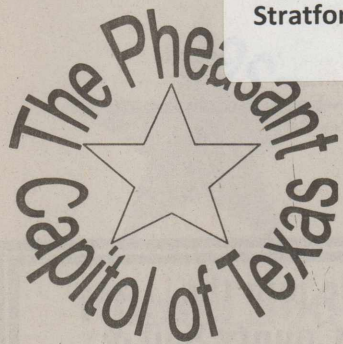




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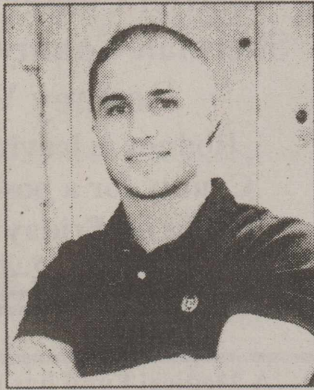
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Ex-Student Reunion July 27-28

Help! No plans or updated addresses from classes 1952, 1962, 1982, 1992. The mailing should go out by the 15th of May. Please contact Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303.

Volunteers needed to cook 220 hamburgers and 10 freezers of ice cream for July 17th.



Reta named Valedictorian-Palmer named Salutatorian

Perla Reta has been named Valedictorian of Stratford High School. She has a GPA of 100.205 over four years in high school. She is the daughter of Elvira Reta and is 17 years old. Perla has been involved in many extra curricular activities and has been in band all four years and drum major her junior and senior year. She also played basketball and a part of the Varsity Lady Elks since her sophomore year. She was captain for the team this year. She has participated in track/field by throwing the shot and discus. One act play since her freshman year, and been part of the cast, crew and recently stage manager. Academically she has been in the UIL events, spelling, literature and criteria and science. This fall she plans to attend Texas Tech University in hopes to earn a doctorate, Ph.D. Pharmacy.

Braiden Palmer was named Salutatorian of Stratford High School with a 4.0 GPA. Braiden is the son of Jade and the late Tammy Palmer. Braiden has participated in football, basketball, track, science, headline writing, student council, fellowship of Christian Athletes, Band and received the President's Education Award and Citizenship Award. As a junior he was elected into the National Honors Society and will graduate with that membership. Braiden's hobbies are playing his guitar, singing and playing sports with his friends. After high school, he is going to attend WTAMU and study Pre-Med. After his pre-med courses he will attend Med school at Texas Tech and pursue his dream to become a facial reconstructive surgeon.

Clift Land Brokers Expands to better serve the Panhandle area

Clift Land Brokers of Amarillo, Texas announces the opening of its new branch office at 401 S. Poplar Stratford, Texas. Expansion to the Stratford area was a natural "next step" for the Texas Panhandle's largest land brokerage firm. Clift Land Brokers serves the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles with five other branch offices located in Dalhart, Hereford, Littlefield, Pampa, and Perryton, TX. Licensed in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, and Nebraska, broker and owner George Clift has spent the last 15 years building the farm and ranch real estate business by providing top notch customer service and a high level of expertise in land sales.

Bryan Clift will be managing the Stratford office. Bryan, wife Jana, and girls Kaytly, Morgan, and Ellie have relocated to Stratford and look forward to becoming involved in the schools and community. Bryan has over nine years' experience in farm and ranch real estate and stands ready to assist you with

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2012 One Act Play cast and crew

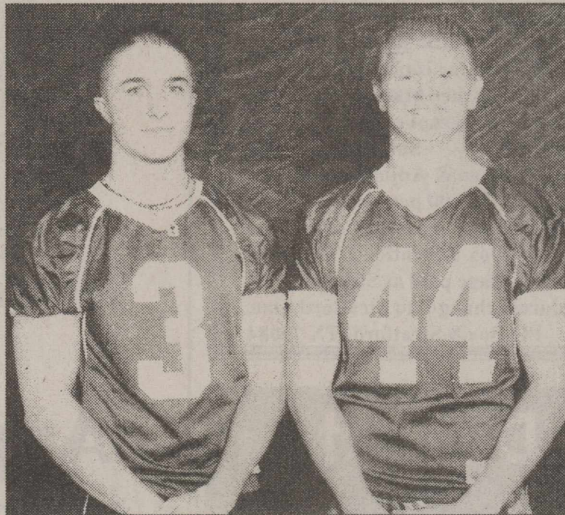


Pictured here with all their medals and awards for the year is the 2012 One Act Play cast and crew. They competed at the UIL Regional OAP contest held on the campus of South Plains on Saturday, April 21st. They placed third and were named alternate to state. Out of the 312 class A schools that competed this year, alternate at regionals puts SHS in the top 12 in the state. This achievement is the result of lots of time, hard work, and commitment from a great group of students. Thanks to everyone in the community who gave us wonderful support! Individual honors were given to Jordan Johnson and Kammi Birdsong who were named to the All-Star Cast and to Mary Ann Spurlock and Shyanne Acker (who were awarded Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all of these students!



Daniels & Lantelme Advance

Ellie Daniels, a sophomore at Stratford High School placed 3rd in Feature Writing and will advance to UIL Academic Meet in Austin on May 21, 2012 and will travel with her coach Mrs. Harletta Carthel. Casey Lantelme, a senior and back to back to back State Qualifier and already a state champion his sophomore year will be competing this weekend in Austin at the State Track Meet in Discus. He is the Regional Champion in Discus.



Mungia & Palmer to play in Down Under Bowl in Australia

Justin Mungia and Braiden Palmer have been invited to play in this year's Down Under Bowl in Australia.

The team will consist of players from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico and will be coached by Coach Mark Keener. This is a great opportunity for these young men to represent our community. Justin and Braiden have both played football for Stratford High School and have achieved great accomplishments both on and off the field. Justin and Braiden will leave for Australia July 3 and stop for three days in Hawaii before returning on July 11. These young men will be having various fund raisers including sponsorship letters, raffles, and a hamburger feed in June to help them with expenses. Thank you for your support.

Candidates Forum

On Tuesday, May 1, 2012 a Candidates forum was held at the Sherman County Barn. A good crowd was on hand to listen to each candidate for Sheriff answer questions that had previously been submitted. Speaking before the Sheriff's race was discussed were Valerie McAlister, Sherman County Tax Assessor/Collector who explained just what her office does and what her duties are. Kim Allen, County Attorney also explained her duties, as did Jeff Crippen, County Commissioner. Dana Buckles, County Commissioner, the only commissioner who has an opponent discussed her duties as well. Johnny Mungia is her opponent. Questions were asked of each candidate for Sheriff and they each had 3 minutes each to answer each question. Early voting starts on Monday May 14th, 2012 Election is Tuesday May 29, 2012. Shown above left to right are Jeff Crippen, Cris Ortega, Ted Allen, Aaron Sheehan, Chief Joe Powell and Wes Evans. Bottom photo, Valerie McAlister, Dana Buckles and Kim Allen.

Caravan Sales for the Blind

Stratford Lions Club will have their annual Broom & Mop Sale at the First State Bank on Friday, May 11, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m. Fully Guaranteed. Quality Blind-Made Products help the Blind help themselves and Help our Club and Help Our City. Also many other items, Quality Cleaning Aids for Home, Business, or Industry.

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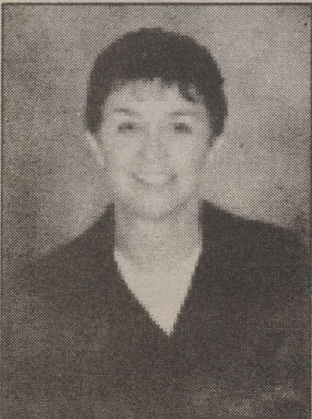
Lavon Brown Williams, 67, passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Graveside services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012 at Stratford Cemetery in Stratford, Texas.

On May 1, 2012, while at home in Midlothian, Virginia, Lavon Brown Williams peacefully entered her eternal life with her Lord. Lavon will lovingly be remembered by her husband, Steve Williams of 36 years, their children, Shawn (Dennis) Satre of Frisco, Texas, Shane (*Shannon) Weiss of Corpus Christi, Texas and her mother, Geraldine Brown, presently in Frisco, Texas. Lavon "Mamaw" will also be forever remembered by her 4 grandchildren, Brennon, Jacob, Meredith & Logan. She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Brown of Tulia, Texas.

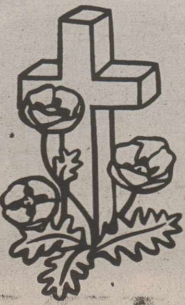
Lavon was born on April 18, 1945 in Tulia, Texas. She grew up in Tulia, but also lived in Stratford, Arlington, Amarillo & Austin. She is a very proud "native" Texan.

The family will be available for visitation at 612 South Fulton in Stratford, Texas.

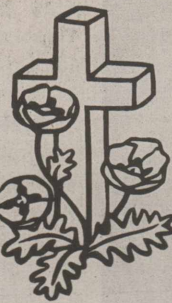
In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorials be given to the American Cancer Society's 2012 Relay for Life, Frisco, Texas. www.relayforlife.org



Elaine Mungia
June 17, 1951-May 5, 2012



Elaine Mungia, 61 of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012 in Stratford Cemetery. The memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Stratford, with Ralph Mirales officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.



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Mary Grace Hudson

June 1, 1924 - May 5, 2012

Mary Grace Hudson, 87, formerly of Stratford, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2012. Graveside services were held at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in Stratford Cemetery. The memorial service followed at 2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Stratford with Rev. David Terry, pastor of the church officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mary Grace was born on June 1, 1924 in Sherman County, Texas to Dan and Merle (Fedric) Foreman. She was a graduate of Stratford High School. Mary Grace was united in marriage to Owen Eugene Hudson on June 5, 1942 in Sherman County. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. Her hobbies included square dancing, traveling the U.S., spending time at their Colorado home in the summers, and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Merle Foreman, two brothers, Verne Foreman and Archie Foreman, one daughter, Judy Jones, and one son, Mark Hudson.

Mary Grace is survived by her husband, Owen of Amarillo; one daughter, Sue Smith of Dallas; her son-in-law, Robert Jones and wife Jean of Amarillo; one sister, Nell Curtis of Lewiston, Montana; one granddaughter, Kim Roten and husband Ron of Amarillo, three grandsons, Mike Jones and wife Christine, Jeff Smith and wife Tabitha, all of Dallas, and Steve Etheridge of Amarillo; nine great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Empty Stocking Fund, P. O. Box 2091, Amarillo, TX 79166; the American Red Cross, Texas Panhandle Chapter, 1800 S. Harrison, Amarillo, TX 79102; the Salvation Army, do Vicky Ellis, 603 Pear, Dumas, TX 79029; or the Leukemia Research Foundation, 3520 Lake Avenue, Suite #202, Wilmette, IL 60091-1064.

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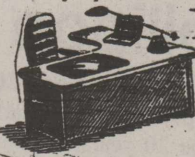
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From the desk of Chief Powell



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Have a great week, Stratford & as always thank you for your support!

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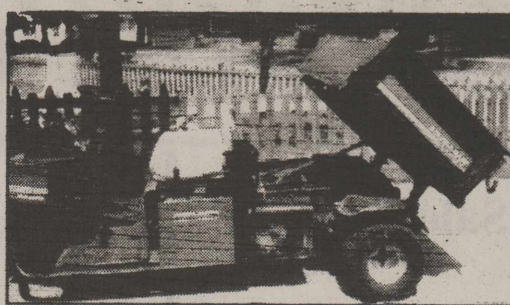
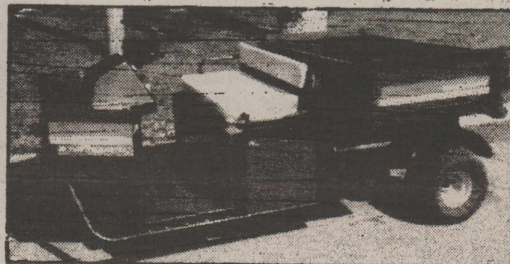
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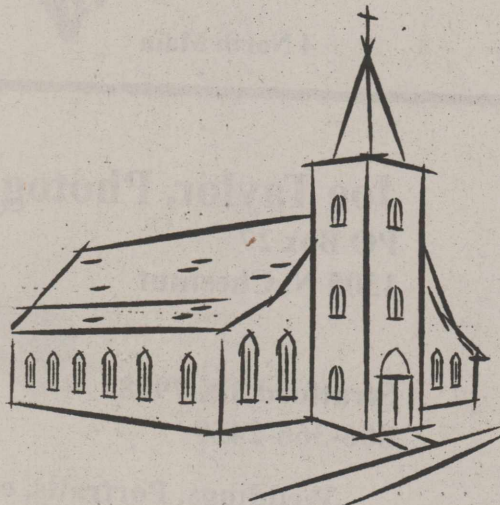
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Choo, Choo, Lollipop News

Help Celebrate our 20th Birthday, May 26!!!

Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit child care center will be 20 years old this summer and a Street Fair will kick off its celebration!!

Join the "free" party at the intersection of 3rd Street and Main for music, entertainment by Lollipop children, games for children ages 1 to 10; air jump house, opportunities to get pictures by Shari, information on bicycle and tricycle safety, and more. First State Bank will be serving free hot dogs beginning at 11:30 am. The community will have an opportunity to support the child care center that day with donations of canned fruits or vegetables. Cash donations will also be accepted.

The Street Fair is Lollipop's way to say "Thank You" to the community for supporting the non-profit child care center and the programs it offers. More information about Lollipop Junction and the programs offered there may be obtained by visiting www.stratfordchildcare.com.

Circle the date, May 26th 10 am to 12 Noon, to help Lollipop Junction celebrate turning 20!!!

Happy

Mother's

Day

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Patrick Kashla celebrated his 19th birthday May 6th with his parents Angelo and Cheryl Card and sisters Autumn and Angeleena.

The family is making their home in the former home of Jo June McDaniel.

Eddie Kines, West Plains, MO spent a few days with the Keathley family. He is Durden's dad. They live in the Boren home.

4-H shooting competition was Friday in Amarillo at the Amarillo Gun Club. Dempsey Collums placed third in his group and Stratford placed fifth.

Heath Collums and Dempsey went to the Pioneer Days Rodeo Sunday in Guymon.

Choo, Choo, Lollipop News

Lollipop Junction Pre-K class participated in the Week of the Young Child sponsored by the Imagination Station. Twelve children learned more about the variety of types of transportation at the event. They had so much fun riding the Depot Museum train, IS boat, and making car tracks art.

Staff members of Lollipop Junction express appreciation to the Imagination Station volunteers for hosting this annual event.

Lollipop Junction children and staff enjoy being a part of the Stratford community. Learn more about the non-profit child care center by logging on to www.stratfordchildcare.com.

Please make plans to help Lollipop celebrate its 20th birthday on Saturday, May 26 from 10 am to 12 noon at 3rd and Main Street. The street fair will have something for everyone and First State Bank will be serving free hot dogs to those in attendance.



Terri Teig shares different types of transportation with Lollipop Junction children during the Imagination Station's Week of the Young Child. Terri discussed man powered transportation such as bicycles, roller skates, and rip sticks with the children.



Lollipop Junction children are leaving the Imagination Station on the Depot Museum train for a short ride in Stratford as the Week of the Young Child was celebrated.

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To all citizens of Stratford:

In an effort to cut the cost of recycling and the transfer of trash at the waste transfer/roll-off station, the City will set new hours. Starting June 1, 2012 the Recycle Center and transfer/roll-off station will only be open to the public during the hours listed below.

We recognize that recycling is a major concern for the public and we wish to acknowledge all those that do their part in the City's recycling efforts. However, reality is that keeping the facility open 40 hours per week is not cost effective.

Therefore, in an effort to keep our facility operating and to maintain our green goals, we have determined that fewer hours is the best way to solve this issue at this time. We encourage all citizens to continue the great job you are doing in recycling and hope this change is not too much of an inconvenience.

Recycling containers will be available near the entrance of the Recycle Center for 24 hour drop-off of recyclable materials only. In an effort to keep the area clean, do not unload transfer/roll-off station waste in these containers.

The hours of operation to have access to the transfer/roll-off station are necessary to make sure that all waste brought to the station meet with disposal regulations.

RECYCLE AND TRANSFER/ROLL-OFF STATION HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 11 am to 12 noon and 4pm to 5pm

Saturday: 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday: Closed

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
Tommy R. Bogart City Administrator
806-366-5581

FIRE CAUTION!

We are not currently under a BURN BAN, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you use caution with any fire. Please monitor any fires and make sure fire is completely extinguished before leaving the area.

Houses for Sale

701 Purnell, 2,692 sq. ft., 3 bdrm, 2 bath, office, new windows and roof, sprinkler system in front and back, Call for appt. 806-753-6423.4-12-tfn

House for sale by owner-619 Purnell, 4bdrm 3 bath, 2981 sq. ft. New sculptured metal roof, h/a/c, windows, Teak hardwood floors and tile, corner lot close to schools, Call for appointment, 806-366-7664 or 806-753-6677. 3-29-tfn

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THE CITY OF STRATFORD WOULD LIKE TO THANK A. J. RIFFE FOR PLANTING TREES AT STRATFORD'S CEMETERY. A.J. PLANTED APPROXIMATELY 30 TREES AND THIS PROJECT ALLOWED HIM TO EARN HIS EAGLE BADGE. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE.

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WE WANT TO THANK OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY FOR ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT WE'VE RECEIVED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE PRAYERS, VISITS, PHONE CALLS, AND CARDS HAVE BEEN SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME. WE'RE NOT THROUGH ALL OF THE CHALLENGES YET, BUT WITH THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD AND YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS WE HAVE FAITH THAT GENE'S CONDITION WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

GENE & JEANE MARSHALL

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THE CITY OF STRATFORD WOULD LIKE TO THANK BRET BARNARD FOR PLACING A SOAKER LINE AT KENDRICK PARK. THIS PROJECT ALLOWED HIM TO EARN HIS EAGLE BADGE. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK IN THE FUTURE

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Modern Woodmen Plant Trees

Local Stratford Chapter of Modern Woodmen of America enjoyed planting five trees - two at Kay Street Park and three at the Recycle Center on Saturday, April 29th. The trees look really nice and are a great addition to both places. We would like to thank George Harding and the City of Stratford for help with this project and also Main St. Essentials for getting the trees in for us. Shown with one of the Kay Street trees are Nikie Berry, Russell Spurlock, Kenlee McBryde, Larry Parsons, Katelin Berry and Payton Berry. Thanks to all of those who helped make Stratford more beautiful!

Band Calendar Sales Underway

Members of the Stratford band program have begun their annual Community Birthday Calendar sales. The calendar runs from August 2012 thru July 2013 and includes birthdays and wedding anniversaries of over 1,000 individuals. Also listed is the Stratford School calendar including sporting events, concerts, contests, banquets, school holidays, six-week periods, etc. This can be very helpful to parents with children in school.

Cost of the calendars is \$5.00 for an individual, \$7.00 for a couple (w/anniversary listed), \$10.00 for a family; and \$3.50 for additional calendars. Students will be collecting money when the orders are taken. Calendars will arrive in July and be delivered by the students.

If you wish to purchase a calendar and have not been contacted by a student, please call the Band Hall at 366-3339 or visit our website at <http://www.stratfordisd.net/band/index.html>. Thank you for your continued support of the band program.

Don't Be Misled By So-Called "Miracle" Products

These products come and go all of the time, and have really started popping up here lately with the dramatic increase in fertilizer prices. Beware of all of these "miracle" products out there claiming to give you improved nutrient uptake, nitrogen use efficiency, or 20 pounds of N per acre for only \$2.00. Some of them even go so far as to claim to change or improve the structure of your soil. That is like a motor oil that could change your straight 6 into a V-8. Many of these products simply are not worth the time, effort, and most importantly, the money to put them out. I compare most of these products to those countless infomercials that you see on TV with products like knives claiming to cut through a 6 inch I-beam without getting dull, or a sponge that will remove hot asphalt off of Grandma's china. Maybe, but doubtful. Do you really want to go and throw another \$5, \$10, or \$15/ac on a Maybe?

Several of the products floating around have been tested for many years by Texas AgriLife Extension and Texas AgriLife Research personnel with mixed, but less than favorable results. With most of these products there was absolutely no yield gain whatsoever. With other products, there may have been a small yield advantage, but not enough to actually pay for the product and the application. Now I am not saying that all nutrient supplements are worthless or a waste of money, I am just saying be cautious. If you are going to put one out, I would suggest treating strips in your field and leaving strips untreated in order to see the difference. Also keep good records of conditions, i.e., rainfall, crop growing conditions, variety, is the crop stressed, crop growth stage, any application problems, etc... in case you use the product in the future and have different results. Just remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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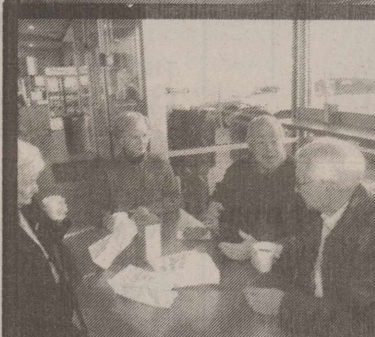
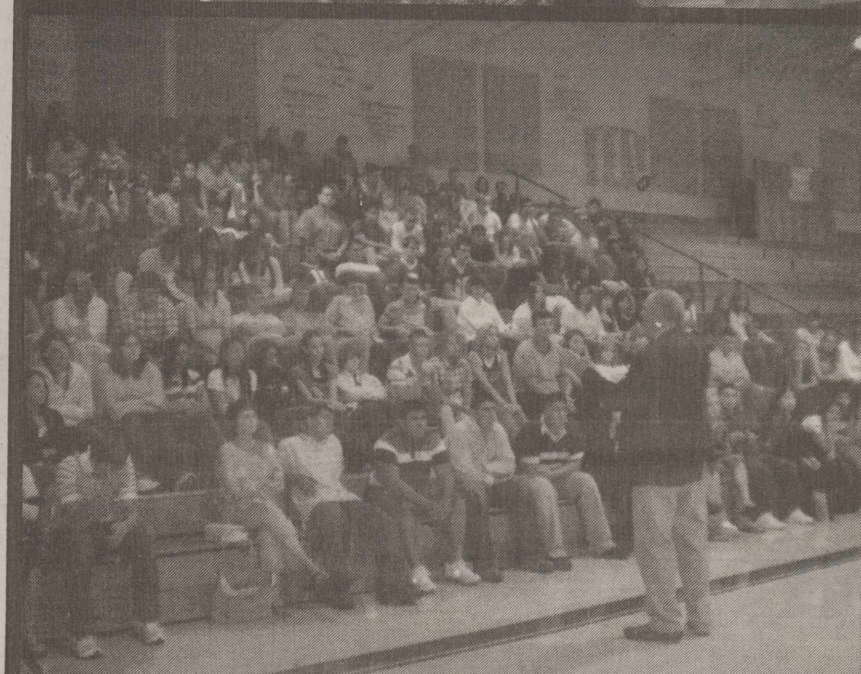
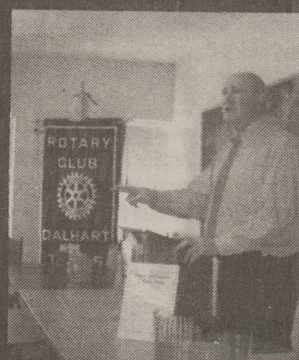
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