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Tapes To Arrive Soon

The professionally produced videos of the State Championship should be here shortly. The tapes will be available from Stratford ISD for a nominal charge. The district will publish more information as it becomes available.



Vincent Selected To Serve On State Economic Board

The Texas Economic Development has announced its Board of Directors for the 2001-2003 program years. Lorie Vincent, Executive Director of the High Ground of Texas has been selected to serve on the board for this term. The board of directors are nominated by a select committee and voted on by the 800+ members of this state association of Economic Development Professionals. The TEDC Board consists of 34 individuals including 24 Active Members selected by the membership, five Officers, the immediate Past Chairman of the Board and the Chair of the Texas Economic Development Sales Tax Alliance. The TEDC organization meets four times a year and has 16 active committees whose activities take place throughout the program year.

Lorie Vincent most recently served as the Chairman of the TEDC Agriculture Committee and continues to serve on the TEDC Education Committee and Community Economic Development Awards Committee. She also currently serves on the Panhandle Workforce Development Committee and the Texas Department of Economic Development Rural Advisory Committee. She has served as the Treasurer for the Texas Regional Development Corporation and as a member of the Leadership Texas Alumnae Association. She is a presenter for many educational programs including the REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiatives Course) Program and is a Certified Trainer for the Volunteer Economic Development Training Course sponsored by the Texas Economic Development Council.

The High Ground of Texas is a Marketing Alliance and Regional Economic Development Organization for the northern 54 counties in Texas. Mike Hatley, Past President of the High Ground of Texas and Economic Developer from Sweetwater, Texas also serves on the TEDC Board of Directors.

Centennial 2001 Meeting Jan. 17

The planning committee for the 2001 Stratford Centennial Celebration will be held Wednesday, January 17 at noon at Rendon's Headquarters Restaurant. All persons interested in the Stratford Centennial Celebration is invited and encouraged to attend. Each organization is asked to have a representative present. Events discussed; cookbook, May 5-12 celebrations, Ex-Students, Stratford Jamboree etc.

XIT A&M Club To Meet

The XIT A&M Club will have a meeting on Sunday, January 14 at 7 p.m. in Dalhart. (Ask an Aggie later in week about location).

Judging Team will be coming through. This is the first meeting so Election of officers and Scholarship review will be on the agenda. Hope to see you there.



Stratford Elks 2000 Class 1A State Champions

Varsity Cheerleaders Selling State Champ Shirts

The Varsity Cheerleaders will be selling State Champ shirts starting this week. All proceeds earned from the sale will be donated to Corey Naugle and Sid Resendes to help defray their expenses to the Down Under Bowl in Australia this summer. There will be three types of shirts available. Short sleeved T-shirts will be available in youth small, medium and large sizes. Adult sizes will range from small through XXXL. The price for a short sleeved T-shirt is \$15.00. Long sleeved t-shirts will be available only in adult sizes. Those sizes will range from adult small through adult XXL. There will not be youth sizes or adult XXXL sizes in the long sleeved T-shirt. The price for these items is \$25.00. Sweatshirts are also available for \$30.00. Sweatshirt sizes include youth small, medium, and large with adult sizes ranging from small to XXL.

All shirts will be royal blue with a three-color design on the front and the football roster on the back. You may order a shirt by calling 366-3336 during the day. Order forms will be sent home with all SISD students. The shirt design may be viewed at the Stratford ISD homepage (www.stratfordisd.net). Click on play-off shirts. Shirts must be paid for before they will be ordered.

Can Stratford Be Included on the Birding Trail Map?

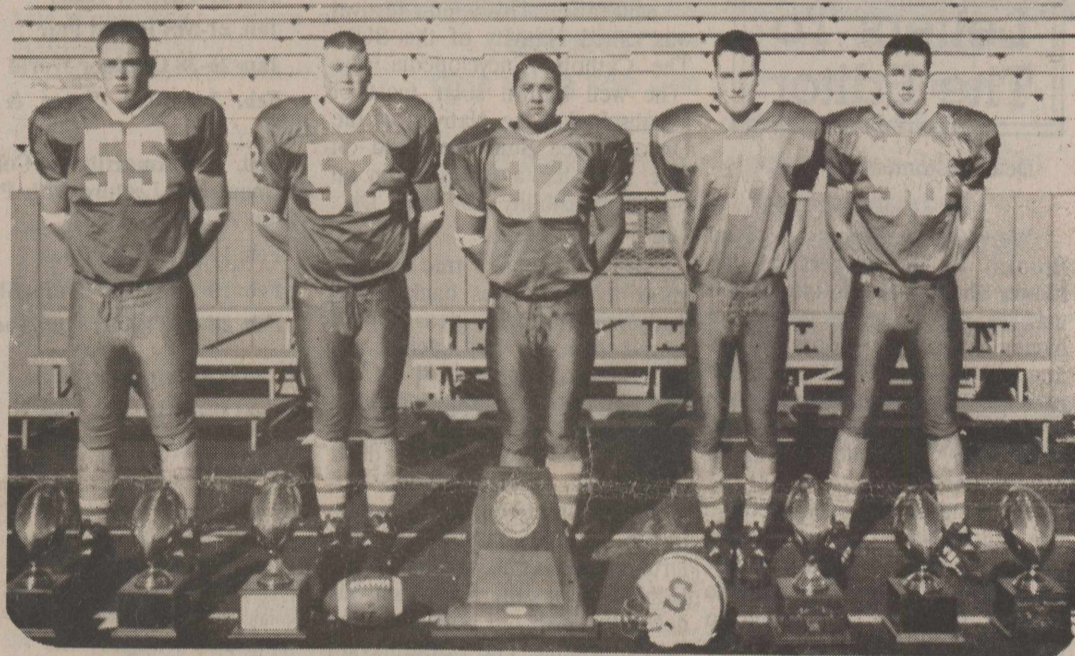
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The Birding Trail maps are a result of the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program division of The Transportation Equity Act for 21st Century (TEA-21). The Texas Department of Transportation Administers the TEA-21 programs in Texas.

Birding Trail maps for South Texas can be seen in the windows of The Stratford Star. A map of Birding sites for the Texas Panhandle is being developed. Texas Parks and Wildlife is seeking nominations for sites in the Texas Panhandle. Nomination forms are available at Stratford Star on Stratford Chamber of Commerce.

Quarterly Transportation Meeting Thursday, Jan. 18

Those interested in transportation are invited to the quarterly transportation meeting, Thursday, January 18 at noon at Rendon's Headquarters Restaurant. Several transportation announcements of interested to Sherman County and Stratford will be made at this time.



All-State Honorees

Named to the second team on the Class 1A All-State Team from left: Defensive Lineman Wes Kimball, Offensive Lineman Nick Ashley, and Running Back Sid Resendes. Quarterback Adam Bell and Linebacker Skyler Walden received Honorable Mention. Congratulations - Great Job Guys!!



All-District Picks

Named to the 2000 1st Team All District were Quarterback Adam Bell, Running Back Sid Resendes, Tight End Corey Naugle, Receiver Rene Vital, Offensive Lineman - Nick Ashley, Wes Kimball, Gilbert Gutierrez, Center Skyler Walden, Defensive Lineman - Wes Kimball and Nick Ashley, Linebackers - Corey Naugle and Skyler Walden, Defensive End Adam Reed, and Defensive Back Adam Bell. Named 2nd Team All-District was Michael McAlister for Receiver, Defensive Back, and Punter and Nick Ashley for Kicker. Receiving Honorable Mention Honors were Craig Moore, Wes Hunsaker, Javier Licon and Jaret Pemberton. Shown kneeling from left: Nick Ashley, Sid Resendes, Gilbert Gutierrez, Adam Bell, Corey Naugle, Javier Licon, and Jaret Pemberton. Shown standing from left: Rene Vital, Wes Kimball, Adam Reed, Skyler Walden, Craig Moore, Michael McAlister, and Wes Hunsaker. Congratulations!!



Town Meeting Held

Shown at left: Representative Warren Chisum was on hand at Rendon Headquarters on Wednesday morning, January 3, 2001 for a Town Hall Meeting. Representative Chisum visited several Panhandle towns last week.

Swine Showmanship Workshop Jan. 13th

Sherman County 4-H members wanting to learn more about showing their swine project at the county show are encouraged to attend a Swine Showmanship Workshop Saturday, January 13. The workshop will be held at the County Animal Barn and will be conducted by Jeff Kautz, Carla Bell, and other teen 4-H leaders. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, contact the County Extension Office.

4-H Sporting Club To Meet January 11

The Sherman County 4-H Sporting Club will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Sherman County Courthouse. All first year project members are required to attend as the program will be the required safety education meeting. For more information, contact James Gillenwaters at 727-4628 or Brad Reed.

4-H Livestock Show Update

4-H members planning to show an animal in the upcoming county Stock Show are reminded that "no-pass/no-play" rules apply also when in 4-H and with livestock projects. Members are asked to check with their teachers about their grades immediately. If a 4-H, FFA, or Junior FFA members is not passing their classes at school, their animal cannot be shown nor sold at the county stock show. This rule also applies at the major stock shows upcoming in February and March. Eligibility will be checked before the shows.

Entries for the county stock show will be accepted through January 15th, but the fees will be doubled. Letters were mailed to all 4-H Livestock project members in early December with information about the county show, project forms, concession responsibilities, and entry cards. The Extension Office asked that you please check your mail and read all letters to become familiar with activities and responsibilities.

4-H To Host Concession

Sherman County 4-H will be sponsoring the concession at the annual Livestock Show and Sale January 25-27th. Each 4-H family will be receiving a letter through the mail informing them of their responsibilities of work and food donation. Please read the letter carefully and make plans to fulfill these responsibilities. For more information, contact the County Extension Office.

SCDC Annual Membership Meeting

The Sherman County Development Committee will be holding their Annual Membership meeting on Friday, January 19, 2001. It will be held at the County Barn, beginning at 11:45 a.m. We will be having Hamburgers for lunch and have invited a guest speaker. Watch next week's paper for further details. We hope you will come and join us.

Obits

Beulah Martha Bardwell

Stratford-Beulah Martha Bardwell, 81, died Sunday, January 7, 2001 in Dumas.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, 2001 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Bob Sweeten, pastor and Sharyn Larsen, lay minister of Guymon, OK, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Bardwell was born in Potter County. She lived in Sherman County since 1942 and moved to Dumas in 1999. She worked for the city of Stratford and Stratford Butane for many years.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church of Stratford. She married Garland Bardwell in 1941 at Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Jeanette West of Dumas and Paulette Palmer of Stratford; two sisters Bertie May Whitaker and Minnie Belle Sharp, both of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second, Dumas, TX 79029; or the activity fund at Memorial Nursing and Rehabilitation, 302 E. Second, Dumas, TX 79029.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Customers:

We (Chris Eggers & Tina Brooks) as the owners of the Flower Shack regret to inform you that we are in grave danger of having to close our doors. This is due to the fact that we have chosen in the past to extend credit to many of our customers. We have many customers both in Stratford and out of town that pay their bill as soon as they receive one. But we also have too many that take advantage of our 30 day credit policy. We sell a perishable product so there is nothing to repossess, there for what recourse do we have.

It is my opinion that it is a luxury both to have a local flower shop & to send flowers to a friend or loved one. If you can't afford to send them maybe you should not assume that I can afford to send them for you. The sender gets to take all of the credit while my shop gets to pay the bill. Does that seem fair?

My partner and I have both taken part time jobs so that we can continue to send flowers to your loved ones and not get any of the credit for it. This will soon have to end, as we each have a family of our own to support. We understand that sometimes things arise that are unforeseen and hinder your ability to pay your bills on time. We hear many sad stories about why the bill is 90 days old or older and our customers cannot pay it yet. Let me tell you a sad story of children not having the parental guidance of a mom because she is working 70 plus hours a week on her feet for minimum wage so she can keep her dream of owning a flower shop open, only to find that her dream has turned into a nightmare. We are a small business and operate on a shoe string budget. On review of our books for the year 2000 we have discovered that our customers owe us thousands of dollars. That may not seem like much but the amount owed would pay our bills and allow us to operate for several months.

With Valentines, Prom, Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Graduation just around the corner, if these debts can be collected we can remain open to service things like weddings, birthdays, and funerals in the future otherwise the shops in Dumas will be happy to service your needs for a minimum order of \$30.00 and a delivery fee of \$10.00

We would appreciate your attention in this matter as it is imperative to our business. These are hard times for everyone so can you please pay us so I can pay them and they can pay him and he can pay you.

The Flower Shack

Arts in the Area

By Gayle Rife

*** denotes new listing

- Jan 12-13 Kwahadi Dancers Winter Ceremonials 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2-3 Sunset Center at Joyce's Catering 806-372-6275
- Jan 13 Tony Bennett 8:00 p.m.
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 18-28 "Ain't Misbehavin'" Musical (Touring Production)
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-365-9991 8:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20 COPLAND & 2001 Trumpet 8:00 p.m.
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan 31 West Texas A&M University Opera 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 1-2 Moody Northern Recital Hall 806-651-2840
- Feb. 2-4 "Always... Patsy Cline" (Back Again)
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-365-9991 8:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 "Lift Every Voice" Spiritual Amarillo Opera 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Feb. 6 "Jekyll & Hyde" Broadway Series 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-4297
- Feb. 8-11 "Godspell" Branding Iron Theatre
Feb. 15-18 West Texas A&M Canyon 806-651-2840
- Feb. 8-10 Circus Gatti
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 10 LaRita Valentine Dinner Theatre,
"Ain't Misbehavin'" ALT Touring Production
Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646
- Feb. 17 SHOSTAKOVICH'S FIFTH Piano
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 20 George Jones
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 24 Russian Classics Gala- St. Petersburg Ballet Theatre
Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463

Dear Editor

Was Jesus Born Dec. 25th?

Part 2 Continued

Then Why On This Date?

The early Christians commemorated the death of Christ (1 Cor. 11:26), not his birth. For centuries the pagan celebrated Dec. 25th as the birth of the sun-god. By the fifth century the Roman Church was ordering that the birth of Christ be forever observed on Dec. 25th, even though this was the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, one of the names of the sun-god!

Mithraism... This winter festival was called Nativity of the SUN. The Catholic Encyclopedia says "The well known solar feast of Natalis Invicti the Nativity of the Unconquered Sun celebrated on Dec. 25th, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our Dec. date!"

The Christmas, tree as we know it, only dates back a few centuries, though ideas about scared trees are very ancient. An old Babylon fable told of an evergreen tree which sprang out of a dead tree stump. The old tree stump symbolized the dead Nimrod, the new evergreen tree symbolized that Nimrod had come to life again in Tammuz. To the Druids the oak was sacred. To the Romans it was the Fir, which was decorated with red berries during the Saturnalia. The Scandinavian god Odin was believed to bestow special gifts at yuletide to those who approached his sacred fir tree.

With all of this in mind, compare a statement of Jeremiah with todays customs of decorating a Christmas tree. "The customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the work man with the axe. They deck it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not" (Jer. 10:3,4) I am not implying people today are making idols of these trees. However, such customs do provide clear examples of how Babylon traditions have been mixed with Christianity.

Tertullian writes of the practice of exchanging gifts as part of the Saturnalia. Saturnalia. is a pagan winter festival of sun worship. It's okay to give gifts. The Israelites gave gifts to each other at times of celebration (Esther 9:22). However, Christmas gifts can not be linked to those presented to Jesus by the wisemen. Jesus was not "lying in a manger" when the wisemen came, but was in a house (Matt 2:9-11). Also, they presented their gifts to Jesus, not to each other. If you want to give gifts, go ahead, just tell your children the Biblical truth.

In the sixth century, missionaries were sent through the northern part of Europe to gather pagans into the Roman church. They noticed June 24th was celebrated by the Druids with

blazing fires in honor of Baal. Many historians tell of these ceremonial fires in different countries. June 25th became St. Johns Day, the sacred fires were also adopted as "St. John's fires"! I believe it would better honor Molech than John the Baptist.

There are others, Feb. 2nd, Aug. 15th, etc., however, we have covered enough to make the point. Pagan traditions have been Christianized!!

Let me say again, so I am not misunderstood, I am not suggesting a changing the time of Christmas. I am saying that either

the Bible or our traditions should stand the test of which is correct. None of us, either layman or pastor should be afraid of searching for the facts and the truth.

Elliott Crabtree

Upcoming Events At Amarillo Civic Center

- Jan. 12-14 Country Peddler Arts & Crafts Show
- Jan. 12-14 Antique Show
- Jan. 20-Taste of Texas
- Jan. 21-MS Bridal Fair
- Jan. 26-28 Outdoor World
- Feb. 2-4 Boat, Sport & RV Show
- Feb. 6-Amarillo College Distinguished Lecture with Patch Adams AC 806-371-5321
- Feb. 10-Men Who Cook
- Feb. 10-11 Arts & Crafts Show
- Feb. 24-26 Pioneer Gun Show

COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2000

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, November 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following councilmembers present: Craig Bell, Randy Williams, Blake Confer, Marcus Lavake, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Ric Walton, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jon King, City Attorney; and Jim Dewees, Chief of Police.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Craig Bell motioned to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2000 and the October 12, 2000 meetings with corrections, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Eddie Williams arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Eddie Williams, Fire Chief, was present to discuss the purchase of the rescue tool. This new equipment will replace the existing equipment, which is approximately 27 years old. The approximate cost of the equipment is \$8,100.00. Eddie stated he is on the agenda to talk to the county commissioners, to help with the cost of the equipment. The old rescue tool will be kept as a back-up tool. Eddie also reported the extra old bunker gear the fire department has will be donated to the Texhoma Fire Department, the council sees no problem with donating the gear.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discuss repair/replacement of warning siren. The warning siren on North Fourth Street is not working. The county has contacted Kel-Tex to look at the siren. Kel-Tex stated the motor could not be fixed. Consensus of the council is to send the motor to Electric Motor Service and see if the motor can be re-wound. The consensus of the council is to represent the bill from Kel-Tex to the county. The city's budget is

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January 8, 2001

Dear Marty-

What a pleasure it has been to follow the Stratford Elk Football Team the past few months. The quality of their actions as well as the quality of football has been tremendous. Our entire coaching staff at Stratford ISD, both boys and girls, is made up of good men first, good teachers next and then finally good coaches. Our young people have little choice on how to act with the examples of men of this quality standing in front of them. While we were in Waco, the hotel we stayed at could not believe we had almost seventy young people staying there and yet they had no customer complaints, vandalism or horseplay. Our students represented Stratford in the most positive way and we should all be proud. With all the negative press about the country's youth, it is refreshing to watch the students of our panhandle area and Stratford ISD in particular. The Districts expectations (academic standards, dress code, etc) are all representative of the type of standards we, as a community and school require of our students. Our school and community work together and that's not the case in some other places. Our entire teaching and auxiliary staff, band directors and coaches, are to be commended for adhering to, and succeeding with the high standards we as a community and school have set for them. I want to thank Mr. B.A. Donelson and the First State Bank for providing us with the opportunity of chartering a bus for the cheerleaders to get to Waco in comfort. As with any kind of business, our people are our strength. The strong efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and community combine to produce amazing accomplishments. This strength correlates to success in the classroom, on the basketball court, in the band hall and on the football field. Congratulations to the 2000 State of Texas 1A Football Champions: The Stratford Elks.

Sincerely Jim Taliaferro

Younger Texans 4-H Club

Younger Texans 4-H Club will be meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Western Organics Building located behind Thriftway Grocery. Sandy Williams will be presenting the program on Feeding Our Feathered Friends.

4-H Horse Club

First meeting of the New Year will be Saturday, January 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Ted and Deide Ziemans home.

A veterinarian will be there to discuss care, maintenance, and examination of your horse. A hamburger cook-out will follow.

The term veto comes from the Latin word for "I forbid."

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Timis Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizens this crisp thirty degree Fahrenheit Monday morning January 8, 2001.

Due to the pressure of Christmas festivities, football and basketball and birthdays we really grasp for something of community interest to write about. An event that takes place today (Monday, January 8, 2001) is the arrival of the Allan Haile family to attend the basketball between Friona Chieftains and Stratford Elks. Can readers imagine the spot we are in?

Need we mention there is sorrow in the loss of loved ones—namely Charles Beaman, which has already been mentioned and lately the brother of Molly Griffin, which occurred in Flagstaff, AZ in collision of several cars.

An important birthday in the Aro family was that of Devan Nichole which was held at her aunts house because Devan actually arrived on Aunt Kandi's birthday five years ago—incidentally Devans birthday was just as important to the Baskin Brown, Haile, Coffman and Powers families she is the six generation little person in all families.

Saturday as Timi and Lorelyn were rambling around they stopped at the DQ where friends and Bertha Smith Bible study members, Lillie Galloway, Louella Johnson, Anita DeBord, Cecilia DeBord, were convened, enjoying food, chicken salad sandwiches and showing pictures of their children and grandchildren and great grand children does this lead to the expression to our peers to remember that to pat shoulders and saying luv u are words that still make the world go around.

Sherman County Depot Museum

News

By Millie Hacker

The Museums new exhibit is Old Fashioned pitchers—all kinds. So far we have: water pitchers, cream pitchers, milk pitchers, syrup pitchers. There are hand painted ones, crock pitchers, metal, and glass.

We are showing parts of two collections, from Miss Timmie Brown and Marillyn Harkins. If you have any unusual ones, mark them, please bring them to the museum to show. We would love to exhibit them.

There is a student art on exhibit till the 17th from Cindy Russells' class.

Also on Sale are the Depot Museum Calendars for 2001 for \$8.00 Each. They are filled with lots of old pictures and dedicated bulging!

Stratford Rifle & Pistol Club Meeting

A meeting for all members and prospective members of the Stratford Rifle & Pistol Club will be held on January 10, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. at the range, 720 E. Texas.

Dues will be collected at this time and the combination on the lock will be changed. If you want the new combination you will need to be at the meeting.

New officers will be elected at this meeting. New business will also be discussed at this time.

Please bring any prospective members with you.

If you are interested in learning how to shoot a pistol and have fun while doing it make an effort to be at this meeting.

Younger Texans 4-H Club News

By Reporter Jennie Spurlock

The Younger Texans 4-H Club met December 14 for their Christmas meeting. Thirty-three members and parents were there. Susie Spurlock gave us a program on why we decorate a Christmas Tree and Jean Everett lead us in making a Christmas Tree ornament. Tell Lowe, Kaleb Horsford, and Clayton Johnson provided refreshments. The next meeting will be January 11 at Western Organics Building. Brad Reed will be securing the program on feeding birds.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Santa visited Kerrick Dec. 22 after a delightful program by several people. Merilee McDaniel played two piano selections, "Silent Night" and "Angels We Have Heard on High". Reed Schoonover sang, "Rudolph, the Bowlegged Cowboy". Callie Boren recited Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star with Brice Boren reciting Christmas Star. Kevin Carlisle and Will Boren sang, "Rudolph".

Barbara Schoonover read an original of "Things that never change".

Marjory Munden at the piano and Terry Schoonover with harmonica accompanied Jo June McDaniel as she led all in singing some carols. Marylou McDaniel was emcee.

Sacks of candy and cokes were for all.

Guests included Joe Bill & Jennifer Boren with children Will, Brice, Callie & Ryan of St. Charles, MO.; Raymond & Eula Faye Lewis, Todd Lewis of Guymon; Kelly, Kerry, Kevin & Kole Carlisle, Ropesville; Kelly, Shelby, Hunter & Noah Schoonover, Houston; Bud & Frankie Shields, Paul Aduddell, Stratford.

Others present were Florencia Eslinger, Gary Hudgens, Nita Taylor, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou & Mike McDaniel, Jennifer & M'Lynn Wells, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, Marjory Munden, Dr. Gary Mathews, Virgie Mathews, Bill & Pat Boren, Jo June McDaniel, Minnie & Annette Hampton, Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover. Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Bill, Donna, Jimmy & Kylee Gillenwaters.

There was a gathering of McDaniels in Dumas Dec. 23 where a Mexican dinner was enjoyed by about 40.

In what has become a tradition, several greeted the new year together. Jo June McDaniel opened her home for the event. Food was plentiful as everyone brought something to nibble on. Table games were played until the midnight hours, although some couldn't stay up that late!

Present were Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Gary Hudgens, Florencia Eslinger, Marylou McDaniel, Teri, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel, Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Dr. Gary Mathews.

Making a brief appearance were Bill, Pat, Jennifer, Ryan, Callie, Brice Boren. Joe Bill & Will remained at home with Will not feeling well. Joe Bill and family left Jan. 1 for their St. Charles, Mo., home after being here a week.

Kevin, Kerry, Kevin & Kole of Ropesville spent Christmas here also. The Boren home was bulging!

The Gillenwaters made a trip to Moreland to deliver Christmas packages to the Duane Gillenwaters family and return

grandson Dasan. Spending Christmas day with them were Jimmy, Sundy & Kylee Gillenwaters, and Jo June

McDaniel. Jo had been in Clayton with Penny & Linda Whitson for Christmas Eve.

Dec. 30 Sundy & Kylee went to Wichita, KS., to see her mother. The day before, she and Jimmy had celebrated her birthday as grandma and grandpa kept Kylee.

Christmas night Nita Taylor hosted a dinner at her home. Present were Linda & Poe Keener, Doug & Pam Taylor, Jeremy Bench, Mark, Kelsie & Klinton Keener, Tyler Kirkwood of Arab, Alabama, Jere Don, Maria, Michael & Dylan Keener, Buck Weaver.

Patti McDaniel, Aurora, CO, spent Dec. 22-26 with her mother and brother. While here all visited in Dumas at the home of Thelma & Duane Smith and cousins, Sherri & Lori Hutchison, St. Louis, MO., and Scott, Nita, Mindy & Maura Hutchison of Lubbock.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, was in Kerrick for several days during the holidays.

Mike McDaniel welcomed the New Year in at Lake Charles, LA. Stopping by for a visit on the way to Arizona with Marylou & Mike were Earl & Virginia Brown of Junction City, KS.

Births

Pistol & Jessica Audrain are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Shaylee Renee Audrain. Shaylee was born on January 1, 2001 at N.W.T.H. in Amarillo, TX. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. and 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Keith and Tami King of Stratford, TX. Paternal grandparents are Monty & Sheila Audrain of Stratford, TX and Cindy Pollakowski of Fritch, TX.

If the coils of a French horn were straightened out, the instrument would be 22 feet long.

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The Varsity and JV Cheerleaders would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the football season. A special thanks to Mr. B.A. Donelson for making the arrangements for the charter bus which took us to Waco. Thank you also to each business that donated footballs both for the regular season and for the playoffs. We would like to thank the mothers who donated their time to help make signs for the gym. Our drivers this year included Coach Horsford, Coach Davis and Kenny Palmer. We owe them a big thanks for their time and patience. Our last two Pep Rallies would not have been the same without all the men who comprised the victory line. Thank you, men, for your time and support. A tremendous thank you goes to the band, Mr. Hunsaker and Mr. Witcher. Last but not least we would like to thank those men who took time from their schedules to present the Pep Talk at the Pep Rallies. Thank you Mr. Hunkapiller, Mr. Mires, and Coach Lanning. We are sure we have left out someone because so many people in the community donated time, talent and effort during this football season. Be assured that the orthission was not intentional.

We want to thank everyone who helped us when H.G. had his accident. Words can't express our gratitude. It is a privilege to live in a community where people live with Christian principles of caring & giving help to others. The Stratford EMS, Jimmy Lanning, Josie Lyford, Lloyd King who came to get him, are super efficient and caring. The life flight crew, Doctors, Nurses & Staff at both N.W.T.H.S. & BSA were great. We appreciate all our family, friends, & neighbors, who sent flowers, called, visited, picked up our children & kept them, while we were at the hospital. A special thank you, to some of the people who were there for us all the way - David, Steven & Cody, Jim & Ineta Cheshier, Mary Stowers, Carol Cheshier, Dean & Susan Williamson, Dr. Ann Friemel, Mr. Hunkapiller, Roland & Carolyn Brooks, Paul & Darlene Dickey.

H.G. & Dean Houston

Cards of Thanks
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First Assembly of God

Rev. Dean Williamson
921 Fulton
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Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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Sunday School - 10 a.m.
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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

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Sueninos Durante El Servicio.



Dorothy Haile and Barbara Chumley are showing a t-shirt about windmills at Texas Heritage program of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club last week. Videos by Dr. Marion Haile Williams are also available on "Windmills" in which Timmie Brown, Stratford and J.W. Buchanan, Spearman, are featured.

Prospectus Study Club

A video about Windmills, made by Dr. Marion Williams, featuring J.W. Buchanan of Spearman and his windmill collection was Texas Heritage program for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. The video also featured Dr. Williams father, Loret Haile and grandmother, Timmie Brown. It was shown by Barbara Chumley and Dorothy Haile, program coordinators on Jan. 3 at Sherman County Library.

Club voted to purchase the video for the Library so that it may be checked out. The video may also be purchased by contacting Dorothy.

Reports are due to Marylou McDaniel by Jan. 15. All Department coordinators and others will be making these reports.

Marsha Wright, president, conducted the business session.

Club will have items for sale about the Elk football triumph! Watch for details in a couple of

months. There will be items everyone will want!

A "County Your Blessings" cake, punch and coffee were served by Jimmie Pronger and Margaret Reed. The cake was made according to health requirements and was delicious. As members ate the cake, hey thought of their blessings and dropped change in a basket for "Operation Smile". A video on this subject was shown as they ate.

Items for M.D. Anderson Hospital were brought and items of soaps, shampoos, etc. for Janice Sladek to take on "Feed the Children" medical missions.

Present were Mesdames Wright, Haile, Chumley, McDaniel, M. Reed, Pronger, Laurie Spurlock, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Liz Sanders, Mattie Baskin, Oline Caraway, Ann Johnson, ViAnn Reed, Becky Adams, D'Lynn Reed, Patti Vincent. Linda Swain, Michelle lutes.

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State Finals

By Ellen Goodman

"Twas right around Christmas
On Saturday night
The players were high spirited
Oh, What a sight

The Fans from Stratford
Waiting to cheer
Hoping we win
The last game of the year

Here come the players
Out on the field
Having no doubts of losing
And needing no shield

It's twenty nine to six
With half time so near
The ELKS are so good
The Fan's all give a big cheer.

Half Time

Now the second half starting
The ELKS kick the ball
The Mustangs have caught it
Having no fall

It's twenty nine to fourteen
So far the ELKS winning
Playing in cold weather
Ever since the beginning

Now there's Corey, Rene, Sid and Mike
The cheerleaders give a big scream
And there's Adam, Gilbert, Nick and Skyler
Their just a part of the team

Now another touch down
On the ELKS side
The fans are cheering
With mighty ELK pride

Starting the fourth quarter
Another touchdown
The Fan's are screaming
And nowhere a frown.

It's getting closer and closer
To the end of the game
Another touchdown
We feel no shame

Five minutes left
In this big play off
So the Mustangs just might as well
Go to their trough

GO ELKS GO ELKS
Go all the way
I know you will win
By the way you play

The ELKS they have won
First time in the school
Way to go ELKS sixteen wins no loses
ELKS you're really cool

When the ELKS head home
Tonight on the bus
The towns will be cheering
The time is no fuss

People outside
While the ELKS pass through their town
They'll be waving their flags
For the best team around

When they get home
People waiting outside
They'll get off the bus
With mighty ELK pride

4-H Animal Project Record form Workshop

To assist 4-H members in understanding the new Animal Project Record form, Susie Spurlock will be conducting two workshops this week.

The first workshop will be Thursday, January 11 at approximately 7:45 p.m. in the meeting room of the Extension Office. The training should be about 45 minutes in length.

A second workshop will be conducted Saturday, January 13 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building. This workshop will conclude prior to the Swine Showmanship Clinic that day.

4-H members are reminded that the Animal Project Forms will be due February 5, 2001.

Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll 1st Semester

5th Grade - Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Samantha Hart, Michael Reinart. 6th Grade - Brant Cummings, Rhiannon Everett, Eric Riffe, Harrison Walden. 7th Grade - Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, Josh Lanning, Gina Mattocks, Katelyn Reed, Ramie Stewart, Jordan Taylor, Connor Vincent. 8th Grade - Tyler Haynes.

A-B Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

5th Grade - Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Samantha Hart, Chelsie West. 6th Grade - Candie Bell, Brant Cummings, Rhiannon Everett, Eric Riffe, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden. 7th Grade - Allison Baskin, Brady Bell, Haley Buckles, Josh Lanning, Gina Mattocks, Yadira Ortega, Ramie Stewart, Jordan Taylor, Connor Vincent. 8th Grade - Tyler Haynes.

A-B Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

5th Grade - Corey Carter, Nicholas Chaffee, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzell, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, Alex Martinez, April Peregrino, Whitney Kautz, Michael Reinart, Austin Riffe, Yadira Rojas, Thomas Sewell, Kelsey Stein, Tomasina Swift. 6th Grade - Shadley Audrain, Andrew Bell, Janette Carrera, Tiffni Drake, Ryan Ewers, Victor Garay, Whitney Garza, Evan Haile, David Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Daniel Nusz, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, Steven Rueda, Denise Ruiz, Rustin Russell, Lisa Walls, Bryce Wright. 7th Grade - Maira Argomaniz, Sandra Barraza, Case Crabtree, Jerold Frizzell, Thomas Griffin, Richie Melton, Katelyn Reed, Heather Robertson, Mariam Saenz, Emily Shafer, Walter Spurlock, Francis Tenorio, Chelsi Thiessen, Kody Willard, Savannah Williamson, Cheyenne Ziemann. 8th Grade - Manuel Barajas, Elisabeth Bell, Kyla Bell, Jesse Daniels, Ashley Duke, Brittany Hudson, April Kautz, Josh King, Tiffany Knight, Ryan McDaniel, Blanca Molina, Craig Reinart, Lindsay Stein, Deidre Tarver, Jayme Wilhelm.

A-B Honor Roll 1st Semester

5th Grade - Hunter Buckles, Corey Carter, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzell, Yesenia Ibarra, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, April Peregrino, Whitney Reese, Austin Riffe, Yadira Rojas, Thomas Sewell, Chelsie West. 6th Grade - Shadley Audrain, Cory Baker, Andrew Bell, Candie Bell, Janette Carrera, Tiffni Drake, Ryan Ewers, Victor Garay, Evan Haile, David Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Daniel Nusz, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, Steven Rueda, Rustin Russell, Lisa Walls, Bryce Wright. 7th Grade - Maira Argomaniz, Sandra Barraza, Brady Bell, Case Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Jerold Frizzell, Thomas Griffin, Cricket Hudgens, Yadira Ortega, Heather Robertson, Mariam Saenz, Emily Shafer, Walter Spurlock, Francis Tenorio, Chelsi Thiessen, Kody Willard, Savannah Williamson, Cheyenne Ziemann. 8th Grade - Manuel Barajas, Elisabeth Bell, Kyla Bell, Jesse Daniels, Ashley Duke, Brittany Hudson, April Kautz, Josh King, Tiffany Knight, Ryan McDaniel, Mark Miller, Blanca Molina, Angel Ramos, Craig Reinart, Travis Soto, Lindsay Stein, Deidre Tarver, Jayme Wilhelm.

Mary Allen Elementary

Honor Roll - 3rd Six Weeks

3rd Grade - Celeste Barrientos, James Bell, Eric Burton, Valerie Kelling, Jonathan Knight, Janeth Reyes, Angie Rosales, Sunny Russell, Elias Terrazas, Lyndsi Thiessen, Stephen Williamson, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann. 4th Grade - Stephanie Bell, Brady Booth, Anne Brooks, James Daniels, Connor Esparza, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Kaleb Horsford, Clayton Johnson, Justin Lanning, Jayton Lawrence, Chandler Lutes, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha Zubia, Becky Rosales, Jennie Spurlock.

Mary Allen Elementary

Honor Roll - 1st Semester

3rd Grade - Eric Burton, Valerie Kelling, Jonathan Knight, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Sunny Russell, Lyndsi Thiessen, Stephen Williamson, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann, Brandon Zuniga. 4th Grade - Stephanie Bell, Anne Brooks, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Kaleb Horsford, Clayton Johnson, Justin Lanning, Deborah Molina, Angel Resendes, Jennie Spurlock.

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not set to fix the siren. No Action taken.

Consider Sherman County Development Committee request for community development funds in the amount of \$398,000. Ken Forthman motioned to approve the funding, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider voting for two Sherman County Appraisal District board members. Ken Forthman motioned to vote for David Cross and Chet Everett, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider approving Tax Roll for year 2000. Discussion took place. Ken Forthman motioned to table until next meeting, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Consider amendment to Ordinance 271 (livestock ordinance). The addition of section 4, stating there will be a \$10.00 permit fee. Craig Bell motioned to approve the ordinance with changes, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, motion carried, third reading.

Review and consider renewing the curfew ordinance. Jim Dewees stated nothing has changed in the current ordinance. The local government code requires renewal

every three- (3) years. Craig Bell motioned to approve the renewal of the ordinance, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss old landfill site use for 4-H animals. Craig Bell stated he has spoken with the parent/leaders association letting them know that the city will try and have the water at this site ready for use next year.

Discuss/consider tax abatement contract. Jon King has written a draft of the contract. The contract sets out the same amount of money involved for the abatement for Iowa Vet Supply. Discussion took place. The Public Hearing is set for December 14, 2000 meeting.

Discuss/consider part-time position in the office. Discussion took place on the reason for the position. Consensus of the council is to advertise for the position.

Council adjourned into executive session under section 551.074 to discuss litigation and real estate at 7:57 p.m.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. Ken Forthman motioned to move forward with the suit against WJ Jones Drilling, Blake Confer seconded, with Craig Bell opposing, motion carries.

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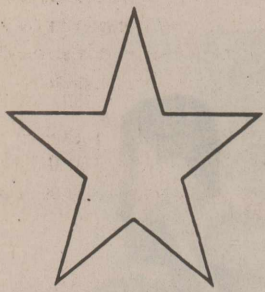
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Free To Good Home: Black, female kitten, litterbox trained. Call 396-2262.
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1-11-1xc

First State Bank is looking for qualified applicants for an operation position. Required skills are 10 key, computer, and good attitude. Call Tana or Mary at 396-5521. EO/Affirmative action employer.
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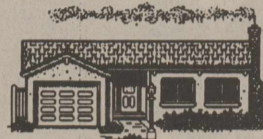
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Craig Bell motioned to approve the General Store bill, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried, with Randy Williams abstaining.

Discussion took place on other bills. Craig Bell motioned to approve all other bills, Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Randy Williams motioned to approve the financial statement, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ric Walton reported on the Water and Wastewater certification requirements. The city has no class "C" operator currently. Randy Melton is certified as a Class "D" operator. Two employees have currently tested for Class "D" license. The City needs to find someone who is already certified in Class "C". Consensus of the council is to look

for someone is already certified with a Class "C" license.

Ric also reported on the water tower being emptied again, due to a blown SPS fuse.

A sign for Pendleton Park needs to be in place due to a proclamation already being signed.

LaRita Butler read aloud to the council a letter written by Chris Eggers, requesting the approval of the council for the painting of elk hoof prints down Main Street leading to the football field. The consensus of the council was to let them paint the hoof prints.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Jim Dewees stated he has no report at this time.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Ken Forthman complimented Daryl Salmon on catching the dogs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Cards of Thanks

Just wanted to thank 2 ladies...Carolyn Tarver & Kathy Riffe for taking the extra time to lease the charter buses during the football play-offs. Several of us might not have been able to attend the games if you hadn't gone the extra mile for the community. Thanks again for caring enough to do the work. It was great to leave the driving to someone else. Thanks to any others behind the scenes I might not be aware of. This football season carries treasured memories that will last a lifetime and you helped us be a part of it.

Love and blessings,
Penny Boyd

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, concerns, phone calls, and visits after my accident. I would also like to thank the Stratford EMS, especially Jimmy Lanning, Larry Norris, and D'Lynn Reed for taking such good care of me. I am so fortunate to live in a community like Stratford. Thanks again for everything.

Love,
Missy Sikora

On behalf of the Stratford ISD Administration, football team, and coaching staff, we would like to thank the community of Stratford for their overwhelming support these past weeks during the football season. It has been a special time for the players and coaches. We will always remember the sacrifices made by so many of you. We want to thank the cheerleaders and sponsors, the MOM's for their consistent creativity in the dressing room, the Big Blue Band, the EMT's and other emergency personnel for their escorts in and out of town, and so many others that sacrificed their weekends to show support at the ballgames. Your will never realize how big an impact it made every week. Stratford is truly FIRST CLASS! Thank you.

Stratford Elks Coaching Staff

As a rule, what is out of sight disturbs men's minds more seriously than what they see.
—Julius Caesar

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 3rd day of January, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:30 P.M. on the 6th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

Cause No. 4225 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. BEATTIE STEVE

A 2.62 acre tract of land out of the Southeast part of Section 364, Block 1-T, T&NO Railroad Survey, Sherman County, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the South line of Section 364, 785.1 feet West of the Southeast corner of Section 364;

THENCE West along the South line of Section 364, 277.3 feet to a point;

THENCE North and parallel with the East line of Section 364, 410 feet to a point;

THENCE east and parallel with the South line of Section 364, 277.3 feet to a point;

THENCE South and parallel with the East line of Section 364, 410 feet to the place of beginning and containing 2.62 acres of land, more or less

Cause No. 4286 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS SHELLEY JEAN

Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight, (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Seventy Two (72) Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of January, 2001 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, STRATFORD

HOSPITAL DISTRICT, STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND CITY OF STRATFORD.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 8th day of January, 2001.

Sheriff, Jack Haile,
Sherman County, Texas

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 11, 2001, Thursday, January 18, 2001, Thursday, January 25, 2001 and Thursday, February 1, 2001.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DARLENE SMITH BRUNI a/k/a AVA DARLENE BRUNI, Deceased, were issued on December 28, 2000 in Docket No. 2019, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: BEVERLY PEMBERTON and DOLORES BEEDY.

The residence of the Executor is Hansford County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o Billy Britt Jarvis, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 515
Spearman, Texas 79081

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 4th day of January, 2001.

THE JARVIS LAW OFFICE, P.C.

Billy Britt Jarvis
Attorney at Law
State Bar#10585000
P.O. Box 515

Spearman, Texas 79081
Phone (806) 659-2554
Fax (806) 659-3517

Attorney for the Estate of Darlene Smith Bruni a/k/a/ AVA DARLENE BRUNI

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County on the 5th day of January, 2001 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. VINCENT & COLLEEN CAMPOBASSO

Cause #4227 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 2:30 p.m. on the 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse is said SHERMAN County, in the City of Stratford Texas, the following described property, to wit:

TRACT 1: .026250 Working interest in the Craig 8001 lease located in Sec. 80 Blk 1-C GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 5th day of January, 2001 as the property of VINCENT CAMPOBASSO AND COLLEEN CAMPOBASSO

to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$999.97 plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DIST. CED#20), and NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT.

GIVEN under my hand this 8th day of January, 2001.

Jack Haile
Sheriff
Sherman County, Texas

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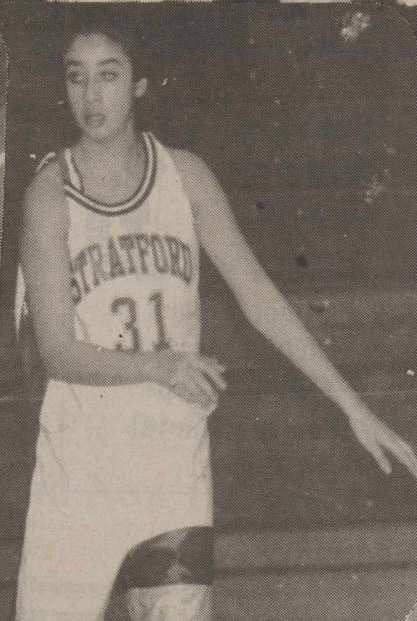
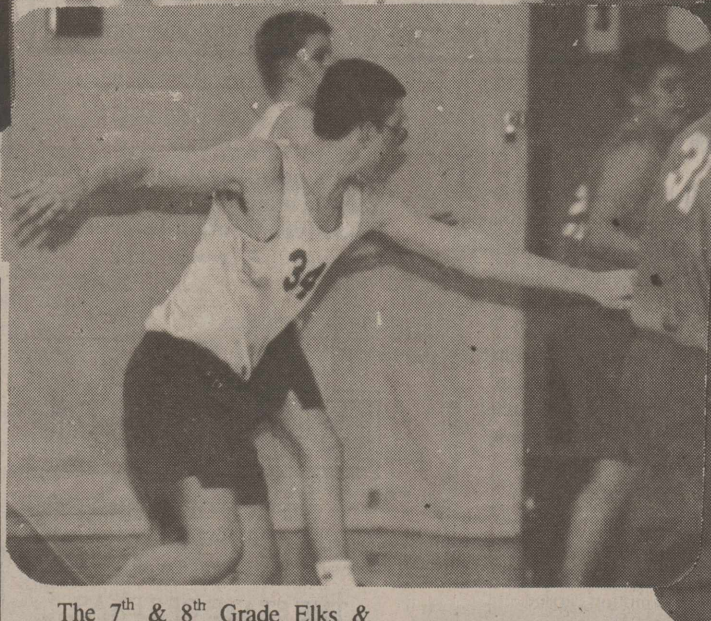
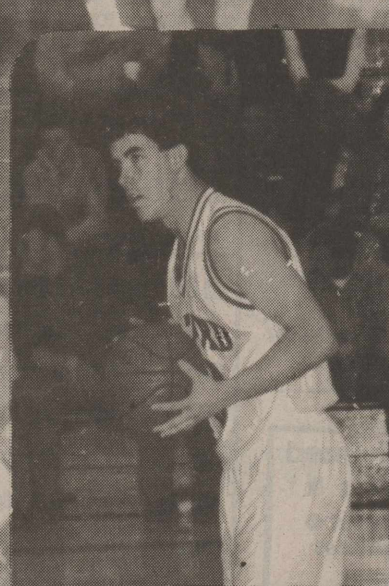
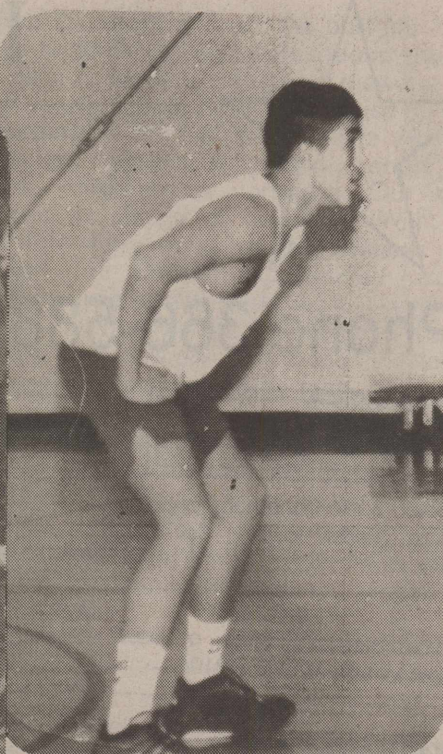
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NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK, SWINE, FOWL, DOMESTIC AND BARNYARD ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING, HOWEVER, FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP LIVESTOCK IF THERE IS NO ADVERSE EFFECT TO THE CITIZENS OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING FOR SIX-MONTH EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR EXISTING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 271; AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Stratford has been advised of and received complaints concerning the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the city of Stratford is vitally interested in providing all of its citizens with the freedom from odor, dust and noise sometimes occurring from the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest and welfare to prohibit or regulate the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the City of Stratford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Except as provided below, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or maintain any livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal, except common pets, within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to keep or maintain livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animals within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford may seek a permit from the City Council of the City of Stratford. Each permit sought shall be coupled with the written consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within a 200 foot radius of the place where such livestock will be kept.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Stratford, upon application, coupled with the necessary signatures, may allow and issue a permit allowing the animals specified above to be kept within the Stratford city limits if it determines there will be no adverse effect to any citizen within the City.

SECTION 4. There shall be a \$10.00 annual fee, per permit, renewable each year from the date of issue. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of renewal, permit will be revoked and animals removed by the owner and or a new permit shall be obtained.

SECTION 5. It shall be rebuttably presumed that there will be no adverse effect to any citizen within the City if the consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within the radius specified above is obtained and furnished with the application for the permit.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation keeping or maintaining any livestock, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas on the effective date of this ordinance, for a period of six (6) months from the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Even after a permit has been validly issued, upon an objection to the keeping of any of the animals specified above within the city limits, the City Council may, upon a determination that any holder of a valid permit is adversely affecting the health or welfare of the citizens of the City, require rectification of the adverse effect within a time specified by the Council or the permit shall be revoked.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed \$500.00 upon conviction thereof.

SECTION 9. Upon passage of this ordinance, Ordinance number 271 is hereby repealed as of this ordinance's effective date.

SECTION 10. To provide ample time to the residents of the City of Stratford to receive notice of the implementation of this ordinance, this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2001.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____

THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS
By: _____
DAVID BROWN, Mayor

ATTEST:

RICHARD WALTON, City Administrator

The 7th & 8th Grade Elks & Lady Elks won the West Texas Tournament held this past weekend.

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat West Texas 28-22 in their 1st round of the tournament. Allison Baskin and Katelyn Reed led the Lady Elks with 6 points each followed by Gina Mattocks and Maida Fierro with 4 points each. Chelsi Thiessen and Yadida Ortega followed with 3 points each and Ramie Stewart added 2 points. In their 2nd game, they beat Fritch 27-12. Allison Baskin led with 12 points followed by Yadida Ortega with 6 points. Maida Fierro added 4 points followed by Katelyn Reed and Gina Mattocks with 2 points each and Ramie Stewart with 1 point. In their final round, the 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 44-21. Maida Fierro led the Lady Elks with 13 points followed by Katelyn Reed with 10 points and Yadida Ortega with 8 points. Cassie Garza added 4 points followed by Gina Mattocks with 3 points. Ramie Stewart, Heather Robertson, and Allison Baskin with 2 points each.

The 7th grade Elks beat West Texas 30-19 in the 1st round of the tournament. Brady Bell led the Elks with 13 points followed by Josh Lanning with 12 points. Adding 2 points each were Gustavo Rosales, Victor Michel, and Johnny Gonzales. In their 2nd game, they beat Fritch 32-25. Josh Lanning led the Elks with 13 points followed by Brady Bell with 12 points. Walter Spurlock added 3 points followed by Caleb Brown with 2 points and Johnny Gonzales and Connor Vincent with 1 point each. In their final game, they beat Sunray 39-16. Brady Bell led the Elks with 16 points followed by Johnny Gonzales with 8 points and Josh Lanning with 7 points. Gustavo Rosales added 6 points

and Caleb Brown 2 points for the Elks.

The 8th Grade Lady Elks beat West Texas 44-33 in their first game of the tournament. Deidre Tarver led with 16 points followed by Katy Bench with 15 points. Tiffany Knight added 5 points for the Lady Elks followed by Lindsay Stein, Brittany Hudson, and Jamie Valenzuela with 2 points each. Amy Woods and April Kautz

added 1 point each for the Lady Elks. In the 2nd game, they beat Fritch 43-31. Deidre Tarver was high point with 25 points followed by Brittany Hudson, Jamie Valenzuela, Tiffany Knight, and Katy Bench with 4 points each. Lindsay Stein added 2 points for the Lady Elks. In their final game, they beat Sunray 47-16. Deidre

Tarver led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Jamie Valenzuela with 8 points. Lindsay Stein and Brittany Hudson added 6 points each followed by Kayla Robertson and Liz Bell with 4 points each. Scoring 2 points each for the Lady Elks were Jayme Wilhelm, Tiffany Knight, Katy Bench, and April Kautz. Ashley Duke added 1 point.

The 8th grade Elks beat West Texas 57-37 in the first round of the tournament. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 22 points followed by Josh King with 18 points and Chris Ortega with 12 points. Adam Gomez added 5 points. In the 2nd game, they beat Fritch 40-23. Josh King led the Elks with 12 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 10 points and Chris Ortega with 7 points. Asbell Gomez and Adam Gomez scored 5 points each. In their final game, they beat Sunray 59-38. Chris Ortega led the Elks with 22 points followed by Josh King with 16 points and Tyler Haynes with 11 points. Adam Gomez added 6 points followed by Trenton Boyd and Steven Wagner with 2 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 31-36 to Perryton on January 2nd. Tiffany Duke led the Lady Elks with 9 points followed by Alisha Sladek with 8 points. Alicia Adams scored 5 points followed by Robin Daniels with 4 points, Erin Ashley with 3 points, and Veronica Ortega with 2 points.

The Lady Elks won the Stratford Tournament held December 28-30. In their first round, the Lady Elks beat Sunray 60-44. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 22 points followed by Carly Mathews with 11 points, Kara Brownlee and Candra Holland with 8 points each. Heather Ashley added 6 points followed by Ashley Brown and Amie Witcher with 2 points each and Thea James with 1 point. In

their 2nd game, they beat West Texas 50-23. Mika Willborn and Jessica Young led with 11 points each followed by Candra Holland with 8 points. Thea James added 7 points followed by Carly Mathews with 4 points, Heather Ashley with 3 points. Scoring 2 points each were Ashley Brown, Kara Brownlee, and Amie Witcher. In the 3rd game, the Lady Elks beat Vega 62-48. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 23 points followed by Carly Mathews with 13 points and Candra Holland with 12 points. Kara Brownlee scored 8 points for the Lady Elks followed by Ashley Brown and Thea James with 3 points each. The Lady Elks beat Dumas for the championship 47-45. Carly Mathews and Kara Brownlee were high point with 11 points each followed by Jessica Young with 10 points. Ashley Brown scored 7 points followed by Candra Holland with 4 points and Thea James and Heather Ashley with 2 points each. Jessica Young was named MVP and Carly Mathews was named All-Tournament. On January 2nd, the Lady Elks lost 30-50 to Perryton.

Carly Mathews led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Jessica Young with 5 points and Kara Brownlee with 4 points. Candra Holland added 3 points followed by Thea James and Amie Witcher with 2 points each. The Lady Elks won 3rd place at the Beaver Tournament held this past weekend January 4-6th. In their 1st game, they beat Balko, OK 71-16. Jessica Young led with 22 points followed by Thea James with 15 points and Ashley Brown with 11 points. Mika Willborn added 8 points followed by Carly Mathews with 7 points, Amie Witcher with 6 points and Candra Holland with 2 points. In their 2nd game, they lost 53-56 to Forgan, OK. Jessica Young was high point with 11 points followed by Candra Holland

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and Carly Mathews with 10 points each. Ashley Brown added 8 points followed by Thea James with 7 points. Kara Brownlee scored 5 points for the Lady Elks and Heather Ashley added 2 points. In their final game, they beat Hooker, OK 36-35. Jessica Young and Carly Mathews led the Lady Elks with 10 points each followed by Candra Holland with 4 points and Kara Brownlee with 3 points. Scoring 2 points each were Mika Willborn, Thea James, and Heather Ashley.

The Stratford Elks lost 53-54 to Perryton on January 2nd. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 18 points followed by Rene Vital with 16 points and Adam Bell with 15 points and Corey Naugle with 4 points. The Stratford Elks also won 3rd place at the Beaver Tournament held January 4-6th. In their first round, they beat Balko, OK 66-27. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 16 points followed by Rene Vital with 13 points. Adam Bell and Jason Ashley added 8 points each followed by Michael McAlister and Nick Ashley with 7 points each. Carlos Ortega scored

3 points followed by Corey Naugle and Wes Kimball with 2 points each. In their 2nd game, they lost 61-64 to Hooker, OK. Leading the Elks in scoring was Skyler Walden with 25 points followed by Michael McAlister with 13 points and Rene Vital with 10 points. Adam Bell added 5 points for the Elks followed by Jason Ashley with 4 points, Corey Naugle and Nick Ashley with 2 points each. In their final game, they beat Forgan, OK 55-46 to win 3rd place. Skyler Walden led the Elks with 23 points followed by Rene Vital with 11 points and Carlos Ortega with 8 points. Adding 6 points for the Elks was Adam Bell. Wes Kimball scored 3 points and adding 2 points each were Corey Naugle and Michael McAlister.