

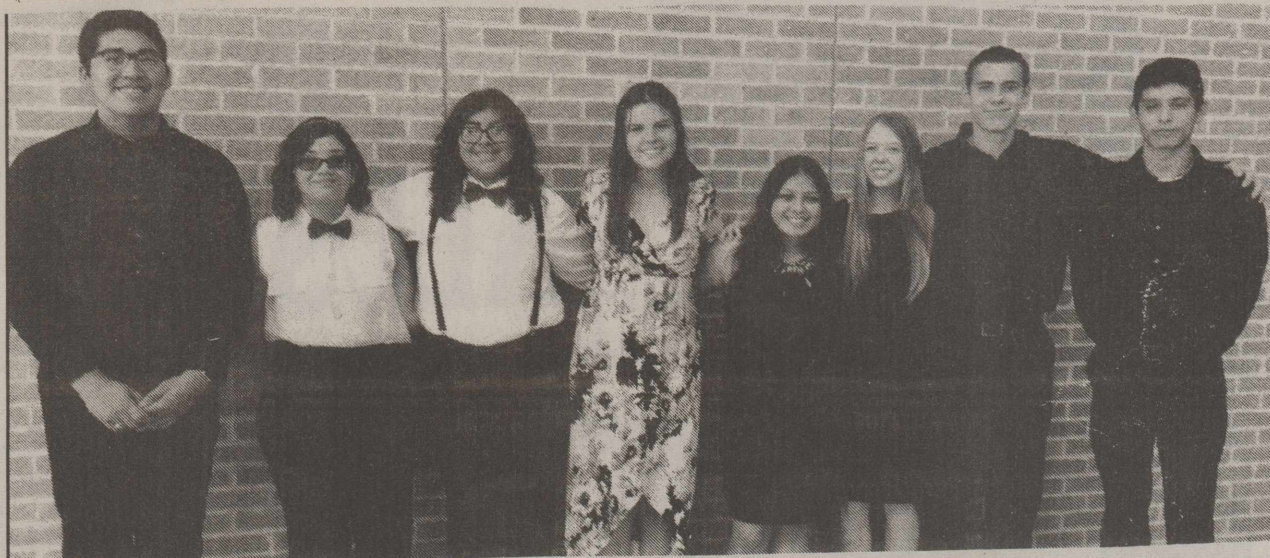
James DeAnda
Earns
Eagle Scout

DeAnda Completes Eagle Scout

James DeAnda of Boy Scout Troop 38 successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on June 7, 2018. James is the 14 year old son of Jennifer DeAnda. One major requirement for achieving this honor is developing, obtaining approval, planning, and completing a large service project. James's project was building outdoor restroom facilities for the Kiwanis Club at Lake Fryer in Perryton. He successfully worked through all the challenges of planning, coordinating the work, obtaining funds and materials, and with a lot of help from friends, adults, and fellow Boy Scouts to complete the project. All-in-all, the time spent on the project from start to finish was in excess of 960 hours. The other Eagle Scout Rank requirements include serving in Troop leadership positions for at least 6 months, earning at least 21 merit badges, James earned 26, and completing a detailed written report for his service project. While working on his Eagle Rank requirements, James balanced his time between Band, UIL, Academics, 4H, and church activities.

James joins the Eagle Scout Class of 2018, and is one of the 2% of active boys who obtain this national recognition for Scouting's highest youth honor. The adult leadership of Boy Scout Troop 38 is very proud of James and his marked growth working through the program, and humble diligence to complete all the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout at such a young age.

James will receive his medal in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held only for himself and his distinct accomplishments on June 24, 2018 at 2:00 at the First Baptist Church of Stratford. Please join him and those celebrating his accomplishments.



Big Blue Band members compete

On May 28th these Stratford Big Blue Band Members competed in the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hendrickson High School in Plugerville, Texas. Pictured are Victor Torres, Abigail Gomez, Erika Lopez, Lilia Trayler, Jennifer Morillon, Lara Wells, Dempsey Collums and Juan Carlos Quintero. Lilia Trayler received first division on her flute solo and brought home a gold UIL state medal! Lara Wells received a first division on her vocal solo and brought home a gold UIL state medal! Jennifer Morillon received a 2nd division on her vocal solo and brought home a silver UIL state medal! The brass quartet and trio also performed. The brass quartet received a 2nd division.

Roger Wells hauled the 1st load of wheat into Lautz Elevator on June 14, 2018. Accepting the check from Rango Springer for the 1st dry load is Maylee Wells.



Wells hauls 1st load

What's Happening

Summer Reading Programs at the Library Wednesdays in June (9:30 - 10:30)

Monday Movie Madness @ the Library June 2-August 6 1:30 p.m.

Waka School Reunion-June 30th Beginning at 12 p.m. until? Accepting Free Will Donations for non profit FMI call Lori Borst at 806-202-4133 or Bernie Olivarez at 806-202-5230

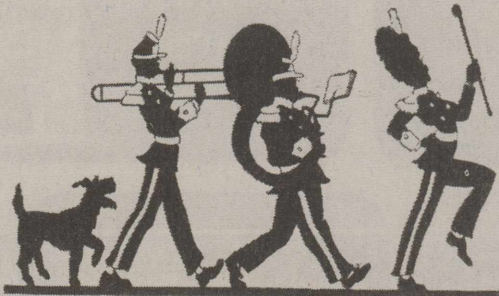
TAME Trailblazer at Sherman County Public Library on Monday, June 18th, 9:30-1:30.

June 19th 2-4 p.m. Main Street Art, Impressionism by Amarillo Museum of Art \$2/person ages 8-88

June 28th, 6-8 p.m. Adults only Painting Class-Colorful Cacti \$25. Please contact Jana Clift to reserve a spot @ 806-679-7414

July 16-18 Drama Camp, Ages 4-6 meet from 10-11 a.m. and ages 7-11 meet from 2-4 p.m. \$20/child. Please call Laurie Spurlock to reserve a spot 806-366-2772

August 2nd, 2-3 p.m. Main Street Art, pottery by Cindy Russell \$2



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

The Stratford Jamboree Parade is right around the corner!

Saturday - July 28, 2018

Time to start thinking about your floats & entries in this year's parade.

Our theme: "Ranchers & Farmers - The Backbone of the Panhandle"

Contact Cece Yelek, Parade Chairman @ 806-290-3655



Abby Ely, Sherman County 4-H member earns first place at 2018 State 4-H Roundup Fashion Show.

Private water well screening set for July 17 in Stratford

Contact: John Smith, 979-845-2761, johnwsmith@tamu.edu
 STRATFORD — The Texas Well Owner Network is hosting a water well screening from 8:30-10 a.m. July 17 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for Sherman County, 701 N. Third St. in Stratford, to give area residents the opportunity to have their well water screened. The cost for each sample is \$10.

A meeting explaining screening results will be held at 6:00 p.m., July 24 at the Sherman County Extension office.

The screening is presented by AgriLife Extension and Texas Water Resources Institute in partnership with the AgriLife Extension office in Sherman County.

"Private water wells should be tested annually," said John W. Smith, AgriLife Extension program specialist. "It is very important that only sampling bags and bottles from the AgriLife Extension office in Sherman County be used and all instructions for proper sampling are followed to ensure accurate results."

Smith said area residents wanting to have their well water screened should pick up a sample bag, bottle and instructions from the AgriLife Extension office in Sherman County. Bottles and bags will be available at least a week before the turn-in date.

The samples must be turned in by 10 a.m. on the day of the screening. Samples will be screened for common contaminants, including total coliform bacteria, E. coli, nitrate-nitrogen and salinity.

In addition, the samples also will be screened for arsenic.

Research shows the presence of E. coli bacteria in water indicates that waste from humans or warm-blooded animals may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with E. coli is more likely to also have pathogens present that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea or other symptoms, Smith said.

"Water with nitrate-nitrogen at levels of 10 parts per million is considered unsafe for human consumption," Smith said. "These nitrate levels above 10 parts per million can disrupt the ability of blood to carry oxygen throughout the body, resulting in a condition called methemoglobinemia. Infants less than 6 months of age and young livestock are most susceptible."

Salinity as measured by total dissolved solids will also be determined for each sample. Water with high levels may leave deposits and have a salty taste, and using water with high levels for irrigation may damage soil or plants, according to Smith.

Long-term consumption of arsenic in water increases the risk of skin cancer and cancer in the liver, bladder and lungs. In addition, chronic exposure to arsenic may lead to gastrointestinal irritation and cardiovascular disease.

He said it is extremely important for those submitting samples to be at the meeting to receive results, learn corrective measures for identified problems and to improve understanding of private well management.

For more information, please contact the AgriLife Extension office in Sherman County at 806-366-2081.

To learn more about the programs offered through the network or to find additional publications and resources, please visit <http://twon.tamu.edu>.

Funding for the Texas Well Owner Network is through a state nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The project is managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, part of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, the AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.



Lighting the Olympic flame is a practice continued from the ancient Olympic Games. In Olympia, the site of the ancient Greek games, a flame was ignited by the sun and then kept burning until the closing of the games.

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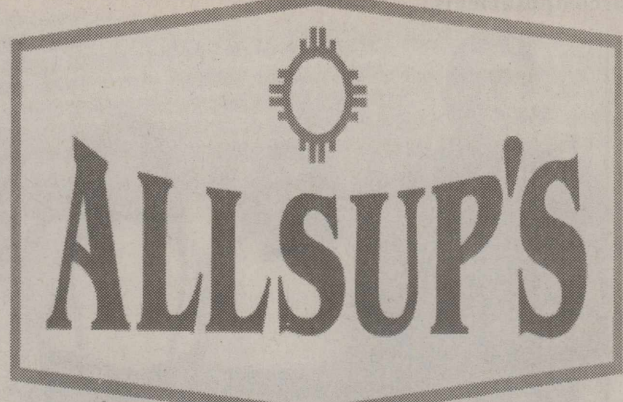
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One Stroke Painting - Corrections and Clarifications

By Paula Nusz

One Stroke Painting classes offered at Legacy Assisted Living in July need some further information. First of all, each of the 4 classes will be a \$25.00 fee (\$100.00 for the entire month); NOT 4 classes for only \$25.00. At the end of each class (3 using canvases and 1 using glass), the students will have a completed piece of art. Bobbie will still supply all the materials necessary.

Bobbie Strong, the teacher, also corrected the length of time she has been painting to only 20 years. For these classes to materialize, Bobbie must have 5 students and no more than 10 persons per class. The deadline to sign up for the classes is Thursday, June 28th.

Please accept apologies for these misunderstandings and errors. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Paula Nusz at Legacy (806-244-1450). Legacy Assisted Living is located at 301 Texas Boulevard, in Dalhart, Texas.



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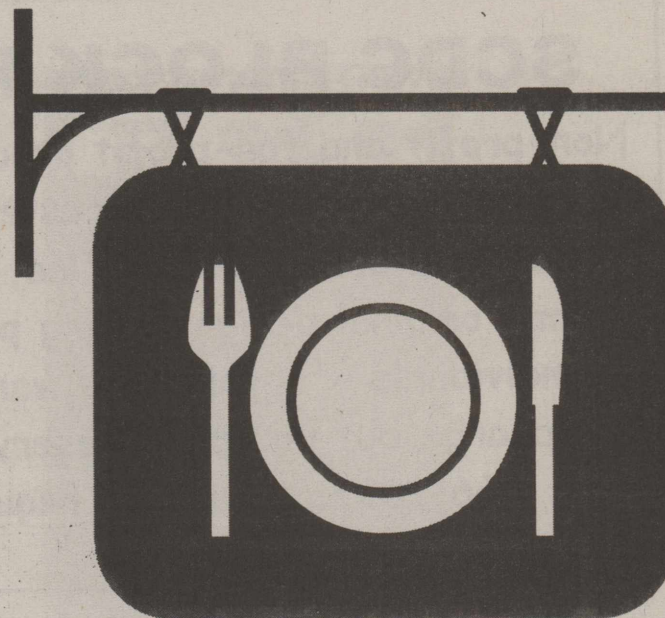
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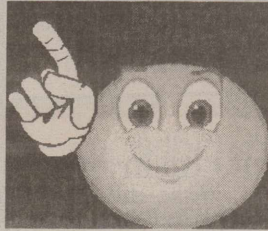
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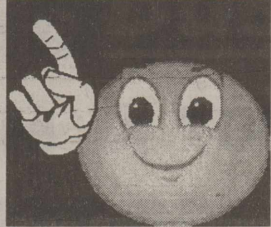
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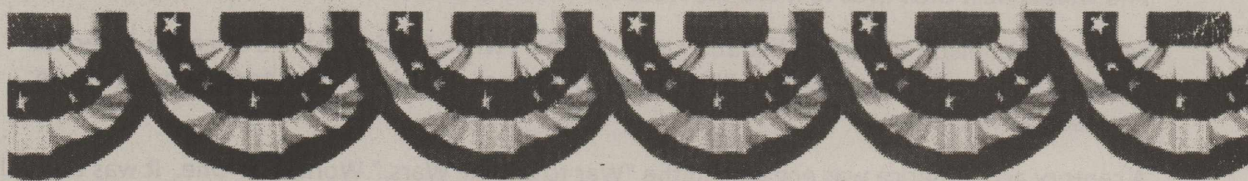
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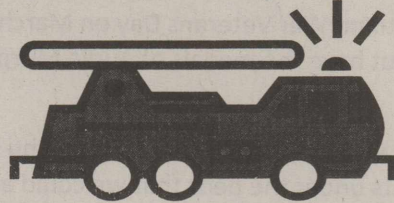
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The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept will be taking care of the banners again during Jamboree Week, this is a fundraiser for the VOLUNTEER Fire Dept. Most people don't see the firemen doing these things for the community but that's how they get done. The banners go up Sunday before and come down the Sunday after the Jamboree. These people do this on their own time, no matter what the temperature outside; they make sure the banners are up. Early Saturday morning, they're out there putting the flags up on Main Street for the parade. We couldn't do it without them! New banners were bought last year and paid for by this fundraiser. Banners are \$50; you can mail a check to the SVFD @ Box 45, drop it by the SCDC office or give it to Fire Chief Danny Davis. We are so lucky that the SVFD supports Stratford & Sherman County!!

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Remarks by Wayne Smith Memorial Day Program Stratford Cemetery 2018

They still speak to us.

If you listen quietly you can hear them. You remember their voices from conversations you've had before they gave their last measure of devotion to this nation. And even if you are not a Gold Star family member, a battle buddy, friend or relative of a fallen hero, all you have to do is look around and you will see their legacy.

It is us. Americans gather today in a free society, unified with the common purpose of honoring uncommon bravery.

We are their legacy.

Regardless of the place or the war fought, the purity of their sacrifice is without question. Young men and women lost their lives to make the freedom of others possible.

More than a million US heroes had their lives cut short while fighting in wars since the American Revolution. Time only permits to tell just a few of their remarkable stories today – but they are representative of many.

A century ago, America was engaged in the "War to End All Wars," World War One. It was there that a brash young aviator from Arizona earned a reputation for recklessness. Though he exasperated many of his superior officers, the 21 year- old pilot claimed a remarkable 18 aerial victories over German pilots in just 18 days.

Frank Luke's missions usually involved busting observation balloons, which the Germans used to sight artillery. On September 29, 1918, Second Lieutenant Luke shot down three balloons as he was being pursued by eight enemy aircraft. Under heavy fire, his own plane went down near the town of Murvaux, France. Surrounded by the enemy on the ground, he drew his automatic pistol and defended himself until he fell dead from a wound in the chest. Frank Luke was the first pilot to receive the Medal of Honor.

Fifty years later, on another continent with yet another determined group of young American heroes. Sharon Lane was a committed young Army nurse who was caring for these heroes in the 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai, South Vietnam. She had entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1968.

At that time women were exempted from the draft. First Lieutenant Lane was a volunteer and she was where she wanted to be. And that happened to be with wounded soldiers. According to her Mother, as a child she was always caring for something or someone. She always had a cat or dog she was caring for.

As our nation observed Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, 2018, there was no special tribute for Lieutenant Lane. She did not have the medals of Audie Murphy or the fame of Sgt Alvin York. Yet, she was just as much a hero!

Rocket and mortar attacks were common at her base at Chu Lai. In one letter she wrote of one attack were "we got all the patients under the beds that we could and put mattresses over the ones in traction. It's very interesting.....not anyone was scared. Everyone was just doing their job."

On June 8, 1969, First Lieutenant Sharon Lane made the ultimate sacrifice after a 122-millimeter rocket blasted through her ward killing her and a 12 year old Vietnamese girl.

Sharon Lane was the only female nurse to be killed by enemy fire during the Vietnam War.

The heroes that we remember today are not exclusive to any gender, race, or religion. They are a diverse group wedded to the common principle that America is a nation worth dying for.

Not all heroes die of enemy gunfire. Military service sometimes requires dangerous risk – even when its members are far from a combat zone.

Certainly, the four Marines who entered a CH-53 E Super Stallion last month during a training exercise in Southern California did not expect it to be their final mission. Yet it was.

On April 3, 2018, four young men – all in their twenties – died in a helicopter crash.

The youngest, 24-year-old Lance Corporal Taylor Conrad of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, became a first time father in October. The longest serving, Marine Gunnery Sergeant Richard Holley, had completed two tours in Iraq. "The hardest part of being a Marine is the tragic loss of life of a fellow brother-in-arms," said their commanding officer, Colonel Craig Leflore. "These Marines brought joy and laughter to so many around them. They each served honorably, wore the uniform proudly and were a perfect example of what makes our Marine Corps great – its people! They will forever be in our hearts and minds."

They will also, forever be in our hearts and minds. Not just these Marines. But all soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsman and Marines who have made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation.

Today, we also extend our gratitude and support for a group that nobody wants to join – but has already given their country so much – the Gold Star Families.

As we observe Memorial Day every year, these families remember their fallen loved ones every day. Children without parents, Gold Star mothers and fathers, spouses and siblings – they can still hear the voices of those that they lost.

It is also up to us to hear the voices of these families, offer our support and express our highest gratitude.

Whether the people we remember served in WWI or WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, or the War on Terrorism in Iraq or Afghanistan, or any time or place in between, we say thank you for the freedom that you have given us. We are here because of you.

God bless you all, God bless American and God bless our heroes. Thank you!

In Flanders Field

"In Flanders Fields" is a war poem, written during WWI by Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it. "In Flanders Fields" was first published on December 8, 1915 in the London magazine Punch.

At the age of 41, McCrae enrolled with the Canadian Expeditionary Force following the outbreak of WWI. He had the option of joining the medical corps because of his training and age but volunteered instead to join a fighting unit as a gunner and medical officer. It was his second tour of duty in the Canadian military. He had previously fought with a volunteer force in the Second Boer War. He considered himself a soldier first; his father was a military leader in Guelph, Ontario and McCrae grew up believing in the duty of fighting for his country.

McCrae fought in the Second Battle of Ypres in the Flanders region of Belgium, where the German army launched one of the first chemical attacks in the history of war. They attacked French positions north of the Canadians with chlorine gas on April 22, 1915 but were unable to break through the Canadian line, which held for over two weeks. In a letter written to his Mother, McCrae described the battle as a "nightmare". For seventeen days and nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds.... And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give away.

Alexis Helmer, a close friend, was killed during the battle on May 2. McCrae performed the burial service himself, at which time he noted how poppies quickly grew over and around the graves of those who died at Ypres. The next day he composed the poem sitting in the back of an ambulance at an advanced dressing station outside Ypres.

It is one of the most popular and most quoted poems, of the war. Because of its immediate popularity, parts of the poem were used in efforts and appeals to recruit soldiers and raise money selling war bonds. Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of the fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world's most recognized symbols for soldiers who have died in combat. The poem and poppy are prominent Remembrance Day symbols throughout the Commonwealth of Nations, particularly in Canada, where "In Flanders Fields" is one of the nation's best known literary works. The poem is also widely known in the United States, where it is associated with Memorial Day.

In Flanders fields the poppies grow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields

As with earlier poems, "In Flanders Fields," continues McCrae's preoccupation with death and how it stands as the transition between the struggle of life and the peace that follows. It is written from the point of view of the dead. It speaks of their sacrifice and serves as their command to the living to press on. As with many of the most popular works of the First World War, it is written early in the conflict, before the romanticism of war turned to bitterness and disillusion for soldiers and civilians alike.

The red poppies that McCrae referred to had been associated with conflict since the Napoleonic Wars when a writer of that time first noted how poppies grew over the graves of soldiers. The damage done to the landscape in Flanders during the battle greatly increased the lime content in the surface soil, leaving the poppy as one of the few plants able to grow in the region.

Veterans Mentioned at Memorial Day Ceremony

We have identified 43 World War I Veterans buried in the Stratford Cemetery - These were honored on Memorial Day this year because this is the Centennial of World War I

World War I Veterans honored:

Thomas Norton Acree, Sidney L Anthes, William Clint Belcher, John Thomas Billington, Orval John Blades, Bernard E Dovel, Robert K "Bob" Everett, Enis Toss Fedric, Lewis A "Lew" Flyr, Thurston N Foster, Sylvester W Frizzell, Emmitt J Gladish, Lee Lance Grimes, Chester Guthrie, Tommy W Hodges, Elmer F Hudson, Noble D Kelp, John Woodford Kidwell, Bennie O Kirkwood, John R Knight, Albert Ray Lee, James Henry Lee, Lester Lollis, William "Bill" Lollis, Claude Denis McDaniel, James Dixon "Dick" McDaniel, Leon Homer McDaniel, Charles Wilford Moon, Forrest B Mullins, Lyall Gordon Murdock, Emmett Eugene Oldaker, Roy Ward Park, John William Pemberton, William Henry Pemberton, John Robert "Bob" Pendleton, Zaragosa G Ramon, Vern Leon Reynolds, Edward D Ritchie, Clair C "Peach" Smith, Frank Alton Smith, William Frank Smith, James Arthur Ullom, Herbert Lee Wallace -

If any World War I Veterans (buried in the Stratford Cemetery) have been missed, please contact Ann Wells, or Sherman County Historical Society

Fabulous Food

Easy, Tasty Weeknight Pasta

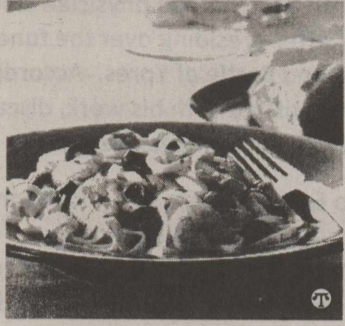
(NAPS)—According to the National Pasta Association, there are more than 600 pasta shapes. Factor in the umpteen different ways to sauce, dress and garnish the pasta and the possibilities are nearly endless.

With just a few ingredients, many of which you probably have handy in your pantry, it's easy to whip up a delicious pasta meal in less than 30 minutes. Add a green salad, some toasted garlic bread, and presto—you have dinner done.

One way to wow your friends and family is with this tasty dish:

Pepper Olive Shrimp Linguine

- 1 lb. fresh linguine pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh chives
- ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 (12-oz.) jar drained Lindsay® Red Roasted Peppers (about 1½ cups), cut into strips
- 1 (6-oz.) can Lindsay® Sliced Olives, drained
- 1 lb. uncooked peeled and deveined shrimp
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste (optional)

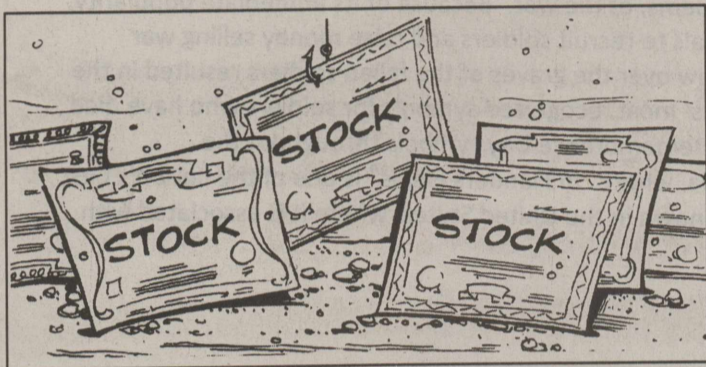


This fast and easy shrimp and pasta dish should be a big favorite with family and friends.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic, parsley, chives and crushed red pepper; sauté 1 minute. Add mushrooms and Worcestershire sauce; sauté until mushrooms are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in red peppers and olives; heat through. Stir in shrimp; sauté until shrimp are opaque. Drain pasta; return to same pot. Add olive mixture and Parmesan cheese to pasta; toss well. Serve family style in a large bowl with tongs or serving utensils.

Learn More

For other delicious recipes, coupons and tips, visit www.ilovelindsay.com.



"Bottom fishing" is financial slang for picking stocks that are reduced in price after a large sell-off or drop in the market.

Managing Your Finances

The Simpler, More Affordable Way to Invest

(NAPS)—Just as innovation is changing how people order food, shop and make travel arrangements, financial services companies have found a way technology can make investing more convenient and affordable.

This latest trend is often referred to as automated investing. Before jumping in with your own finances, however, it's important that you learn the details to determine if an automated investment advisor is for you.

• **What's automated investing?** An automated investment advisor (sometimes referred to as "robo investing") uses sophisticated computer algorithms to offer low-cost managed investments. Users answer a series of intuitive questions about their financial goals, risk tolerance, and investment time horizon, and the automated advisor recommends a personalized investment portfolio suited to those needs. These portfolios are comprised of a diverse set of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) designed with low-cost diversification in mind. The financial services company executes the investment and automatically manages it for a fraction of the cost of a traditional advisor.

• **How does it make investing easier and more accessible?** Not everyone has the time or know-how to manage an investment portfolio, or the inclination or ability to pay potentially hefty fees for a portfolio manager to do it on their behalf. Access to an account professionally managed by human advisors, however, was historically a problem for those who did not meet their high minimums, oftentimes \$500,000 or more.

Enter the automated advisor, which automatically monitors your investment portfolio and, as the stock market fluctuates, rebalances holdings based on your risk tolerance, projected investment timeline and wealth outlook, to help keep you on track with your goals.

"Some people are very good at managing their own investments," said Rich Hagen, president of Ally Invest, the online brokerage and wealth management arm of Ally Financial. "Others just don't have the time or expertise. Younger investors, in particular, often don't have the assets needed to get the attention of



Don't have the time or expertise to manage market fluctuations? Consider new technologies that can help you grow your savings efficiently.

a top portfolio manager. An automated advisor can solve the disconnect by making professionally managed portfolios accessible to more people."

Automated advisors sift through thousands of ETFs to invest your money into a range of diversified low-cost index ETFs. Like mutual funds, ETFs pool the money of numerous investors to purchase a group of stocks. Like index mutual funds, most are passively managed, which means they work to mimic the performance of a specific index such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

• **What do they cost?** With an automated advisor, you don't have to pay exorbitant fees, earn a six-figure income or have thousands of dollars in savings to reap the benefits of a professionally managed investment portfolio. Industry average fees for a human financial advisor hover around 1.02 percent, meaning costs start to add up as your investment portfolio grows. Generally, automated advisors provide customized portfolios more affordably. For example, at Ally Invest Managed Portfolios, the annual advisory fee is 0.30 percent of account assets. That means for an account with a \$10,000 balance, the monthly fee is \$2.50. Plus, there are no trading fees and you can start investing with just \$2,500.

• **Can I talk to a person?** A purely automated service isn't always enough, even when 24/7 phone support is available. Some firms, such as Ally Invest, provide customer service from knowledgeable professionals.

• **How can I learn more about automated investing?** Visit www.Ally.com and click on "managed portfolios."



STRATFORD ELK

SPORTS CAMP

JULY 30 – AUGUST 2

INCOMING 3RD GRADERS – 9TH GRADERS

9:00am - 12:00

Football & Basketball

\$40

(Make checks payable to Stratford Elks Sports Camp)

NAME: _____

SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE ONE): YS YM YL S M L XL

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return all forms with money to Coach Lovorn or Coach Wyatt. It can also be dropped off at the main office of the school during the week.

Legal Notice INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Stratford Hospital District, Attention: Leo Sanders, CEO/District Administrator, will be received at the office of Stratford Hospital District, 1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford, Texas 79084 until 5:00 p.m. Local Time, June 30th 2018, and then publicly opened and read for "Nursing Facility Kitchen Remodel".

Scope of Work of the Contract includes remodeling the kitchen of Coldwater Manor, including replacing floors in kitchen area and dish room, painting wall and replacement of ceiling tiles, installing new 3 compartment sink in Kitchen area, replacement of current counter space with all stainless steel, replacement of steam table and a steamer.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the contract and execute the bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within 7 days after the date contract documents are received by the contractor.

Bidding documents may be examined at 1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford, Texas 79084 or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$25.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at 1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Stratford Hospital District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a bid. The successful bidder, if any, will be the bidder offering the best value for Stratford Hospital District based on the published criteria provided in the bid documents and on its evaluation in accordance with Chapter 1099 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code and Chapter 2269 of the Texas Government Code. In determining the best value for the District, the District will consider: (1) the purchase price; (2) the reputation of the bidder and of the bidder's services; (3) the quality of the bidder's services; (4) the extent to which the services meet the District's needs; (5) the bidder's past relationship with the District; and (6) any relevant criteria specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals.

Stratford Hospital District

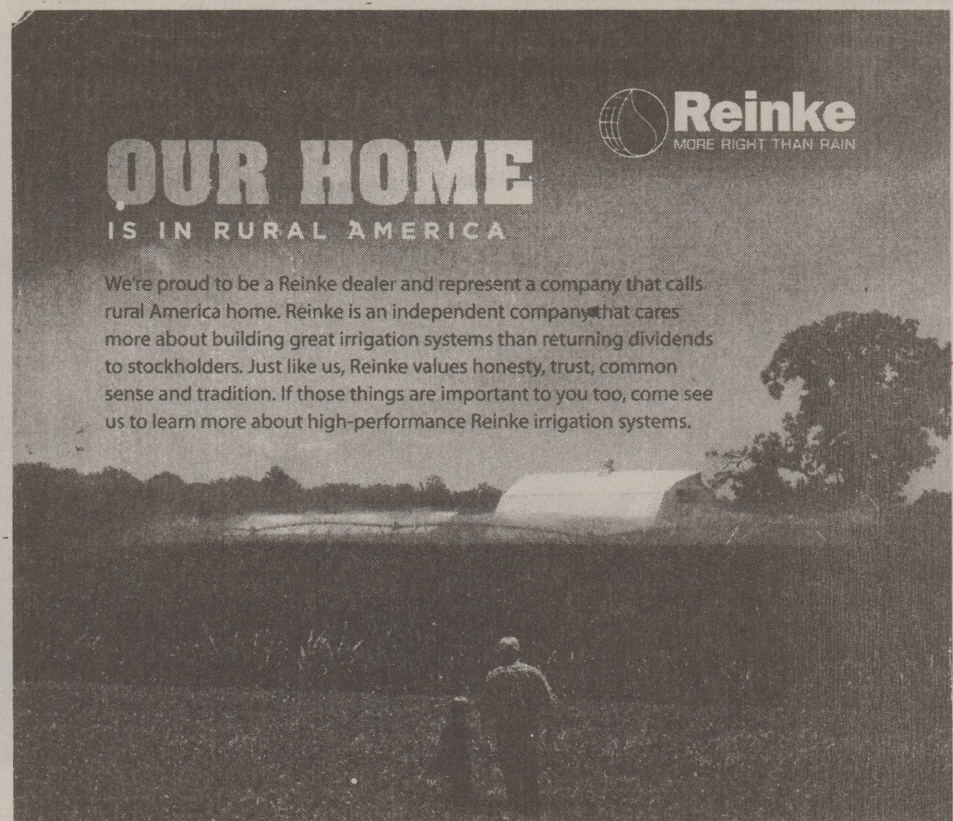
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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

Stratford ISD is accepting requests for fuel proposals

The proposals are for the period of September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM July 10, 2018. Any proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, or Faxed to (806) 366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent's office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The proposals will be opened July 10, 2018 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. No one will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

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REUNION WEEKEND 2 MILE FUN RUN/WALK AND YOUTH BIKE-A-THON Benefiting LOLLIPOP JUNCTION DAYCARE EXPANSION PROJECT

Saturday, July 28th, 2018 @ 8:30 A.M., STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Please circle your race: 2MILE fun run/walk 2MILE youth bike-a-thon Couch Potato Participant

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00

RACE ENTRY INCREASES BY \$5 FOR LATE REGISTRATION AFTER JULY 13TH
LATE REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL 8:00 A.M. ON RACE DAY BUT NOT
GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT.

- Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- Soft cotton shirts are guaranteed only for early registration. Shirt will be neon green.
- Send registration to: ViAnn Reed, P.O. Box 1223, Stratford, TX 79084; 806-753-7795
- Please make checks payable to: The Spirit Shop

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Shirt Size: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL XXL AND BIGGER WILL BE (\$3 EXTRA)

Youth sizes: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL

In return for its agreement to accept this entry form, I hereby release Stratford Jamboree its officers, directors, agents, representatives, and the volunteers, sponsors, promoters, and all other persons associated with Stratford Jamboree from liability for any injuries received by me (or if the participant is a minor, then I release them from liability for injuries received by the minor for whom I am responsible) during participation in this sporting event, which includes all post-race activities through the end of the awards ceremony and the conclusion of the event. I recognize that participation in the event sponsored or in any way supported by Stratford Jamboree exposes me and/or my family member(s) to risks including, but not limited to, running-related injury, traffic, and other risks including cracks in the roadway or sidewalk, uneven running surfaces, slick conditions, other participants in the race, weather-related hazards, and post-race accidents of any type. Notwithstanding these potential risks and possibly other unanticipated risks, all of which cannot be listed, I HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING MY (OR MY FAMILY MEMBER'S) ATTENDANCE AT OR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

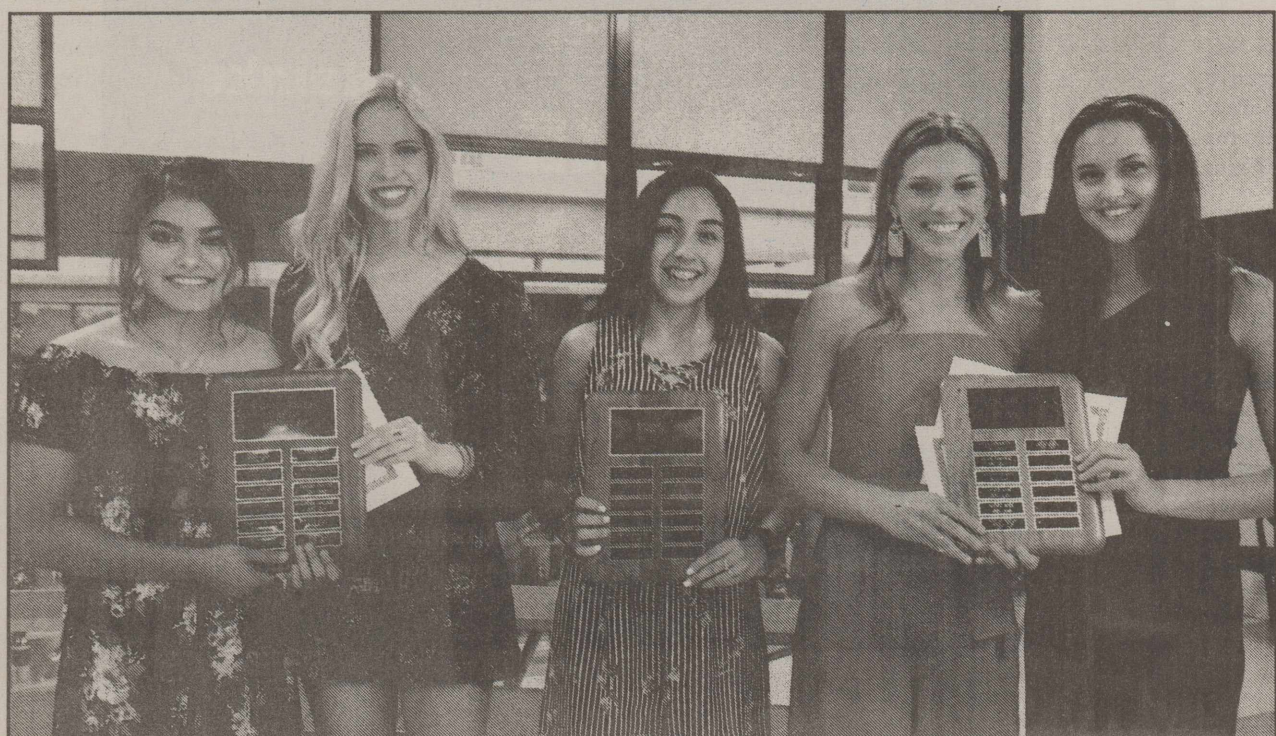
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OUTSTANDING BOYS BASKETBALL
 Basketball MVP - 2018 Stratford Elks Team - B/F-LR: Shay Hess, Kade McBryde, Noah Harris, Colten Lanning, Baruc Ortega, Iuden Romero, Blake Rios, Pedro Ortega, Walker McBryde, Ty McBryde and Abraham Villegas. Fighting Heart - Blake Rios.



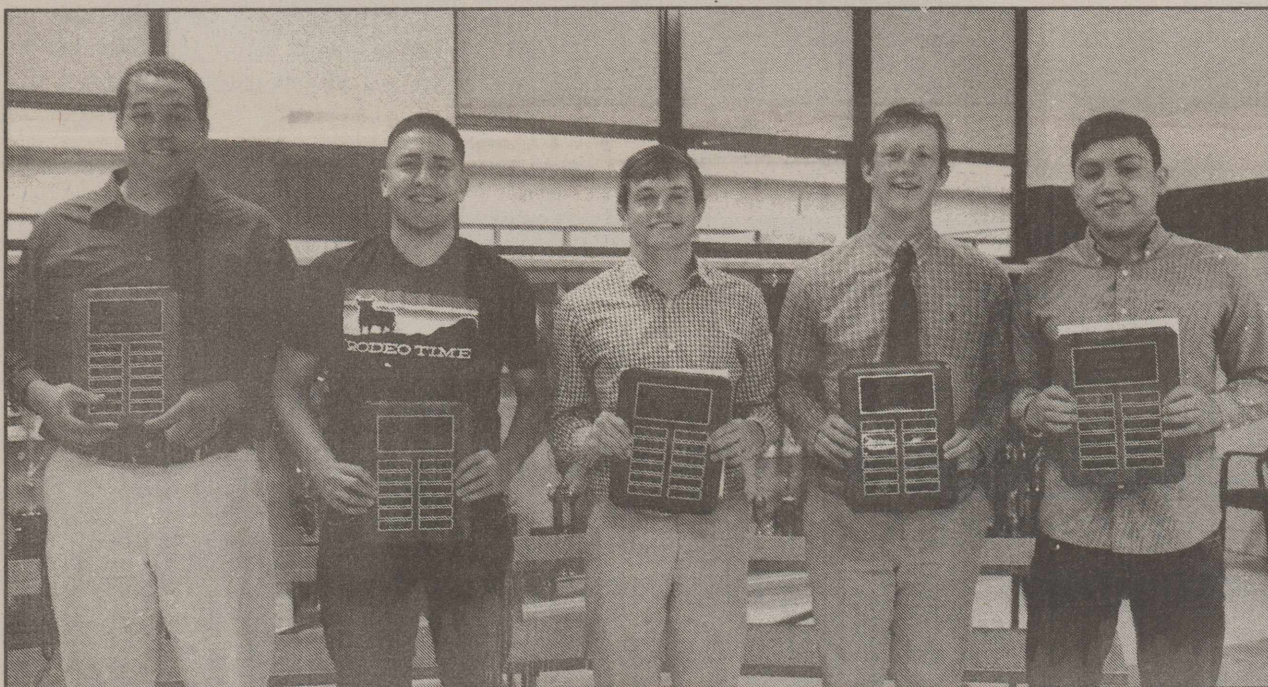
OUTSTANDING GOLF
 Kade McBryde and Katelin Berry.



OUTSTANDING GIRLS BASKETBALL
 L/R: Defensive MVP - Vanessa Gonzalez and Allie James, Fighting Heart - Janeht Bravo, Offensive MVP - Laynee Burr and Shaylee Audrain.



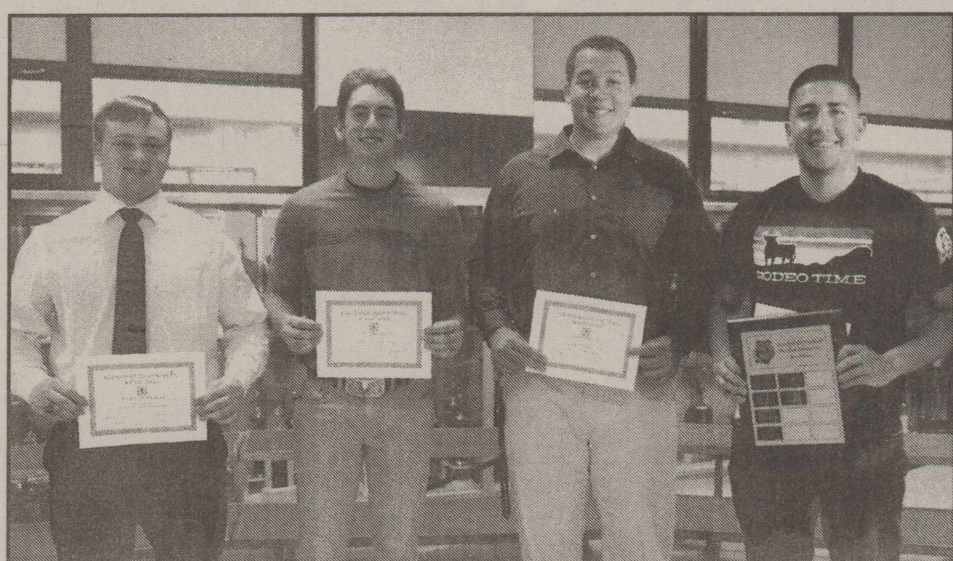
FANS OF THE YEAR
 Christy & Ed Burr



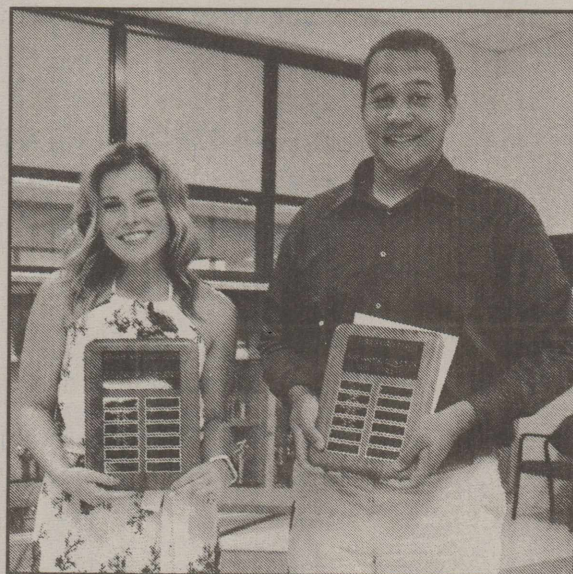
OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL
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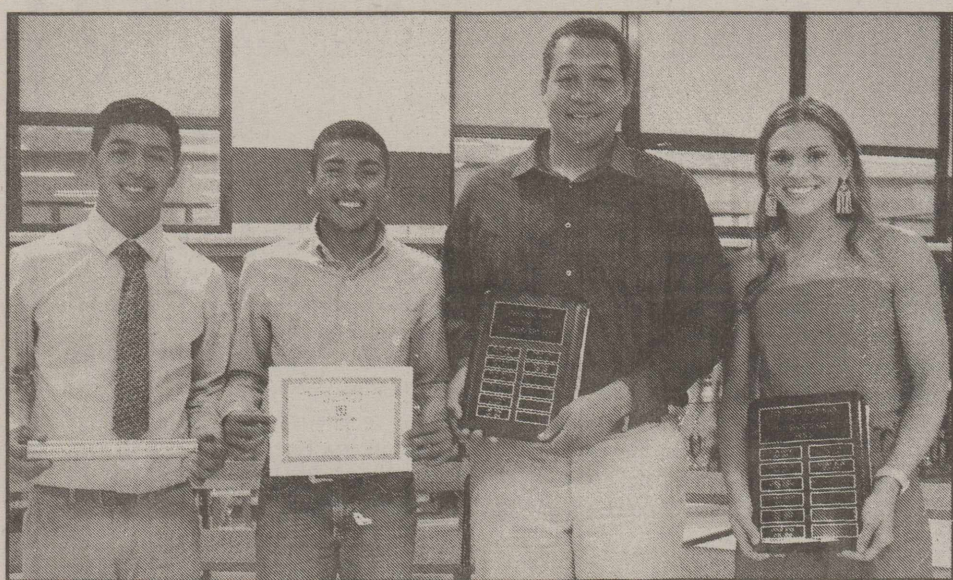
OUTSTANDING CROSS-COUNTRY
 Vanessa Gonzalez and Baruc Ortega.



JIM HAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
 L/R: Mason McDaniel, Scott Thompson, Noah Harris, Angel Guerra and Ruben Gonzalez (not pictured).



SCHOLAR ATHLETES
 Carlee Metcalf and Noah Harris.



OUTSTANDING TRACK
 L/R: Sacrifice & Service Award - Sergio Guerrero, Outstanding track - Blake Rios, Noah Harris and Laynee Burr.



BEST ALL-AROUND
 Vanessa Gonzalez, Laynee Burr, and Shay Hess.