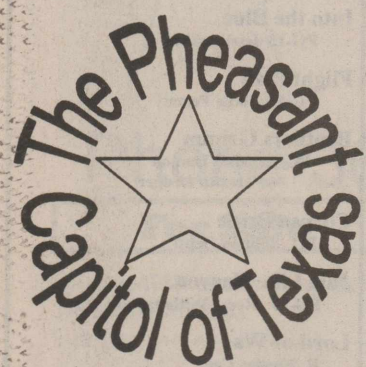
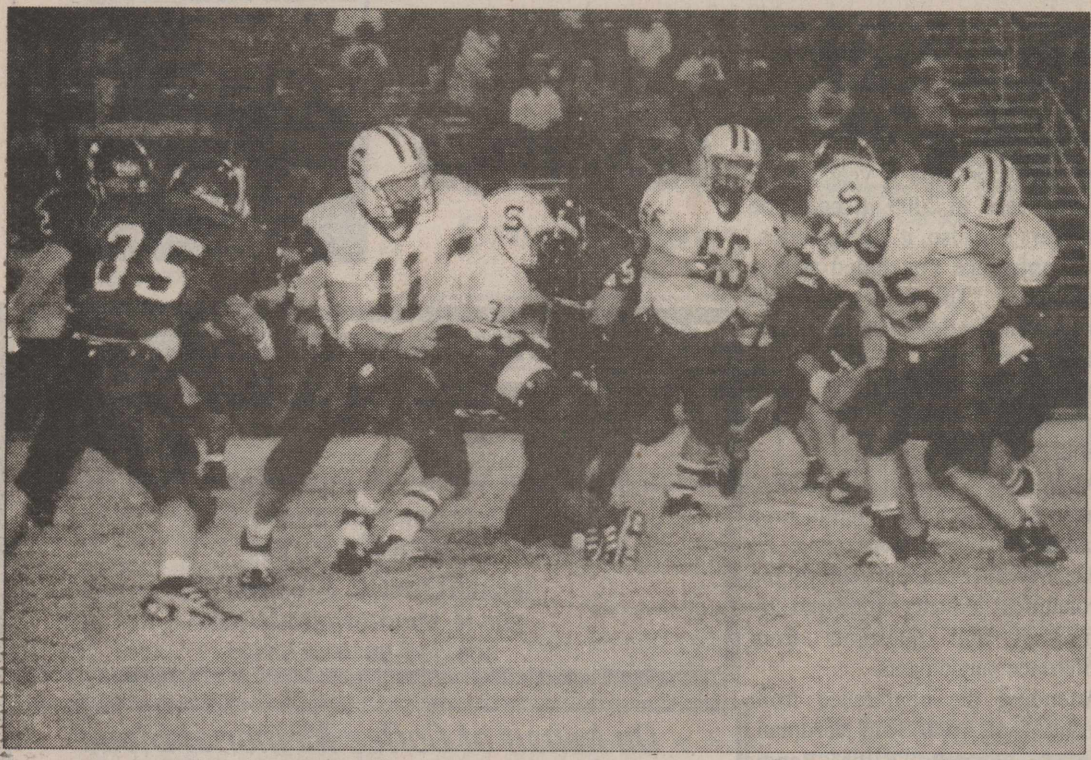


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Elks 31-Tulia Zero

Stratford Elks #11 Craig Kautz, #3 Hunter Buckles, #66 Connor Vincent, and #25 Scott Hudson in action in the Elks 31-0 win over Tulia.
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New Bus for SISD

Shown above is the new Stratford Independent School Districts new bus. The bus took its first outing on Friday, September 23, 2005, with a trip to Tulia with the Stratford Elks on board.

Manor Friends To Meet October 3rd

Manor Friends will meet Monday, October 3 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Financial Aid Night

Stratford High School will be hosting its annual Financial Aid Night for all interested parents of junior and senior students on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. in room 1 of the high school. Information on the federal financial aid process, student loans, scholarships and college costs will be presented at this meeting. An interpreter will be present for those needing assistance.

Annual Brown Bag Book Sale

Come buy books by the bag at the Sherman County Public Library's "Annual Brown Bag Book Sale" on Friday, October 7th at 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 8th, 9:00 am.-12:00 p.m. Smart shoppers will want to check this out, for a donation of just \$1.00, you can sneak a peak and get a jump on the bargains Thursday evening, October 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please bring your own sacks. For more information call 366-2200.

Night Pep Rally October 4th

Pep Up for District Football, Night Pep Rally at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4th at the Football Stadium. Bring your Noisemakers!!!!

Good Luck Cross

Country Girls

Prospectus Study Club Fundraiser for Scholarships and Community Projects



The SHS Chrome Vehicle Emblem
 The Prospectus Study Club will be selling SHS Chrome Emblems. These emblems are just like the ones that colleges sell to go on the back of your car or truck. The emblems cost \$20.00 and you can get yours pre-ordered now by contacting Marsha Wright of D'Lynn Reed.....or any Prospectus Study Club Member. These will make great gifts for any student of SHS and will also make a great Christmas Gift.



York Returns To States

Shown above Wesley York with his parents Ted & Mellonee After one year, 68 deaths, and 498 Purple Hearts awarded with "several hundred more" pending, the 3,900 soldiers of the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division have left Iraq. They were an experiment of sorts for the Army, deploying from bases along the Demilitarized Zone in South Korea, the first time units there meant to preserve a Cold War peace were sent directly to a shooting war. They will head to an entirely new home in Fort Carson, Colo. taking over the barracks of yet another unit deploying to Iraq. For many, it was the second or third straight year without their families. They served in one of the most violent cities in Iraq, in some cases living on austere bases where the latrines were crude wooden frames atop metal buckets. They were mortared nearly every day, through a pair of brutal summers and a muddy, cold winter.

By Joseph Giordano, Stars and Stripes
 Pacific edition, Sunday, July 31, 2005
 Wesley's one year tour of duty was at Ramadi, about 60 kilometers west of Baghdad. He was stationed at Camp Hovey, South Korea since December of 2003 before being deployed. He is the son of Ted and Mellonee York, Stratford residents that are in the process of moving to San Antonio and the grandson of C.W. and Betty McMillion of Stratford and W.J. and Mona York of Bend, Texas. He has three very proud sisters, Katie of San Antonio, and Julie and Emily of the home.
 Wesley received his packages from Treat n Troops. Everyone was excited to get them. Batteries, beef jerky, lemonade and socks being the hot items. They came in handy when the troops began deploying home. Wesley saw Sue Hudson when he was home in June for a short leave and thanked her and the rest of the group for sending the items. He says "Thanks Again" to everyone who helped send them.

LUBBOCK MEET PROVES TOUGH FOR LADY ELKS
 The Lady Elk's top 7 cross-country girls traveled to the Twenty-ninth Annual Lubbock Invitational Cross Country Meet this past weekend and found the competition to be extremely tough. Exactly 361 girls and 50 teams took the start line at 9:00 a.m. in the A and AA classifications. Only five of the six girls on the team made the trip from Stratford to Lubbock, as Yadira Ortega had to take her ACT test this past Saturday. The Sundown girls, ranked # 1 in the state in class A, won the meet
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PLAN FOR THE WORST - HOPE FOR THE BEST

Sherman County residents have watched the events of two hurricanes unfold and have seen the devastation and loss of life and property in the gulf coast area. While we do not have to deal with hurricanes, we do have our own natural disasters, man-made disasters and incidents to contend with. Being prepared is essential to the well-being of all Sherman County residents. Plans are in place in the event we have an incident which may cause damage or loss of life. Volunteers are needed to assist first responders before, during and after an incident. Volunteers to staff registration centers, staff shelters, food preparation, medical and food dispensing and counseling to name a few. We will be hosting a community wide meeting on October 10, 2005, 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Department to identify members of the community who can help. There is a place and job for anyone willing to help. Anyone desiring more information may contact Sandy Williams at 753-7331 or email: firedept@xit net or through County Judge Terri Carter 366-2120.

RJ Hill-A Giving Spirit

By Doak Crabtree

It's always an honor to meet someone with a giving spirit that truly has the needs of others at heart. RJ Hill was one of those people. RJ had been a personal friend for many years. We witnessed his devotion to the blood drive and have the same philosophy about it being a great project. The Stratford Office of Happy State Bank (HSB) has personally been committed to giving blood regularly. As a way of honoring a great community member, RJ Hill, and carrying on a worthwhile cause, HSB has volunteered to become the new blood drive coordinator for Stratford. Our first sponsorship will be on Monday, October 3, 3 pm-7 pm, at the County Barn at 5th & Maple. We will encourage the whole community with flyers, phone calls and personal requests to give blood on October 3 as a way to say thank you to the RJ Hill family for his years of service in this area. Every donor will receive a memorial t-shirt.
 HSB is a small, home town bank that takes a very special interest in its community. We have been very blessed by the Stratford community and we want to use our resources to help others that are in need. Sponsoring all the future blood drives in Stratford is just one way we can help.

STUDENTS ABLE TO HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS

By Susie Spurlock

Stratford High School Student Council and Sherman County 4-H will be joining forces to help Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims this coming Wednesday, October 5th.
 "You Can Wear a Hat Day" will be the theme of the community service project. Students in grades Pre-K through 12 may purchase a permit for \$1.00 to wear a cap in school on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 only. Permits will be available from Stratford High School and Sherman County 4-H Council members or advisors, Cindy Russell and Susie Spurlock from 7:30 am until 8:15 am the morning of October 5th. All money collected from the hat permits will be donated to the American Red Cross. For more information, contact either Cindy Russell at 727-4670 or Susie Spurlock at 366-2122.

Notice
 Effective October 1st, the Sherman County Public Library will increase fines from a \$2.00 maximum to \$5.00 on all materials.

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 7:30 P.M.
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UPDATE ON CONSUMERS, INC.
 The Sherman County Development Committee is in the process of verifying all Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable relating to Consumers, Inc. If Consumers owes you and/or your company please send a letter stating your claim along with a copy of any invoice(s) pertinent to the amount owed. Mail all information to SCDC, Attn: Kathy Allen PO Box 652 Stratford, TX 79084. Deadlines for claims to be submitted is October 15, 2005.

Obits



Ina Melissa Vandiver
1920-2005

Ina Melissa Vandiver, 85, of Stratford, died Thursday, September 22, 2005 in Stratford. Graveside services were held Saturday, September 24, 2005, at 2:00 P.M. in Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum in Amarillo, with Reverend Bob Miller, pastor of South Georgia Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

Ina was born February 13, 1920, in Wakita, OK. She lived near Alva, OK and Waka, TX before moving to Vega and graduating from Vega High School in 1937. She married Whitfield Lafayette Vandiver in Tucumcari, NM in 1939 and while Whitfield served in the European Theatre during World War II she worked at a McDonnell aircraft assembly plant in Longbeach, CA. After the war, they made their home in Amarillo, moving to Channing in 1960. While living in Amarillo and Channing, Ira was primarily a homemaker and mother to her four sons. In 1981, she moved to Stratford where she became the bookkeeper at Elk Pharmacy until retiring in 1995. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her husband in June, 1981, and one infant son.

Survivors include four sons; Leland and Susan Vandiver of Half Moon Bay, CA, Gayland and Debbi Vandiver of Stratford, Wendall and Yvonne Vandiver of Richardson, and

Jerry and Krista Vandiver of Durango, CO; five grandchildren; Greg and Bonnie Vandiver of Keller, Jeremy Vandiver of Boulder, CO, Lindsey and Christian Santarelli and Whitney Vandiver all of Richardson and Melissa Vandiver of Durango, CO; and one great grandchild: Easton Santarelli of Richardson.

The family request memorials to Coldwater Manor Nursing Home, P. O. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084 or Dumas Memorial Hospice, 224 E 2nd, Dumas, TX 79029.

New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

- Fiction**
1. The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown
 2. The Historian: A Novel by Elizabeth Kostova
 3. Polar Shift by Clive Cussler
 4. Point Blank by Catherine Coulter
 5. Chill Factor by Sandra Brown
 6. Slow Burn by Julie Garwood
 7. Without Mercy by Jack Higgins
 8. Lifeguard by James Patterson
 9. The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
 10. Sweetwater Creek by Arm Rivers Siddons
 11. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
 12. Vanish by Tess Gerritsen
 13. True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
 14. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
 15. No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy

- Non-Fiction**
1. The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
 2. 1776 by David McCullough
 3. 1491 by Charles C. Mann
 4. Collapse by Jared Diamond
 5. The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
 6. Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson
 7. Captivating by John and Stasi Eldredge

Beat Vega

SPIRIT Hwy. 54 Holds 10th Annual Conference in Wichita, Kansas

By Gaynelle Riffe

US Highway 54 Coalition "SPIRIT" held its 10th Annual Conference, September 22-23 at the Hotel at Old Town in Wichita, Kansas. SPIRIT celebrated the High Priority Corridor designation in the current Federal Transportation Bill. Conference guests were hosted to a reception at the City Arts Museum on Thursday evening with the Conference beginning with a Continental breakfast on Friday. The Conference was welcomed by Wichita Mayor Carlos Mayans. (Mayor Mayans was a Havana refugee as a child and placed in foster care in Wichita. He was a State Representative in 1992 in Kansas before his position as Mayor of Wichita.)

Max Zimmerman gave a report on the status of "SPIRIT" with the announcement of the maturing of the coalition after 10 years from a strictly volunteer organization to a hired staff position to keep the volunteers and members, informed and working. In the 40's and 50's there was an active US 54 organization with each city working to promote the route. (Stratford Star article dated July 27, 1939, "Black Topping May Start on Highway 54 on Monday".) The coalition was resurrected in Greensburg, Kansas in 1993 with Liberal Good Roads and the Liberal Chamber of Commerce taking the leading role. The High Priority Designation on US 54

from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, NM to identify the route on the East-West Trans America Corridor was sought in the beginning with the idea that the US 54 corridor should continue to El Paso. The Mayor of El Paso made a visit to the Governor of Kansas requesting the High Priority Corridor to include US 54 through New Mexico to El Paso. "SPIRIT" was born.

An update was presented by the State Department of Transportation beginning with Deb Miller, KDOT Secretary of Transportation followed by Gary Shubert, NMDOT District Engineer, Randy Hochstein, TXDOT Area Engineer and Jess Nelson representing Oklahoma. Kansas report: four lane divided to continue from

Wichita, Kansas west through Kingman with a relief route (who stopped the project 20 years ago) to Pratt with a relief route to Mullinville and a relief route in Liberal from the Oklahoma line. Oklahoma: Lacks 25 miles to complete their four lane divided. Texas: reported on work scheduled on the Connector Corridor Ports-to-Plains in Dalhart and Stratford. The schematics have been completed for US 54 from west Stratford city Limits to Oklahoma State Line which is also on the Texas Trunk System, waiting on funding. New Mexico: Super Two construction on

U.S. 54 from the four lane divided in Tularosa north to Santa Rosa has begun with the possibility of four lane divided if funds become available through Governor Richardson's GRIP Program. U.S. 54 from Tucumcari to the Texas State Line is on the GRIP II Phase.

The SPIRIT Washington Consultant Mark Schwartz gave a report on the new Transportation Bill and also gearing up for the next Transportation 6 year bill to be addressed in 2009. It could be two years late also, it is all politics. The conference concluded with a presentation "The Future of North American Trade" Karyn Page, President, Kansas World Trade Center and "What's up with Turnpikes?" Mike Johnson, Manager Kansas Turnpike; Bernie Koch with the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce gave an Update on Wichita, particularly the aeronautics industry followed by comments and questions from conference participants.

Attending the conference from the Stratford Area, Sean Hardman, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Randy Hochstein and Kristine Olsen, Dalhart.

Good Luck Cross Country

Beat Vega

Letters to The Editor

Dear Readers,

As I have sorted the clothing to be taken to various institutions from the Imagination Station's Whale of a Sale, I keep thinking Stratford residents really missed an opportunity. There were really nice quality clothing, some new with the tags still on them; Men's and Women's nice sweaters, silk blouses, wool skirts and suits, mostly in the size 10-12 range. I am sure someone will appreciate the nice clothing.

Gaynelle Riffe

Beat Vega

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Join us for the RJ Hill Memorial Blood Drive on
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Coldwater Manor Residents Participate In Senior Olympics

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home participated at the Senior Olympics in Guymon, OK. Five States attended New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

Our Residents won 1st place in the Talent Show. They all sang, "As The Saint's Go Marching In." They also placed 2nd in the Volley Ball tournament.

Irene Butler placed 1st in the Walk-A-Thon. Mary Woodford Wisdom placed 2nd in the Basketball Throw.

Resident's pictured are: Irene Butler, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Jerry Moore, Jose Velasquez, Gordie Ramon, Jane Hopson, and Violet Krueger.

We want to say Thank You to the Baptist Church for lending us their beautiful choir robes.

Thank you goes to Belinda Roberts, Chassidy Town, Janell Moore and Barbara Diller for helping us with our Residents.

We are happy that our facility continues to attend the Senior Olympics in Guymon.

Activity Directors
JoAnn Cobos and Janice Vaughn

LOW-COST MEAL IDEAS

By Susie Spurlock

All families are feeling the increase fuel prices for home and auto cost which have gotten more expensive each week this summer. Often when one budget item increases for a family, you search for ways to reduce the cost of other items needed. Many times, looking for low cost meal ideas becomes a must with families.

This past week at the Tri-State Fair, area County Extension Agents showed several low-cost beef recipes. Easy Bean and Pasta Supper was featured. This good, easy to make meal in a skillet recipe is compliments of the Women, Infant, and Children nutrition program that offers assistance to families in Stratford. The clinic comes two times a month. Several times during the year, Texas Cooperative Extension Sherman County has educational information available for clients.

EASY BEAN and PASTA SUPPER

½ pound lean ground beef 1 onion, chopped
1 ½ cups dry macaroni 2 ½ cups beef broth
1 cup beans (any variety) 1 cup chopped tomatoes
1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder ½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup grated cheddar cheese

Brown ground beef and drain fat. Add onion and cook until onion is tender. Turn heat to low and mix in macaroni, broth, beans, tomatoes, and spices. Cover the pan and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring once during cooking. Remove from heat and sprinkle with cheese. Cover and let cheese melt before serving.

Carnival Time at Plainview School October 8th, 2005

It's Carnival Time at the Plainview School. October 8th, 2005. Come eat supper-kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. Chili, stew and homemade pies. All for \$5.00. (seconds on chili and stew).

Carnival doors open at 7 p.m.- Ping Pong, Lucky Toss, Soft Ball, Cake Walk and many many more. Lots of Door Prizes. Bingo starts at 8:00 SHARP!

Gamma Xi Chapter Holds Meeting September 17th

Gamma Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Int. met on September 17th at Dalhart Elementary.

Members present were: Rebecca Amyx, Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso and Mary Jo Ondracek from Dalhart; Kathie Altman from Stratford; Ann Hornel from Hartley; and Joanie Hightower and Janet Pipkin from Sunray.

Cheyenne Oelkers '05 graduate of Dalhart High School was announced as the Grant-in-aid recipient from Gamma Xi for the 2005-06 School year. Cheyenne is attending Amarillo College.

Karen Taft, Principal at Dalhart Elementary, presented the program. She explained the key elements of the Texas Reading Firs program started in Dalhart during the 2004-05 school year. Ms. Taft also explained the effects of this reading program on the Dalhart elementary TAKS scores. The next meeting of Gamma Xi will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Dalhart Elementary.

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"GERIATRICS ON THE GO TUESDAY"

Tuesday, October 4, 2005 "Geriatrics on the Go" Mobile Health Fair will be in Texhoma.

The mobile health fair will be at Texhoma Community Center from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with free educational information for seniors, caregivers of the elderly, family members caring for an aging loved one, healthcare professionals working with geriatric clients or students interested in geriatric nursing. The Community Center is located at 207 N. 2nd Street in Texhoma.

Free health screenings will include glucose, cholesterol screening, and blood pressure checks.

Amarillo College Nursing Students will be presenting information that will include: diabetes management, mental health issues and aging, controlling cholesterol, medication management, eating right, exercise for older adults, fall prevention and safety, hypertension/high blood pressure, osteoporosis education, care giving and aging, men and prostate health, women and breast health, and snuff out smoking.

The fair co-sponsors are Texhoma Keenagers and Sherman County Extension Family and Consumers Science program. For more information contact Susie Spurlock at

3662122 or Ola Mae Roden at 806-827-7495 or Karen Russell, Amarillo College Division of Nursing at 806-356-3691.

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Horacio Loya and Francisco Alarcon have been in business five years, building and repairing items for folks all over the Panhandle region. Cactus Welding has been a growing enterprise for this pair of Moore County residents.

In addition to Alarcon and Loya, Cactus Welding employs six full-time employees and averages about 15 part-timers. Truckers, packing houses and feedlots in the area keep everyone at Cactus Welding plenty busy. They even had employees working at a facility in Georgia this September.

But it wasn't always that way. Like most businesses, Alarcon and Loya's venture started small, occupying a small shop in Cactus. But they took what they had and focused their energies on providing quality welding and machinery maintenance.

That focus and their Panhandle-style work ethic produced a reputation that kept customers coming back. It also earned them referral business. They soon expanded the type of work they would take on, tackling concrete, woodwork and insulation jobs.

Success and growing a business is a good thing, but it creates new challenges. With the growth of Cactus Welding, Loya and Alarcon had soon outgrown their small shop and needed to either expand or relocate.

They found a suitable location, but acquiring the building was going to require some help. They turned to their bank - Happy State Bank loaned them the money for the larger facility they presently occupy, allowing Cactus Welding to keep on growing.

That kind of ready assistance is just one reason Cactus Welding is a Happy customer. Cactus Welding is better able to accomplish their goals with Happy State Bank behind them.

They're fast, Loya says. If we need documents, they get them for us. They get on it right away.

But big-city speed doesn't translate into big-city attitude. Friendliness is another factor that keeps Cactus Welding in a Happy State.

We like the way they treat us, Alarcon says. Everybody is real nice - they treat us well. Loya adds that. Everytime I go, all the employees are always helpful.

So just how happy are Loya and Alarcon about their relationship with Happy State Bank?

We aren't getting out of there unless they throw us out, Loya says. Any excuse we can get to go to the bank, we go up there.

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We all have questions about suffering. It might be disease, illness or injury. It might be unkind words or getting passed over for that promotion. It might be a fire, earthquake or hurricane. We can rarely change our circumstances. We need perspective on life. Many people turn to the paranormal for answers. Others look into deep space. Programs like the "X-Files" and movies like "Independence Day" are big hits. There is a better source of help, the Bible. It may not give us all the answers we want but it gives us the advice we need. For example, 1 Peter 2:19 tells us, "This finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrow when suffering unjustly." We don't find the answer to unjust suffering here. We do find some direction in handling it. God knows all about unjust suffering. His Son, Jesus Christ, was unjustly sentenced to die on a cross. The trial was rigged. Jesus was condemned on the basis of false testimony. God exhorts us to "bear up under sorrow when suffering unjustly." How can we do this? God promises His grace and favor will be upon us in such circumstances. God's strength is no small thing in the midst of sorrow and unjust suffering. He promises, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian
Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
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Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
Ernie Maiwald
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 Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist
Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Early Service 9:00 a.m.
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Rodeo Team Wins 1st Place

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Green Tree Ranch Holds Open House

Greentree Ranch of Sherman County held an open house on Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11 to introduce their Morgan horses, new barn and operations to the public.

Shown here with Brigadier and owner Cece Green-Yelek are: Alex Chavoya, Reed Schoonover, Rett Schoonover, Colten Renden and Rese Schoonover. Sitting atop Brigadier are Madison Mungia and Preston Burr.

You will be able to view the Morgan horses and many other breeds during the Stratford Sporting Day of Traditional Driving October 22-23.

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National Incident Management System Training Class Held Sept. 20

Sherman County Emergency Management hosted a National Incident Management System training class September 20, 2005 at the Stratford Fire Department Training Room. This was an introduction into the role of NIMS in management of emergencies and application of NIMS in small and large incidents. Students received instruction in Command and Management, Public Information, Preparedness, Resource Management, Communications, Information Management and Supporting Technology. Instructors were Keith Henderson, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and Marta Brown, Panhandle Animal Search and Rescue. Attendees included: Sherman County: Judge Terri Carter and Commissioner Steve Pemberton; Sherman County Sheriff Department: Dispatcher Barbara Strong City of Stratford: Mayor David Brown, Mayor Pro-Term George Harding, Council Members Nancy Kimball and Bryan Mungia and Administrator Sean Hardman Stratford EMS: Director Jimmy Lanning, Larry Norris, Verlie Norris, Sheryl Alien, Nora Wells



Shown above and right are pictures of the Sherman County Emergency Management Training class. Above some of the attendees: and at right the Panhandle Animal Search and Rescue dog.

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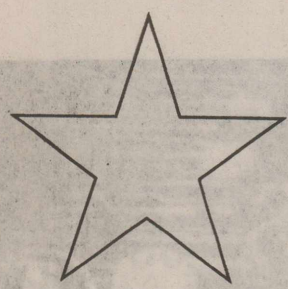
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Health

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Safety

(NU) - According to AAA, seniors have the second-highest crash death rate per mile and are at the highest risk for intersection crashes. The automobile association has developed "Roadwise Review: A Tool to Help Seniors Drive Safely Longer," a computer-based screening tool that enables older drivers to test their cognitive, physical and visual abilities in the privacy of their own homes. The tool helps identify physiological changes that could affect driving and problem areas correlated with crash risk. For more information, contact your local AAA club or visit www.aaa.com/publicaffairs.

Health

(NU) - Having vision problems or impairments can be more costly than you think — even if you have health insurance. In a survey commissioned by the insurance company Aflac, 40 percent of respondents said they avoided or postponed vision care because of cost. The American Optometric Association reports that traditional plans tend to give discounts on only the basics — eye exams, for instance. Aflac's Vision Now plan has the same basic benefits but extends the coverage to include serious eye conditions that require surgery or other forms of treatment. It also offers benefits for the loss of sight. The Vision Now plan is only offered through employers. For more information about Aflac, visit www.aflac.com.

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CH/A Heat Pump system Call 396-2007 5-12-tfn

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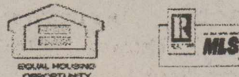
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Auto

(NU) - Do your brakes meet your vehicle's needs? Industry experts recommend talking to a certified technician about brake replacement options that not only fit your vehicle, but also your driving style. When taking your vehicle in for brake repair, communicate your preferences to the technician and be sure to explain the type of driving you do most — highway or in-city, for instance. For more information on brakes or to find a certified technician, visit www.bendixbrakes.com.

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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division. 9-22-tfn

Legal Notices

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, October 11, 2005 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Circle of Friends Cont. from page 4

I don't know why I'm always amazed at how enthusiastically our people respond to causes like this, but we do live in a very special and unique community with very caring people—Thank you all very much.

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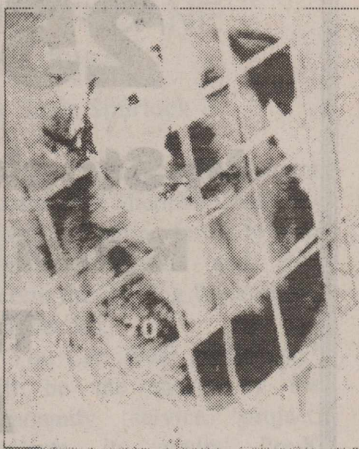
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Cross Country Cont. from page 1

with an impressive 34 points and 5 girls in the top 14. Four class AA schools would finish in places 2nd through 5th - Wall (145), Slaton (169), Holliday (207) and Spearman (230); all of these are ranked in the top 10 in the 2A ranks. Farwell wound up 6th with a point total of 261. The Lady Elks finished in 28th place with 731 points. The first young lady to cross the line for Stratford was Kristen Crabtree. Miss Crabtree medaled with her outstanding 21st place finish and ran the course in a personal best time of 12:55. This was an average of 6:27 per mile on the challenging Mae Simmons course. Lucero Ortega, 93rd place, crossed the finish line in a solid time of 13:59. This is very close to the time that Lucero ran at regionals last year, so her chances of improving on this between now and the regional meet in November are very good. Freshman Perla Rueda ran the hilly course in 14 minutes and 32 seconds, which is not bad at all for her first time out. Whitney Reese took a spill at the start of the race and could never quite get herself going with the huge numbers of girls running. She completed the race with a time of 15:30. Mary Lou Maldonado ran a 16:21, which is a big improvement from her 17:05 that she ran at Thompson Park a week ago. The Lady Elks will be at full strength this coming weekend and more determined than ever to make a statement about what they are capable of.

They will be running at the Annual Sunray Meet in Sunray with the junior high starting at 9:00, followed by the JV and then the top 7 girls. Good luck Lady Elks and go get 'em!

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.

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Football -Elk Style

The Stratford Elks put it to Tulia on Friday, September 23, 2005 with a 31-0 win.

Hunter Buckles completed 4 of 11 passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Brant Cummings completed 5 of 9 passes for 82 yards. Jonathan Licon scored one PAT for the Elks.

Scott Hudson led the Elks with 145 receiving yards on 4 catches and scored two touchdowns. Hudson scored the second touchdown on an interception and returned it for 98 yards to score. Hudson also had two more interceptions and 6 tackles. Case Crabtree followed in receptions with 34 yards on 2 catches and Pablo Ibarro added 15 yards on 1 reception.

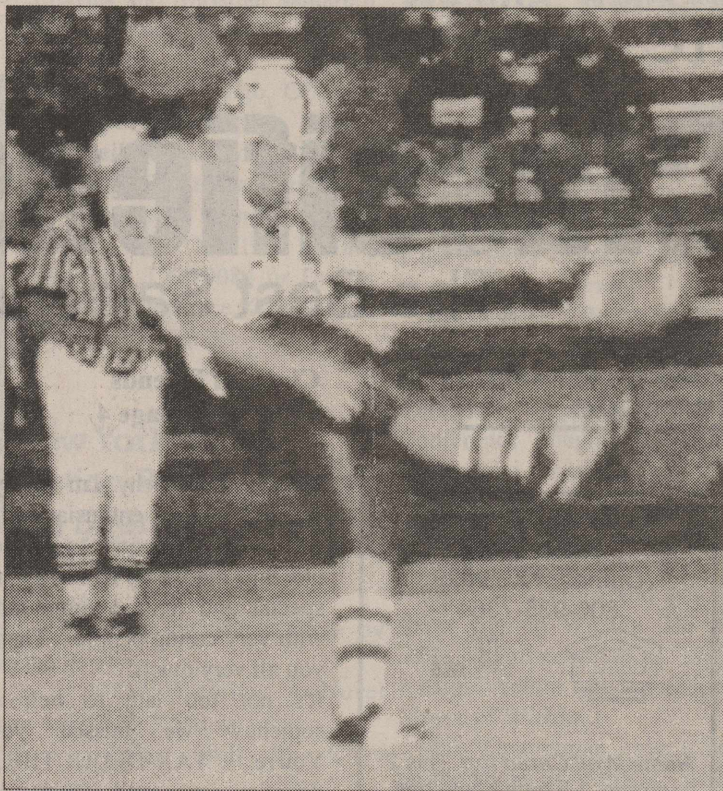
Jonathan Licon led the Elks in rushing yards with 45 yards on 8 carries and one touchdown followed by Gustavo Rosales with 39 yards on 16 carries. Jeffery Frizzell rushed for 26 yards on 2 carries and scored one touchdown.

Pablo Ibarro and Steven Rueda led in tackles for the Elks with 9 each followed by Craig Kautz and Sandro Gomez with 7 each and Hudson followed with 6.

Quarterback sacks were attained by Jonathan Licon, Sandro Gomez, Kelby Smith, Andrew Correll and Gilbert Reta. Besides Hudson's three interceptions, Case Crabtree and Sandro Gomez each had 1. Jeffrey Frizzell and Andrew Correll each had a fumble recovery for the Elks and Pablo Ibarro, Hunter Buckles and Scott Hudson each broke up a pass. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Connor Vincent, Gilbert Reta, Rudy Portillo and Jerald Frizzell.

Players of the Week for the Tulia game were Offensive Line - Rudy Portillo; Offensive Back - Brant Cumming; Defensive Line - Sandro Gomez; Defensive Back - Scott Hudson and Special Teams - The Kick-Off Team.

The Elks have an open date this Friday and will start District Play on Friday, October 7 against Gruver, there at 7:30 p.m. Let's go Elks - Get a Greyhound!!!



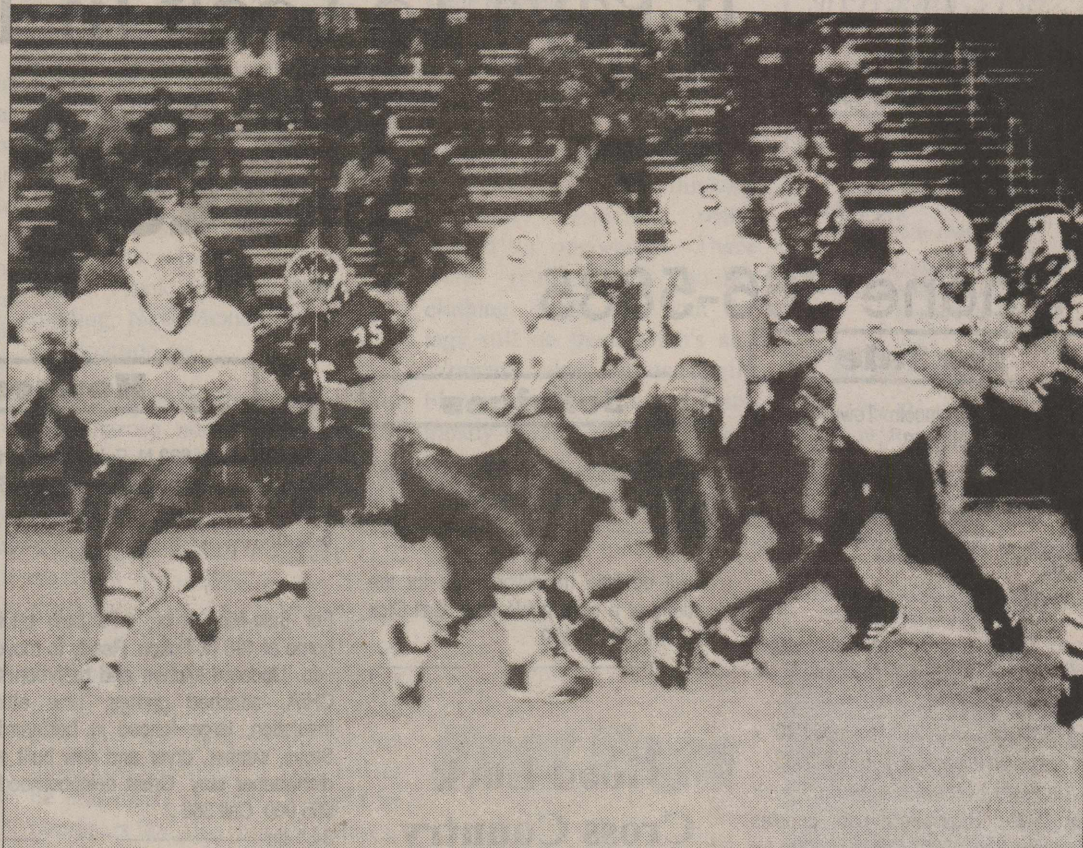
#33 Walter Spurlock punts the ball for the Elks.



Caleb Brown gave the Pep Talk on Friday, September 23rd.



Stratford Elk #19 Case Crabtree lines up on defense against Tulia.



#3 Hunter Buckles looks for the pass. Also shown #32 Gustavo Rosales, #51 Gilbert Reta, and #50 Harrison Walden.

Elks in Action

Elks in Action is a basketball program for children in Kindergarten to 6th grade. It is designed to teach our young basketball players self-discipline and fundamental basketball skills. We will start with a clinic presented by Stratford High School's Coach Johnny Hudson and Coach Lance Horsford. After that, practices will be run by volunteers and led by Stacy Metcalf, Jessica Wheeler, and Nita Hudson. Participants will be required to be obedient and respectful to these volunteers at all times.

The children will not play competitive games, but after many weeks of practice and preparation, the kids will perform between games or during half-time of Elks and Lady Elks games. (Please note that regular admission will be charged to all parents and family members who plan to attend these games. Only the Elks in Action participants will be allowed to get into the games for free.)

All participants will be charged a fee of \$20 to participate. This fee will include a basketball and an Elks in Action t-shirt. Attendance will be mandatory for every practice with only one unexcused absence allowed to each participant. Practices are scheduled for Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 starting with his clinic on October 10, 2005. A parent/guardian must attend the clinic with his/her child. After football season, practices will most likely change to Thursday nights. However, we will notify you of the exact practice and performance dates at a later time. We look forward to working with your children.

Please return the bottom half of this form to school with \$20 no later than Oct. 3. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Participant's First and Last Name _____

Grade in School for 2005-06 _____

Parent or Guardian's Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Circle a T-Shirt Size Youth Small Medium Large
OR Adult Small Medium Large

In Case of Emergency, who should we contact other than the parent:
Name _____ Phone # _____

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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| Sept. 15-
Oct. 2 | "Aida" Musical
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| Oct. 4-5 | "Peter Pan" Broadway Series
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 |
| Oct. 9 | Chamber Music Amarillo Free Concert 2:00 p.m.
Amarillo Museum of Art 2200 S. Van Buren |
| Oct. 15-16 | League of Celtic Nations
Amarillo Baxter Bldg. Fairgrounds 806-374-4243 |
| Oct. 15-16 | Canadian's Fall Foliage Festival & Prairie Rivers Musica
Canadian, TX 806-323-6234 |
| Oct. 20 | Polk St. Jazz Chamber Music Amarillo Free concert
Amarillo Museum of Art 2200 S. Van Buren 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 27-30 | "Life with Father" Comedy
Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019 |

September 3, 2005
Sherman County Emergency Management will be hosting a community meeting October 10, 2005 at the Stratford Fire Station. Volunteers can participate in activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups and community organizations. Please watch the newspaper for date, time and location of the community meeting. Volunteers are needed to coordinate, direct and staff shelters, prepare food, support dispensing centers, medical centers, transportation, heavy equipment operators and registration of victims and record keeping. **There is a job for anyone who is willing to help.**

Churches and community service organizations will be asked to assist with operations such as shelter and food, providing personal items for victims and emotional support. We have included a survey to identify facilities and equipment available in Stratford and Texhoma; Please complete the survey and return to: Sherman County Emergency Management, P.O. Box 45, Stratford, Texas 79084 or call 753-7330 or 366-5330 and someone will pickup form or fax to 366-2168.

ORGANIZATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE & FAX #S: _____
CONTACT PERSON(S): _____

FACILITY INFORMATION:
CAPACITY: _____
SANITARY FACILITIES: SLEEPING FACILITIES: _____
FOOD PREPARATION FACILITIES/CAPACITY: _____
CAN PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PERSONS: _____
TRANSPORTATION (VAN/BUS): _____
COUNSELING: _____

INDIVIDUALS/BUSINESSES:
SPECIAL SKILLS AVAILABLE: _____
HEAVY EQUIPMENT & OPERATORS: _____
4 WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES: _____
PORTABLE GENERATORS: _____

Good Luck Elks



ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Hudson's 5th grade reading class is analyzing characters from the novel *Maniac Magee* that they have just finished reading. They are using the portable computer lab and the computer program *Inspiration* to complete their projects.

Fifth and sixth graders observed Constitution Day by class discussion, watching a video on the Preamble, and researching information on the Constitution. For fifth graders it was an early introduction and for the sixth graders it was a review of the beginning of our United States. We understand the Constitution is our plan of government, written by members of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, and that it was signed September 17, 1787. Writing the Constitution was difficult and many compromises developed. Before the Constitution could become law, 9 of the 13 states had to ratify it, but it took almost a year for that to happen. A Bill of Rights which described the basic rights of the people was added. New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, making it law, on June 21, 1788. All 13 states were signers by May 29, 1790.

Miss Judd's 4th graders created a Bill of Rights for their classroom in honor of Constitution Day. They are also working with their families to create an American flag. All the flags will be displayed.

On Wednesday, Cynthia Goslin met with each science class in high school to discuss health careers.

Report cards also go out on Wednesday this week.

Our 8th grade football team plays Vega here Thursday. The Junior High Pep Rally will be at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday. Friday is an open date for our Varsity. On Saturday, our Cross Country team will run at Sunray at 9:00 a.m.

3rd graders at MAE took meals to several elderly people last week for Meals on Wheels. This is the second year for our 3rd graders to participate in Meals on Wheels. This is a wonderful experience for our children and the people receiving the meals seem to enjoy seeing the children delivering the meals. We hope to do it again in November.

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