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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.

FundRaiser Sunday, Feb. 15th For Ashley & Sladek

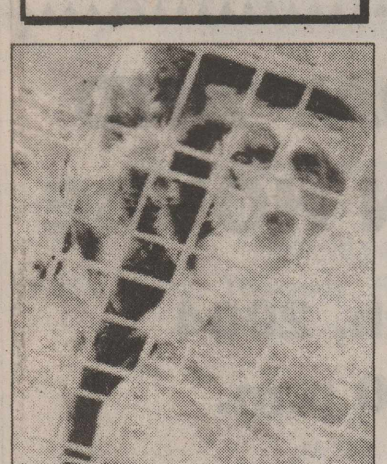
Make your Valentine weekend complete by heading to the Mexican Pile-On dinner Sunday, February 15th. Alisha Sladek and Erin Ashley are hosting the event to raise money for their upcoming trip to play basketball in the Dominican Republic.

The girls will also be raffling off tickets for two stadium chairs and two stadium bags. Tickets will sell for $5.00 each or 5 for $20. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the dinner Sunday.

The dinner is free-will donation and will be held from 11:00 to 1:00 at the County Barn.



Pet Of The Week



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

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, and tugs 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.

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.



Mexican Pile-On Dinner Feb. 15

First State Bank of Stratford donated two stadium chairs for the drawing to be held at the Mexican Pile-On fundraiser for Erin Ashley and Alisha Sladek on Sunday, February 15th. Mary Cross, center presents Erin Ashley, left and Alisha Sladek with the chairs.



First State Bank Happy donated two stadium bags to Erin Ashley and Alisha Sladek for their fund-raising dinner on Sunday, Feb. 15th. Shown from left, Erin Ashley, Cindy Cummings, Doak Crabtree and Alisha Sladek.

"The Elk 2004" - ORDER YOURS February 16 - March 5

"The Elk 2004" will go on sale on Monday February 16. The price of the book will be $45 if ordered by Friday, February 27. The week of February 28 through March 5, the cost will be $50. You may have your name printed on your annual for $5. Payment for your book is due when you order it. There will be no extras ordered.

The Stratford Annual Staff has put together an award-winning book that has been distributed nation wide for the past four years. "The Elk 2003" was an award winner for The Taylor Cover Award. Don't miss out on ordering yours!

Staff members this year are: Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, Kayla Robertson, Lindsay Stein and Jayme Wilhelm. You can order from any of these girls. Mary Allen and middle school students may order from their school secretary. For more information or to order, call 366-3335 during school hours.

Start Your Friday the 13th Off Right

Lollipop Junction wants you to start your Friday, the 13th off right with Krispy Kreme donuts. $6.00 a dozen free delivery on 5 dozen or more. Guarantee your order you need to call 366-5886 or 366-7597 or 396-2782 or any board member.

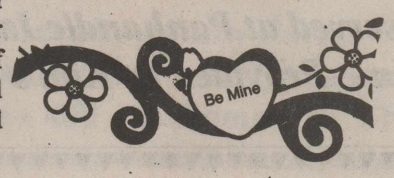
See you on Main Street, Friday, February 13, 2004 starting at 7 a.m.

Valentine Family Night PotLuck Supper at Coldwater Manor

You are invited to Valentine Family Night PotLuck Supper February 12, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home.

Coldwater Manor will provide the meat, mashed potatoes, bread and tea. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

Featuring: Crowning of the new King and Queen. Hope to see you seen. Activities Directors JoAnn & Janice



School Board Election To Be Held May 15th

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 15, 2004. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 14 through March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through 15, 2004 and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follow2s: Monday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 28, 2004 and continue through May 11, 2004. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Johnson and Ted Allen. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent and Brent Spurlock.

If the Shoe Fits……

Please don't curse that boy down there;
He is my son, you see.
He's only just a boy you know.
He means the world to me.

I did not raise my son, dear fan,
For you to call him names;
He may not be a superstar
And these are high school games.

So, please don't knock those boys down there,
They do the best they can;
They've never tried to lose a game
They're boys, and you're a man.

This game belongs to them, you see
You're really just a guest;
They do not need a fan that gripes.
They need the very best.

If you have nothing nice to say,
Please lave the boys alone
And, if you've forgotten your manners
Why don't you stay at home!

So, please don't curse those boys down there, Each one his parent's son
And win or lose or tie, you see,
To us, they're Number One.

-Mary Brill
Ephrata, Pa.

(Reprinted from the National Federal News)

1st Annual SISD Education Foundation Meeting

Announcing the 1st Annual Stratford ISD Education Foundation Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Stratford High School Cafeteria, February 19, 2004, 7:00 P.M. A wonderful meal will be served at the cost of $10.00 for adults and children under 12, $5.00. The fourth grade students and Evan Haile will provide entertainment. Of special interest is the unveiling of the donor's recognition board that was designed and built by Cindy Russell. Come join and us and see what the foundation is doing for YOUR schools. Tickets may be purchased from any board member or from the following locations: Stratford's First State Bank, Stratford Grain, Happy Bank and the Superintendents office.

Public hearings scheduled on Trans-Texas Corridor

Who: The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a series of public hearing throughout the state in February regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor

Why: To gather public comments and opinion on possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor

When: A hearing will take place in each county during February.

Where: In Sherman County, the meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the Imagination Station, 202 N. Main in Stratford beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Background: A network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone called the Trans-Texas Corridor will be built to move people, goods, utilities—and even ideas—through the state safely and faster than ever before. Construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other innovative financing tools. Likely starting points for this corridor will be high-population areas of the state. Eventual features of the corridor could include separate lanes for cars and trucks, separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications.

Stratford Youth Basketball

Stratford Youth Basketball will be starting soon. Registration forms are due on Friday, February 20, 2004. If you did not receive a registration form, you can pick one up from any secretary at the school. We are needing volunteers to coach. If you are interested in coaching, please call Dinah Horsford at 366-2219 and leave a message. We will plan to have the draft the week of February 23rd and start games by the first week in March.

If you have any questions call Dinah Horsford at 366-3300 or 366-2219.

Amarillo Area Women's Forum 2004- Distinguished Service Award

All Panhandle communities are encouraged to nominate women, who have made an invaluable contribution to their communities, for the Distinguished Service Award. Applications will be available at the Chamber of Commerce Office and must be submitted by March 1, 2004.

The Distinguished Service Award honoring nominees will be held Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Amarillo Country Club.

Past Distinguished Service Award honorees from Stratford are: Marillyn Albert Harkins, Timmie Brown, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Gaynelle Riffe, Margaret Reed and LeRayne Donelson.



Tickets are available from any Stratford ISD Education Foundation Board member, Stratford First State Bank, Stratford Grain or Superintendents office.

Obits

James G. Love

Dumas-James G. Love, 80, died Thursday, January 29, 2004.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2004 in Dumas Cemetery with Larry Evans Jr., minister of Stratford Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Love was born Nov. 11, 1923, in Tucumcari, N.M. He was a Dumas resident since 1957.

Survivors include a son, Jim R. Love of Amarillo; three daughters, Linda L. Love and Kaye Harris, both of Dumas, and Cynthia Henley of Stratford; seven grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Winegrape Production Workshop To Be Held

Winegrape Production Workshop February 27 and 28 at the Wild Horse Art Gallery, 421 N. Main Street, Guymon, OK. With special speakers: Dean McCraw, Winegrape Specialist and the Oklahoma Grape Growers and Wine Makers Association President Dr. Terry Lewis.

Discussion will include Current Status of Grape Industry, Site Selection, Plant Types, Vineyard Establishment, General Management, and Harvesting.

Friday, evening will be held 6:30 to 9:00. Saturday morning 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

To register: Please contact Jennifer Taylor at the Wild Horse Gallery by e-mail at

Jennifer@artistincubation. com

Or call 580-338-4278 or cell phone 580-206-4278.

Pre-registration individual-$20 with spouse-$30

Late Registration after Feb. 25-Individual $25 with spouse $35.

TxDOT Transportation Meeting Feb. 17 Imagination Station

Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in Stratford for the public to have input to Governor Perry's proposed Trans Texas Corridor. The place has changed to the Imagination Station because Elections will be taking place at the Courthouse. The time is still at 10:00 a.m. Come by the Imagination Station for refreshments, transportation plans of the future and then get your mail.

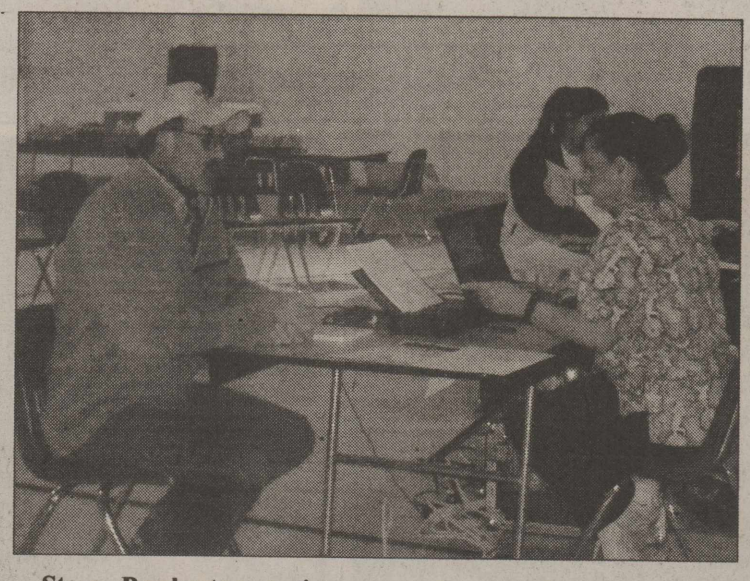
Imagination Station, 202 N. Main, Tuesday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

Valentine Dinner Theatre at the Dalhart LaRita

The Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre will host a Prime Rib Valentine Dinner followed by "Martha Marie & Me", a comedy-music-inspiration, Saturday, February 14. Dinner and Show $25.00 at 6:30 p.m. Show only $13.00 at 8:00 p.m. All seats reserved at Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.



Lynda Hauser shown above at the blood drive on Tuesday, February 3rd.



Steve Pemberton registers to give blood at the Coffee Memorial Blood drive at Stratford High School on Tuesday, February 3rd.

First State Bank Directors and staff would like to invite you to join us for a reception honoring John Wilson

On January 20, 1963
John moved back to Stratford
Here is where he wanted "home" to be.

Part of the First State Bank family he quickly became
Now after 40 years, he is retiring.
There's no way life will ever be the same.

Please help us honor this man of true "first class"
Mark February 20th on your calendar,
Don't let this opportunity pass!

A reception at First State Bank is the plan,
From 4:00 - 6:00 hors d' oeuvres will be served
Drop by with your well wishes and visit a moment if you can.

Education

(NU) - Trying to pay for college is enough to give any student or parent a headache. Fortunately for many, there is some relief. Through a national scholarship program, $250,000 in grants has been awarded this year to 160 outstanding students pursuing careers in health care. The Tylenol Scholarships are awarded by McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, the makers of Tylenol, in conjunction with local retailers. Applications will be available for the 2004 program from participating retailers and at www.Tylenol.com beginning on February 23, 2004.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

Feb. 12,-15 19,-22	"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre/ Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
Feb. 12,13,14	Circus Gatti Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-376-3096
Feb. 14	LaRita Valentines Dinner Theatre "Martha Marie & Me" Dalhart LaRita Community Theatre 244-5646
Feb. 18-22	"School house Rock Live" Musical 7:30 p.m. Sun. 3:00 p WTA&MU Branding Iron Theater 806-651-2798
Feb. 21	Amarillo symphony- Gabriela Imreh, Piano Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
Feb. 22	Air Force Brass Academy Concert WTA&MU NRH 806-651-2799
Feb. 24	Chonda Pierce, Christian comedian Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-3096
Feb. 27	St. Petersburg Classic Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096/372-2463
Feb. 29	Anthony Kerns, Irish Tenor Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-798-9684
March 5-7***	"The Mikado" Opera Branding Iron Theatre WTA&MU (806)651-2856

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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

Last Thursday night was a busy one for SCOT members. Those who traveled to Amarillo to hear Barbara Bush speak were: Gladys Arnold, Ann Wells, Jo June McDaniel, Lynn Wells, James Crawford, LaVell Haggard, LeRayne and B.A. Donelson, Wanda Riffe, Linda Spurlock, Margie Bryson, Katie Allen, Jeanie Carter, Jim Taliaferro, Gaynelle Riffe, Vicki Gore, and Pat Boren. There also were many other Stratford-ites in attendance. It was a great evening.

In addition to this, there were 12 SCOT members who played bingo at the Hall that night. So it was a busy night.

On February 12, a group will go to the Chicken House in the Griggs community for supper. The bus will leave at 5:30 p.m. If you like good food, this is for you.

Then, on Friday, February 13, there will be a special evening of games at SCOT Hall. "Experts" will be on hand to teach chicken foot dominoes, canasta, bride and pinochle. So anyone who needs a lesson, come on down and join the crowd.

Also, there will be a dinner at SCOT Hall this month-February 26, 2004 at 12:00 noon. Let's be there and see what wonders have been done on the hall. Some of our members have been working very hard.

There also will be a dance on Saturday, February 28, at 8:00 p.m. It would be nice to see a lot of SCOT members there. It will be a pleasant evening.

Things are beginning to happen again at SCOT Hall.

Books

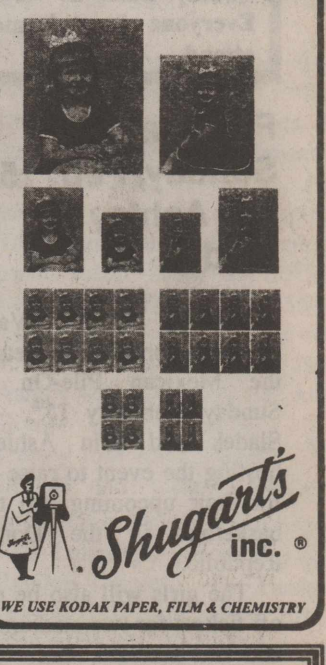
(NU) - As a sophomore at Harvard University, Kent Keith created "The Paradoxical Commandments" to challenge student leaders to do what they felt was right without looking for rewards from others. Now, in its inspirational companion "Do It Anyway," Keith further explains his popular list of ironic truths and includes stories of how others succeeded by following them. For more information about Kent Keith and his books, visit www.paradoxicalcommandments.com.

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FRIDAY—FEB. 13th, 2004
9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Panhandle Implement Co. of Guymon, Inc.
1108 NE 12th Street
Guymon, OK

During the day we will be offering 10% discounts on all parts in stock or ordered on regular stock orders.

Parts Specials:
Farm Plan. 90 days No Payments No Interest
Oil & Filter Special (12% discount on 12 or more filters mix & match)

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5 % discount on cash payment or No Payments No Interest thru October 1, 2004 on Farm Plan Preferred accounts (Ask about details to become Farm Plan Preferred)

LUNCH will be served at Panhandle Implement at 12:00 Noon—Provided by Kim's Ribs.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Going to see and hear Barbara Bush, former first lady, last week in Amarillo were Pat Boren and Vicki Gore.

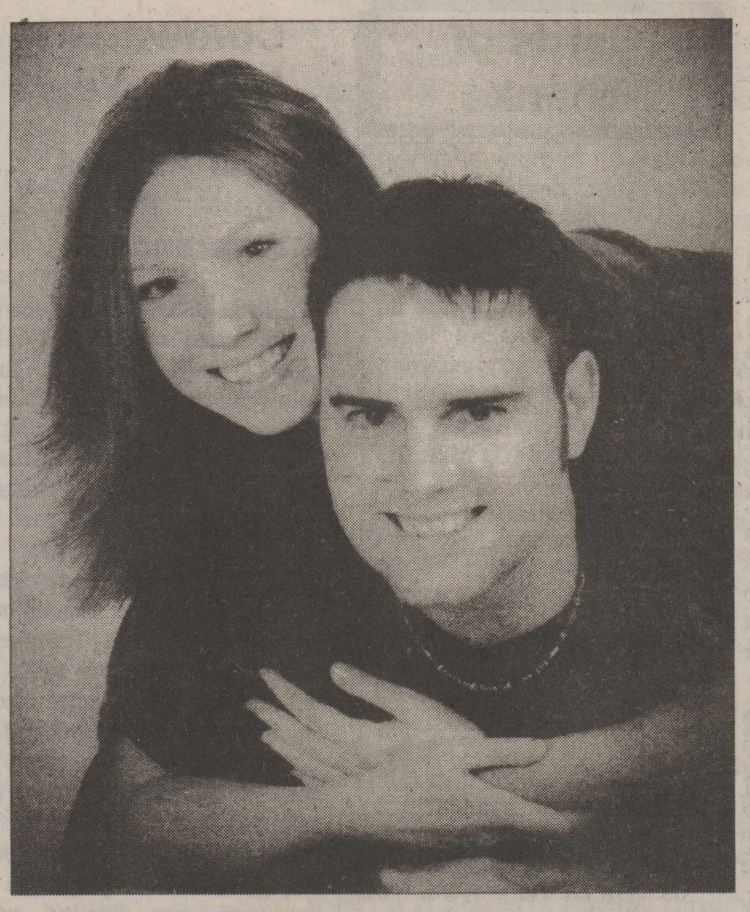
Pat & Bill's grandson Kole will be having breast bone surgery right away. He is the three-year-old son of Kerry & Kelly Carlisle of Ropesville. Prayers on his behalf would be appreciated.

There are over 15 area people planning on attending the Anthony Kearns concert in Amarillo Feb. 29.

Jo June McDaniel, Lynn, Jennifer and M'Lynn Wells attended the Barbara Bush event last week.

Remember to vote Feb. 17.

Nat Martenson had a hip break; she had surgery on Sunday, the 8th in Pensacola Sacred Hearts in Women Hospital. She will be there for a day or two then on to rehab. She was a former resident of Stratford.



Engagement Announced

Gary and Jacque Rogers of Quanah, TX are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kristin to Paul Brown, son of David and Janice Brown of Stratford, TX. They are planning to wed on June 5, 2004 in Quanah. The bride-elect graduated from West Texas A & M last December and is currently employed by Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon. The prospective groom is a senior at West Texas A & M and is employed by United in Canyon.

Health

(NU) - Are you confused by the abundance of information on obesity and weight loss? Located at www.chid.nih.gov, the Combined Health Information Database contains thousands of summaries of articles, books, pamphlets, videos and other educational products concerning healthy eating and other topics that you can search by keyword. For more information about weight control, healthy eating, and physical activity call WIN at 1-877-946-4627



Happy 100th Birthday
To
Corda Valentine Pleyer
Saturday, February 14
1904-2004
Come To Coldwater Manor
2-4 p.m.
(No Gifts Please)

Chamber News
By Patty Tims

As I was starting to walk out of the office to go to the post office, Wayne Smith came in and handed me this poem. He thought it would be good to put into the paper and I agree with him completely. So here goes:

Decline of the Small Town

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun
Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun
We'll buy by the case all under one roof
And save lots too, of that we have proof."
So they did just that for many a year
And, from the results never took any fear
Until one day they met once again
Standing uptown just out of the rain.
"What's happened here!" cried one in dismay
Their faces were ashen, they had much to say.
Then once scratched his head the other said aloud
"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd;
My wife is real sick and right off her feet
I came for some drugs, some milk, and some meat
The hospital is closed, the grocery stores too.
What in the world are we going to do?"
"My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken."
The other one gasped, I thought he was choking'
"My car's a near wreck and my tires are low
I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go."
His friend had his head right down to his chest
"We're to blame," he muttered.
We passed this town for the glimmer of lights
Bought stuff by the carload and took in the sights.
The city is bustling and bursting with pride,
While all our own merchants just up and died.
The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.
I'll tell you old boy we're in for a test.
"We should have been smarter and wiser," they said.
Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead."
"It's never too late, we've learned," someone did say.
But for the foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.
They parted at last as the wind turned cold.
And muttered, "Buy locally, as this story is told."
Author Unknown.

Citizen of the Year

Come by the office or at the First State Bank of Stratford and pick up an entry form. There will be an entry form in the paper next week.

Thanks to Our Local Merchants

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize these Merchants who have continued their support of membership:
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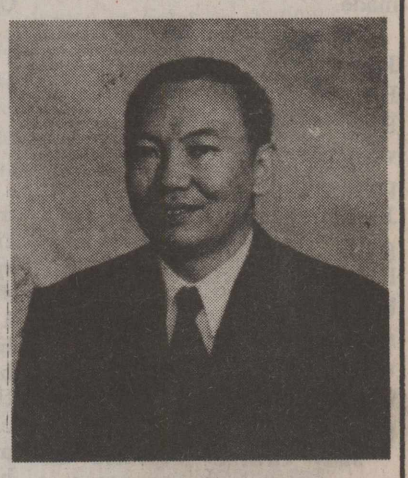
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Dr. Wang is a skilled and experienced physician whose interests include rheumatology, diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disease, COPD, asthma, heart failure and eye disorders.

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GENERATION FIT
Teens Taking The Lead To Reverse Obesity Epidemic

(NAPS)—You don't have to be a "jock" to get fit. Many young people looking for a sure-fire way to feel better about themselves have found a program that can help. The FCCLA *Student Body* Program focuses on helping young people take action against obesity by promoting lifelong exercise, healthy eating habits and a positive awareness of the advantages of being fit.

The lack of nutritional awareness among America's youth is causing problems such as unhealthy eating habits that result in obesity. Among children and teens, there has been a 15 percent increase in the number of young people who are overweight, or triple what the proportion was in 1980.

Teens across America are taking the lead to help reverse this trend. Members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America are using the national FCCLA *Student Body* Program to create peer education projects to help teens and their peers learn how to "eat right," "be fit," and "make healthy choices."

FCCLA teens are part of the ultimate leadership experience. Through their efforts, young Americans are participating in projects to increase physical activity and make educated personal choices about their health and well-being.

To learn more, visit www.fcclainc.org. FCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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

St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
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 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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401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am — Estudio Biblico &
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God Is Love

Many couples are engaged on Valentine's Day; many weddings are performed on Valentine's Day; and many marriages are consummated on Valentine's Day. It's a time for love. Actually, it is a time for sentimentalism, which is all too sloppy. Every day is a day for love. We readily confuse the two. Valentine's Day is a day for card companies to make a buck. They do. Everyday is a day for love. Valentine's Day is another day for florists to flourish. They rake in the cash too. Everyday is a day for love. Valentine's Day is a day for sweet school programs, red hearts, white lace, smiles, and some blushing. Everyday is a day for love. Valentine's Day is a day for special dates and candlelight dinners. Every day is a day for love. Valentine's Day is a day to remember your sweetheart. Ever day is a day for love. Come to think of it, if we did not reserve the hearts and flowers for February 14 and lavish our love on that special person every day of the year, our world might be far different. Perhaps we have forgotten the root and source of love. "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Sloppy sentimentalism practiced once a year is a poor substitute. More than that, we do not know the difference between love, gratifying others, and lust, gratifying ourselves.

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STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING January 15, 2004

Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular monthly meeting, January 15, 2004 12:00 pm. These officers and directors were present:

Shannon Taliaferro, President
Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President
Wayne Smith, Director

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by President Shannon Taliaferro. Also present were Judy Griffith, representing Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning, representing Stratford Emergency Medical Service, Cheryl Ward, administrator for Coldwater Manor and Kandie Galla, secretary for Stratford Hospital District.

Susie Spurlock gave a thank you speech to the Stratford Hospital District for the help with the Diabetes class.

Betty Brown, Director arrived at 12:45pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved after corrections were made.

Cheryl discussed Glynn Johnson getting Stratford Hospital District on Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance': so that we can get a reasonable premium. Cheryl also discussed Jill Lewis doing research to get a grant for Stratford Hospital District. Cheryl also let the board members know that the state approved the addition of the new room at Coldwater Manor. Cheryl discussed the audit and its progress.

Judy Griffith presented the financial report for the Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Judy also discussed the problem with getting Dr. Mathews credentialed for the clinic. Wayne Smith made a Motion to pay Stratford Family Medical Clinic's bills as presented, Betty Brown second the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for Stratford Emergency Medical Services. There were 18 ambulance runs recorded for the month of January. Jimmy is having an Intermediate EMT class and stated that there are 18 people in the class. Ronnie Brooks made a motion that Stratford Emergency Medical Service bills be paid as presented, Wayne Smith second the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Cheryl Ward presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Betty Brown made a motion to pay Coldwater Manors bills as presented, Wayne Smith second the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Cheryl Ward presented the financial report for The Stratford Hospital District. Wayne Smith made motion that the bills for Stratford Hospital District be paid as presented, Betty Brown second the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Peanut Butter Buckeyes

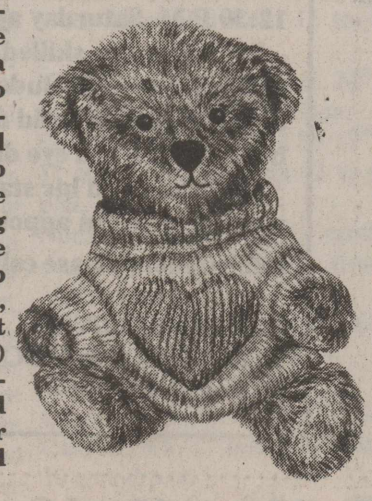
Centers

- **2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar**
- **¾ cup creamy-style peanut butter**
- **¼ cup unsalted, melted butter**
- **½ tsp. vanilla**

Coating

- **8 ounces (1⅓ cups) good-quality semisweet chocolate chips**
- **2 tsp. solid vegetable shortening**

Mix peanut butter, vanilla, melted butter and confectioner's sugar. Use a large spoon to mix ingredients into a stiff dough. Roll the dough into 1-inch balls on a wax paper-lined cookie sheet. Chill until hard and insert a toothpick into the top of each ball. Combine chocolate bits and shortening and melt in the top of a double boiler. Using the toothpicks, dip each ball into the chocolate, leaving a small patch of peanut butter (about ¼ of the center) showing. Place the coated centers on the wax paper and remove the toothpick. Chill for 2 hours before serving and store in refrigerator.



Oklahoma White Wheat Producers Will Meet Feb. 13th

The Oklahoma White Wheat Producers will meet at the Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Goodwell, OK., Friday, Feb. 13th at 5:30 p.m. We are fortunate to have Mr. Jan Demuth, who is with ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems, speak at the meeting. Demuth will provide information and guidelines for the Producers to follow to determine the best organizational model for their organization.

A hamburger supper is planned for all attending from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted and the meeting will begin immediately afterward. Anyone interested in hearing Mr. Demuth, is most cordially invited to attend.

The White Wheat Producers have been organized for about a year. This group is concentrating on developing marketing strategies in order to get the best price for their product and to look for investment opportunities. More producers are needed to supply the needed bushels for viable contracts. All white wheat producers interested in combining their efforts with this group are encouraged to attend.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank all of you for your beautiful cards, your notes that were so great; your visits and the bountiful and delicious food that you brought to us during our recent loss. Everyone was so concerned about how I was doing. I really appreciate that. We thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for your concern about Baskin during his illness. We love all of you.

Baskin Brown's Family
Betty, Joe Ray & Rose, Jim Bob & Patty, Carrie & David, Blair & Patti, Ashley, Caleb, Joe Shane, Carson, Caroline & Analee

We would like to thank all the people who were so kind to us: For all the prayers, food, cards, books & flowers and for being such lovely caring people. It is deeply appreciated.

God Bless You All,
Lucille Hill & family

Dear Family & Friends
A big thank you to each of you for transporting me to Amarillo for radiation treatments and eye treatments. Without all of you, I wouldn't have been able to get treatments. You did a great job Martha coordinating your special people.

Thanks again,
Jean Turner

Coldwater Manor News

Your Attitude makes the difference!

There is a song sung in many churches that starts out, "it only takes a spark to get a fire going/and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing." The song talks about spiritual things, but it reminds us that all it takes to make a difference is one initial action or thought.

You can be that person. You can be the one who stands out and shines brightest. There are many ways you can make a difference in your facility. They are very small but meaningful steps you can take to create a positive change in the life of your residents.

First, you must choose your attitude. As an employee in a long-term care facility, you must daily come to work and decide that: today, I'm going to be positive; today, I'm going to make life a little better for my residents and for my co-workers."

Second, you must be prepared to be positive in the face of negatives. Once you determine to be positive in your own mind, the negatives will come. Negative people with whom you work will be jealous of your cheerfulness, your hopefulness and your drive.

Third, decide that no matter how negative your surroundings or circumstances, you are going to remain positive. When you wake up in the morning, you should think aloud, "Today is going to be a great day-no matter what!"

Fourth, regularly evaluate yourself. Conduct your own personal attitude checks and make adjustments where they are needed. And if you have a day when you allow negativity to influence you, do not give up! But be even more determined at that point to be focused on the positives!

If your attitude is positive, you will truly be the person who makes a difference in the lives of your residents, and others will begin to follow suit because just like the flu, good attitudes are contagious! It is up to you!

These are words of wisdom- Not only does your attitude affect you on your daily activities whether you work at the Banks, Post office or where ever your work your attitude should always be positive.

Cheryl Ward, JoAnn Cobos and Janice Vaughn



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Tuesday
FEB. 17, 2004
Starting Time 10:00 a.m.
CST
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TRACTORS
1-2001 JD 8410 MFWD TRACTOR, SUPER CAB LOADED, BIG HYD PUMP-WIRED FOR JD GPS APPROX. 2200 hr-EXTRA NICE
1-1992 JD 4960 MFWD TRACTOR, CAB LOADED, PS TRANS, 3 pt PTO, WTS, HYDS, 18.4x46 RUBBER-APPROX 6,000 hr.
1-1980 STEIGER ST 251 TRACTOR W/4-WAY GROUSER DOZER BLADE, 3 pt DUAL 20.8x38 RUBBER (RECENT OVERHAUL)
1-1979 JD 4440 TRACTOR, CAB, AIR, HTS, PS TRANS, w/JD 280 FRONTEND LOADER 18.4x38 RUBBER (APPROX. 1000 hr ON MAJOR)
1-IHC B TRACTOR TO RESTORE w/ BELLY MOUNT EQUIPMENT
COMBINES, HEADERS & GRAIN CART
1-1996 JD 9600 COMBINE, CAB LOADED, CHOPPER, BIN EXT. 30' HEADER & HUME REEL 1860 SEP hr.
1-1995 GLEANER R-62 COMBINE, CAB, AIR, HTS, CUMMINS ENG, 700 SERIES w/30' HEADER
1-GLEANER BLACK 8-ROW 30" CORNHEAD w/ CORN REEL
1-HAYDON HEADER TRAILER (LIKE NEW)
1-BRENT 874 GRAIN CART
1-A&L 650 BUSHEL GRAIN CART (NEW GEAR BOX)
SPRAYERS
1-450 SPRAYER, TEE JET CONTROLS, 40' BOOMS w/ ACE HYD PUMP
1-VERSA TRAC 6100 HIGH BOY SPRAYER w/ VW POWER
DITCHER
1-DITCH WITCH 7610 TRENCHER & BACKHOE (NEAR NEW ONLY 400 hr.)
HAY EQUIPMENT
1-HH 855 ROUND BALER w/BALE COMMAND-PTO TWINE
1-HESSTON 1014 SWING TYPE 14' SWATHER
1-VERMEER R-23 HYD HAY RAKE (NICE)
1-10-WHEEL HAY RAKE
1-MY-D-HANDY BALE MOVER
1-BLAIR GOOSENECK 6 ROUND BALE TRAILER
WELDER & GENERATOR
1-MILLER BIG 40 PORTABLE WELDER w/100' NEW LEADS
1-ONAN 7.5 KVA SINGLE OR 3-PHASE GENERATOR ON PROPANE
FARM EQUIPMENT
1-1997 JD 1770, 16-ROW MAXI-MERGE PLANTER w/HYD MARKERS, TRASH WHIPPERS, INSECTICIDE BOXES, FERT TANKS, 2-PISTON PUMPS, 250 MONITOR & HITCH FOR FERT TRAILER
1-1999 JD 1860, 30' NO TILL DRILL, 7.5" SPC w/1900 PULL BETWEEN AIR COMMODITY CART, SEED STAR MONITOR & HAWKUS MARKERS
1-JD 650, 32' DISC w/22" BLADES
1-MILLER 21' OFFSET DISC
1-DMI 530 RIPPER w/JD POINTS
1-DMI 15' CRUMBLER
1-DMI 30' CRUMBLER
1-DAMMER DIKER- 8-ROW 30" w/ SWEEPS & RIPPER SHANKS
1-JD 6-ROW 40" DOUBLE ROW 888 PLANTER w/MARKERS
2-JD DRA GRAIN DRILLS, 8" SPC w/ WALDON HITCH
1-KRAUSE 21' CHISEL RIG
1-KENT 30' FIELD CULTIVATOR
1-WILEY SPRAYER w/42' BOOMS, 1000 gal TANK
1-KRAUSE 5x6, 3700 SERIES SWEEP PLOW
1-SET 500 gal WILEY SADDLE TANKS
1-WILMETH 30' LAND FINISHER
1-RHINO 3160, 15' SHREDDER
1-JD 940 LAND PLANE
1-ROLL-A-CONE BAR w/ SHANKS
1-TOOL BAR w/18 SHANKS & BIGHAM BROS DIKERS
1-SHOP MADE 17' CRUMBLER (NICE)
1-WILEY SPRAYER w/42' BOOMS & 1000 gal. TANK
1-KRAUSE 5x6 SWEEP PLOW w/ PICKERS
2-VAN BRUNT RB 10" DRILLS w/ 3-DRILL HITCH
1-5' BOX SCRAPER w/DUAL CUTTING EDGE & RIPPER TEETH
FEED TRUCKS
1-1988 IHC SI-1900, 466 ENG. 5-SP ALLISON TRANS, 10:00 BUDDS, BJM 4416 MIXER LINED w/ STAINLESS STEEL SCALES (NO SCALE HEAD) NO TITLE
1-1979 FORN LN-800 (NEW) 460 ENG. 5-SP 2-SP TRANS, BJM MIXER w/ SCALES-9:00 BUDDS (GOOD)
1-1972 FORD F-600, 361 HD ENG, 6-13-A OSWALT FEED BOX STAINLESS FLOOR, CHAIN (1 yr. OLD)
1-1970 FORD F-600, 330 ENG, 6-16-A, OSWALT FEED BOX (FOR SALVAGE NO TITLE)
TRUCKS
1-1998 PETERBILT 379 TRUCK TRACTOR, BIG CAM CUMMINS, 18-SP, AIR & AIR AFTER COOLER, 40K ON INFRAME, NEW CLUTCH, STANDUP SLEEPER, POWER & AIR, JAKE, ALUM WHEELS 24.5 RUBBER
1-1987 KENWORTH CABOVER TRUCK TRACTOR, 350 CUMMINS 13-SP. POWER AIR, GOOD 22.5 RUBBER—AIR RIDE
1-1986 KENWORTH W-900 BIG CAM 400 CUMMINS TRUCK TRACTOR, JAKE, POWER AIR, 9-SP OVER TRANS, NEW CLUTCH, AIR RIDE, LOW PRO 24.5 RUBBER, ALUM WHEELS
1-1974 PETERBILT CO TRUCK TRACTOR BIG CAM 400, 15-SP OVER TRANS, LOW PRO 22.5 RUBBER, ALUM WHEELS, DUAL EXHAUST, AIR RIDE
1-1979 FORD LN800 GRAIN TRUCK, 370 ENG, 5-SP 2-SP TRANS, 18' BED & HOIST, ROLLOVER TARP 10.00 RADIAL RUBBER
1-1968 FORD CO DIESEL GRAIN TRUCK, DETROIT ENG. 10-SP TRANS, 20' BED & HOIST w/ SHURLOCK TARP
1-1983 FREIGHTLINER CO TRUCK TRACTOR, 400 CUMMINS ENG, 9-SP TRANS
1-1993 IHC w/466 ENG. ALLISON AUTO TRANS, CAB & CHASSIS, 23'6", 44,000 lb. HENDRIX REAREND
1-1964 F-850 FORD, 534 ENG. TWIN SCREW 5 & 3 TRANS, 20' BED & HOIST w/ HENDRIX SUSP (BAD ENGINE)
1-1957 FORD F-600 GRAIN TRUCK w/ BED & HOIST (NOT RUNNING)
1-1953 IHC TRUCK w/BED & HOIST (RUNS)
1-1950 CHEVY GRAIN TRUCK 292 ENG, BED & HOIST w/SEED WHEAT AUGER (RUNS) NO TITLE
1-1950 CHEVY SNUB NOSE TRUCK w/ OSWALT BOX 2-SP BROWNIE (DOES NOT RUN)
1-1970 FORD CABOVER FOR PARTS ONLY
TRAILERS
1-1985 WILSON PACESETTER 40' GRAIN TRAILER, GOOD RUBBER & BRAKES, ROLLOVER TARP (CLEAN & STRAIGHT)
1-1979 MATE 25' END DUMP TRAILER, LINER, NEW UNDER CARRIAGE, 80% BRAKES & DRUMS, LOW PRO 24.5 RUBBER ON BUDD WHEELS, REMOVABLE SILAGE RACKS
1-1964 STAINLESS STEEL 5000 gal TANKER (PRESSURE TESTED) NEW PUMP, PLUMBED FOR 2" OR 3", INSULATED, 22.5 BUDD WHEELS
1-1976 WILSON 47' ALUM COW DECK CATTLE TRAILER
1-1961 DOWNS 4000 gal WATER TRAILER w/SPRAYER BOOM (FOR WATERING RDS & ETC)
1-3000 gal. WATER TRAILER w/ SPRAY BOOM, VAC BRAKES (NO TITLE)
1-1972 AMERICAN 44' POT (15" DROP) CATTLE TRAILER
1-HOBBS 40' FLOAT, RIGGED FOR ROUND BALES
1-1000 gal GOOSENECK WATER TRAILER
1-TANDEM AXLE BACKHOE TRAILER (ROUGH)
1-1000 gal FUEL TRAILER, NEW 20 gal PER MIN PUMP & HOSES
IRRIGATION
2-MM 800 IRR ENGINES (RUNNING)
3-G-342 CAT IRR ENGINES (1-WITH NEW VALVE JOB)
2-3406 CAT IRR ENGINES-GOOD (1-WITH RECENT OVERHAUL)
1-3306 CAT FACTORY NAT GAS IRR ENGIINE (1-SEASON ON MAJOR)
1-4-WHEEL SPEEDY TOE FOR ZIMMATIC SPRINKLER 2-PULL TONGS
3-454 CHEVY IRR ENGINES
1-460 FORD IRR ENGINE (NEEDS REBUILT)
1-350 CHEVY IRR ENGINE (NEEDS REBUILT)
1-327 CHEVY IRR. ENGINE (NEEDS REBUILT)
2-INJECTOMETER FERT PUMPS w/ ELECT MOTORS (GOOD)
SEVERAL 1500 gal. FERT TANKS
3-IHC 605 ENG FOR PARTS OR REBUILD
1-CHRYS 413 GOOD & 1-413 TO REBUILD
1-CHEVY 454 FRESH HEADS (NEEDS REBUILT)
1-FORD TRACTOR 8N MOTOR REBUILT
PICKUPS
1-1991 FORD F-150, 351 ENG. AUTO TRANS, 4x4 ON LP
1-1983 FORD F-350 1-TON FLAT BED, 460 V-8 ENG. AUTO TRANS, LWB (REBUILT ENG & TRANS)
1-1986 FORD F-250 3/4 TON, 4x4, 460 V-8, (NO TITLE)
1-1984 FORD F-250 3/4 TON, 460 V-8, 4-SP TRANS, (NEW CLUTCH)
LIVESTOCK
1-SET WINKLE PORTABLE CORRAL PANELS & CHUTE, w/19-12' PANELS & 1-LARGE GATE
1-WW CATTLE SQUEEZE CHUTE w/ SIDE TURNOUT
1-1000 gal WATER TANK
SEVERAL ROUND BALES OF EACH–MILO w/ FEW WEEDS & CORN, OATS & SUDAN HAY
STRUCTURAL PIPE
APPROX 90 JOINTS OF 2 3/8" UPSET TUBING APPROX 30' IN LENGTH
SHOP, MISC & UNCLASSIFIED
2– SHOP MADE ROBI HITCHES
1-COMPLETE FRONT DIFFERENTIAL FOR 1986 CHEVY 4x4 4:10 RATIO NEW RING & PINON
1-LOT USED 605 ENG PARTS
1-COATS 20-20 TIRE MACHINE
1-TIRE BALANCER
1-LOT TRUCK WHEELS & TIRES
1-BAND SAW
2-SETS OF BRACKETS TO PUT GB LOADER ON 20 & 30 SERIES JD
1-JEFFORY TUB GRINDER FOR PARTS OR REBUILD
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT
DRAFT PERMIT NO: 0-02479

APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, Colorado 80202, a crude petroleum & natural gas facility has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for Initial Issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 4150 to authorize operation of the Hudson Booster. The site addressed by the application is located 14 miles south and 11 miles east of Stratford, Texas, on FM 573, in Sherman County, Texas. This application was received by the TECQ on December 4, 2001.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code §122.10 (30 TAC §122.10). The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the areas must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis and draft permit is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ

Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas and the Sherman County Public Library, 719 North Main, Stratford, Texas. At the central and regional offices, you may also review and copy all relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ Central Office file room at (512-239-1540.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness and appropriateness of the permit actions may cause a change to be made to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the area may request a notice and comment hearing.

The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on these applications if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment

hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time and location for the hearing.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list f or this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with its applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Written public comments and requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our Web site at **www.tnrcc.state.tx.us**

Further information may also be obtained from at the address in the first paragraph or by calling Mr. Dirk Wold at 303-605-2034.
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AVISO PARA UN PERMISO FEDERAL PARA OPERAR PRELIMINAR
PERMISO PRELIMINAR
NUMERO: 0-02479

SOLICITUD Y PERMISO PRELIMINAR. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., 370 17th Street, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80202, una planta de Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas ha solicitado de la Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Tejas (TCEQ, por sus siglas en ingles) la Solicitud Inicial del Permiso Federal de Operar (aqui dentro alulido como permiso) Solicitud Numero 4150 para la operacion de Hudson Booster ubicada en 14 miles south and 11 miles east of Stratford, Condado de Sherman, Tejas. Esta sollicitud fue entragada a la TNRCC el December 4 de 2001.

El proposito del permiso preliminar es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobierman el control de la contaminacion atmosferica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables como estan definidos en el Titulo 30 del Codigo Administrativo de Tejas 122.10 (30 TAC 122.10, por sus siglas en ingles). El permiso preliminar no autoriza construcciones nuevas, ni tampoco el aumento de emisiones del sitio. EI TNRCC director ejecutivo ha concluido el analisis tecnico de la aplicacion y ha preparado un permiso preliminar para la revision y comentarios del publico. EI permiso preliminar, si es aprobado, establecera las condiciones debajo de las cuales el sitio debera operar. El director ejecutivo recomienda que se otorgue este permiso preliminar. La aplicacion completa y el permiso

preliminar estan disponibles para ser revisados y copiados en la Oficina Central de la TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, y en la Amarillo Regioinal Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas en la Sherman County Public Library, 719 North Main Stree, Stratford, Texas. En la oficina central y oficina regional tambien se podra revisar y copiar todos los demas documentos pertinentes al permiso preliminar. Asi como los .permiso para la Revision de Fuentes Nuevas que han sido incorporados por referencia. Personas que tengan dificultades obteniendo estos materiales debido a restriccinoes para viajar pueden comunicarse con la oficina central at telefono (512)-239-1540.

LISTA PARA ENVIO DE CORREO. Usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envio de correo para recibir informacion adicional con respecto a esta solicitud. Para ser incluido en una lista para envio de correo, envie su peticion a la Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirrecion que se encuentra a continuacion en el parrafo titulado "Informacion."

COMENTARIOS/NOTIFICACION PUBLICA Y AUDIENCIA. Usted puede presentar comentarios publicos y/o solicitar una audiencia de notificacion y comentarios sobre esta solicitud. El proposito de la audiencia de notificacion y comentarios es el proveer la opurtunidad de hacer comentarios de parte del publico y hacer preguntas sobre esta solicitud.

Cualquier persona afectada por la emision de contaminantes atmosfericos de este sitio puede solicitar una audiencia de notificacion y comentarios. La TNRCC puede otorgar una audiencia de notificacion y comentarios con respecto a esta aplicacion si una peticion por escrito es presentada dentro de los treinta dias despues de la publicacion de este anuncio. El proposito de la audiencia de notificacion y comentarios es proveer la oportunidad para sometaer comentarios orales o por escrito acerca del permiso preliminar. Si se concede una audiencia de notificacion y comentarios, todas las personas que presentaron comentarios por escrito o peticiones para audiencia recibiran confirmacion por escrito de la audiencia. Esta confirmacion indicara la fecha, hora y lugar de la audiencia.

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INFORMACION Para mas informacion, usted puede llamar a la Oficina de Asistencia Publica (Office of Public Assistatnce), sin cargo, a el 1-800-687-4040. Informacion general concermiente a la TNRCC puede encontrarse via internet en **www.tnrcc.state.tx.us**
Mas informacion puede ser obtenida de Duke Energy Field Services, L. P. en la direccion en el primer parrafo o llamando a Dirk Wold a el telefono 303-605-2034.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Lawrence Baugh, Deceased, were issued on February 3,2004, in Cause No.2080, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Catherine A. Allen. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Catherine A. Allen
Box 827
Stratford, Texas 79084

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

DATED the 3rd day of February, 2004.

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Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate
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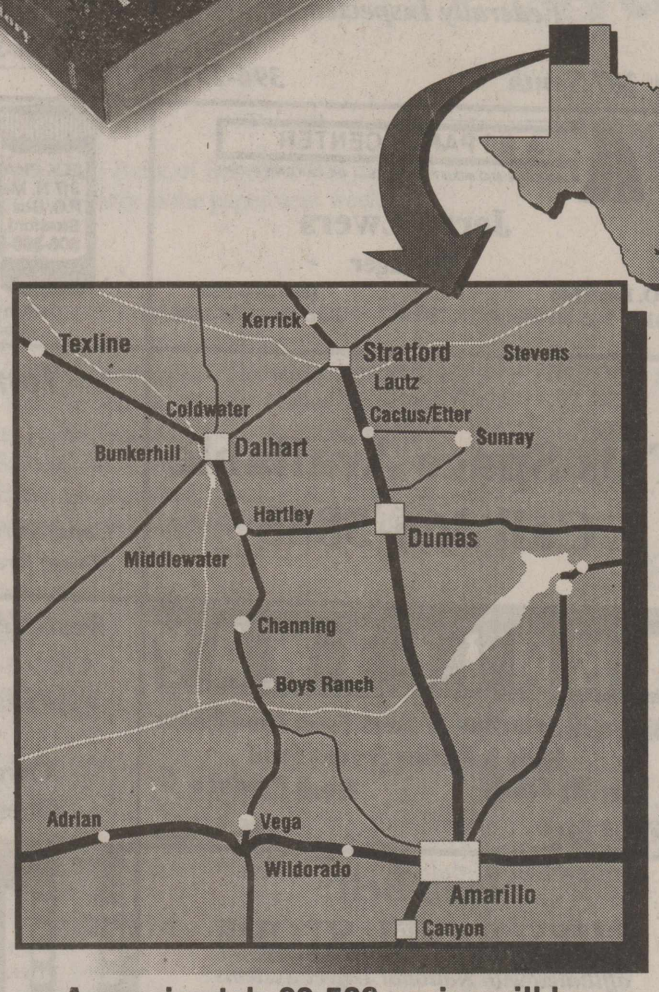
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Allie Twisted the Night Away

Allie James (shown above) daughter of Trew and Cara James of Kerrick, won the dance contest that was held before the Play "Grease" in Amarillo Last Week. Congratulations Allie, Future Star on the horizon.

Making the Most of your Pictures

The Imagination Station is hosting a series of workshops through February and March. These workshops will focus on downloading and enhancing digital pictures as well as scanning and enhancing pictures you may already have. The cost of each session if $5.00. The workshop titles, dates and times are given below:

Enhancing Pictures Using PhotoShop elements Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 1 all from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Creating a Digital Slide Show with Family Photos March 8, March 22, March 29 all times 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Enhancing Pictures Using PhotoShop Elements will include such things as cropping a picture, combining images, using layers, resizing, and other digital techniques. You will need to bring pictures saved to a floppy disk, CD, or on a digital camera that can be downloaded. If you have regular photos, bring those and learn how to scan and save them.

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Health

(NU) - Occasional aches and pains can be a nuisance, but when pain becomes constant, it may indicate a more serious medical problem. An estimated 50 million Americans are partially or totally disabled by the debilitating effects of chronic pain, an overlooked and often invisible disease. The National Pain Foundation and The American Academy of Pain Medicine co-founded The National Pain Awareness Campaign. The campaign seeks to educate Americans about chronic pain and available treatment options and to improve patient access to care. Visit www.painconnection.org for helpful patient resources.

Security

(NU) - Is your house enticing to burglars? If you have travel plans this holiday season, it's important to think about your home's security while you are gone. One security system you can install yourself is the GE SmartSecurity Wireless Do-It-Yourself Alarm and Self-monitoring System, a self-monitored security system and lighting control center. The keypad, control unit and sounder are built into one compact device that requires no wiring. For more information about GE SmartSecurity products, call 1-800-443-4124.

Buddy & Tina Wright Band to Perform in Gruver

Buddy and Tina Wright Band of Lubbock, Texas, will make a special appearance at Gruver High School Auditorium in Gruver on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

Buddy and Tina Wright, Multitalented brother and sister, who sing, write much of the music they perform and play several instruments including: Fiddle/violin, Mandolin, guitar, tenor, pennywhistle, piano, bass.

Teens recently completed a 13 City European Tour and recorded their latest album "Live in Holland". They are accompanied by parents, Ray and Pat Wright, who also sing and play several instruments.

They have been selected by the Texas Commission on the Arts as touring artists for 2003-2005. The Wright Band will appear on "CMT" TV February 21.

Admission to see the Wright band is $3.00 Adults under 18 $1.00.

This is being sponsored by Gruver Music Club, a member of Texas and National Federated Music Clubs.

AARP Are Again Doing Taxes

This year, as in the past, we will be preparing taxes in the public libraries in Amarillo. The schedule is as follows:

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Northwest Branch, AC north campus 2nd and 4th Thurs. from 12 to 4 p.m.
Southwest Branch, 6801 W. 45th, Fri. from 12 to 4 p.m.

Canyon Library, 301 16th St. Canyon, TX 1st and 3rd. Wed. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Seniors Center, Dalhart, TX Thursday from 12-4.
Y.M.C.A. Dumas, TX Wed. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We will be preparing taxes for people of all ages, with emphasis on senior citizens, thru April 15, 2004.

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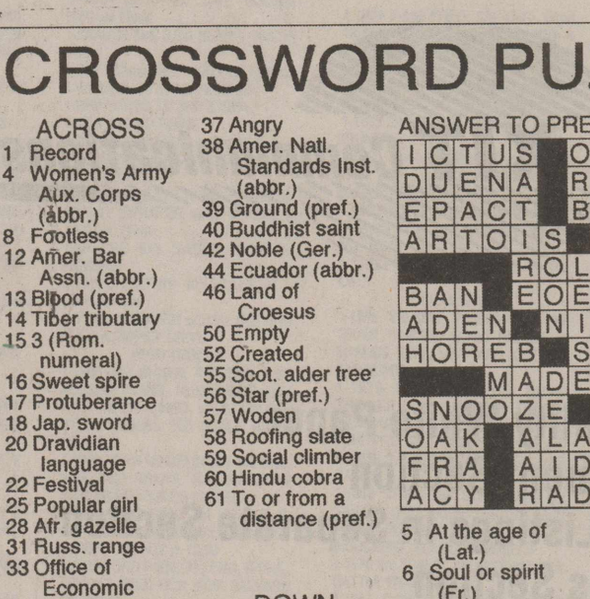
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15 3 (Rom. numeral)
16 Sweet spire
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18 Jap. sword
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22 Festival
25 Popular girl
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31 Russ. range
33 Office of Economic Development (abbr.)
34 Turkish caliph
35 Whiff
36 Exclamation
37 Angry
38 Amer. Natl. Standards Inst. (abbr.)
39 Ground (pref.)
40 Buddhist saint
42 Noble (Ger.)
44 Ecuador (abbr.)
46 Land of Croesus
50 Empty
52 Created
55 Scot. alder tree
56 Star (pref.)
57 Woden
58 Roofing slate
59 Social climber
60 Hindu cobra
61 To or from a distance (pref.)

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1 Non-cleric
2 Fetish
3 Lope
4 Pule
5 At the age of (Lat.)
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7 Heddles of a loom
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9 Queen of Ithaca
10 Mountain (pref.)
11 Drop
19 Africa (abbr.)
21 Skillful
23 Rotate
24 Undo
26 Guide
27 Lover of Narcissus
28 Ceylonese langur
29 Whistling swan
30 Yet
32 Tart
35 Braz. armadillo
39 Thickness
41 Astringent
43 Queen of Italy
45 King of Judah
47 Pointed missile
48 "Dies ____"
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Amarillo Little Theatre to Present I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

The Amarillo Little Theatre is very pleased and excited to present the area premiere of the longest running Off-Broadway revue in history, I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE. This hip, new music revue has been called "Seinfeld set to music" and...a show for real people about real people." This promises to be a special Valentine treat for ALT Adventure Space audiences.

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ALT has again assembled a brilliant collection of local talent to bring this show to life. The cast of two men and two women includes **Cara Kee, Amber Burton, Shawn Walsh and Bobby Schaffer.** Each of these performers has vast stage experience.

Artistic Director for this production will be **Jeff Jarnagin.** Music Director is **Janice Perkins-Easterday.** Technical duties will be shared by **Gregg Dunlap and David Walsh.** Assistant to the Directors is **Julie Yock** and accompanist is **Mila Abbasova.**

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Texas Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

DATE: February 17, 2004
PLACE: Imagination Station, 202 N. Main, Stratford
TIME: 10:00 a.m. (presentation & public comment)

Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

For more information on the public hearing contact: Tonya Detten, Public Information Officer at (806) 356-3256.
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VALENTINE'S DAY

Card Giving Most Popular Activity on Valentine's Day

NewsUSA

(NU) - Valentine's Day is on Saturday this year. That hasn't happened since 1998 and won't happen again till 2009. For men, that can spell trouble — unless they think "love" on Friday and remember to get a valentine for their sweetheart for Saturday.

"The two most consistent results of Hallmark research are clear," says Patrick Carr, a product manager at Hallmark. "Men wait till the last minute to buy valentines, and women want valentines that say love and romance."



Many women save their valentines long after the holiday.

Seventy-two percent of Americans plan to celebrate Valentine's Day, and 45 percent plan to give valentine cards, the most popular of all Valentine's Day activities, according to Hallmark.

Hallmark research reveals that women who did not expect to receive a valentine but did were "overjoyed." Women who expected to but did not were quite disappointed.

"A year from now, most women won't remember what they had for dinner or the valentine chocolates they ate," Carr says. "But they will remember the valentines and probably will have kept every valentine, especially when personal notes are written in them."

Valentines that sound or look like love letters are popular in Hallmark Gold Crown stores, Carr says, perhaps because it's hard to find the words to express how you really feel. "But people, especially men, recognize how they feel when they see it on a card," Carr says.

Consumers who have written to Hallmark about their special experiences confirmed that messages of love expressed in a card become treasures for them.

"For Valentine's Day 2002, my husband gave me the best card I've ever received: 'Someday, years from now, other people might look at us and see an old married couple, but I won't. Every time I look at you or touch you or kiss you, I will still see the wonderful woman I fell in love with long ago.' It makes me cry every time I read it," wrote one woman from Kansas.

Women also like to give romantic valentines to their men. Even when they compliment their men for being best friends, good fathers or partners, women feel those qualities are linked to love and romance.

"Depending upon the life stage or the length of the relationship, the way love is expressed in a valentine may vary widely from sexy or risqué to passionate to humorous," says Carr. "But what doesn't change is the desire to hear 'I love you' on Valentine's Day. A valentine that reflects love will please your Saturday sweetheart — and she'll remember it all year long."

If you have a valentine story to share, visit www.hallmark.com/meaningfulmoments.

Photography

(NU) - In communities across the nation, teen girls are proving every day that they have what it takes to light up a field or court just as well as their male peers. Instant photos provide a fun and easy way to capture all of those memorable moments. With some creativity and a portable camera, such as Polaroid i-Zone, the possibilities are limitless. The i-Zone's unique Sticker Film offers even more flexibility and is a fun alternative to the everyday picture. For more information about Polaroid i-Zone, visit www.i-zone.com or call 1-800-343-5000.

Health

(NU) - Occasional aches and pains can be a nuisance, but when pain becomes constant, it may indicate a more serious medical problem. An estimated 50 million Americans are partially or totally disabled by the debilitating effects of chronic pain, an overlooked and often invisible disease. The National Pain Foundation and The American Academy of Pain Medicine co-founded The National Pain Awareness Campaign. The campaign seeks to educate Americans about chronic pain and available treatment options and to improve patient access to care. Visit www.painconnection.org for helpful patient resources.

Health

(NU) - Most people know about type 2 diabetes, which affects an estimated 16 million people in the United States. But how much do you know about insulin resistance? Insulin resistance, a precursor to type 2 diabetes, develops when the body is unable to effectively use the insulin it produces. "Insulin resistance is an important health concern but one that can be managed and, in many cases, prevented through relatively minor changes in food choices, body weight and exercise," said nutrition consultant Ann M. Coulston, a registered dietitian and member of the Partners Against Insulin Resistance advisory panel.

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When I am attacked by gloomy thoughts, nothing helps me so much as running to my books. They quickly absorb me and banish the clouds from my mind.

—Michel Montaigne

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As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light of meaning in the darkness of mere being.

—Carl Jung

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Books

(NU) - From getting a better hiring package to getting your teen-ager to clean his room, virtually everything in life seems to be a negotiation. In his new book "Negotiate This! By Caring But Not T-H-A-T Much," negotiating guru Herb Cohen shares with readers the secrets and techniques that caused Playboy magazine to call him "The World's Best Negotiator." By following the advice in this book, readers will learn how to laugh off the most dire threats and succeed in building mutually profitable relationships. To learn more, visit www.powernegotiations.com.

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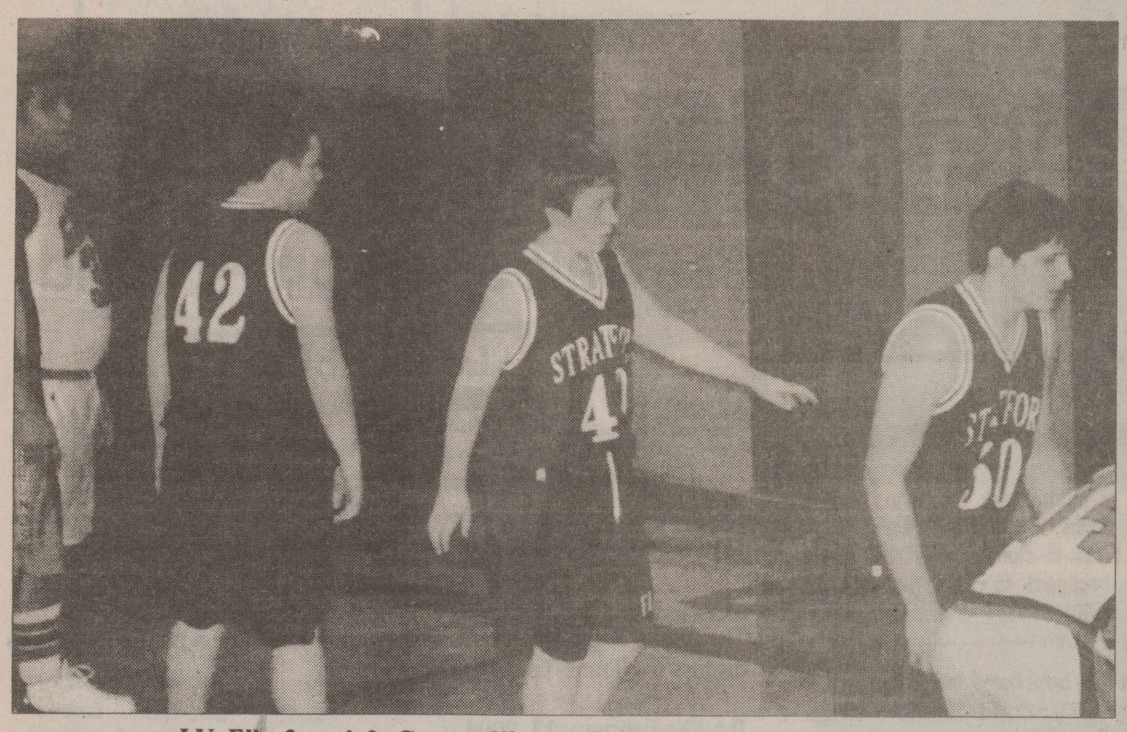
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BASKETBALL ACTION



J.V. Elks from left, Connor Vincent, Eric Riffe, and Gilbert Reta.



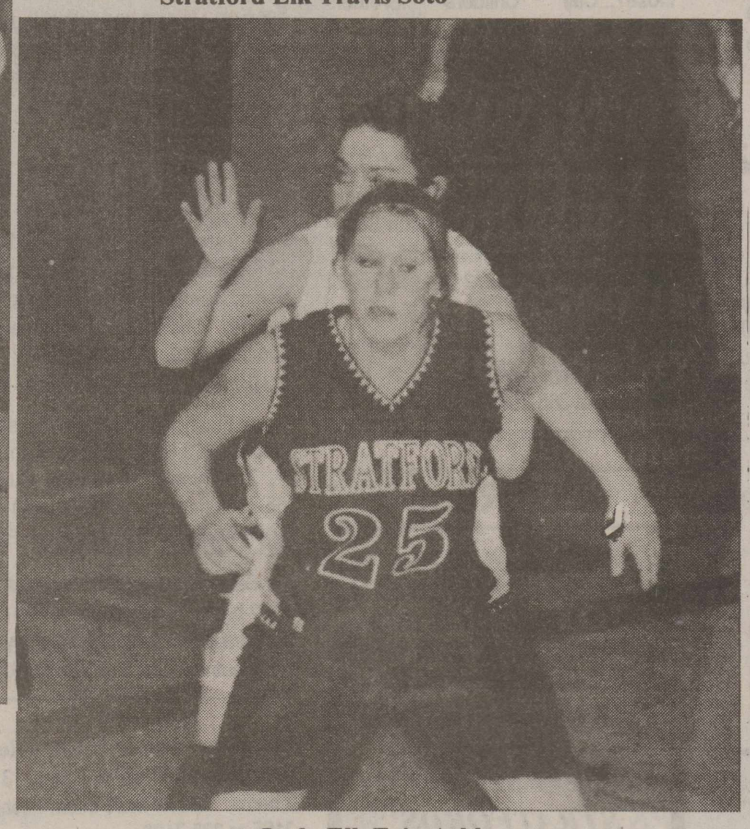
Stratford Elk Travis Soto



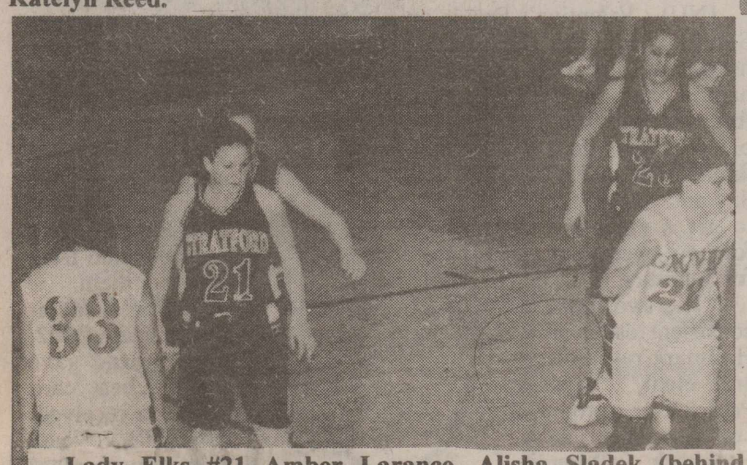
J.V. Lady Elk #21 Candie Bell looks for the pass to #43 Katelyn Reed.



Stratford Elk Case Crabtree



Lady Elk Erin Ashley



Lady Elks #21 Amber Larance, Alisha Sladek (behind Larance), and Yadira Ortega.

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Lady Elks

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 19-15 on Monday, February 2, 2004. Sinead Everett led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Stephanie Bell with 3 points and Sierra Valenzuela with 2 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 30-22. Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks with 15 points followed by Ivy Valenzuela and April Peregrino with 4 points each. Also scoring was Darcy Rosales, Cassie Beasley and Kristen Crabtree 2 points each and Kelsey Stein 1 point.

The J.V. Lady Elks blue beat Gruver 42-33 on Tuesday, February 3rd. Katelyn Reed and Merilee McDaniel were high point with 11 points each followed by Candie Bell with 5. Also scoring Haley Buckles, Chelsi Thiessen and Krista Ret 4 points each, and Cheyenne Zieman, and Rhia Everett 2 points each. On Friday, February 6, the J.V. Lady Elks beat Sunray 32-7. Katelyn Reed was high point with 8 points followed by Merilee McDaniel with 7 points. Also scoring Haley Buckles 6 points, Chelsi Thiessen 4 points, Gina Mattocks 3 points, and Whitney Garza and Rhia Everett 2 points each.

Stats for Lady Elks not turned in at press time. The Lady Elks lost to Gruver on February 3rd, and beat Sunray on Friday, February 6th.

The Stratford Elks lost 40-39 to Vega on January 27th. Chris Ortega and Tyler Haynes led with 10 points each followed by Jason Ashley with 9 points. Also scoring Josh King 6 points, Travis Soto and Asbel Gomez 2 points each. On January 30th, the Elks beat White Deer 55-41. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 15 points followed by Jason Ashley with 11 points and Asbel Gomez with 10 points. Also scoring Josh King 5 points, Chris Ortega and Case Crabtree 4 points each, Travis Soto 3 points, Josh Lanning 2 points and Cory Rendon 1 point. On Tuesday, February 3rd, the Elks lost to Gruver 55-47. Chris Ortega and Josh King led the Elks with 14 points each followed by Jason Ashley with 10 points. Also scoring Tyler Haynes 5 points, Case Crabtree and Asbel Gomez 2 points each. On Friday, February 6th, the Elks beat Sunray 45-37. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 17 points followed by Josh King with 10 points and Travis Soto with 8 points. Also scoring Chris Ortega 6 points and Jason Ashley 4 points.

