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## Basketball King & Queen

Crowned the 2005 Basketball King and Queen on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at the basketball coronation and pep rally were Tyler Haynes and Brittany Hudson.

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## Attention-SC Youth Arena Meeting

Attention: There will be a Sherman County Youth Arena Meeting on Thursday January

20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the New County Barn. Discussion will be: If you plan to use the arena in the future, plan to attend this meeting.

## 4- H To Sponsor Concession

Frito Pies, Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, along with Barbeque Beef sandwiches are the main food selection items at the concession to be held during the Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale January 27-29th.

Sponsored by Sherman County 4-H, proceeds from the concession are used to assist 4-H members with camping scholarships, awards and recognition, leadership development, and supplies to enhance 4-H programs. Local businesses assisting with the concession include Brown's Meat Locker, Thriftway, Express Lanes, and Allsup's.

The public is invited to come and enjoy hot food, homemade pie, doughnuts, and an assortment of soft drinks and candy at the concession while supporting the youth livestock show exhibitors.

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## Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

## Sherman County Development Committee Annual Meeting-Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

Sherman County Development Committee Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at the Imagination Station. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the Business Meeting will begin at 12 noon. Following the business session Burt Rutherford with Texas Cattle Feeders will speak on the Beef Industry in 2005 and the Canadian border issues. Our last speaker will be Kenneth Starcher from WTAMU's Alternative Energy Institute, who will give a short presentation on Wind Energy & Wind Farms. If you are not a member of the Sherman County Development committee, but would like to join, contact Kathy Allen at the SCDC office at 806/366-2897 or by email at Scdc@xit.net

Dues are \$25 per year. Help us make 2005 a great year for Sherman County!

## Council Minutes

DECEMBER 7, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Tuesday December 7, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, Nan McWilliams, George Harding and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2004 Regular Meeting. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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## Sherman County Emergency Management

Sherman County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold a meeting on January 24, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Imagination Station. Guest speaker will be Mr. Carl Unlaub, Dumas, Texas, who will present a program on Community Emergency Response Teams.

All agencies and individuals involved in emergency response are urged to attend as well as community volunteers organizations. This will be a program designed to provide information to help Sherman County, Stratford and Texhoma citizens to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is comprised of judicial, law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical services and administrative branches of Sherman County, City of Stratford and City of Texhoma.

Contact Sandy Williams, 366-5330 or 366-3245 for additional information regarding the meeting.

## Local HS Band Participates in Battle of the Bands

A group of Stratford High School boys have put their musical talents together to form a band. They will be participating in the first annual Amarillo Globe-News Battle of the Bands sponsored by USA Weekend magazine and the John Lennon educational Tour Bus. The *Artists Unknown*, as they are called have written their own songs and put together a CD to send in to the Globe News. If they make it to the top five they will participate in a concert at WTA&M on January 29. Should they win that contest they will get to make a video if you would like to show your support for this young group of boys you can listen to and vote for them by logging on to

[www.getout.amarillo.com/battleofthebands](http://www.getout.amarillo.com/battleofthebands)

Voting will not start until January 24. The band consists of the following members: Ryan McDaniel on bass and

vocals, Richie Melton on guitar and vocals, Kody Willard on guitar and Chad Smith on drums.

## Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Regular Session

January 13, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2005 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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## Berry To Have Open House Jan. 26

You're Invited: Modern Woodmen of America representative Walt A. Berry will hold an open house on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. His Modern Woodmen office at 401 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Suite 2 inside the XIT Communications Building will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served, and Berry and others will be on hand to answer your questions. Door prizes will be awarded.

As a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and member benefits to meet the needs of today's American families. Modern Woodmen is on the Web at [www.modern-woodmen.org](http://www.modern-woodmen.org)

For more information about the open house or Modern Woodmen, contact Berry at 806-366-7684.

## 4-H Scholarship News

The Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is proud to honor county 4-H Gold Star winners with a \$1000 scholarship upon graduation from high school. During the premium sale of the county Stock Show, many individuals and businesses contribute to the scholarship fund.

The organization has awarded the scholarship to county 4-H Gold Star winners since 1986. Upon graduation from high school, recipients are entitled to the \$1000 scholarship upon registration to a college or vocational school to further their education.

The scholarship depends upon various fund raisers to meet its financial obligation. Annually the Sherman County Family and Community Education Council contributes to the scholarship. Memorials, honorariums, and contributions from individuals are also accepted.

The scholarship program began in 1986. Scholarship recipients represent

a \$20,500 commitment by the Sherman County 4-H Parent Leaders Association to assist young people with their continued education.

Past scholarship recipients are C. B. Ingham, Wes Allison, Renne Allen, Trisha Tillery, Sammy Ellison, Jennifer Haynes, Buffy Ellison, Shane Sawyer, Wendy Allison, Kimberly Bouldin, Dean Hauser, Ryan Swain, T.D. Baskin, Janell Pronger, Kyle Ellison, Cassie Bell, Patrick Pronger, Amy Sladek, Carla Bell, Brock Swain, Roy McCracken, Josh Kautz, Trisha Teig, Amie Witcher, and Carson Buckles.

April Kautz and Walter Spurlock will be receiving the scholarship upon graduation from high school.

For more information about the scholarship or how an individual or business may contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

## Say "thanks" to our School Board Members

Being an effective school board member is not an easy task, particularly in today's climate of change and challenge. School board members need to be knowledgeable about many complex educational and social issues and carry out initiatives and directives from both federal and state governments. To face these demands of governing our public schools, they give countless hours of personal time.

Through dedicated, responsible endeavors, school board members serve the public interest in public education and serve the needs of our students. They ensure decisions about public school are made as close to the needs of our communities as possible. Their public service is an excellent example of the tradition of volunteerism that is a hallmark of American society.

Our board is one of 1,042 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problem, values, culture, and circumstances.

With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility, one which should not be taken lightly. Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who serve as advocates

for our schools. The staff and students of our district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about the future of our children."

Let's salute those who volunteer to participate in what is perhaps the purest form of grassroots democratic principles on which our country was founded.

## 2005 Sherman County Livestock Show Schedule Sherman County Exhibit Building Stratford, TX

### Wednesday, January 26

Bring all animals into the barn

### Thursday, January 27

Goats, Lambs and Swine in place by 4:00 p.m.

Weigh in goats, lambs and swine

In this order

### Friday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Judging of Swine

Showmanship of Swine

Judging of Lambs

Showmanship of Lambs

Afternoon (Not before 1:00 p.m.) Livestock Judging Contest

### Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Weigh and Check-in Heifers & Steers

10:00 a.m. Judging of Goats

Showmanship of Goats

Judging of Steers

Judging of Heifers

Cattle Showmanship

4:30 p.m. Buyers: Appreciation Supper, County Exhibit Building

6:00 p.m. Premium Sale-Order: Goats, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Lambs

### Sunday, January

1:00 p.m. Exhibit & Animal Barn Clean-up

### Tuesday, February 8

Project Record Forms due to Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., unless exhibiting at a Major and those are due by March 16<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.



Interesting Events to  
Plan Ahead

By Gaynelle Riffe

February 10-Magician, David  
Copperfield, Amarillo Civic  
Auditorium  
Feb. 10-12-Circus Gatti  
Amarillo Civic Coliseum  
March 4-13 "Annie" Guymon  
Community Theatre  
March 15-Royal Lipizzaner  
Stallions Amarillo Civic  
Coliseum  
April 1 WTA&MU Showcase  
of Music.

School Board Minutes  
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Board members present:

Joe Reinart  
Ricky Reed  
Gared McBryde  
DeWain Trayler  
Patti Vincent  
Steve Hays  
Brent Spurlock Jim  
Taliaferro, Superintendent

Guest present were Mrs. Sandy  
Williams - Sherman County  
Emergency Preparedness, the  
2004 Stratford Elk Football  
team including Coach Eddie  
Metcalfe, Coach Jim Bob  
Brown, Coach David  
Sutterfield, Coach Jim Hand,  
Walter Spurlock, Mark Miller,  
Hunter Buckles, Brady Bell,  
Connor Vincent, James Smith,  
Kelby Smith, Dillyn Williams,  
Alex Martinez, Joey Reta, Josh  
Lanning, Brandon Davis, Chris  
Ortega, Corey Rendon, Jeffrey  
Frizzell, Case Crabtree, Tyler  
Haynes, Caleb Brown, Brant  
Cummings, Michael Frizzell,  
Gustavo Rosales, Luis Trejo,  
Chad Smith, Josh King, Travis  
Soto, Trent Boyd, Asbel  
Gomez, Sandro Gomez, Craig  
Kautz, Andrew Correll, Eric  
Riffe, Martin Beltran, Tony  
Ruiz, Rudolfo Portillo, Gilbert  
Reta, Corey Carter, Jake  
Lawrence, Jared Ewers, Ryan  
McDaniel, David Chavez,  
Pablo Ibarra, Steven Rueda,  
Scott Hudson, Daniel Hays,  
Harrison Walden, Julio  
Ramirez, Francisco Torres, and  
Oswaldo Terrazas. Other  
guests included Mr. Haynes,  
and Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro introduced the  
guests as presented above.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the  
district's monthly recognition.  
It was as follows:

1. The Elk football  
team finished their  
season as state  
finalists. They  
were beaten in the  
State  
Championship  
game in Wichita  
Falls by Shiner.  
Congratulations to  
the team and  
coaches on a great  
season.
2. Several Elk  
football players  
have received  
honors as a result  
of their hard work  
during the season.  
They are as  
follows:

**AP All-State**  
Mark Miller - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
team - Offensive  
line  
Josh King -  
Honorable  
Mention  
Quarterback  
Ryan McDaniel -  
Honorable  
Mention  
Linebacker  
Mark Miller -  
Honorable  
mention  
Defensive  
Lineman

Josh King was  
selected as the  
**Amarillo**

**National Bank  
Athlete of the  
Week and  
Athlete of the  
Month** for  
December.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

HELLO AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses  
and families for renewing their memberships: Murphy Farms, Billy  
Bell Family, Gary and Sue Hudson, Joe Pete Flores, Jim & Shannon  
Taliaferro, Frontier Fuel, Wayne Cummings Family, Brown's Meat  
Locker, Cactus Feeders, Smith Agency, Thriftway, Doak & Lisa  
Crabtree, Elk Pharmacy, Dorothy Haile, Dalhart Federal Savings &  
Loan and Wanda Riffe. New membership: Jim Alexander.  
Without the support of these families and businesses, the Chamber  
of Commerce would not be able to serve the community of  
Stratford. Once again, thanks to all of you.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

Walt Berry, Modern Woodmen of America, District Representative,  
has opened a new office. He is located at 401 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 2,  
here in Stratford. This is the old Happy Bank & Trust building.  
Walt will be having an open house January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to  
whenever people stop coming by. He encourages everyone to  
attend. Refreshments will be supplied. Please stop by and welcome  
Walt and support yet another new business.

PICTURE THIS

Since there are so many homes for sale by owners, the Chamber of  
Commerce will be starting a new bulletin board. We encourage you  
to take a picture of your home, along with information regarding the  
square footage, how many bedrooms, bathrooms, and whatever  
information you would like a prospective buyer to know.  
The bulletin board will be in the Chamber office and updated as  
homeowners bring in information. This will be a free service to the  
general public. Homeowners, please take advantage of this  
opportunity.

GRAND OPENING

The General Store will be having their grand opening on March 9<sup>th</sup>.  
If you have not gone by to see the changes, please do so, I promise  
you will be impressed. The crew at THE General Store have been  
working hard to make this possible. Please plan to attend this event.

**1A Golden  
Spread Team**  
Eddie Metcalf -  
Coach of the Year  
Josh King -  
Player of the Year  
Stratford Elk  
Football Team -  
Surprise Team of  
the Year  
**OFFENSE**

**DEFENSE**  
Josh King - 3.  
Quarterback  
Martin  
Beltran - 4.  
Defensive  
Lineman  
Tony Ruiz -  
Running Back  
Ryan  
McDaniel -  
Linebacker  
Tyler Haynes -  
Wide Receiver  
Mark Miller -  
Offensive  
Lineman  
Luis Trejo -  
Offensive  
Lineman  
Trenton Boyd -  
Offensive  
Lineman

Mark Miller was  
selected to the **Amarillo  
Globe News SuperTeam**

**1A All-District  
1<sup>st</sup> Team**  
Tony Ruiz -  
Running Back  
Travis Soto -  
Receiver  
Trent Boyd -  
Center

Mark Miller -  
Luis Trejo -  
Offensive Line  
Mark Miller -  
Defensive Line  
Cory Rendon -  
Defensive End  
Ryan McDaniel -  
Linebacker  
Josh Lanning -  
Secondary

**1-A ALL  
DISTRICT  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team**  
Josh King -  
Quarterback  
Tyler Haynes -  
Receiver  
Walter Spurlock -  
Punter  
Rudy Portillo -  
Defensive Line  
Josh King -  
Linebacker  
Travis Soto -  
Secondary

**Honorable  
Mention  
Offense**

**Defense**  
Ryan McDaniel

Martin  
Beltran  
Chris Ortega

Asbel Gomez

Brady Bell

Tyler Haynes

Jordan Taylor won  
the Lincoln  
Douglas Debate at  
the WTAMU  
Speech Contest.  
The Mary Allen  
Elementary  
campus was  
recognized for  
being a Title I  
Distinguished  
Campus.

The Board of Trustees then  
commended the Stratford Elk  
State Finalist Football Team for  
the accomplishments this year.

Sandy Williams discussed the  
Emergency Management  
Coordination. She discussed  
shelter and mass treatment  
activities in the event of any  
type of catastrophe. She  
discussed a meeting to be held  
in conjunction with several city  
and county organizations. See  
Attached Agenda.

A Public Hearing was  
conducted on the district AEIS  
report. Mr. Taliaferro presented  
the district results. The District  
is recognized as "Academically  
Acceptable."

Mrs. Williams presented the  
Mary Allen Elementary report.  
Her accountability rating was  
"Exemplary."

Mr. Haynes presented the High  
School report. His  
accountability rating was  
"Academically Acceptable."

Mr. Taliaferro presented the  
junior high report. The Junior  
High campus accountability  
rating was "Recognized."

Mr. Taliaferro gave the  
transportation report. The cost  
per mile for transportation for  
the month was 33¢. He then  
gave the budget summary.  
Monthly expenditures are at  
26.19% and revenue collected  
at 65.04%. Tax collections are  
at 75.87%. The district  
enrollment was 625 with the  
Mary Allen having 250  
students, the junior high having  
176 students and the high  
school having 199.

Ricky Reed made the motion  
and Brent Spurlock seconded to  
accept the consent agenda.  
Discussion was held. Motion  
carried 7-0.



Kelly's Gymnastics Takes First Place

Kelly's Gymnastics competed in Dalhart Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Division one took third place on Double  
Mini. Division Two placed first on trampoline, first on double mini and first on tumbling.  
There were 12 teams represented and over 200 athletes. Our next meet is Jan 29<sup>th</sup> in  
Chickasha, OK. Wish these kids good luck! Back Row: Tyson Brooks, Gage Brooks,  
Mackenzie Albracht, Shelby Williams, Ashlyn Miner, Shandy Edenborough, Kenley  
Edenborough, Shannon Jones, Danya Jenko, Rachel Durham. Middle Row: Justin Mungia,  
Briden Palmer, Carson Williams, Jessica Lomax, Ashley Williams, Michaela Davis, Allie  
James, Kelsey Taylor, Brandi Craig, Hartlyn Smith. Front Row: Kelsey Ivey, Courtney Ivey,  
Meghan Brooks, Cydne Hitchings, Madison Williams, Karlene Arias and Savannah Osmond.  
Not pictured: Laynee Burr, Bailey Cobb, Alexis Gloud, Haven Hernandez, Bayleigh Meyers  
and Gracen Walker.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

Jan. 21- 23 "Five Guys Named Moe" Musical  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991  
Jan. 22 Amarillo Symphony, Harrington String Quartet  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782  
Jan. 25-26 "Say Goodnight Gracie" Broadway Series  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096  
Jan. 26 Snoop Dogg  
Amarillo Civic Center coliseum 806-378-3096  
Jan. 27-30 "Always Patsy Cline" returns  
Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-355-9991  
Jan. 29 Dave Taylor Dance Co "Rainforest" Lone Star Ballet  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463  
Feb. 5 "Lift Every Voice Concert" Amarillo Opera  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7484  
Feb. 10-27 "Sweeney Todd" Musical  
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991  
Feb. 10 David Copperfield Magic  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096  
Feb. 10-12 Circus Gatti  
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096  
Feb. 19 Amarillo Symphony "POPS" John Bayless piano  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782

2005 Senior Class  
Barbecue Brisket Dinner  
Sunday, February 6  
11:30—1:00  
High School Cafeteria  
Tickets Can Be Purchased At The  
Door or From Any Senior  
\$6.00 - Adults  
\$3.00 - Children 12 & Under

Modern Woodmen of America  
Representative  
Walt A. Berry  
Open House  
January 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.  
401 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Suite 2  
(Inside XIT Communications Building)  
Everyone Invited  
Refreshments will be served  
Door Prizes will be awarded  
Walt Berry and others will be on hand to  
answer your questions.

On Thursday, Friday and  
Saturday, January 20, 21 and  
22 the Railroad Crossing on  
287 will be closed for repairs  
by the Railroad. Texas  
Department of Transportation  
will be doing traffic control.  
Please plan on taking an  
alternate route for those three  
days. (Detour Hwy 54 to Main  
and back to 287 on 1<sup>st</sup> street)  
or detour that works for you.



## Births

## Study Club News

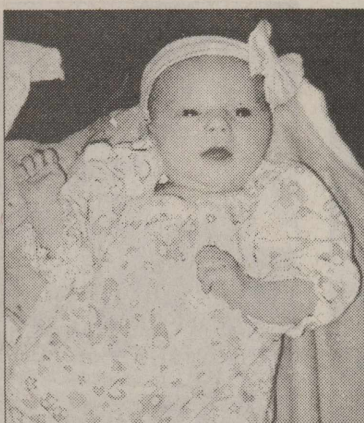
Dinner this Sunday, 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Bring a covered dish and enjoy.

Betty Fry, Texhoma, was a guest of Jo June McDaniel a couple of days.

Trisha Schoonover and children went to Ballinger over the weekend to visit with her sister and family, Roxan Bowman.

Mindy Eslinger, Amarillo, spent a couple of nights with her mother Florecia Eslinger.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, spent five days with her mother and brother. She was here because Marylou had an angiography test (heart cath) Wednesday in Amarillo. Everything was clear, no heart problem! Just Parkinsons.



Justin and Kimberly Cornelsen of Amarillo, TX proudly announce the arrival of their daughter, Kinley Grace Cornelsen. Kinley was welcomed home by her big brother Kade.

Kinley arrived on Wednesday, December 29 at Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, TX. Kinley weighed 6 lbs., 13oz. and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ken and Carolee Campbell, Liberal, KS and Gary and Debra Cornelsen, Amarillo, TX. Great grandmothers are Wanda Campbell, Liberal, KS; Sue Smith of Stratford, TX and Charlene Cornelsen of Texhoma, OK. Great-great grandfather, F.C. Shubert, also of Texhoma.

Landry Jake Miller was born at 9:35 a.m. Saturday, January 1, 2005. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was twenty and three-quarter inches long. Landry's parents are Jason and Janell Pronger Miller, of Afton. Grandparents are Ronald and Patsy Miller of Wolfthorpe, and Fred and Marsha Pronger. Great-Grandparents include Dena Rankin of Levelland, Grady and Barbara Howard of Amarillo and Alfred and Jimmie Pronger.

Landry is the first baby born in Lubbock in 2005, and the first grandchild, as well as the first great-grandchild for his mother's side of the family.

Two meetings have recently been held by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club that were interesting. One was on Education, the other on Public Affairs.

Misti McBryde, Counselor of Stratford Schools, spoke on the TASS tests. She said that the tests were good for students.

Jack Haile, Sheriff, spoke on the manufacture and use of methamphetamines, the criminal penalties involved and what citizens can do to help law enforcement stop the production of this dangerous drug.

Texas Federation of Women's Club will have a special day in Austin on March 2. Some plan to go from this area.

It was announced that \$2130 was raised for the Library with Project Christmas Card.

There is a box for M.D. Anderson items at the Library. Watch for list.

The Book Fair will be held at the Library this year on April 1 through April 8. Librarian Sandy Basin and Paula Everett are in charge.

Two new members are Ashley Lavake and Barbara Haile.

At the Feb. 2 meeting Richie Brotherton will speak on how to properly plant trees in the Texas Panhandle. Mike Everett will explain about Heifer Project which club has voted to do. Trees are under Conservation and the Heifer Project is for International Affairs.

### Correction to Friona Speech Tournament Story

Correction to Friona speech Tournaments Results: Evan Haile, Placed **Third** in Experienced Prose and **Second** in Duet Improv and Participated in Group Lip Sync. She had a total of 51 points.



## Waldens Honored with Shower

A shower honoring Keri Walden and baby girl Walden was held Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in the home of Nancy Kimball. Shown above left to right-Kaci McBryde, Kelli Wight holding Kenlee McBryde, Kristi Walden, Keri Walden, Barbie Wight, Helen Summerour & Mary Lou Walden.

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True happiness is of a retired nature, and an enemy to pomp and noise; it arises, in the first place, from the enjoyment of one's self, and in the next from the friendship and conversation of a few select companions.

—Joseph Addison

## Hereford Speech Tournament

The Stratford High School Speech team was on the road again this weekend they journeyed to Hereford on Saturday to compete in their tournament. The team members going were Rocio Molina, Jordan Taylor, Ryan Pendergrass, Austin Riffe, Trena Maiwald, Evan Haile, Ashley Duschel, Stacy Hays and Shiloh Dickenson. The team placed first over all out of 20 teams competing. Individual results:

1. Trena Maiwald: Advanced to semi-final in impromptu speaking and participated in Poetry.

2. Rocio Molina: Advanced to Semi-Finals in Prose and participated in Poetry
3. Ryan Pendergrass: Participated in Impromptu and Informative Speaking
4. Austin Riffe: Placed **Second** in Poetry and participated in Impromptu Speaking
5. Shiloh Dickenson: Participated in Poetry
6. Ashley Duschel: Placed **Sixth** in Impromptu Speaking and Advanced to Semi-Finals in Informative Speaking
7. Evan Haile: Placed **First** in Impromptu speaking, **Third** in Informative Speaking and Participated in Poetry.
8. Jordan Taylor: Placed **Second** in LD Debate

Great Work Speech Team!!!!!!

### Health

(NU) - Eighteen million Americans are diagnosed with depression each year, and more experience low mood. Of that group, fewer than 50 percent will respond to traditional treatments or they will discontinue use due to side effects. Fortunately, a new pilot study conducted at Boston-based Massachusetts General Hospital may offer hope. The study combined the dietary supplement S-adenosylmethionine, better known as SAM-e, with the patients' current medications. The results suggest the combination may be as effective as two antidepressants, with fewer side effects. To learn more, visit [www.sam-e.com](http://www.sam-e.com).

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2004 camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations Include: Commerce, TX Prescott, AZ, Belmont, CA, Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Bridgeport, CT, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Carlinville, IL, Macomb, IL, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Baltimore, MD, Ypsilanti, MI, Hickory, NC, Schenectady, NY, Bluffton, OH, Doylestown, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blacksburg, VA, Lyndonville, VT, and Beloit, WI. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 ANYTIME.

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#### PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were none.

#### MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Not available at this time.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Not available at this time.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean reported that the City employee appreciate party will be December 8, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Imagination Station.

Sean also reminded the council about the December 9, 2004 meeting at the County Barn.

The City has received the Criminal Justice Division grant confirmation letter regarding the Police Vehicle.

Sean has sent a letter to TCEQ regarding the progress of the East Wastewater Treatment Plant. Further discussion took place regarding the wastewater plant. Nancy Kimball stated that she would like to see a comprehensive plan of action written up regarding the wastewater plant.

Financing for several improvement projects were discussed. LaRita Butler will get in contact with Vince Viaille with First Southwest Company to discuss financing options for the City for the January 13, 2005 meeting.

J & L Equipment has submitted a bid for the North Street Lift Station; however, the bid submitted was for a submersible well. The bid was \$48,500. Previously an estimate from Max Smith for a Wet Well was discussed at \$60,000. Further discussion took place.

Sean stated that he and Jesus Mariscal made their presentation to PRPC for grant funds for the recycling department; however, the city did not receive the grant.

#### COUNCIL BUSINESS

Consumer's water bill was discussed. Item tabled until someone representing Consumer's could be present.

Appointment of members to the Sales Tax Corporation Board was discussed. Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the resignations of Ken Forthman and Gayland Vandiver, George Harding seconded, all in favor,

motion carried. Nancy Kimball then motioned to appoint Chris Riffe and Chuck Harbour to the Sales Tax Corporation Board. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the Sherman County Appraisal District Board nominees for the 2005-2006 term of office. Nancy Kimball motioned to vote for Beck Hemphill and Gerald Wilhelm, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

#### ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Longevity pay for the employees was discussed.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

LaRita Butler

David Brown, Mayor  
City Secretary

City of Stratford

## Good Luck Basketball Teams

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### Enlightened self-interest?

We live in an enlightened age. We think we are enlightened because we have thrown off the old taboos. The old puritanical moral standards, which held us in check, have been discarded. Now we are free to express ourselves in more creative ways. Society can advance to the utopian ideals of equality and true human dignity. It all sounds so good. But where is this kind of thinking leading us? The sexual revolution of the sixties brought a flood of illegitimacy. Over twenty-six percent of the births in America now occur outside of marriage. The number of single parent homes is skyrocketing. Millions of children are brought into the world without the benefit of a loving mother and father living in a committed relationship. Children, growing up in single-parent homes, are more likely to be 'at risk.' That this high sounding enlightenment has led to turmoil has biblical precedent. People can have deep spiritual experiences and not be true followers of God. It is possible for individuals to have special gifts and receive light from God regarding the Bible and yet remain unconverted. As in the secular enlightenment just mentioned, religious enlightenment is possible when people are on the road to destruction. It might even be called enlightened self-interest. But that's the problem. Without Godly love, "it profits me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

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**Kerrick Community Church**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

### First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
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. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

### St. Joseph Catholic

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Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald  
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 lv. 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  
Early Service 9:00 a.m.  
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.  
Late Service 11:00 a.m.  
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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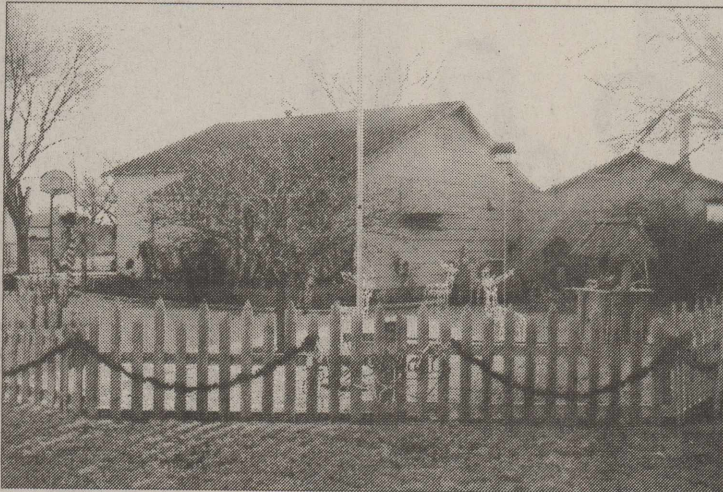
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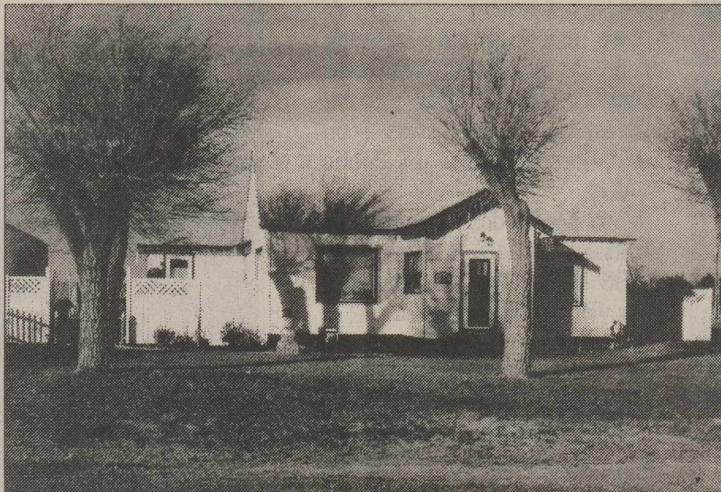


## Christmas Lighting Contest Winners



**First Place**

Billie & Joe Zak at 302 S. Chesnut



**Second Place**

Second Place, Larry Sims, 1401 Purnell Ave.



**Third Place**

Third place-The Barrazzas 615 n. Fulton

### New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

1. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
2. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
3. State of Fear by Michael Crichton
7. Nightfall by Nelson DeMille
8. Black Wind by Clive Cussler
9. Entombed by Linda Fairstein
10. A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett
12. London Bridges by James Patterson
13. I Am Charlotte Simmons by Tom Wolfe
14. Life Expectancy by Dean Koontz
15. The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lilian Jackson Braun

### 4 Money-Saving Tips for Every Homeowner

(NU) - Losing weight. Finding a new job. Spending more time with the family. A new year means setting new goals. Why not make saving money one of them?

If you're a homeowner, there are many ways you can cut costs and still live comfortably. The following tips will help lead you to financial success.

- **First, set a budget.** Figure out exactly how much you spend on the upkeep of your home. Compare each month's expenses with the previous month's to get a better idea of how much to budget for each necessity. Then, see what costs you can cut. Once you set a budget, stick to it.

- **Save energy.** You might be losing a substantial amount of energy dollars during the winter and summer because of air leaks. By caulking, sealing and weather-stripping all cracks and openings, you can save 10 percent or more on your energy bill.

Also, look into replacing older appliances with newer, more energy-efficient alternatives. Your light bulbs can make a difference, too. Fluorescent bulbs are four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs.

- **Refinance.** Shop around to see if you can replace your existing home loan with one that has a lower interest rate. You can easily save hundreds of dollars each month by refinancing your home.

- **Purchase a home warranty.** Most homeowners don't account for possible repairs in their annual budget. There is a 68 percent likelihood of a home system

or appliance failure in a given year. The average replacement cost of one of these systems or appliances is \$1,085. A home warranty is your best defense against unexpected and costly repairs to your home's appliances and mechanical systems.

The American Home Shield Home Warranty, for example, ensures you get the best possible service through the company's network of pre-screened technicians. The minute something breaks down, you can contact American Home Shield and a local service technician will schedule an appointment that fits your schedule. The warranty covers a multitude of household systems and appliances, regardless of age.

The American Home Shield Home Warranty is a one-year contract that requires no home inspection to enroll. Several affordable plans are available to fit every budget.

For more information on how to get a home warranty, visit [www.ahswarranty.com](http://www.ahswarranty.com).

## Basketball

The Stratford JV White Lady Elks beat Fritch 39-21 on January 20, 2005. April Peregrino led the Lady Elks with 15 points followed by Whitney Garza with 10 points and LaRissa Luna and Kelsey Stein with 6 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elk Blue Team beat Sunray 39-14 on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Rhia Everett was high point with 12 points followed by April Peregrino with 9 points and Merilee McDaniel with 8 points. The Lady Elks are 3-0 in District play.

The J.V. Elks beat Vega 48-43 in overtime on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Craig Kautz led the Elks with 16 points followed by Scott Hudson with 10 points and Daniel Hays with 8 points. On Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the J.V. Elks beat Sunray 32-25. Hunter Buckles was high point with 12 points followed by Daniel Hays with 8 points, Scott Hudson and Brant Cummings with 4 points each.

The Stratford Lady Elks beat Vega 44-30 on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Allison Baskin with 9 points and Lindsay Stein with 7 points. On Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Elks beat Sunray 35-24. Shadley Audrain was high point with 8 points followed by Lindsay Stein with 7 points. The Lady Elks are 3-0 in District play.

The Stratford Elks beat Vega 53-49 on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 14 points followed by Chris Ortega with 13 points and Josh King with 12 points. On Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Elks lost to Sunray 28-46. Josh King was high point with 13 points and Tyler Haynes followed with 10 points. The Elks are 1-2 in District play.

## Consumer

(NU) - Whether they consume it for its taste, health benefits or relaxation, more than 50 percent of American adults drink tea. Consumers who are turning to tea as their beverage of choice also are welcoming different preparation methods, especially electric water kettles. When choosing an electric water kettle, look for a model with a firm grip handle, such as the Capresso H2O Classic Water Kettle. This kettle also features slip-free plastic on the underside to prevent it from slipping on the table and countertop. For more information, visit [www.capresso.com](http://www.capresso.com).

## Food

(NU) - The next time you entertain friends or family, impress them by serving tapas, flavorful Spanish dishes prepared using healthful ingredients and served on small plates. For easier preparation, use canned ingredients. According to a University of Massachusetts study, recipes using canned ingredients are similar in taste and nutritional value to those made with fresh or frozen items. For delicious and healthy recipes, visit [www.mealtime.org](http://www.mealtime.org).

## 4-H Sporting Club News

The Sherman County 4-H Sporting Club met Monday, January 10, 2005 with 43 members, parents, and coaches present. President Rustin Russell conducted the meeting with Sunny Russell reading the minutes and presenting a treasurer's report.

Rustin introduced Lem Russell, David White, Steve Myers, Scott Buckles, Frank Vaughn, and Wesley Spurlock as volunteer coaches for the project. Susie Spurlock presented information regarding upcoming adult volunteer coaches training to be conducted in Lubbock February 25-27, 2005. Walter Spurlock presented Lem Russell as Distinguished Leader for Sherman County recognition plaque.

Lem Russell recognized Carson Buckles, Hunter Buckles, Walter Spurlock, Nathan White, Zachary White, Kaleb Horsford, Sunny Russell, Rustin Russell, Rowdy Lerman, and Ransom Lerman who participated in the Spring 2004 Small bore Postal League state contest. Cindy Russell recognized Rustin Russell, Sunny Russell, Walter Spurlock, Jennie Spurlock, Braden Hudson, Eric Burton, Rhyann Burton, Treavor Christian, Rowdy and Ransom Lerman who participated in the outdoor prone contest held this past summer.

Rustin announced indoor rifle matches being conducted by Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club over the next few months and the 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza to be held April 22-24 at the Texas 4-H Center.

Wesley Spurlock informed the group about the National Rifle Association Marksmanship Qualification program and how members can participate.

Updates on project practice schedules were shared by Susie Spurlock. Weekly practice sessions will begin the week of February 7<sup>th</sup>. Members were given the opportunity to sign up for the practice time most convenient.

The meeting adjourned for the Safety Training conducted by Scott Buckles who was assisted by Hunter Buckles, Rustin Russell and Walter Spurlock.

## Women's Health

(NU) - A frequent urge to urinate. A sore lower back or abdomen. A burning sensation while urinating. All are symptoms of a painful infection that can wreak havoc on daily routines. Pain and suffering associated with a urinary tract infection (UTI) can last up to a week. A new study called Excellence in Therapeutic Response and Activity (eXtRa) found that more than a third of the women taking Cipro XR (ciprofloxacin extended-release) showed significant signs of improvement within just three hours of taking the antibiotic and half of the women reported symptom improvement within six hours. Visit [www.ciproxr.com](http://www.ciproxr.com) for more information.

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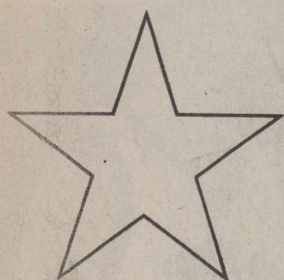
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## For Sale

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585. 3-31-c

For Sale: 2000 Model Chevy. Pickup, 3/4 ton 4-w drive ext. cab. 137,000 miles. Submit sealed bids to Chad Hinds at Cimarron Feeders no later than 5 p.m. on January 24th. For more information contact Chad at 580-543-6383 Ext. 500 1-20-c

## Want to Buy

Want to buy-good used mini-trampoline. Call 396-5373 and leave message. 1-20-p

## Help Wanted

Looking for dependable, reliable & loves to work with children. Fulltime/parttime position. Must apply in person. No phone calls please. Lollipop Junction 9-30-tfn

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Yard Maintenance Dept. Responsibilities will include equipment operation and general feed yard maintenance. Great benefits that include: Medical, Life & Dental insurance as well as 401K, vacation & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call: Chad @ 580-543-6383 ext. 500. Must pass physical and drug test EOE. 2-3-c4x

## Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

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It is light grief that can take counsel.

—Anonymous

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## Services

SANDY'S 'ROUN-TUIT' SERVICE Home Repair, Welding, Painting, Odd jobs, Mower Repair. No job too small. "If you can't get around to it," CALL SANDY! 753-7354 or 727-4692 8-16-tfn

I will do little handiwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679. 8-16-tfn

If you need errands ran, Help around the house, Or just Odds & Ends, etc. call Bryce Wright at 366-5828 for more information. Leave message. 1-27-c

## For Rent

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541. 11-27-tfn

## PHEASANT RIDGE APARTMENTS

1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut  
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Newly remodeled  
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For Rent: 2-bedroom house, utility porch, fenced backyard and garage. 396-2125. 1-6-tfn

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

## Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/4 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

## Health

(NU) - With the flu vaccine shortage, parents are searching for answers on how to keep their children healthy during the cold and flu season. Many parents confuse the flu with a rotavirus infection. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that causes symptoms such as high fever, headache, dry cough and sore throat. Rotavirus is characterized by vomiting, diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain. When vomiting or diarrhea occurs, excessive amounts of fluid and electrolytes can be lost. Giving an oral electrolyte solution formulated especially for children, such as Pedialyte, can help reduce a child's risk of dehydration. For more information, visit [www.pedialyte.com](http://www.pedialyte.com).

## Home Improvement

(NU) - According to the National Association of Home Builders, the fourth most common home-remodeling job in 2002 was replacing windows or doors. It's no wonder: Reliable products can help homeowners save energy, reduce maintenance and increase comfort. One tip that leading manufacturers suggest is to consider maintenance factors. When purchasing wood windows, select new low-maintenance products that don't require painting, such as Jeld-Wen Premium Vinyl Windows. These windows won't chip, crack, peel or discolor because the extruded vinyl process allows the color to go all the way through. For additional information, visit [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com).

## Houses For Sale

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car. garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775. 4-22-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

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Owners need to sell this really nice home on large lot: This 2 Br., 2 bath home, office, could be 3rd bedroom, with 2 car garage, sprinkler system and much more could be yours for nothing down. Sellers willing to pay some or all the down payment and closing cost, for a qualified buyer. This is a great deal! For more info. Call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560 ask for Toni. 11-25-tfn

## Cards of Thanks

To Whom it may Concern:  
A big thank you for your thoughtfulness for the turkey at Christmas Time. I really appreciated it.

Ann Johnson

Ad Rem Land Co.  
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Stratford Agent:

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2-bedroom 2-bath home with recent updates, new floors, carpet, and paint. 33,000

3 bedrooms 1.75 bath, Large master suit with walk-in shower, workshop with double garage and C/H&A. 95,000

3 bedroom 1.75 bath. This home has a new sewer line and has had carpet professionally cleaned. Move up to this beautiful house. Possible lease before purchase 89,900

2 bedroom 1.75 bath home with style. Large living and dining areas, hardwood floors and updated bathrooms. 78,900

Very cute 1 bedroom .75 bath home that would make a great rental property. 15,000

2 bedroom 1 bath home, this would make a great starter home. 25,000

Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a 1 car detached garage and a shop in the backyard. 50,000

This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in a prime location in a quite neighbor-hood and close to schools. 125,000

This 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home is a very nice corner lot with a great fence. C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line all recently replaced. 60,000

For Sale by Owner: 4/23 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

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Grief is the agony of an instant, the indulgence of grief the blunder of a life.

—Benjamin Disraeli

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## Acquisitions...

### January Clearance Sale!!!

1/3 off wood furniture including tables, chests, shelves, buffets, washstands, dressing tables, cupboards, tea carts, and trunks!

1/2 off select jewelry and accessories.

Stop by soon, because this sale ends January 28th.

## Acquisitions...

at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford  
(New merchandise coming in February!)

## Consumer

(NU) - Today, a kid's bed just isn't a kid's bed unless it doubles as a writing desk, a playhouse or even a race car. Many children's bed manufacturers opt to outfit their fun-shaped creations with foam pads instead of sturdy innerspring mattresses. How do you know what's best for your child? Sleep experts from the American Inner-spring Manufacturers, a non-profit organization, recommend the following guidelines: Consider a bed that your child can use for years; make sure the mattress has springs; and replace old mattresses. Parents can find fact sheets and catalogs at [www.inner-spring.com](http://www.inner-spring.com)

## Valentine's Day

(NU) - While there are several competing theories on the origins of Valentine's Day, two things have become synonymous with this celebration of love: the red rose and the heart-shaped box of chocolates. More than 36 million candy hearts will be sold this year, the majority of them from Russell Stover, the leading producer of heart-shaped boxes of chocolate in the United States. Russell Stover also caters to the health-conscious with assortments that are sugar-free and low in carbohydrates. For more information, visit [www.russellstover.com](http://www.russellstover.com)

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of SHERMAN COUNTY, Texas on the 31st day of December, 2004 by the Clerk thereof in the following cases:

#### 4562 STRATFORD ISD VS NORMAN JEAN HOBSON

.011718 Royalty Interest in the Hobson, A #1, Lease Number 10100, RRC #27605, located in Section 386, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County Texas

#### 4576 STRATFORD ISD VS ALBERT DEAR

.008593600 Royalty Interest in the Dear No. 1 Lease located in Sec. 20, Block 2-T, TNO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

#### 4580 STRATFORD ISD VS LLOYD LIKE

Tract 1: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander "A" #1, Lease number 30325, RRC Number 7303, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 2: .0044464 Royalty interest in the Carlander, B, Lease Number 30135, RRC Number 6790, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 3: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #3, Lease Number 30029, RRC Number 6501, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

Tract 4: .004464 Royalty Interest in the Carlander #2, Lease Number 2160, RRC Number 78181, located in Section 199, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

#### 4583 STRATFORD ISD VS GEORGE GEIL

.005815 Royalty Interest in the Price #1C, Lease number 11480, RRC Number 27706, located in Section 14, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

#### 4584 STRATFORD ISD VS HARRY RAVICK

.004436 Royalty Interest in the Lee #14, Lease Number 5680, RRC Number 27409, Section 4, Block 2-B, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

And to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell said properties located in SHERMAN COUNTY at TEN (10:00) o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2005, 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.

Levied on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 2004, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes plus all taxes, penalties, interest, attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of the Plaintiffs therein.

31st Day of December, 2004.

Sheriff, SHERMAN County, Texas

The minimum bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgement (s) against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or the tax collector.

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo  
Contract 1108-01-016 for OVERLAY AND ADD SHOULDERS in HARTLEY County, etc. will be opened on February 09, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State office.

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 Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, 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 15370

State Office  
Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)  
Amarillo District  
District Engineer

5715 Canyon Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708  
Phone: 805-356-3283

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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It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

—William Blake

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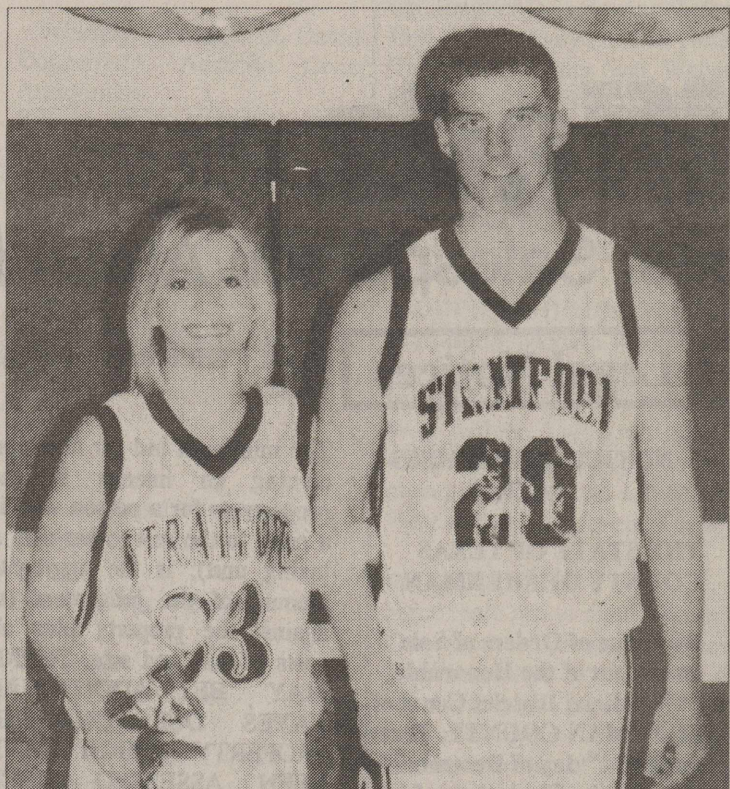
The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it.

—Woodrow Wilson

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# Basketball



**Basketball Queen & King**  
Brittany Hudson, Sr., escorted by Tyler Haynes, Sr.



Kayla Robertson, Sr., escorted by Asbel Gomez, Sr.



Deidre Tarver, Sr., escorted by Cory Rendon, Sr.



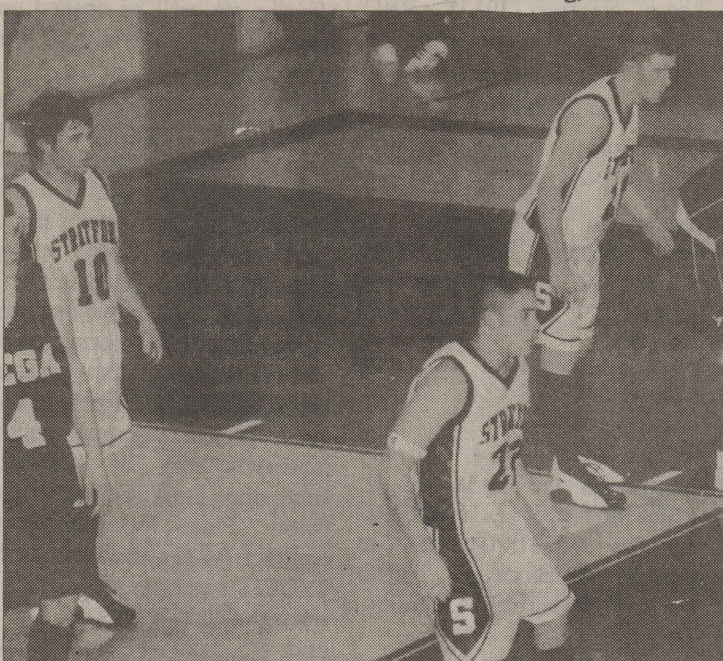
Yadira Ortega, Jr., escorted by Josh King, Sr.



Lindsay Stein, Sr. escorted by Travis Soto, Sr., and Chris Ortega, Sr.



8th grade crown bearers, Sinead Everett and Justin Lanning.



Stratford Elks #12 Case Crabtree and #32 Brady Bell.

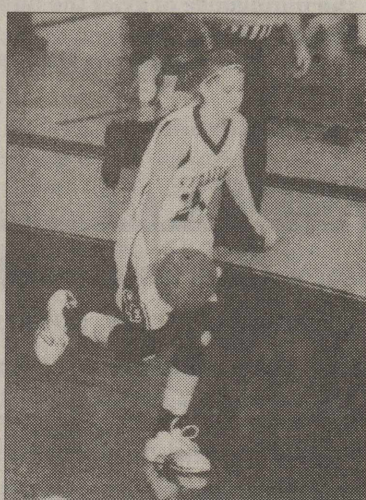
Stratford Elks #10 Josh King, #22 Asbel Gomez and #20 Tyler Haynes on defense against Vega.



Lady Elk Lindsay Stein defends against Vega.



J.V. Lady Elks Jordan Confer and #35 Kristen Crabtree on defense against Vega.



Lady Elk Candie Bell



Elks Daniel Hays, Jeffrey Frizzell, Hunter Buckles, Craig Kautz and Scott Hudson get ready to defend Vega's inbound play.

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## GOT COTTON? WANT COTTON?

First State Bank is sponsoring a seminar on cotton as a cash crop. Discussion will include: growing, marketing and financing necessary to produce cotton in our Panhandle area. This seminar is for farmers, implement dealers, fertilizer and chemical providers and anyone else impacted or curious about increasing our cotton acres in the Panhandle.

**When:** Thursday, January 27th  
**Where:** First State Bank in Dumas—500 East 1st Street  
**Time:** 10:30—2:30  
**Lunch:** Provided  
**RSVP:** by Tuesday, January 25th  
Dumas 935-4184  
Dalhart 249-5513  
Stratford 396-5521

**Presenter:** Brady Heffington—Littlefield, Texas—Cotton Producer  
Danny Glenn—Lubbock, Texas—Cotton Financier  
Deryl Bennett—Lubbock, Texas—Retired Sr. Ag Lender, American State Bank

Question and Answer Session after the session.

Join us for good information, food and fun!

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