Haile, Jim Gustin, and Jimmy Summerour to tally the ballots. The committee declared the election of J.W. McClellan, Kenneth Stanley and James Spurlock.

Director E.H. Little then conducted the drawing for the door prizes, which were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Little was assisted by XIT employees, fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. and members' children. The winner of the \$500 cash grand prize was Berlin and Brenda Osborne. Winners of the \$300 cash grand prizes were: Candace Martinez, Lorenzo Guerra and Rosemary Valles. Betty Menges and Jesse Jantz, Jr. were \$100 cash grand prize winners.

Following the regular prize drawing, all the members' children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were called to the front and were given canvas-drawstring backpacks. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's

headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: J. W. McClellan, President; Walter E. Lasley, Vice President, and Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer.

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 - 22. Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson
 - 23. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki
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that connects, transfers and increases the amount of power we have available to our area. Your Panhandle South-Plains legislative delegation supports this plan and is now developing plans for letters and comments for supporting this plan. This plan would be completed sometime before 2015. The "E" plan is so called because it looks like a "E" as it transverse the Panhandle-South Plains area. It also is a connection to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). This grid contains about 85 percent of the population and needs more electricity and we can supply that need with wind energy from our area. Your legislative team has filed letters and comments in favor of this plan because it would mean over 13 billion dollars in economic benefit to the region by the end of 2010. This is the quickest and

best plan to ship massive amounts of wind energy to the ERCOT grid and receive a much higher price than be achieved in the SPP.

Our rate payers will be investing in transmission in the SPP "X" plan while those in ERCOT will be investing in the "E" plan. We need both plans for maximum economic benefit and reliable electricity. During the ice storm this winter, I was walking next to some broken electric poles. I saw something sticking out on the side of the pole. It was a nail like you see on railroad ties that tell the date. It said 1950. Can you imagine? These transmission lines had served 57 years. We are building these new lines for our children and grandchildren's benefit. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who came before us and an obligation to those who follow us. Building transmission is the key to our future.

The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct acting from inner necessity. The creative mind plays with the objects it loves.

—Carl Jung

Track Results

The Jr. High and High School Track teams competed at the Spearman Track meet held March 9 and 10. Individual and team results as follows:

7th grade Lady Elks placed 7th with 24 points. Shot Put - Monica King 5th 23' 8 3/4"; 1200 Meter - Tori Rouse 3rd 4:44.07; 800 M Run - Tori Rouse 3rd 2:55.46; 800 Relay 4th 2:14.99 (Perla Reta, Tori Rouse, Adrianna Ibarra, Monica King); 200 M Dash - Monica King 5th 32.20.

8th grade Lady Elks placed 1st with 120.5 points. Shot Put - America Terraza 2nd 29'9"; Long Jump - Kelsie Keener 4th 14' 1/2"; 1200 M Run - Jessica Ibarra 2nd 4:46.40; 100 Hurdles - Esmeralda Sauzamedia 2nd 18.81; 400 M Dash - Morgan Carter 4th 77.77; Kimberly Tran 6th 80.59; Discus - 1st America Terraza 75'2; Catheryn Arisano - 4th 57'2"; 400 M Relay 6th (Esmeralda Sauzamedia, Taylor Melton, Lindsy Confer, Jessica Ibarra) 59.31; 100 M Dash - Kimberly Ricks 3rd 14.49; 200 M Hurdles - Esmeralda Sauzamedia 6th 36.42; 1600 M Relay - 2nd 4:46.06 (Morgan Carter, Taylor Melton, Rubi Rueda, Kelsie Keener); High Jump - Rubi Rueda 4th 4'2"; 800 Run - 1st 2:03.23 (Morgan Carter, Taylor Melton, Rubi Rueda, Kelsie Keener); 200 M Dash - Kimberly Ricks 3rd 30.49;

7th grade Elks placed 4th with 73 points. Shot Put - Wyatt Smith 28'2"; Long Jump - Braden Hudson - 4th 15'4"; 1200 M Run - Justin Mungia 3rd 4:07.20; Vincent Ruedas 6th 4:21.27; 110 Hurdles - Braden Hudson 1st 19.72; 400 M Relay - 3rd 56.60; 100 M Dash - Neftali Valenzuela 6th 14.81; 1600 M Relay - 4th 4:33.95; Pole Vault - 2nd Justin Mungia 2nd 7'; High Jump - 2nd Braden Hudson 5'0; 800 M Run - Vincent Ruedas 4th 2:41.01; 800 M Relay 4th 2:03.63.

The 8th grade Elks placed 3rd with 81 points. Shot Put - Tyler Wright 4th 37' 1 1/2"; 110 Hurdles - Tyler Wright 5th 19.85; Discus - Tyler Wright 2nd 115' 10"; Kyle Horsford 4th 110"; 400 M Relay 3rd 52.05; 200 M Hurdles - Michael Ortega 3rd 28.63; Rueda 29.81; 1600 M Relay - 4th 4:13.84; Pole Vault - 1st Michael Ortega 9' 6"; Rueda 3rd 8'; High Jump - Michael Ortega tie 6th 4' 10"; 800 M Relay - 4th 1:51.86.

The Varsity Elks placed 4th with 95 points. Shot Put -

Sandro Gomez - 1st 45' 4 3/4"; Martin Beltran 3rd 43' 10 1/2"; Long Jump - Craig Kautz 3rd 19' 4 3/4"; Alex Martinez 5th 19'; 110 Hurdles - Brant Cummings 2nd 15.58; Discus - Sandro Gomez 5th 121' 11"; Triple Jump - 3rd Hunter Buckles 37'1"; 400 M Relay - 2nd 46.89; 1600 M Relay - 4th 3:47.41; High Jump - Brant Cummings 3rd 5' 8"; Craig Kautz 4th 5' 6"; 800 M Relay 1st; 200 M Dash - Hunter Buckles 6th 24..67.

This past weekend the Jr. High and High School competed at Sanford Fritch in Pantex Relays. Team & individual results as follows.

7th Grade Lady Elks placed 6th with 29 points. 200 M Dash - Monica King 5th 31.90; 800 M Run - Tori Rouse 4th 3:00.00; 400 M Relay - 5th 1:03.44 (Perla Reta, Shannon Maiwald, Adrianna Ibarra, Monica King); 800 M Relay - 4th 2:19.00 (Perla Reta, Tori Rouse, Shannon Maiwald, Monica King); 300 M Hurdles - Perla Reta 6th 1:03.60; High Jump - Tori Rouse 1st 4'0".

8th Grade Lady Elks placed 4th with 83 points. 100 M Dash - Kimberly Ricks - 5th 14.22; 200 M Dash - Kimberly Ricks 6th 31.15; 800 M Run - Kelsie Keener 1st 2:40.38; Jessica Ibarra 5th 2:57.43; 1600 M Run - Jessica Ibarra 4th 6:34.27; 400 M Relay - 5th 59.66 Kimberly Melton, Beatriz Marquez, Morgan Carter, Taylor Melton; 800 M Relay - 1st 2:08.09 Jessica Ibarra, Rubi Rueda, Beatriz Marquez, Taylor Melton; 1600 M Relay 2nd 4:46.63 Esmeralda Sauzamedia, Taylor Melton, Rubi Rueda, Kelsie Keener; 100 M Hurdles - Esmeralda Sauzamedia 5th 19.20; 300 M Hurdles - Kelsie Keener 2nd 53.32; Long Jump - Kelsie Keener 2nd 15'2 3/4"; Rubi Rueda 4th 14'2 1/4"; Discus - America Terraza 5th 64' - 4".

The 7th Grade Elks placed 3rd with 77 points. 800 M Run - Ruedas 4th 2:39.78; 1600 M Run - Ruedas 3rd 5:51.53; 400 M Relay - 4th 2:00.91; 800 M Relay - 4th 4:34.25; 110 M Hurdles - Braden Hudson 1st 20.47; 300 M Hurdles - Braden Hudson 2nd 51.98; Discus - Mark Hand 3rd 76'8"; Hayden Long 4th 75'-11"; High Jump - Braden Hudson 1st 5'0"; Pole Vault - Braden Hudson 1st 8'0"; Edgar Guerrero 4th 6'0".

8th Grade Elks placed 6th with 49 points. 400 M Relay - 6th 51.78; 800 M Relay - 6th

1:56.39; 1600 M Relay - 3rd 4:08.63; 110 M Hurdles - Bryce Cummings 5th 19.60; 300 M Hurdles - Rueda 2nd 47.57; Michael Ortega 4th 48.50; Discus - Tyler Wright 3rd 119'-3"; Kyle Horsford 5th 116'-0"; High Jump - Michael Ortega 6th 4'10"; Pole Vault - Michael Ortega 1st 8' 6".

The J.V. Elks placed 7th with 44 points. 100 M Dash - Jesse Lopez 6th 12.29; 200 M Dash - Brent Reed 25.26; 800 M Run - Justin Smith 5th 2:31.57; 400 M Relay 49.41 4th (Victor Carrera, Brent Reed, Jesse Lopez, Erik Ruiz); 800 M Relay - 6th 1:45.56 (Klinton Keener, Pepe Licon, Jesse Lopez, Justin Lanning); 110 M Hurdles - Kaleb Horsford 3rd 18.41; Justin Lanning 6th 19.38; 300 M Hurdles - Klinton Keener 5th 49.25; Discus - Kaleb Horsford 1st 120'8"; Pole Vault - Klinton Keener 3rd 10' 6"; Roy Allen 4th 9' 6".

The Varsity Elks placed 7th with 34 points. 800 M Relay - 3rd Craig Kautz, Jorge Robles, Hunter Buckles, Alex Martinez 1:38.49; 1600 M Relay - 5th 3:44.49 Craig Kautz, Jorge Robles, Alex Martinez, Hunter Buckles; 110 Hurdles - Brant Cummings - 2nd 15.45; Craig Kautz 4th 15.87; 300 M Hurdles - Craig Kautz 4th 44.72; Triple Jump 6th Hunter Buckles 38'2"; High Jump - Brant Cummings 6th 5' 8".

State Representative David Swinford's Capitol Report:

I felt the need to clear up some confusion that may have been caused by a recent article concerning the electric transmission plans our delegation is supporting this legislative session in Austin. There are two very different and distinct plans that will be very beneficial to our citizens. Transmission lines are necessary for the reliability of electrical service in the Panhandle as well as to harvest our great wind asset, turn it into electricity and ship that energy to the rest of the state. The two transmission plans are totally separate and do not connect. The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) is the grid from which we receive electricity. This may be from our local co-ops, Southwestern Public Service Company or Xcel Energy. We need what is referred to as the "X" plan so we can continue to grow and have electricity available for new growth and to expand the dynamic economic opportunities our area needs and deserves. Our reliable electric energy future will not survive without a transmission plan

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