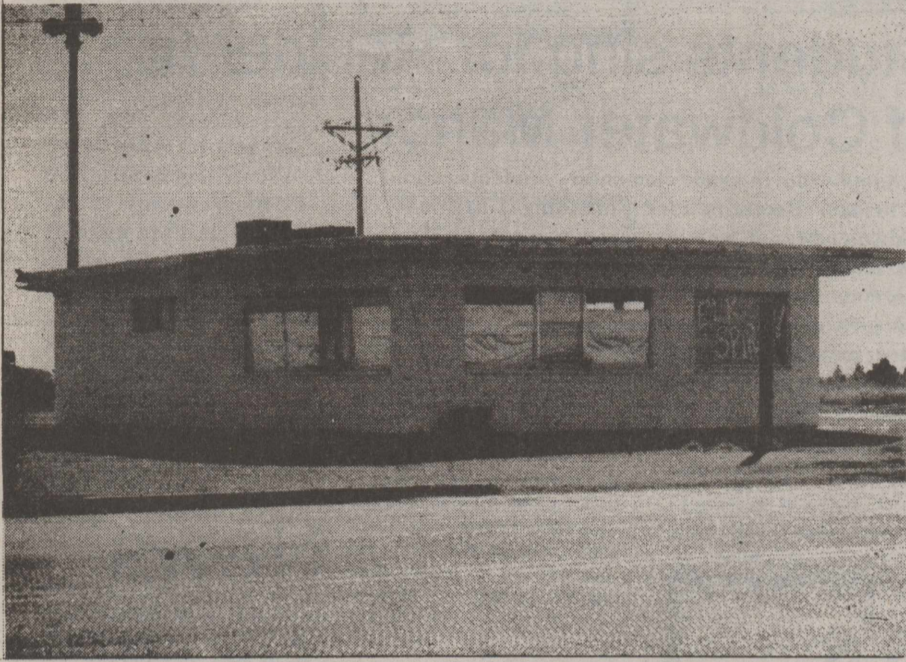


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Another Building torn down

Betty's Hamrick's cafe business (last business in the building) was torn down a few days ago. Another business and building gone from our City. In January I plan to list some businesses that Stratford no longer has. Always sad to sometimes see so many changes, but life moves on I guess.

Chamber News

By Bev Lasley

What a great way to kick off the holiday season. The parade was great this year thanks to all the people who put in hours of hard work. And we want to thank each and every one of them. We hope that those watching really enjoyed the work these groups did to help us start this year's holiday celebration.

The chamber is extending the registration period for those who want to enter their house in the decorating contest. We want to thank those that worked hard and got their decorations up as we first requested by December 1. But we know that with the Thanksgiving holiday and other events this date was hard to make, so we are extending the registration date to Friday, December 10. The judging will be done on the following week and announced at the Community Celebration on the 19th. So call Bev or Nikki at 366-2260 or 366-3577 to get your house registered.

We are all working hard to get ready for the First Community Celebration on December 19th. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend from 4 PM to 8 PM. The businesses in town are really pitching in to help us make this a success and we cannot say enough thank you's for their support.

The celebration will be at the county barn on December 19th from 4 PM to 8 PM. There will be free hot chocolate and lots of prizes for the first Community Christmas Drawing. There will be turkeys, hams and toys given away to those attending.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the X-box 360 with Kinect from the Chamber Members that will be given away during the celebrations. Tickets can currently be bought from the Chamber members and at the following business: Bain Tires, Ivy Insurance, A&I Parts, Personal Touch Flowers, Main Street Essentials. This list will continue to grow as we get more businesses to help us. Please contact Bev or Nikki if you are interested in helping or need to know where you can buy them.



IT'S TIME TO HONOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN AGAIN!!

Once again a group of people in the community are getting together to honor Stratford families of servicemen and women who are serving their country. They'll be cooking turkeys for these families on Thursday, Dec. 23rd at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn and will begin early that morning. During the day they will be glad to cook holiday meals for the general public in exchange for any free will donation. The donations, whether it be money or cooking supplies or even turkeys help cut the costs of this project. These people bring their cookers; some are drivers who will deliver the food to the families, and other helpers show up wanting to be useful. They stay all day, deliver food into the late afternoon and early evenings **AND no one gets paid!** If you have donations, if you want a turkey or brisket cooked or just have questions, call Larry Parsons @ 753-7236 or Lynn Allen @ 753-7979. If you know of a serviceman/woman's family please call and let us know. We have many from Sherman County serving in the Armed Services, protecting our rights and privileges during the holiday season and this is a great way to say THANKS and let their families know we appreciate the sacrifices they're making during the entire year but especially at this special time!!

City Hall Insider

By Scott Caldwell

Well I think we all made it through Thanksgiving here at City Hall...I can't speak for anyone else, but I think I grew about five pounds! I think I've had enough pumpkin pie to last until, well...Christmas I guess!

Speaking of Christmas, I want to thank Gaynelle Riffe for her great contribution towards the Christmas decorations on our newly remodeled Main Street. With this in mind, we have had a few other citizens indicate they would like to donate to the City for the purpose of Main Street decorations. Currently we are trying to raise funds to place banners on the light poles downtown. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please feel free to contact City Hall for information on how you can help out.

In the spirit of revitalization and community efforts, the City Council would like to invite all citizens to join them in a clean-up effort around town. Here is how you can help. Make sure that the areas of town where you live or own property remain clean and free of junk and overgrown brush. We plan to have a community-wide spring cleaning after we are all done hibernating after winter.

Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 11:00 AM, the City Council will be holding a planning meeting as well as taking care of a few other items of City business. The planning meeting will be the extension of public forums held by the City a few months ago. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting and provide any input.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting for December will be cancelled. Regular meetings of the City Council will convene in January.

In the past month, the City has taken great strides in efforts associated with zoning and codification of the City's ordinances. It is anticipated that by the first of the year, or shortly thereafter, the City will have a newly codified book of ordinances. What this does, is provide one central location for all of the City's ordinances. This will aid in better communication and reference to Citizens of what rules and regulations apply in Stratford. In addition, our planning and zoning commission has been working very hard to refine our current zoning ordinance and map. Our hope is to provide greater clarification about what activities or establishments are allowed in different areas of town. Also, this will help in ensuring that we have a plan for the future of the City of Stratford in terms of growth and economic development.

On behalf of the City of Stratford, I want to wish everyone a very blessed and merry Christmas! Oh yeah, and I hope that everyone has some good pumpkin pie too!

Stay tuned, more City Hall Insider will be back next year!

Project Christmas Card

Project Christmas Card is a joint project between the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star to benefit the Sherman County Public Library. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Figure up how much it costs for the cards, stamps and your time, add a little extra and bring your donations to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the December 23rd, 2010, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas". Previous years' donations have purchased computers, large print books, audiobooks, and shelving. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area, if not the state, so let's help continue to support it. Deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 17th, 2010. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

Deadline for Donations for the Project Christmas Card is Friday, December 17, 2010

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Get your Santa Letters to The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or take them by the Mary Allen School, Mail Box located there. Or e-mail to stardm@xit.net. Or bring to Marty's or Shari's homes. Deadline is Thursday, December 16th at 4 p.m. They will appear in the Christmas Edition December 23, 2010. Be sure and give us plenty of time to forward all letters to Santa at the North Pole.

A Benefit Account for Ward Palmer has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford

All Stratford ISD Events will be posted on the SCDC Community Calendar at www.shermancountytexas.org

Christmas Concert

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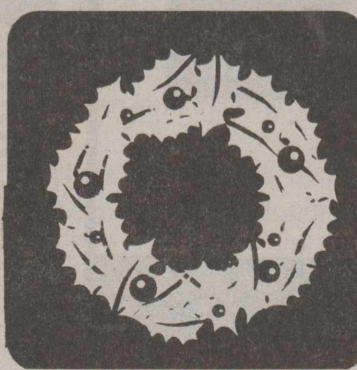
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Marty



Letters to the Editor

Dear Mayor Marca and the Citizens of Stratford:
We are so proud of our new main street which we all now share. It is so neat to look north, at night, and look at our pretty town.
I am so grateful to everybody who had any part of making this happen. I must admit that I stayed mad as hell for about 6 months but it all turned out wonderful.
new street happen but I personally want to thank Gaynelle Riffe for her guidance and nurturing on this project. I know she must be satisfied as the rest of us are. Thank you Gaynelle!

Joe and Chris Flores

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page.

—St. Augustine

Scot Hall Scuttle

By Cindy Jackson

I would like to say a big "Thank You", to EVERYONE that helped with the Hunter's Lunch on Saturday the 4th. From the smallest to the largest job. I appreciate everyone's help. Thank you for all the donations. This community comes together when others are in need. Our roof project is looking better. We had an amazing turnout. We ran out of pork loins and just about everything else. We had a wonderful day.

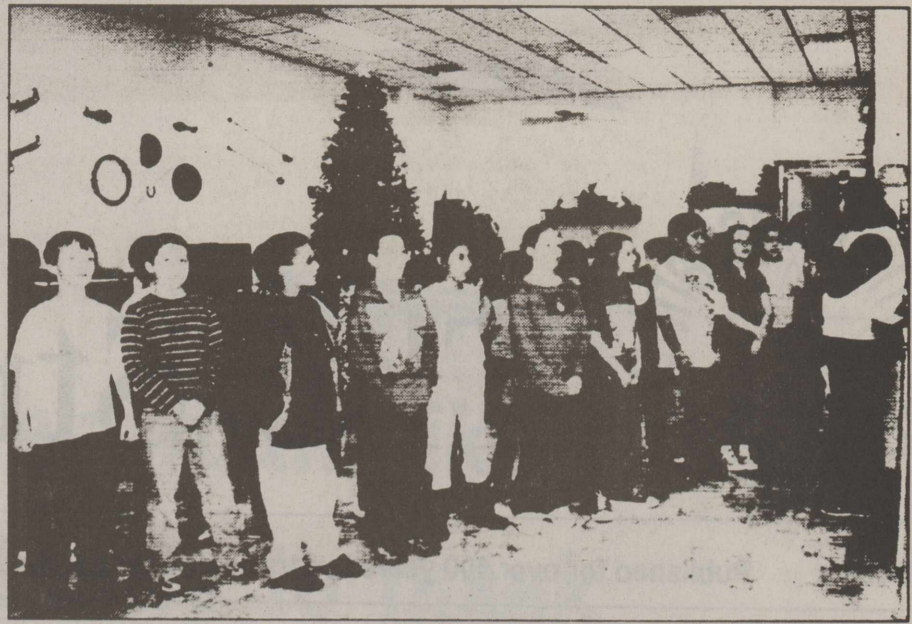
The SCOT Hall Christmas Party will be December 18th at 5:30 p.m. We will have games, gift exchange (\$5-\$10), food, music and lots of fun. Ham and desserts will be provided. Bring a salad, vegetable or whatever you want. There will be no birthday party this month.

December 10th-Games 2 p.m.
December 18th-Christmas Party @ 5:30 p.m.
No luncheon this month!

Thank you for being part of the SCOT family.

Christmas

A Benefit account has been set up for Heidi Brooks at Happy State Bank



Students sing for Residents of Coldwater Manor

Texhoma's fourth grade elementary students recently made a short trip to Stratford on Friday, December 3rd spreading Christmas cheer to the residents of the Coldwater Manor Nursing home. Students in Mrs. Sladek's math class are learning how to measure with rulers and they used their knowledge to weave Christmas placemats for their dining tables. After presenting the residents with placemats as their gifts of love, the students sang Christmas carols under the direction of music instructor, Miss Bonnie Frick, before leaving. This field trip was made possible by the assistance of Mrs. Kasey Meyer, fourth grade teacher and bus driver Mrs. Terri Hooks.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

The Leonard Hawkins and Heath Collums couples had eleven hunters from Mississippi over the weekend. They got their limit hunting pheasants.

Bill Boren went to Dumas hospital Sunday.

Donna Gillenwaters and Marylou McDaniel attended Red Hats dinner Thursday night last week. Donna was a hostess. The group will not meet in January.

Toni Broadus and Jeffie Bass were married Saturday afternoon Dec. 4th at Wheelless Baptist Church. Roy Harris performed the ceremony.

We would like to thank the First United Methodist Church youth for the delicious soup with all the fixings to go with it. It was such a wonderful surprise and we really appreciate it. Thanks again.

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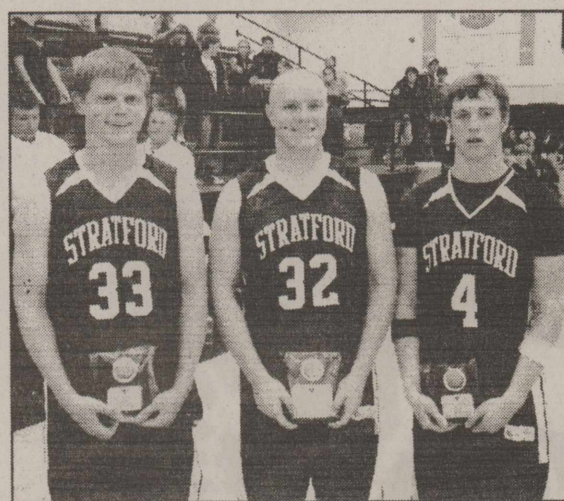


What's the use of happiness? It can't buy money.

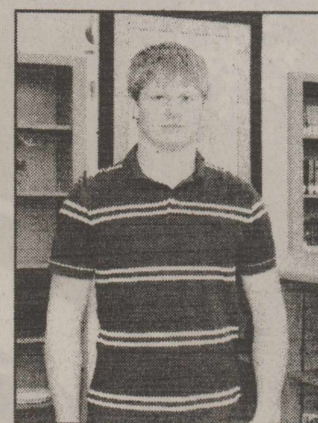
—Henny Youngman



The Stratford Elks kicked off their basketball season with a first place win in the Vega Tournament held this past weekend. The Elks beat Vega in the final game to win the tournament. L/R: Kyle Horsford, Marcos Garza, Michael Ortega, Braiden Palmer, Edgar Guerrero, Bryce Cummings, Tyler Wright, Casey Lantelme, Trevor Christian.



Named Boys All-Tournament Team L/R Kyle Horsford, Tyler Wright and Bryce Cummings. Tyler was Named MVP of the tournament, also.



Justin Mungia was also named All-District Academic Football.

Basketball Time



Name All Tournament Team Brianda Chavoya and Ragan Foos.



The Lady Elks beat Vega in the Vega Tournament to win 3rd place. L/R Coach Gerry Foos, Perla Reta, Rubi Ruëda, Brianda Chavoya, Karen Lozoya, Kelsie Keener, Jessica Ibarra, Ragan Foos, Alexa Peregrino and Meghan Brooks.

Basketball

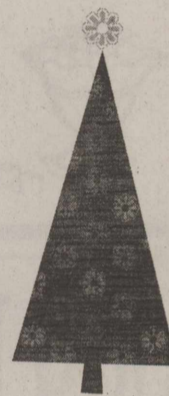
The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Canadian on November 29, 2010 25-19. Maty Mace led in scoring with 10 points followed by Yadhira Chavoya with 8 points.


On November 29, the 8th grade Lady Elks lost 19-42 to Canadian. Bethany Everett was high point with 8 points followed by Brittany Law with 4.

The J.V. Lady Elks competed in the Gruver J.V. tournament held this past weekend. They lost to Perryton 36-40 in one game. Suzette Palma was high point with 11 points followed by Jackie Gonzalez and Alex Asher with 9 points each. In their next game, they lost 19-21 to Spearman. Suzette

Palma and Elizabeth Reyes were high point with 6 points each. In their final game they beat West Texas 28-27. Suzette Palma again led the scoring with 8 points followed by Jackie Gonzalez and Elizabeth Reyes hitting 6 points each.

The Lady Elks beat Follett 57-37 on Tuesday, November 30. Ragan Foos led with 19 points followed by Jessica Ibarra with 13 points.





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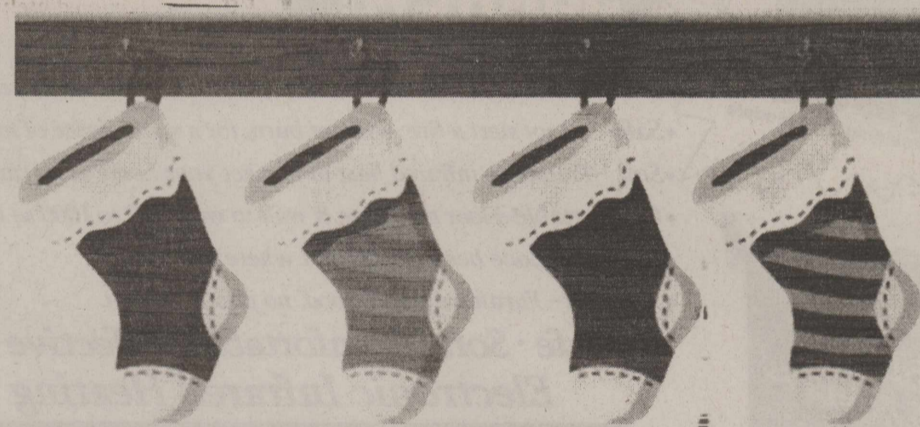
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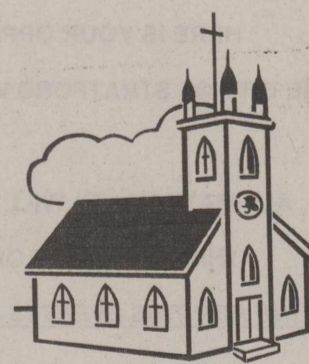
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From the Bird's Nest-By Jerry Birdsong Superintendent-Stratford ISD December 2010

The next two weeks will be a blur - lots to do and the activity calendar is full. Junior high basketball is going full speed and the high school round ballers will be in tournaments. We have the fourth-grade musical and the band concert to showcase our kids' talents. And then there are all of the Christmas parties to attend. When do we find the time to shop for all of those gifts?

You would think since I am in my third year here, I would quit being amazed when I walk through our campuses. But I still see phenomenal things happening in our classrooms daily. Our teachers and students remain engaged in the educational process. Although Smart board technology is changing our classrooms, it isn't much good without a quality teacher leading the classroom. I am encouraged by the cooperation among campuses, staff, grade levels, etc. Our kids and community are so fortunate to have a great staff working with our students.

Good news about Stratford ISD and all of our campuses continues to pour in. We are still proud of our exemplary performance during the 2010 year. The Texas Education Agency recently released Gold Performance Acknowledge and the district and all of the campuses made a good haul on the recognition. **Stratford ISD** was recognized for the following: Attendance, College Ready, Recommended High School Program, and Texas School Initiative Math: **Stratford High School**: Attendance, College Ready, Commended Social Studies, Recommended High School Program, and TSI Math; **Stratford Junior High**: Attendance, Commended Writing, and Comparable Improvement, Reading; **Mary Allen Elementary**: Commended Math, Commended Writing, and Comparable Improvement Math. Congratulations to the district and campuses for another job well done.

The recent audit report gave the district a clean bill of health. Not many school districts can boast concerning the financial soundness of the school district's budget, fund balance and indebtedness. The Board of Trustees and administration continue to commit to fiscal responsibility with the taxpayers' dollars. Although we will never have 100% agreement on expenditures, we will continue to fund things that improve student performance, including upgrading facilities while providing a quality education for the students of community. None of this is possible without the local support of our taxpayers.

This spring's state legislative session promises to be an interesting one. The state is looking a budget deficit that could result in cuts in many of state services, including education. I am comforted in knowing that Stratford ISD is in better shape than most districts and hope to be able to weather these circumstances due to the soundness of our finances. But I will have a watchful eye towards Austin this spring and try to spend some time with Representative Four Price and Senator Kel Seliger concerning the legislative impact to our community.

Café Elk did a great job of getting me into the holiday eating shape the Friday before Thanksgiving. Both cafeterias prepared an amazing meal. Mom and the mother-in-law were hard-pressed to do better. The community participation in the event was outstanding as always.

We had an excellent Stratford ISD Education Foundation annual meeting last month. After a rough stock market the last couple of years, the foundation's bottom line has improved. Currently, it has over \$300,000 in the bank and has given out over \$50,000 in grants since 2002 - Great accomplishment for our community. The principal in the

account generates the interest that is used to fund grants. The larger the principal the more interest will be available for our kids' educational opportunities. Thank you community for all of your contributions to the fund.

The Education Foundation sponsored another Distinguish Lecture for the high school students recently. I enjoy listening to the former Stratford High School students tell their stories. It is a tribute to our school system and community when our products find success after graduation and make it good in the world.

The district also appreciates individuals that donate funds and time to the school. We have been blessed with support on many activities that broaden our students' experiences only because of individual community member's contributions. Thanks to those who have contributed.

Basketball has gotten off to a great start. The junior high teams are playing well, while the varsities continue to prepare for the district schedule. The Lady Elks recently placed third at the Vega tourney, while the Elks open their season in Vega by winning the championship of the 65th annual tournament. Lots of basketball to be played over the next two months - come out catch a game and eat a band burger. As a proud WT alum, I attend most of the Buffalo football home games. This year has been a special treat as we get to see and listen one of our ex-students perform with the Buffalo Marching Band during pregame and at halftime...another great example of our students doing well after high school.

If you didn't make it to the district's Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th, you missed a special time of honoring those that have served us and gave us the chance to be free. Thanks to the guest speaker, along with student council kids and their sponsors. It is a story that needs to continue to be told - all that we enjoy as Americans comes with a price.

Our Elementary and Junior High UIL Academic students did a tremendous job at the district academic meet last month in Vega and Sunray. We had many district champions with another solid performance from our students. It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff, and students of Stratford ISD. Stratford ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. After completing graduation requirement, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military option or further their education. This is possible because of the excellent staff, along with the great support of the community. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.

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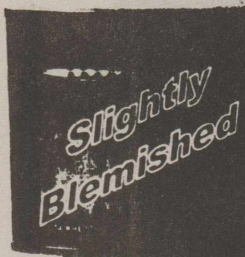
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Public Notice

Texhoma, Texas, Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing for the annual reading of the School FIRST Report. The Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) has scored Texhoma ISD as Superior Achievement, the highest rating possible. The Public Hearing will be on December 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the superintendent's office.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JONNIE C. PRESTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration upon the Estate of Jonnie C. Preston, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned, on the 6th day of December, 2010, in the proceeding referenced below, which is still pending, and that Lacey Lyn (Preston) Currey, Alexander, now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Sherman County, Texas are hereby required to present the same to Lacey Lyn (Preston) Currey, Alexander, Independent Administratrix, c/o Michelle A. Eggleston, attorney, 617 S.W. 8th Avenue, Suite 100, Amarillo, Texas 79101, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2010

Lacey Lyn (Preston) Currey Alexander
Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Jonnie C. Preston, Deceased, Cause No. 2160 in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas
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Stratford Junior High School-1st Six Weeks Honor Roll

5th grade-Alexander Aldavaz, Francisco Barajas, Bret Barnard, Gage Brooks, Aubrey Burris, Zorro Daniels, Katie Dennis, Julio Duran, Hannah Fanklin, Nancy Garay, Ella Godsey, Maxine Henderson, Fernando Jacquez, Nicolle Law, Brenda Luque, Kyfar Ontiveros, Daniela Reyes, Johnny Rivas, Juan Sanchez, Russell Spurlock, Stephanie Vasquez, Raeligh Willborn

7th grade- Austin Aduddell, Bethany Everett, Desinya Garza, Amber Jimenez, Vanessa Mendoza, Madison Mungia, Allissa Palmer, Cindy Rocha, Jordan Ruiz, Rett Schoonover, Jacie Seward, Aron Villegas.

6th grade- Wes Allen, Juan Camberos, Yadhira Chavoya, Zulia Cocoba, Estephany Garcia, Josh Garza, Samantha Gonzalez, Kevin Hernandez, Ty Hess, Rubie Jimenez, Tommie Long, Maty Mace, Orlando Mayorga, John McBroom, Jack McBryde, Branson Palmer, Lindy Paris, Chesney Rendon, Monica Reyes, AJ Riffe, Marisa Roldan, Miguel Rosales, Tanner Stone, Whitney Stone, TJ Tijerina, Sidney Turner, Edgar Villa Tello, Alexie Wright

8th grade- Daniel Acosta, Preston Burr, Victor Castro, Ellie Daniels, Janette Daniels, Madeline Drake, Hunter Everett, Ricky Garay, Britney Garza, Jackie Gonzalez, Ana Guerra, Tiffany Torres, Dennis Mace, Katy Moore, Suzetta Palma, Christina Roldan, Israel Sanchez, Citlaly Soto, Mary Ann Spurlock, Marisela Tapia, Selina Terrazas, Carlos Trejo, Logan Utley and Mazie Vincent.

"Share the Harvest" Continues through the month of Dec.

On November 1, the Happy State bank kicked off their "Share the Harvest" campaign. They joined with the Stratford Food Bank to build up their supplies for the upcoming holidays. Please take your dry good donations by anytime during the month of December and help "Share the Harvest" with others less fortunate in our community.



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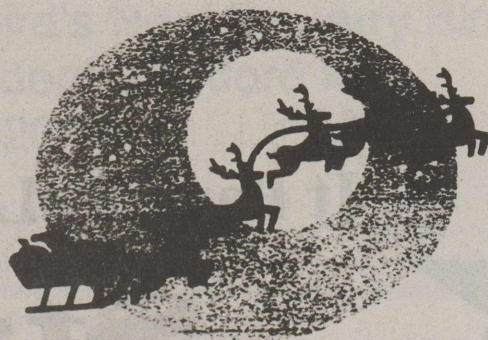
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**We want to wish all of
you a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.**

**Hope the year 2011 is everything
'and more for all of you.**

Again OUR HEARTFELT Thanks!!!