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## Voting on Producer Referendum to Establish State-Level Grain Indemnity Fund Scheduled December 5 through December 9

Austin, Texas—Texas grain producers can vote December 5 through December 9, 2016, for a producer referendum that, if approved, would create a refundable assessment of two tenths percent of the gross sales price of the grain in Texas. The assessment would be collected at the "first point" of sale grain buyer in Texas.

Eligible producers can vote at any Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service county office during each office's regular business hours. A mail-in ballot may be requested from TDA no later than December 2, 2016, and postmarked no later than close of business Friday, December 9, 2016.

If passed, the funds would be collected at the "first point of sale" grain buyer when producers sell their grain, and remit to the Texas Grain Producer Indemnity Board (TGPIB). The rules adopted by the TGPIB set an assessment of two tenths percent of the gross sales price of the grain.

The TGPIB will set the minimum fund balance necessary to cover all anticipated administrative and operating costs, as well as a reasonable estimate for indemnity claim payments. Once the fund reaches an amount determined by the TGPIB as sufficient to cover the risk, a refund process will be initiated to refund assessments. The fund is managed by the TGPIB. This money will not be a part of the State Treasury, and can only be used for the indemnity fund program.

If producers pass the referendum, the fund will be managed by grain producers and industry stakeholders, a council appointed by the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, and includes a representative from the Corn Producers Association of Texas, Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Grain and Feed Association, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Texas Soybean Association and Texas Wheat Producers Association, as well as a member with expertise in production agriculture financing and a representative with the non-warehouse-grain buying industry.

Any grain producer regardless of age who has sold grain in Texas anytime between December 5, 2013, and December 5, 2016, is eligible to vote.

A producer may be an individual or legal business entity, such as a corporation, LLC, LLP, or LP. Each producer (individual and/or legal business entity) may only vote once. Youth younger than 16 years of age must have a parent or guardian co-sign the ballot.

If approved, collection of the assessment will begin February 1, 2017, and continue until the TGPIB notifies collection points to cease collection.

For more information, including voting locations and hours, visit [www.texasagriculture.gov](http://www.texasagriculture.gov).

### Not in our backyard, PLEASE!

A *factory hog farm* from Oklahoma has applied to build a *23,600 head* swine facility *less than 3 miles* from the western edge of *Stratford*.

We understand that factory hog farms; *when properly managed, located, and monitored* can provide a low cost source of pork and enhance our local economy. *However, we object to this farm's proximity to our country home and water sources as well as the northwest residents of Stratford and our schools.*

The *massive size of this facility* creates concerns about the handling of manure. Some sources report that 1 hog produces 4-8 times more waste than 1 human. This waste is collected in lagoons which emit harmful gasses such as *ammonia and hydrogen sulfide*. Volatized ammonia is a *severe respiratory irritant* at close ranges; especially to children. These lagoons also produce *strong, unpleasant odors* when turned over in the spring and fall.

In January of 1998, National Hog Farmer Magazine stated, "Odor nuisance complaints are a significant issue for today's hog industry. *Properly sited building with enough setback distance to allow the atmosphere to dilute odor is one very effective odor control strategy.* Initial site selection and facility location, therefore, is critical for reducing nuisance odor complaints."

Please come and voice your opinion at the public meeting with TCEQ to discuss this permit:

**Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Sherman County Exhibit Barn**

Thank you for your help and support!  
Andy, Karen, Austin, and Tanner Riffe

### Biddy's on Main Holiday Hours

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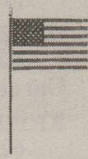
### Good Samaritan Fund

The ministerial Alliance is asking you to consider giving a monetary gift to the Good Samaritan Fund of Stratford. This fund is for the elderly Widows or Widowers that need a little help financially each month and are on a limited income. If you would like to give to this cause you can go to Happy State Bank and make a deposit to this account. It is listed as the "Stratford Ministerial Alliance Good Samaritan fund". This fund has been going for several years and is blessing a few of our elderly citizens each month.

Thanks in advance for your generosity, The Ministerial Alliance of Stratford.

**Narcotics Anonymous  
meetings every Tuesday  
evening at 7:00 pm at the  
Church of Christ.  
These are non-religious  
and confidential meetings.**

**We're saying Thank You** to local servicemen & women and their families. We'll start early Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn cooking for these well deserved people in Sherman County. If you know someone that's serving their country & have family here, contact Lynn Allen @ 753-7979 or Tim Hudson @ 753-7799. Donations are also welcome, there's always a need for meat, wood, charcoal or cash to buy supplies. Our service people take care of us, let's show our appreciation & take care of them.



Thanks for your support!





## Project Christmas Card Set to Begin

Project Christmas Card is a project benefitting the Sherman County Public Library being sponsored by The Stratford Star this year. 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, estimate how much it costs for the cards and stamps, add a little extra and bring your donation to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Names of donors will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the December 23, 2016, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." Previous years' donations have purchased e-books, 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. The deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 16, 2016. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

TCEQ WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING ON  
SWINE FACILITY PERMIT APPLICATION  
TUESDAY - DEC. 13, 2016 @ 7 P.M. at the  
SHERMAN COUNTY BARN

The entire legal notice can be found in the Stratford Star.

The public can submit written comments at this time to:

The Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105  
Texas Comm. on Environmental Quality  
PO Box 13087

Austin, TX 78711-3087

Or electronically at: [www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html)

## Don't forget



## Your Santa Letters Deadline is December 15th

The Stratford Student Council is collecting food donations for the local food bank and Lollipop Junction. Students on all three campuses are encouraged to participate, because the winning homeroom from each campus will receive a pizza party courtesy of the Student Council. The food drive will begin November 28 and end December 16. The following items are needed at both organizations: canned fruit (pears, peaches, mixed fruit), canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter and noodles. Please donate!

[www.happybank.com](http://www.happybank.com)

# Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 8th  
9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

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## What's Happening- In Stratford

Project Christmas Card  
Proceeds to benefit the Sherman County  
Public Library  
Now-Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>

Donations accepted at First State Bank &  
Sherman County Public Library

Narcotics Anonymous-Every Tuesday  
7 p.m. Church of Christ  
Non-religious & confidential meetings

TCEQ to hold Public Meeting on Tuesday  
Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Sherman Co. Barn  
On Swine Facility Permit Application

St. Joseph's Catholic Community  
Enchilada Dinner Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Sherman County Barn

Storm Siren testing on  
Wednesdays at 12 noon

Scot Hall Activities-  
(listed elsewhere in paper)

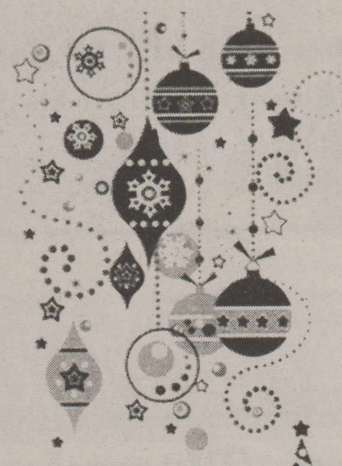
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Good Samaritan Fund

Cooking for Local Serviceman and Women  
and their families Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

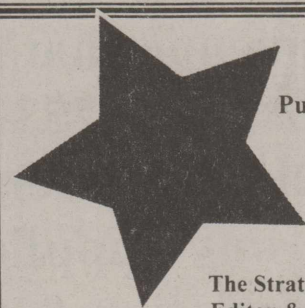
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For the season  
This Christmas  
Merry Christmas



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# COUNCIL MINUTES

## October 25, 2016

Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Greg Wright, Kyle Sandvig, Joe Zak, Ann Johnson  
 Absent Council: James Lutes  
 City Attorney: Absent  
 City Manager: Tommy Bogart  
 City Secretary: Kathy Rendon  
 Police Chief: Randy Hooks  
 Fire Chief: Danny Davis  
 Public Works Supv: David Tollison  
 ACCE Officer: Jessica Thompson

Others: Kathy Allen

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on September 27, 2016
- Budget Amendments
- Accounts Payable for September 2016
- Financial Statements for September 2016
  - Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: 1<sup>st</sup> reading of **RESOLUTION 2016-1025** - a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Stratford Sales Tax Corp approving a request by the City of Stratford to fund the purchase of unimproved land
  - As previously discussed, the Sales Tax Corp will make the payments on the purchase of the Price Property. The land will be developed to promote and and/or to expand business development. Joe Zak motioned to approve the first reading, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Fire Department Grant Funds
  - Fire Chief Danny Davis is requesting funds with a 90/10 split, pending being awarded by the Texas Forest Service, for purchase of bunker gear. Joe Zak motioned to approve, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of **RESOLUTION 2016-1025** - a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Stratford Sales Tax Corp approving a request by the City of Stratford to fund the purchase of unimproved land
  - Ann Johnson motioned to approve the second reading, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

### City Manager Report

- Texas Parks & Wildlife grant application was received by them on September 30<sup>th</sup> and the grants will be awarded March 27, 2017. The CDBG grant has to be submitted by February 17, 2017.
- Attended the County Commissioners meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The County did not budget for the 2007 Freightliner Fire Truck. Therefore, the County will be paying 50% of the purchase price. It will be added to their 2017/2018 budget.
- Fierro Trucking received a quote of \$69,000 to concrete one block of street. They will be looking for possible alternate solutions.
- The greenhouse on Main Street has an approved permit. The funds for that greenhouse were donated funds.

### Citizen Comment Period

- Kathy Allen commented that there will be new lettering on her office window and updated on the website as well.

### Items from the Council

- Mayor Reed commented that the gas company is doing a better job of their repairs
- Ann Johnson was asking about the uncovered hole at the Courthouse.
- Joe Zak thanked the Council for his nomination to the SCAD Board. If elected, he will gladly serve on that Board.

### Adjourn

- Joe Zak motioned to adjourn at 6:24 pm, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

## The Christmas Parade was a SUCCESS!!

In 2015 we had 2 weeks to put a parade together and it showed, but thanks to Chief Randy Hooks we started earlier this year. Chief Hooks recruited Cece Yelek & Sherman County Development and we got busy. The *only* reason we had a Christmas Parade was because Chief Hooks wanted the children in the community to have something, so when you see him tell him you appreciate it. Even in a small town, it takes a lot of people to put a parade together. Many were involved in making this year's parade better: Chief Hooks & the City of Stratford Police Dept, Cece Yelek, David Tollison & City employees, Jessie & Crystal Mariscal, Chief Danny Davis & the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept, our announcer Steve Ulrey, *everyone* who joined in the parade including Band Dir. Katherine Nusz & THE BIG BLUE BAND, to everyone who stood out in the cold to watch, Imagination Station, Kathy Allen @ SCDC and of course Santa Claus! For those of you that didn't come you lost out on a chance to see young people spending their time entertaining everyone - what a fun time!! Thank you to all who watched & participated!! Merry Christmas!!



## Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Hats off to the City for repairing the Main Street lights and especially the light on Main and 5th that has been out for at least 4 years. Thank you.

Thank you Cece and Police Dept. for your efforts with the Christmas Parade. In the beginning, the whole purpose was to encourage the City and others to put up the Christmas Decorations before Christmas was over! Well it sort-of happened but what has happened to the lighted pole decorations that can be put up on 3rd and the highways. Driving through Stratford needs some attention from everyone.

Again my whole interest is in curb appeal to make Stratford a caring, attractive place to stop

Don & Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station Breakfast with Santa was sold out by Nov. 27. Sorry we cannot accommodate more than 60.

### 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 8:15-10:00 a.m.

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



The average American spends two years of his or her life waiting for meals to be served.

## World War 1 Centennial

We are approaching the Centennial of our entrance into WW 1. On April 6, 1917 The United States officially entered this war. For families with ties to Sherman County: Historical Commission would like to honor anyone who had a family member that served in this memorable war.

If you have the name of a family member, neighbor or friend who served please get names, stories and/or pictures to:

Ann Pronger Wells  
 C/O Sherman County  
 Historical Commission  
 PO Box 809  
 Stratford, TX 79084  
 annpwells@yahoo.com  
 806-396-2527

Questions and comments welcome

## 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  
 302 S. Main  
 For more info-call 396-2212  
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6 p.m.  
 Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



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 Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.  
 Miercoles (Wednesday)  
 Servicio De Adoration 11 a.m. Estudio  
 Biblico & Servicio De Oration 6 p.m.  
 Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos  
 Susuinos Durante El Servicio

**Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano**  
 Asambleas De Dios  
 Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela  
 806-366-3071  
 205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188  
 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
 Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
 Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

**Kerrick Community**  
 Pastor Roy Harris  
 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.

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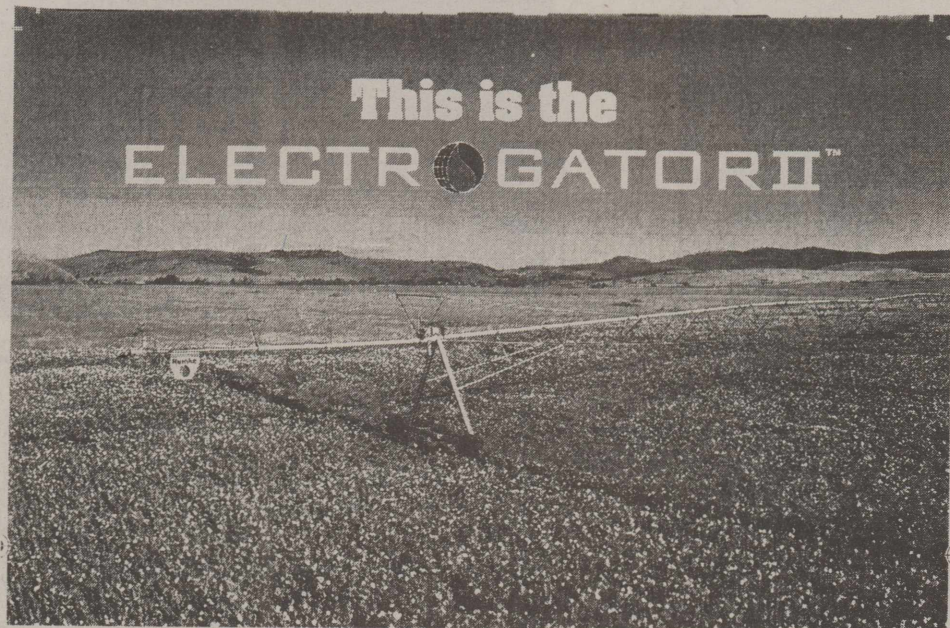


## Card of Thanks

The Stratford Police Department would like to say thanks to everyone that made this year's Christmas parade happen. It was great to see such a good turnout. Again thank you to all involved. Have a Merry Christmas.

Randy Hooks

Chief of Police-Stratford, TX



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## Legacy Offering Respite Care

By Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living in Dalhart, Texas, is now offering Respite Care. Respite Care is short-term admission to Legacy when usual caregivers/family members are unable to provide care for some reason (such as necessary travel, surgery, recuperation, etc.). Respite Care provided basic care services, meals, medication distribution as well as an opportunity to make new friends, participate in activities and have personal interaction with caring staff and other residents. Twenty-four hour assistance is available with the activation of the call-bell system.

One beautiful apartment is completely furnished (like a hotel), so the respite recipient will only need to bring their own clothes and medications. The goal of respite care is to provide a homelike atmosphere where residents can thrive while under supervision.

With the holiday season upon us now, please consider Respite Care as a valuable alternative while caregivers travel, rest, and prepare for holiday activities. Legacy would be delighted to provide tours of the new apartment. Respite Care can be a benefit of some long-term care insurance policies. Legacy is proud to offer this new service to the community. Please call 806244-1450 if you have questions or inquiries

Wishing you a

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year

## First State Bank

302 N. Main

Invites you to join us for our

## Customer Appreciation Open House

Refreshments will be served and we will have a drawing for two \$50.00 gift cards.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Santa will join us  
at 2:00 p.m.

Bring your kids by  
to get their photo  
with Santa!



## Business Directory

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Phone: 806-366-5557

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Sabrina Melton

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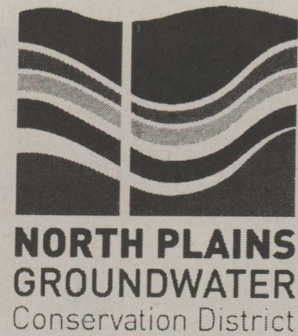
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Shown at left are Bob Zimmer, Danny Hardcastle, Lynn Tate and Jim Haley voting members of GMA 1



#### GMA 1 Approves Desired Future Conditions for Panhandle Counties

For more information contact: Kirk Welch kwelch@northplainsgcd.org (806) 935-6401

**Amarillo**-The four-member committee in charge of planning for the Panhandle's future groundwater needs approved goals that will affect water policy in the area for the next 50 years. The Groundwater Management Area 1 (GMA 1) Joint Planning Committee (JPC), comprised of a representative from the four groundwater conservation districts within GMA 1 and one at-large member, approved a resolution at their November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting that establishes Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the 18 counties in GMA 1. A DFC is a goal for the volume of water to be left in the aquifer at a specific point in the future. The approval is the culmination of a three-year process that included joint planning between the districts, public meetings across the districts, and public comment periods for citizens to have input into the process.

"We appreciate the commitment of all involved in the process to insure we are doing our best to be good stewards of the resource today and planning for the future quality of life of all citizens of the region," said Bob Zimmer, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPGCD) board president and chairman of the JPC. Danny Krienke, NPGCD Director for Ochiltree County and Secretary of the NPGCD board, serves as the GMA 1 representative on the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group. GMA 1 is made up of all or part of the following groundwater conservation districts: Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District (HCUWCD), High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPUWCD), NPGCD and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD).

A resolution of adoption of the DFCs, along with the explanatory report detailing the consideration process, will be sent to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for review. TWDB staff will check to insure that legal and administrative procedures were followed throughout the creation of the DFCs. Once approved by the TWDB, and barring any protest by an affected party, the DFCs will take effect.

According to the Texas Water Code, the JPC was charged to adopt DFCs that will "...provide a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of groundwater in the management area."

The DFCs approved by the JPC are as follows:

- At least 40 percent of volume in storage remaining in 50 years, for the period 2012 - 2062 collectively in Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties;
- At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining in 50 years, for the period 2012 - 2062 collectively in Hansford, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree Counties and that portion of Hutchinson County within NPGCD.
- At least 50 percent of volume in storage remaining in 50 years, for the period 2012 - 2062 in Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchinson, Oldham, Roberts, and Wheeler Counties; and portions of Armstrong and Potter Counties within the PGCD;
- At least 80 percent of volume in storage remaining in 50 years for the period 2012 - 2062, within the HCUWCD;
- Approximately 20 feet of total average drawdown in 50 years for the period 2012 - 2062, collectively in Randall County and in Armstrong and Potter Counties within the HPUWCD.

The JPC adopted the following DFCs for the Dockum Aquifer in the GMA 1 Joint Planning Area:

- At least 40 percent of the available drawdown remaining in 50 years for the period 2012 -2062 collectively for Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties
- No more than 30 feet average decline in water levels in 50 years for the period 2012 -2062 collectively in Carson and Oldham Counties and in Armstrong and Potter Counties within the PGCD; and
- The total average drawdown is approximately 40 feet in 50 years for the period 2012 -2062, collectively in Randall County, and in Armstrong and Potter Counties within the HPUWCD.

The JPC designated the Blaine Aquifer in Wheeler County as non-relevant for the purposes of joint planning.

In the process of establishing DFCs, the JPC was required to consider the following factors listed in Texas Water Code Section 36.108(d)(1 - 9):

- (1) aquifer uses or conditions within the management area, including conditions that differ substantially from one geographic area to another;
- (2) the water supply needs and water management strategies included in the state water plan;
- (3) hydrological conditions, including for each aquifer in the management area the total estimated recoverable storage as provided by the TWDB Executive Administrator and the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge;
- (4) other environmental impacts, including impacts on spring flow and other interactions between groundwater and surface water;
- (5) the impact of subsidence;
- (6) socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur;
- (7) the impact on the interests and rights in private property, including ownership and the rights of management area landowners and their lessees and assigns in groundwater as recognized under Texas Water Code Section 36.002;
- (8) the feasibility of achieving the DFCs; and
- (9) any other information relevant to the specific DFCs;

All supporting documents for the DFC planning and adoption process are available to the public at [www.panhandlewater.org](http://www.panhandlewater.org).

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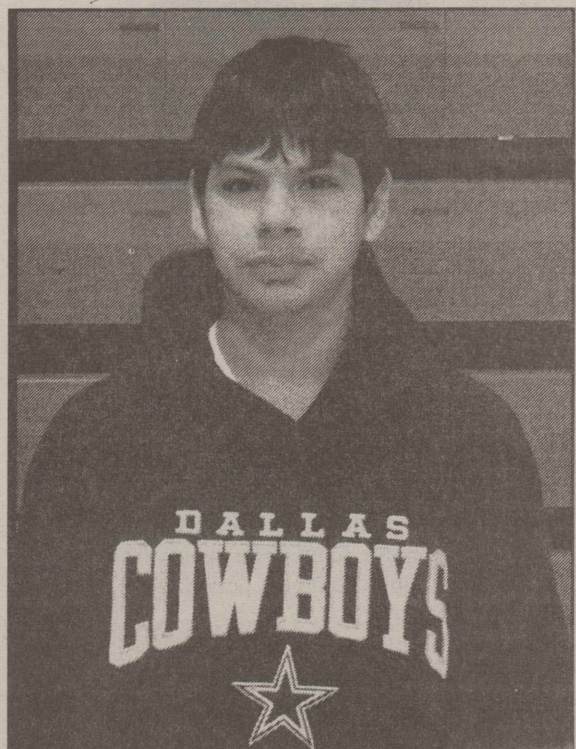
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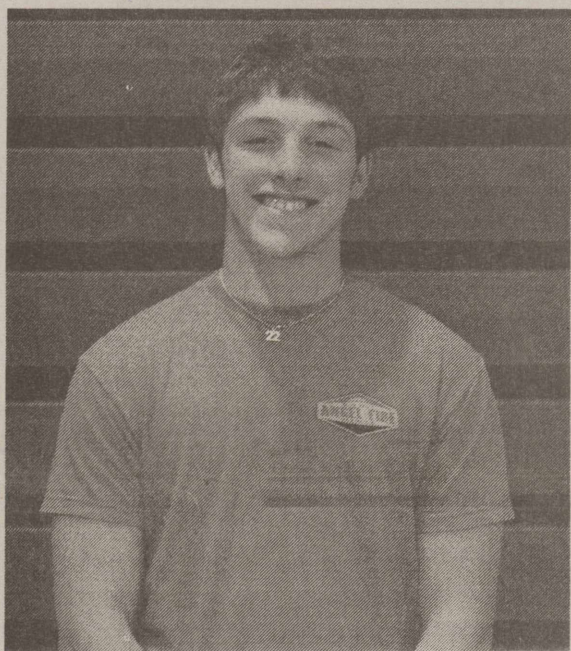


**Romero to Attend U.S. Inauguration 2017**

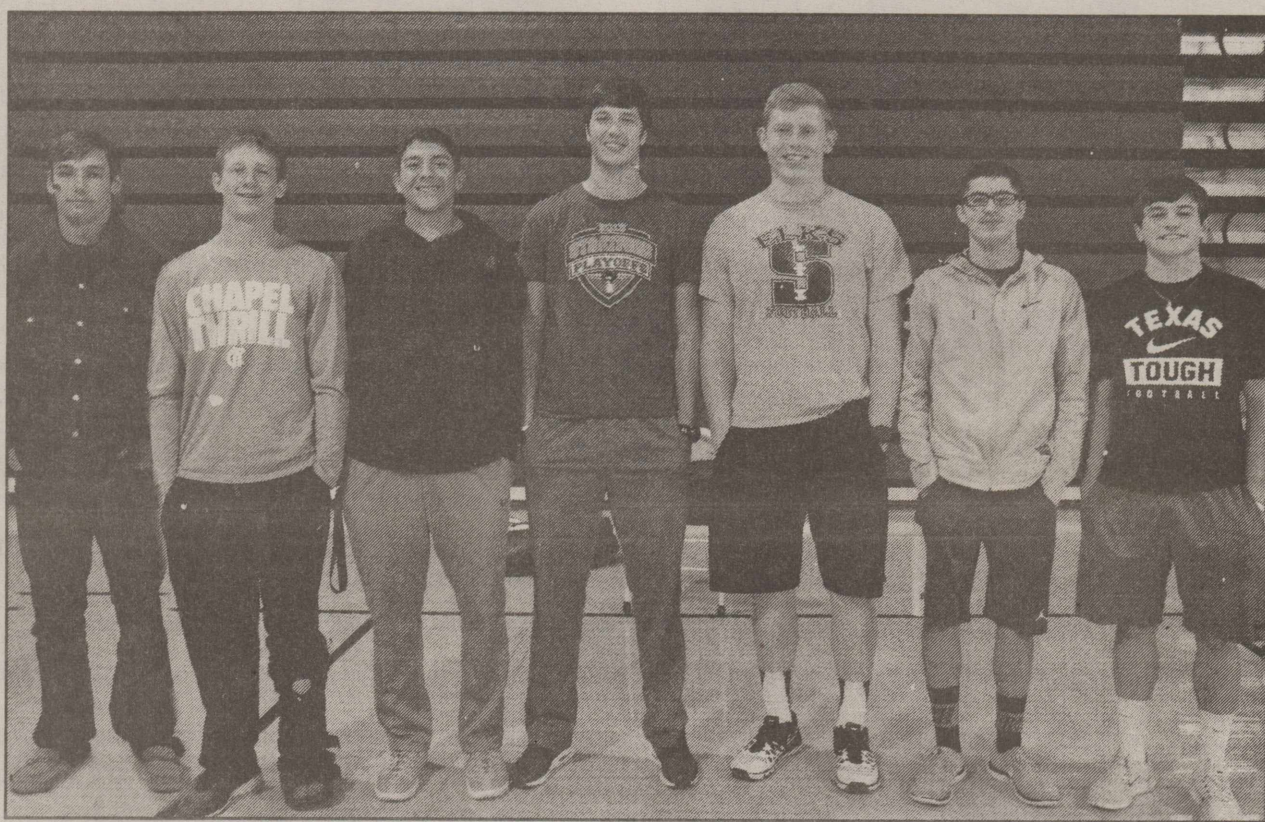
Stratford High School sophomore Ulysses Romero has been selected to participate in the MISLE/Close-Up Program in Washington, DC for the Inauguration January 15-21, 2016. Students will arrive in Washington, DC on Monday, January 15 and will have the opportunity to attend and tour famous monuments as well as walk the halls of Capitol Hills in addition to attending the Inauguration.



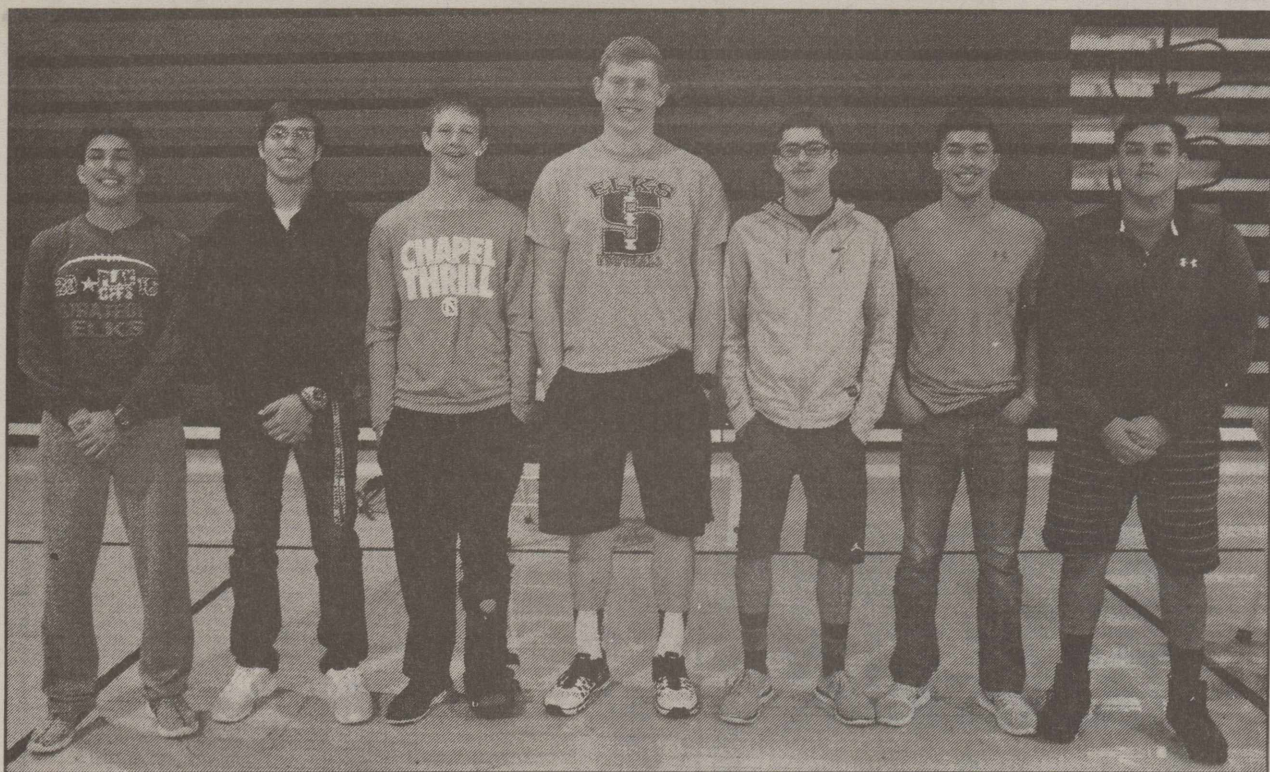
2016 Academic All-District Cross Country B/F-L/R: Allie James, Justin Duran, Astrid Valenzuela, Janeht Bravo, Elizabeth Martinez, Lilibeth Ibarra, Eiyelene Torres, Sonia Lopez, and Vanessa Gonzalez.



Senior Gage Brooks runningback/linebacker for the Stratford Elks was named District MVP.

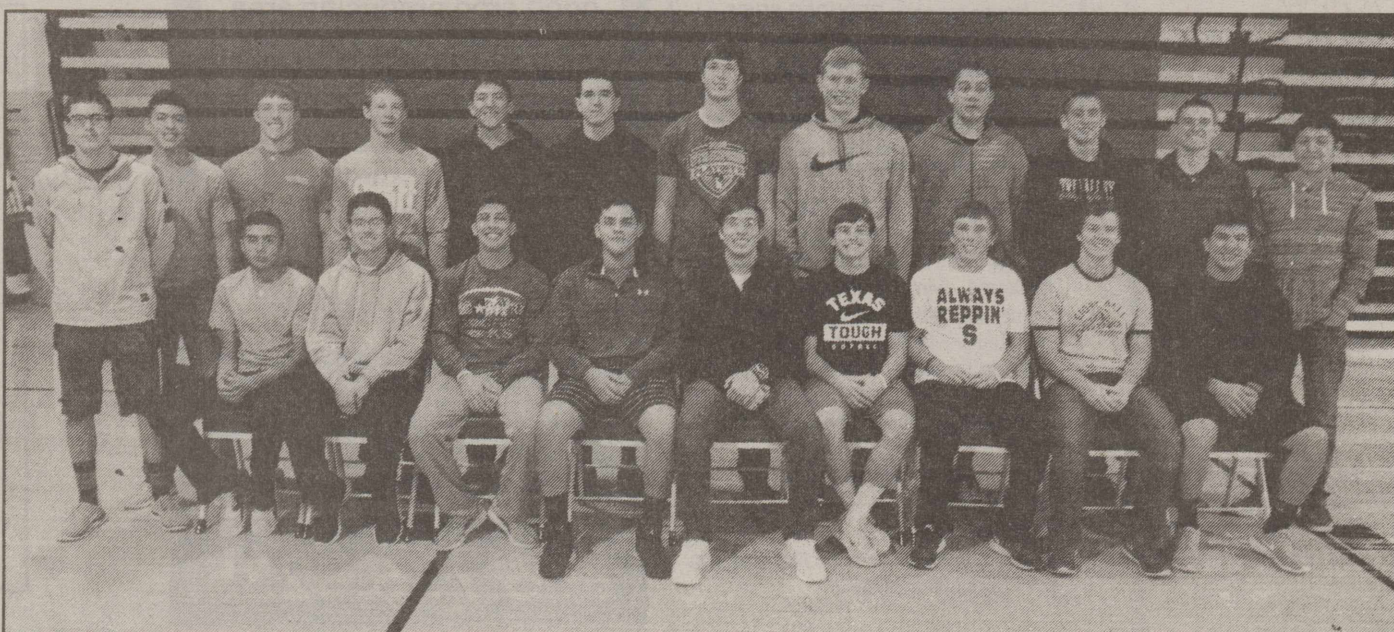


Stratford Elks named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense and Defense 2016 District 1-2A All District Team from left: Bronc Hodges - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense - LB; Kade McBryde - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense - LB; Jaime Jacquez - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense Secondary; Russell Spurlock - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense - OL; Parker Hanna - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense - OL; Daniel DeCasas - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense - RB; and Shay Hess - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense - RB and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense - Secondary.



Stratford Elks named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense and Defense 2016 1-2A All District Team from left: Julio Duran - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense TE and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense LB; Fernando Jacquez - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense Secondary; Kade McBryde - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense QB; Parker Hanna - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense - DL; Daniel DeCasas - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense Secondary; Sergio Guerrero - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defense LB and Ruben Gonzalez - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offense - OL.

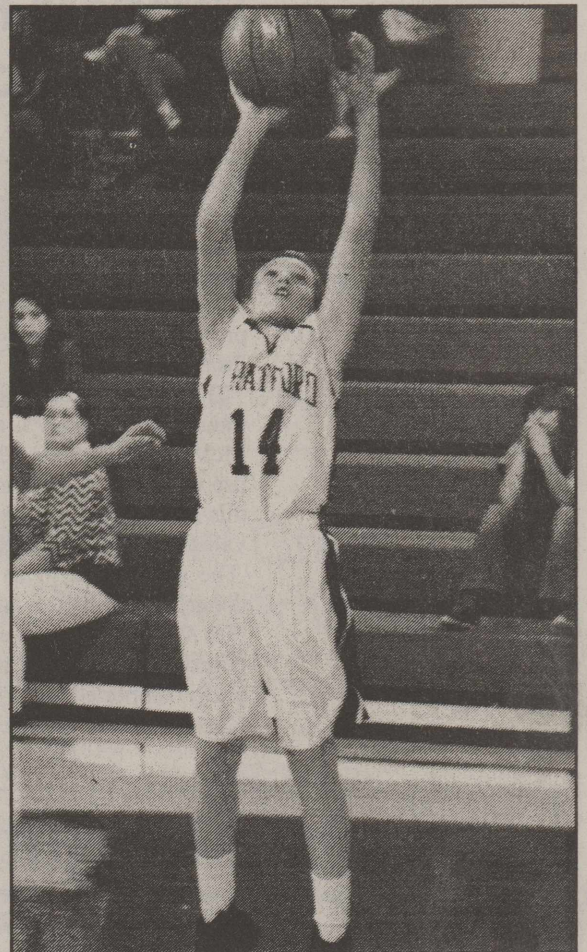
2016 Academic All-District Football B/F - L/R: Daniel DeCasas, Sergio Guerrero, Gage Brooks, Kade McBryde, Jaime Jacquez, Luis Carrillo, Russell Spurlock, Parker Hanna, Noah Harris, Scott Thompson, Colten Lanning, Pedro Ortega, Blake Rios, Francisco Barajas, Julio Duran, Ruben Gonzalez, Fernando Jacquez, Shay Hess, Bret Barnard, Zorro Daniels, and Luis Mendoza.







The Stratford Elks start the basketball season off winning the Vega Tournament held Dec. 1-3, 2016. L/R are Shay Hess, Kade McBryde, Fernando Jacquez, Julio Duran, Jaime Jacquez, Colten Lanning, Gage Brooks, Russell Spurlock, Parker Hanna, Bret Barnard, Noah Harris, Blake Rios, Pedro Ortega and water boys Chase Lantelme and Jackson Wyatt.

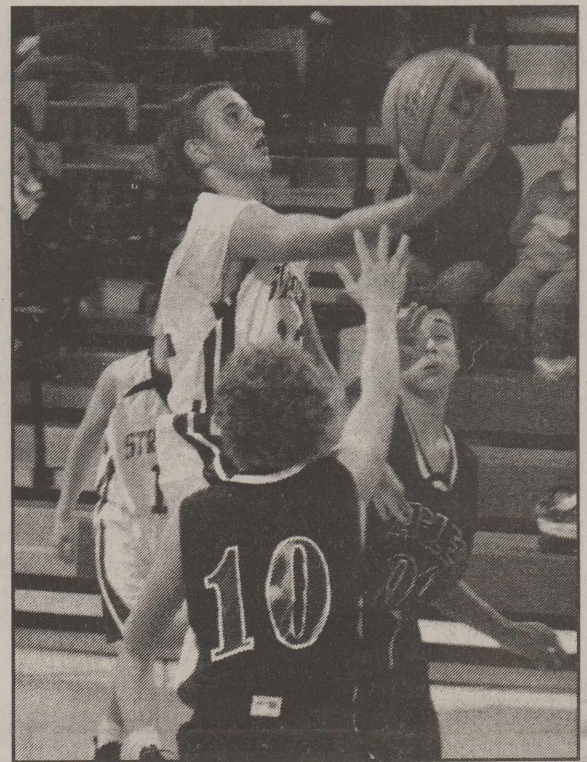


#14 Trever Bell scores for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Elks against Fritch on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Basketball



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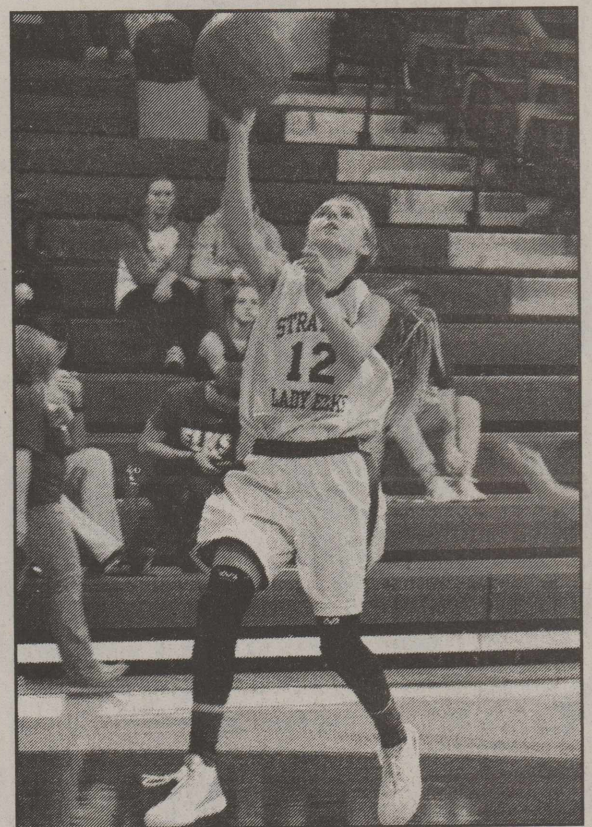
8<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Brit McQuitty scores for the Elks against Fritch.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #44 Holly Sladek pulls up for the shot against Fritch.



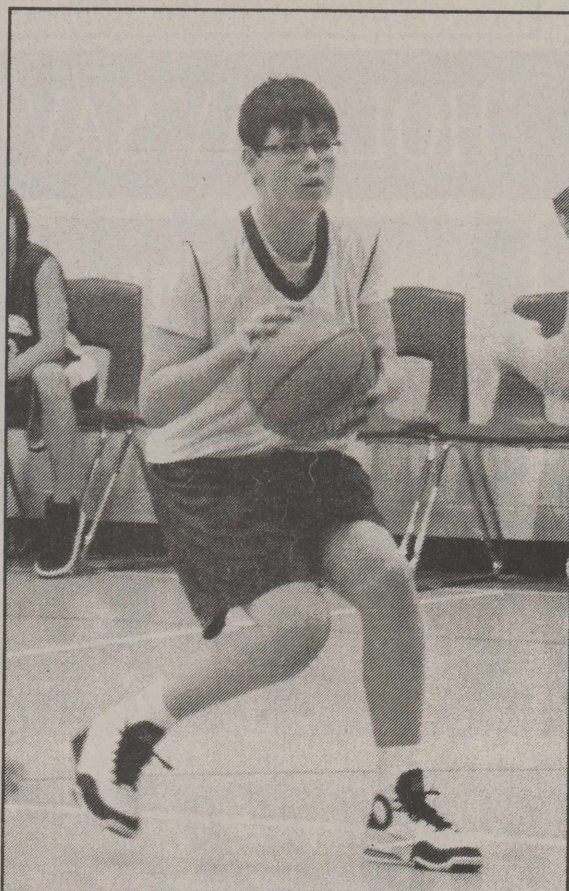
8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #00 Reagan Audrain scores in the Lady Elks win over Fritch.



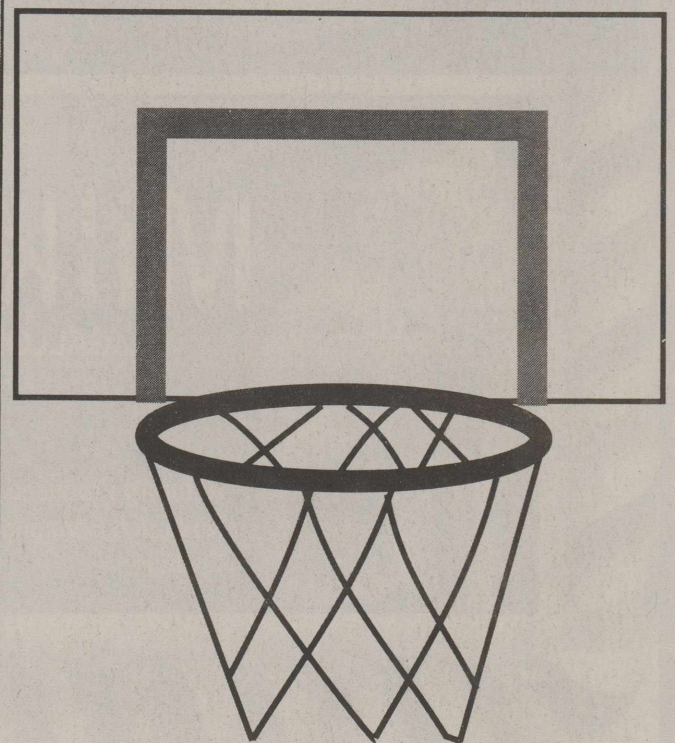
8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #12 Rese Schoonover scores on the layup against Fritch on Monday, November 28, 2016.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elk #21 Sonia Mayorga shoots the layup against Fritch.



7<sup>th</sup> grade Elk Tyler Smith sets up for the shot against Fritch.





## Stratford High School Graduate Chosen to Work in Washington, D.C.

COLLEGE STATION - John "Kavan" Killian, a 2012 graduate of Stratford High School and an Agricultural Leadership and Development major at Texas A&M University, recently began a fall 2016 internship in Washington, D.C. Kavan will spend the fall as an integral part of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Kavan is one of 14 students selected for a policy internship through the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy (ANRP) Internship Program at Texas A&M University. Kavan's duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, and preparing reports for senior staff members. Kavan is the son of John and Jill Killian of Stratford, TX.

"The ANRP Internship Program is one of few in the nation specifically geared toward transforming today's agricultural students into tomorrow's leaders," said Stephanie McMillen, director of the ANRP Internship Program. "Through this opportunity, students use what they have learned in the classroom in a professional work setting. Not only will this D.C. experience be attractive to future employers, but our students are also providing valuable assistance to the offices in which they intern."

The program is in its 26<sup>th</sup> year of sending students to Washington, D.C. to work in congressional offices and other agricultural organizations. Since its inception, more than 900 Aggies have worked in Washington, D.C. through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship as well as a scholarship in the form of housing, which is partly supported by private donors and commodity organizations. To learn more about Kavan's and his experiences, visit the program's website at [anrp.tamu.edu](http://anrp.tamu.edu).



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