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Tornado Hits Cactus

Saturday night, April 21st a Tornado hit the city of Cactus. Shown above and at right is just some of the damage that shattered this small community south of us. Some injuries were reported, but no fatalities at press time. Tulia, Texas was also hit with a tornado on Saturday night. They also suffered loss of businesses and homes. There were reports of sprinkler damage in Sherman County as the storm system passed through.

A big thanks to Sandy Williams for the photos she took on Sunday when the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department went to assist.



Coming Events At SCOT

Thursday, April 26th Luncheon and Blood Pressure Clinic. Also Blood Glucose Testing will also be done.
 May 7 Movie Night- "Driving Miss Daisy" at 6:30 at the Stratford Library
 Regular Events: Bingo 1st and 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Game night 2nd Friday at 7:00 p.m. Crafts 1st and 3rd Tuesday 1 to 3 p.m.

Public meeting concerning new FM road in Dalhart

AMARILLO - The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is holding a public meeting concerning the proposed location of a new FM road between US 54 and US 87 north of Dalhart. This meeting is intended to seek the input of all interested parties who wish to comment about the project.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., at the Dalhart High School, 1802 E 16th, Dalhart, Texas. The meeting will be held in the commons area.

The TxDOT Dumas Area Office is working on the preliminary project plans. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the acting Area Engineer, Kenneth Peter, P.E., at 806-356-3200.

 Where does the idea come from that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

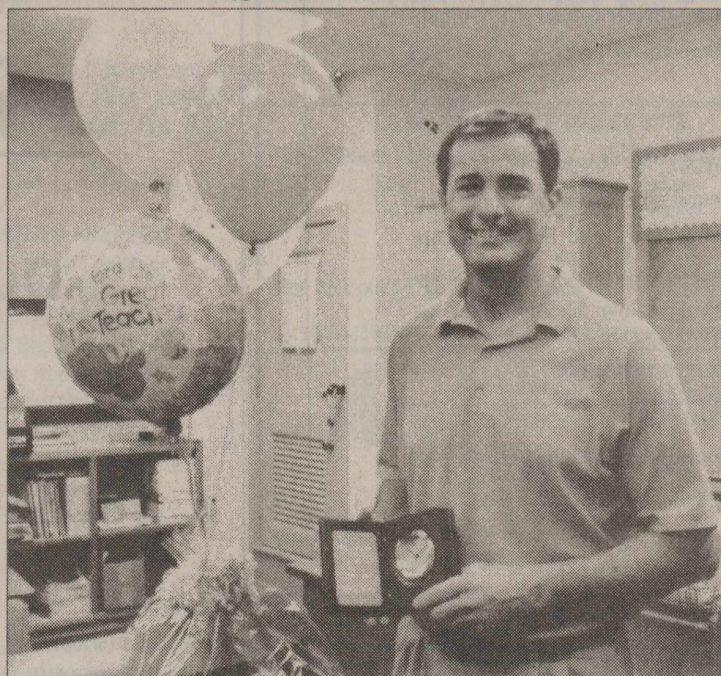


FARMERS
 Teacher of the Month

March, 2007

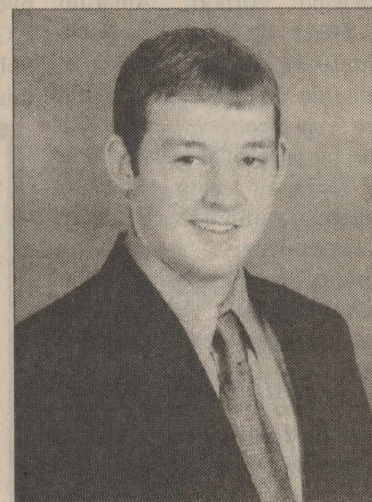
Thank you for your commitment to our kids!!

Diane, Patty, and Joanie



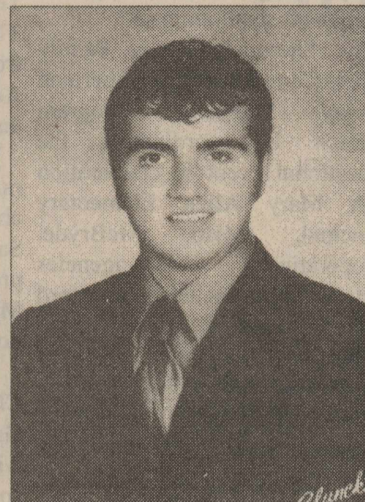
Teacher of the Month

Keith King was selected as our April 2007 Teacher of the Month. If you see Mr. King, please thank him for his commitment to our children.



Stratford High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Daniel Hays is the Valedictorian for the 2006-2007 school year. Daniel completed a four year advanced program with a weighted grade point average of 101.708. Daniel is the son of Steve and Dianna Hays. He plans to continue his education at Texas Tech University.



The salutatorian is Ryan Ewers. Ryan completed his advanced program with a weighted grade point average of 97.708. Ryan is the son of Jerry Ewers and Brenda Comer. He plans to further his education at Texas A & M University.

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4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM ADVANCES

Sherman County 4-H members, Jacob Edmond, Pete Dahl, Matt Freeman, and Corey Lomax will advance to the 4-H State Livestock Judging contest with a third place team win at the Panhandle District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held April 13th. Jacob Edmond was 5th place overall individual and 8th place in reasons. Pete Dahl placed 9th overall individual. Garland Dahl serves as volunteer adult leader/coach for this group of young men.

Mary Allen Raises \$5,694.22

WOW!!! Mary Allen Elementary raised \$5,694.22 to fight heart disease and stroke. Thank you so much to all who raised funds. YOU really made a difference.

Volunteers Needed

The Sherman County Public Library is in need of volunteers for the Summer Reading Program. Four people are needed specifically to be in charge of one (1) program each for the months of June and July and others to assist with the programs. There will be an organizational meeting on May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the library. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Sandy at 366-2200 or come by and visit. High school students, this is also a great opportunity to use this educational activity as your community service project for college applications.

Book Fair @ the Library

The Sherman County Public Library will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair to help raise money for the library's summer reading project and to purchase books as reading prizes. The "Fair" will be held on the following dates: May 14th, Monday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; May 15th, Tuesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 16th, Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 17th, Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and May 18th, Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nu Beta Tiffany Knight and Samantha Hart Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

By Bailey Naugle
 The Nu Beta sorority of Stratford is planning the Third Annual Tiffany Knight and Samantha Hart Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament, to be held June 9th and 10th at the Stratford Country Club.

The tournament was started by Nu Beta to honor the memory of Tiffany Knight and Samantha Hart by giving college scholarships to deserving seniors from Stratford and the surrounding area.

The tournament is a three-person scramble, and registration is \$180 per team. There will be a Senior Flight for players 55 and over on Saturday, with morning tee times only.

All participating golfers will be eligible to win a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, among other great prizes, at the Hole-in-One Give Away, sponsored by Duncan Chevrolet of Stratford.

To register to play in the tournament please call Chris Gomez (SCC) 806-396-2259, Barney Willborn 806-753-7959 or Jode Anderton at 806-396-2809.

Nu Beta is proud to have awarded 13 local seniors with over \$3,400 in scholarship funds. The amount and number of scholarships given each year is based on the proceeds from the tournament. "We give all that we can, but it depends on how much

money the tournament makes. The more teams we have and the amount of donations we receive all matter," said Jode Anderton, president of Nu Beta.

Everyone is welcome for a brisket dinner and a team auction Saturday evening. Dinner will be free for participating team members and \$10 per plate for non-participants. Team members will be able to buy mulligans and chances to win the *Closest to the Pin* contest for a cash prize.

Raffle tickets for a weekend getaway to Amarillo will be sold during the dinner, and the drawing will conclude the evening. Tickets are \$2 each; you do not have to be present to win.

Nu Beta believes that it is important to preserve the memory of Tiffany and Samantha, as well as support the youth of the community. A big thank you is extended to everyone for supporting the tournament and the memorial scholarship program.

If you would like to contribute to the tournament, the sorority is

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TEACHER OF THE MONTH
 APRIL-KEITH KING
 FAMILY: Wife: Tami
 Children: Jennifer - 27, Jessica - 23 and Josh - 20
 4 grandchildren
 HOBBIES: working with wood and farming
 WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH: 7th & 8th grade math
 HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING: 27 years
 WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER: "I like working with kids."
 WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT TEACHING: "The satisfaction I feel when They succeed."
 WORDS OF WISDOM OR MOTTO ABOUT TEACHING: "It is alright to accept students they way we find them, but it is bad if we leave it that way."

OBITS

ARTHUR "ART" L. HARRYMAN

Keyes, OK. — Arthur "Art" L. Harryman, 86, died Thursday, April 19, 2007.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Keyes United Methodist Church with Darrel Maddox officiating. Burial was in Willowbar Cemetery with military graveside honors by the Boise City VFW. Arrangements are by Cimarron Mortuary.

Mr. Harryman was born July 16, 1920, to William I. and Mary Lorena Brown Harryman. He was a farmer at heart, and farmed in Cimarron County all his life.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia June Harryman; four sons, Lane Albert of Beaver, Denton Harryman of Greenville, S.C., Jeff Harryman of Rock Springs, Wyo., Michael Albert of Weatherford, Texas; three daughters, Norma Herbold of Sequim, Wash., Leonda Fedric of Stratford, Texas, and Debbie Henry of Sanger, Texas; six stepchildren, Christine Rodriguez of Guyton, Ina Shepler of Aubry, Texas, Katherine Timberlake of Lawton, Carrie Padilla and Mary Overstreet, both of Keyes and Dana Journagan of Las Vegas, N.M.; four sisters, Margie Williams of Elkhart, Kan., Geneva Williams of Battle Creek, Mi, Lois Golay of Keyes, Verna Faye Wright of Boise City; a brother, Paul Harryman of Yukon; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 18 step grandchildren; and 30 step great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Keyes Senior Citizens Center or to the Willowbar Cemetery, in care of Cimarron Mortuary, PO. Box 277, Boise

City, OK 73933.

Blood Drive To Be Held April 30

There will be a Stratford Community Blood Drive on Monday, April 30th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at County Barn 5th and Maple.

For an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-877-574-8800.

All Blood types are currently needed!

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY SAFETY FAIR MAY 3

By Susie Spurlock

Mary Allen Elementary students grade K-4 will be participating in the Safety Fair on Thursday, May 3rd at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Students will learn about fire safety in the home, water safety, safety around strangers, bicycle safety, safety with electricity, and safety with small animals.

The Sherman County Family Living Committee of the Sherman County Extension Program Council is coordinating the educational event in cooperation with Mary Allen Elementary Principal, Misti McBryde. Cooperative agencies participating include Stratford Fire Department, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Cooperative Extension - Sherman County.

The fair objectives are to help elementary students become more aware of home safety hazards, students will learn proper safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and they will become familiar with community emergency response equipment and personnel.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Volunteers assisting with the fair will include

Stratford High School National Honor Society members.

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Top of Texas Wheels Xtravaganza

The fourth annual Top of Texas Wheels Xtravaganza is underway. Wheels Xtravaganza has four events at one location: a corvette car show, an open car show for any make or model, an open motorcycle show for any make or model and a live classic auto auction. The event will take place on May 26, 2007 at Tradewind Airport, Amarillo, TX. Gates open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and children under 7 are free.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for Camp Alphonse for children with cancer, the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, Special Olympics, and Meals on Wheels. All funds are donated to these local chapters.

The Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Tradewind Airport Group host this event annually with the shared mission to present specialty cars and motorcycles bringing American history to life. Our past year's events have had crowds up to 5,500 people. We anticipate 300 vehicles to participate. We are constantly working to expand this event and again we need your involvement for Wheels Xtravaganza 2007 to be a success.

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Movies Beginning April 27

Next PG-13 Nicholas Cage
The Condemned R "Stone Cold" Steve Austin
Kickin It Old School PG-13 Jamie Kennedy
The Reaping R Hilary Swank
Vacancy R Luke Wilson Kate Beckinsale
Disturbia PG-13 Shia LaBeouf
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a strapless modified A-line with hand-draped curved neckline and hem trimmed with layers of alencon and chantilly lace. The bride wore her father's Texas A&M lapel pin, which her sister also wore at the wedding.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Stratford High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station in 2002 with a B.S. in agriculture development. She is employed by Bizxchange as an account manager.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Madison High School. He graduated from University of Texas in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in history and anthropology. He is employed by Precept Brands as vice president of sales in the Midwest and Texas regions.

The couple plans a honeymoon trip in January. The couple will reside Seattle, Washington.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Pat Boren & Jo June McDaniel attended Ladies Day at the church of Christ Saturday. "Chocolates & Friends" was a program and luncheon.

Thursday Minnie and Ralph James Hampton saw the Chris Craig family in Plainview. Their baby Lily is 8 months old. Other children are Caleb & Hanna. Friday night they were among 34 who celebrated Donnie Ellison's birthday in Stratford. Annette, Minnie & Ralph James were there.

Brady & Trisha Schoonover went to the Happy Bank Stockholders meeting in Amarillo Tuesday.

Visiting over the weekend with Marylou & Mike McDaniel was Clifford Abbott of Lubbock.

Books are the best friends you can have; they inform you, and entertain you, and they don't talk back.

—John Steinbeck



Shown at left, Magen Hardy, bride-elect of Derek Hyde was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Verlie Norris on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Shown from left, Melissa Hardy, Magen Hardy and Nadine Jones.

Vows Exchanged

Ashlie Jennifer Lasley and Thomas Michael Bailey, both of Seattle, Washington, were married Saturday, April 7 at Amarillo Botanical Gardens. The Rev. Kurt Oheim officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kristie and Walter Lasley of Stratford. Grandparents of the bride are Erma Short, LeVerne Lasley Riley and Jim Riley, all of whom attended the wedding, and the late Richard Short and the late Walter Lasley.

Groom's parents are Therese and James Bailey of San Antonio. Grandparents of the groom are the late Margaret and Michael Higgins and the late Dr. James and Nancy Bailey.

Maid of honor was Sunny Lasley, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Jodi Darcey, Jenny Isgitt, Jennifer Hangartner and Amy Guerrero.

Best man was Peter Bailey, brother of the groom. Groom's attendants were James Bailey, brother of the groom, Olin Erickson, Victor Hernandez and Noels Christian.

Flower girl was Gabriel Contreras, niece of the groom. Ushers were Michael Higgins, cousin of the groom and Michael Contreras, brother-in-law of the groom.

Special music was provided by Nina Lavake on cello, Rolene Arkon on violin and Marihoward Engelbrecht on piano.

Color theme of the wedding was ivory and watermelon.

The bride chose a round arrangement of ranunculus, dahlias, hydrangeas and paper whites.

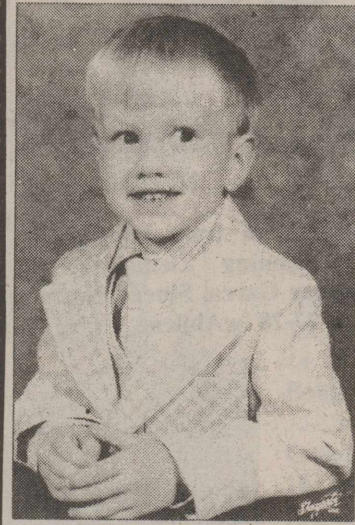
The bride wore an ivory satin faced organza with champagne tulle and ark ivory overlay. It was

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting April 30

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, April 30 at 7:30 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 updates on Spring contest, State 4-H Roundup, selection of dates for Record Book Training, annual 4-H Achievement Banquet, and recruitment activities.

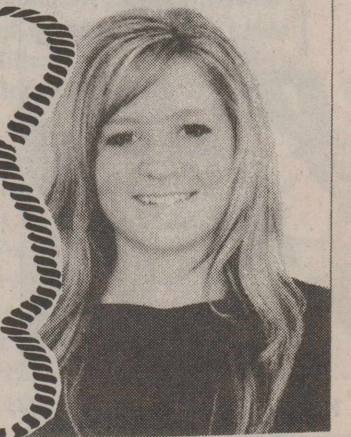
For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agents at 366-2122.



Guess Who's Thirty? (Dutch) Happy Birthday From Your Friends!!!!

GET 'ER DONE
DUNCAN
CHEVROLET
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
SUNNY
RUSSELL

Sunny Russell is a member of the Lady Elk basketball and track teams. She is also active in student council and 4-H. For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com



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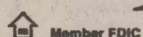
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-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

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Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
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& Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

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Ever Near

Lord, lead me, guide me, walk beside me
Help me find my way, For at times I
tend to wander
Like a sheep that's gone astray.
Walk with me down every mile
On this road that we call "life,"
And when I'm feeling overwhelmed,
Please carry me through my strife.
Guide me with Your gentle hand,
Make me sensitive to its touch,
For my way isn't always best
And my will's sometimes too much.
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Make my path open and wide;
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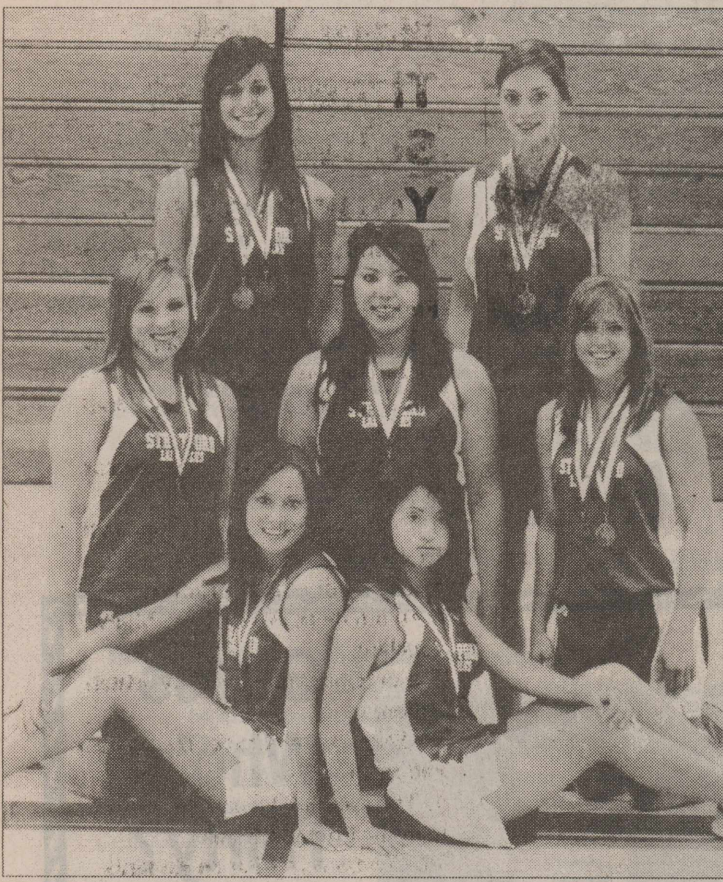
Community Building

Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

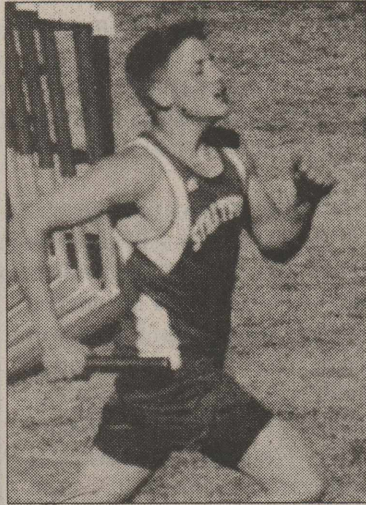
Track Shots



Lady Elk Regional Track Qualifiers from bottom l-r: Kelsey Stein, Janeth Reyes, Channing Zicman, April Peregrino, Kristen Crabtree, Whitney Garza, Sinead Everett. These ladies will also compete April 27-28 in Abilene.



Pepe Licon

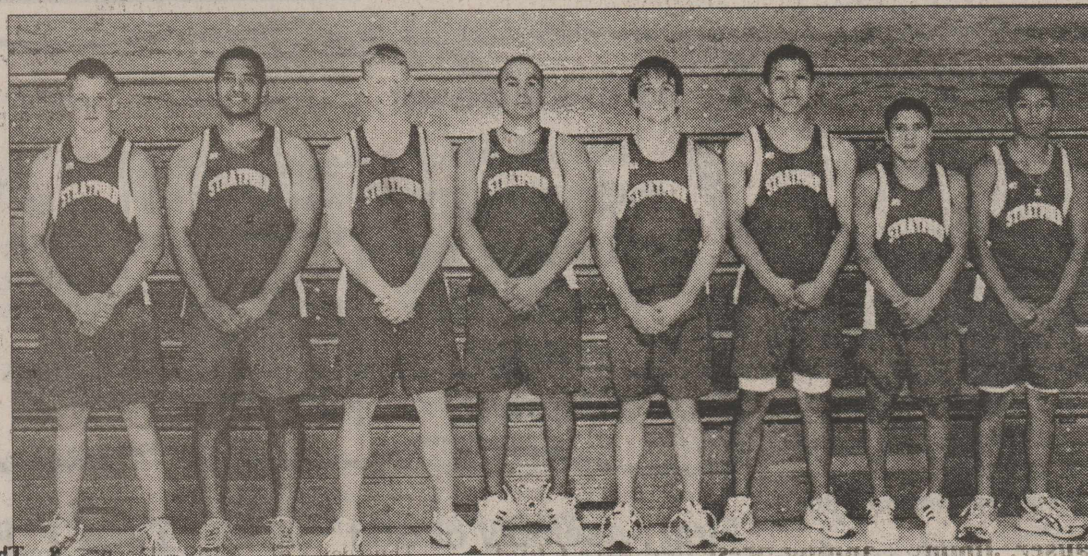


Justin Smith

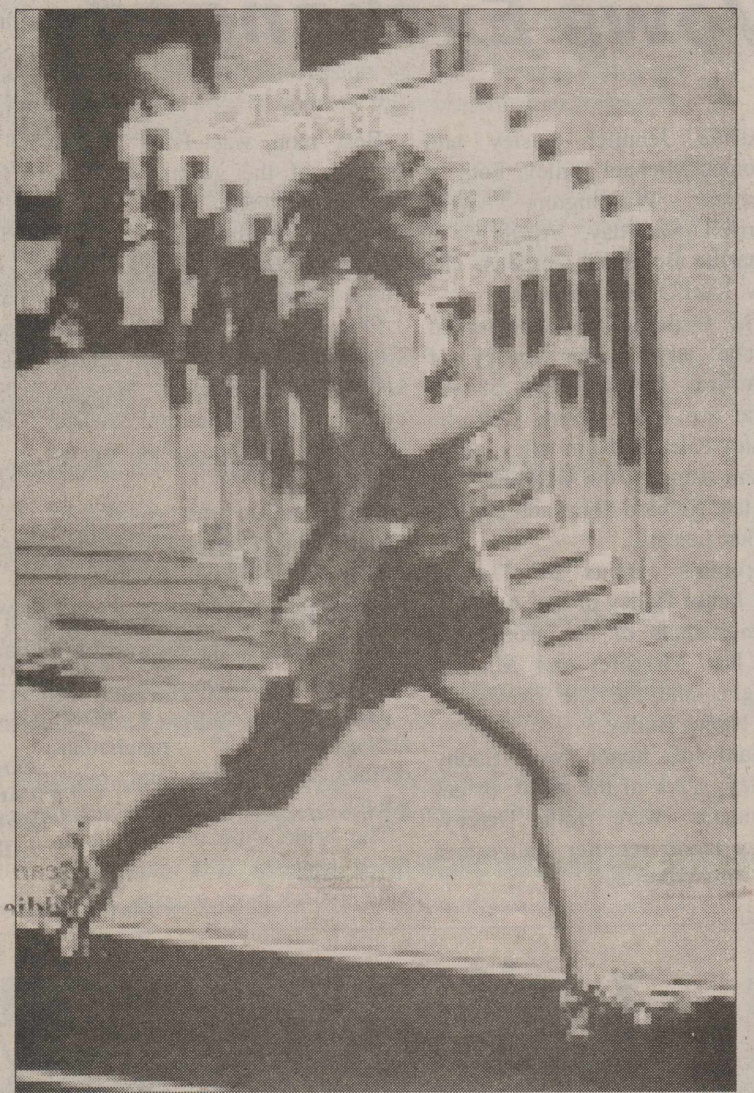
Brant Cummings qualified for Regionals in the 110 Hurdles.



Kelsey Stein qualified for Regionals in sprint relay and mile relay.



Stratford Elk Regional Track Qualifiers from left, Klinton Keener, Sandro Gomez, Brant Cummings, Martin Beltran, Hunter Buckles, George Robles, Angel Resendes and Alex Martinez. These boys will compete this April 27-28 in Abilene.



Kristen Crabtree qualified for Regionals by winning the 800 & 1600 Mile Run and 1st in the mile relay.

Hayes & Ewers-Cont. from page 1

Daniel Hays
P.O. Box 649
Stratford, TX 79084
(806)-366-7602

College Objective: To attend Texas Tech University and major in Broadcast/Journalism.

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| Academic: Honors English I-IV
Frank Phillips College English 1301
Frank Phillips College English 1302
Frank Phillips College Gov. 2305
Frank Phillips College Gov. 2306
Accounting II | Anatomy & Physiology
Cisco I-II
Pre AP Algebra II
Pre Calculus
Chemistry
Spanish III |
| Extracurricular: Band I-II
Athletics
UIL Accounting | UIL Ready Writing
United Methodist Youth
Fellowship of Christian Athletes |
| Achievements: Band Sweepstakes
Band State Qualifier
Scholastic Banquet I-IV
National Honor Roll IV | Academic All-State Football 1st Team
Who's Who in High School Students
National Honor Society III-IV
Academic All-District Basketball |
| Volunteer Work: Coached Little League Baseball Team
Coached Little Dribblers Basketball Team
Helped elderly woman move into a new house
Helped during the Week of the Young Child at the Imagination Station
Coached Tiger Cub Scouts | |

Work Experience: S & D Cattle Services 6/2006-8/2006

Ryan James Ewers
P.O. Box 963
Stratford, TX 79084
(806) 396-2872

College Objective: To attend Texas A&M University and Major in Civil engineering

Volunteer Work: Week of the young child
Helped pregnant woman move

Work Experience: City of Stratford May 2005 to Aug. 2005
City of Stratford May 2006 to Aug. 2006

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| Academic: Honors English I-III
Concurrent I, II
Chemistry
Pre-AP Algebra II
Pre-Calculus
Calculus | Concurrent Gov. I, II
Cisco I
Physics
Accounting I, II
Spanish III |
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Extracurricular: Band I-IV
4-H
UIL Science

FFA II-IV
Stock shows I-IV

Awards & Achievements: National Honors Society
Scholastic Banquet I-IV

Band Sweepstakes I-IV
6th in state marching band 2003

Honor Roll

- 5th Grade**
Daniel Acosta
Nathan Bennett
Ellie Daniels
Janette Daniels
Hunter Everett
Ricky Garay
Ben Gilliland
Tiffany Torres
Suzette Palma
Jesus Rosas
Citlaly Soto
Mary Ann Spurlock
Selina Terrazas
Carlos Trejo
Mazie Vincent

- 7th Grade**
Marcos Garza
Mark Hand
Braden Hudson
Kavan Killian
Ransom Lermon
Justin Mungia
Braiden Palmer
Perla Reta
Tori Rouse
Arfeth Soto

3rd and 4th grade Honor Rolls on Page 7

Whether you think that you can,
or that you can't, you are usually right.
—Henry Ford

- 6th Grade**
Shyanne Acker
Meghan Brooks
Alex Chavoya
Christian Confer
Grayson Gonzalez
Elizabeth Reyes
Haydee Rojas
Kenny Ruiz
Reed Schoonover
Tyler Seward
M'Lynn Wells

- 8th Grade**
Catheryn Arisano
Carlos Armendariz
Heidi Brooks
Yvette Carrillo
Matthew Chaffee
Brianda Chavoya
Lindi Confer
Bryce Cummings
Keevan Eldridge
Chris Hart
Courtney Hartman
Kyle Horsford
Taylor Melton
Stephanie Molina
Eduardo Niave
Miranda Olivas
Miguel Ortega
Vicente Rueda
Bryron Saloga
Tyler Wright



J.V. Elks from left, Justin Lanning and Kaleb Horsford, right.



Lady Elks mile relay won first at the District Track Meet in Sanford Fritch. Shown from left, Coach ViAnn Reed, Sinead Everett, Janeth Reyes, Coach Terry Davis, Kristen Crabtree, Kelsey Stein, and Coach Johnny Hudson.

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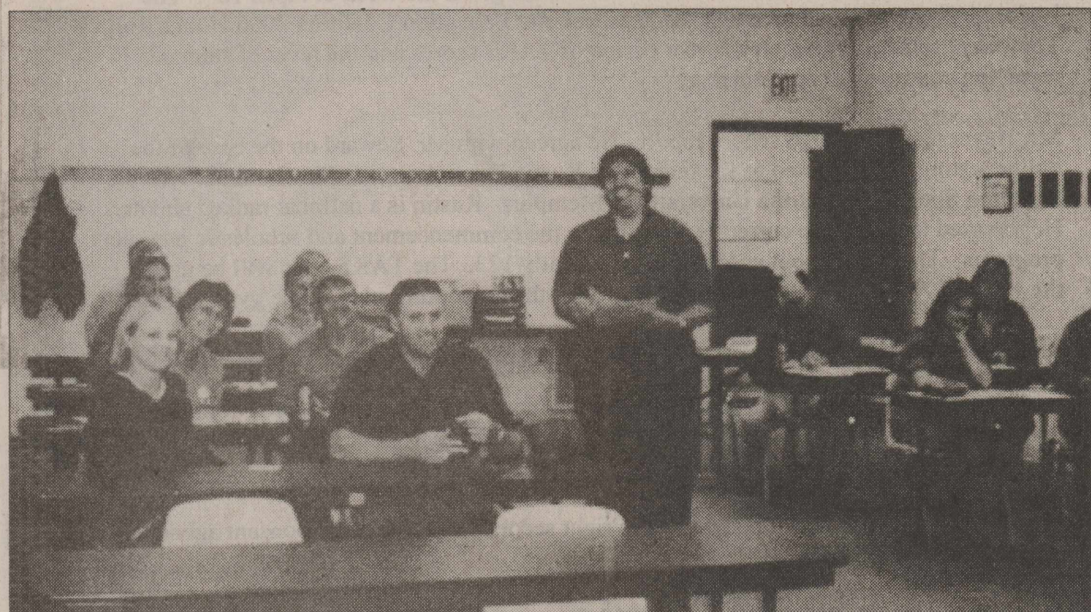
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Crow doesn't pick out another crow's eyes.

Serbian Proverb

The soul would have no rainbow, Had the eyes no tears.

—John Vance Cheney



Weather Spotters Training

Seventeen Stratford and Sherman County residents attended the annual Weather Spotters Training presented by the National Weather Service on April 19, 2007. The instructional program was presented by Lance Goehring of the NWA. Those attending were: Galen and Deloris Giesbrecht, Jennifer Spurlock, Robert McGinnis, Dean and Jolie Asher, Ray and Lynda Hauser, Laura Rogers, David Koehn, Greg Koehn, Jack Gore, Teresa Edmond, Ronda Mathews, Greg Wright and Sandy Williams



Stratford Fire Department volunteers standing in front of the ambulance they received from Stratford Hospital District. Shown left to right Eddie Williams, Sandy Williams, Dean Hauser, Danny Davis, Ernie Maiwald, Norma Rangel, Jessie Mariscal, Rhonda Mathews and Jack Gore.



Jack Gore presenting Sandy Williams with Fireman of the Year Award on Tuesday, April 17th, 2007

The Stratford Fire Department held their Annual Volunteer Fire Department Banquet on Tuesday, April 17th at the Fire Station. Connie Biddy and Shannon Sellers catered the delicious meal. Guests were introduced and special awards were handed out.

Co-Firemen of the year were Sandy Williams and Dean Hauser. Jimmy Lanning presented Fire Chief Eddie Williams the keys to the ambulance that Stratford Hospital District gave them.



Shown at left Fire Chief Eddie Williams presenting Dean Hauser with Fireman of the Year.

Shown at left below, EMT Jimmy Lanning presenting Eddie Williams with the keys to the Ambulance they received from the Stratford Hospital District.



Rockin' Red Hat's News

By Millie Hacker

The Stratford Rockin' Red Hats met for supper at the Chicken Ranch the first Thursday of April. Donna Gillenwaters and Kathy Switzer were our hostesses. Tender chicken fried steak and coconut cream pie were served.

Everyone wore their red Easter Bonnets for the Easter Parade. Gaynelle Oakley won a prize for the most original Easter Hat, Nadine Miller won a prize for the most beautiful, Jo June McDaniel won for the most practical & Bobbie Wilson won a prize for the most ridiculous hat. They each received a pretty Easter bunny. Then door prizes were won by Oline Caraway, Mary Brannan and Cindy Jackson.

Our Red Hatters received an invitation to the annual Luncheon of the Guymon Red Hat "Ding-a-Lings" at the Draper Barn near Guymon. Pat Boren, Nadine Miller, Jo June McDaniel and Millie hacker attended April 12th and enjoyed the chef salad bar and strawberry short cake. There was a fantastic tour of the Draper Barns. Mr. Draper displays his antique collections beautifully. There were 66 Red Hats there, many we knew: Bonnie Borth, Imogene Glover, June Furnish, Wanda O'Haulon, Norma Jean Alexander & Jolene Strong.

For the next Red Hat meeting in Stratford May 3rd, Dorothy Robbins and Nadine Miller will be hostesses. They will call everyone for a time and place.

There were 22 present at the April 5th meeting. Irma Houston was a guest. Others present were: Connie Oquin, Sis Steinberger, Pat Boren, Ann Johnson, Darla Anderson, Sandy Williams, Betty McMillion, Rhonda Mathews, Dorothy Haile, Lucille Hills and Millie Hacker.

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ENTRY-LEVEL MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

In this important, proactive role, you will help maintain and repair a variety of electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.

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In this leadership role, you will supervise all labs at our Dalhart facility. Experience as a Lab Supervisor/Manager is strongly desired. Bachelor's degree in science preferred.

SUPPLY CHAIN & WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR

Warehouse GMP management proficiency is essential to maintain our material specifications and inventory levels while developing material requirements and handling other related duties. At least 1 year of supervisory experience required. Bachelor's degree and CPIS certification preferred.

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Rely on your knowledge of USEPA, OSHA and safety training requirements as you coordinate our federal and state compliance and OSHA activities.

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CORPORATE TRAINER

Your 2-4 years of experience in training or a related field will be key in this challenging role conducting training programs for employee certification and qualification.

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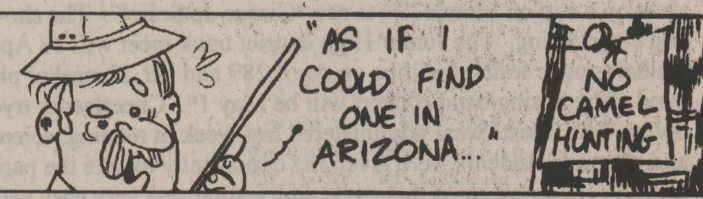
Take on the support and management of all network infrastructure and data in this challenging role. Requires a related bachelor's degree, 3-5 years of experience and proficiency with server-related technology, hardware, networking and Windows OS installation, security/administrative tools and network components. BS is desirable.

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**STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 REGULAR SESSION
 April 12, 2007**

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 2007. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Greg Wright, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn and DeWain Traylor.

Board members absent: Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock (7:45 PM).

Guests present: Misti McBryde, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward, Dinah Horsford, Lynette Kautz, Ashley Hartsell, George Harding, Blake Confer, and Chet Everett.

Mrs. McBryde led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland introduced guests George Harding – City of Stratford, Ashley Hartsell, Chet Everett and Blake Confer.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition.

1. High School cheerleader tryouts were held on March 8, 2007. The following will be cheerleaders for the 2007-2008 school year. Varsity: Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales, Jordan Confer, Ivy Valenzuela and Channing Ziemann. April Peregrino will be the mascot. Junior Varsity cheerleaders will be Kelsie Keener, Lindsay Confer, Taylor Melton, Kimberly Melton and Courtney Hartman. Congratulations to these girls.

2. The Houston stock show was held March 1-16. Clayton Johnson placed 2nd with a steer, Landan Luna was 2nd with a pig, Scott Hudson was 2nd with a pig and Morgan Crabtree was 10th with a pig. Congratulations to these exhibitors.

3. The district UIL Academic meet was held on March 22nd. The following students placed at the meet:

Tyler Gilliland	4 th Place	News Writing	Harletta Carthel
Channing Ziemann	6 th Place	Feature Writing	Harletta Carthel
Merilee McDaniel	4 th Place	Accounting	Coach Tami King

Accounting Team 2nd Place (Kristen Crabtree, Brant Cummings, Daniel Hays, Merilee McDaniel)

Deborah Molina 6th Place Spelling Coach Judy Stoy

Spelling Team 2nd Place (Braden Hamilton, Katie Killian, Deborah Molina, Sunny Russell)

Tiffni Drake 4th Place Mathematics Coach Carla Griffin

Number Sense Team 3rd Place (Brooke Barnard, Kristen Crabtree, Becky Rosales, Harrison Walden) Coach Carla Griffin

Whitney Reese	5 th Place	Poetry	Coach Terri Teig
Jennie Spurlock	5 th Place	Social Studies	Coach Ronna Riffe
Jordan Confer	6 th Place	Headline Writing	Harletta Carthel

Social Studies Team 2nd Place (Jennie Spurlock, Katie Killian, Michael Frizzell, Brant Cummings) Coach Ronna Riffe

Manuel Chavoya 5th Place Comp. App. Coach Tami King

The regional meet will be held in Abilene on the ACU campus on April 14th.

Those advancing to the regional meet are:

Kristen Crabtree	2 nd Place	Accounting	Coach Tami King
Rhia Everett	3 rd Place	Literary Criticism	Coach Judy Stoy
Brooke Barnard	2 nd Place	Computer App.	Coach Tami King
Evan Haile	1 st Place	Poetry	Coach Terri Teig
Austin Riffe	2 nd Place	Prose	Coach Terri Teig
Trenda Maiwald	3 rd Place	Poetry	Coach Terri Teig
Kelsi Dennis	2 nd Place	Editorials	Harletta Carthel
Kristen Crabtree	2 nd Place	Headline Writing	Harletta Carthel

4. The District One Act Play contest was held on March 27, 2007. The following received honors at the contest: Evan Haile – All Star Cast, Tanner Riffe and Trenda Maiwald – Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

5. The high school students of the week were as follows:

March 19	Sunny Russell and Alex Martinez
April 2	Margarita Rocha and Austin Riffe
April 9	Merilee McDaniel and Scott Hudson

5. M'Lynn Wells placed 8th in the Globe News Regional Spelling Bee. She is a 6th grader and competed in the 6th – 8th grade division. Congratulations to M'Lynn.
6. Ransom Lermon, Marcos Garza, Justin Mungia, Tori Rouse and Mark Hand were selected to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program. The candidates are selected from their TAKS scores while attending elementary and junior high school. They take the ACT test and are provided with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and educational opportunities. Ransom Lermon also received state recognition. To receive state recognition, a student must score in the top 25% of the Talent search pool. Congratulations to these students.
7. The Lady Elks golf team won the district meet and will advance to the Regional Meet in Abilene on Monday April 23, 2007. Merilee McDaniel was the 3rd top medalists. The Elk golf team placed 4th.

Mr. Haynes commended Rustin Russell on the scholarship that he will receive from the University of Memphis. He will be a member of their NCAA Shooting Sports team. He will sign a letter of intent on Friday morning.

Mr. Gilliland introduced George Harding. He discussed with the board the need to replace the current 2 inch water line with a 4 inch water line in preparation of the widening of Highway 287. This must be approved by the board of trustees and then by TEA before any work can begin. DeWain Traylor made the motion to approve the proposed 5 foot easement to the City of Stratford for installation of a below ground waterline, subject to final review and approval by the TEA, as required by Civil Action No. 5281 and district policy CDB(Legal) and to authorize the board president to execute the final easement upon approval from TEA. Barney Willborn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. An Early Release day was held on Wednesday. The K-2nd grade teachers attended a training with Wanda Doughten from Region 16 Service Center on the TRRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) tests. The 3rd and 4th grade teachers participated in the required training for the administration of the TAKS and SDAII tests. The TAKS test will be given the week of April 16th. The 2nd grade will to the Botanical Gardens on April 19th and the 1st grade will go on the 25th. The trip is part of the Window on the World program. Spring enrollment for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten began on Wednesday, April 11th. She reported an enrollment of 235.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. Enrollment is currently at 170. The GT students went on a trip on March 20th to see "Cirque de Soliel". The show was very interesting and entertaining. The Junior High district track meet will be April 14th in Stratford. The Dalhart music festival will be on April 28th and Mr. Hunsaker plans to take the 6th grade band. The Spring band concert will be May 1st. Cheerleader tryouts will be May 3rd. The online TAKS tests were administered last week in reading, science, and social studies. 7th and 8th grade students were given the opportunity to take the paper test or the test online. Mr. Seward commented that the online testing was very easy and a time saver for the

counselor. The remainder of the TAKS test will be given the week of April 16th. The junior high was selected to the Texas Business and Education Coalition 2006 Honor Roll. They were selected based on a 3 year period of TAKS scores and the level of students receiving commended performance.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He agreed with Mr. Seward on the ease of the online testing. He reported to the board that Rustin Russell received a scholarship for the Shooting Sports Team at the University of Memphis. Rustin is a national ranked shooter. He reported that they are currently working on the commencement and scholastic banquet programs. The high school enrollment is currently 173. The TAKS tests will be given the week of April 16th. He thanked to board for the air conditioning in the gym.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent report. He gave the transportation report. Cost per mile was .40¢ for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 49.19% and revenue collected at 87.54%. Tax collections are at 97.69%.

Steve Hays made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the proposed 2008 Sherman County Appraisal District budget. Discussion was held. Steve Hays made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the math textbook adoption list. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve the entire list of TEA approved textbooks. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the computer purchases for the Junior High and High School. The monies will come from the high school allotment and federal funds. Sixty computers will be purchased through the GSC (General Service Commission) in the amount of \$899.00 from Westgate Computers. Barney Willborn made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the purchase as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the ESL Summer School schedule. There must be 10 students interested in participating. The school will be from May 31 – June 29 from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the schedule as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the budget amendment. Discussion was held. Barney Willborn made the motion and DeWain Traylor seconded to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried 5-0. SEE ATTACHMENT

Mr. Gilliland went over the need of declaring the roof repairs an emergency. This will keep the board from having to seek bids for the repairs. Steve Hays made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to declare the repair to the roof an emergency on behalf on the SISD Board of Trustees. Motion carried 5-0.

Brent Spurlock arrived at 7:45 PM.

A short recess was taken at 7:50 PM.

At 8:00 PM the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074.

At 8:43 PM, the board adjourned into regular session.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to hire Ashley Hartsell as the High School Principal. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Terri Teig. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Randy Hunsaker. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 6-0.

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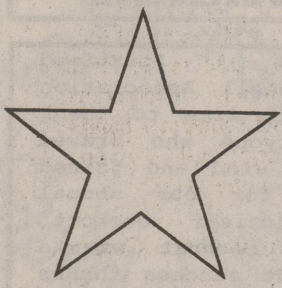
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JOB REQUISITION NUMBER: 011527
The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications for one full-time position at the Sherman County Maintenance Office located at 1202 E Texas Ave, Stratford, Texas.

The applicant must have graduated from high school or equivalent plus two (2) years clerical, secretarial, administrative or warehousing and automated property accounting support or maintenance support related experience. College education in business administration areas or technical training in office administration, clerical, secretarial or administrative related areas may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis. (Experience requirements may be satisfied by full-time experience or the prorated part-time equivalent.)

The starting salary will be \$1969.33 - \$2717.66 per month. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2007. For further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.txdot.gov/careers/. Mailed applications should be postmarked no later than the day the job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Linda Tucker at (806) 356-3231.

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

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

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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

Houses for Sale

206 N. 3rd-79,900.00 3/1.50/1 home. Kit. Weating bar & pantry. Living rm. W/fireplace. Mstr. Brdm. W/kitting 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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For Sale: 2000 Ford Mustang, 64,500 miles. Call 806-366-3575 or 753-6123. 4-12-c

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

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

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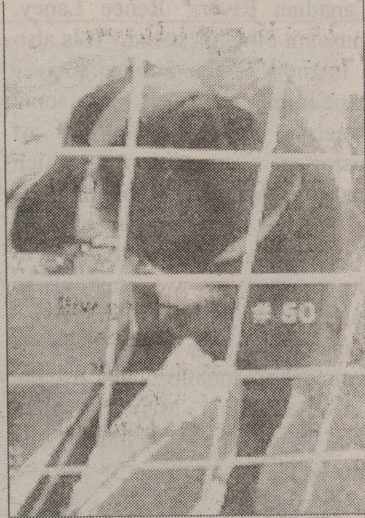
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The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Now that the weather is getting better, it's time to do some spring cleaning at the cemetery. If you have old flowers or items on graves at the cemetery left from the winter, please remove them and place them in the dumpster at the cemetery. Please feel free to replace them with new ones. If you have toys or crockery or other items of glass or metal on graves, please remove them as well. This will prevent them from becoming flying objects when the lawnmowers and weed trimmers are in use. The city has completed the weed spraying and the annual clean-up day will be announced soon. Now is the time to start getting your plots cleaned up. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Keep in mind always the present you are constructing. It should be the future you want.
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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

LaRissa Luna and Harrison Walden are students of the week at Stratford High School.

After reading Bud's Rules and Things for Life in their study of Bud, Not Buddy, the freshman ESL class composed their own book of rules using their life experiences. The following are a few excerpts of what they have learned about life.

"Don't trust everybody who talks nice to you." "Try to be free and do whatever you like because lost time never comes back." - Ana Martinez "It's better to have two friends instead of one." "It's better to have two girlfriends instead of one." - Josue Hernandez

"Do not pick up dead dogs because they can be revived again." "A smaller house is better because a smaller house has less to clean up." - Griselda Martinez "Always think about what you are going to say before saying them because you could hurt someone." - Jorge Gonzales "Sad is not good because if you are sad, you cannot do anything. My mother is like my life because if I don't have my mother it's like I don't have life." - Erika Duran

"When you are going to wait for a girl to go to a dance, you are going to wait all your life." - Osmar Portillo

"There are no bad teachers because students make them bad by not doing what they say." - Roberta Duran

Regional Golf was Monday and Tuesday. The students in the Gifted and Talented program had field trips to NWTN and the Pavilion and Happy State Bank in Amarillo on Wednesday and Thursday.

Life-Touch spring photos will be on Friday. The Regional Track Meet will be held on Friday and Saturday in Abilene.

Registration has finished up for next year's high school students. Friday is Picture Day and the sixth grade band will participate in the Dalhart Music Festival on Saturday.

The Child Development classes will begin the Ready or Not Tot project. They will be caring baby manikins and taking care of them just as if they are real. This is a great project and teaches the challenges of taking care of a baby. The Clothing and Textile class are making tie blankets. The Personal and Family Development class has been cooking and have recently learned about table etiquette. We will also be making cookies and punch for the Stratford Area Foundation meeting and the FCCLA officers will be serving the refreshments.

Sixth grade Social Studies has been studying Western Europe. We had a video, "The Devil's Arithmetic" about the Holocaust and we now better visualize the harsh conditions faced by the Jews. We wrote questions about London, England, and Mrs. Swain mailed them to her sister who will answer these questions as she visits London next week. This will be an interesting source of information.

Fifth grade Social Studies now has all 50 states-capitals-abbreviations-locations to know. When a student makes a 100 on the test for 50 states, he/she will no longer have states' tests, but will receive a free 100 in the grade book. We are studying the Westward Movement and advancements in technology for the early 1800's. We will soon be studying the Civil War era.

The third grade will be hatching chicken eggs in Mrs. Davis' room. We are learning about Living Systems.

Quote of the week: "Happiness is a state of activity." - Aristotle

Trustee Election May 12, 2007

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 12, 2007 at the County Court House to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Monday, April 30, 2007 and will continue through Tuesday May 8, 2007. Early voting will be conducted at the County Court House in the District Clerks Office, 701 N 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 - Hours: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

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

Candidates are Blake Confer, DeWain Trayler, Chet Everett and Steve Hays.

Election de Fideicomisario 12 de mayo de 2007

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Stratford tendra una election de fideicomisario el 12 de mayo de 2007 para llenar tres posiciones.

Votacion temprana por apariencia en persona comenzara el miercoles 30 de abril de 2007 y terminara el martes 8 de mayo de 2007.

Votacion temprana se llevara a cabo en el la Casa de Justicia del Condado con la Oficinista del Distrito, 701 N 3rd Street, Stratford, Tx 79084 - Entre las horas 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM y 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, de lunes a viernes.

Miembros de la mesa cuyo termino expirara son Steve Hays and DeWain Trayler. Miembros remanentes son Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, y Greg Wright.

Los candidates son Blake Confer, DeWain Trayler, Chet Everett, y Steve Hays.

Ice Storm Debris Cleanup Continues

HOOKER, Okla. (April 20, 2007) - Although it's been several months since a pair of snow and ice storms stranded people in their homes, jeopardized livestock and knocked out power to thousands, crews are still hard at work cleaning up the aftermath.

Some of those crews are contractors hired by Tri-County Electric Cooperative to collect electrical debris, such as broken poles and cross arms, scattered across its service territory.

"We hope to wrap up our cleanup efforts in about three weeks," said Tri-County Electric Manager of Customer Service Roy Smothermon. "The majority of the remaining debris is located in Beaver, Cimarron and Texas Counties."

Members who have storm-related electric debris on their property causing an urgent situation, such as the inability to farm, should call Rick Wayman at 580-522-2063. Otherwise, phone calls aren't necessary as Tri-County Electric is already aware of the debris locations.

Members with any questions or other concerns may contact Tri-County Electric's customer service department at 800-522-3315.

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accounts in the Oklahoma Panhandle, southwestern Kansas, and the northern border of the Texas Panhandle. Tri-County Electric is a Touchstone Energy cooperative. For more information, visit.

Author Donates Books to Museum

Over the weekend the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch hosted a presentation by author and photographer Deborah Summers who donated a generous amount of her work entitled *The Canadian River: A Photo Journey* to the museum's LaNelle Poling Memorial Fund that will be used to expand the museum.

"It is such a wonderful book illustrating the beauty of the Canadian River," Renee Laney, museum director stated. "It is also a memoir to the Summers' river expedition as well as some excerpts from the journals of historical expeditions which makes it especially interesting."

"We are very honored to have some of these books donated to the museum as we continue to raise funds for our expansion," Laney continued. "The proceeds from the donation go to the LaNelle Poling Memorial fund that will help expand the museum's annex room by the end of the year."

Laney said she expects the books go quickly at \$20 or more per book.

According to Laney the museum's Board of Directors along with the Fritch City Council have set aside this special fund in order to expand the museum's annex room by about 600 sq. ft. in order to house the *Gems of the Plains Playa Lake Exhibit* given to the museum for permanent housing by the Northwest Texas Museum Association. Laney said that White & Associates architectural firm from Amarillo are currently working on the

building plans for the expansion they will soon be seeking formal bids for soon.

"The expansion is expected to be finished by the end of 2007 and we will begin housing the exhibit in January 2008 when it finishes its tour of the Plains states," Laney said.

The Playas exhibit has won a design award from the Texas Association of Museums, and been nationally recognized twice. In 2003 it received a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History for both its natural environmental and cultural history educational content. In 2004 it was one of only five exhibits in the United States to win the prestigious Excellence in Exhibition award from the American Association of museums.

According to Laney almost 30 people attended the presentation and enjoyed lunch catered by Ol' Hickory's Smokehouse in Fritch. Some in attendance included Fritch City Mayor Kevin Keener and Councilman Don Laughery.

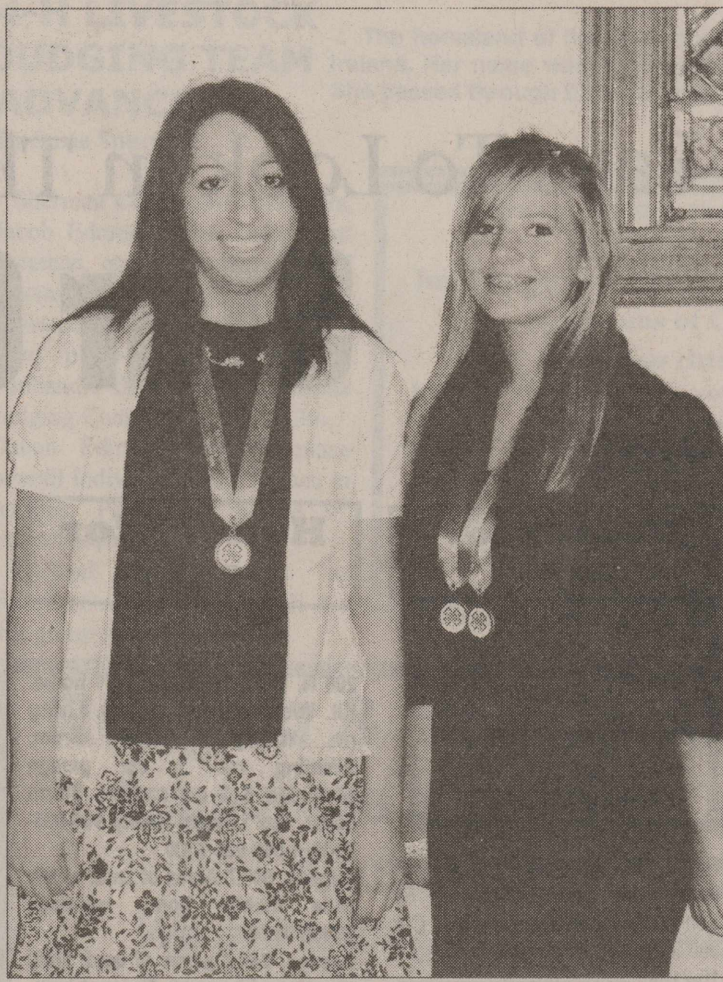
Those interested in donating to the expansion fund may contact the museum at 857-2458 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday for information.

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currently accepting donations. Monetary gifts can be mailed to Nu Beta, c/o Sheri Willborn P.O. Box 747 Stratford, TX 79084.

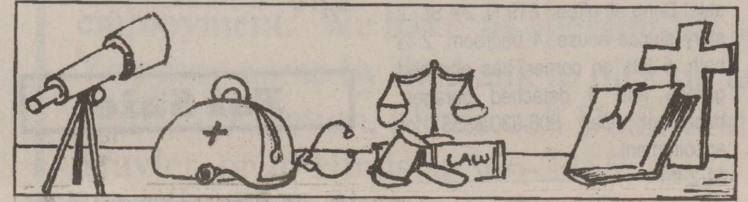
The sorority is also in need of brisquets, ice, bottled water and several other items. To inquire about non-monetary donations, please call Jode at 806-396-2809. All donations should be made before June 1st in order for donors to receive proper recognition at the tournament.

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.
—Horace Walpole



Jennie Spurlock and Katie Killian were Sherman County participants at the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show held April 21 at Sanford-Fritch High School.

KILLIAN WINS AT DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW
Katie Killian was named a winner at the Panhandle District 4-H Fashion Show held April 21 at Sanford-Fritch High School. Katie took top honors in the Senior Construction Dressy Daywear and Natural Fibers - Wool divisions. Katie will be representing District One at the State 4-H Fashion Show to be held in College Station June 6th. Jennie Spurlock was received 2nd place in Senior Buying Casual Daywear category. Mrs. Jill Killian assisted with the Fashion Show by serving as one of the volunteer judges for the event. The objectives of the 4-H fashion project are for youth to learn construction techniques, comparison shopping and clothing selection skills, fibers, clothing care, interpretation and understanding of style and modeling and presentation skills. Sponsors of the Fashion Show were District 1 Texas Extension Education Association and Texas Cooperative Extension. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The 4-H fashion show addresses Texas Cooperative Extension's goals of developing life skills and leadership qualities.



Nicolaus Copernicus, the Polish astronomer, was also a doctor, a lawyer and a church official.

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Mr. Gilliland presented Robbi Wright, Bobbie Blackmore and Amy Hartsell for employment. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Will born seconded to accept the recommendation of employment subject to assignment. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. McBryde updated the board on personnel changes for the 2007-2008 school year at the elementary.

Discussion was held on other personnel issues, future projects and the construction/renovation project. The board toured the construction site. Discussion was held on wall laminate for the high school. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the change order for the laminate in the amount of \$51,505.00. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:15 PM.

Cards of Thanks

The Stratford Baseball Association would like to thank everyone who braved the wind and joined us for our annual fundraiser cookout. The cookout was a great success thanks to you and all of our generous donors. Thank you to Cimarron Feeders, Richard & Kathy Melton, Elk Junction, Betty's, El Primo's, The Cleaning Station, Farmer's Insurance, Walt Berry, Stratford Gym, and Long's Ben Franklin. The donations by these businesses and individuals make this fundraiser an all profit event. Thank you to Jeff and Lynnette Kautz for cooking, you always do an awesome job! Also, a big thank you to the moms who made ice cream and helped serve. We appreciate you! And last but not least, thank you to Jared and Misti McBryde for all the time and effort you put into organizing and running the baseball Association. Because of your efforts numerous kids have the opportunity to enjoy summer baseball. Thank you again Stratford for helping to support the programs our children are involved in!!
Marsha Wright
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Thank you for all your prayers, visits, and calls during my nine week stay in the hospital and since I have been home. It is great to be home.
Frank Vaughn

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