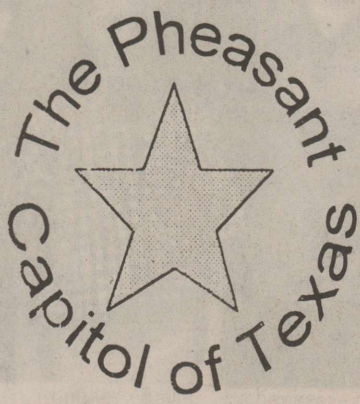


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Rev. Harker To Visit Stratford

David Harker was the Minister of 1st Christian Church for many years. He will be visiting Stratford this weekend. He will be at the Chili & Stew Dinner at the church on Sunday, October 27th.

TAKING PECAN ORDERS!!!

If you want to order pecans again this year call (Gertrude) Nanny Blake 366-2567 or Brenda Bell 769-4446

NO MORE ORDERS AFTER OCT. 24TH

Pantry Board To Meet

The Pantry Board Meeting will be held Thursday, October 24th, at 7:00 p.m. at the XIT Building.

November 7- Christmas In November

The annual Christmas In November will be Thursday, November 7, 2002. A *Homemade Christmas* is the theme for the day which will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building, in Stratford.

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.

For more information, contact Marylou McDaniel (806)-727-4755 or the Sherman County Extension Office at (806) 366-2122 or for details.

Mark your calendar now for this day of holiday inspiration.

Annual Chili & Stew Dinner Sunday, Oct. 27th First Christian Church

Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church of Stratford will host their annual Chili & Stew Dinner on Sunday, October 27, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The all you can eat meal will include homemade chili, stew, beans, cornbread & dessert. The cost will be a free will donation. There will also be lots of homemade goodies for sale at the annual bake sale. Please come and join us for dinner. We're looking forward to the fun, food and fellowship.

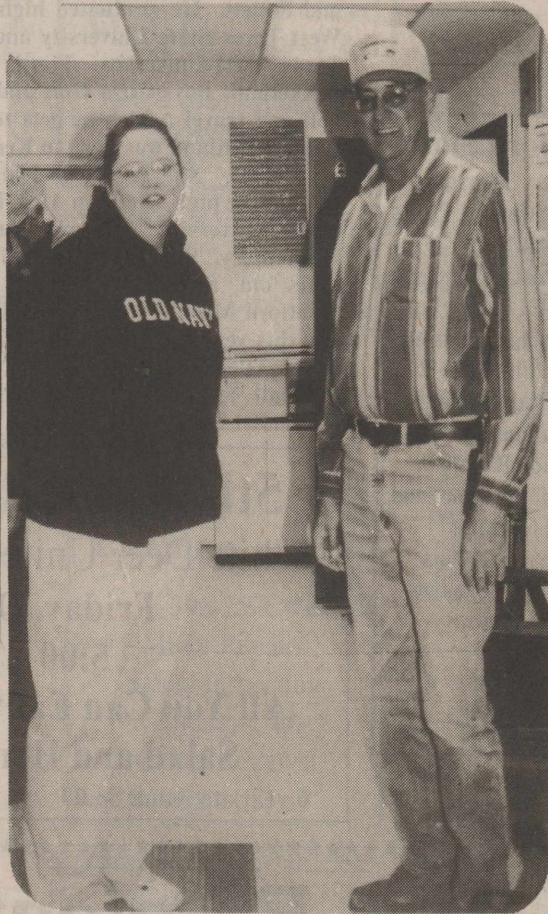
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Halloween Carnival At Coldwater Manor

There will be a Halloween Carnival at Coldwater Manor on Monday, October 28, 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Coldwater Manor.

There will be a costume contest at 7 p.m. Age groups are 0-3, 4-10 and 11-18.

There will be a cake walk, bingo, duck pond etc.



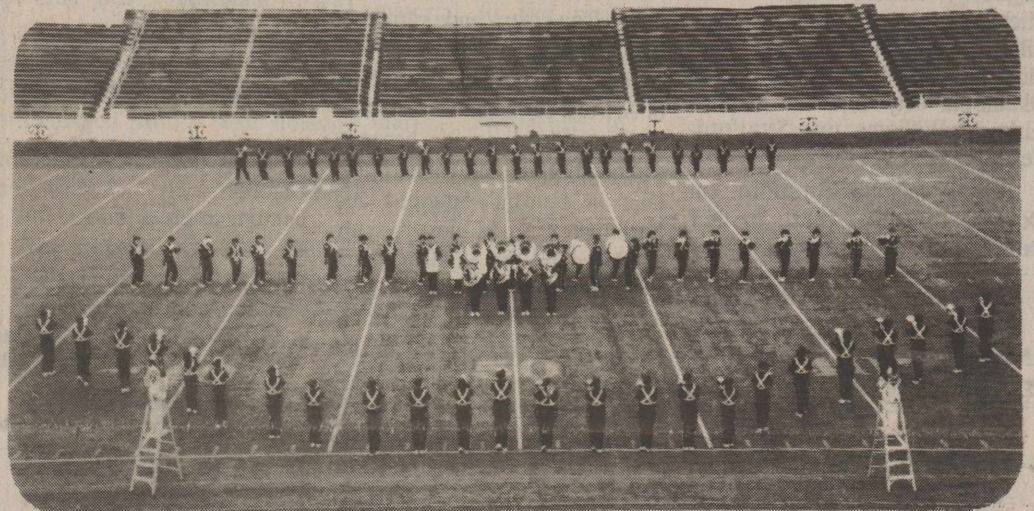
Hal Bennett is shown at left with Crystal Murphey of Stratford Grain. He brought in the first dry load of corn at Lautz.

Congratulations!



Corn Harvest Winding Down

Corn harvest is approximately 80% complete with the yields improving as harvest is coming to a close. Andy Riffe of Stratford Grain reports that most folks are happy with the yields.



Congratulations Big Blue Band!!!!

Shown above, the Big Blue Marching Band marching at UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, Oct. 19th where they received their 32nd Consecutive Division 1 Rating!!! WAY TO GO BAND!

M. L. Albert would like to remind everyone that Early Voting started on Monday, October 21, 2002 in the Clerks office.

Chamber News

By Paula Nusz

Open House Scheduled

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce invites the community to a ribbon cutting and open house for the First State Bank of Happy-Stratford Branch. The celebration is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2002 at their location in the XIT Building. The community-wide 'coffee break' will be held in the foyer of the XIT Building (Adjacent to their new offices), and the time frame is 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Make plans to attend and welcome this new business to Stratford.

Holiday Opportunities for Stratford

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Women's Division is making big plans for the holiday season. The Christmas Parade has been scheduled for Wed., Dec. 4, 2002. The theme for this parade is 'sounds of the season'. The parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. and proceed down main street. Children's visits with Santa Claus are also scheduled. Each float and entry must be lit with some type of luminary device. Check the *Stratford Star* for future developments.

The Women's Division has also scheduled the Christmas residential lighting contest for Monday, December 16, 2002. The contest will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each home is encouraged to have their decorations glowing for this evening. More details will follow in future issues of the *Stratford Star*. The holiday season is approaching fast, don't let these opportunities pass you by!

Pheasant Season Approaching

The leaves are changing color, mornings and evenings are cool, combines are in the fields, and the fall hunting season is approaching. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking property to promote for our annual Pheasant Hunt. The Pheasant Season is December 14-29, 2002.

The Chamber Hunt generally comprises of CRP Grass, Corn and Milo stubble with the drought this year, many acres of dryland milo have been 'Totalled' by insurance and would make prime habitat for pheasant. The price paid to the landowner is as follows:

CRP Grass and Corn stubble \$35/acre
Milo Stubble and uncut fields \$70/acre

The final rental payment is determined by the total number of days the fields are available for hunting. In 2001, the Chamber sold permits to 102 hunters from across the nation. The total number of acres available in 2001 were 4,480.

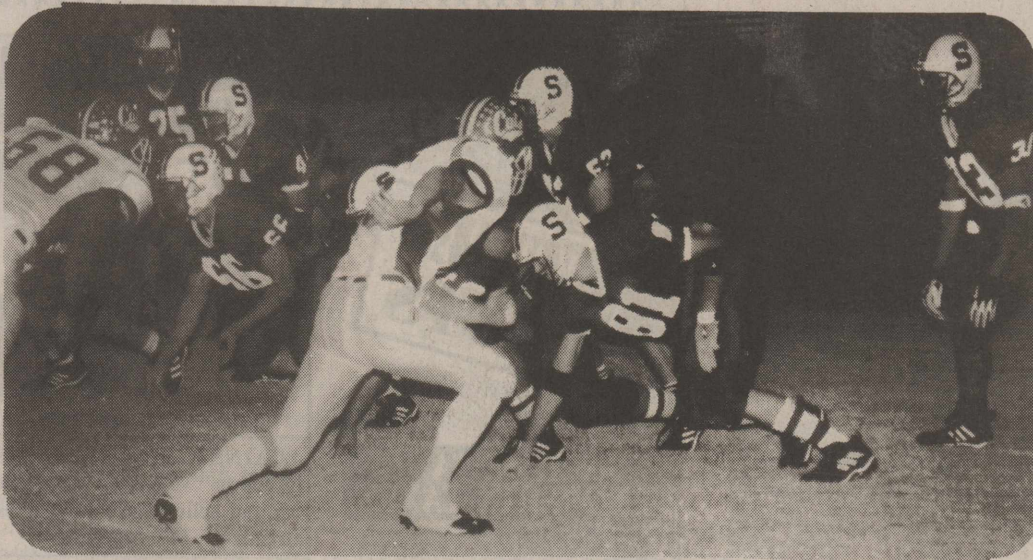
Rental agreements for land owners are available from the Chamber Office. Anyone interested or who may need more information may contact Paula at the Chamber Office (366-2260) or come by the office located in the City Hall building.

Queen Gladys Evans To Compete

Coldwater Manor Queen Gladys Evans will be competing at the Loving Hearts Pageant on November 2, at 2:30 p.m. at the Seville Estate Nursing Home. The winner of this pageant will be crowned Queen of The High Plains 2002. Good Luck Gladys!!

Imagination Station Pre-Treat For Trick Or Treat

The Imagination Station will serve Hot Dogs, October 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a treat before Trick or Treat. The Hot Dog and drink will be \$1.00. Come have a treat and see the progress of the building renovation.



Stratford Surprises Sunray

Story and pics on page 6

Breast Cancer Screening Nov. 13

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell in Stratford on November 13, 2002.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Coldwater Manor Volunteer Program

If your group or organization has a presentation looking for a place to perform, come to Coldwater Manor! Residents will enjoy groups of any size or age. It will be good for them to keep in touch with what's going on in Stratford, and to interact with new people.

Or, if you are not a part of a group, but would like to volunteer, you could "adopt a grandparent". Some of our residents do not have family living in the area, and they would appreciate visits.

Here are some other ideas for volunteering: (1) Two or three volunteers to paint fingernails weekly. (2) One on one room visits for a few residents who stay in

their rooms most of the day. (3) Driving cognitive, high functioning residents to doctor's appointments in surrounding cities.

Maybe your group or organization would like to provide a charitable gift. If so, additional table cloths are needed for the dining room. Each set of eight vinyl backed tablecloths costs about \$75. A rocking chair (or two) for the front porch would be great fun for the residents. They cost about \$100 each. Since Coldwater Manor is a non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible.

Please call Fawcayne Worley at Coldwater Manor, 396-5583 for more information.

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Obit

Dorothy Nell McWilliams Yarbrough

Dorothy Nell McWilliams Yarbrough was born March 4, 1928 to Jessie and Lean McWilliams in Clarendon, Texas. She died Tuesday October 15, 2002 at Longmeadow Nursing Home in Justin Texas after a short illness.

At one year old her family moved to Stratford, Texas where she lived until she graduated from Stratford High School. She moved to Denton to attend Texas State College for Women after high school. She married Joy Lee Yarbrough in May of 1948. They lived on a farm northeast of Ponder for over 30 years. After raising two daughters Dorothy received her bachelors degree in Home Economics and a masters degree in Elementary Education with a kindergarten certification from Texas Womens University.

She worked at many different jobs in the Denton area. Her favorite was working as a clothing clerk at Skyview Learning Center for over 5 years. In her late years she owned and managed a 7 unit rental property.

Dorothy liked to collect dolls, sew and work in her yard.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, one sister Marcile Looney, two brothers Boyd McWilliams and Donald McWilliams.

She is survived by two daughters Jean Krause and husband Ray of Lewisville, Texas, Pam Jackson of Oklahoma City, three grandchildren Karl and Kimberly Krause and David Michael Jackson and two sisters Billie Booth of Avon Park, Florida, Dale Jackson of Oklahoma City and one brother Kirk McWilliams of Stratford, Texas.

Burial was in Stratford on October 19, 2002 next to her parents and one brother.

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.
—John Barrymore

O J "Jay" Miller, 72, died Saturday, October 12, 2002.

Memorial graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, October 21, 2002 in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Miller was a lifelong resident of Pampa before moving to the McLean Care Center in February 2001. He was a dairy farmer in Gray County and was a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Juanita Jacobs of Austin, Geneva Maddox of Whitesboro and Sharon Price of Pampa; one son Wesley Miller of Stratford; two sisters, Gorda Bell Baten of Winnsboro and Pat Crocker of Pampa; two brothers, Paul Miller of Odessa and David Miller of Borger; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to McLean Care Center, Party Fund, 605 W. Seventh St., McLean, TX 79057; or to a favorite charity.

Clark Douglas Mires

Clark Douglas Mires, 60, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, 2002 in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, 2820 Virginia Circle, with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stratford, officiating.

Mr. Mires was born March 2, 1942, in Lubbock. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1960 where he was a member of the state champion basketball team. He attended West Texas State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

He later attended the University of Arizona earning a master's and a doctorate degree. He began a career coaching at Dalhart and later in Canyon, Stratford and Spearman. He was most recently employed by the Highland Park Independent School District.

He taught several years at the prison, preparing prisoners for their GED. He officiated football and basketball for many years. He was a member of the Amarillo

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Oct. 24**** "Texas Express" touring group of "TEXAS" 7:30 p.m. Palo Duro Canyon, Pioneer Amphitheatre 806-655-2181
- Oct. 26 Amarillo Symphony "Richard Rodgers and Friends" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Nov. 1-3 "Alice in Wonderland" Amarillo Little Theatre Academy 806-355-9991
- Nov. 3 Amarillo Youth Choirs 2:00 p.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 806-372-1100
- Nov. 7 Amarillo College Distinguished Lecture "Dr. Richard Leakey" Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room 806-371-5321
- Nov. 10*** "Porgy and Bess" Amarillo Opera 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-7464
- Nov. 13-16 "The Life of Henry the Fifth" 7:30 Branding Iron Theatre, WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Nov. 14-23*** "How I Learned to Drive" 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:30 Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Nov. 16*** Renaissance Holiday Feast (Music Department) 6:30 p.m. Alumni Banquet Hall WTAMU 806-651-2840
- Nov. 16*** Herrington String quartet 8:00p.m. St. Paul United Methodist Church 806-376-8782

Football and Basketball Officials Association and an official at the Texas State Track Meet.

Survivors include a son, Allen Mires of Perryton; a daughter, Andrea Mires of Amarillo; a brother, Bill Mires and wife, Kay of Stratford; three grandchildren; a nephew, Doug Mires of Oklahoma City; a niece, Mandy Gomez of Hope Mills, N.C.; and a special friend Dottie Moody of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Amarillo Officials Association.

Philip Bain

Philip Bain, died Monday, October 21, 2002. Services pending at press time.

Ricky Keener

Ricky Keener, died Monday, October 21, 2002. Services pending at press time.

The impala is a swift, graceful antelope that can leap up to 30 feet in a single bound.

New Places-New Faces



The Gilliland's live at 1216 NW 2nd. They have moved to Stratford from Dimmitt and are teaching in the Stratford Schools. Tim Gilliland was born in Elgin, Texas, growing up in Childress and Follett. He graduated high school in Follett, has a B.S. from West Texas State University and Masters in Education from West Texas A&M University. Tim is coaching Girls Cross Country and Basketball; Boys/Girls Golf and teaches U.S. History. His enjoys golf and travel (which he gets to do a lot of in the coaching field). Laurie Gilliland was born in Kerrville and lived in Okinawa, Japan, as a child. She attended elementary school in Atlanta, Georgia, graduating high school in Amarillo and graduated from West Texas State University. Laurie teaches 2nd grade at Mary Allen Elementary. She enjoys gardening, reading, and cooking. Tyler, 10 years old, attended school in Dimmitt and is in 5th grade in Stratford Middle School. He likes to play sports and is raising a hog this year for the first time. Den, 7 years old is in 1st grade at Mary Allen Elementary. He likes to throw the football, play baseball and draw. The Gilliland's attend the First United Methodist Church.

5th Annual Potato Feast
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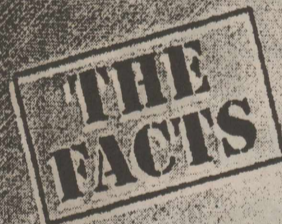
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87th DISTRICT RACE TALKING ABOUT ISSUES



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Democrat

Jesse Quackenbush

AGAINST! Jesse has promised to "never" vote for a state income tax and believes property taxes are already 25-30% too high.

SUPPORTS. At a recent meeting in Austin, JESSE AND PETE AGREED to work hard together to strengthen West Texas.

SUPPORTS expanding prescription drug benefits for all seniors and disabled in need.

SUPPORTS. Jesse received the National Rifle Association's endorsement with an "A" rating.

SUPPORTS strict volume regulation and heavy taxation on exportation of Panhandle water.

SUPPORTS all efforts to protect senior citizens from abuse in nursing homes and assisted living communities.

AGAINST! Has promised to fight hard to prevent depletion of our water supply, exploitation of minority workers, and pollution of our water and air.

SUPPORTS price controls on homeowner's insurance. For the past 15 years, Jesse has fought against the insurance industry on behalf of Panhandle consumers.

SUPPORTS all laws protecting patients and forcing the medical community to stand responsible for its negligent actions.

SUPPORTS a new system discouraging special interest manipulation of our government. Leading by example, Jesse has refused all PAC and special interest money in this election.



Republican

David Swinford

SUPPORTS recent suggestion for a new state income tax and increased property taxes to reduce our 12 billion dollar State deficit.

WITHDREW his support for Pete Laney in an attempt to strengthen his own agenda.

VOTED AGAINST! He, and 65 other Republicans House members, tried to gut the State's first prescription drug plan.

Has **DONE NOTHING** in the past 12 years to protect gun owner's from frivolous regulations.

AGAINST! Has **DONE NOTHING** to prevent T. Boone Pickens from hijacking your water supply.

VOTED AGAINST minimum standards of care for nursing homes.

SUPPORTS. Lured Seaboard Farms to the Panhandle against the wishes of 82% of his own neighbors. Accepts huge annual campaign donations from the hog industry.

AGAINST! Has **DONE NOTHING** in the past 12 years to protect consumers. Collects and spends huge annual campaign donations from the insurance industry.

AGAINST! Vows to protect negligent doctors by limiting a patient's right to file suit and collect damages. Receives and spends huge annual campaign donations from the medical industry.

VOTED AGAINST! Opposes any reform which would restrict his access to the hundreds of thousands of dollars in big-business campaign donations he is accustomed to receiving and spending.

Political ad paid for by the Jesse Quackenbush Campaign, Doug Applegate, Treasurer

Notice: Change of Date For Program

By: Paula Nusz

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will host a small business tax workshop. This seminar will take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2002. The location will be the 'New' County Barn, located on South McKee Avenue in Stratford. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately two hours.

The seminar will be led by Jimmy L. Hatley, C.P.A. Tax Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service Stationed in Amarillo. The I.R.S. is trying to become more 'Customer Friendly' and Jimmy is the coordinator of the new office of *Taxpayer Education and Communication*. Jimmy previously was a tax auditor and has vast knowledge of the tax system and regulations.

The seminar will focus on the tax codes, regulations and necessary preparations for the upcoming end-of-the year tax reporting deadlines. After the seminar, Jimmy will be available to answer personal and specific business tax questions. All information shared during this session is confidential and will not be used against you for the collection of taxes.

All interested persons are invited to attend the free seminar, for more information, please contact The Stratford Chamber of Commerce office (366-2260).

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a Murdock Family Reunion Saturday, Oct. 26, in Amarillo. Mabel Rogers and her brothers and families from Virginia, Iowa, Mission, TX. Will gather at 2 p.m. at Plmons Court Clubhouse, 15th & Van Burcn. Friends are invited to come and visit.

OFF (Out For Fun) Ladies enjoyed a visit to Boise City Museum Oct. 15. Phyliss Randolph was an interesting guide. The group then went to the Chicken House at the Hitchings Cattle Co. where Hazel Hitchings cooks a good dinner.

Going to Boise City were Donna Gillenwaters, Jo June McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel, Lynn Wells, Nadine Miller, Barbara Schoonover, Dorothy Robbins, Elaine Home, Ciccy Harris, Pat Boren, Bonnie Cryer.

Nita Taylor and Lorene Oylor met the others at the Chicken House.

This was a "meet & greet" week for Kerrick & friends! Saturday night 18 went to Ekland Hotel in Clayton for Kerrick Night Out, then it was Sunday lunch at the Community Center.

Going to Clayton were Terry, Barbara Schoonover and grandsons, Reed & Rett, Marvin & Bonnie Cryer, Jo June

McDaniel, Lorene Oylor, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Gary Hudgens, Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden, Brenda Taylor, Cliff Abbott, Marylou McDaniel.

Sunday lunch had the nearly 40 present. From Dumas were Shirley & Charley Roys, Blanche & Evelyn Hull; from the Griggs community were Geneva & Joyce Wells, Lorene Oylor, Marvin & Bonnie Cryer, Leo & Elaine Horne of Conlen; R.J. & Mary Hill, Mark, Klinton & Kelsey Keener, Piper Bennett, Charley & Denton Crabtree, all of Stratford; Brenda Taylor of Denver; Cliff Abbott, Canyon; Buck Weaver, Boise City.

Kerrick dmers were Marylou Marylou & Mike McDaniel, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden, Virgie Mathews, Gary Hudgens, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bill & Pat Boren, Nita Taylor, Jo June McDaniel, Ralph, Minnie, Ralph James & Annette Hampton.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, arrived for the weekend and in time for the Clayton and Community meals.

The Hampton family hosted a birthday party Oct. 12 for Ralph James and Nathan Bennett.

Glenna Craig of Anchorage, Alaska, was there as well as Piper Bennett, Charley & Denton Crabtree, Ginger & David Odell, Don & Martha Ellison.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last Week's Activities were Birthday Party and Bingo. Several enjoyed both activities. Foliage trip was cancelled due to lack of number going. This week's activities include: Board meeting-Tuesday the 22nd 10 a.m. Luncheon Thursday the 24th election of 10 new members to serve on board for three years.

Dance Sat. 26th 8 till 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to the dance.

Scotter-remember to turn your clock back Sunday a.m. 27th.

There can be no daily democracy without daily citizenship.
—Ralph Nader

District Meeting Slated For Oct. 26th In Stratford

District meeting of Top of Texas District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, is slated for Oct. 26 in Stratford. All interested women of Stratford are invited to attend.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members are reminded to make registration and luncheon reservation today! It needs to be sent by Oct. 19 to Lyndi Shadbolt, 20 Eagle Pass, Canyon, TX. 79015. Enclose \$12.00.

The meeting will be at the Assembly of God Church on Oct. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The ladies of the Church are serving the lunch.

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Depot Museum News

By Millie Hacker

To celebrate 100 years of 4-H, the Depot Museum would like to display Sherman County 4-H Achievements of 4-H Individuals and clubs.

Help us celebrate! All 4-H Clubs are invited to set up exhibits at the Museum. The exhibits would be at the museum through the Livestock Show. Bring trophies, buckles, Gold Star Awards, photographs and anything else you might have.

Set up at the Museum from 8 to 12 noon, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the week, or call the Museum for an appointment for after hours: Phone 396-2582 or 396-2527.

November 5th write
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
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.

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6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10
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
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Churches of
Stratford
Welcome You

God Is Light

Halloween is a day when we celebrate darkness. Very often a local civic organization will sponsor a haunted house. You can walk through the darkness feeling the spiker webs, listening to the groans, and suddenly seeing skeletons and bats. And kids dress up like the devil and witches and ghosts. It's great fun, they say. It's an innocent way of being involved in the dark side. But is it really innocent? Most people think so! But a school in my area banned the celebration of Halloween on its campus. The school board did not like the emphasis on evil. But you should hear the complaints. Parents want their children to be able to act out evil and play the devil. But what does the Bible say about all of this? Interestingly enough, God did not want the children of Israel involved in the occult. Listen, "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead... You shall be blameless before the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 18:10-13). But why would God be displeased with dabbling in the occult? One simple reason. The occult represents darkness. On the other hand, "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). And so it makes sense to stay away from the occult. The devil and witches do represent darkness. And so it makes sense not even to pretend to be what God forbids!

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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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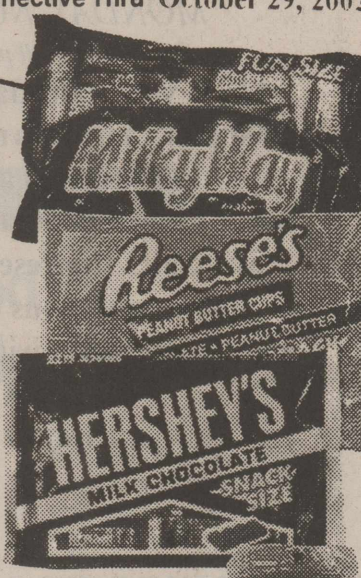
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Brownie Girl Scouts Troop 980

Brownie Girl Scout Troop is meeting at the Imagination Station on Tuesdays. L/R Top Down: Leaders: Mellonee York, Laurie Spurlock, Dianna Claypool; (standing) Rebekkah, Alexis, Emily, Riki, Brooklyn, Kaci; (Kneeling) Torri, Britney, Tori, McKayla, Mazie, Alex, MaryAnn; (Seated) Karina, Madeline, Monica, Kaylee, Meghan, M'Lynn, Julie. Note: Watch for a pre-treat for Trick or Treat at the Imagination Station October 31.

Personal & Business Planning Seminar To Be Held In Stratford

When was the last time you took a moment to seriously consider your long-term financial goals? If you have a financial plan in place, when was the last time it was reviewed to be sure it continues to be consistent with those goals? If you haven't made a long-term plan, perhaps now is the perfect time to do so.

Please join the Sherman County Development Committee and Wadell & Reed for a Personal & Business Planning Seminar to be held at the Sherman County Barn on South McKee Avenue in Stratford, TX on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. This seminar will educate you on aspects of sound financial planning both from a personal and business planning standpoint. Admission is free and open to anyone interested in attending.

With thousands of American workers' retirement savings affected by a drastically altered financial climate, understanding the importance of financial planning has been so crucial. Between corporate accounting scandals, the technology bubble bursting and the uncertainty of war and terrorist attacks, the need for comprehensive financial planning and personal service is not a luxury but a necessity for investors.

Wadell & Reed is committed to helping out develop a plan that:
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* Creates a plan of action that addresses your specific financial needs;
* Helps you stay focused on achieving both your short-and-long term financial goals; and
* Reflects life's changes as they occur.

Wadell & Reed, in conjunction with the Financial Planning Association (FPA) and the Sherman County Development Committee, hopes to help people like you recognize the value of financial planning. Although you cannot predict the future, you can take the first steps toward reaching your financial goals and dreams. Keep in mind this planning seminar is open to anyone interested and will be a no charge.

For questions please contact Kristine Olsen

Sherman County Lamb & Goat Validation

Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA will be conducting the 2002-2003 lamb and goat validation on October 29, 2002 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Livestock Barn. This year the county tags will cost \$5.00/animal and state tags will be \$10.00/animal. All exhibitors must have their animals validated with one of the tags to participate in the county show. A state validation is required for all animals an exhibitor is planning to show in a major livestock show. All members planning to obtain a state validation should bring their social security numbers, parents, and all family members planning to validate that animal in their name. Please contact Leslie Neve, CEA-Ag at 366-2081 or Jackie Burkhalter at 366-3333 if you have any questions or will not be able to attend the validation.



Some people keep hedgehogs as pets to get rid of insects and other house pests.

Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn met Oct. 17 at the Extension office for lunch and program by Susie Spurlock, agent.

Final plans for Christmas in November and a program survey for 2003 programs were made. Several will be assisting in making salad and cornbread.

The program was about Sweet Potatoes with a true or false "test".

Watch for details for a community meeting on black mold Nov. 19.

Doris Parsons is a new member. Working Women are encouraged to become members of the group that meets, eats and has a program all in an hour's time. They meet every other month, third Thursday-Feb. April, June, Aug., Oct.

Others present were Paula Nusz, Connie O'Quin, Dorothy Haile, Liz Sanders, and Marylou McDaniel.



The average garden snail travels at 0.03 miles per hour.



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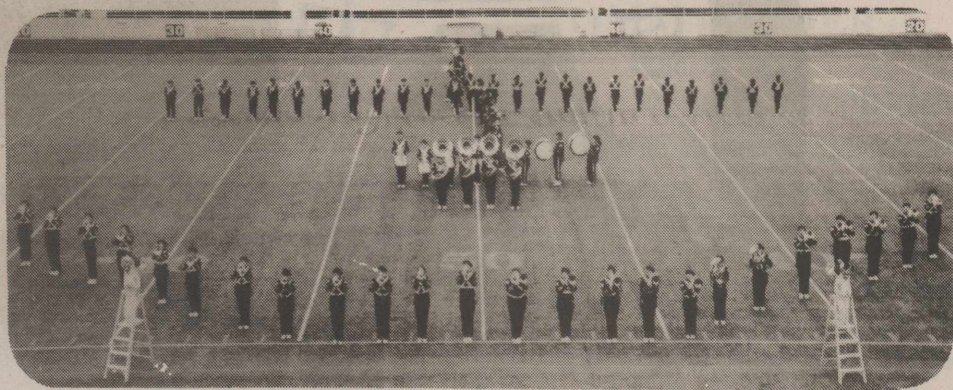
Band Shots!



School Board Member Joe Reinart is shown above congratulating Band Director- Randy Hunsaker on another successful year at Marching contest in Amarillo.



The Big Blue Band celebrates after receiving 1's at Marching Contest on Saturday, October 19th. Congratulations!



Shown above, the Stratford High School Big Blue Marching Band at contest on Saturday, October 19th. Way To Go Band!!

FOOD

'Ooh It's So Good!' To Lower Your Cholesterol

NewsUSA

(NU) - Heart disease is one of the leading killers of people in the United States, claiming 466,000 lives a year.

The American Heart Association identifies high cholesterol as one of the most significant risk factors for heart disease. The good news is that incorporating smart food choices into your daily meal plan and making simple lifestyle changes may actually lower your cholesterol.

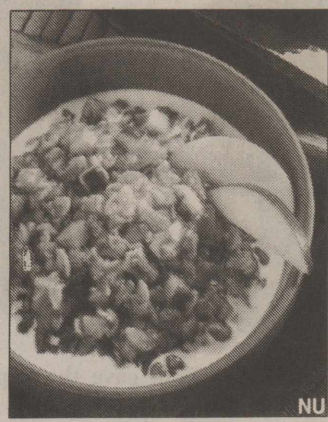
There's no better time to focus on this nation's cholesterol epidemic. To help the 140 million people in the United States affected by high cholesterol, Quaker Oatmeal has teamed up with "Ooh It's So Good!" food personality, Art Ginsburg, better known as "Mr. Food," to create recipes and healthy lifestyle tips that may help lower your cholesterol.

The following Mr. Food recipe uses oatmeal — one of the best food sources of soluble fiber. The soluble fiber in oatmeal acts like tiny sponges that soak up cholesterol and carry it out of the bloodstream.

More than 40 scientific studies show that eating oatmeal daily may help improve heart health by lowering cholesterol — both total cholesterol and LDL (the "bad" cholesterol). Oatmeal is the only major grain proven to help reduce cholesterol.

"There's no better time to re-discover a favorite food that may reduce cholesterol," Ginsburg said. "Delicious oatmeal can help you manage your cholesterol and keep your heart-healthy lifestyle on track."

Mr. Food's recipe is an easy,



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delicious breakfast choice. Start chilly mornings off with tummy-warming Maple Apple Oatmeal — it fits perfectly into any on-the-go, heart-healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Food's simple approach to healthy living also includes the following cholesterol-lowering tips you can effortlessly add to your daily meal plan and lifestyle:

- **Eat a fiber rich breakfast.** 1 1/2 cups of Quaker Oatmeal a day provides the necessary soluble fiber to help lower blood cholesterol levels and get mornings off to a warm, heart-healthy start. You can even add oats to your favorite family recipes for a nutritional boost.

- **Pack a powerful cholesterol-lowering punch all day.** Specific foods known to help lower cholesterol include: whole grains, soluble fiber, garlic, salmon and foods rich in vitamins C and E.

- **Get moving!** Exercise regularly to achieve a healthy body weight, control stress and keep your health in check.

To learn more about the role of oatmeal in a heart-healthy diet and for more delicious recipes, visit www.quakeroatmeal.com.

MAPLE APPLE OATMEAL (Makes 6 servings)

3 cups apple juice
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 1/2 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup chopped fresh or dried apple
1/4 cup Aunt Jemima Syrup
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

In medium saucepan, bring juice, cinnamon and salt to a boil; stir in oats, apple and syrup.

Return to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats or 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of juice is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Stir in nuts if desired.

Let stand until desired consistency.

Microwave directions: In 3-quart microwaveable bowl, combine all ingredients except nuts. Microwave on high 6 to 7 minutes for quick oats and 9 to 10 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of juice is absorbed. Stir in nuts if desired. Let stand until of desired consistency.

Nutrition information: 1 cup = 200 calories, 20 calories from fat, 2g total fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 30mg sodium, 43g total carbohydrates, 3g dietary fiber, 4g protein, 19g total sugars. Oat soluble fiber = 1g Heart Point.

Kid-Friendly Recipes For Fall

(NAPS)—Bring the kids into the kitchen to whip up these tasty treats from Mrs. Smith's Bakeries. Each recipe starts with a Mrs. Smith's Pumpkin Pie (Hearty, Custard or Special Recipe Homemade) baked according to the package directions and cooled. Remove half of the pie from its baking tin and break the half into chunks in a bowl. Then with a few additional ingredients, the fun begins!

Pumpkin Pie "Dirt Cups"

- Mrs. Smith's Pumpkin Pie (baked and cooled)
- 25 chocolate cookie wafers, crushed into crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon orange food coloring
- whipped topping
- vanilla ice cream
- candy corn
- 8 plastic juice cups

Mix cookie crumbs with melted butter and brown sugar. Set aside. Add orange food coloring to whipped topping. Into juice cups, layer crumb mixture, pie, ice cream, and topping. Garnish with candy corns.

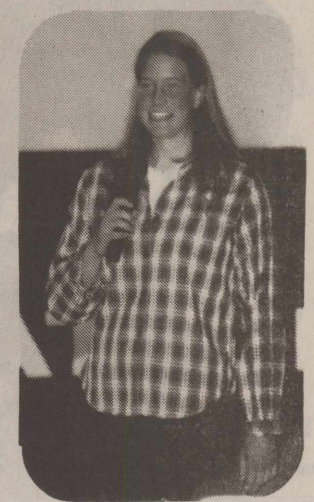
Other simple treats for kids include:

- Decorate a baked Mrs. Smith's Pumpkin Pie using pecan halves to outline a funny face.
- Add yellow food coloring to whipped cream to depict the eyes, nose and mouth of a jack-o-lantern on top of the pie.
- Layer pumpkin pie, ice cream and nuts into waffle cones.

Cross Country Results

The Varsity Lady Elks placed 5th with 178 points. 1st place was Berger — 66 points, 2nd Happy — 142 points, 3rd Canyon — 149, 4th Sunray — 168 points. Individual results were as follows: Yadira Ortega — 2nd 12:45, Brittany Hudson — 14th 13:25, Jayme Wilhelm — 46th 14:16, Veronica Ortega — 59th 14:27, Haley Buckles — 63rd — 14:32, Erin Ashley — 92nd — 15:06, and Amie Witcher — 111th 15:32.

The Jr. High and J.V. Lady Elks ran all together in the J.V. division. Stratford Blue J.H placed 6th and Stratford White placed 13th. Individual results were as follows: Kelsey Stein — 27th 14:33, Gloria Saenz — 28th 14:35, Crystal Rueda — 32nd 14:55, Kristen Crabtree — 33rd — 14:57, Ivey Valenzuela — 39th 15:03, Gerry Geray — 41st 15:08, Darcey Rosales — 64th 15:32, Lillian Valenzuela — 72nd 15:43, Racquel Henderson — 79th 16:00, Merilee McDaniel — 96th 16:20, Heather Seiler — 99th — 16:22, Yesenia Ibarra — 112th 16:34, Stratford JH White unknown 124th 16:41, Stratford JH White 128th 16:49, Yadira Rojas — 134th 16:55, and Candie Bell — 136th — 16:56.



Amie Witcher gave a Pep Talk on Friday, October 18th.

The Elk and Lady Elk Cross Country ran in the Buffalo Stampede at Canyon on Saturday, October 12, 2002.

Adam Witcher placed 47th with a time of 19:51 and Bill Walker placed 81st with a time of 20:20.

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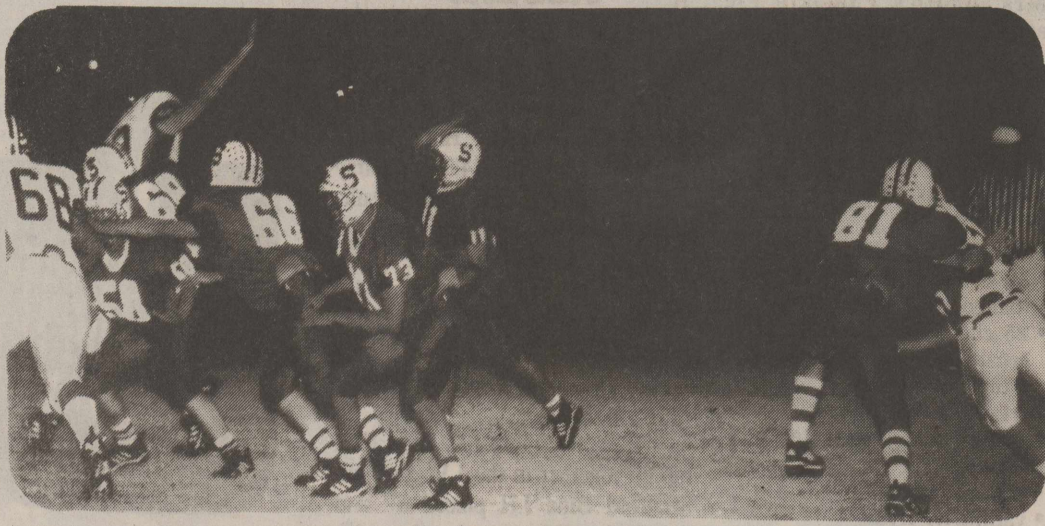
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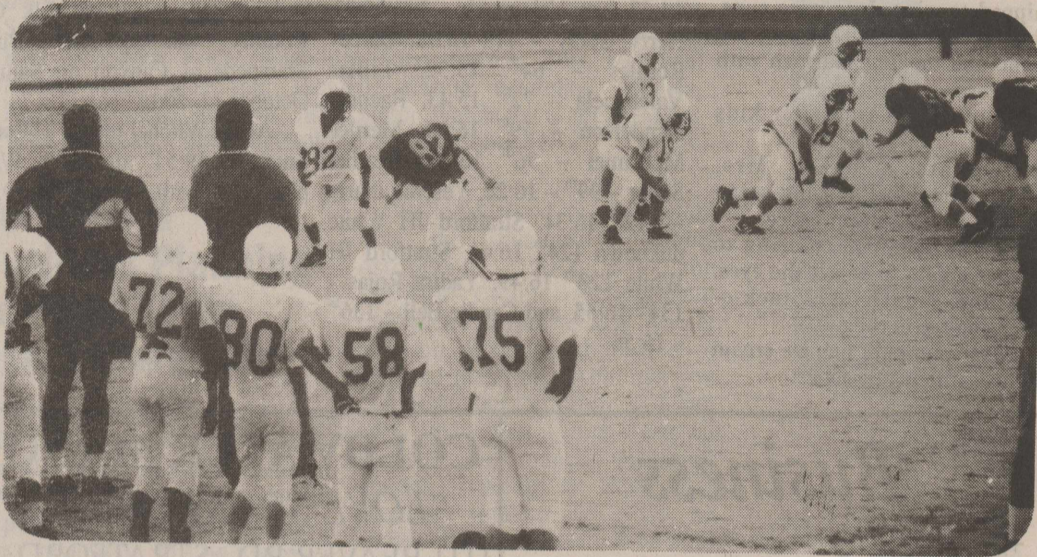
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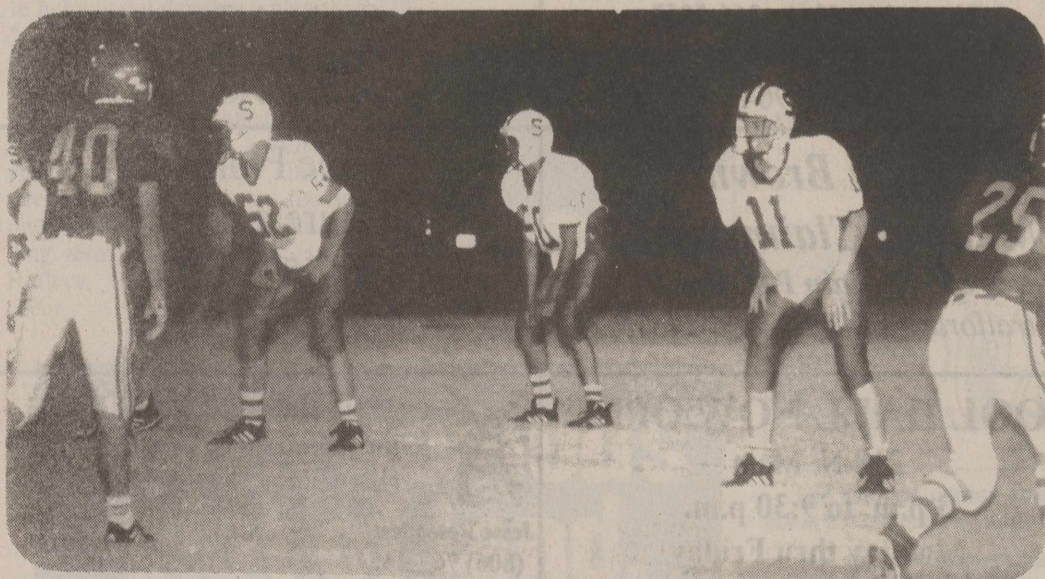
Stratford Elk #11 Josh King gets ready to pass the ball while #58 Scott Zak, #68 Luis Trejo, #66 Clint Adams, #73 Adam Witcher, and #81 Dalton Sladek hold off Sunray.



The 7th Grade Elks beat Sunray on Thursday, October 17th.



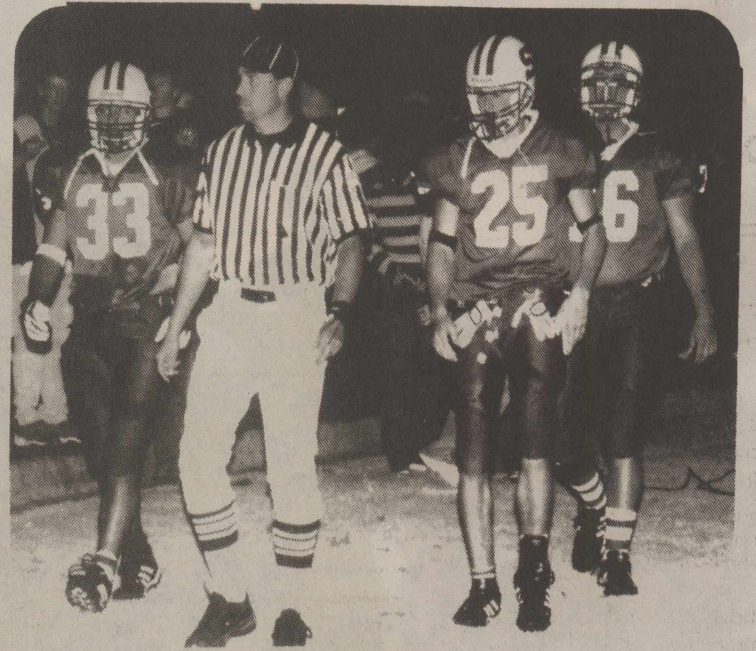
More 7th Grade Football Action!



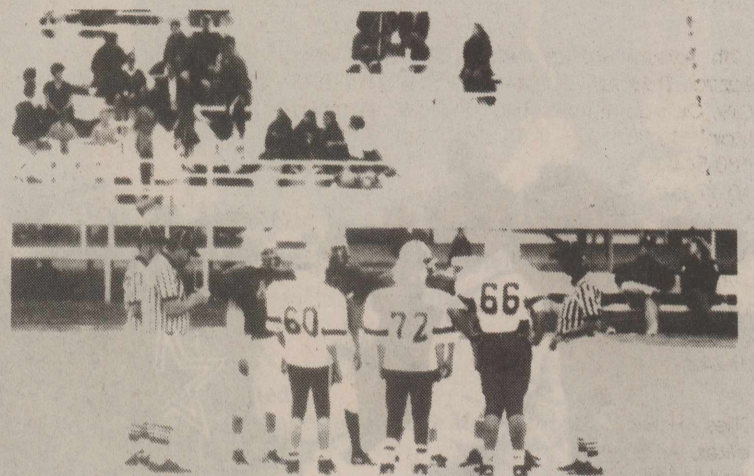
J.V. Elks beat Sunray on Thursday, October 17th. Shown from left, #52 Corey Rendon, #50 Asbel Gomez, and #11 Josh Lanning.



8th grade Elk #23 Jonathan Licon carries the ball as #11 Brant Cummings looks on. The 8th grade beat Sunray on Thursday, October 18th.



Stratford Elk Captains #33 Carlos Jacquez, #25 Jason Ashley, and #76 Dylan Everett.



8th grade Elks #60 Ryan Ewers, #72 Eric Riffe, and #66 Harrison Walden.

Go Elks!



The Stratford Elks came out ready to get after Sunray on Friday, October 18th.

Elks Upset No. 2 Ranked Sunray

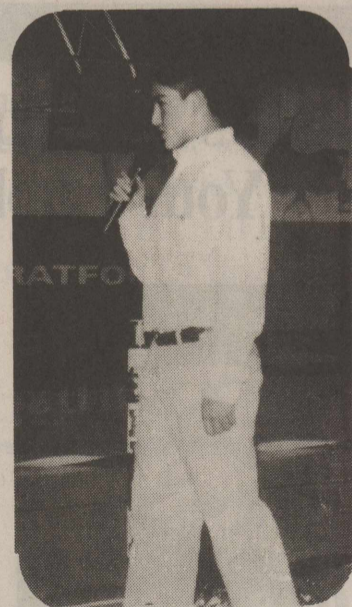
The Stratford Elks upset the No. 2 ranked Sunray Bobcats with a 35-28 win on Friday, October 18, 2002. The Elks are now 2-0 in District play and in the first place in District 1-1A and Sunray falls to 1-1 in District.

Josh King completed 20 of 35 passes for 319 yards and 3 touchdowns for the Elks. Tyler Haynes caught 10 passes for 210 yards followed by Travis Soto with 50 yards on 3 catches and 1 touchdown. Carlos Jacquez carried the ball for 67 yards on 21 carries and scored a touchdown on a pass from King. Denton Crabtree followed with 16 yards on 7 carries and 1 touchdown. Josh King also scored a touchdown on a 3 yard run. Also scoring for the Elks was Chris Ortega. Scoring the extra points for the Elks was Rafael Rueda with 5.

Ryan McDaniel led the Elks defensively with 14 tackles followed by Clint Adams with 11 tackles and Denton Crabtree with 9. Tyler Haynes and Mark Miller had 8 tackles each for the Elks. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Carlos Jacquez, Carson Buckles, Jason Ashley, Dylan Everett, Adrian Jacquez, Dalton Sladek, Brady Bell, Chris Ortega, and Adam Witcher.

The Elks will play White Deer, there on Friday, October 25, 2002. Good Luck!

Congratulations to Josh King. King was named Globe-News 1A Player of The Week for his game performance against Sunray. Honorable mention was Tyler Haynes, Travis Soto, Chris Ortega, and Denton Crabtree. Congratulations to all these young men!



Travis Soto gave the Pep Talk on Friday, October 18th



Three-time world welterweight champion Jack Britton competed in a record 37 title bouts.



The laughing hyena is named for its weird howl, which resembles a hysterical human laugh.

Beat White Deer

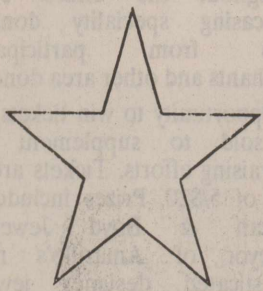
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UNMOLDING TIP: Dip pie plate in warm water for about 15 seconds. Gently pull gelatin from edge with moist finger. Place moistened serving plate on top of pie plate. Invert pie plate and serving plate; hold plates together, shake slightly to loosen. Gently remove pie plate and center gelatin on serving plate.

Go Elks
 Beat White Deer



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ProdiGene and Sigma-Aldrich Announce an Agreement

College Station, TX & St. Louis, MO--(Business Wire)--Oct. 9, 2002--ProdiGene, Inc. and Sigma-Aldrich Fine Chemicals, a division of Sigma-Aldrich Corporation (NASDAQ:STAL), announced today they have entered into an agreement under which Sigma-Aldrich will manufacture and distribute TrypZean(TM), an animal free recombinant trypsin produced with ProdiGene's proprietary transgenic plant system.

Sigma-Aldrich, well known for its expertise in protein production and processing, has made sizeable commitments to transgenic plant processing capabilities, including the ability to process proteins in an animal contamination free environment. "Based on our development experience with ProdiGene this is a very scalable process," remarks Dr. Cynthia Wooge, Sigma-Aldrich's Manager, Process Development. "We expect the full scale production process to be completed before year end." This is the first product launch by any company of a large-scale transgenic plant protein. Robert C. Dose, Vice President Business Development observes, "We have been supplying sample material to the pharmaceutical industry for over six months and the response has been overwhelming, confirming our market intelligence of a large demand for an animal free product such as TrypZean(TM)."

About Trypsin

Trypsin is a naturally occurring protein that is produced in the pancreas of all animals and breaks down protein chains as part of the digestion process. It is a critical intermediary in the bioprocessing of proteins, such as insulin, where it is used to help cleave the protein into its active form. The market for trypsin is rapidly growing as a result of the worldwide increase in biological products and diseases that are treated with biological proteins, such as diabetes. Trypsin is widely used in cell culture applications for research and production of recombinant proteins for clinical uses. Another application is its use in the wound care markets as an oral treatment for inflammatory edema, hematoma and pain associated with a wide variety of internal and external wounds. The protein also has uses in food processing and infant formulas.

Concerns surrounding the use of animal and human-derived proteins in pharmaceutical manufacturing make ProdiGene's expertise in the area of plant produced recombinant proteins an attractive alternative. The technology offers an animal free source of proteins as well as the capacity to produce large volumes

that can be easily scaled-up or down without risk of significant capital investment. "We have performed numerous studies and examined test data from customer's studies all with very positive results," comments Dr. Zivko Nikolov, ProdiGene's Vice President of BioProcess Development and Production. "All of these studies have demonstrated TrypZean (TM) behaves equivalent and in some applications superior to bovine or porcine trypsin."

About ProdiGene
ProdiGene, headquartered in College Station, Texas, is a private biotechnology company that is developing and manufacturing industrial and pharmaceutical proteins from the Company's proprietary transgenic plant system. ProdiGene, as the first and only company to produce and market recombinant proteins from transgenic plants, is well positioned to capitalize on the opportunities in the large and expanding recombinant protein markets. To learn more, visit our web site at www.prodigene.com.

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Statements contained herein are forward-looking statements relating to future performance, strategic actions and initiatives and similar intentions and beliefs that are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, including, among others, certain economic, political and technological factors. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by the companies. The companies do not undertake any obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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HEALTH

Tips to Help Smokers Get Off Their 'Butts'

NewsUSA

(NU) - If you're ready to get off your butt — your cigarette butt, that is — one way to begin your new, smoke-free lifestyle is to treat yourself to a white, sparkling smile.

Statistics show that these days most smokers want to quit. According to a new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 70 percent of U.S. adult smokers wanted to quit in 2000, and as many as 41 percent stopped smoking for at least a day.

For many, that first day without a cigarette also is the first day of a healthier, tobacco-free life. Each year, about 1.3 million smokers quit successfully.

To that end, some dentists are doing their part to help would-be nonsmokers by having in-office parties catering to those who want to stop smoking. Dr. John Ivey, cosmetic dentist and celebrity smile-enhancer, offers these "Smoke Out, Smile In" soires.

For three hours, six friends gather in Ivey's office for tandem Rembrandt One-Hour Tooth Whitening procedures. While they wait to enter the dentist's chair, Ivey attempts to alleviate the stress of remaining tobacco-free by providing a massage therapist for shoulder and neck relaxation. In addition, low-fat and sugar-free snacks are on hand to help.

"A new, dazzling white smile is a great starting point if you're

going to quit smoking," Ivey said. "Who wants to waste the amazing results on a bad habit? And your friends can act as continued moral support."

If you're ready to take your last smoke break, here are some tips to help you along:

- Reward yourself. Put aside the money you would spend on cigarettes each day; You'll be amazed at how much you save. Use that money to buy something nice for yourself or donate it to

your favorite charity.

- Keep a positive attitude and take it one day at a time. Meeting short-term goals builds your confidence, and it's much easier to measure your progress day by day than to think of it as a long-term struggle.

- Avoid negative or particularly stressful situations which could prompt you to smoke.

- Stay active. Keep your mind and your hands busy with activities that you can't do while smoking. Play a sport, draw, give yourself a manicure or write in a journal.

If, during the process, that one cigarette that "wouldn't hurt" turns into two or more, don't give up. On average, a smoker quits and restarts three to five times before quitting for good.

For more information about Rembrandt One-Hour Tooth Whitening procedures, visit www.rembrandt.com.



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NEWS

OF EDUCATION

Students Should Train As Writers

by Jack O'Dwyer

(NAPS)—People considering changing or beginning their careers can get advice and encouragement from an experienced professional.

College students majoring in subjects such as "PR" and "communications" are wondering what kind of jobs will be available to them when they graduate.

They have spent four years and up to \$100,000 and now can't find a job except at the minimum wage.

But they actually have a lot of talent and skills that could earn them a good living.

To do this, they must become entrepreneurs.

For openers, they must stop billing themselves as "PR" people or "communications."

PR Lacks Credibility

PR is one of the most discredited terms in the English language.

"PR specialist" ranked 43rd in credibility on a list of 45 public figures in a 1999 survey that cost the PR Society of America Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation \$150,000.

"PR" is subjected to nearly endless trashing in the media. Very few blue chips use the term, having switched to "corporate communications" long ago.

Hang Out Your Shingle

Entrepreneurs we know are making a good living working as writers for legitimate media and business. Some do full-fledged programs for clients.

They ghost-author books for businesspeople, write books and articles under their own names, write op-ed pieces for clients, letters-to-the-editor, sales brochures, speeches, handle e-mail correspondence, help businesses to market on the Web and create graphics using Quark and other programs. They also show businesses how to create their own flyers.

In short, there are numerous writing and related tasks that a grad can do for small businesses.

They're not apt to find such work via an ad or PR firm because of the way the finances of such firms are set up.

Working by themselves, they could charge businesses \$20 an hour (\$140 a day or \$700 a week) for helping in all the above named areas. If they charge \$30 an hour this would equal \$1,050 a week.

Firms Bill at 3X Salary

The typical PR firm bills out workers at three times their hourly rate. The \$20-an-hour becomes \$60 and the weekly cost to a client becomes \$2,100.

Individual entrepreneurs have no such costs. They can work out of their parents' homes or own apartments for which rent has already been paid. Many costs associated

with a home office can be deducted. Sixty percent of medical premiums can be deducted before taxes are paid.

Another option is bartering. Many a PR firm started out bartering services for meals at local restaurants, groceries, gasoline, car rentals and numerous other products and services.

PR firms normally want a 60- or 90-day cancellation clause. Grads could propose projects one at a time and relieve businesses of the fear of getting stuck in a legal contract.

Mom 'n Pops Need Help

Grads can bring writing and promotional services to many small businesses that otherwise can not afford them. Many such

Rankings of "believable sources of information."

1. Supreme Court justice
2. Teacher
3. National expert
4. Member, armed forces
5. Local business owner
6. Ordinary citizen
7. Local religious leader
8. High-ranking military officer
9. School official
10. National leader with shared traits
11. National religious leader
12. Network TV news anchor
13. Governor
14. Local business rep. board
15. Local newspaper/TV reporter
16. National civil rights leader
17. Local elected council member
18. U.S. senator
19. National syndicated columnist
20. Mayor of a big city
21. Head of a state agency
22. Head of a local agency

23. Reporter for big newspaper or magazine

24. U.S. congressman
25. Head of a big company
26. National Credibility Index
27. Local civil rights leader
28. U.S. Vice President
29. Head of a national assn.
30. Community activist
31. Wall Street executive
32. Head, Presidential advisory
33. U.S. President
34. Member, Presidential cabinet
35. Pollster
36. Student activist
37. Local union leader
38. Candidate for public office
39. Head of a national union
40. Famous athlete
41. Head of a national interest group
42. Political party leader
43. Public Relations specialist
44. Famous entertainer
45. TV or radio talk show host.

Ranking of leaders and/or public figures as "believable sources of information."

businesses go under because they don't spend enough time marketing themselves.

Computer and Web savvy grads have a lot to offer a generation of small business owners that is largely computer illiterate.

Forty million Americans are working out of their homes (one-quarter of the workforce) because of high office costs and the ease of zipping work back and forth via the Web.

As Stephen King points out in *On Writing*, there's only one way to be a writer: read and write seven hours a day at least five days a week for years. Students should take many writing courses, keep a journal of 1,000 to 2,000 words nightly, and read a novel a week by authors who are bold and imaginative with words, such as Annie Proulx (*The Shipping News* and *Postcards*) and Charles Frazier (*Cold Mountain*). Mind-numbing "boob tubing" should be cut to a minimum.

New writers should associate with other writers and reporters and not salespeople.

A home office is a great boon to good writing since writing is a solitary occupation and distractions can be minimized. John Bruen, an executive of a major New York PR firm, used to urge his account executives to do their writing at night when they had time to think.

Writers should save direct mail pieces instead of throwing them away. They are a good source of graphic techniques as well as tested copy platforms.

Create Flyer for Self

Writers today should be able to create well-designed sales promotion pieces, including one for themselves that they can pass out to local merchants. Instead of claiming writing or graphics expertise, they can show it. Merchants will want a similar piece created for them.

Buzz words such as "strategic," "integrated," "synergy," "goals" or "clear goals" should be avoided in approaching prospects. Merchants are on to such words and will think a con job of one type or another is coming. Since "local business owners" are number five on the Credibility Index and PR people are No. 43, it is the PR people who can learn from the businesspeople and not the opposite.

Existing ad/PR firms can view the new generation of writer/entrepreneurs as competitors or as "farm clubs" introducing businesses to a wide range of writing, marketing, promotional and Web services.

Some of the small clients might turn into major ones as the clients grow. Then they might be able to afford a full-fledged ad/marketing program via an established ad/PR firm.

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• Jack O'Dwyer is editor-in-chief of the J.R. O'Dwyer publications.

Christmas Roundup 2002-All Wrapped Up

The Art Museum Alliance and Amarillo Symphony Guild present **Christmas Roundup 2002-All Wrapped Up**. Christmas Roundup is an annual fundraising event with proceeds to benefit the Amarillo Art Alliance and Amarillo Symphony Guild. The holiday shopping market, held at the Amarillo Civic Center, will open on Friday, November 8, and will run through November 10. Shopping and silent auction hours are Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 a person, and the ticket is good for re-entry all weekend.

Proceeds raised from the event are equally split between the Art Alliance and the Symphony Guild. The Museum of Art utilizes its proceeds to fund the Success Through Artist-in-Residence program, otherwise known as STAR. This educational program serves children of the Amarillo Independent School District and the Criminal Justice System. STAR also works with children considered "at-risk" as well as gifted and talented students

throughout the Panhandle. The Amarillo Symphony utilizes funds to provide several programs including Lunch and Listening programs before each Friday symphony performance, Concerts for Young People Informances and Masterclasses; KinderKonzerts for preschool children at Christmas; and Instrument Express, which provides donated musical instruments to children who otherwise could not afford to learn and practice music. Without Christmas Roundup, these programs would cease to exist.

Merchandise will include Christmas decorations, clothing, jewelry, houseware, food and gift items from up to 60 exhibitors from the Texas Panhandle and beyond.

The Luncheon is sponsored by Duncan & Boyd Jewelers and will be held in the Amarillo Civic Center's Grand Plaza. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon will begin at 12 noon on Friday, November 8. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations must be made by Friday, November 1. The luncheon will feature a catered lunch by The Big Texan Steak Ranch and a Style show with holiday fashions.

A silent auction will be held throughout the entire event showcasing specialty donated items from participating merchants and other area donors.

Opportunity to win tickets will be sold to supplement the fundraising efforts. Tickets are \$5 each of 5/\$20. Prizes include: 1. Duncan & Boyd Jewelers, purveyor of Amarillo's most sophisticated designer jewelry collections, invites you on a \$1,000 shopping spree for timeless treasures. (Drawing Friday, November 8th at the luncheon. Must be present to win. 2. Bon Voyage! Enjoy a fantastic three

night mini cruise for two to your choice of one of three locations: Port Canaveral to Nassau, Miami to Nassau, or Los Angeles to Ensenada. Courtesy of NAITA. Includes a free hotel stay the night before you depart. Airfare, port charges and taxes not included. Value-\$1,000. (Drawing Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. 3. Enjoy the serenity of "Simple pleasures" for two. This includes a dip in the hot tub while enjoying a tasty fruit smoothie, an aromatic body massage, and lunch at the picturesque Dove Creek Ranch Day Spa. Value-\$250. (Drawing Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26th

at Stratford High School

Mexican Pile-On Supper

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Coronation/Skits

7:30 p.m.

Games after Skits

Until 10 p.m.

Family

(NU) - Retirement is a time most Americans look forward to. But along with the blessings of retirement, there are considerations that can affect how comfortably retirees can live their Golden Years. The adult children of retirees and pre-retirees can help their parents prepare for life after work by talking with them about different financial and insurance considerations. For tips, go to www.insurance.com.

Legal Answers Are Just A Click Away

(NU) - When you have a legal question, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. With so many lawyers out there, how do you know where to turn? Who will answer your questions in a way you can understand, when legal jargon can make as much sense as a foreign language? How do you know that you're being represented by a reputable firm?

When you're searching for a lawyer, one of the most important factors to consider is how much experience an attorney and his or her firm can offer you. The more experience an attorney has, the more likely the person is able to litigate for you successfully.

The Internet has made searching for a good lawyer a whole lot easier. Now, with a few clicks of a mouse, you can do legal research, ask questions and get answers without ever leaving your home. It's all a matter of finding the right Web site.

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site, run by the law firm of Weitz & Luxenberg, has many features that make it a virtual clearinghouse of legal information.

At Weitzlux.com there are links to each of the firm's major practice areas: Arava, asbestos, Baycol, DES, personal injury, PPA/ephedra, product liability, Propulsid, Rezulin, Serzone and Sulzer hip replacements. The site contains a comprehensive asbestos section which includes information on asbestos-related diseases, frequently asked questions and a questionnaire. It also includes the mesothelioma alert designed for clients who are facing a struggle with asbestos-related mesothelioma.

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