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Riffe-1st Lecture Series Speaker

Shown at Right is Chris Riffe-the first speaker of the Stratford ISD Education Foundation Lecture Series. The Foundation is adding as part of its emphasis, a lecture series featuring ex students. The series will be presenting both local and non resident exes sharing their careers with the Stratford students. Shown at left is BA Donelson -member of the Stratford ISD Education Foundation.

Dana Buckles Announces Run for County Commissioner Precinct 1

I am announcing that I am a candidate for Sherman County Commissioner for Precinct 1.

Why am I running for commissioner??? I have had several people ask me to run and honestly have been interested in the position for the past several years. After time, thought and prayer I decided to run for commissioner.

First off, why not run for commissioner. In 1984 married Scott Buckles and moved to Stratford to make it my home. I have raised three fine children, Carson, Haley and Hunter. Since 1984, I have had the opportunity

to serve this community in a wide variety of ways. I have served on the Chamber of Commerce Women's Division, Prospectus Study Club, certified EMT, Sherman County Library Board and as a charter member of the Imagination Station. I am a member of the Stratford Church of Christ and have the opportunity to teach and help in many activities there. I have also served our school system as a site base member at the request of three different superintendents. I am still involved and volunteering. I currently serve as a community advisory director for Happy State Bank. I also serve on the USDA/NRCS, Resource Conservation and Development committee representing Sherman County. This board and its members are responsible for

finding money and financial-business resources and opportunities for rural counties of Texas. Currently I am involved with the February 27, wind energy meeting which will be held in Sherman County. We are bringing two of the top industry leaders to Sherman County for a morning of questions and opportunities in the windmill energy industry. I have worked hard in Sherman County to make it a better place to live and I want to continue working for Sherman County as Commissioner for Precinct 1.

Secondly, I understand business. I earned a business degree from West Texas State University. In the past 24 years I have been involved in several businesses in Sherman County. I owned and operated a monogramming-gift shop. I own and manage several rental properties and currently I am involved in property development and management. I am a licensed insurance agent and have farming and ranching interests as well. I am a partner in Acquisitions. With each of these businesses I have dealt with employees, budgets, finance planning, long-range planning and business partners with great success.

I look back on the first 24 years I have lived in Sherman County as an education that has lead me to this opportunity to run for County Commissioner. Each aspect of my growth in the community has contributed to the diversity that qualifies me to serve in this new position. The time and experiences of my service to this community has given me a vision to see opportunities and avenues to benefit our county. I believe that the dynamics and business atmosphere in Sherman County are changing and moving in a direction, which is going to require leaders who are capable

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Sherman County Recognized for being StormReady

Sherman County was presented with a NOAA National Weather Service Certificate recognizing its efforts to earn the distinguished StormReady designation. The presentation was made Monday, January 14, 2008 during Commissioner's Court in the Sherman County Courthouse. Steve Drillette, Warning Coordination Meteorologist and Jose Garcia, Meteorologist-In-Charge, NWS presented a certificate to Sherman County. In addition, road signs designating Sherman County as a Storm Ready community were presented to the county.

"StormReady" is a volunteer program, and is offered as a means of providing guidance and incentive to local and county officials interested in improving hazardous weather operations. To receive "StormReady", communities are required to meet minimal criteria in hazardous weather preparedness, as established through a partnership of the NWS and federal, state and local emergency management professionals. To be certified as StormReady, a community must:

- *establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center,
- *have more than one way to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings to alert the public,
- *create a system that monitors local weather conditions
- *promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- *develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training and maintaining an active severe weather spotter program, and hold emergency exercises.

Sherman County has worked to meet and exceed these criteria through their dedication to public education, training, weather monitoring, warning reception and dissemination. The StormReady status for Sherman County is valid for 3 years from the ceremony date.

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Williams Receives Certificate

Jose Garcia, Meteorologist-In-Charge presenting StormReady Certificate of Recognition to Sandy Williams, Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator

County Jr. Livestock Show Begins Thursday

By David Graf

Sherman County youngsters, parents, and volunteer leaders are nearing the culmination of work and planning for the 2008 Sherman County Junior Livestock Show. The show begins on Thursday, January 24 at the County Exhibit Building said David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent for agriculture and natural resources of Sherman County. "The final numbers are going to be down this year but local veterans feel the quality is as tough as ever," according to Graf. "Certainly the price of feed is having an adverse effect or numbers of youth participating and also the number of animals each student is feeding. While they are allowed to show 3 animals of each specie, many kids are only feeding one or two animals."

The entire community is encouraged to attend the show and premium sale to support these youngsters and watch them in action. Graf states, "Talk to these kids one on one and ask them what they have learned or what has been their greatest challenge. The overwhelming majority of these kids have done an excellent job of caring for and training their animal."

Judge for this year's event is John Weathers, recently retired Ag Science Teacher at Lubbock Cooper High School in Lubbock, Texas. Below is a schedule of the week's activities.

Wednesday, 23rd January- Arrival of goats, lambs, pigs.
Thursday, 24th January- 3:00 p.m. Deadline to be in barn.
4:00 p.m.-begin weigh in of goats, lambs, pigs (in this order).
Friday, 25th January- 9:00 a.m. Lamb Judging, Lamb Showmanship, followed by Swine Judging, Swine Showmanship.
Saturday, 26th January- 8:00 a.m.- weigh and check-in of steers and heifers 10:00 a.m.- Meat Goat Judging, Goat Showmanship, followed by Steer Judging, Heifer Judging, Cattle Showmanship
4:30 p.m.- Buyers Appreciation BBQ
6 p.m.- Premium Sale



The Red Door Celebrates 5 years

The Red Door had a Brunch on Thursday, January 17, 2008 to welcome Joli Asher-New stylist into the business. They were also celebrating their 5th Anniversary being in Business in Stratford. Shown above seated Joli Asher, Standing Tiffany Hudson and Shauna Baugus.

Weather Line
366-2000
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Nutrition
Greg Wright -7 days a
week, updating as needed

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting To Be Held

Volunteer Community Responders meeting Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station. New members invited and encouraged!

IRS Forms

The Sherman County Public Library will no longer carry paper copies of IRS forms. Most forms are available online at www.irs.gov. Library patrons may use the public computers at the library to print any forms at a cost of \$.10 per page. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the library at 366-2200.

EMT Basic Class To Begin Jan. 15

EMT Basic Class will begin on January 15th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 7 to 11 p.m. Anyone interested contact Jimmy Lanning at 396-2844.

Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5521.



Sideburns got their name from General Ambrose Everett Burnside, who was easily identified by his mutton-chop whiskers. This style was first known as burn-sides.

4-H CONCESSION TO FEATURE FRESH DONUTS

By Susie Spurlock

Fresh donuts will return to the Livestock Show Concession sponsored by Sherman County 4-H. Fresh donuts will be offered on Friday only during the 2008 Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale.

Frito Pies, Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, along with Barbeque Beef sandwiches are the main food selection items at the concession to be held during the Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale January 24-26th.

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

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

The concession will open Thursday, January 24 at 3:00 p.m. Friday the concession will open at 8:00 a.m. and until after the swine show. Saturday, the final day of the show, the concession will be open from 9:00 a.m. until the

conclusion of the sale which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Co-chairmen Cindy Russell and Connie Burton invite all members of the community to come and enjoy homemade food, fellowship with friends, and support the junior livestock exhibitors during the livestock projects achievement event.

All 4-H families are expected to assist with this fund raiser. If you have not reviewed your food and work assignment letter mailed the week of January 14th, please do so. If you need additional information, please contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Sherman county Office.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

—Sallust Cont. on page 2

Know what you want to do, hold the thought firmly, and do every day what should be done, and every sunset will see you that much nearer the goal.
—Elbert Hubbard

Obits

Hazel Webb

CANYON - Hazel Webb, 96, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Holley Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Lowrie, pastor of First Baptist Church in Canyon, officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Okla.

Mrs. Webb was born on April 11, 1911, to Joe L. Creswell and Lucy Lane Creswell, in Moorewood, Okla. She married James Patrick Webb on Nov. 17, 1929, in Leedy, Okla. They were farmers in Oklahoma and she was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford for 40 years and recently of First Baptist Church in Canyon.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Sadler and husband Eugene of Amarillo and Kaye Harris and husband Neil of Canyon; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice of Amarillo, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Scholarship to be Funded by Sale of Steer

By David Graf

A scholarship in the name of Clayton Johnson will be funded with the proceeds from the sale of his steer during the Sherman County Junior Livestock Show. Johnson died last fall, but the family continued to raise the steer, said David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County.

"Clayton was an avid showman of steers and the Livestock Show Board has elected to develop this scholarship in his memory," Graf said.

Chairman of the scholarship committee, Lori Christian said, "We wanted some way to recognize the positive things Clayton and his family enjoyed in showing livestock. The Livestock Show Board, with the permission of the family, felt awarding a scholarship to one of his classmates in their senior year would help support some youngster who also enjoyed showing livestock."

Only students in the graduating class of 2009 will be eligible to apply for the one-time scholarship. Next fall a committee will review applications, interview all applicants, and announce the winner at next year's livestock sale.

Ask the Geek

By Kevin McDonald

Beware the Wolves in Geek Clothing

There are an increasing number of viruses and other types of malware that are designed to fool you, infect your PC and steal your money. If you've used a computer on the Internet, you've probably come across some of these fake "friends" yourself. Perhaps you were surfing away and suddenly a box popped up on your screen saying that you're infected with a virus. Oh no! Maybe it will tell you that you're computer is overrun with spyware, or that your "registry" is damaged or needs to be cleaned. It sounds horrible, but the message box also assures you that it can perform a free scan of your computer and fix the problem. What should you do?

The first thing you should do is look closely at the message, but don't click it. Where is the message coming from? This will be your first clue that something is amiss. You should never get a legitimate message from a program that is not installed on your computer! You should never get a warning about a virus from an anti-virus program that you've never installed. You won't see messages about spyware, malware or registry problems unless you installed the piece of software that is telling you that there is a problem.

Let's say you use "AVG Anti-Virus" (my personal favorite). Suddenly, a message pops up saying that you are infected with a virus. If that message is not coming from AVG Anti-Virus - and you should be able to tell - then you're likely being targeted by a scam. The message will probably prompt you to click something to perform a "free scan" of your computer. What will happen is that the "fake software" will simulate a scan and report that you're infected...then it'll ask you to purchase their software in order to remove the infection. Unfortunately, by running the "free scan," you might have just installed a virus that is difficult to remove.

When you see these fake messages that come from software you didn't install yourself, ignore them. Don't click anywhere inside the message - not even if there is a "Close" button. Instead, click the "X" in the upper-right corner of the window and close the message that way. This prevents you from triggering any of the bad activities that the message has waiting for you in the background.

On a personal note, I wanted my readers to know that my family and I have moved to Amarillo. However, I'll still be writing this article and providing computer and network services for all the folks in Stratford. I'll make trips to Stratford every Monday and Thursday as long as there are clients to visit and work to do. I won't charge drive time or trip fees for any appointment scheduled in advance for Monday or Thursday between 9:30am and 1:30pm. Please feel free to call or email with your questions and concerns. If you need services, I'm happy to provide it. I look forward to hearing from you!

Kevin McDonald is a professional computer technician and novelist. He lives in Stratford with his wife children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637. Email Kevin at askthegeek@definitioncomputers.com with your questions.

Education

(NU) - When sports and recreation directors make last-minute schedule changes, such as canceling a game due to inclement weather or having to change practice times, many schools and their sports and recreation organizations across the country are adopting an innovative new communication system called the Immediate Response Information System or IRIS.

Developed by Houston-based TechRadium Inc., IRIS is a high-speed notification and response service that electronically sends routine, priority and emergency messages to unlimited contacts within seconds.

For more information, visit www.useiris.com or call (866) 370-0120.

Consumer

(NU) - Many Americans open their wallets to find a sea of plastic. According to MSN Money, on average, consumers carry five to 10 plastic cards, usually a combination of credit and debit cards. But a new financial product—the reloadable, prepaid card—also addresses the financial needs of "cash-based" consumers. It looks like a debit or credit card and carries a major brand logo such as Discover, MasterCard or Visa. Consumers may get one without committing to a checking account and without a credit check—so anyone with proof of identity is eligible.

The Network Branded Prepaid Card Association (NBPCA) advises consumers to research and select the card that fits their needs.

OPEN CASTING CALL FOR MAJOR HOLLYWOOD FAMILY FILM

Francine Maisler Casting is conducting a statewide casting search for spirited, interesting, rural boys (ages 9 to 14) to be considered for leading roles in an upcoming major Hollywood family movie to be filmed in Texas. For story reasons, we are only looking for Caucasian boys at this time.

There will be an open casting call held on Sunday, January 27th in DALHART, TX at: Dalhart High School, 1802 E. 16th St. Dalhart, TX 79022 from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. For driving directions, lodging and dining information, please call the Dalhart chamber of Commerce at 806-244-5646 or visit their website at www.dalhart.org

The casting call will consist of a brief talk with a member of the casting team and possibly an interview on camera. All participants should bring a non-returnable photo. Interested parties may call our Information Line at (512) 637-9782 or email us at PrimrosePictures@gmail.com though no appointment is necessary.

While acting experience is not necessary, the production will provide compensation on the scale of professional actors. Filmmakers are specifically looking for children with old-fashioned qualities in small town environments.

As Bob Hudgins, the Director of the Texas Film Commission, has said, "This story is set in Texas, and the Primrose team is determined to cast this part in Texas. This could be rare opportunity for a young Texan to land a lead role in a major film, and I appreciate Primrose's dedication to making that happen."

While details of the project are being kept confidential during the casting process, the filmmakers have been nominated for Academy Awards and have produced numerous films that are considered to be critically acclaimed around the world.

"The filmmakers are known to us and are well-respected both nationally and internationally," Hudgins said. "I assure you that this is a professional, legitimate film project, and one that I expect we'll all be proud of."

The role calls for a boy who is confident, lively and thoughtful. This statewide search has been taking place since September of 2006 and will be completed by February of 2008. Filming will commence in March.

Francine Maisler Casting has cast films such as "Spider-Man", "Miami Vice" and "As Good As It Gets."

SHERMAN COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

By Susie Spurlock

The Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is also needs someone who will proud to honor county 4-H Gold make decisions that will be a Star winners with a \$1000 benefit to Sherman County and its scholarship upon graduation from residents. This education can only high school. During the premium come to those who are willing to sale of the Sherman County step out and look for Livestock Show, many opportunities.

The organization has awarded want management. Isn't the scholarship fund. Sherman County the asset you have the opportunity to contribute of

Upon graduation from high Sherman County Commissioner school, recipients are entitled to the \$1000 scholarship upon registration to a college or vocational school to further their education.

The scholarship depends upon various fund raisers to meet its financial obligation. Sherman County Family and Community Education Council is an annual contributor to the scholarship. Memorials, honorariums, and contributions from individuals are also accepted throughout the year.

The scholarship program began in 1986. Scholarship recipients represent a \$25,500 commitment by the Sherman County 4-H Parent Leaders Association to assist young people with their continued education.

Recent recipients of the scholarship are Rustin Russell and Shiloh Dickenson. Kaleb Horsford and Jennie Spurlock will be receiving the scholarship upon graduation from high school.

For more information about the scholarship or how an individual or business may contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

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Mystery Dinner Saturday, Feb. 2

The Imagination Station will host a Chinese New Year Mystery Dinner "Hoo Hung Woo", Saturday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m., \$25.00 per person. Reservation will be accepted until January 30 by calling Gayl Harding 366-2206, Laurie Spurlock 366-2772, Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303. This is a fund raiser to help solve the mystery of paying the insurance!

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Craig Kautz has been invited to participate on our state's football team in the Down Under Bowl to be held in Australia in the summer of 2008.

He will be selling homemade German Sausage for \$4.00 per pound.

To place your orders, please call Lynette Kautz at 396-2498 or at 366-3302 or Jeff Kautz at 930-0937.

Thank you for your support!



The Mardi Gras celebration goes back to an ancient Roman custom of merrymaking before a period of fast. In Germany it is called Fastnacht and in England, Pancake Day.

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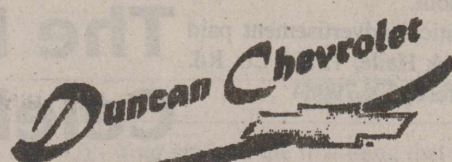
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Margarita Rocha

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Livestock, Crop Disaster Program 2007 Eligibility Date Extended

Change includes livestock losses prior to Dec. 31, losses on crops planted for entire 2007 crop year.

The eligibility criteria for 2007 livestock and crop year losses has been expanded, for farmers and ranchers who suffered recent livestock and/or crop losses caused by natural disasters, announced Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On Dec. 26, 2007, President George W. Bush signed the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the previous Feb. 28, 2007, to be included for loss purposes under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Similarly, under the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to Dec. 31, 2007.

"This date change does not make 2008 crops planted in 2007 eligible for CDP, however it does benefit farmers in that it expands the eligibility criteria to include crops planted in 2007 that were intended for harvest in the same crop year, and it adds 10 months to the amount of eligible time livestock losses can be considered for the new programs," said Hemphill.

Producers should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to apply for benefits under these new disaster assistance programs, added Hemphill.

Sign-up for livestock disaster assistance under LCP and LIP began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for crop disaster assistance under CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up period have not yet been determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211 or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> under "Disaster Assistance Programs."

2008 TREE SALE

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

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We do not keep this in stock, but will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the

growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground. The four and six foot squares are also helpful in the garden for newly planted flower beds and around newly planted landscape trees.

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

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

Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

A birthday celebration was recently held for Stephanie Bell at Brenda & Kerry Bell's. Attending were Brandi, Roger Wells & Lara & Addie, Leroy & Barbara Judd, Gertrude Blake, all of Stratford, and Peggy & Chandra Hawkins.

Rese Schoonover had her fifth birthday party Jan. 17. There were 13 at the party held at the Stratford Happy Bank.

DON'T FORGET! Nicolas McDaniel is coming home from Iraq this week. There will be a dinner this Sunday at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome. Bring a covered dish and welcome Nicolas home!



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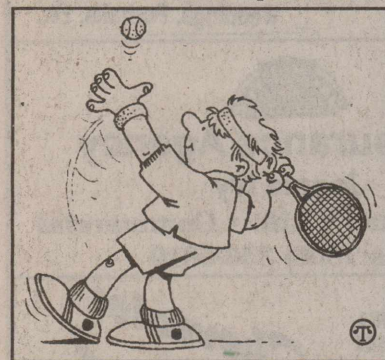
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(NAPS)—CurvesComplete.com subscribers have ongoing access to a network of nutritionists and fitness experts who can answer questions and provide motivation. By following the plan and logging their eating and exercise activity, subscribers can track their progress. For more information, visit www.CurvesComplete.com.



To help women incorporate daily healthy and lifestyle changes into their busy lives, NWHRC has developed a comprehensive online wellness center that provides women with quick and simple ways they can take control of their health. To learn more, visit www.healthywomen.org/wellness.

Drink a glass of 100 percent orange juice each day, advises Lisa A. Hark Ph.D., R.D., director of the Nutrition Education and Prevention Program at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. For ways to stay healthy during the cold and flu season, visit www.floridajuice.com.

Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

—Swedish Proverb

Consumer

(NU) - At least two-thirds of foot troubles, affecting 175 million Americans, can be attributed to shoes, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association. As such, many women are seeking both comfort and style from their shoes, be it at the office or on the go. Recognizing consumer demand for comfortable yet fashionable options, shoe manufacturers such as Boston-based Aravon are introducing offerings that combine fit, support and cushioning technologies. For more information on Aravon shoes and general foot-health tips, visit www.aravonshoes.com.



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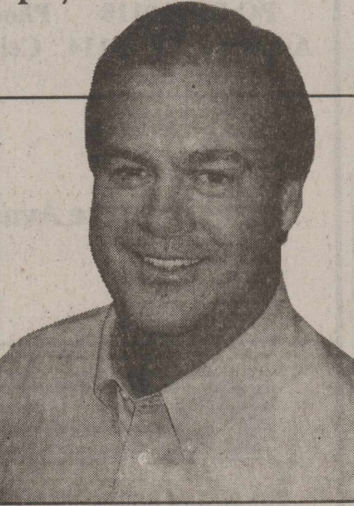
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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)

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.

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Sunday School 9:20 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading classes are reading the novel *Number the Stars*. This book is set in Denmark during WWII. The story shows how Denmark stood against the Nazi army and protected its Jewish population. Many projects will be included in this unit. This week, the students learned about talking in code. They have been "breaking the code" to gain an understanding of how the Danish people communicated.

Mr. Hartsell shared the following with the SHS staff:

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895...

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS-1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.

2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.

3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph

4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of "lie," "play," and "run."

5. Define case; illustrate each case.

6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.

7-10- Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.

2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?

3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. for tare?

4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?

5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.

6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.

7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per metre?

8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.

9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?

10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided

2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus

3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.

4. Show the territorial growth of the United States

5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas

6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.

7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?

8. Name events connected with the following

dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865. Orthography (Time, one hour) [Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, and syllabication?

2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?

3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals

4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.1 (HUH?)

5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e/ Name two exceptions under each rule.

6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.

7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis-mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.

8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.

9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?

2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?

3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?

4. Describe the mountains of North America

5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.

6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.

7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.

8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?

9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.

10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?!

The High School Anatomy class has been studying forensics since getting back from Christmas break. We have learned how to properly give, take and analyze fingerprints, analyze and type hairs, and test for the presence of drugs and poisons. We are now preparing to create a crime scene scenario wherein another class will collect the evidence, test it for clues, and then identify the possible cause of death or suspect involved based upon the techniques we have learned.

Quote of the week: "To want to be what one can be is the purpose in life."-Cynthia Ozick

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

January 10, 2008

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2008. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Board members absent: Patti Vincent

Guest present: Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford and Tiffany Confer.

Mr. Hartsell led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition. It was as follows:

1. Linda Swain was selected as the Farmers Insurance Teacher of the Month.

2. The following were named to the All District list for football

1st Team

Center - Brent Reed

Offensive Line - Sandro Gomez

Tight End - Julio Ramirez

Running Back - Craig Kautz, Jesse Lopez

Quarterback - Hunter Buckles

Punter - Joey Reta

Punt Returner - Angel Resendes

Kick Returner - Angel Resendes

Defensive Tackle - Sandro Gomez, Julio Ramirez

Defensive End - Michael Frizzell

Linebacker - James Smith

Defensive Back - Craig Kautz

2nd Team

Offensive Line - David Acevedo

Linebacker - Joey Reta

Defensive Back - Manuel Chavoya

Honorable Mention

Defensive Line - Brent Reed

Tight End - Kaleb Horsford

Offensive Line - Corey Carter

Defensive End - Clinton Keener

3. Julio Ramirez, Sandro Gomez, and Craig Kautz were named to the 2A Golden Spread team. Julio Ramirez was named to the Globe News Super Team. Julio Ramirez and Sandro Gomez were named to the Honorable Mention All State team by the Associated Press.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported that the staff enjoyed Eric Cupp, motivational speaker during in-service. Enrollment for the elementary is currently 242. Preparation for the TAKS tests continues.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. The enrollment at the Junior High is currently 182. The Junior High basketball teams will be in the Sunray basketball tournament on Saturday, January 19. He reported that his staff enjoyed Eric Cupp as well. Jon Randles spoke to the students on Tuesday. TAKS test preparation continues.

Mr. Hartsell gave the high school report. The high school enrollment is currently 172. Upcoming events include All Region Band, UIL speech tournaments, UIL practice tournaments, county stock show and district basketball. The high school continues to prepare for the TAKS test. He reported on the Odyssey software that the school purchased. The online software will be used for credit recovery, summer school and GED preparation.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The transportation cost was \$2.12 for the month. He then gave the monthly budget

summary. Monthly expenditures are at 29.07% and revenue collected at 76.79%. Tax Collections are at 85.21%. Discussion was held on the TASB Winter Governance conference in February.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiffany Confer conducted a public hearing on the District AEIS report. The board reviewed the document and asked questions. Barney Willborn the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the document as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A short recess was taken at 7:51 PM

Mr. Gilliland handed out the preliminary 08-09 school year calendar. Discussion was held. The SBDM committee will meet again and recommend a calendar to Mr. Gilliland to be presented to the board.

Mr. Gilliland presented the letter of engagement from Keeney & Hembree. The letter secures Coy Barton as the district financial auditor for the 2008-2009 school year. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the letter as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the resolution for a joint election with the city. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to adopt the resolution to hold a joint election with the city in May. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the bus repair proposal from ABC. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the ABC proposal. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland handed out the telephone proposal. The only proposal was from XIT. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the proposal. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Reinart read a letter of resignation from Crystal Rackley. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resignation. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent evaluation and compensation was discussed. The board went over individual response forms. Mr. Gilliland re-entered the discussion and his evaluations were shared with him by the board. Greg Wright made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the contract and extension. Motion carried 6-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Health

(NU) - For many, it comes as a surprise that, along with a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle, incorporating certain kinds of good bacteria into the diet can help optimize the function of the immune system. Probiotics, or "friendly bacteria," are live cultures that, when consumed in sufficient quantities, give health benefits beyond basic nutrition. Some companies are bringing probiotics to America, such as Dannon with DanActive, a probiotic dairy drink that is clinically proven to help strengthen the body's defenses. More information about the probiotic benefits of DanActive cultured dairy drink is available online at www.DanActive.com.

Health

(NU) - The American Podiatric Medical Association recently conducted a survey of women between the ages of 18 and 49 and revealed the numerous ways that many women mistreat their feet by failing to take proper care of them when something goes wrong. APMA's survey reports that nearly three-quarters of women have never visited a podiatrist, even though 82 percent have suffered from a foot ailment. According to the APMA, simple grooming measures such as moisturizing can go a long way toward better foot health. Yet the survey found that 72 percent of women spend less money on their feet than any other body part as it relates to grooming. For information on foot care, visit www.apma.org.

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius—and a lot of courage—to move in the opposite direction.
—E.F. Schumacher

HOME

Keep Bedrooms Spic and Span

NewsUSA



With a few simple steps, maintaining a clean and organized bedroom may be easier than you think.

(NU) - Nearly half of American women agree that their homes are not as clean as they would like, with their bedrooms ranking among the dirtiest rooms, according to a recent national survey conducted by home cleaning provider Merry Maids among women 18 and over.

The professionals at Merry Maids offer the following simple cleaning suggestions to take your personal sleeping quarters from dreary to clean and inviting:

• **Clear the clutter.** If you can't put it away, it's clutter. So divide it into three groups: junk, charity and undecided. Toss the first, give away the second and store the third in a box or bag until you can decide whether it's really worth keeping.

• **Rid your room of dust with microfiber.** Microfiber works well for trapping and removing dust rather than just moving it around.

Use microfiber cloths on mop heads for tasks such as dusting hard-surface floors. For mirrors, secure two microfiber cleaning cloths. Dampen one to get dirt off and follow up with a dry one to shine to perfection.

When microfiber cloths become soiled, simply drop them

in the washer and hang to dry. Do not use fabric softener with microfiber as it will damage its cleaning capabilities.

• **Vacuum more than just the floors.** Vacuum and dust mop regularly to prevent dirt from building up and damaging the surface.

Use a vacuum cleaner with dust brush attachments to clean cloth items such as lampshades or valances. Vacuum your mattresses and box springs at least twice a year.

Keep your vacuum well maintained. Check bags and seals to prevent dust from blowing back into the air.

For more tips, log on to www.merrymaids.com or call 800-MERRYMAIDS.

Books

(NU) - Some new titles from the popular "For Dummies" series provide manageable and comprehensive information for some more serious subjects. "Parkinson's Disease For Dummies" uses straightforward language and offers practical ways for sufferers to control and manage their symptoms. "Multiple Sclerosis For Dummies" takes a similar track of easy-to-understand reference and aims to include only the most vital information about the disease. And "Postpartum Depression For Dummies" explains how the condition differs from the "baby blues" and suggests an array of plans for recovery and treatment. These titles are available in bookstores and through www.dummies.com.

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402 N. 8th Stratford \$20,000

2/1 Home on Lg corner lot. Wall heater, evaporative cooler, and gas stove in kitchen.

Commercial Property

501 S. Poplar Stratford \$29,900
Commercial Building with lobby area, 3 offices, 2 bathrooms, & shop With 10x12 overhead door. It has approx. 1,776 sq. ft.

301 N. Poplar Stratford \$275,000

NICE! NICE! NICE! 60x100 Commercial Building on huge lot. Building has several overhead doors, showroom, office, and handicap accessible restroom.

Acreage

\$640,700
Approx. 640.7 Acres w/ dbl. wide mobile home and 2 car detached garage just South of Stratford.

Acquisitions...

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!!!
Beginning Jan. 19th, save 25-50% on merchandise throughout the store**

including decorative iron, tables, chairs, buffets, chests, oil paintings, lamps, mirrors, beds, hooks, crosses, stars, picture frames, chandeliers, purses**, scarves, hats, and SO MUCH MORE!

Acquisitions...

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(**excluding jewelry, candles, and Two Bar West purses)

Honor Roll

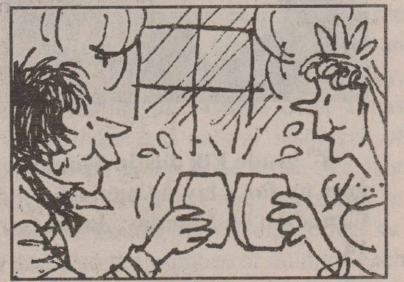
3rd 6 weeks High School Honor Roll

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Lindi Confer
Kristen Crabtree
Bryce Cummings
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Nicole Davis
Kelsi Dennis
Roberto Duran
Severo Duran
Keevan Eldridge
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Becky Rosales
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Sunny Russell
Daisy Ruvalcaba

Byron Saloga
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James Smith
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Kelsey Stein
Mayra Torres
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German Sausage For Sale

Craig Kautz has been invited to participate on our state's football team in the Down Under bowl to be held in Australia in the summer of 2008. He will be selling homemade German Sausage for \$4.00 per pound. To place your orders please contact Lynette Kautz at 396-2498 or 366-3302 or Jeff Kautz at 930-0937.



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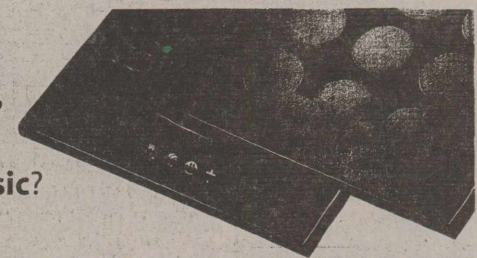
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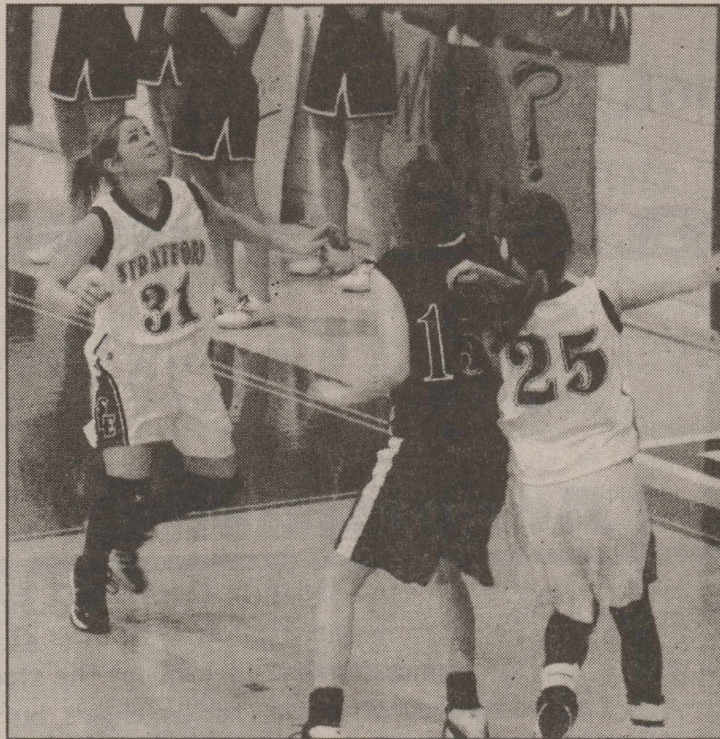
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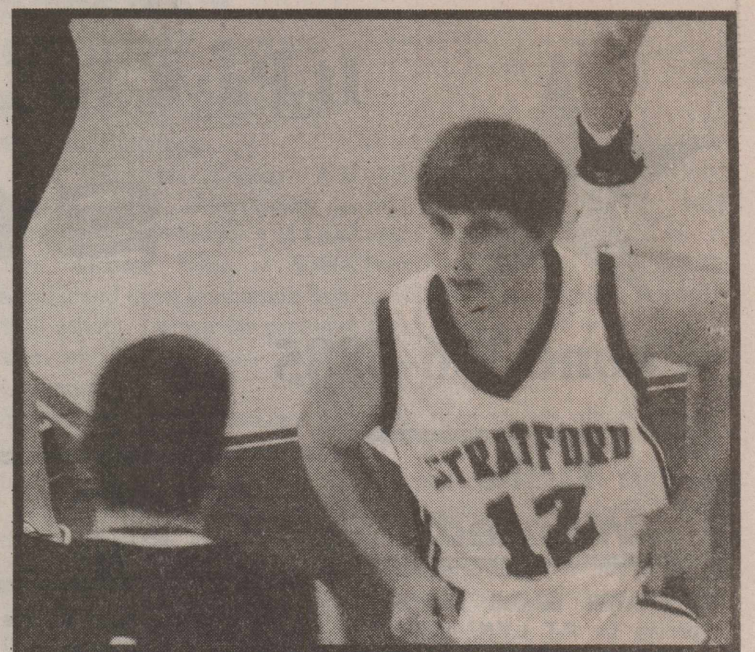
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Stratford Elks Kyle Horsford and Kaleb Horsford on defense in the Elks win against Fritch Friday, January 18.



Lady Elk #31 Kristen Crabtree and #25 Sinead Everett in position to rebound against Sanford Fritch.



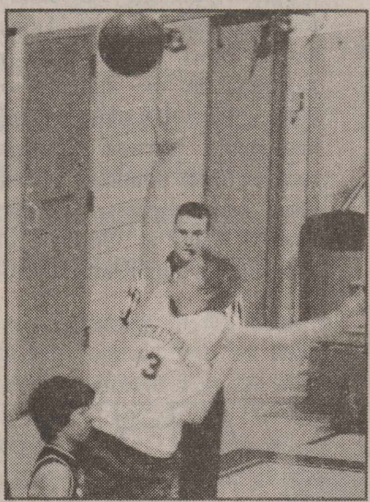
Stratford Elk Craig Kautz gets down on defense against Sanford Fritch on Friday, January 18, 2008.



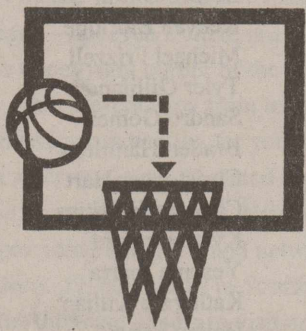
J.V. Lady Elks from left, Lindsy Confer, Rubi Rueda and Kelsie Keener put pressure on Fritch player Friday night.



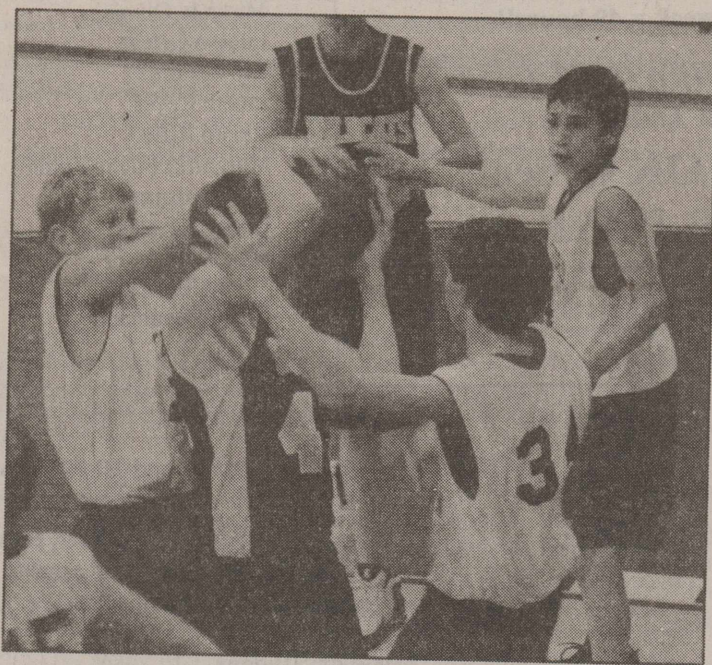
J.V. Elks #4 Trevor Christian, Bryce Cummings and #34 Byron Saloga defend the basket against Sanford Fritch.



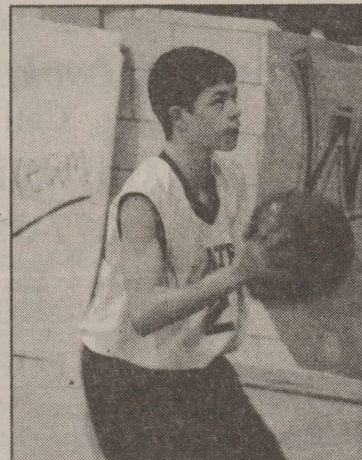
8th grade Elk Justin Mungia goes up for a lay-up against Canadian on Monday, January 14.



J.V. Elk Michael Ortega goes up for a shot against Fritch.



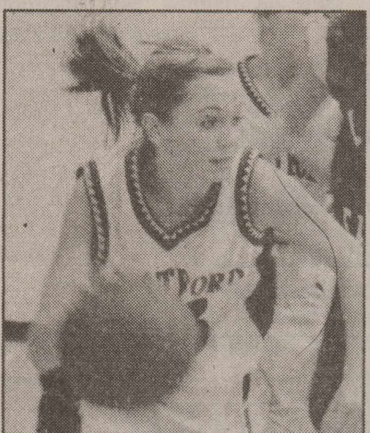
Putting pressure on Canadian player 7th grade Elks Tanner Wright, Christian Confer and Alex Chavoya.



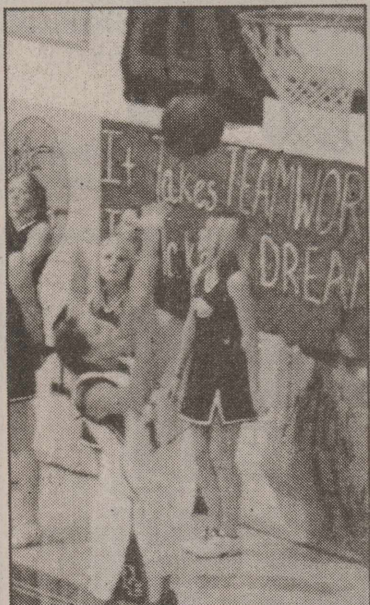
7th grade Elk Tyler Seward looks at the basket for a shot against Canadian.



8th grade Elks Wyatt Smith, Jesus Rueda, and Edgar Guerrero on offense against Canadian on Monday, January 14.



J.V. Lady Elk Lindsy Confer dribbles around Fritch player on Friday, January 18.



Kelsey Stein scores on a lay-up for the Lady Elks against Fritch.

The Stratford Elks lost 40-47 to West Texas on Tuesday, January 15. Kaleb Horsford led the Elks with 11 points followed by Hunter Buckles with 10, Kyle Horsford 9, Luis Ortega 5, Craig Kautz 3 and Tyler Wright 2. On Friday, January 18, the Elks beat Sanford Fritch 43-27. Leading the Elks in scoring were Kaleb Horsford and Tyler Wright with 10 points each followed by Sandro Gomez with 5 points, Luis Ortega, Hunter Buckles, Craig Kautz and Kyle Horsford with 4 points each and Angel Resendes 2 points.

J.V. Elks beat West Texas 51-26 on January 15. Bryce Cummings was high point with 13 points followed by Justin Lanning with 10 points, Trevor Christian and Jay Hacker 8 points each, Byron Deanda 6, Klinton Keener 4 and Tyler Gilliland 2 points. On Friday, January 18, the J.V. beat Fritch, 39-19. Bryce Cummings led the Elks with 10 points followed by Justin Lanning with 8, Michael Ortega 6, Trevor Christian 5, Jay Hacker 4, Byron Saloga and Klinton Keener 3 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Canadian 40-30 on January 11,

2008. Rubi Rueda led with 13 points followed by Kelsie Keener with 10 points. On Tuesday, January 15, the Lady Elks beat West Texas 30-26. Kelsie Keener was high point with 11 points followed by Rubi Rueda with 7 points.

The Jr. High girls competed at the Sunray Tournament this past Saturday. The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 21-16 in their first game. Alex Asher was high point with 10 points followed by Tera Harris with 8 points. In their second game, they lost 11-21 to Vega. Alex Asher led with 7 points followed by Kaylee Mungia with 4 points. The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray Gold 36-8 in their first game.

Monica King was high point with 12 points followed by Perla Reta with 11 points. In their second game, they beat Vega 21-20 with Monica King leading the scoring with 11 points followed by Adrianna Ibarra with 4 points. In the Lady Elks third game, they lost 19-32 to Sunray. Monica King was high point with 10 points followed by Tori Rouse with 7 points.



Elks in Action

Elks in Action performed their final performance for the year on Friday, January 18, 2008.

Beauty

(NU) - Your smile is the first thing that people notice, but discolored, misshapen teeth can add years to your appearance. Traditionally, veneers have been the most dramatic way to make over a smile. However, they have also brought to mind long hours in the dentist's chair, as well as pain and discomfort due to the grinding and shaving down of original tooth structure. Now, thousands of dentists offer Lumineers, which can be applied in just two visits without painful tooth structure removal. Lumineers are ultra-thin yet strong, creating a radiant smile that resists any micro-cracking. For more information, ask your dentist or visit www.lumineers.com.

Consumer

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