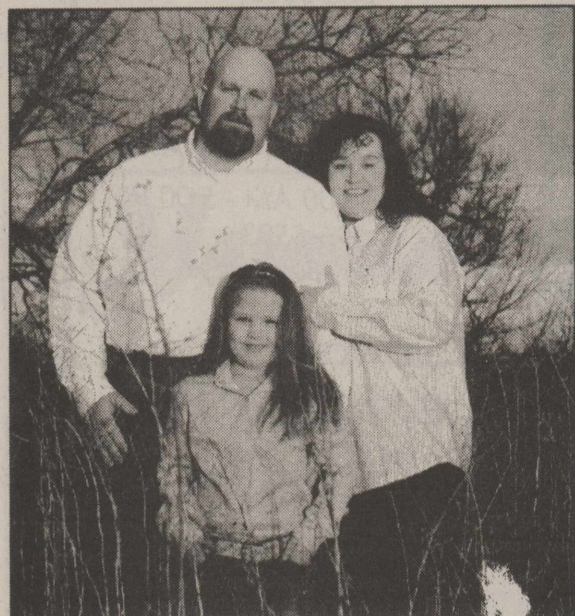


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It is my honor to announce my official bid for Sherman County Sheriff



Elect **Aaron Sheehan**
For Sherman County Sheriff

Your next Sheriff should be a person who puts the citizens of Sherman County first; a person whose only agenda is to work tirelessly to ensure your safety and well-being; a person with the experience to steer the Sheriff's Office in a direction that will continue to provide the best service and protection in the county. That person is **Aaron Sheehan for Sheriff.**

Duties of a Texas Sheriff: Long respected as the county's top lawman, the Sheriff has a range of duties that include criminal investigation, traffic enforcement, operation of the jail, providing security for the county and district courts, service of process, accepting bail for prisoners in his custody and conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties.

My goals are simple. Work hard; continue to learn, and to make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children of Sherman County.

Through my experience and core values, I hope to bring a stable leadership to the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. If elected, I make this promise; my top priority will be to ensure the Sherman County Sheriff's Office serves our community with absolute integrity, dedication and professional excellence. This involves having in place appropriate personnel, training and accountability systems while simultaneously ensuring we are properly responding to the needs of the citizens that we are sworn to protect. Under my leadership, we will address these responsibilities on a daily basis. I know how and have demonstrated my ability to aggressively fight crime and will ensure criminal enforcement is conducted in an efficient, effective, pro-active, and professional manner.

Leadership: My leadership values and experience come from the "hard knocks" of being a Non Commissioned Officer in the United States Marine Corps. This is where I was taught a great leader is a leader that is fair, firm, and most of all leads by example.

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Twelve Reasons to Love Your Library

The Sherman County Public Library is sharing ten reasons why the citizens of Sherman County should love their library: 1) Use of the library's twelve public access computers; 2) Check out the latest bestsellers; 3) Find biographies of the great and average; 4) Enjoy story time with your child; 5) Ask your library to arrange an interlibrary loan of a book or other resource from another library; 6) Take practice tests for becoming a policeman, fireman, graduate student, and more; 7) Check out a couple of great books on CD that the whole family can enjoy on the way to Grandma's or other distant places; 8) Research your health concerns; 9) Get live homework help from Brainfuse.com; 10) Check out e-books for your Kindle or Nook via Overdrive at the library's webpage; 11) Check out movies for your weekend or holiday enjoyment; and 12) Help your library by volunteering and assisting with special projects. Your investment of time and ideas will pay off big time to your community and to you.

This Christmas season show your love for the Sherman County Public Library by contributing to Project Christmas Card, a project co-sponsored by the Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star. With the state budget cuts this year, your library lost more than \$7,000 in grants. We need the community's support to continue to meet the needs of our patrons. This year, all proceeds will go to purchase large print books and e-books for your Kindle or Nook or other e-readers.

The project is very simple, instead of sending individual Christmas cards to your friends, neighbors, and business associates, make a donation to the library. Calculate the costs of cards, postage, time and your effort, plus a little something extra and take your donations to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. Your family's name or your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." The deadline for the donations to appear in the paper is by 5:00 p.m., December 16, 2011, so don't delay.

AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES FINAL MEETING FOR 2011

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its final meeting of 2011 on Thursday night, December 1st at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at SCOT Hall in Stratford. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend. Your attendance is critical to the continuation of the work of the Legion in this community. If you want to make a difference in this country it has to start in our own community. If you have any questions about the Legion or just are just interested in our programs, please call the Post Adjutant, Aaron Sheehan at 806-680-4513 or the Post Sgt-at-Arms, Robert McGinnis at 806-396-2212. The Veterans Service Officer for the Sherman County area is Dennis Phelps. He can be reached at 806-753-7316 or 396-5316.



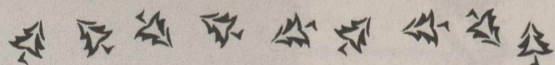
Don't Crowd the Plow Campaign Kicks Off Nov. 23rd - in Stratford

On Wednesday November 23, 2011 the Don't Crowd the Plow campaign kicked off in Stratford. This is a public awareness campaign. There was a fully-equipped snowplow on display. Shown above L/R are Pablo Ibarra, Jerry Ewers and Donnie Coaly, employees of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Thanks Guys. We appreciate you.

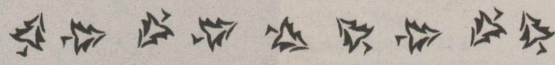
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New Recycle
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Editors Note: Correction on Joe Powell's campaign ad. I left Chief Powell's PO Box Number, etc in last week's campaign ad. I apologize for this. The ad should have said Paid Political ad paid for by Joe Powell for Sheriff Campaign, Joe Powell-Treasurer, PO Box 1035, Stratford, TX 79084. I apologize to Mr. Powell. It was all my error.

**"Don't Forget
Project Christmas Card
Support Your Library"**



The Angel Tree is up and ready. It is located at main Street Essentials. The Angel Tree board appreciates all that has been and will be done for the families in need. Please stop by and pick an Angel and register it with Mary Return back by Dec. 5th
Thank you!



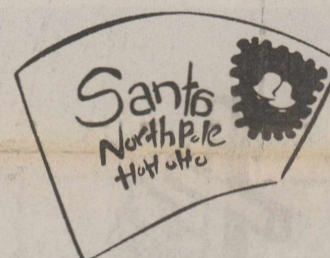
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The Stratford Star
Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you**

Red Hats to meet

Red Hats will meet Thursday, December 1st at First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Please bring a \$10.00 gift.

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Obituaries



Bonnie Cryer
April 9, 1939 November 22, 2011

Stratford, TX Bonnie Lou Hamilton Cryer, 72, passed away early Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at her daughter's home in Guymon, Oklahoma.

The daughter of Beulah (Robbins) and Dick Farris, she was born April 9, 1939 in Santa Anna, Texas. Bonnie was reared in Stratford and graduated from Stratford High School. She was united in marriage to Emery Hamilton on March 13, 1955. Bonnie was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She worked for more than 20 years at Southwestern Public Service. Bonnie was a nurturing and caring woman; she was always taking care of her family and loved ones.

She is survived by her children, Dickie and husband Jack Schriber of Guymon; Tracy and husband Wade Pugh of Texhoma, OK; Kerry Hamilton and wife Melanie of Kingwood, Texas; six grandchildren, Kayla and husband Mike Yates of Texhoma; Leslie and husband Aaron Pritchard of Guymon; Cody Hamilton of Amarillo, TX; Savannah, Randall and Patton Pugh, all of Texhoma; five great grandchildren, Makenzie and Kathryn Yates; Jordan and Seth Pritchard; and Craig Pugh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Beulah and Dick Farris; her husband, Emery Hamilton, who passed away in 1994; her sister, Bobbie Farris; and two grandchildren, Nathan Garcia and Jake Pugh.

Graveside funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, November 26th, 2:00 P.M. at the Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Barry Bennett officiating. Services were under the care of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

The family has requested that memorials be given to Guymon Home Health & Hospice, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942. www.hensonnovak.com



Peggy Colleen Jackson
January 8, 1928
November 24, 2011

Peggy Colleen Jackson, 83 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday November 24, 2011. Graveside services were held on 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at Stratford Cemetery. Rev. David Terry, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Stratford officiating. The family received friends at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday morning at Morrison Funeral Directors in Stratford. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Peggy was born on January 8, 1928 in Stratford, Texas. She was a graduate of Stratford High School. Peggy was united in marriage to James Jackson on September 5, 1946 in Clayton, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on November 21, 2008. She had been a resident of Stratford her entire life. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, James, she was also preceded in death by her mother, Lucille Phillips, her step-father, Melvin Phillips, and her daughter, Vicki Hayes.

Peggy is survived by her son-in-law, Ron Hayes of Pampa; her granddaughter, Amy Rodriguez and husband Ben of Pampa; and her great-granddaughter, Elizabetha Rodriguez of Pampa.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084, or to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79029.



Debbie Walker
July 19, 1957-November 24, 2011

Debbie Walker, 54, died on Thursday, November 24, 2011 in Dalhart, Texas.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at First Christian Church with Barry Walker, Pastor officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Horizon Funeral home in Dalhart, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Walker, of Dalhart, TX, a daughter — Stephanie and her husband Ty Ellis of Dalhart, TX, one grandson — Carter Ellis of Dalhart, TX, her father - James Crawford and wife LaVell of Stratford, TX, her mother - Helen and her husband Larnce Hartman of Dalhart, TX, and a sister Jeana and her husband Dennis Jackson of Canadian.

Debbie Crawford was born July 19, 1957 in Dumas, TX to James and Helen (Finch) Crawford. She grew up in Stratford and graduated from Stratford High School in 1975. Debbie received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from OPSU in 1979 and her Masters in Elementary Education from Wayland Baptist University in 1985. Debbie taught school at DISD for 30 years and impacted thousands of young lives. Debbie was loved by all who knew her! Debbie married Brian Walker on February 26, 2000. She was a member of the First Christian Church and Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and she loved to read and travel. Debbie was the most devoted wife, mother, sister, daughter, friend and grandma. Carter was the joy of her life. Memorials may be made to The First Christian Church.

Doctors' Discovery Helps Diabetics

PHILADELPHIA — A team of doctors has found that a new formulation of exotic sounding herbs and spices gives new hope to diabetic patients.

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Parade Float prizes are 1st place-\$300, 2nd place-\$200 and 3rd place-\$100.

Register for turkeys and a Cruz Tablet at Crystal Boot and State Line Wash/Service from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Grand Prize is a Cruz Tablet. Booth rentals are 4-can Goods.

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For more information or Questions contact Texhoma Chamber Members Pam Hill at 580-651-3147 or Laura Duran 580-461-1826.

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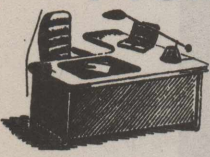
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From the desk of Chief Powell



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The officers will be there to show off the police cars, tactical vests, etc. The office will be decorated for Christmas and we will have drinks and finger foods "while they last."

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Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

The Stratford home of Kerry and Brenda Bell was full of family and friends on Thanksgiving.

Present were Kasey and Kyla Bell and Leroy Hawkins. Leroy brought a boy from India and one from Africa, students at Stillwater.

Also Leonard, Peggy Hawkins, Heath, Kenna, Dempsey & Jackson, Kerrick; Chandra Hawkins, Victor Carrera, Amarillo.

Heath, Kenna, Dempsey, Jackson Collums, Kerrick; Roger, Brandi, Lara, Addie, Maylee Wells, Stratford, China Hawkins, Amarillo.

Jimmy Gillenwaters and children, Kylee and Kaiden of Bushland spent Thanksgiving with Bill and Donna. Spending the weekend were Duane, Stephanie, Jacy, Dasan & Tala.

Thelma & Duane Smith, Marylou, Patti and Mike McDaniel saw several having Thanksgiving at Alberts in Dumas. Then Friday they met Boots and Rene Avent in Dumas for another big meal!

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The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods, etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

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November 1, 2011





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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

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Church of Christ Brad Beckett
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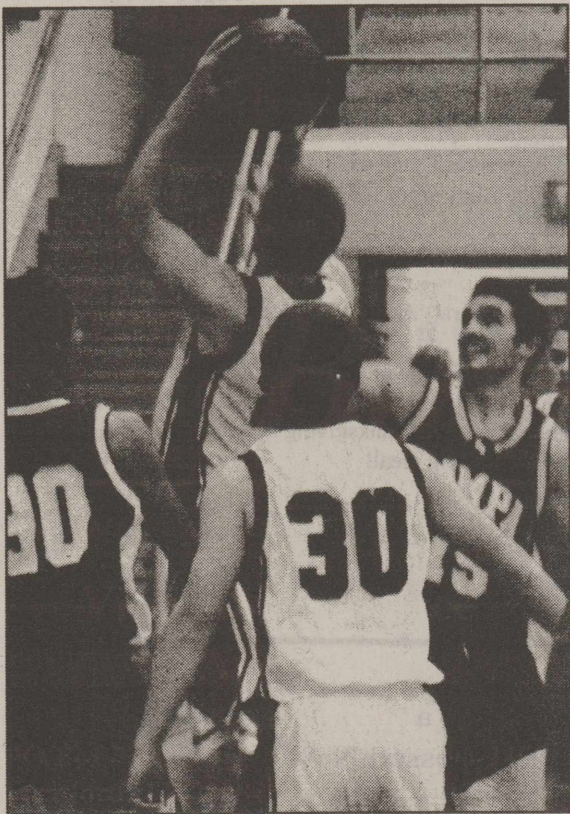
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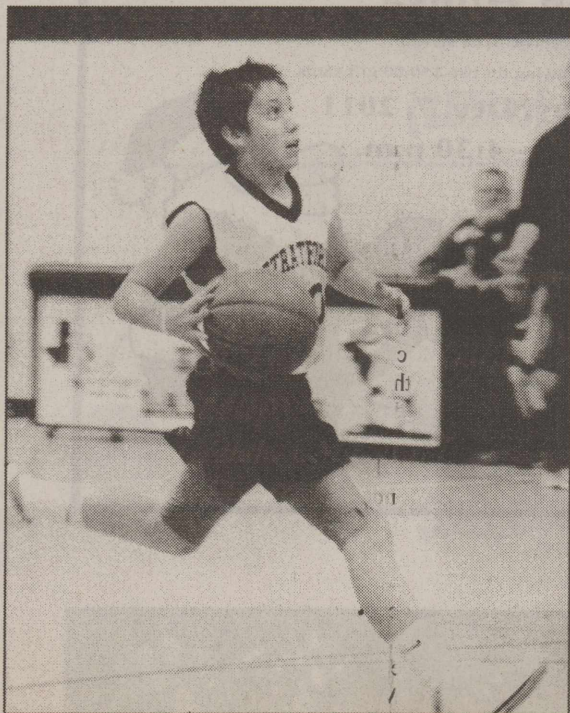
J.V. Elk Logan Uttley goes up for two in the Elks loss to Pampa on November 21.



8th grade Lady Elk Maty Mace puts pressure on Sunray player in their season opener against Sunray on November 21.



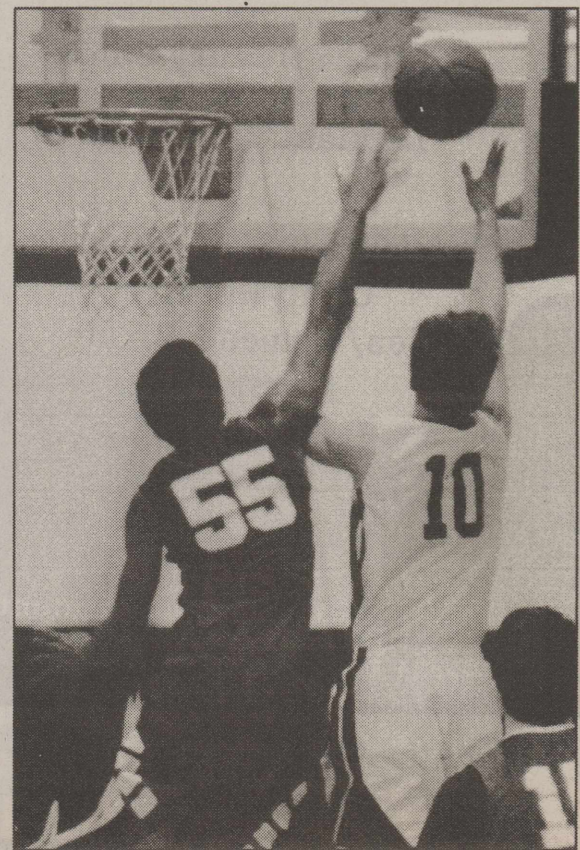
7th grade Lady Elk Nicolle Law shoots free throws in their season opener against Sunray on November 21.



Fernando Jacquez drives to the basket in the 7th grade Elks loss to Sunray on November 21.



8th Grade Elk Jack McBryde is fouled as he drives to the basket in their season opener against Sunray on Monday, November 21.



Stratford Elk Sterling Audrain goes up with the shot in the Elks loss to Pampa on Monday, November 21.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION
November 17, 2011**

**THE STRATFORD STAR
Thursday, December 1, 2011
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The Stratford ISD board of trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2011. President Joe Reinart established a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, DeWain Traylor, Tres Hess, Michelle Lutes, Barney Willborn and Chet Everett. Greg Wright arrived at 7:10 PM

Staff present: Clint Seward, Paul Uttley, Misti McBryde, Lynette Kautz, Jennifer DeAnda, Cindy Franklin and Dinah Horsford.

Guests: Coy Barton

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Birdsong introduced the guest Coy Barton of Keeney, Hembree and Company.

Mr. Birdsong gave the superintendent report. He reported a district enrollment of 593. He passed the Elk Express from Mrs. Carthel's newspaper class for them to read. He updated the law suit that several districts in the state of Texas are joining in on. He informed the board of the Stage 2 intervention plan that the district is having to write for special ed in PBMAS. A public meeting will be held, a core analysis team will write a plan and submit it to the state if requested. He passed out the district basketball passes. The Level II Team Building training will be in Amarillo on February 2nd. The Winter Governance conference will be on February 16-18 in Corpus Christi. He went over the District's Highly Qualified Teacher report.

Greg Wright arrived at 7:10 PM.

Lynette gave the business manager report. Monthly expenditures are at 14.46%, revenue 66.17%, and tax collections are at 65.43%. Transportation cost for the month for the district was \$1.01.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported on the UIL Academic meet held on November 11th at Frank Phillips College. The competitors represented the school well and placed 3rd overall. She thanked Annie Duran and Jasmin Rios for the extra work they did to prepare for the UIL meet. She thanked the staff members that coached a team: Linda Haynes, Nikie Berry, Stephanie Birdsong, Susan Wheeler, Belinda Hamilton, Christy Burr, Lorree Nusz, Enedit Baeza and Stacy Metcalf. The canned food drive will end on Friday, November 18th. The 4th grade is preparing for their Christmas musical and Thanksgiving lunch will be served for the community on Friday, November 18th. She reported a campus enrollment of 260. She passed out the results of the UIL Academic meet. Students that placed included: 2nd Grade Creative Writing - James DeAnda - 2nd, Kirsten Keathley - 4th, 2nd Grade Storytelling - Holly Sladek - 1st, Amanda Sheehan - 2nd, Rein Pitti - 3rd, 3rd Grade Ready Writing - Emma Franklin - 5th, Lara Wells - 6th, 3rd Grade Storytelling - Emma Franklin - 2nd, 3rd Grade Spelling - Abby Law - 2nd, Ashton Lavake - 5th, 4th Grade Spelling - Cambri Cummings - 2nd, 4th Grade Creative Writing - Kenlee McBryde - 5th, 4th Grade Oral Reading - Kenlee McBryde - 2nd, 4th Grade Art Team - 2nd - team members - Carlos Reta, Walker McBryde, Toni Lopez, Walker McBryde - 6th, 3rd Grade Music Memory team - 1st - team members - Alberto Guerrero, Yahir Romero, Angel Morales, Ashton Lavake, Eryck Mendoza, Eryck Mendoza - 2nd, Ashton Lavake - 4th, Alberto Guerrero - 5th, Yahir Romero - 5th, 4th Grade Music Memory team - 2nd place - team members - Kenlee McBryde, Akira Vacio, Ty McBryde, Cambri Cummings, Carlos Reta, Ty McBryde - 4th, Carlos Reta - 5th.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He went over the monthly special monthly recognition. He congratulated the Jr. High Cross Country teams for their 2nd place finish at the District Meet this year. Girls team members are Samantha Gonzalez, Diana Franco, Yadhira Chavoya, Kelsey Pickens, Alexie Wright, Sidney Turner, Ella

Godsey. Runners that medaled included Samantha Gonzalez (1st) Diana Franco (5th). The JH Boys team placed 1st at the district meet and were the District Champs. JH boys team members are Gerardo Romero, Johnny Rivas, Andy Reyes, Julio Duran, Orlando Mayorga, Francisco Barajas. Gerardo Romero medaled with his 1st place finish. He congratulated the SJH students who competed in the Sherman Country 4-H Food Show. In the Jr. Category, Nick Payne placed 2nd in the Open Party Division and Turner Smith placed 1st in the Soup Division. In the Intermediate Category, Daniela Valdez placed 1st in the Cake Division, Tucker Summers placed 1st in the Grilled Main Dish Division, Russell Sprulock placed 1st in the Salad Division and DarCee Robinson placed 2nd in the Open Party Division. All of these students will be competing at the District Food Show in Bushland on Nov. 19. Good luck to all of them. He congratulated the SJH students who competed in the 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl. The Intermediate team consisting of Carlee Metcalf, Libby Uttley, Russell Sprulock and Kade McBryde placed 1st. AJ Riffe was on the Senior Team and they placed 1st. He congratulated Blynn Weldon for receiving an Education Foundation Grant for "Kindle E-Readers" to be used in the classroom to promote reading, Jim Parham for receiving an Education Foundation Grant that will allow the Jr. High Band to attend the Broadway Musical Production of "Shrek", and Jasmin Rios, Kaci McBryde and Cindy Seward for being part of the team of District teachers who received a grant to bring "Rachel's Challenge" to Stratford. He reported a campus enrollment of 15. The 7 Project student surveys were very positive. The 5th graders attended a WOWW Science Collaborative in Amarillo on November 7th. The Thanksgiving lunch will be served on Friday, November 18th. He went over the 2nd six weeks honor roll. He recognized the staff for receiving the Gold Staff Acknowledgements in Attendance, Writing, Social Studies and Mathematics. The junior high placed 2nd at the UIL Academic meet. He passed out the UIL Academic meet results. They were: Dictionary - Nicolle Law - 4th, Fernando Jacques - 5th, Karina Henderson - 6th, Editorial Writing - Russell Sprulock - 6th, Impromptu Speaking - Francisco Barajas - 1st, Listening - Bret Barnard - 1st place, Mathematics - Zoro Daniels - 2nd, Karina Henderson - 3rd, Maps, Graphs and Charts - Russell Sprulock - 1st, Francisco Barajas - 3rd, Number Sense - Francisco Barajas - 1st, Gage Brooks - 2nd, Russell Sprulock - 6th, Oral Reading - Hannah Franklin - 5th, Ready Writing - Russell Sprulock - 5th, Nicolle Law - 6th, Science I - Edward Licon - 4th, Spelling - Karina Henderson - 1st, Bret Barnard - 2nd, Social Studies - Bret Barnard - 1st, Hannah Franklin - 2nd, Karina Henderson - 3rd.

Dr. Uttley gave the high school report. Recognition was as follows: The Varsity football finished the season with a record of 4-5. The Junior Varsity football finished the season with a record of 9-1. The Lady Elks are 0-2. At the District Cross Country meet, the girls placed 3rd. Placing were Nohemi Ruedas, 6th, Noemy Franco, 18th, Erika Robles, 19th. In the boys division Grayson Gonzalez placed 3rd. At the Regional Cross Country meet, the girls placed 7th. Individual placing included Nohemi Ruedas 15th, and Noemy Franco, 18th. Grayson Gonzalez placed 6th at the Regional meet and qualifying him for the State Cross Country meet in Round Rock. At the state meet, Grayson placed 40th. At the UIL Regional Marching Contest, the Big Blue Band received division I ratings from all three judges. At the UIL Area Marching Contest, the Big Blue Band placed 7th out of 22 bands and advanced to Area Finals. At the Area Finals, the Big Blue Band placed 10th. The FCCLA will be selling breakfast burritos once a month. The money raised will fund a scholarship for a senior FCCLA member. The Fall Production raised \$1,700. \$850 of the proceeds was donated to Corey Sims for medical expenses. He congratulated the Sr. Nutrition Quiz Bowl team. They won district and qualified for the state contest in June. Team members include Kaylee Mungia, Ransom Lermon, Mary Ann Sprulock and AJ Riffe. He reported on the Gold Performance Acknowledgements the high school campus received. They received them for Attendance Rate, Commended Rate in Social Studies and Texas Success Initiative in ELA and Math. The cheerleaders raised a total of \$2511 for Pink Day. He reported that two articles that the students wrote for the Elk Express were used in the Ex-

Students newsletter. 12% of the student body made the A honor roll and 40% of the student body made the A/B honor roll. He passed around pictures of projects that the ag students are currently working on. They are building a stock trailer and re-finished a teacher desk. He commended the students and teachers Scotty Wright and Dan Hembree for their work. He reported a campus enrollment of 179.

Greg Wright made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Coy Barton, auditor with Keeney, Hembree and Company, presented the 2010-2011 school financial audit. DeWain Traylor made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess at 7:55 PM.

Mr. Birdsong went over the Sherman County Appraisal District ballot. Tres Hess made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to nominate Tim Hudson, Roger Wells, and Mel Yates for the board. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over the Dallam County Appraisal District ballot. Stratford ISD has 242 votes. Barney Willborn made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to put all 242 votes towards Jody Bezner. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the Goods In Transit Resolution.

Mr. Birdsong explained to the board that to protect the ability to tax storage/warehouse property, the district needs to adopt the Goods In Transit Resolution prior to January 1, 2012. Chet Everett made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented the tax roll. The amount of the tax roll is \$454,912,552.00. The amount of the tax levy is \$4,907,386.19. Tres Hess made the motion and DeWain Traylor seconded to approve the tax rolls as presented. Motion carried.



The Imagination Station "War Between the States" Exhibit L/R Jill Killian, Lisa Moore, Rocky Sprott, Yvonne Pittman, Gaynelle Riffe

"War between the States Nov. 21-Dec. 4

The Imagination Station fall exhibit "War Between the States" is in progress, Nov. 21 through Dec. 4. The Public is invited to the exhibit on Wednesday Nov. 30 and Sunday Dec. 4, when you see a car there or on call. Gaynelle Riffe 753-7353 or Laurie Spurlock 753-7880.

The Imagination Station is a 501 C3 volunteer group offering education in the arts and sciences to children and adults. They are supported by donations and fund raisers. One is the annual soup supper after the Christmas Parade which will be missing this year. Another is an exhibit dinner which will be planned for a later date. The largest are the "minnow and Whale of a Sale" and Melodrama. The Imagination Station depends on public support and we thank each of you for that.



Mr. Birdsong went over the resolution to move the district's board of trustee elections to November, extending all terms six months and keeps the district's elections annual. Barney Willborn made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Cindy Franklin, district dyslexia coordinator, presented the District Dyslexia Plan. Greg Wright made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong went over TASB Legal Update 91. Chet Everett made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Birdsong presented EIA (Local). This policy corrects earlier TASB policy and does require the district to satisfy state law concerning End of Course assessment counting 15 percent of the student's final grade for the course as reported on the student's transcript. Tres Hess made the motion and Michelle Lutes seconded to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

CASA 69, Inc. recognized for serving 100% of foster children

Every day, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates®) volunteers save lives and last year CASA 69, Inc. made sure that happened in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties by serving every child in the foster care system, said Texas CASA Chief Executive Officer Joe Gagen.

CASA 69 was recently recognized by Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for serving 100 percent of the children in the foster care system with all volunteers in the 4-County area. CASA 69 served 48 children in Fiscal Year 2011.

"No child should ever have to navigate the child welfare system without the benefit of CASA advocacy," said Gagen.

That level of service is not the same across the state; half of the 43,000 children in foster care do not have CASA volunteers to speak up for them. Only 22,020 children were served by CASA programs and 7,046 CASA volunteers.

"Only serving half the children in care is not enough, and we must do more as a state. We are proud that CASA 69 is leading the way in achieving our statewide goal of having a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one," said Gagen.

Texas CASA is a network of 69 local CASA programs serving children in 208 Texas counties. Only 14 programs in the network achieved the goal of serving every child in care.

"CASA 69 wants to have a CASA volunteer for every child in the state's custody," said CASA 69 Executive Director Ann Bookout. "We believe it is very important to ensure that a child's voice is heard in the courts. Our ability to serve every child is a reflection of the priority that people and businesses in our community place on ensuring that children have the opportunity to grow up in safe, loving homes."

"However, the need for volunteers never ends. Children move in and out of the system and sometimes CASA volunteers are unable to continue volunteering because of changes in their personal lives," said Bookout. "For that reason, we continue to need more CASA volunteers so that children's voices can be heard in the courts. Children who have CASA volunteers typically spend a shorter time in the foster care system and get the services they need to begin to heal."

CASA volunteers are regular people who have chosen to speak up for abused and neglected children in their community. CASA volunteers are screened and trained and appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of a child. Because the foster care system is so overburdened and underfunded, often the CASA volunteer is the one constant in a child's life while he or she goes through the foster care system. CASA volunteers work to move the children through foster care and into safe permanent homes as quickly as possible.

For more information about becoming a CASA volunteer visit www.BecomeACASA.org or call one of the local offices in Dumas (934-4417) or Dalhart (244-2684).

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art.... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things that give value to survival.

—C.S. Lewis

"72nd ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE" SUNRAY CO-OP

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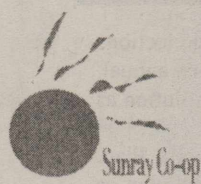
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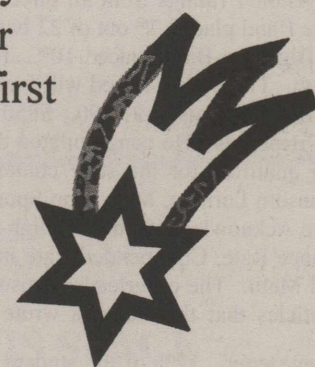
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The holidays are fast approaching and for most of us there is never enough time to get it all done...especially the baking. Leave the baking to me! I am taking orders for holiday desserts; anything is possible including Sugar Free-Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Cupcakes for kiddos. Everything is made from scratch! I am also able to make sugar free for those who have special dietary needs but still want to enjoy the best part of the holiday dinner...DESSERT! To place your order Call or Text Amanda Evans at 806-717-9257. 11-10,17,24,12-1,8,15,22

Tri-Corner Art Association meets weekly on Tuesdays at the Sherman County Barn. Stop by from 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. to view other items of interest for the Christmas Season beginning November 22nd thru December 20th. TUESDAYS ONLY. 11-24-12-1-12-8-12-15-12-20

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2 Bdrm Duplex C/H Deposit required. FMI call 806-884-5341 11-24-4x's

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Request for Proposal #4 Concrete Work
Texhoma ISD is requesting proposals for concrete work for driveways at five homes. RFP's will be accepted from November 23-December 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. contact Hope Appel or Jane Trammell at 806-827-7400 for more information
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Request for Proposal #5 Yard Sprinklers
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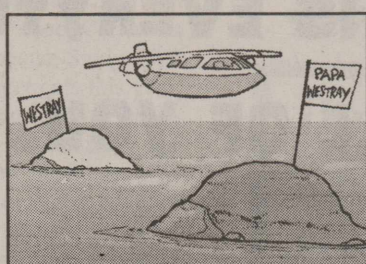
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It's believed that the shortest scheduled airline flight is from the Scottish island of Westray to its neighbor island, Papa Westray. Flight time is two minutes.

Sheehan
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Experience: I have been a peace officer in the State of Texas for more than 14 years. I currently hold an Advanced Texas Peace Officer License (Issued 2004). I also hold a Texas Jailer's license as well. I have multiple advanced law enforcement certifications and have logged more than 3100 hours of law enforcement classroom hours. I have assisted with several departmental budgets and helped to adhere to them.

Volunteerism: I am a life-long advocate of volunteerism. My community involvement extends beyond the Sheriff's Office, holding positions that represent Sherman County in a wide range of organizations. I'm a paramedic with the Stratford Volunteer EMS. I am also a member of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department. I represent the Sherman County Sheriff's Office as a law enforcement instructor for Frank Phillips College free of charge.

Professional Organizations: Present member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. Present member of the Panhandle Peace Officers Association. Past member of the Texas Police Association. Present member and Post Adjutant for post 262 of the American Legion.

My family and I moved to Sherman County in February of 2008 after being hired by Sheriff Jack Haile as a deputy. Penny and I have become very fond of Sherman County and cannot think of a better place to raise our daughter Amanda Paige. Amanda has already stated that she started her schooling in Stratford and is planning on graduating from Stratford. She is now in the 2nd grade. So, we are here for the long haul and I would love to be your Sheriff for a long time to come.

Remember, being Sheriff is about experience and knowing every part of this county and how to keep the office running as smooth as possible so it can serve and protect all the people who have made Sherman County their home.

Thank you for your interest in my campaign. Your support is important to me and truly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Aaron P. Sheehan

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Janice Brown is retiring after 27 years of service to the Sherman County Farm Service Agency
Please join us at the Sherman County FSA Office, 418 N. 4th Street
From 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.
Wednesday, November 30th, 2011
For a reception thanking Janice for her service

Card of Thanks

Thank you for the Awning
You helped: through your donations to the Stratford Area Foundation; the Façade Grant funded by your sales taxes and very important, your donations to The Imagination Station.
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The Imagination Station Board: Jeanne Bell, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Kathy Switser, Yvonne Pittman, Cindy Jackson, Terry Teig, Gaynelle and Don Riffe

Card of Thanks

We want to thank everyone that has been so great to us since Glenn's surgery and Joyce's fall. We've both doing much better. Thank you for all the great food you brought. It was delicious! The cards and the calls were greatly appreciated and the visits were the very best. We are blessed to live in a community that takes care of each other. Thank you again.

Glenn & Joyce Hart

STRATFORD ELECTRONIC RECYCLE EVENT

Until December 15, the City of Stratford will collect electronics

Items Accepted:

COMPUTERS
MONITORS/COPIERS
TELEVISIONS
GAME SYSTEMS
PRINTERS
FAX MACHINES
PHONES
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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended August 31, 2011

Data	10	Other	Total	
Control	General	Funds	Governmental	
Codes	Fund		Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 5,022,156	\$ 303,324	\$ 5,325,480
5800	State Program Revenues	1,593,063	18,786	1,611,849
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	671,022	671,022
5020	Total Revenues	6,615,219	993,132	7,608,351
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	3,824,439	248,382	4,072,821
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	67,357	-	67,357
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	15,830	2,408	18,238
0023	School Leadership	313,417	-	313,417
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	71,620	-	71,620
0033	Health Services	31,802	-	31,802
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	206,240	-	206,240
0035	Food Services	-	291,823	291,823
0036	Extracurricular Activities	317,078	-	317,078
0041	General Administration	343,533	-	343,533
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	433,249	160,502	593,751
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	907	-	907
0053	Data Processing Services	88,997	1,660	90,657
0061	Community Services	2,022	-	2,022
Debt Service:				
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	180,000	180,000
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	36,700	36,700
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	400	400
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	557,878	-	557,878
Intergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	44,912	-	44,912
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	22,424	37,316	59,740
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	143,354	-	143,354
6030	Total Expenditures	6,485,859	959,191	7,444,250
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	130,160	33,941	164,101
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,943,761	60,661	3,004,422
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,073,921	\$ 94,602	\$ 3,168,523



The Stratford Star would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us during the past 27 years we have been publishing our weekly newspaper for the community.



**WE want to WISH all
OF YOU a VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
HOPE THE YEAR 2012 IS EVERYTHING
and MORE FOR all OF YOU.**

Again OUR HEARTFELT Thanks!!!