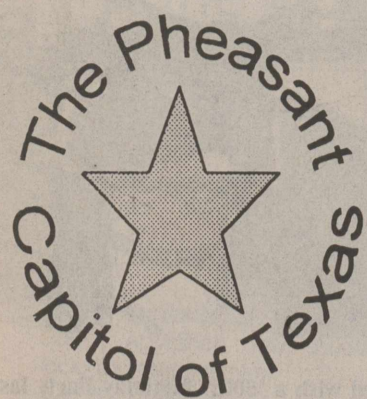


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**Deadline For
OCTOBER 25TH ISSUE**
will be Friday, October 19th at
NOON due to
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at White Deer on Monday, October 22nd.



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The United Methodist Junior High Youth will be trick or treating on October 28th for canned goods for The Pantry

November 1-Christmas In November

First Christian Church Chi Rho Youth Group will be trick-or-treating for the pantry on October 24th.

The annual Christmas In November will be Thursday, November 1, 2001. *Wish Upon A Star* is the theme for the day which will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

CWF Chili & Stew Supper & Bake Sale Set For October 20th

The public is invited to the Annual CWF Chili and Stew Supper and Bake Sale this Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at First Christian. The menu will consist of Chili, stew, beans, cornbread and cobbler. Prices will be \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for ages 6-12 and under 6 free.

In conjunction with the supper, CWF will be having a Bake Sale.

CWF will use the proceeds from the supper and bake sale for their service projects throughout the year. Come share in the fellowship and good foot.

Style Show Set For Saturday

Last chance to get your Luncheon & Style Show ticket! GFWC/Prospectus Study Club's annual event is this Saturday, Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m. at Mary Allen Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 from any club member.

Kay's Klassics and Creative Casuals, both of Dumas, are furnishing the fashions. Models are local ladies.

Governor Rick Perry To Speak In Dumas Oct. 22

The Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce Annual Agricultural/Industrial Banquet "Cultivating the Future" will be held Monday, October 22 at the Moore County Community Building in Dumas.

Texas Governor Rick Perry will deliver the keynote address. Presentations will be made to the Farmer of the Year and the Industry of the year.

The meeting will begin with a Social Business Exposition at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Individual tickets for \$30.00 are available at the Dumas Chamber of Commerce 935-2123. Business attire.

Lamb & Goat Validation

Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA will be conducting lamb and goat validation at the county barn October 23 starting at 3:30 p.m. This validation is for all lambs and goats participating in the county show this year and for those planning to take part in any major show in Texas. The cost of the validation will be \$10.00/head for the Texas tags and no charge for the county tags. All animals must be validated with one of the tags by October 31, 2001 to exhibit in the county show. If you are unable to attend this validation please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 or Jackie Burkhalter at (806) 366-333, so other arrangements can be made.

A Medical Fund has been established for Harry Harp at the Sunray Branch of Sun Bank.

Harp, of Sunray is waiting for a Liver Transplant

Programs and demonstrations will focus on creating holiday decorations and activities to celebrate Christmas with an old fashion charm.

The traditional Turkey Dinner will be served with advance tickets on sale now. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or the County Extension Office.

Persons who would like to rent booth space for the Holiday Showcase are asked to contact the County Extension Office at (806) 366-2122 or Marylou McDaniel at (806) 727-4755 for details.

Mark your calendar now for this day of holiday inspiration.

S.P.I.R.I.T. 54 Transportation Conference October 26, 27 in Dalhart

The City of Dalhart, Texas will be the site for the SPIRIT US 54 annual fall conference on Friday and Saturday, October 26th and 27th, 2001. The conference will be held in the LaRita Theater, a beautifully restored landmark located in downtown Dalhart. The public is invited to this four-state US 54 corridor transportation summit. Guests are expected from Kansas City to El Paso.

The theme "Economic Development in the Spirit of Transportation" will focus on the economic benefits of safe and adequate surface transportation targeted to the needs of the business enterprise.

The program begins Friday with a private tour of the new \$16 million Cargill trans-loading facility near Dalhart followed by a reception at the XIT Historical Museum, and an evening at the LaRita Theater with a performance by "Shades of Blue", a Dallas group specializing in Blues & Gospel. The Saturday morning conference includes Department of Transportation updates on the progress of US 54 from Wichita to El Paso followed by an economic development panel forum and topped off in true Texas Fashion with a big "beef" luncheon sponsored by Stratford area businesses.

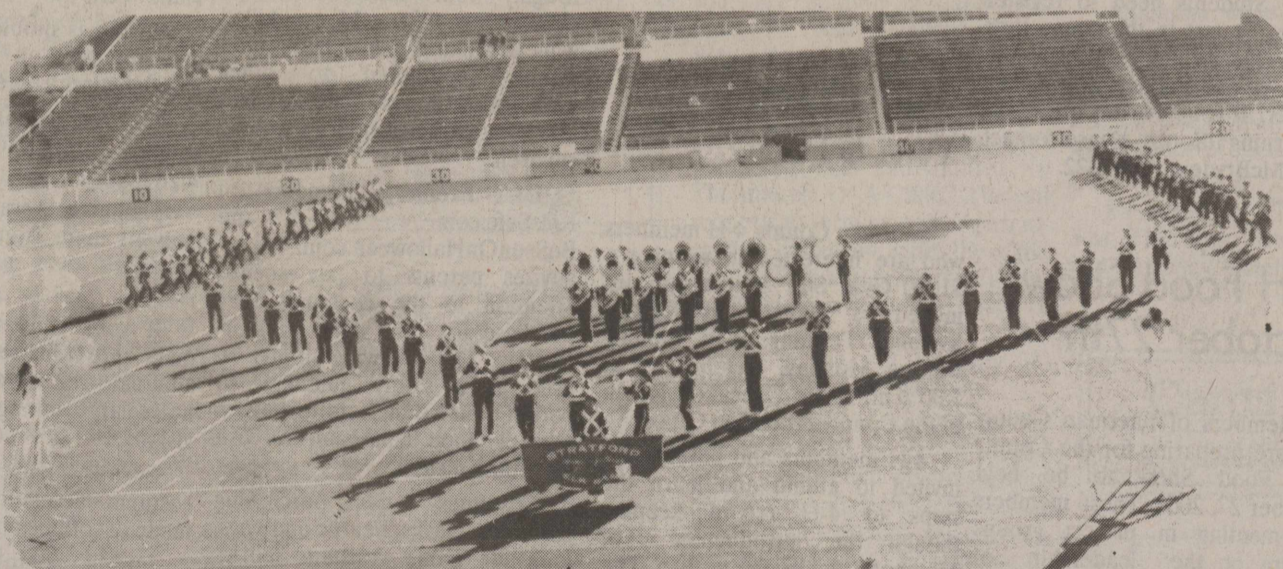
Those guests invited to participate in the economic development forum include the moderator, Texas Senator Teel Bivens and panel members: Donnie Quintana, New Mexico Economic Development; Dr. Mike Lewis, Cargill Inc. Blair, Nebraska; Sam Cartwright, Panhandle Region Economic Development Director, Guymon, Oklahoma; Sheila Martin, Texas Department of Agriculture; Tommy Pollack, a career trucker with National Carriers, Liberal, Kansas.

The Holiday Inn Express in Dalhart is the host hotel. A special SPIRIT rate is available for conference attendees by calling 806-249-1145. The conference registration fee is \$20.00 per person. Internet can access other information about the conference at (southwestpassage.org) For a registration form or more information call Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646.

Band Receives "31" Consecutive Division 1 Rating



SHS Big Blue Marching Band, shown below received a 1 rating at UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 13th at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, TX. Shown above, band members and directors celebrate with confetti after receiving results. The band now will advance to area marching contest in Odessa, TX on Saturday, October 27th. WAY TO GO BAND!!!!



4-H Members Visit Fire Department

In conjunction with National 4-H Week and Fire Safety Week, 4-H members toured the Fire Department on Monday, October 8th. Shown above, 4-H and Fire Department members that attended.

Good Luck Cross Country!!

Letter To The Editor

Dear Marty,

What a pleasure it was on October 7th to honor our local public servants. The event also brought to light how lucky we are to have the youth we have in Stratford. The SISD Gifted/Talented classes, with the help of their sponsor Kathie Altman, put together and presented a tribute to our local law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel that was simply outstanding. A great deal of press is given to what's wrong with today's kids. That's hard to believe here in Stratford. On Friday, at the request of our Governor and the Secretary of Education in Washington, Our SISD students joined countless other students across our nation to recite the pledge of allegiance at 1:00 p.m. After the staff and students said the pledge together, comments were extremely positive from those of all ages. America's youth are, in their own way, stepping up to do what they can in the current national situation. The citizens of Stratford have reason to be proud of the youth in our community. Again, thanks to the students and adults for honoring our public servants. I encourage everyone to attend the SHS Student Council program honoring our veterans on November 9th. You will be glad you did.

Thanks for the forum.

Jim Taliaferro

Obit

Glen Smith

Groom-Glen Smith, 86, died Tuesday, October 9, 2001, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 11, 2001 in First Baptist Church with Dr. O.K. Bowen officiating. Burial was in Groom Cemetery By Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mr. Smith was born in Leonard. He served in the Army during World War II. He married Jossie Fae Hardcastle in 1937. He retired as a John Deere mechanic and farmer. He was a lifetime member and former chief of the Groom Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Marie Wagner of Stratford; a sister, Irma Ray Rutherford of Groom; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Groom Volunteer Fire Department.

Attention Junior Parents

On Saturday, October 20th all juniors will have a chance to participate in PSAT/NMSQT Test. This is an optional test that will measure the reading, math, and writing skills of the students. When their score reports are received, the students around the nation. For junior students, this is the first step in entering the National Merit Scholarship Competition. If students are chosen to advance in the competition based on their test scores, they will become eligible for scholarship awards. Test takers also have the option to voluntarily place their names in a pool of college-bound students interested receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies. Finally, this test will provide excellent practice for the students to improve their test-taking skills. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT Test. Students need to register before the test in the counselor's office. They will need to bring the \$9.50 fee for the test when they register. If you have any questions concerning this test, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

4-H Food Show October 27th

Members of Sherman County 4-H are preparing for the County 4-H Food Show to be held October 27, 2001. These members are meeting in project groups under the leadership of volunteers dedicated to assisting youth in learning life skills.

Youth are learning nutrition knowledge, food preparation and safety skills, social role of foods, and food buying skills. Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice. Members are reminded that Entry Forms and recipes are due Monday, October 22, 2001. Entries should be returned to the County Extension Office located at the Courthouse in Stratford.

Volunteer project leaders are Dinah Horsford, Lori Christian, Connie Burton, Anna Witcher, Lisa Crabtree, Desiree Davis, Belinda Hamilton, Tammy Blain and Cindy Russell.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Brown's Meat locker, Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, Vall, Inc., West Texas Gas Company, Thriftway of Stratford, Texas County Parts, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



Americans eat an average of 18 pounds of fresh apples each year.

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Younger Texans 4-H Club

By Clayton Johnson

The October 8th meeting was held at the Fire Department. The meeting was on fire safety. Chief Eddie Williams and Sandy Williams were the speakers. Chris Hernandez demonstrated what a firefighter looks like when they go into the fire. We got to tour the firehouse.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 and 30 members were there. Refreshments were provided by Maria Velazquez and Trevor Christian. Cindy Russell brought pictures of pumpkins off of the Internet for the pumpkin painting contest. The next meeting will be November 5th.

"Who Wants To Win \$1000"

Sherman County 4-H members who are interested in winning a \$1000 Gold Star Scholarship are invited to attend 4-H Record Keeping Training. The training will be Monday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Education Room of the County Extension Office.

4-H members and parents are invited to attend and learn the steps to 4-H record keeping through the introduction of Member's Achievement Plan. The workshop is designed for introduction of members on the importance of record keeping, information needed for records, and methods of record keeping. In addition, members will learn how to use this information for completing an Awards Program Record Book in early summer 2002.

For more information, contact either Susie Spurlock or Leslie Neve at the Sherman County Extension Office, telephone 366-2122 or 366-2081.

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Hog House To Be Given Away

Mark Miller and Walter Spurlock, members of Sherman County 4-H Council display the Hog House that Sherman County 4-H is giving away. The lucky winner will be named October 22 at the "Who Wants to Win a \$1000", 4-H Record Keeping Training. Individuals who would like to buy a chance on the Hog House may do so, by contacting the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Oct. 20 Amarillo Symphony featuring Jamie Laredo, violin
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Oct. 25 Brad Paisley
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Oct. 26 "311"
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Oct. 26 Shades of Blue (gospel)
Dalhart LaRita Theatre 224-5646
- Oct. 26-28 "Little Women" Amarillo Little Theatre Academy
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Nov. 4 "Funny Girl" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Nov 8-18 "Three Tall Women" Comedy
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Nov. 2 Randel Chamber Orchestra, featuring Ritter, trumpet
Paramount Baptist Church 806-376-8782
- Nov. 10 Harrington String Quartet, Sally Chisholm, violist
Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Nov. 10 "Cabaret" Musical ALT Adventure Space
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Nov. 17 Keith Brion as John Philip Sousa Amarillo Symphony
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Nov. 17 Harrington String Quartet, violist
Westminster Presbyterian Church 806-376-8782

Halloween Costume Safety Tips & Buying Guide

Halloween should be a time for fun and treats. Unfortunately, roughly four times as many children ages 5 to 14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared to other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children.

Dr. Kremer, founder of KidsSafe.com and BeSeenOnHalloween.com, advises parents to pay special attention to the costumes they purchase for their little trick-or-treaters. The following should be used as a safety guideline to permit your youngsters to have a Ghostly Good Time, and not visit Dr. Frankenstein.

Costumes- purchasing costumes, masks, beards and wigs, look for flame resistant fabrics such as nylon or polyester or look for the label "Flame Resistant." Flame resistant fabrics will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. To minimize the risk of contact with candles and other fire sources, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Purchase or make costumes that are light, bright and clearly visible to motorists.

For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks also should be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.



Vancouver Island is the largest island on the Pacific Coast of North America and is named for the British explorer George Vancouver.



Griff Lasley was honored with a "50th" Birthday Party last week with all the appropriate gifts, cake and balloons on hand at A & I Parts Center to help Griff celebrate his "Half Century Mark"!!

Check Out These Web Sites:

Here are some Web sites you may want to watch:
KNEX at www.knex.com.
Compaq at www.compaq.com.
Master Lock Co. at www.masterlock.com.
Underwriters Laboratories Inc. at www.ul.com.
The National Safety Council at www.nsc.org.
Crafts 'n Things magazine at www.craftideas.com.
The Volvo C70 convertible at www.volvocars.com.
The American Express Foundation's Economic Independence Fund at www.nefe.org.
Joy Fawcett's comeback diary, at www.eraactive.com.

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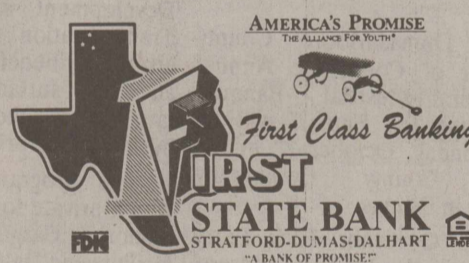
Methodist Church, Sunday, October 21
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Costume Contest: 0 - Pre-K
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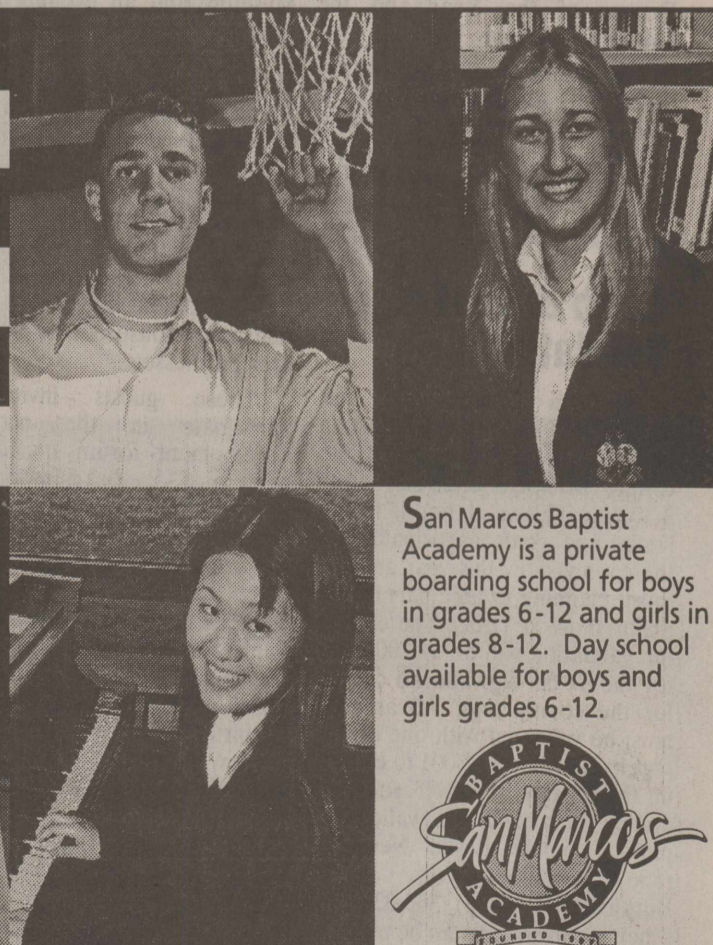
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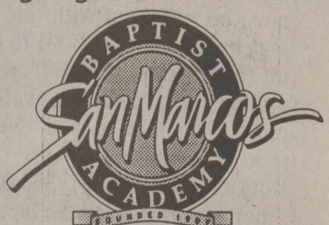
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San Marcos Baptist Academy is a private boarding school for boys in grades 6-12 and girls in grades 8-12. Day school available for boys and girls grades 6-12.



There will be an information session at the J.W. Marriott (5150 Westheimer, Houston) Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00PM. Come and learn about curriculum, campus life and admissions for the upcoming Spring and Fall 2002 enrollment. PUBLIC INVITED

2801 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, TX 78666, 1-800-428-5120, e-mail: admissions@smba.org, www.smba.org
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Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar

Eta Alpha's 18th Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar is Saturday, October 27, 2001 in Boise City, Oklahoma at the Community Bldg. on North Main Street. Shopping from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Jewelry, candles, baskets, Victorian Swags, Silk Floral Arrangements, Baby Soft Books, Christmas Arrangements, Wood items, Doll Clothes, many numerous all hand crafted gift items for the holidays. Lunch will be available.

For Booth Space, call Frankie Armstrong immediately at 580-544-3348 or 3486.

The proceeds from this event all go toward philanthropic projects.



The clarinet first appeared in an orchestra in 1711. The instrument was further popularized by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Pointers For Parents

On The Road To Safe Teenage Driving

(NAPS)—Most parents wouldn't let their son or daughter swim alone across a lake after he or she just learned to swim. Nor would they likely let their child ski down a 3,000-foot slope after only one lesson.

Yet, most states let 16-year-olds take on a far more demanding task—solo driving. And they do that after as little as six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

Motor vehicle injuries are the number one teenage killer—accounting for 40 percent of all 16- to 19-year-old deaths.

How can teens be better prepared? Many states have adopted graduated licensing, a system that ensures that new drivers accumulate behind-the-wheel experience in low-risk settings. Typically, teen drivers progress through three stages: the learner's permit stage, a restricted or probationary license stage, and the full license stage.

Here are some common questions and answers about Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL):

Q. Why should all teenagers suffer for the poor behavior of a few?

A. GDL laws are not intended to punish; rather they try to prevent the consequences of the poor judgment and lack of experience of many teens, not few.

Q. Why isn't driver-ed enough?



A new program called Graduated Driver Licensing lets teens learn to drive gradually and build up experience before going it alone.

About half of the crashes involving teen drivers are a result of inexperience and poor judgement. GDL, with its use of incentives and limitations on driving in high risk situations, encourages teen drivers to apply judgement they otherwise would not, and lowers the risk of crash involvement at a time when that risk is especially high.

For more information on GDL, and to find out what's going on in your state, call your local AAA club. You can also write or call AAA, 1440 New York Ave., N.W., #200, Washington, D.C., 20005, or call (202) 942-2050.

Area Marching Contest Will Be Saturday, October 27, 2001 in Odessa

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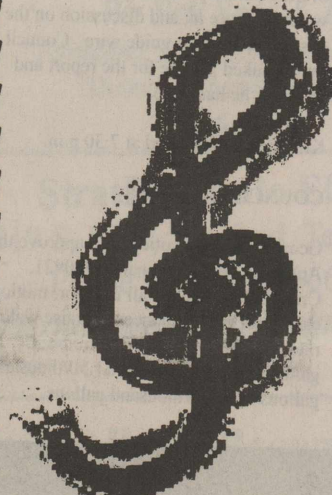
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Any excavation activity near our facilities, Minor damage to our pipeline, such as a scrape, crease, gouge, or dent to the pipe or its coating. Damage to above Ground piping or pipeline markers.

LOOK FOR PIPELINE MARKERS

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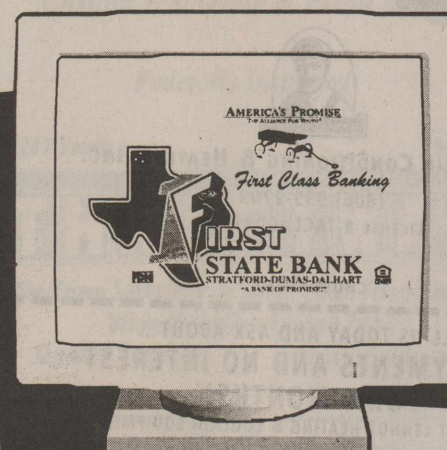
Immediately Shut off and abandon any machinery or equipment that could be a source of ignition. Avoid anything that could create a spark. Leave the area at once to a safe upwind location. Notify the Pipeline Company, or proper utility Company as soon as possible. Give your name, phone number, and location of Incident.

IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS

Leave the area at once to a safe place, do not cause a source of ignition, such as Flipping a light switch, or causing a static spark. Get to a safe place and call the Utility company. Give your name, phone number, and location of the gas smell.

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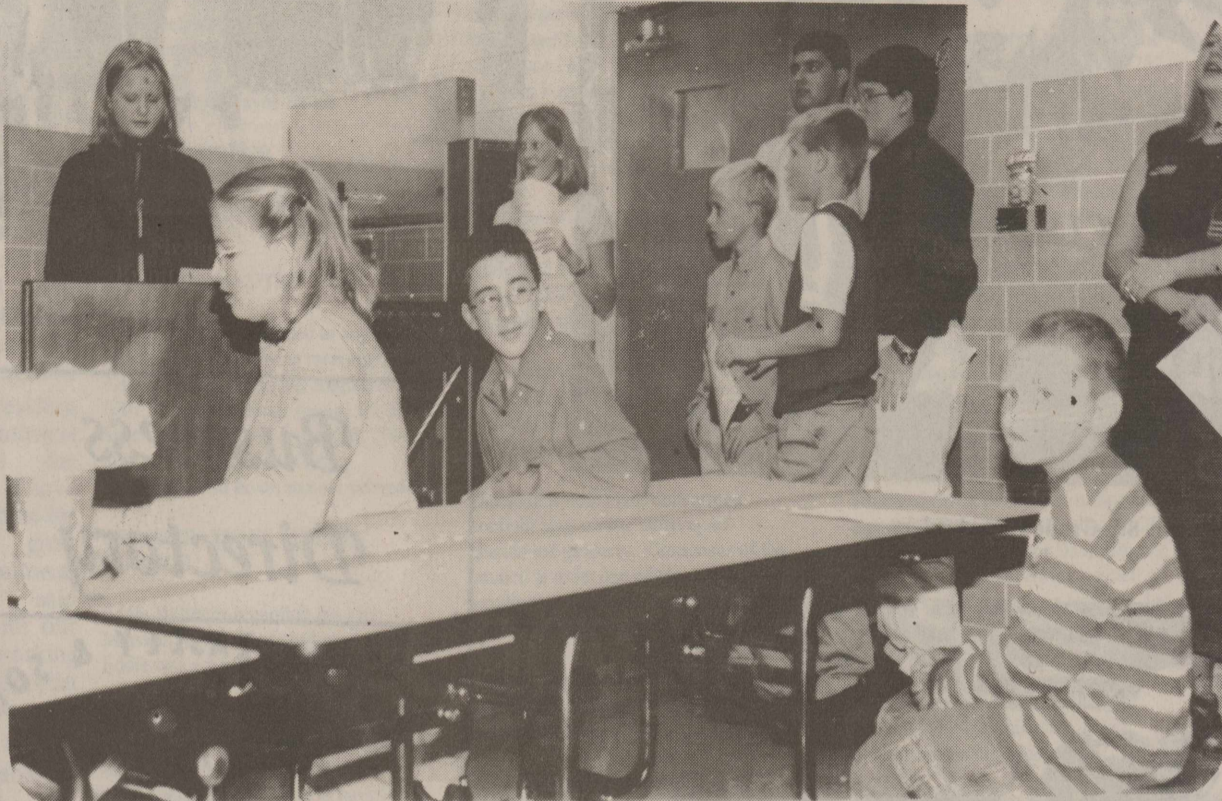
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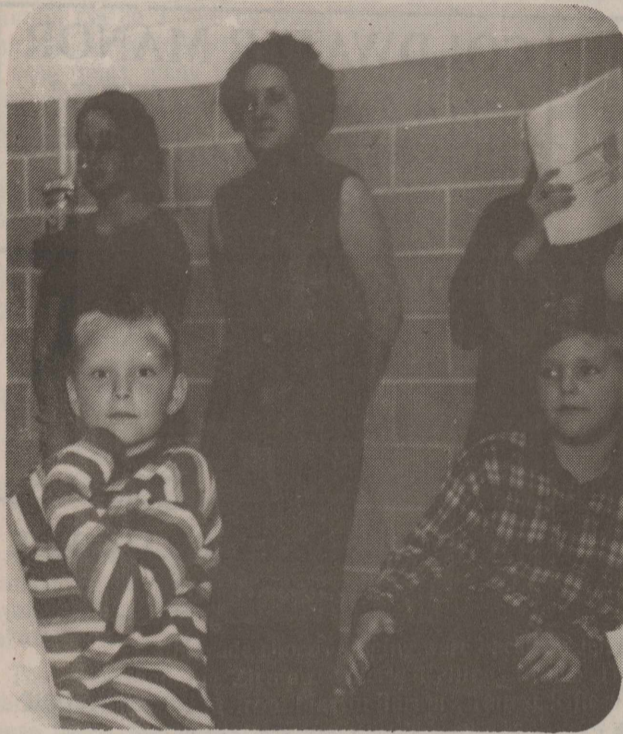
October 7, 2001



Retired Chief Of Police Jim Deweese



Standing left to right, Gina Mattocks, Cheyenne Ziemann, Roy Allen, Dylan Everett, Kyle Horsford, Brandon Davis and Briah McClellan. Seated Trisha Teig, Jordan Taylor, and Josh Robertson.



Standing Juliana Taliaferro, Katie York, seated Josh Robertson and Christopher Hart



Briah McClellan



Firefighters present and honored were Sandy Williams, Donita Robertson, Dean Hauser, Jack Gore, Brian White and Chris Hernandez, in front Lane Robertson.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, the GT classes of Stratford ISD honored our emergency workers in Sherman County with an appreciation program and reception. Over 180 people were in attendance, making this a great success.

Tiffany Duke sang "The Change" in tribute to our guests.

The afternoon included speeches by Trisha Teig, Dylan Everett, Briah McClellan, Matthew Taliaferro, Katie York, Tiffany Duke, Anne Brooks, Cheyenne Ziemann, Jordan Taylor, and Brandon Davis. They talked about the history of our EMS, Fire Department, Police Department, Sheriff's office, highway patrol and emergency management.

A special recognition was given to Mrs. Rene Booth Cavitt and her sons Brian and Brady Booth for the life Trooper Steve Booth gave in the line of duty.

The current and former members of each department were given plaques and also thank cards and letters from the students at Mary Allen Elementary. Junior High students Gina Mattocks, Cheyenne Ziemann, Kristen Crabtree, Juliana Taliaferro, Samantha Hart, Jordan Confer and Eric Riffe announced these members. They were assisted by Channing Ziemann, Roy Allen, Lyndsi Thiessen, Kyle Horsford, Christopher Hart and Josh Robertson in passing out the cards.

The program concluded with Mrs. Belinda Hamilton's 4th grade chorus singing, "This Land is Your Land" and "I Am Someone Special."

Others who assisted in the planning and preparation of our program were: Evan Haile, Amie Witcher, Twyla Young, Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, Megan Crabtree, Kathie Altman, Cindy Russell, Barbara Haile, Gregg Wright, Jack Newcomb, The Stratford Star and the parents of the G-T Classes.

A special thank you to Jimmy Lanning, Eddie Williams, Garold McDaniel, Jack Haile, and the Texas Department of Public Safety for helping compile lists and information. And a special thank you to the students and teachers at Mary Allen Elementary.



4th grade chorus singing were back row left to right-Roy Allen, Channing Ziemann, Valerie Kelling, Lyndsi Thiessen and Sunny Russell in front Martin Barajas, Tanner Riffe and Brian Zinck.



Sherman County Deputy Mike Allen, Sheriff Jack Haile & Jailer Ardith Rolan.



German Pretzels:

1 package of active dry yeast
 1/2 cup warm water (105 degrees)
 1 1/2 cups warm water
 1/2 cup of brown sugar
 5 cups flour
 Dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup warm water. Stir in 1 1/2 cups warm water, 1/2 cup brown sugar and flour. Beat until smooth.

Knead dough until smooth and elastic. Heat oven to 475 degrees. In a saucepan, measure 2 tablespoons baking soda to each cup of water. Place enough to fill the saucepan. Boil soda and water. Tear off some dough and roll a pencil shape with your hands. Pick up both ends, cross to form rabbit ears and then twist the ends and pull them back to the rest of the loop.

Place twisted pretzels in water-baking soda mixture for 15 seconds until the pretzel dough is golden or yellow in color. Then remove the pretzels from boiling water and place onto a salted cookie sheet.

Salt the top of pretzels with coarse ground sea salt. Place cookie sheet with pretzels into the oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until pretzel is golden brown.



Officer Garold McDaniel right front, being honored at the reception.



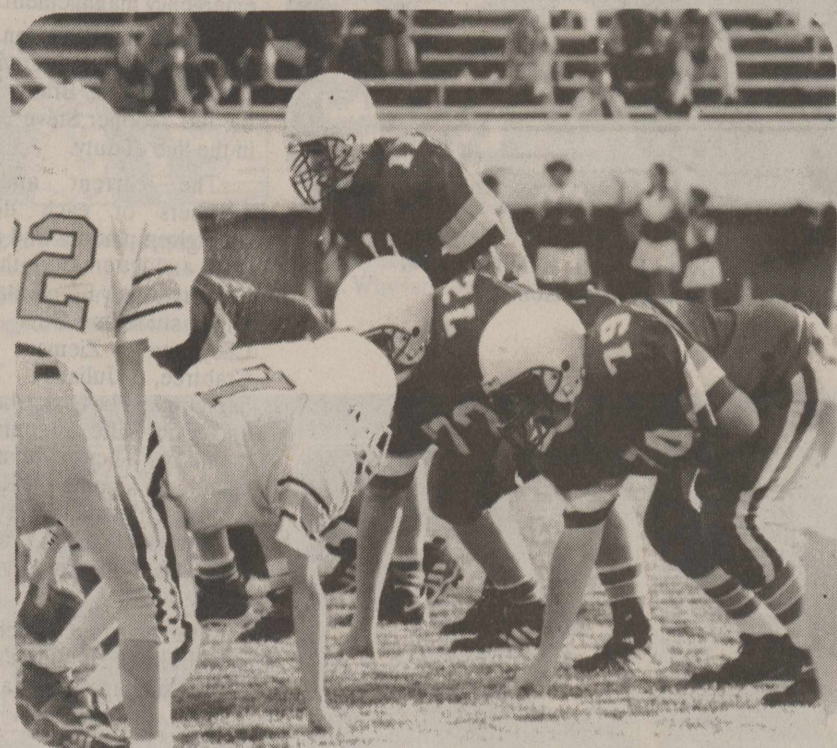
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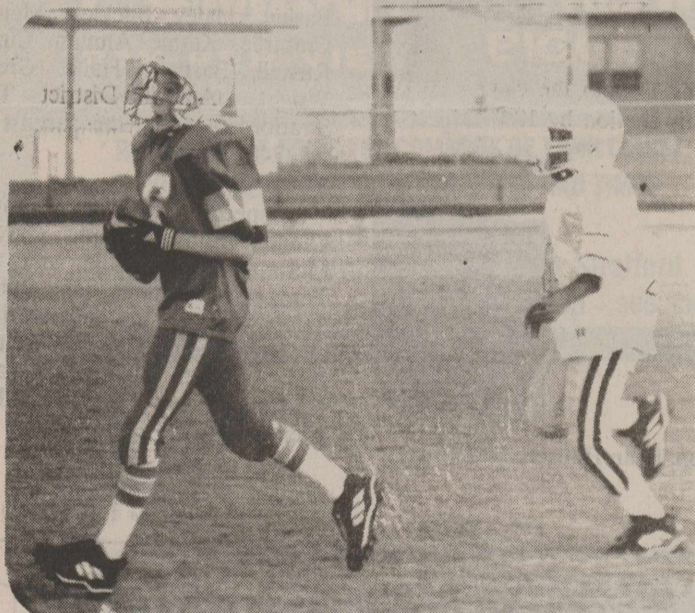
Shown above, 8th Grade Cheerleaders.



7th Grade Elks beat Borger last Thursday, October 11th.



8th Grade Elks #11 Josh Lanning, #72 Caleb Brown, and #79 Brandon Davis.



8th Grade Elk #16 Walter Spurlock scores on a 2 point conversion pass from Josh Lanning.

Elks Remain Undefeated

The Stratford Elks won their 1st District game of the season against Kress 43-0 on Friday, October 12th.

Adam Bell led the Elks in rushing yards with 129 yards on 8 carries and two touchdowns. Javier Licon followed with 48 yards on 11 carries and 1 touchdown. Chance Crowl carried the ball for 44 yards on 10 carries for the Elks followed by Carlos Jacquez with 28 yards on 9 carries and 1 touchdown and Wesley Hunsaker with 21 yards on 4 carries and 1 touchdown.

Adam Bell threw the ball for 142 yards on 5 of 7 passing and threw a 55 yard touchdown pass to Isaac Chabolla. Nick Ashley added 5 extra point for the Elks and Javier Licon scored on a two-point conversion for the Elks.

Skyler Walden led the Elks defensively with 11 tackles followed by Javier Licon with 9. Carlos Jacquez and Wes Kimball each had 6 tackles for the night followed by Adam Bell with 5. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Isaac Chabolla, Jaret Pemberton, Adam Reed, Dalton Sladek, Clint Adams, Nick Ashley, Dylan Everett, Carlos Flores, Wesley Hunsaker, Michael McAlister, Craig Moore, and Chance Crowl.

Congratulations to Adam Bell for being named Amarillo Globe News Honorable Mention Player of the Week for his game performance against Kress.

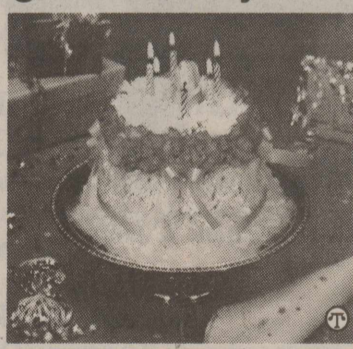
The Elks will play Boys Ranch here on Friday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Gift Ideas

Birthday Gifting Made Easy

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- A basket of the birthday person's favorite gourmet treats is a tasty way to celebrate. Customized gift baskets, accenting a recipient's interests or hobbies or maybe a favorite sports team are always a fun way to say Happy Birthday.
- A unique gift that's always enjoyed is a compilation of newspapers, music, movies and other popular items from the year the birthday boy or girl was born.

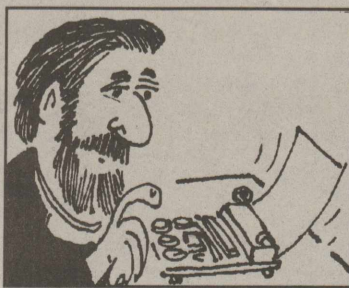


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Homecoming & Football Shots!!



Homecoming Queen Sr. Carly Mathews escorted by Sr. Jaret Pemberton, Sr. Isaac Chabolla, and Sr. Javier Licon.



Sr. Mika Willborn escorted by Sr. Adam Bell and Sr. Craig Moore.



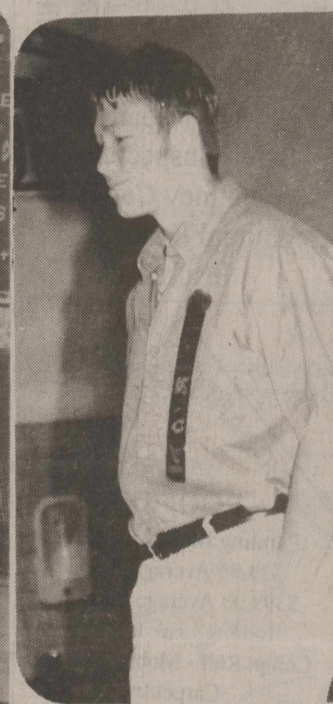
Sr. Sarah Talley escorted by Sr. Wesley Hunsaker, Sr. Scot Plunk, and Homecoming King Sr. Skyler Walden.



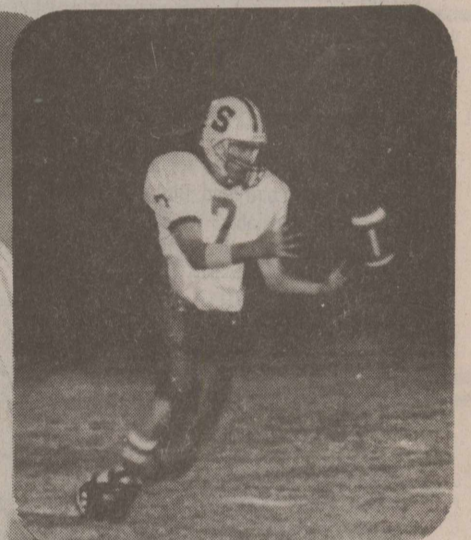
Sr. Valerie Valenzuela escorted by Sr. Wes Kimball and Sr. Nick Ashley.



Sr. Candra Holland escorted by Sr. Michael McAlister, Sr. Adam Reed, and Sr. Miguel Rivas.



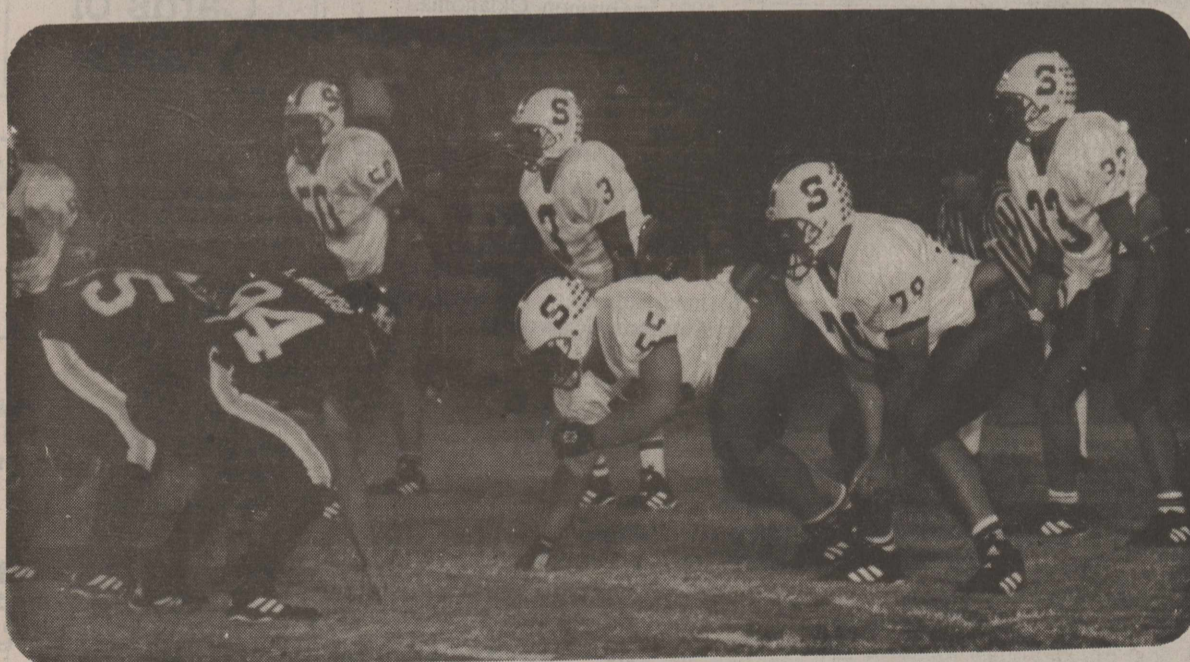
Craig Moore gave the Pep Talk last week.



#7 Adam Bell



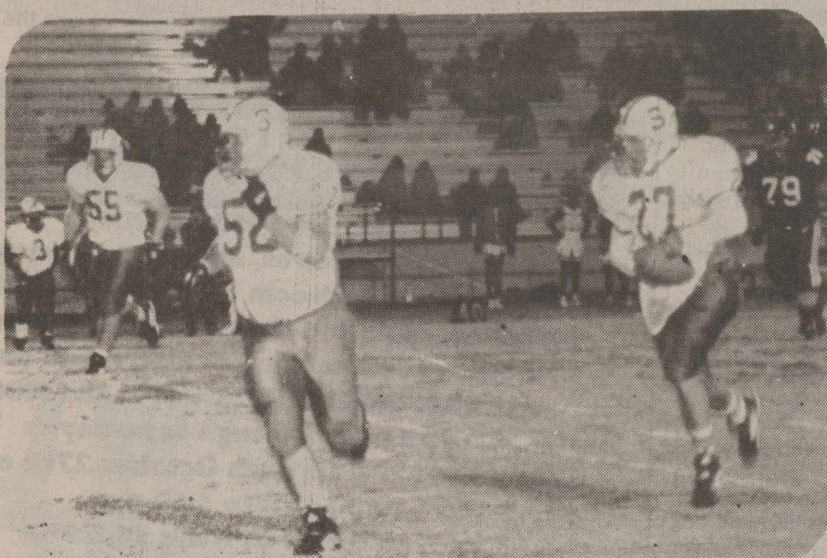
Shown above #3 Javier Licon carries the ball.



Stratford Elks #50 Skyler Walden, #3 Javier Licon, #55 Wes Kimball, #79 Adam Reed, and #33 Carlos Jacquez.



Shown at left: SIIS Cheerleaders (l-r): Carly Mathews, Mika Willborn, Marca Ewers, Erin Ashley, Candra Holland, Sarah Talley, and Valerie Valenzuela.



#27 Wesley Hunsaker carries the ball for the Elks. Also shown #52, Nick Ashley, #55 Wes Kimball, #3 Javier Licon.



Stratford Elks beat Kress 43-0 on Friday, October 12th. Shown above, #50 Skyler Walden, #7 Adam Bell, #52 Nick Ashley, #79 Adam Reed, and #83 Michael McAlister.