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## Cisco Students Put Finishing Touches

Cisco students put finishing touches on Computer room at the Imagination Station. L/R Dan Hembree, instructor, Josh Williams, J.R. Tobias, Carson Buckles, and Heather Seiler.

ATTENTION:  
8TH GRADE & JUNIOR  
PARENTS

IT'S PROM TIME AGAIN!!!!

We will begin decorating Monday & Thursday evenings beginning Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. until further notice at the Old Lumberyard Bldg. located at 2nd & N. Pearl.

Please bring box cutter knives, scissors, paintbrushes, pencils and yardsticks.

## Sausage Dinner Coming Soon!!!

COMING AGAIN SOON!! Sausage Dinner, February 9th from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Stratford High School Cafeteria.

## Christmas Lighting Results

Christmas Lighting Results  
Due to a technical problem and miscommunications, the Christmas Lighting Contest Results were not announced. In an effort to correct this problem, here are the winners.

1st. place - Ann Johnson  
2nd Place - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blair  
3rd place - Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Bell.

Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes. Stratford was transformed into a magical place on these crisp and clear nights of December.

The next community contest will be the "Yard of the Month" scheduled to begin in Spring.

## Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed.

## Free Bone Scan

Concerned about OSTEOPOROSIS and brittle bones? Osteoporosis is a gradual thinning and weakening of bones, which can lead to bone fractures. Over 28 million Americans, 80% of whom are women, have or are at risk of developing this condition. Since osteoporosis is often referred to as a "silent disease", many are less likely to find out they have it until they suffer a painful bone fracture.

Now there is a safe, simple, painless test that can assess your risk of developing osteoporosis. Postmenopausal Women over age 50 are invited to receive a FREE Bone Scan on February 25, 2003, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Coldwater Manor - 396-5568.

## Community Technology Night At SHS

Stratford High School is hosting a Technology Night for the community on February 6, 2003 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Teachers and students will be at work on projects demonstrating the use of technology in the high school classroom. The school would like to invite everyone in the community, parents, grandparents, and patrons to come by and see all the exciting and innovative ways technology is being used.

Teachers will be scattered throughout the school demonstrating, with the help of their students, best practices in technology integration. Coach Ashley, with a student volunteer, will demonstrate how teachers are able to translate English text, tests, and worksheets into Spanish so that ESL students do not get behind in their studies. Paula Everett, science teachers, and student volunteers will be working with the software application *Inspiration* in the Library Computer Lab. *Inspiration*, a graphical organizer, helps students learn to organize ideas and concepts either pictorially or in an outline. Rissie Heglin, math teacher and Norma Para, Spanish teacher, will also be in the Library Computer Lab. These ladies along with students will be demonstrating software used in their respective classrooms. Ms. Heglin's students will utilize *Geometer's SketchPad* while Mrs. Para's students employ *MS PowerPoint* and *FrontPage*.

Other areas to observe will include Mr. Dan Hembree's classroom. The Cisco Networking Academy can be found here. In addition students will be working on PowerPoint presentations. Mrs. Judy Stoy can be found in the English classroom with students working on and showing off many of the projects they have completed in their English studies. Watch for powerful examples of technology integration here.

If you haven't made it out to the Art Department by now, please check out Mrs. Cindy Russell and the Digital Graphics and Animation classes. These students, under the diligent tutelage of Mrs. Russell, produce fine work using the industry standard software, *PhotoShop*. Everyone has something to share with you, so please come to the first Community Technology evening February 6, 2003 at the High School. We will be looking for you.



## XIT A & M Club Elects New Officers For 2003

New Officers for the XIT A & M Club are: Mark Harrison, Vice President Dallam County; Dean Hauser, Vice President Sherman County; Wayne Porter, Treasurer; Darcy Rohrbach, Vice President Hartley County; Scott Nelson, President; and Meredith Hill, Secretary.

## The High Ground Takes Marketing Team To World Ag Expo 2003

The High Ground of Texas will be sending a team of 18 members to the World Ag Expo 2003 on February 11 through the 13th. Contacts made from this show will continue to add to the successful recruitment of the dairy industry and value added agriculture projects into the Panhandle and South Plains Region.

The World Ag Expo is the largest event of its kind in the world. It is held each year at the International Agri-Center in Tulare, California. Based on the shows current growth and momentum in the agriculture and dairy industry, this internationally recognized event will attract exhibitors and visitors from 50 states and more than 52 foreign countries. There will be over 1,400 exhibitors and over 150,000 attendees at the show. In addition to over 2 million square feet of exhibits, the show also offers over 100 seminars on a variety of related topics and hosts the Hi-Tech Heritage Complex, The Farm Equipment Museum, and the Agriculture Learning Center.

This year, with the largest High Ground Team ever participating in the show, additional industries will be targeted during the show, including Heifer Replacement Companies, Dairy Veterinary Services, Cheese Processing Plants, Manufacturing Companies of Ag Equipment, Implement Companies, Livestock Transportation Companies, Distribution Center and More.

The High Ground of Texas will also be hosting a hospitality event called the "High Ground of Texas Tailgate Party" to be held on Wednesday, February 12, immediately following the end of exhibit hours at the show. This event will be held at the Tulare County Fair Grounds.

Additional regional sponsors for this special event include the following businesses: Ad Rem Land Co., American Electric Power, Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association, Bank One-Levellend, BJM Sales & Service, Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation, City of Muleshoe, Citizens Bank of Shamrock, Clift, Scott & Associates, Dalhart Economic Development Corporation, Dumas Economic Development Corporation, Enviro-Ag Engineering, First Ag Credit FCS, First Bank of Muleshoe, First National Bank of Hereford, First State Bank-Stratford, Dumas & Dalhart, First State Bank-Happy Canyon, Amarillo, Stratford & Dumas, FirstBank Southwest-Amarillo, Hereford, Pampa, Perryton & Booker, Floydada Economic

Corporation, GA Engineering, Inc., Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., Hereford Economic Development Corporation, Hereford State Bank, Hi-Pro Feeds, HRH Insurance, Johnson, Miller & Company CPA's, J & W Dairy Development, Inc., Lamesa Economic Development Corporation, MacksCo Supply, LLC, Market Lubbock, Inc., Mason Dairy Contractors LP, Muleshoe Animal Clinic & Muleshoe Vet Supply, Muleshoe State Bank, National Bank of Commerce-Shamrock, Pampa & Childress, Nieman Realty, North Plains Electric Cooperative, Perryton Community Development Corporation, Shamrock Economic Development Corporation, Slaton Economic Development Corporation, Southwest Dairyman, Spearman Economic Development Corporation, SRJ Dairy Development, Sun Bank, Underwood Law Firm, Vic Coker Land Co., Wells Fargo Bank-Texas Agribusiness Group, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Xcel Energy.

Food will be provided by the Cattle Exchange of Canadian. Music will be provided by the band "Texas Crossroads" from Shamrock.

The High Ground of Texas is the regional economic development marketing coalition which covers the northern 54 counties of the state. The High Ground targets several industries in their annual diversified marketing plan including manufacturing, food processing, dairies, corporate headquarter, value-added agriculture, and customer service centers. The High Ground participates in trade shows, recruiting trips, direct mail projects, industry events and more. High Ground Members who represent communities receive all of the prospect leads generated in these activities.

The High Ground Team representing the region at the World Ag Expo 2003 include participants from Booker, Brownfield, Dumas, Floydada, Hereford, Lamesa, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Perryton, Shamrock, Slaton, Stratford, Sundown and Tulia. In addition, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative and Bailey County Electric Cooperative will have participants on the regional team.

The High Ground will be located in Booth #151 in the Dairy Pavilion. For more information, contact the High Ground of Texas office at (806) 366-7510.

## Act Assessment April 12, 2003

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, 2003, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

IMPORTANT TIPS--Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and retake the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website--[www.act.org](http://www.act.org). The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

## Give Your Valentine The Gift That Keeps On Giving

Give your valentine the gift that last all year long. Let's Make Arrangements will be selling chances to win just that, flowers for the rest of the year. One winner will receive one bouquet of flowers each month for the next 12 months. Tickets for the raffle cost \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held on February 7, 2003, just in time for Valentine's Day. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Lollipop Junction. Check the following places for tickets: Let's Make Arrangements, Lollipop Junction or XIT Communication or contact a Lollipop Board Member.

## FFA Trailer Stolen In December

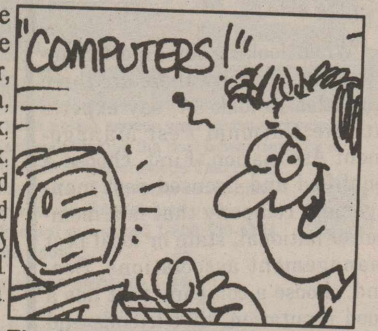
Sometime in December of 2002 someone took the Stratford FFA trailer from the FFA farm south of Stratford. The trailer is white in color, 18 feet long and five feet wide, has tandem axles and a full top and had Stratford FFA painted on it.

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with this felony. Please remember that the Crimestoppers telephone number, 366-TIPS, goes to an answering machine to protect your identity. You must leave a call back number and code name so that we can contact you. If you need to contact a person call the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Police Dept. at 366-3051.

If you have any information regarding the persons responsible for the above listed crime or any other felony crimes please contact Sherman Co. Crimestoppers answering machine 806-366-TIPS (8477), the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office or the Stratford Police Dept. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

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The past is never where you think you left it.  
--Katherine Anne Porter  
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An honest tale speeds best being plainly told.  
--William Shakespeare,  
Richard III  
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The first semi-electronic digital computing device was constructed by John V. Atanasoff, an American mathematician and physicist.

**Obits**

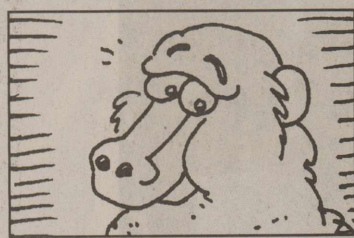
**Wayland Green**

Wayland Green, age 78 died Monday, February 3, 2003. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at Stratford Cemetery at 2 p.m. More details in next weeks edition.

**McMurry University  
Announces Fall 2002  
Deans List/Honor Roll**

Abilene, Texas-The following students have been named to the Fall 2002 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Making the Dean's list from Stratford were Cody Brotherton, son of Richie and Linda Brotherton Communication and Trisha Teig daughter of John and Terri Teig.



A baboon's lifespan may reach 45 years.



**New Places-New Faces**

New Place located at 900 N. Pearl is the new home of Rhea & Keely Chumley.

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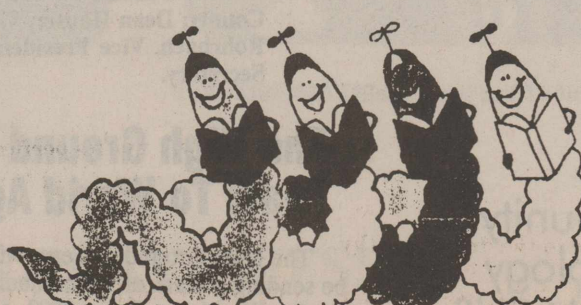
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**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

Wonder what the odds are for this?? Annette Hampton's birthday is Jan. 29. She received a call from Bethany & Wade Callaway at Childress that Bethany was about to give birth. Annette made it in time for the birth of Keegan Joe, 6 lbs. 13 oz., 20 inches at 8:28 p.m. He has an older brother Creed who is 1 1/2 years old.

Now Bethany's brother Chris has a son Caleb who also shares the Jan. 29 birthday! Bethany and Chris's mother is Glenna Craig.

Nita Mae Taylor returned to her home Friday.

A lot of people attended the 80th birthday celebration for Charles Grice of Dalhart. Among those there Sunday were Terry & Barbara Schoonover.

Kylee, 4, spent Friday night with her grandparents, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters. Kylee is the daughter of Jimmy & Sandy Gillenwaters of Amarillo.

Marylou McDaniel had supper Friday night in Dumas with Thelma & Duane Smith. They ate chili at Senior Citizen's fund raising. Feb. 2 was Thelma's birthday. She received 70 red roses from her children!

Cicy Harris and Mike McDaniel may have passed on the highway between here and California. Cicy was on escort duty. Mike flew to LA early Friday morning to pick up a vehicle for a friend. He was back at home by 1 a.m. Sunday morning!

Mark your calendar! There will be Sunday dinner at the Community Center on Feb. 16.

**Lollies Lines**  
By Lorelyn Powers

This is a cold 32 degrees and very windy day.

We understand the ground hog predicts by seeing his shadow yesterday that winter will continue for at least six more weeks.

The lot for the building of the First State Bank, Happy, Canyon and Stratford is looking ready for the building to be built.

Congratulations to everyone who had animals at Stock Show and to everyone who had bridal and baby showers.

In the sports world Super Bowl and all bowls are a thing of the past until next year.

Basketball is in full swing.

Track and golf and other spring sports will be coming along with Band Concert and trip, Proms and does that sound to most that school is on the way to close for summer in four months, as windy and cold as today is that seems impossible. We all know if we don't like our weather just wait a minute and it will change.

Take care of yourself all watch with loving care your neighbor keep safe and be kind to one another.

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To know oneself, one should assert oneself.  
—Albert Camus  
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**Half-a-Century-  
Half-a-World Art  
Exhibit By  
Pan Eimon**

The Carson County Square House Museum is pleased to announce the enthusiastic exhibit created by area artist, Pan Eimon and dedicated to Jo Stewart Randel, the visionary who saw the value of an historic museum and made it happen in Panhandle. Eimon and her husband, Paul have traveled a large portion of the world through his work as a mining engineer. During this time, Pan has expressed her excitement with these different locales through her art. She has exhibited in many of these places, being the first American artist to exhibit at the Mongolian National Gallery in Ulanbaataar in 1996, Exhibits in US cities - including New York, San Francisco, Denver, Tucson, Salt Lake City, Nashville, Knoxville, San Luis Obispo at Cal Poly and New Mexico Tech at Socorro, New Mexico - led to Eimon being selected to exhibit during the International Music Festival and Annual Writer's Conference at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee this past summer.

Moving to the Amarillo area, Pan and Paul were befriended by Jo Randel, who convinced them the Texas Panhandle was not a closed, isolated community. Proof of this was that Jo had met and dined with Argentina's top artist in his Buenos Aires studio. The Eimons had lived in Argentina and had fascinating friends, but as Pan says, "I never got to meet Quinquela Martin, Jo did."

A reception will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2003 - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. to give the public a chance to talk to Ms. Eimon about her work. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For further information, please call (806)537-3524.

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Keep true to the dreams of thy youth.  
—Johann von Schiller  
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**Texas Tech  
University Names  
Students To  
Deans and  
Presidents List**

Texas Tech University awarded about 1,500 degrees during Fall 2002 commencement ceremonies, which took place on December 14, 2002.

Students who made the President's List or the Dean's List in Fall 2002 numbered 1,498 and 3,315 respectively. A student must have completed at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 4.0 to be on the President's List. To be on the Dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

The following students graduated from our University, Fall 2002, Joy Lynn Burkhalter, Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Stds. She is the daughter of Jackie and Valda Burkhalter of Stratford.

Thad Burnett Parsons with a Doctor of Jurisprudence, Summa Cum Laude, He is the son of Larry and Doris Parsons of Stratford.

Texas Tech University Honors List for Fall 2002- Deans List- Katherine Lynz Browning, Junior, Exercise & Sport Sciences. She is the daughter of Bill and Kathy Riffe of Stratford.

Joy Lynn Burkhalter, senior, Human Development & Family Stds, daughter of Jackie & Valda Burkhalter,

Candra Ruth Holland, Freshman, Pre-Nursing, daughter of Linda Holland of Stratford.

President's List-Kara Lynn Brownlee Britton, sophomore, COBA, daughter of Mike and Brenda Brownlee of Stratford.

Tai Ann Brownlee, senior, public relations, daughter of Mike and Brenda Brownlee of Stratford.

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Every flower has its perfume.  
—Turkish proverb  
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Decisions determine destiny.

—Frederick Speakman

Serenity of manners is the zenith of beauty.

—F. Bremer

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Menu: German Sausage,  
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Sauerkraut, Homemade Bread, Desserts,  
Tea/Coffee

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**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell in Stratford on February 11, 2003.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam

each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or 1(800) 377-4673 for more information.

**Romantic Valentine  
Evening Feb. 14**

The LaRita Performing Arts Theater in Dalhart will feature a romantic Valentine evening Friday, February 14. The evening will begin with dinner, followed by the romance of dance from cultures far and near, to be performed by the dance company Center for Texas Culture, producers of "Lone Star Rising" and "Stars Above Texas" The evening will include song and dance from Broadway shows, popular artist and various ethnic backgrounds.

The evening of romance is designed for a unique gift for someone special, including youth and an opportunity to experience the performance of the first dance troupe to appear at the LaRita.

Tickets are available in two formats-dinner and show (limited) and show only.

Tickets are available at the Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646 or Stratford Board Member, Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303.

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He that is everywhere, is nowhere.  
—Thomas Fuller  
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**Arts in the Area**

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- Feb. 6-8 Circus Gatti 7:30p.m. + Fri. 4:00 Sat. 12:00 & 4:00  
Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 6-22 "Chicago" Musical 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:30  
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Feb. 8 Amarillo Symphony presents Mary Jane Johnson  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Feb. 13 Amarillo College Distinguished Lecture Series  
"Remember the Titan's" Herman Boone  
Amarillo Civic Center 806-
- Feb. 14 LaRita Dinner Theatre presents LSB Stars over Texas  
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646
- Feb. 12-15, Sun. 16 "Company" 7:30 p.m. [16-3:00]  
Branding Iron Theatre WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Feb. 14-16 "An evening of Short Plays" 7:30 Sun. 3:00p.m.  
Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-371-5343
- Feb. 18 Lovistar Ballet "AEROS" Hungarian Dance Troupe  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806) 378-3096 or 372-2463
- Feb. 21-23 "I never Saw Another Butterfly" 7:30p.m.  
Amarillo College Theatre for Children 806-371-5353
- Feb. 27 Willie Nelson & Family 7:30  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096  
www.panhandletickets.com
- March 6-6\*\*\*\* Broadway Series "South Pacific"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- March 7\*\*\*\* "Cinderella" One-Act Play Dinner Theatre 7:00 p.m.  
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**First Assembly of God**

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Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm  
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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  
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Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
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Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.  
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**

Larry Evans  
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**  
James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 Iv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m..  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am  
Miercoles (Wednesday)  
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Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

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Community Building  
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
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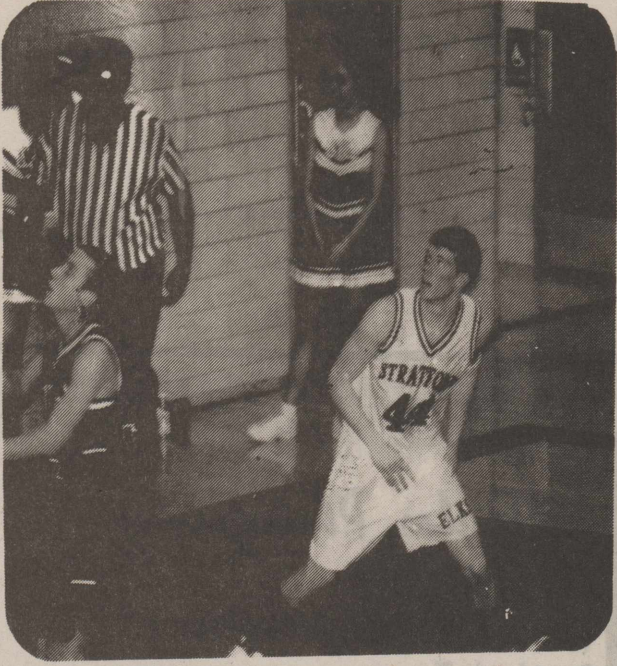
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# Basketball Shots!



Stratford Elk #44 Jason Ashley

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 23-11 on Monday, January 27th to win District. Ivy Valenzuela and April Peregrino were high point with 6 points each followed by Kelsey Stein, Whitney Reese, Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, and Yesenia Ibarra with 2 point each and Cassie Beasley 1 point.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray on Monday, January 27th 34-9. Krista Reta led with 14 points followed by Shadley Audrain with 6 points. Also scoring were Rhia Everett 5 points, Lillian Valenzuela 4 points, Lisa Walls and Candie Bell 2 points each and Merilee McDaniel 1 point.

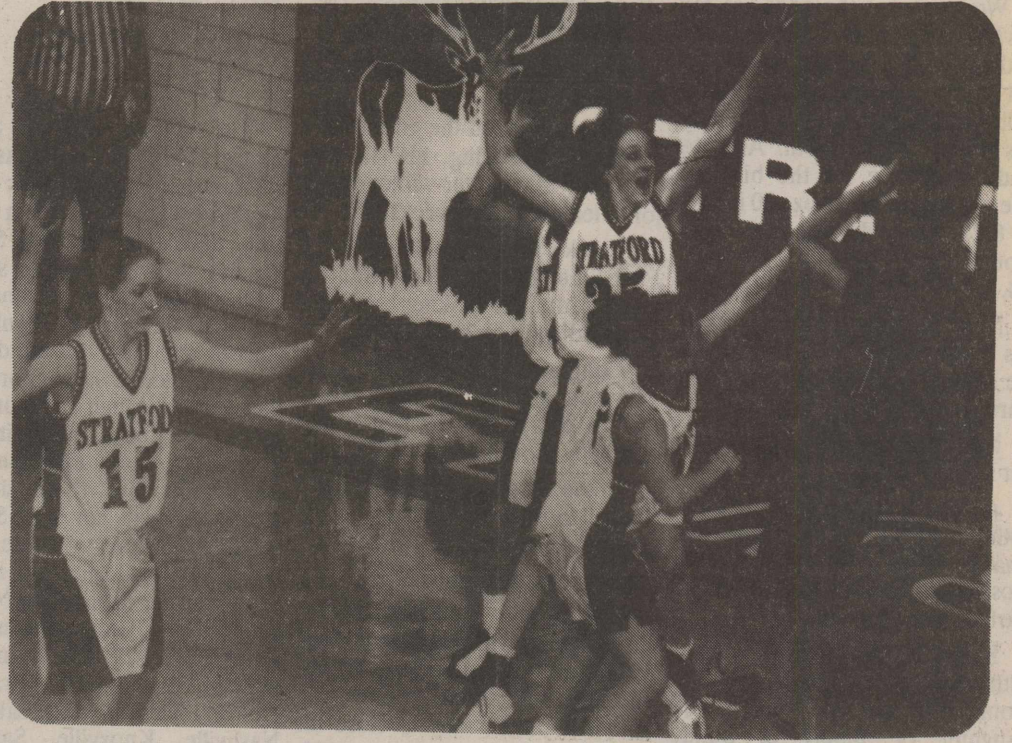
The J.V. Lady Elks lost 23-35 to Gruver on Tuesday, January 28th. Kayla Robertson was high point with 11 points followed by Haley Buckles, Chelsi Thiessen, and Katelyn Reed with 3 points each, Jayme Wilhelm 2 points and Brittany Hudson 1 point.

The Varsity Lady Elks lost 37-38 to Gruver on Tuesday, January 28th. Alisha Sladek led with 10 points followed by Erin Ashley with 8 points, Deidre Tarver 5 points, Tiffany Duke and Amie Witcher 4 points each, and Amber Larence and Yadira Ortega 3 points each.

The Varsity Elks beat White Deer 42-31 on Friday, January 24th. Jason Ashley led the Elks with 18 points followed by Chris Ortega with 8 points, Matthew Taliaferro 7 points, Josh King 4 points, Tyler Haynes, 3 points and Dylan Everett 2 points. On Tuesday, January 28th the Elks beat Gruver 40-38. The Elks were led by Jason Ashley with 12 points and Josh King with 9 points. Also scoring were Chris Ortega 5 points, Tyler Haynes 4 points, Travis Soto 3 points, Asbel Gomez and Dylan Everett 2 points each and Dalton Sladek 1 point.



J.V. Elks #42 Corey Rendon, Brady Bell and Jason Roberts.



Lady Elks #15 Alisha Sladek, Allison Baskin and Tiffany Duke.



The first AFC-NFC Pro Bowl (football's all-star game) was held in Los Angeles on January 24, 1971.

## Schedule For Community Training

Please take advantage of the free community training that is being offered through the Stratford Community Area Network. In order to continue the free classes we must have adequate participation. If you have put off learning to use the computer, now is your chance. Don't let this opportunity slip by. Please call and confirm your registration today.

Cindy Russell 366-3353  
 Tami King 366-3335  
 Shanda Davis 366-3342 or 366-3340

Monday, February 3, 6pm-8pm

Instructor, Cindy Russell	Photoshop	Art Dept.
Aide, Mindy Patterson		
Instructor, Shanda Davis	Power Point	MAE Lab
Aide, Kathy Hart		
Instructor, Tami King	Computer Basics	HS - Room 13
Aide, Tina Duke		Upstairs

Saturday, February 8

Instructor, Kathy Hart	Session 1 - KidPix Deluxe	MAE Lab
Aide, Darlene Walker	Session 2 - Kidspiration	MAE Lab

Tuesday, February 11, 6pm-8pm

Instructor, Tami King	Computer Basics	SCOT Hall
Aide, Tina Duke		

Thursday, February 13, 6pm-8pm

Instructor, Cindy Russell	Photoshop	Art Dept.
Aide, Mindy Patterson		
Instructor, Shanda Davis	Power Point	MAE Lab
Aide, Kathy Hart		

Tuesday, February 18, 6pm-8pm

Instructor, Tami King	Computer Basics	SCOT Hall
Aide, Tina Duke		

Thursday, February 20, 6pm-8pm

Instructor, Cindy Russell	Photoshop	Art Dept.
Aide, Mindy Patterson		
Instructor, Shanda Davis	Beginning Excel	MAE Lab
Aide, Kathy Hart		

Saturday, February 22


Instructor, Cindy Russell	Session 1 - Photoshop	Art Dept.
Aide, Mindy Patterson	Session 2 - Photoshop	Art Dept.
Instructor, Kathy Hart	Session 1 - Kid Pix	MAE Lab
Aide, Darlene Walker	Session 2 - Kidspiration	MAE Lab
Instructor, Tami King	Session 1 -	
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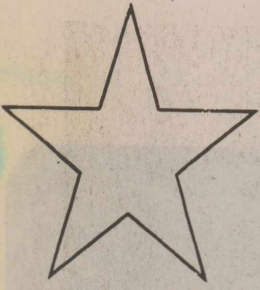
Tuesday, February 25, 6pm - 8 pm

Instructor, Tami King	Computer Basics	SCOT Hall
Aide, Tina Duke		

Thursday, February 27, 6pm - 8 pm

Instructor, Cindy Russell	Photoshop	Art Dept.
Aide, Mindy Patterson		
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For sale: Two metal storage sheds. Large-\$350, Small-\$250. 806-366-2053. 1-16-4xc

For Sale: 1979 Chev. Blazer 4x4 396-5635 after 5:00 p.m., new tires, new carburetor. 1-30-2xc

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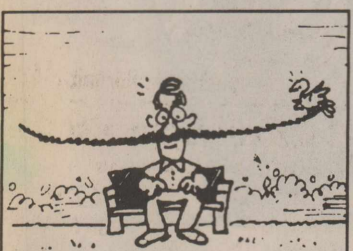
Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts & visits. The kindness & caring of our Friends & neighbors in Stratford has been a great to us. God Bless You.

Margie  
Ed, Jean & Jessica  
Chris, Charissa & children  
Bill, Marjorie & Spencer  
Tim, Ann & children

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in making the 2003 Sherman County Livestock Show a success. Thank you to all the buyers who attended the sale and purchased animals. Without your support, we would not be able to have livestock projects. Thanks again!

Kaleb & Kyle Horsford

Sherman County 4-H would like to extend appreciation to everyone who supported the concession during the County Livestock Show and Sale. Thanks to Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, and Kim Sutterfield for coordinating the concession. Thanks is also extended to all members and parents who donated food and worked the activity. Thanks to Thriftway, Amarillo Coca-Cola, Allsup's, Express Lanes, Ted Allen of Moorman's, Kountry Donuts, United for their donations to this successful fund raiser.



Paul Miller of Alta Loma, California, grew the largest mustache ever grown in the U.S. It measured eight feet by March 1993.

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Mystery writer John Creasey wrote under 27 different pen names.

## For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-11fn

For Rent: Nice 2 bedroom house, central heat & air. Good Location. Call 806-333-7418. 10-17-11fn

For Rent: Small 2 bdrm house with fenced backyard. New storm windows & carpeting. 619 N. Wall. 396-2364 9-12-11fn

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## Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-11fn

House for Rent or Sale: 2 Bdrm, Kitchen & Living Room. Call 366-2493 or 753-7761. 1-23-2xp

House for Sale or Trade. 605 S. Main. Call 396-2569. 1-16-3xc

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-11fn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 1-16-11fn

House for Sale: 2 Bdrm, lg. backyard, 414 N. Fulton. \$25,000. Call 727-4646. 1-23-2xc

Three bedroom brick home, 1 3/4 baths, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, front & backyard sprinkler system. 1209 NW 1st. 396-2383. 1-9-11fn

For Sale by Owner: Owner financing possible on 2 story, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1760 Sq. ft, rock fireplace, beautiful backyard with big tree, deck across back of house and rock fountain. 816 N. Maple. \$55,000. 727-4664 or 753-6677. 1-9-11fn

For Sale: Beautiful home on 1 acre - 519 S. Spruce. 2100 Sq. ft. 4 yr. old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan large kitchen. Call (806) 366-3636. \$74,000. 2-6-2xp

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodelled 2500 sq. ft house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120. 8-8-11fn

REDUCED for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-7927. 1-10-11fn

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New York was the first state to require the licensing of motor vehicles. The law was adopted in 1901.

## Legal Notice

### Notice To Contractors of Proposed Texas Highway Improvement Contracts

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### Construction/Maintenance Contract(s)

District: Amarillo  
Contract 6091-00-001 for LEVELING/OVERLAY W/LAYDOWN in SHERMAN County, etc will be opened on March 05, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$401,986.80.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's List, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 8912

State Office

Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Amarillo District  
District Engineer  
5715 Canyon Dr

Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708  
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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## Crime Watch

### Tips To Protect Yourself From Identity Theft

(NAPS)—You may get some big surprises on your credit report someday. The report may show a few credit card accounts you never applied for, all charged to the limit, or a cellular phone account with a whopping balance.



They may be convenient, but credit cards expose consumers to potential identity theft.

You may even be shocked to learn you have a new address thousands of miles from your home!

If so, you may be a victim of identity theft, a crime U.S. Postal Inspectors say is sweeping the country. Here are some things you can do to make it more difficult for crooks to steal your name:

- Know when your credit cards expire. If you don't receive them in the mail by the expiration date, call the issuer immediately.

- Don't toss out those credit card statements without shredding them first. Criminals don't necessarily need your credit cards—just your account numbers.

- Shred pre-approved credit card applications before throwing them out. If crooks get a hold of these, they can apply for credit cards in your name without your knowledge.

To learn more, or to report a fraud online, visit the Postal Inspection Service Web site at [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors).



The largest pearl in the world, the 14 lb., 1 oz. Pearl of Lao-tze was found at Palawan, Philippines on May 7, 1934.

## Gem of an Idea

### Red Gems Are Hot For Valentine's Day

(NAPS)—Think red for Valentine's Day—as in red gemstones. They're hot, sexy, confident, passionate...and never boring. Each red gem has its own personality—and it radiates from every facet.

If you are shopping for a red gemstone for Valentine's Day, there are several intriguing choices available—and one is bound to be right for you. Colored stone experts at the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), the world's foremost authority in gemology, provide the following insightful glimpses into four of the most popular red gemstone choices:

#### Ruby: King of Red Gemstones

Mined in exotic locales around the world—including Myanmar, Madagascar, East Africa, and Sri Lanka—the ruby is the undisputed king of red gems. Ruby offers a distinctive range of red hues that vary from light (pinkish) to dark, velvety reds, and hits a brighter red in between. And, ruby is very hard—second only to diamond in hardness (resistance to scratching).

What's the best ruby shade? It's the one that speaks to you, as the potential wearer of this appealing gem. View the spectrum of red hues, and see which one best fits you. Keep in mind that vivid rubies are considered the highest quality, but they are rare and will thus be more expensive.



Photographer: Tino Hamid. © GIA & Tino Hamid

This ring features a 2.86-ct ruby flanked by two triangular cut diamonds.

#### Spinel: The Great Pretender

GIA's colored-stone experts point out that quite a few famous "rubies" in royal jewels throughout the world are actually spinels—some even reside in the British Crown Jewels. Spinel has been mistaken for ruby for centuries.

Now that it has come into its own, spinel fans love its brilliance and hardness. They are also captivated by its rich reds, although the gem appears in a spectrum of other colors. Spinel is a durable gem that is affordable but also uncommon. It's mined in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tajikistan (part of the former Soviet Union) and Vietnam.

#### Garnet: The Popular Gem

Although garnets appear in many colors, red is the most admired. It's also plentiful and

affordable. Garnet is very durable, so it's ideal for daily wear.

Three of the most common red garnets are almandine, rhodolite, and pyrope. Almandine garnet is a medium-red color. Rhodolite is found in red with purple or raspberry overtones. Pyrope, from the Greek word pyropus meaning "fiery-eyed," is the darkest red garnet. The finest specimens have a glowing red color. Garnets are mined in East Africa, India and Sri Lanka.

#### Tourmaline: A Colorful Character

This colorful gemstone occurs in more colors and color combinations than any other gemstone variety, according to GIA. In the tourmaline family, a red gemstone is referred to as a rubellite. Widely available, rubellites also come in larger sizes, making them a favorite choice for contemporary jewelry. Important sources of rubellite are Brazil and Nigeria.

When shopping for gemstones, it's advisable to go to a jeweler who has credentials from GIA, such as a Graduate Gemologist (G.G.) or Accredited Jewelry Professional (A.J.P.). GIA also offers identification reports on gemstones, including those discussed here, to verify their authenticity. For more information, visit [www.gia.edu](http://www.gia.edu), or call 800-421-7250.

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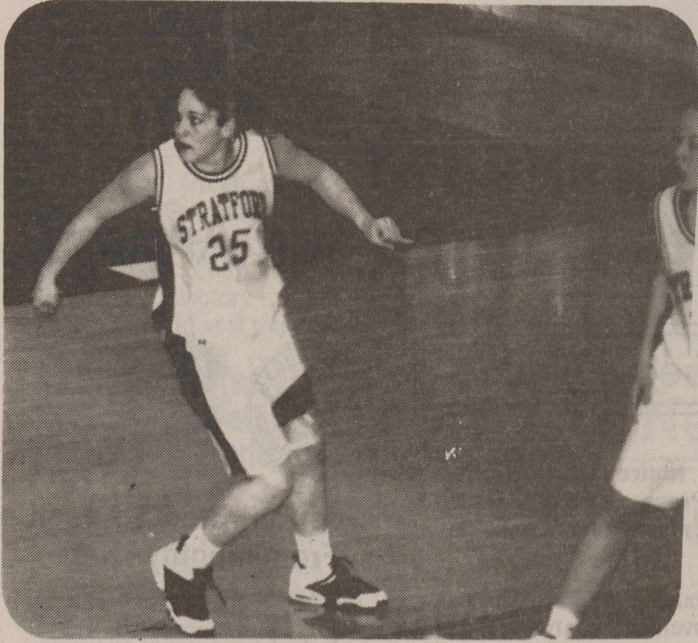
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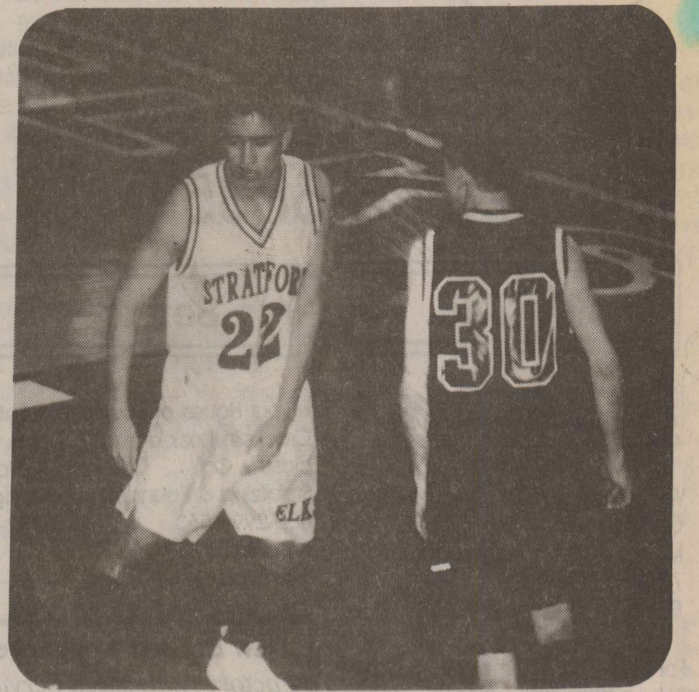
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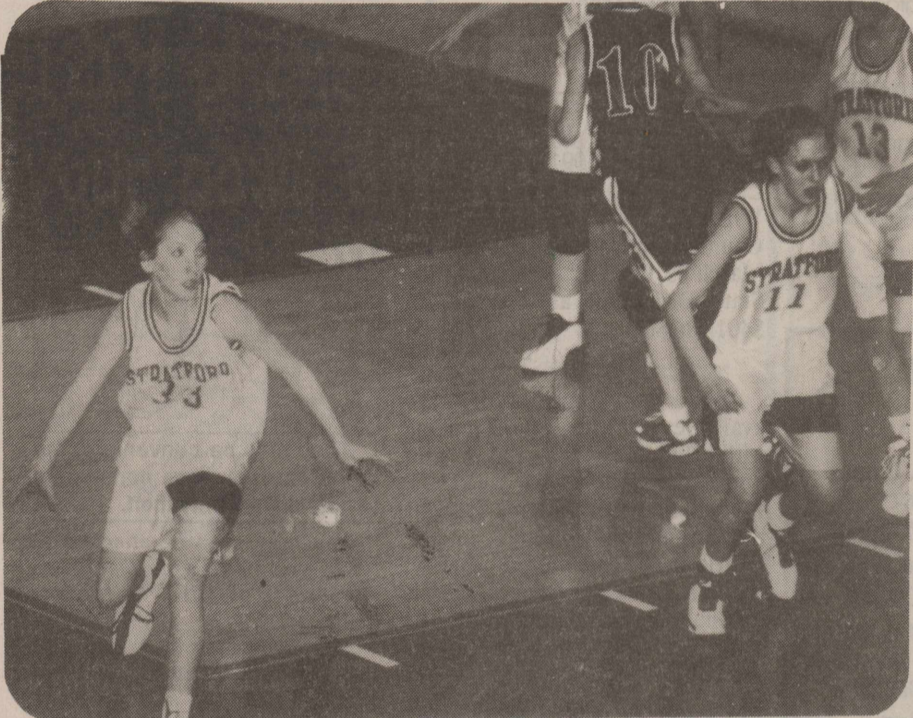
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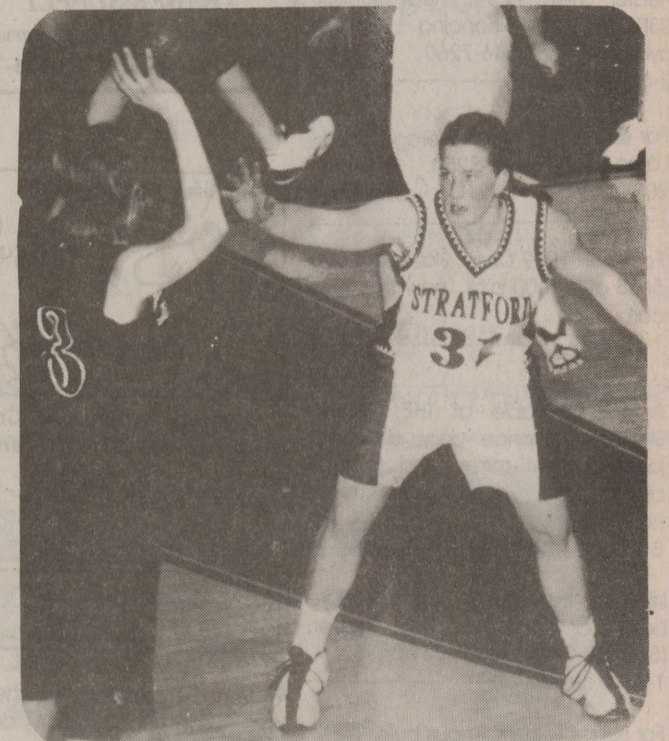
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