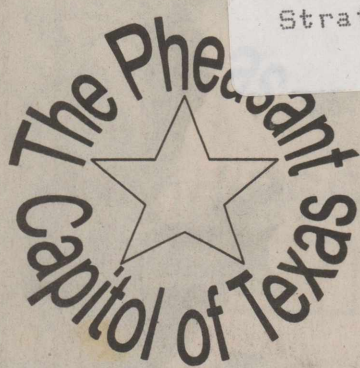


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Lady Elk Cross Country Team Advances to State



The Lady Elk Cross Country Team placed 2nd at the Regional Cross Country Meet held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, TX on Saturday, November 6th. The Lady Elks will advance to the State Meet this Saturday, November 13th at Round Rock, TX. Pictured standing from left, Coach Johnny Hudson, Lucero Ortega, Fr., Whitney Reese, Fr., Coach ViAnn Reed, Shiloh Dickenson, Soph., and Coach Terry Davis. Kneeling from left, Kristen Crabtree, Fr., Yadira Ortega, Jr., and Brittany Hudson, Sr. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE LADIES - THEY WORKED EXTREMELY HARD FOR THIS - GOOD LUCK AT STATE!!

LADY ELKS ARE STATE BOUND

By Coach Johnny Hudson

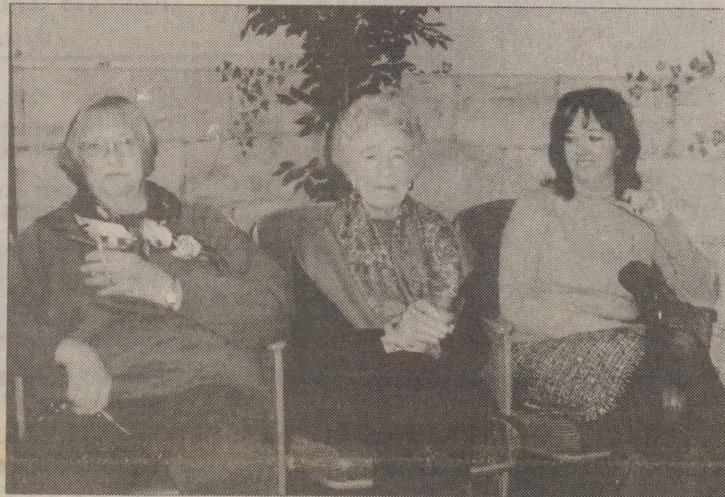
In August of 2004, as most students were making final additions to their school wardrobes, 6 runners were preparing for a four month journey to achieve what most people believed was just a long shot. All that was within the head of each runner was making it to the State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock, Texas in early November. It wouldn't be easy, as nothing worth succeeding in ever is. Heavy mileage, agonizing speed workouts, excruciating hill runs and 400/800 repeats that would test even the best-conditioned athlete. Running conditions that tested their limits both physically and mentally: snow, rain, wind, mud and scorching heat to mention a few. All these factors would be enough to drive one person insane... but not enough to keep one family from their dream of qualifying for state.

All dreams became a reality this past Saturday at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, as the Lady Elks Cross Country girls



Scot Hall Holds Open House

Scot Hall held their Open House on Sunday, November 7, 2004. Shown above greeting the many visitors during the afternoon are J.E. and Mary Brannan and Gladys Arnold.



Shown are just a few of the many folks that were on hand to help with the Open House and enjoy the delicious refreshments. If you didn't make it down Sunday, try and stop in and take a look, the building looks great. Congratulations!

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Imagination Station Computer Lab

The Imagination Station Computer lab is open to the public. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 4-6 and Sundays 2-5.

Football Play-off Shirts For Sale

Football Play-off T-shirts are here! Stop by one of the school offices for an order form or call Jessica Wheeler @ 366-3324 for more information.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Nov. 11, 2004 10 a.m. at High School Gym. Public invited Refreshments for Veterans following program

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend

Fund Set Up For Shoemaker Family

Rick and Debra Shoemaker lost their home & belongings on Monday, October 25th due to a fire. If you would like to help, there has been a fund set up at the First State Bank of Stratford for this family.

Depot Museum Needs Your Santa Claus's for Display

Sherman County Depot Museum is looking for Santa Claus for loan for the holiday season. If you have some you would like to share please call Depot Museum 396-3582 or Ann Wells at 396-2527.

Fill the Pantry

Fill the pantry this season. Each of the homeroom classes will be competing against other students from Stratford Mary Allen School.

Students are asked to bring non-perishable grocery and personal items for men, women and babies are always needed, as well as paper goods. Please bring to their room's grocery drop sack at school where the items will be collected and totaled each day. Please do not send bread, eggs, milk, or fresh meat.

The students will be doing this from November 8th through November the 19th.

Now is your chance to help families of our community in feeding their families this holiday season. Stratford's local Pantry would appreciate your efforts in stocking their shelves so that they might continue to help feed the hungry of Stratford.

The winning class will be rewarded for their outstanding community service with a pizza party sponsored by Happy First State Bank of Stratford.

This is a community service project of all the students at Mary Allen Elementary and faculty.

Bi-District Pep Rally

Bi-District Pep Rally. All past ELK football players are invited to support the Elks by standing in a victory line at the Pep Rally this Friday. Please be at the high school gymnasium at 3:00 to support the Elks. Call Jessica Wheeler at 366-3324 if you have any questions.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner To Be Held

Stratford ISD is having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19, 2004. Come eat with your kids or grandkids at Mary Allen Elementary or the High School Cafeteria. Adults: \$3.00 or Kids: \$1.25.

Record Turnout in Sherman County Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

There was a record turnout Voting in last weeks election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, with 72% voting. Results for Sherman County were:

George Bush/Cheney-942
John Kerry/Edwards-121
Comm. Precinct 1: Steve Pemberton-215
Comm. Precinct 3: David Hass-180
County Attorney: Kimberly Allen-918
District Attorney: David Green-892
Sheriff: Jack Haile-702
Tax Assessor-Collector: Valerie McAlister-962
State Senator-Kel Seliger-865 and Elaine King Miller-153



Christmas Parade December 1st

Time to check those Christmas lights. Christmas Parade, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m.

Craft Show & Bake Sale

The Ladies of the Assembly of God Church are having a craft show & bake Sale on November 13th. Everyone is welcomed to come to this event.

Time is 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the 1st Assembly of God, Stratford the corner of N. Fulton and Purnell (east of the football field).

Lunch will also be available; Chicken and noodles or chili.

Lots of homemade gift items: Quilts, baked goods, handpainted items, wreaths, candy dishes and soap dishes. All proceeds go toward Assembly of God Woman's ministry.

Angel Tree Application is on page 4

Gifted and Talented Program Nominations

The nomination period begins on November the 8th and will end on November the 22nd. Referral packets may be obtained from any of the campus G/T Coordinators. Nominations are accepted from parents, teachers, and other staff and community members. Students (grades K - 12) who have not been identified for services in the gifted and talented program are eligible for nomination once a year.

Contact Information:
Mrs. Jessica Wheeler - SISD G/T Coordinator (366-3324)
Ms. Daina Rouse - Mary Allen G/T Coordinator (366-3340)
Mrs. Barbara Haile - Junior High School G/T Coordinator (366-3320)
Ms. Jennifer Wells - High School G/T Coordinator (366-3330)

Dotado y Talentoso Nombramientos

El periodo del nombramiento comienza el 8 de noviembre y terminara el 22 de noviembre. Los paquetes de la remision se pueden obtener de cualesquiera de los coordinadores del campus G/T. Los nombramientos se aceptan de padres, de profesores, y de otros miembros del personal y de la Comunidad. Los estudiantes (grado K - 12) que no se han identificado para los servicios en el programa dotado y talentoso son elegibles para el nombramiento una vez al ano.

Informacion Del Contacto:
Senora Jessica Wheeler - Coordinador de SISD G/T (366-3324)
Senora Daina Rouse - Coordinador De Mary Allen G/T (366-3340)
Senora Barbara Haile - Coordinador Secundaria Menor de G/T (366-3320)
Senora Jennifer Wells - Coordinador De la Secundaria G/T (366-3330).

Obits

S. L. "Jack" Davis

Stratford-S.J. "Jack" Davis, 72, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 in Harlingen.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Davis was born Dec. 28, 1931, at Stratford. He had lived in Harlingen since 1989.

He was an Army veteran. He was manager and longtime employee of Boston Hardware in Stratford for more than 30 years. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and was a graduate of Texas Tech University.

He married Gisela H. Krebs on March 31, 1957, at Stratford.

His wife preceded him in death on Aug. 27, 1999.

Survivors include a special friend and caregiver, Rene Beltran of Harlingen; a sister, Olive Marie Spears of Springdale, AK; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to Communities Foundation of Texas/Texas Tech, Alpha Fund "5091", 5500 Caruth Haven Lane, Dallas, TX 75225.



Pauline Mae Teague Webb

Amarillo- Pauline Mae Teague Webb, 83 died Sunday, November 6, 2004 in Amarillo. Services were held on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Schooler-Gordon Bell Ave. Chapel with Rev. Clifton Mann officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Durant, Oklahoma.

Pauline was born February 10, 1921 in McAlester, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Porter and Lillie Moore.

She graduated from Southeastern State College in Durant, Oklahoma. She was a teacher for Stratford Grade School in Stratford, TX and Avondale Grade School in Amarillo, TX.

Pauline retired in 1974. She loved teaching and her students and was always excited to see her students grow and learn.

She also worked for Sakowitz Department store until it closed and then at Kid Stuff Children's Store.

She was a wonderful Mother loving Grandmother and a lifelong Democrat.

Pauline always encouraged family and students to further their education.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Clarence Teague in 1962; her second husband, James Webb in 1980; her sister, Irene McQuay; and her brothers, Orville Moore, and Bill Moore.

Survivors include her daughter Angela Kay Lamb, and husband Eleven of Amarillo; her sister, Lorene Mambo, of Bakersfield, CA; her granddaughter, Heavenly Lamb; and her grandson, Clarence Lamb.

The family requests memorials be made to Amarillo

State Center, 901 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

**Good Luck
Cross Country
At State On
Saturday**

Letters to the Editor

L. Jack Flanagan

Texhoma-L. Jack Flanagan, 80, died Thursday, November 4, 2004.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2004 in Texhoma First Christian Church with the Rev. Donnie Callaway officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Flanagan was the third son born to William Joseph Flanagan and Rosa Mae Smith Flanagan on May 10, 1924. He married Rosella Thrasher on Sept. 2, 1945.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Steve Flanagan and Joe Flanagan, both of Texhoma, and Keith Flanagan of Port au Prince, Haiti; a daughter, Koleta Stamper of Texhoma; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to James Church of God for Haiti Missions, in care of James Church of God, Rt. 1 Box 22, Goodwell, OK 73939 or to a favorite charity.

Dear Stratford Community:

I am writing this thank you for all the prayers you have been saying for my son William Walker. He has been assigned to Iraq and left the states on October 29, 2004. He will be stationed at Al Asad Air Force Base for the duration of his deployment. He and I would appreciate any and all continuing prayers. If you would like to write him his address is as follows:

SPC Walker, William R
340th QMCO
Iraqi Freedom III
Al Asad Iraq
APO, AE 09333
E-mail
William.ray.walker@us.army.mil

If you wish to contact me about Bill, my phone number is 769-4411, or you can write to me at P.O. Box 436, Stratford.

Again thank you for your prayers and concern for my son. Thank you.

Tiffany Chaffee

The Ladies of the Assembly of God Church are having a craft & bake sale November 13th.



Decorations for SCOT

Working on Decorations for SCOT are Bobbie Strong, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Oline Caraway, Mattie Baskin, Kay Payne, J.A. Lasley, GFWC/Prospectus was preparing for November 18th dinner.

"Crafty" members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club made table decorations for SCOT luncheon Nov. 18. Bobby Strong, assisted by Karen Woolsey and Kay Payne, was the instructor. Club met at SCOT Hall.

Club members are hostesses for the annual SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner. Traditional turkey dressing,

and other dishes will be furnished. SCOT members are to bring a covered dish.

Members wore a variety of hats as the roll call was answered to "my favorite artist."

D'Lynn Reed, president, conducted the business session that included the selection of 2005 HOBY recipient. A resignation from club by Liz

Sanders was accepted with regret.

Hunter and Bethney Everett assisted in the craft project.

Present were D'Lynn Reed, Linda Swain, Mattie Baskin, Dorothy Haile, Margaret Reed, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Oline Caraway, Betty Brown, LaVell Haggard, Laurie Spurlock, Ann Johnson, Patti Vincent, Paula Everett.

Beat Quanah

Good Luck Elks

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Nov. 11-13
18-20 "The Hypochondriac" WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799
- Nov. 11-21 "The Drawer Boy" Drama Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Nov. 20 "All Star Jazz Party" Dalhart, LaRita Performing Arts Theatre 244-5646
- Nov. 20 Amarillo Symphony, Mario Carbotta, flutist Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Dec. 2-12 "Arsenic and Old Lace (Comedy)" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Dec. 3,4,9-12 "The Boys Next Door" 7:30 12-3:00 Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
- Dec. 3-5 "Nunsrackers" Guymon Community Theatre
- Dec. 4 Renaissance Holiday Feast 6:30 p.m. West Texas A&M U. Dining Hall 651-2394
- Dec. 9 Trans-Siberian Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096
- Dec. 10-11-12 "Nutcracker" Lone Star Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium

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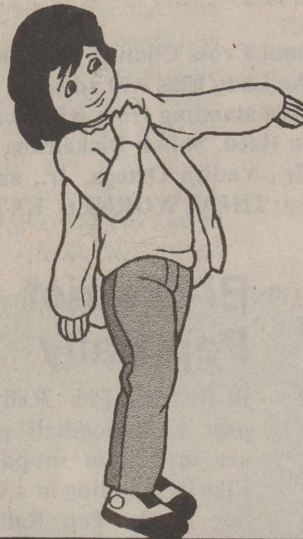
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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Hall was a busy place Sunday afternoon. The Open House was well attended, and there was much visiting going on. There many comments about the makeover and decoration of the building so the many hours of labor that our workers put forth has paid off! We cannot say "Thank You" to all those who have worked so hard, both on the building, and the open house.

We also say "Thank You" to all who attended this very special event, making it a success.

Other activities in November are game night on the 12th at 7 p.m.; crafts on the 16th at 5:30 p.m.; bingo on the 18th at 7 p.m.; birthday party the 18th at 2 p.m. Board meeting will be on the 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The luncheon will be November 18, with Prospectus Study Club furnishing the turkey. This is a special dinner, so we won't want to miss it.

Mark these events on the calendar, so we can see you around!

And, just a reminder—on November 11, there will be the Veterans Day program at 10 a.m. at the high school gymnasium. Many of us will be interested in that. It is always a wonderful program.

We're Proud of You Cross Country-Way to Go!!

Stratford Education Foundation Fundraiser

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004

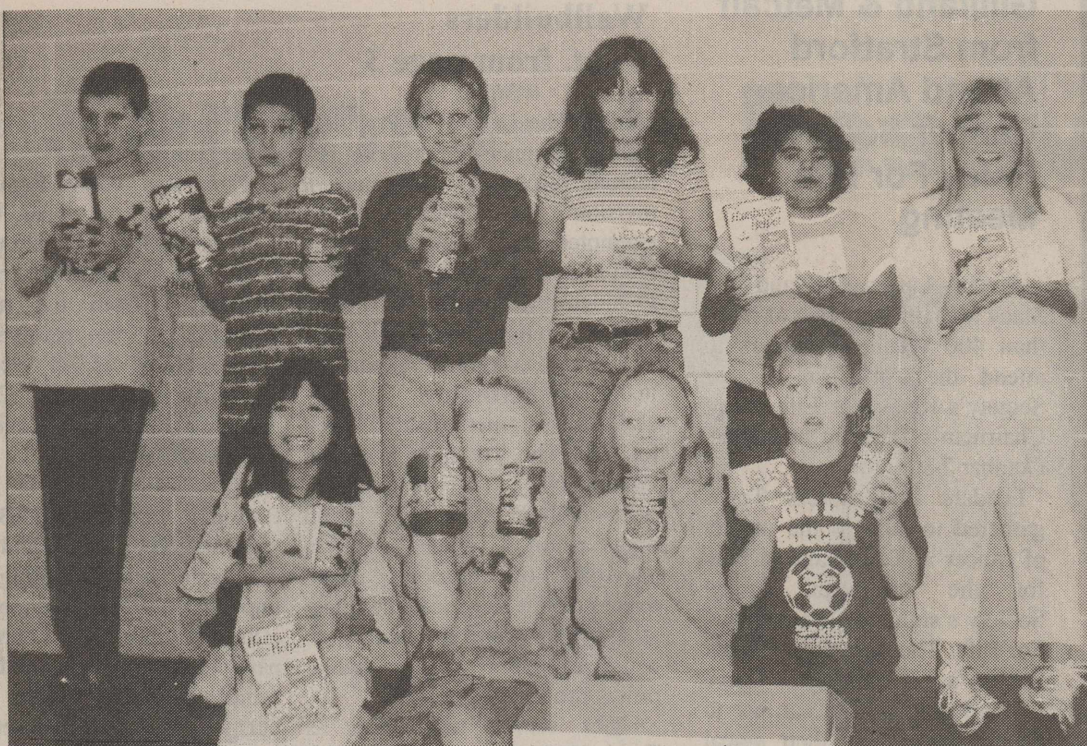
11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Stratford High School Cafeteria

BBQ, Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls and Chocolate Cake

\$5.00 per plate

Tickets sold in advance by board members: B. A. Donelson, Ricky Reed, Jim Taliaferro, Joe Reinart, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Kathy Riffe, Gayland Vandiver, Joyce McBryde, Jess Willard, Lugenia Carter, Walter Lasley, Wesley Spurlock, Margaret Reed, Steve Johnson and Dianna Hays and can be purchased at the door.



Fill the Pantry

Shown above are students from the Mary Allen Elementary, representing each class that will be competing against other students. Students are being asked to bring non-perishable grocery and personal items to the school where they will be collected each day. These items will be given to THE PANTRY. The winning class will be rewarded for their outstanding community service with a pizza party sponsored by Happy First State Bank of Stratford. Good luck kids!

Wallbuilders Come to First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church is excited to host wallbuilder.com speaker, Rick Green. Rick is a 32 year old attorney and entrepreneur who was not born a native Texan, but says he "got here as quick as he could" at age 10, by convincing his parents "there's no place like Texas." He was raised in Wylie, Texas and graduated there in 1989 as an Honor Graduate after participating and being awarded for all-state competition in both mock trial and baseball.

In the fall of 1989, Rick began attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Never known to be just a part of the crowd, Rick earned his four-year B.B.A. degree in finance in just two years. While studying at ASU, Rick was an outspoken student leader in his business fraternity, political groups, and honor societies. In only six months, he built a College Republican group from just four members into a dynamic political organization on campus with over 400 members. He also led a massive statewide recruitment effort to get college students involved in the political process. He created his first business, American Speed-Readers Association, a reading education company built on a course he co-authored and produced, while attending college.

Building on these accomplishments, Rick enrolled as the youngest student (20 yrs. of age) in the University of Texas Law School. While working on his Doctor of Jurisprudence, Rick founded a talent agency and video production company with TV sales of over half-a-million dollars in the first six months. While still attending UT Law School, Rick went on to start and run a nutritional supplement company, building and training a national sales force with over 2,500 sales representatives. While achieving nearly three million dollars in retail sales in the company's first three years, Rick took some time off from Law School to concentrate on his business. He returned later to complete his J.D., and currently practices corporate law with an emphasis on helping entrepreneurs start their own businesses.

As a civic contribution, Rick produced a video documentary

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Beat Quanah

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Births

Walker Oak Gomez was born on October 29, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. at Hope Mills, NC. He weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Mandy & Jr. Gomez. Brothers-Reese and Rowan and Grandparents Bill and Kay Mires.

Olsen To Be Featured Speaker

Mary Olsen of the Oslo Community is a Master Spinner and Weaver. She will be the featured speaker at the Guymon Chapter of the No Man's Land Historical Society meeting on November 11. She will demonstrate how to card, spin, and weave woolen garments. Mary is well known throughout the area for her skills and artistry. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Showcase located at 502 N. Main in Guymon, Oklahoma.



Preparing for Italian Exhibit

Mary Ann and Russell Spurlock were helping prepare the Italian Exhibit at the Imagination Station. The Exhibit will open with an Italian Dinner Saturday, November 13th. Reservations required and will be open to school groups November 15-24 reservations the public Tue. Wed. Thurs 4-6 p.m. and Sunday 2-5. If you are interested in a trip to Italy, come spend 20 minutes or an hour. There is much to see and read.

Good Luck Elks

Beat Quanah

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Salario de su esposo/a: _____
Otros ingresos: _____

Pagos Mensuales:
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Pago de Carro: _____
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Necisita su nino/a or ninos un abrigo? _____
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Gilliland & Metcalf from Stratford Attend American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Meeting

Austin- Laurie Gilliland and Stacy Metcalf were two of more than 400 volunteer leaders to attend the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life Event Chairman's Training in Austin, October 7-9.

Leaders from across Texas gathered to address the impact of cancer in Texas, and to plan for the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay For Life. The American Cancer Society's training gave volunteers tools they can use to fight cancer in their local community. Last year, the American Cancer Society in Texas raised over \$14.4 million in 243 communities, involving 171,000 participants, 17,000 survivors, and 6,000 caregivers.

Monies raised through Relay For Life supports the American Cancer Society's mission of research, education, advocacy, and service to cancer patients and their families.

"From the leadership at the grassroots levels, we need volunteers involved as Relay For Life chairs to ensure that we are making a difference in the fight against cancer," says Diane Wood, Relay For Life Event Chairperson for the American Cancer Society, Texas Division. "We are currently funding over \$31 million in cancer research at 12 institutions in Texas and have seen significant progress in the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer." Currently, 63% of cancer patients will survive five years or more.

The American Cancer Society offers HOPE to cancer patients through local services, Progress toward saving lives through cancer research, prevention and early detection programs, and Answers to all cancer-related questions in Spanish and English by calling 1-800-ACS-

2345, through the Society's web site www.cancer.org

And through each of the 25 local offices throughout Texas.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

New York Times Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

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3. Northern Lights by Nora Roberts
4. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
5. The Five People You Meet In Heaven by Mitch Albom
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10. The Dark Tower by Stephen King
11. Trace by Patricia Cornwell
14. Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norell by Susanna Clark
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22. Double Homicide by Faye & Jonathan Kellerman
23. Song of Susannah by Stephen King
29. Angels & Demons by Dan Brown

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entitled The Legacy of President Ronald Reagan. The program is a factual response to the current revision of history being attempted by liberals in the media and academia regarding President Reagan's economic policy which spurred the longest peacetime economic expansion in our Nation's history.

In the summer of 2000, Rick founded The Torch of Freedom Foundation, www.torchoffreedom.org, an organization dedicated to educating our Nation's future leaders about America's heritage, and giving them the ability to make an impact on our public policy processes.

Rick served two terms as Texas State Representative for the people of Hays, Caldwell, and Gonzales Counties. The 1998 election was Representative Green's first run for public office; he defeated a powerful two-term incumbent in the closest race of the year. Rick is dedicated to public service because he believes common-sense conservatives must get involved

in the political process in order to protect our freedoms.

Rick was voted Republican Freshman of the Year by his peers in 1999. His second term as State Representative brought recognition from the national spotlight as he received the United States of America Non-Commissioned Officers Association's "State Legislature Vanguard Award".

Rick works with David Barton and WallBuilders Presentations, Inc. and now travels the nation speaking on the importance of our concentrated efforts to preserve liberty and pass the torch of freedom to future generations. He is an outspoken advocate of returning to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and continues to inspire audiences through his passionate and moving presentations.

On November 14th Rick will be speaking at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM service. First Baptist Church would like to invite the public to join them and Rick at one of the services to be motivated and inspired to fight for the Christian values this country was founded on.

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Patty Brown (shown at right) was recognized for 15 years. Shown at left top row for 10 years- Stacy Metcalf, Eddie Metcalf, Kathy Hart & Judy Stoy. Bottom row left to right Beth Bench, Christy Burr, Desine Garza, ViAnn Reed, and Lynette Kautz.



Shown at right Linda Young was recognized for 30 years at SISD. Congratulations Linda!!



Shown at left for 25 years- Randy Hunsaker, Marian Hembree and Dan Hembree. Way to go!

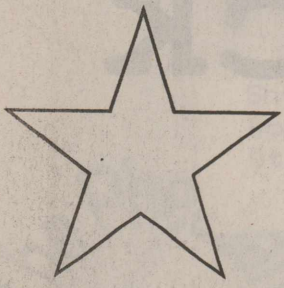


Shown at right for 5 years were Maria Sosa, Belinda Hamilton and Darlene Walker. Not pictured Jeff Kautz.



Shown at left School Board Member Awards, Steve Johnson and Ted Allen.

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11-25-c

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10-28-c

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11-18-c

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—Capelle

Even in the meanest sorts of labor, the whole soul of a man is composed into a kind of real harmony the instant he sets himself to work.
—Thomas Carlyle

The glory of a workman, still more of a master-workman, that he does his work well, ought to be his most precious possession; like the honor of a soldier, dearer to him than life.
—Thomas Carlyle

Houses For Sale

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.
7-10-tfn

For Sale: 4-bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7th. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights.
7-22-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.
9-25-tfn

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10-28-tfn

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For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message.
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Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.
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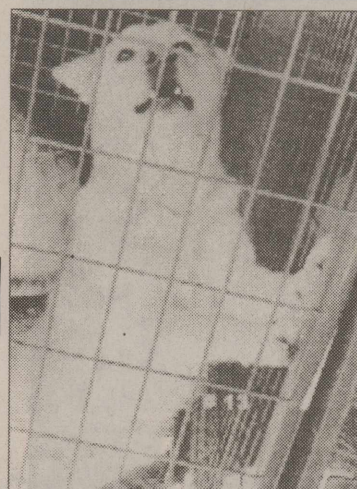
2 bedroom 1 bath home, this would make a great starter home. 25,000

Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a 1 car detached garage and a shop in the backyard. 50,000

This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in a prime location in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools. 125,000

This 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home is a very nice corner lot with a great fence. C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line all recently replaced. 60,000

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Cards of Thanks

The Senior Class would like to give a special thanks to the people that made the Fall Festival a huge success: Thanks to: Slave Buyers, Browns Meat Locker, John & Lauri Ewers, Chair People: Penny Boyd, Kelly Willard, Shari Hudson, Linda Haynes, Lynette Kautz, Kathy Rendon, Cindy Miller and Donita Robertson. Teachers and coaches that took the time to help and work. Auctioneer-Bill Pendleton. John Ashley and George Soto for buying the Balls. Stacy Metcalf for singing, The Stratford Star for Publicity and to the community for their support.

We would like to thank you special people for the beautiful wedding gifts, and especially the hostesses of our shower. Your best wishes and congratulations mean a lot to us. Thank you so much.

Barbara (Presley) and Robert Lowe

Dear Friends,

We thank you for your generosity and support, during our trying past weeks. We would also like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes. I feel we don't have the proper words to thank you as a community, and family for all that you have done. With love & gratitude.

Rick, Debra, Alex and Amanda Shoemaker

Good Luck Cross Country At State On Saturday

Beat Quannah

Decorating Trends

Vintage Coffee Cans Add Centerpiece Charm

(NAPS)—Wake up and smell the coffee! Old tin food containers—especially coffee cans—can serve as the basis for a charming centerpiece for a kitchen table or casual dining area.

Appropriately enough the coffee cans are filled with coffee beans and their welcoming aroma. Plain white pillar candles work well but decorative ones add a floral touch to the design.

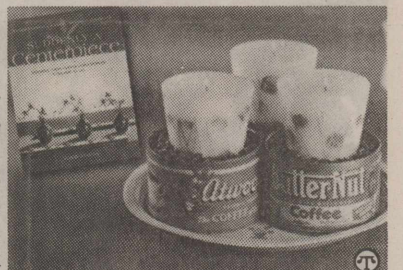
The following recipe for creating a Vintage Coffee Can centerpiece comes from "Suddenly a Centerpiece," (Creative Publishing international, \$16.95). In this book author Sher Simon, a floral consultant, offers 25 projects to transform a dining table. Each centerpiece is easy yet interesting. No crafting experience is required and you may already have many of the materials involved.

Here are Simon's tips on creating a coffee can centerpiece:

- Elements**
Vintage painted tin tray
Three small tin coffee cans
2 lb. coffee beans
Three pillar candles

Putting It Together

1. Set the coffee cans on the tray, full with coffee beans.
2. Fill the cans three-quarters into the coffee beans until they feel secure and look the right height.



While the coffee's brewing, take time to savor the decorating possibilities inherent in decorating with antique coffee tins.

Adaptions

- Replace the candles with potted geraniums
- Other possibilities for fillers are dry beans or elbow macaroni
- Replace a candle with a small vase of fresh flowers. Choose something friendly and bright such as gerbera daisies.
- Other possibilities for tin cans are biscuit tins and nut tins. Don't use paper food packages since these could catch fire.

This coffee tin project is but one of many surprisingly easy projects found in the one-of-a-kind book. The designs include centerpieces for every season, holiday gatherings and casual or special entertaining.

"Suddenly a Centerpiece" is available where books are sold, including online at www.creativepub.com.

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Lady Elk Cross Country Team Advances To State Meet

State bound Lady Elk Cross Country team shown receiving their medals at the award ceremony on Saturday, November 6 at Lubbock, TX. Shown from left, Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega, Kristen Crabtree, Whitney Reese, Lucero Ortega, and Shiloh Dickenson. WAY TO GO LADIES AND GOOD LUCK AT STATE!!!



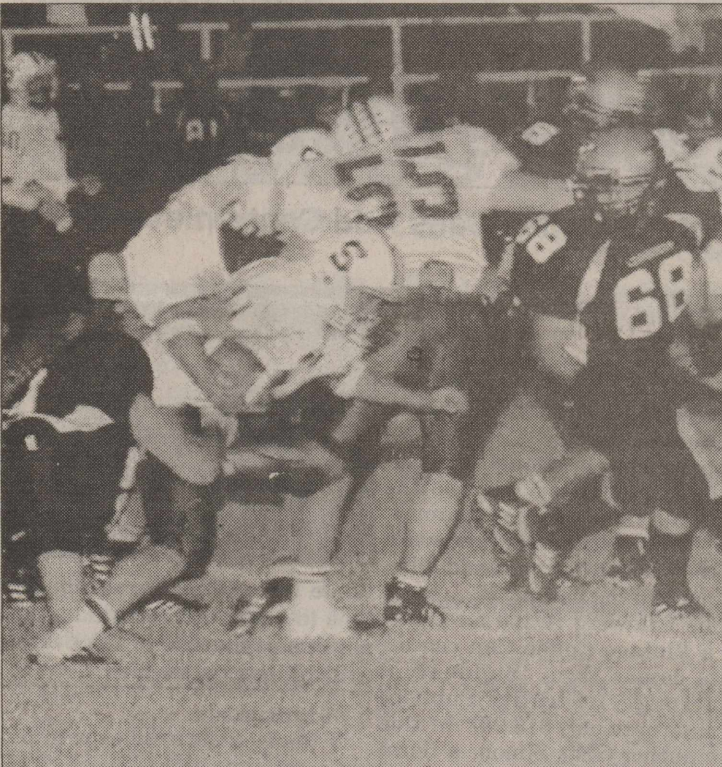
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lined up for their stiffest test of the 2004 season against 184 of the best runners in Region I. They prepared to run this race against the best of the best, and several of these young ladies were attempting to do so fighting off sickness that would have kept

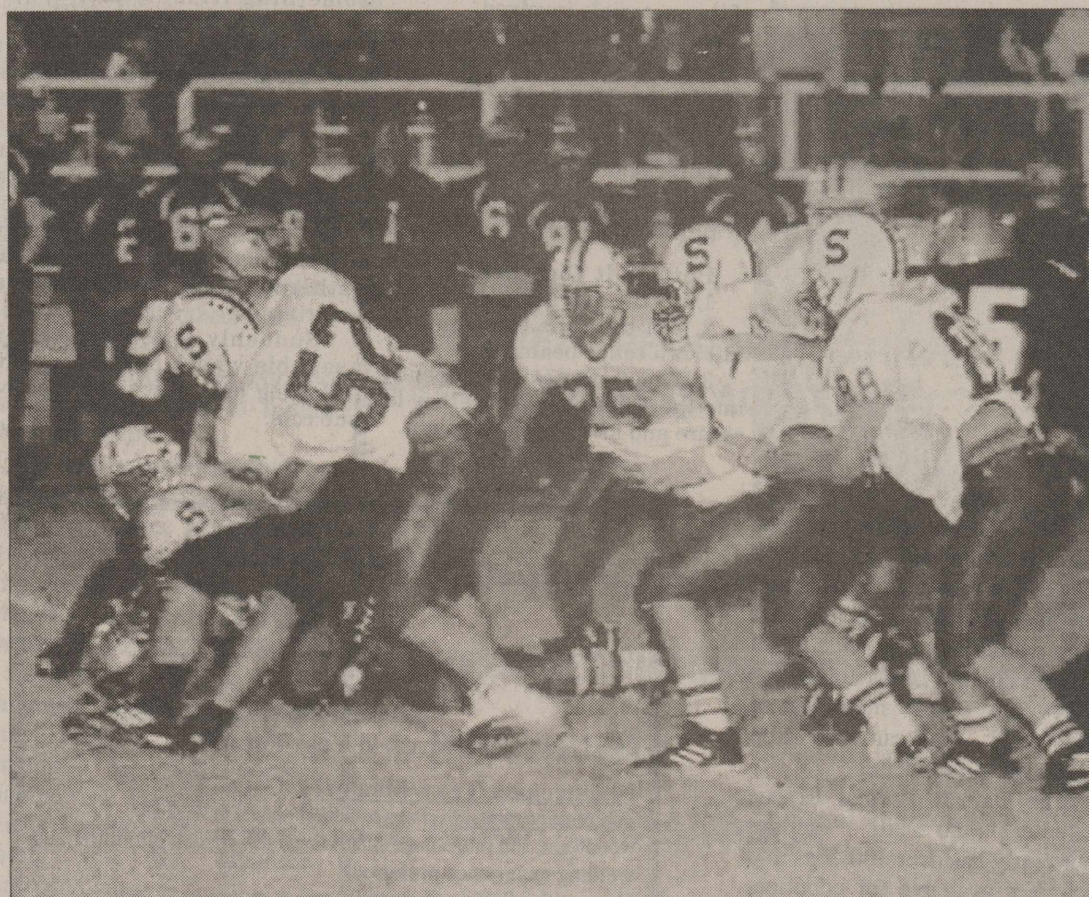
most from attempting to run at all. Brittany Hudson, the lone senior on the squad, was battling the most sickness of the group. However, Yadira Ortega and a few of the other girls were not near 100% by 1:00 p.m. This makes this impressive accomplishment even that much more impressive.

As the gun was fired, it was a relief to simply have the race underway. This didn't last long though as a second shot was fired. to bring the runners back

due to some young ladies falling within the first 100 meters. If there wasn't enough adversity, the starting box that the girls drew was almost as bad as it could get. Not to be denied though, these five young ladies got to the 200m dip of the race in the top 25 and kept up an unbelievable pace that would keep them close together from there on out. The girls looked strong at approximately the 550m area and continued to stay strong through the 800m mark where Coach Davis said there couldn't have been more than 10 seconds between our #1 runner and #5 runner. As the Lady Elks came down the hill along Martin Luther King Blvd., ran along the pond and crossed the bridge, it began to look more and more like a two team race. The Stratford



#11 Josh King tries to gain some yards as #60 Harrison Walden and #55 Mark Miller block. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR



Lots of Elks help tackle Vega player. Shown #52 Ryan McDaniel, #25 Asbel Gomez, #44 Brady Bell, and #88 Jared Ewers. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR

Good Luck Elks at Bi-District Beat Quanah

Good Luck Cross Country Girls At State

girls and Sundown girls would continue to separate themselves from the competition as the race continued up an incline to the mile mark on the North side of the park. The 1700m part of the race, (beginning of the 's' curve), would see several of the Lady Elks make a surge that would even draw them closer to 2nd ranked Sundown girls. Yadira Ortega held on to her top 15 position and Whitney Reese and Kristen Crabtree really made a move here that would set them up to pass the 4 and 5 runners from Sundown within the last 125 meters of the race. Brittany Hudson, fighting her sickness with everything she had, would stay right with Lucero Ortega on this down hill section of the race. All these young ladies began to shift to another gear with about 700m to go in the race, and passed no telling how many between there and the finish line.

Yadira Ortega, who was the individual district champion in district 2-A, would be the first Lady Elk to cross the finish line by finishing 13th overall and running a 13:03. Whitney Reese ran her best race of the year by finishing 15th and running an outstanding time of 13:05. Kristen Crabtree, who has had an outstanding freshman year,

finished in the top 20 by running a 13:11, good enough for 19th place. Brittany Hudson, the senior leader of this very determined group, finished 33rd with a time of 13:38. Lucero Ortega, who ran great at district and even better at regionals, would be right behind Brittany at 37th and a time of 13:43. Of the first seven girls from our district, district 2-A, to finish the course at Mae Simmons in the front - five of them were Stratford girls. And the time difference between the Lady Elks #1 runner and #5 runner was only 40 seconds. This effort would be good enough for a total of 88 points and 2nd place as a team to the Sundown girls who finished with 49 points.

Farwell would come in a distant 3rd with 160 points.

Congratulations to the Lady Elks Cross Country Team on a very successful season and good luck at State!

The Lady Elks will be running at Old Settlers' Park in Round Rock, Texas this coming Saturday, November 13th at 1:20 p.m. There will be a send off for the girls at 1:45 Thursday in front of the High School.

There will be a send-off for Lady Elk Cross Country on Thursday at 1:45 p.m. Thursday in front of the high school

Elks play Quanah Friday night at Dick Bivins Stadium for Bi-district at Approx. 8:30 p.m.

Girls Cross-Country Run on Saturday at Round Rock at 1:20 p.m.

Elks Advance to Play-offs

The Stratford Elks beat Vega 33-13 on Friday, November 5th to advance to the play-offs. The Elks will play Quanah on Friday, November 12th at approximately 8:30 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium for Bi-District.

Josh King completed 8 of 13 passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns. Tony Ruiz carried the ball for 107 yards on 18 carries followed by Gustavo Rosales with 50 yards on 9 carries and one touchdown. Josh King carried the ball for 31 yards on 15 carries and scored one touchdown. Tyler Haynes led in receptions with 100 yards on 5 catches and one touchdown followed by Travis Soto with 55 yards on 3 catches and two touchdowns. Martin Beltran scored three PAT's for the Elks.

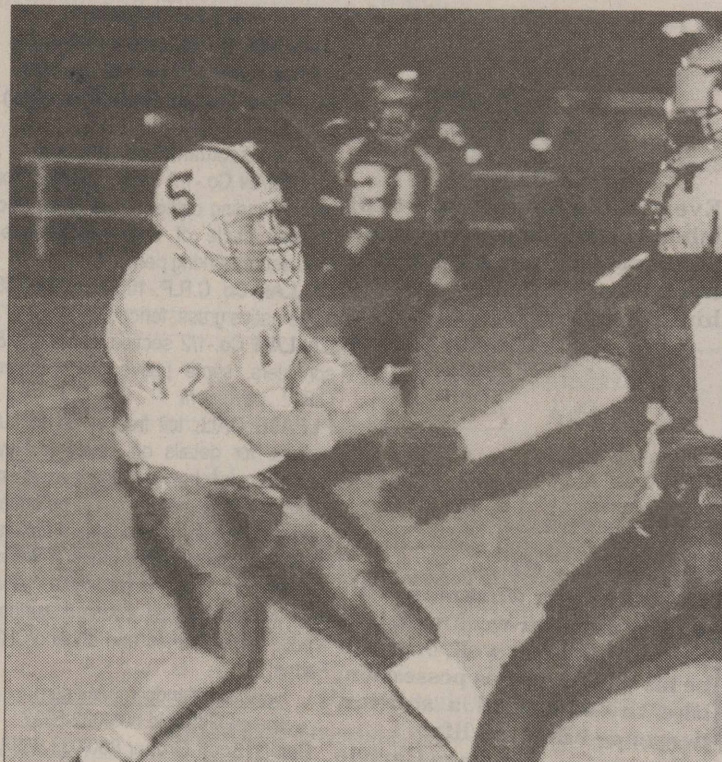
Leading the Elks defense was Ryan McDaniel with 12 tackles followed by Martin Beltran with 7 tackles and Brady Bell with 6 tackles and one quarterback sack. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Asbel Gomez, Josh King, Mark Miller, Luis Trejo, Chris Ortega, Jared Ewers, Andrew Correll, Adam Gomez, Caleb Brown, Case Crabtree, Connor Vincent, Josh Lanning, and Travis Soto. Soto also had one interception for the night.

Players of the Week for the game performance against Vega were Offensive Back - Tyler Haynes; Offensive Line - Trent Boyd; Defensive Back - Josh King; Defensive Line - Jared Ewers.

GOOD LUCK ELKS - BEAT QUANAH!!!



#23 Tyler Haynes and #88 Jared Ewers on defense. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR



Stratford Elk #32 Gustavo Rosales carries the ball for the Elks against Vega. PHOTO BY JOE TAYLOR