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## Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1 - June 15. New members will be assessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashly at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

## Golden Nail Nomination due Feb. 8

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is accepting Golden Nail Nominations for the coming Golden Nail Awards Dinner, April 7, 2016

Nominations are for activities in the year 2015, support letters should be limited to 3 and the persons given name should be used (not Mr. and Mrs. Etc.).

**Categories as follows: Individual, Business, Foundation** - Support of the arts with contributions a minimum of \$1000.00. In kind gifts are accepted with proof of value. **Golden Touch Award** - is for unique or innovative arts event or activity in the 2015 year. **Distinguished Volunteer** - Individual

Supportive of event as a volunteer. Service cannot be associated with the individual employment. The award is not based on financial contributions.

**Up and Coming Distinguished Volunteer** - Any individual up to 35 years of age who has supported the arts or event through volunteerism.

Nominations should be sent to Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, attention Becky Zenor, 1000 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79101

For more information contact Becky Zenor or Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford

## Sherman County FSA Committee Election

The Sherman County FSA Committee election for LAA#2 will be held this year on May 13, 2016. The part of the county holding the election consists of the north east one third of the county. This area was represented by the late Steve Flanagan. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Sherman County FSA Office. Each form submitted must be:

- \*Limited to 1 nominee
- \*Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected
- \*Postmarked or delivered to the Sherman County FSA Office no later than March 9, 2016

Any nominee should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

A producer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the producer lives in the LAA up for election and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

- \*Informing farmers and ranchers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs
- \*Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions
- \*Recommending needed changes in farm programs
- \*Participating in county meetings as necessary
- \*Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

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## Mary Chesmer Long Visits SHS for Elks Version of CSI

On December 16th Mary Chesmer Long visited Stratford High School as part of the Stratford Education Foundation "Distinguished Lecturer Series." Mary retired from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in 2001. She was a DNA specialist with the OSBI and presented an excellent program to the students about criminal investigations and forensic science. Mary discussed many different methods to reveal criminal evidence and had many visual examples. She also had a "mini CSI" presentation using shoe prints, where the students helped determine the correct evidence. Mary is a 1973 SHS graduate and received a Chemistry degree from SWOSU in 1978, then a Forensic Science Degree from Central Oklahoma State University in 1984. After retiring from the OSBI, Mary attended law school and graduated with her Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University in 2007. She is currently a lawyer who specializes in representing disabled veterans and also serves as a forensic DNA consultant.

## Story Time @Your Library

Story Time will begin on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at the Sherman County Public Library at 9:30-10:00 a.m. and continue through the month of February and most of March. The program is open to all children from 18 months to 5 years old. For more information regarding this program, please call the library at 366-2200.

## 2016 TREE SALE

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Spring Tree Sale. Order forms are ready and can be picked up at our office at 418 North 4th in Stratford, 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 shermawcd@xit.net.

While we try to list as many species that are available for this area, we cannot list them all. 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.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We keep some drip supplies in stock, and will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you if we do not have it. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can also 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.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, irrigation supplies, weed barrier or just 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.

## Sherman County Junior Livestock Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Please join us starting at 5 p.m., Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, for Frito Pie, Pie/Cobbler, and a Drink for \$5.00

We would also like to invite you to stay and watch the Sherman Co. Jr. Livestock Show Lamb & Goat show starting at 7 p.m.

Located at the Sherman County Barn on 501 S. Maple in Stratford, Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 a.m. will be the Swine Show and the Beef Show will follow.

You are also welcome to join us, Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for our 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Sherman Co. Jr. Livestock Show sale with dinner, for \$10.00 at the door.

### SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F 10:00 -10:30 a.m.

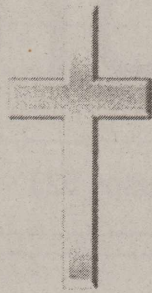
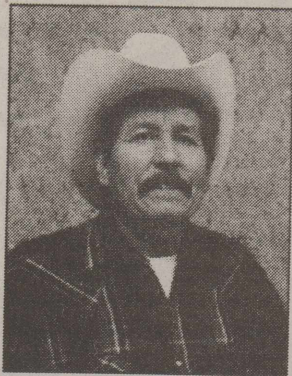
Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Bingo-Second Tuesday 7 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Immediately following noon luncheon

Monthly Luncheon-4<sup>th</sup> Thursday-12 noon (covered dish luncheon)

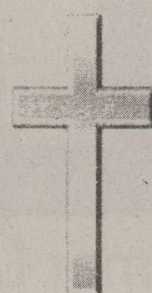
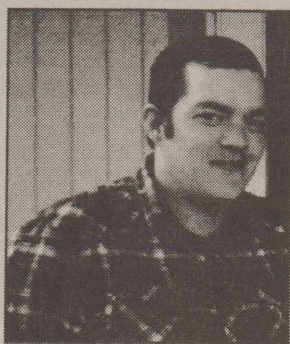
**Medical Benefit Account has been set up at Happy State Bank for David Acosta**

# Obituaries



**Jose de la Cruz Reza Vigil**  
October 30, 1949-January 19, 2016

Jose de la Cruz Reza Vigil, 66 of Texhoma, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. A Funeral Mass was held at 11 O'clock in the morning on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Carlos Castro officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.



**Dustin Kade Huggins**  
February 19, 1985 - January 21, 2016

Dustin Kade Huggins, 30 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Funeral Services were held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock Monday, January 25, 2016 at Church of Christ in Stratford with Steven Bridges, officiating. Interment followed at Stratford Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home on Sunday January 24th from 6 to 8 in the evening. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Dustin was born on February 19, 1985 in Dumas to Jimmie and Judy (Herring) Huggins. He grew up in Sunray and later moved to Stratford where he graduated high school. He was united in marriage to Crystal Blalock on September 20, 2013 in Stratford. He had worked at JBS Swift for 8 years where he worked in maintenance. Dustin loved working on cars and loved to fish.

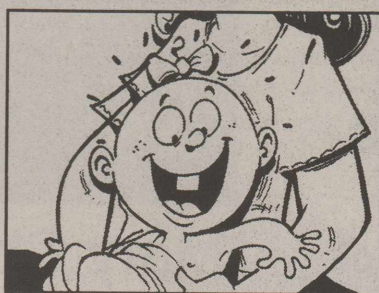
He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Perk and Leta Herring, two cousins: Phillip and Dewayne Bridges.

Dustin is survived by his wife Crystal of the home; parents: Jimmie and Judy Huggins of Stratford; sisters: Myranda Newcomb and husband Eric of Perryton, Erin Huggins of Perryton; paternal grandparents Jim Huggins and wife Ginger of Perkins OK; best friend Patrick Childers and his daughter JoDee of Fort Worth; nephews: Kodey and Levi Newcomb and nieces Eevlyn and Niya Blalock.

The family suggests memorials be made to the donor's charity of choice.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
*St. Joseph's Catholic Church*  
**ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER**  
Sun. February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
At the  
**Sherman County Barn**  
From 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Adults: \$9.00 & Children (5-12): \$6.00  
Children 4 & under eat free!!  
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Why do people think artists are special? It's just another job.  
—Andy Warhol  
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I never decided at all to be an artist; being an artist seems to have happened to me.  
—Anne Truitt  
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If dabbling in art didn't amuse me, I beg you to believe that I wouldn't do it.  
—Pierre-Auguste Renoir  
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## Will James Books Available

By Cece Yelek

Many people grew up reading and loving the stories of Will James. For many the stories, "Smoky" and "Big Enough" among others were the first big books they read. Dave and I are members of The Will James Society and receive their magazine, Cowboys North & South.

The mission of the Will James Society is "to promote the Legacy, Literature and Art of the Great Cowboy author, Will James, through the gifting of his inspirational books to schools, public libraries, our military units and hospitals throughout the world, and other interested and worthy institutions." If your school or library is interested in receiving books you can go to their website: [Willames.org](http://Willames.org) you can download or fill out a "Request for Book Donation" form. Or contact Charlie Nightengale at [Willamesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:Willamesociety@yahoo.com).

Please let us know if you send a request as we would love to get a picture of you with your new books for Cowboys North & South!

The Gather for the Will James Society, their yearly gathering, will be in Canyon Texas October 6th 8th 2016. Current plans are not solidified but include the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Palo Duro Canyon, the Charles Goodnight ranch and other things which are in the planning stages.

## BREAKFAST IS BACK AT THE OL' BIDDY CAFÉ!!



Customers asked for it, we listened, so breakfast is back! Starting Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> we'll open at 6 a.m. during the week and 8 a.m. on Sunday. Come see us!! We appreciate your business!

## High Plains Irrigation Conference set for Feb. 4 in Amarillo

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetterag.tamu.edu -Contact: Dr. Dana Porter, 806-746-6101, dporterag.tamu.edu

AMARILLO - The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference will be Feb. 4 in the North Exhibit Hall of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo.

The program, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, will address a wide variety of topics of interest to the general public, as well as to agricultural producers, landowners, crop consultants and irrigation professionals, said Dr. Dana Porter, program coordinator and AgriLife Extension agricultural engineering specialist—irrigation and water management, Lubbock.

A concurrent trade show will also provide opportunities for attendees to see new products and technologies, and to visit with experts from industry, non-profit organizations and agencies.

Registration will be onsite only, beginning at 8 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 and lunch is included.

Continuing education units for Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators - one general and two integrated pest management - and certified crop advisers - five soil and water management, two integrated pest management, one half crop management and one half professional development - will be offered. Additionally, seven Agricultural Irrigation Association certified irrigation designer and certified agricultural irrigation specialist units will be offered.

The keynote address on Issues in Water Law and Agriculture will be given by Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo. Other topics and speakers will be:

- How Crops Use Water - Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo.
- Practical Irrigation Scheduling Tools - Dr. Jonathan Aguilar, Kansas State University Extension water resources specialist, Garden City, Kansas.
- Monitoring and Interpreting Soil Moisture - Dr. Saleh Taghvaeian, Oklahoma State University Extension water resources specialist, Stillwater, Okla.
- Applied Variable Rate Irrigation Technology - Dr. Charles Hillyer, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist, Amarillo.
- Technology Standardization: AgGateWay - Hillyer.
- Notes From the Field: Irrigation in the Context of Integrated Pest Management I Integrated Crop Management - Blyane Reed, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent in Hale and Swisher counties.
- Water Management Considerations in Integrated Pest Management - Reed
- Irrigation "Ex-Spurs" - Thomas Marek, Texas A&M AgriLife Research irrigation engineer, Amarillo; Keith Sides, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service irrigation engineer, Lubbock; Farris Hightower, Lindsay Corp., Lubbock; Rusty Houston, Eco-Drip Irrigation, Lubbock; Edwin Smith, Senninger Irrigation Inc., Lubbock; Kenneth Ewings, Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association vice president, Lubbock; and Reed.

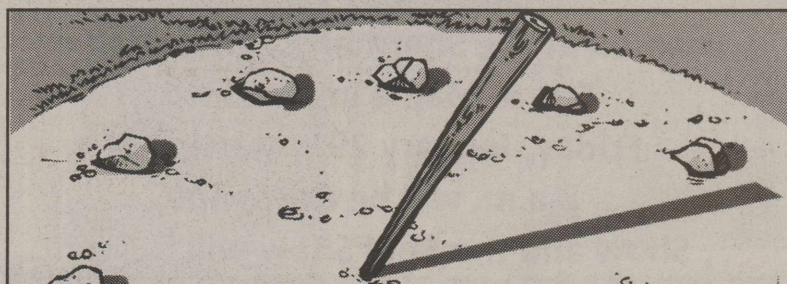
The meeting will conclude at 5 p.m.

For more conference information, go to the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association website, <http://taia.org/HPIC2015>. Html. Questions about the program can be directed to Porter at [dporter@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dporter@ag.tamu.edu). Sponsor and exhibitor questions should be directed to Kern Stutler at 806-786-5644.

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The earliest type of timekeeper, dating from as far back as 3500 B.C., was the shadow clock, or gnomon, a vertical stick or obelisk that casts a shadow. An Egyptian shadow clock of the eighth century B.C. is still in existence.

# Role of Highways in Economic Development

## Michael Reeves, President

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Economic development and transportation systems, particularly highways, are related. One only needs to look at a map of the interstate system and the growing populated areas of the United States to recognize the role that highways play in where business and industry locate. The Federal Highway Administration has provided an interactive map showing the growth of population densities overlaid on the interstate map. You are encouraged to look at the locations and changes in population densities from 1950 to 2000 at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstate/densitymap.com>

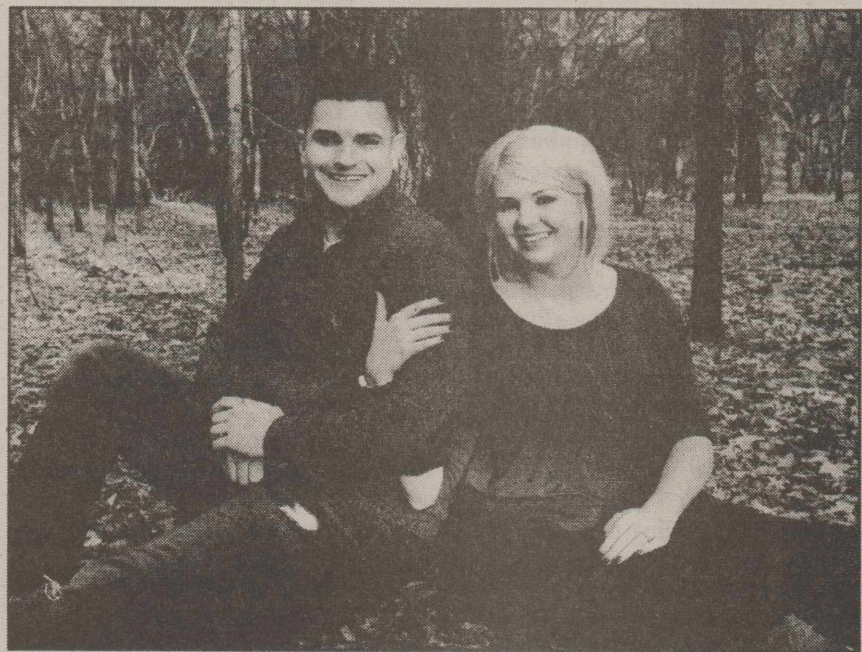
The original concept for the Ports-to-Plains corridor came from the need to reach markets in Mexico with cotton grown in the Texas Panhandle. In Texas, Interstate 27 provides an excellent connection between the economies of Lubbock and Amarillo, but not other portions of the country and North America. Since the inception the goal of the Ports-to-Plains corridor has been expansion of existing two-lane roads to four-lane divided highways. One of the benefits of expanded four-lane highways is travel time savings and safety. By increasing speed and expanding access and safety, freight costs are also reduced. In the Corridor development and Management Plan completed in 2004 by Colorado DOT, the benefits of travel time savings were estimated for auto and trucks. Between 2011 and 2030, the total auto travel time savings benefit was estimated to be \$273.7 million. Between 2011 and 2030, the total truck travel time savings benefit was estimated to be \$268.2 million.

*Site Selection* is a publication serving the professional economic development community. Its survey of corporate real estate executives identified transportation infrastructure as the factor most important in location decision making, followed by work force, taxes, utilities and land and buildings.

Highway accessibility is traditionally at the top of the short list for site selection criteria. In fact, 97.3 percent of respondents to Area Development's Corporate Survey considered highway accessibility to be very important. Companies are not only targeting locations that are in close proximity to prime transportation arteries, but they also are making sure they have easy access both on and off of those major interstates and highways.

Transportation infrastructure is critical to retaining and recruiting business and industry to our communities. Without expanded infrastructure, they will locate where that infrastructure is available.

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of over 275 communities and Business, including major alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com/>



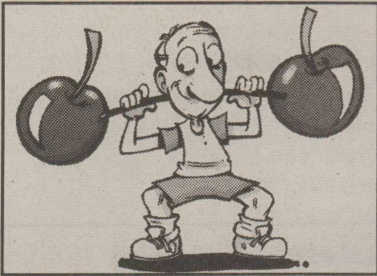
### Couple Announces Engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Bret Moore of Stratford, TX are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindy Lanell, to Jeremy Foster, son of Jerry Foster & Kelley Critchfield of Edmond, OK. Lindy is 2010 graduate of Stratford High School. She is a certified cosmetologist and master designer at Tangles Salon in Edmond, Oklahoma. Mr. Foster is a 2007 graduate of Deer Creek High School. He is currently employed by Eskridge Auto Group. A March wedding is planned.



### Community closet presents check to the Angel Tree

Angela Harbour received a donation from The Community Closet during the month of December. Angela was The Angel Tree chairman this year and from the looks of the perfectly wrapped gifts, she and her helpers had been very busy getting presents ready for children across our community. Thank you to Angela and those who helped her make a very Merry Christmas for many.



Snacking on cherries may help to relieve the pain of osteoarthritis. A variety of tart cherry, called Montmorency cherries, is said to improve pain and joint function in about six weeks when taken in supplement form.

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### Structured Touch Massage Therapy Clinic

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*Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> is around the corner, stop by & pick up a gift certificate for that someone special for Valentine's Day.*

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
5<sup>th</sup> & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)  
No Sunday evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
Pastor Ron Whitt  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

**Heritage Bible Baptist**  
Pastor Mark Looney  
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Community Building  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**Church of Christ**  
Raymond Glendinning  
N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

## Explore what's happening with Medicare's prescription drug costs

By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

You only have to look at the latest receipt from your pharmacist to know that prescription drug costs are rising.

Nationwide, spending on medications grew 13 percent in 2014, far outstripping the 5 percent overall increase for health care spending. Prescription drug costs haven't gone up that fast since 2001.

Sometimes, the increase was due to a breakthrough medicine whose cure comes at a high price. Other times, it was the result of an overnight tripling of the cost of a generic drug that has been around for years.

Millions of Americans depend on prescription medications to manage chronic illnesses or treat acute conditions. But surveys suggest that as many as 25 percent of us don't fill a prescription because we can't afford it.

As people stop filling their scripts, they not only jeopardize their health, they also run the risk of costing themselves and the health care system even more when they fall sick from conditions that could have been prevented.

Naturally, rising drug costs have prompted consumers to ask questions.

What medications in particular are driving up prices? Are brand-name or generic drug costs growing faster? And, most important, what can be done to make needed medications affordable?

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the federal agency that oversees the Medicare and Medicaid programs, has a vested interest in encouraging this public discussion. It spent \$140 billion on drugs for seniors, the poor, children and people with disabilities in 2014.

The agency recently created an online database - at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov) -- that allows anyone to dive into Medicare's prescription drug data and examine some of the clearest examples of the increased costs.

After you arrive at [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov), type "Medicare drug spending dashboard" in the search field.

The new database lists 80 medications that were chosen because they triggered the highest overall spending or the greatest per-patient expenditures or the largest percentage price increases.

For each drug listed, you'll see the total amount that Medicare and its beneficiaries spent on it in 2014, recent trends in its price and the number of older Americans who depend on it.

Here are a few of the findings:

\* The hepatitis C drug Sovaldi accounted for the highest expenditure at \$3.1 billion. Used by about 33,000 Medicare

beneficiaries, it had a \$1,000-per-pill price when it entered the market in 2014.

\*Remodulin, which treats high blood pressure in the lungs, had the largest per-user spending at \$133,845. A total of 1,235 beneficiaries used the drug, whose cost amounted to \$165.3 million.

\*The pain reliever Vimovo had the biggest increase in its per-unit cost between 2013 and 2014, rising 543 percent after one company purchased rights to the drug from another.

By putting such data in the hands of consumers, providers and researchers, Medicare hopes the public will gain a better understanding of what's going on

with prescription drug costs. A similar database for Medicaid's drug spending will be unveiled later this year.

The Medicare database comes on the heels of a recent forum in Washington that brought together consumer advocates, pharmaceutical company executives, insurance industry representatives and government officials to discuss how we can continue to encourage drug discoveries and still ensure that those new medicines are accessible.

Developing ground-breaking drugs requires significant investment, and there's no disputing that this nation needs to support that important work. Without such innovation, we won't have the drugs that will better manage diabetes and heart disease and maybe even cure cancer.

But, as CMS' leaders have said, we shouldn't accept the notion that we as a society must choose between innovation and affordability. We deserve both. Shedding new light on drug spending may help offer some clues in our search for an effective strategy that makes sure as many people as possible can benefit from today's, and tomorrow's, wonder drugs.

## Dinner Theater

The Stratford High School one-act play cast and crew will host a dinner theatre on March 21 featuring a performance of the play Unexpected Tenderness. The meal--a salad, pork tenderloin, macaroni cheese, green beans and cupcakes--will begin at 6:00, followed by the play at 7:00. A silent auction will be open for the duration of the evening. Tickets are \$15. For tickets, contact Taylor Aduddell, Bret Barnard, Juan Carlos Camberos, Brendan Campbell, Blake Griffin, Courtney Griffin, Nicole Law Matalin Mace, John McBroom, Carlee Metcalf, Branson Palmer, Brenda Portillo, Val-mari du Plessis, Russell Spurlock or Daniela Valdez.

**Advisory: This year's play contains brief instances of spousal and child abuse.**

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

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**Preparing for Year Two of "Two Steps, One Sticker"**  
*Texans will have one convenient expiration date for vehicle inspection & registration*

AUSTIN – As Texas steps into the second year of the "Two Steps, One Sticker" program for vehicle inspection and registration, vehicle owners can look forward to a simpler process for these two important annual vehicle requirements.

Beginning on March 1, 2016, the transition year ends, and vehicles will have one convenient expiration date for inspection and registration. Here is what Texans need to do from that point forward: Take a look at the date on your vehicle registration sticker and then follow the two steps.

**Step 1:** Pass a vehicle inspection no earlier than 90 days prior to your registration expiration and retain your vehicle inspection report. To find your nearest inspection station, visit the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) [website](#).

**Step 2:** After your vehicle passes inspection, renew your registration [online](#), by mail or in person at your county tax office, and your inspection status will be verified electronically.

Remember that your vehicle inspection and registration will expire on the last day of whatever month is indicated on your sticker. You will have plenty of time to complete the two steps. Just be sure to pass inspection and renew your registration no earlier than 90 days before your sticker expires.

For example, if your registration sticker expires in March 2016, you can pass your inspection as early as January 2 which is 90 days before your sticker expires.

JANUARY 2016							FEBRUARY 2016							MARCH 2016						
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"By now most vehicles in the state have successfully transitioned to a single sticker as proof of both inspection and registration," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "Streamlining the process for both inspection and registration is consistent with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles' goal to continue to simplify and automate motor vehicle services for Texas drivers."

Benefits of the "Two Steps, One Sticker" program:

- **One sticker, one date:** With "Two Steps, One Sticker" you have just one sticker with one expiration date.
- **Less clutter, better view:** With "Two Steps, One Sticker" you have just the familiar blue-bordered registration sticker in the corner of your windshield.
- **Safer streets, cleaner air:** Because a passing vehicle inspection is a requirement to renew your registration, more Texans comply with the safety and emissions testing laws.
- **Fraud prevention:** With inspection stickers no longer needed under "Two Steps, One Sticker," this change eliminates the risk of inspection sticker fraud and theft.

The state of Texas stopped issuing vehicle inspection stickers on March 1, 2015, as a result of House Bill 2305 that passed during the 83<sup>rd</sup> legislative session (2013). The implementation of the change in law is a joint effort among three state agencies:

- **The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV):** The TxDMV administers the state's vehicle registration program.
- **The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS administers the state's vehicle safety inspection program.
- **The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** The TCEQ administers the state's vehicle emissions testing program.

For more information, visit [www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com](http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com).



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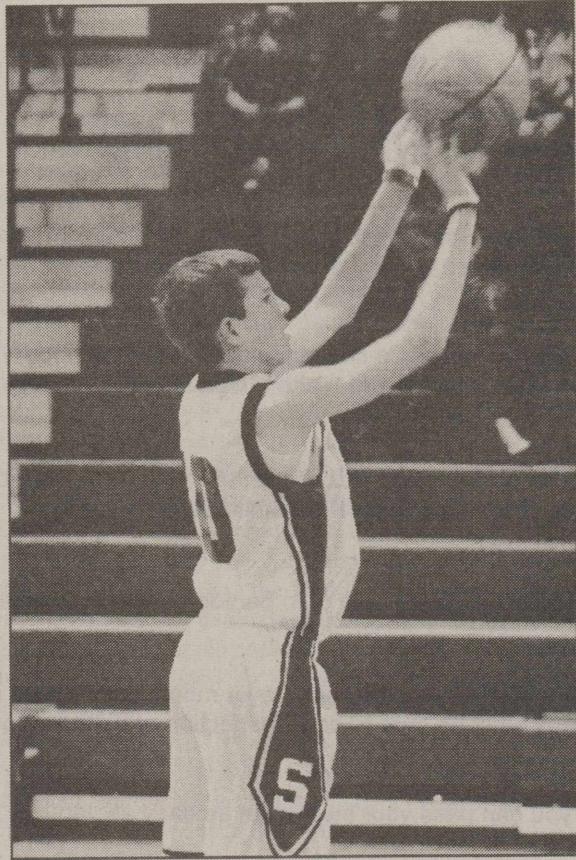


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The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles serves, protects and advances the citizens and industries in the state with quality motor vehicle related services. For every \$1 it spends, the TxDMV returns \$11 to the state. Each year the agency registers nearly 24 million vehicles; issues more than 7 million vehicle titles; licenses more than 38,000 motor vehicle dealers and distributors; credentials nearly 60,000 motor carriers; issues more than 800,000 oversize/overweight permits; investigates more than 15,000 complaints against dealers and motor carriers; and awards grants to law enforcement agencies to reduce vehicle burglaries and thefts. Learn more at [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov).

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1997	0.25	0.2	0	4.67	1.48	2.8	2.3	4.7	1.96	0.52	0.5	2.2	21.58
1998	0.2	0.5	2.3	0.66	1.7	0.95	2.15	0.4	0	6.54	0.75	0	16.15
1999	1.7	0	2.2	4.9	2.5	1.6	1.1	0.65	0	1.7	0	0.6	16.95
2000	0.3	0	4.4	2.15	0.5	6.2	0.71	0	0	6.9	0	0.2	21.36
2001	1	0.83	0.7	0.6	3.45	0.6	1.63	1.72	0.35	0	0.98	0.1	11.96
2002	0.5	0	0	0.22	0.15	2.69	0.4	3.79	1.75	1.18	0.2	1.15	12.03
2003	0	0	1.2	0.45	0.54	2.7	1.2	0.3	0.5	0	0.75	0	7.64
2004	0	0.4	2.1	3.5	0	8	4.6	1.85	2.44	0.6	5.4	0.35	29.24
2005	1.85	0.9	1.35	0.95	2.3	3.35	0	2.5	0.45	1.1	0	0.15	14.9
2006	0	0	1.4	0	1.3	0.65	2.85	7.55	1.95	1.65	0.3	5.1	22.75
2007	0.9	0	2.77	1.75	1.68	2.17	1.82	1.4	0.9	0	0	0.95	14.34
2008	0	0.2	0.1	0.35	1.15	0.3	5.8	6.95	0.15	6.3	0.3	0	21.6
2009	0	0.4	0.9	1.4	0	2.4	4.1	3.95	0.55		0	0	13.7
2010	1.2	1.6	1.25	1.2	4.25	6.3	1.5	3.3	1.25	0	0	0	21.85
2011	0	0.1	0.15	0	0	0	0	0.3	1.7	0	0.25	2	4.5
2012	1.1	0	0	0.8	1.05	1.1	0	0.55	2.9	0.25	0	0	7.75
2013	0.25	2.4	0	0	0.55	0.75	3.15	1.1	1.15	0.75	0.55	0.9	11.55
2014	0.3	0.2	0.15	0	2.15	1.97	2.99	1.9	0.75	1.68	0	0	12.09
2015	0.95	1.7	0.5	3	5.9	1.95	12.25	4.3	1.35	5.8	3.25	0.8	41.75
<b>AVE.</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>2.56</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>1.06</b>	<b>1.94</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>17.04</b>

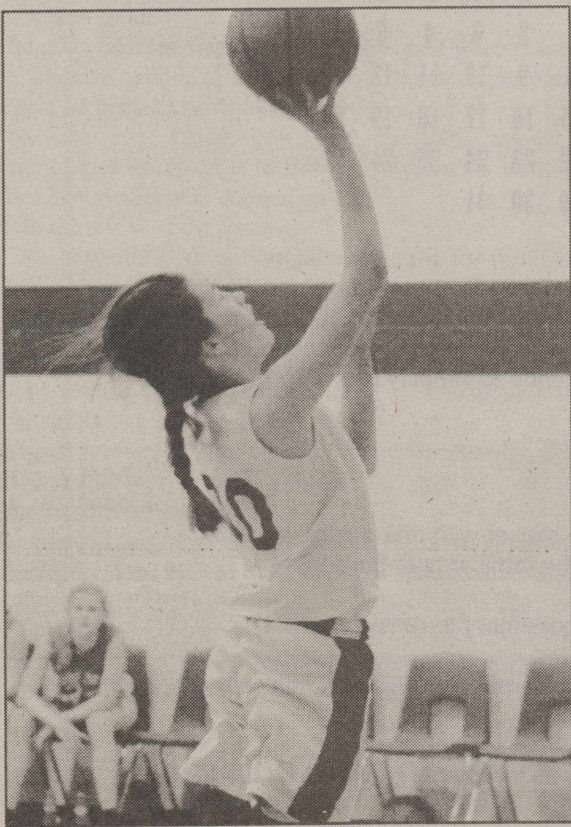
# Junior High Basketball



8<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Walker McBryde scores from the free throw line in the Elks win against West Texas Monday, January 18, 2016.



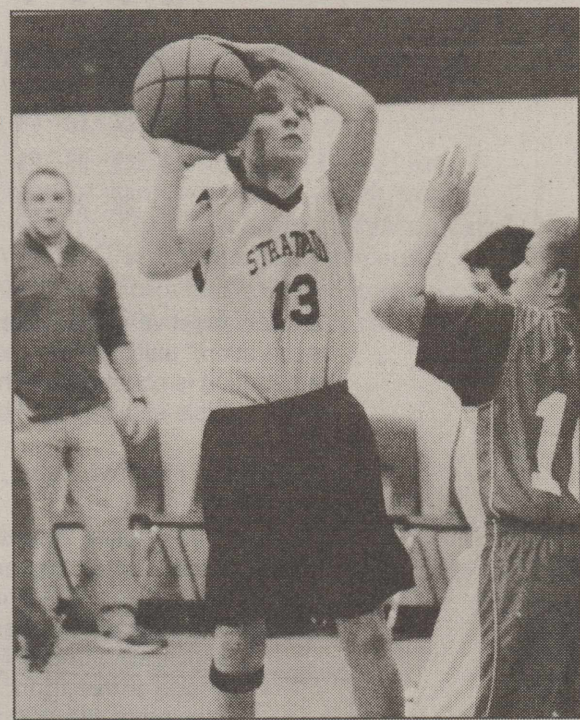
8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk Janeht Bravo #32 scores at the free throw line on Monday, January 18, 2016 against West Texas.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #00 Reaghan Audrain scores on the fast break in the Lady Elks win against West Texas on Monday, January 18, 2016.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Tyler Stone scores against West Texas on Monday, January 18, 2016.

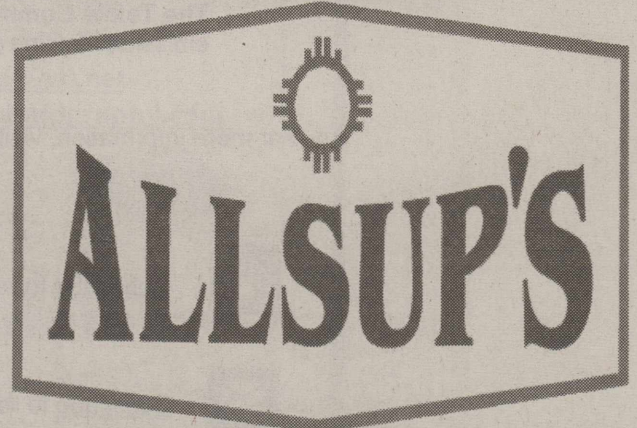


Slate Anderton #13 goes up for the shot in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Elks loss to West Texas on Monday, January 18, 2016.

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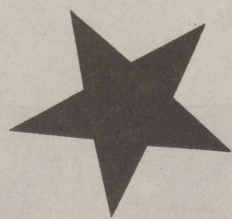
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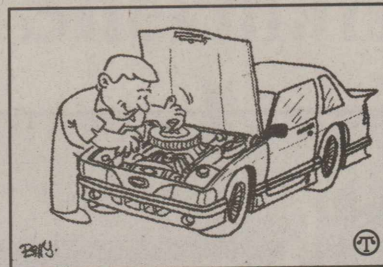
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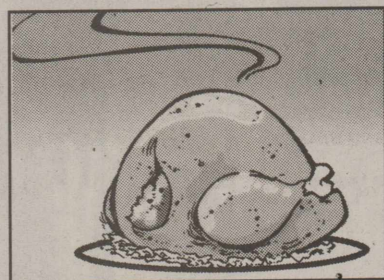
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## NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 5803

**APPLICATION** Texhoma Wheat Growers, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 5803, which would authorize continued operation of a grain elevator located at 7191 US Highway 54, Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas 73960. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=36.498888&lng=-101.789444&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 14, 2015. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Courthouse, County Clerk Office, 701 North 3rd Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**CHANGE IN LAW** The Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 709, effective September 1, 2015, amending requirements for comments and contested case hearings. This application is subject to those changes in law.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Texhoma Wheat Growers, Inc., P.O. Box 10018, Texhoma, Texas 73960-1018 or by calling Mr. Mitch Martin, Triangle Insurance at (806) 270-0566.

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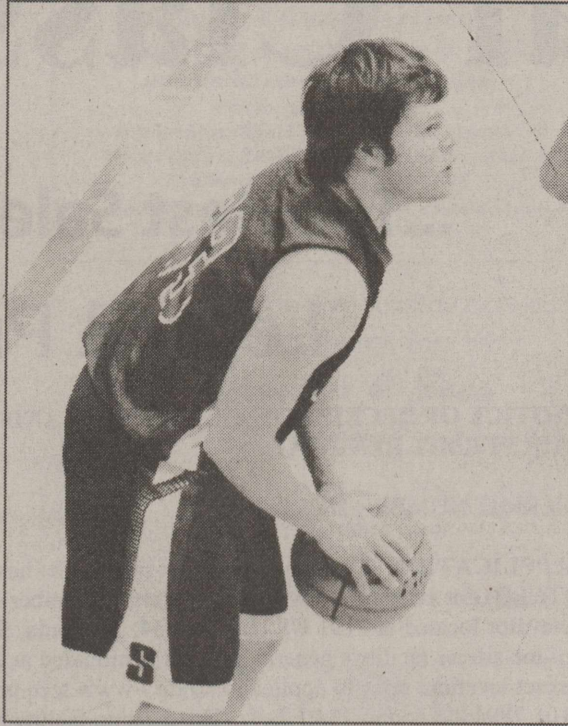
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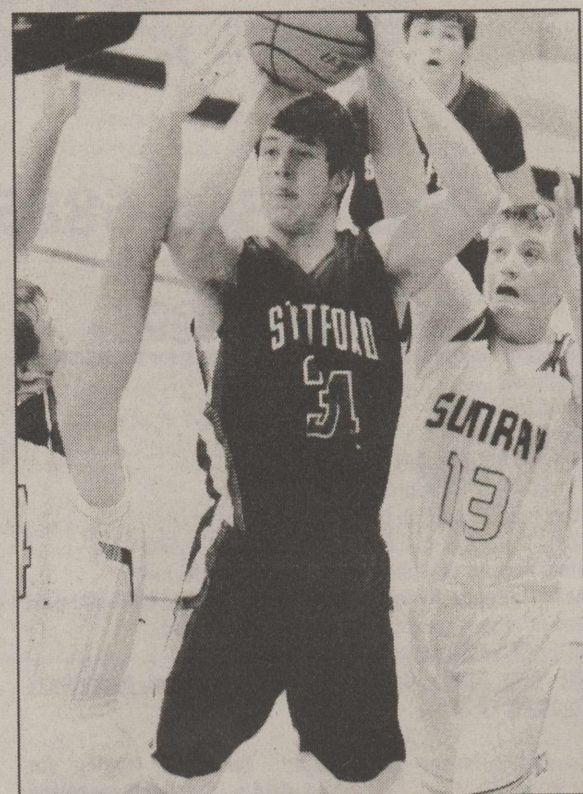
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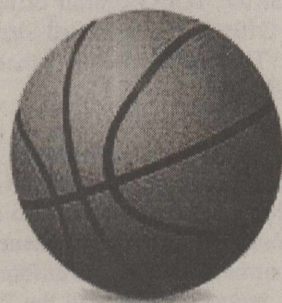
Stratford Elk #42 Parker Hanna scores under the basket in the Elks 67-33 win against Sunray on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.



Stratford Elk Tanner Stone prepares to take the outside shot against Sunray.



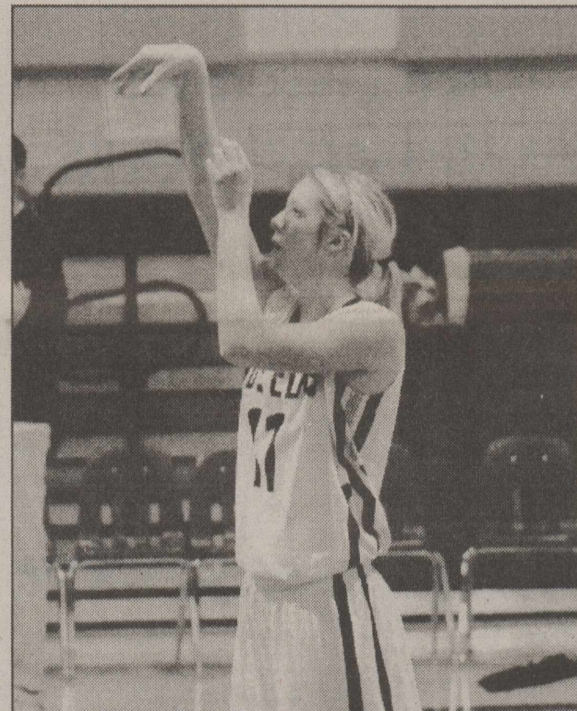
Russell Spurlock #34 scores under the basket in the Elks 67-33 win against Sunray.



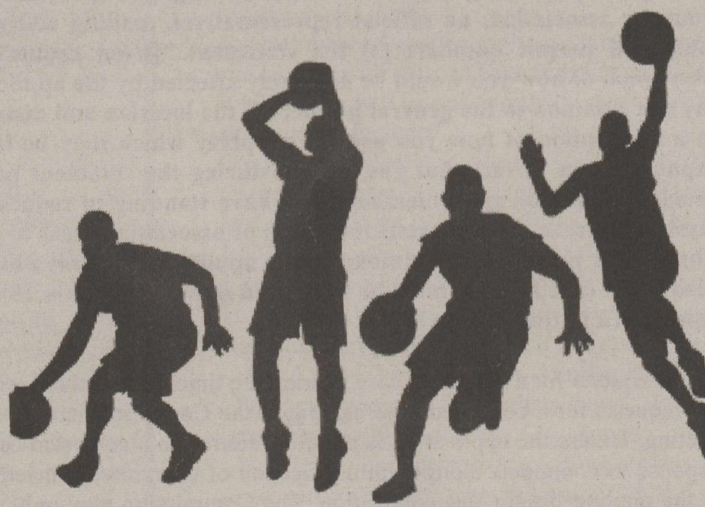
Lady Elk #5 Nicole Law scores under the basket in the Lady Elks 51-35 win against Sunray on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.



Yadhira Chavoya scores on the layup in the Lady Elks win against Sunray.



Allie James scores at the free throw line for the Lady Elks on Friday, January 22, 2016 against Gruver.



Stratford Elk #10 Ty Hess scores against the Gruver defense on Friday, January 22, 2016. The Elks beat Gruver 67-39.



Gerardo Romero #23 scores on the fast break in the Elks win against Gruver.



J.V. Lady Elk #31 Rabecca Couch turns and takes the shot in their loss to Gruver on Friday, January 22, 2016.