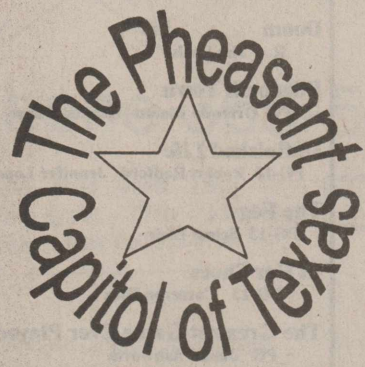


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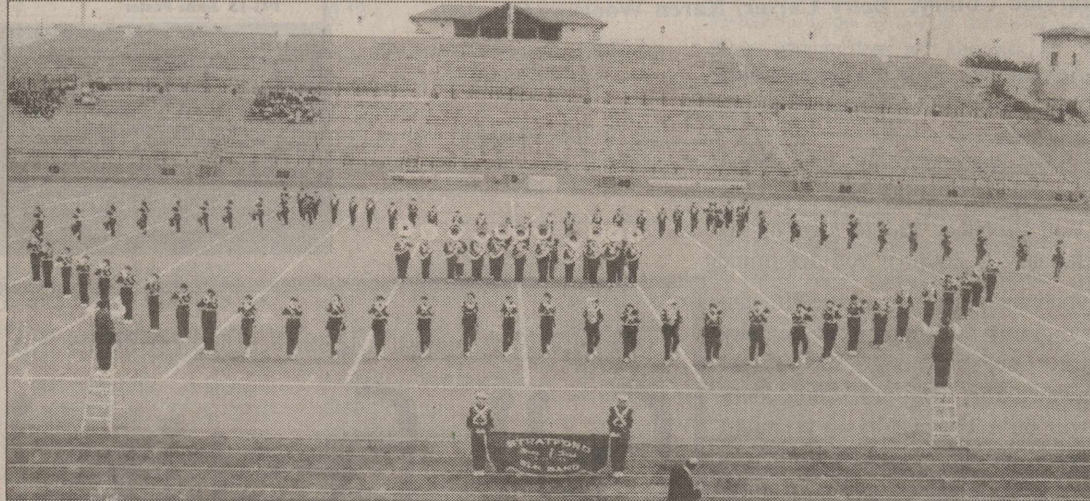


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Congratulations Big Blue Band

The Stratford Elk Big Blue Marching Band received their 35th Consecutive Division I Rating at the UIL Marching Contest held on Saturday, October 15th at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, TX. The band will advance to the Area Marching Contest in Plainview on Saturday, October 29, 2005. Shown above, the band at marching contest under the field direction of Heather Robertson and Cristina Fierro. WAY TO GO BAND!!!!

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Prayer & Praise Service
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STEW & CHILI DINNER WITH BAKE SALE
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005
11:30 am-1:30 pm
EVERYONE IS INVITED
FREE WILL DONATION

Christian Women's Fellowship is hosting their annual Stew & Chili dinner with Bake Sale. It will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at the First Christian Church. There will be homemade stew, chili, beans, cornbread & desserts. Everyone is invited. We will be serving from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 pm. Please come and bring your appetite. Your gifts will help support Basic Mission Finance, a work of the General Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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.

Sherman County Public Library to Host Book Fair Event

Sherman County Public Library will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday, October 23, to Thursday, October 28, just in time for the coming holiday season. Books make great gifts and families, teachers, and the community are encouraged to attend the Fair.

The Book Fair will be held Monday, October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 24* - Thursday, October 28th, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. There will be a special preview for teachers on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. On Thursday morning, October 28th from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 am. there will be a special time for "Grown-up's Only!" (any parent or grandparent may attend) allowing time to do some Christmas shopping.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including newly released titles, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees will have the opportunity to help not only the public library but also help teachers build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List and the Library's Wish List.

For more information contact Sandra Baskin at 366-2200 or go by the Sherman County Public Library located at 719 N Main.



The Band Boosters served a delicious barbecue meal to over 400 people on Friday, October 14th.

Sherman County Community Disaster Response Team will meet Thursday, October 27, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.
This is the organizational meeting for volunteers who signed up to be a part of the team.
New members and volunteers are welcome to attend.
More information may be obtained by contacting Sandy Williams at 753-7331 or email to: firedept@xit.net.

Russian Orphanage Donation Garage Sale Oct. 29, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

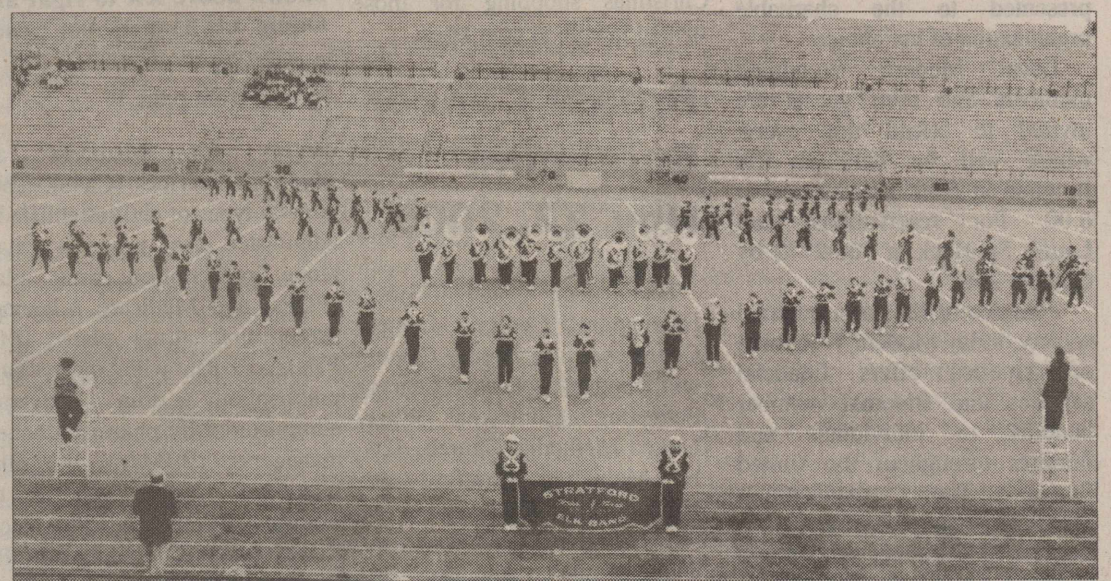
Jerry & Darleen Lasley are adopting two boys from an orphanage in Russia. The money raised in the garage sale will be used in Russia to buy winter boots, coats, school supplies, toys and vitamins for the orphanage children. Your garage sale item donation or your time to help with the garage sale would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donated items to the county barn at 501 south Maple anytime after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28th.

For more information please call Darleen at 769-4426.

LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION
By Susie Spurlock

Sherman County Lamb and Goat Validation will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Animal Barn located near the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings.

All lambs and goats must be validated at this time. Cost is \$10.00 per head. For more information, contact Dr. Jack Swain at 396-5579.



The Big Blue Marching Band at contest on Saturday, October 15th.

Way to Go Band

Medicare Part D (Drug Coverage) Information

Written By Gayland Vandiver RPh

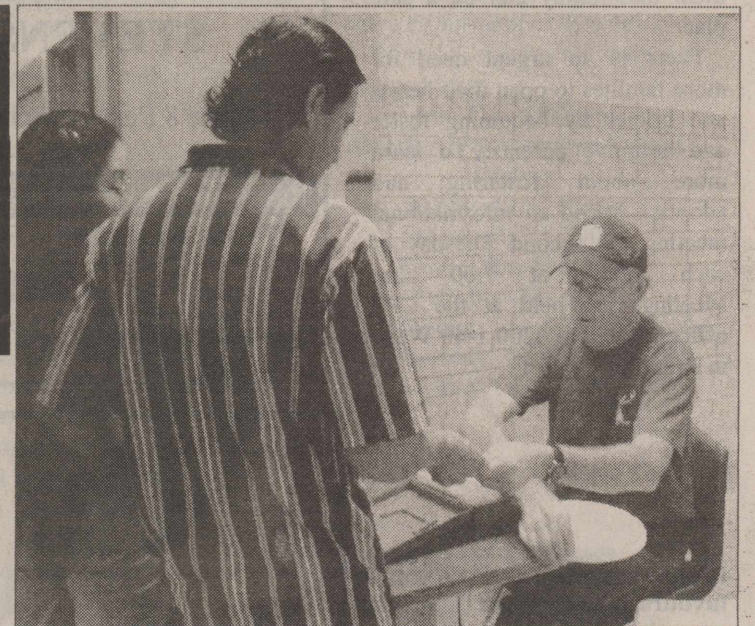
The Medicare Modernization Act was passed on 12-8-03 with much fanfare. Congress had been under pressure for years to create a prescription drug benefit in Medicare, especially since they had been unable to prevent double-digit percentage increases each year in the cost of brand name prescription drugs from the major drug companies.

I will try to inform you of many of the provisions, costs, and benefits of this program set to begin on January 1, 2006.

The program will be administered not by the government, but by private companies approved by the

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Congratulations Cross Country-Way to Go
Story and Pics in Next Weeks Edition

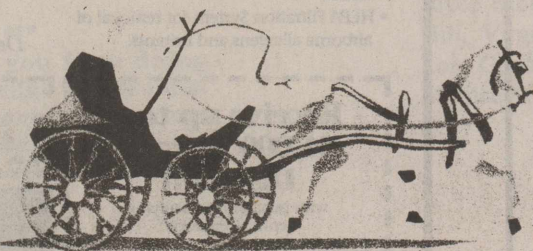


Joe Taylor takes money at the door at the Band Booster Supper held on Friday, October 14th.

Good Luck Elks

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FIRST ANNUAL STRATFORD SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING
OCTOBER 22nd & 23rd

Put on your driving duds, polish your brass or chrome, shine up the harness, and come along for a day of driving fun, with a little competition thrown in. John Greenall from Vermont will be the judge with entries consisting of antique and new carriages, wagons with horse and mule teams. Festivities will begin on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. with inspection in front of the Courthouse and then on to the Country Course Drive. The Cones Course will take place at the rodeo arena and there will also be food, games and entertainment. A chuckwagon supper will be served after the Awards Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. and to finish off the evening we will have a dance at the County Barn. This is something new for this area so please come out and join us for a "new and different kind of sport" in the Texas Panhandle!



All proceeds will benefit the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept and Emergency Medical Team.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Prospectus Study Club will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair at the Sherman County Public Library October 23-27, 2005. Books will be available for all ages. Times are as follows: Sunday, October 23, 2005 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. the fair will be open for teachers only; Monday, October 24, 2005 from 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, October 25, 2005 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Thursday, October 27, 2005, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. for Mothers (or Grandmothers) Only and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. open to the public. This will be a perfect time to get a head start on some Christmas shopping for those special people in your lives.



Craft Classes at Scot Hall on Tuesdays

Craft Classes are held on Tuesdays at Scot Hall at 5 p.m. Bobbie Strong is the leader. Shown above left to right are Marylou Cotney, Betty Carter, Karen Woolsey, Charlene Oquin, Liz Sanders and Irene Zaricor.

Medicare Cont. from page 1

Advantage Plans will combine drug coverage with broader health coverage. Beginning November 15, 2005 you can sign up for drug coverage. You probably should sign up by January 1, 2006 (if you determine you want to participate in the program) but there is no penalty for not signing up right away....after May 15, 2006 there will be a 1% penalty in premium per month. Participation is voluntary (unless you are currently covered by Medicaid...if covered by Medicaid, you will

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Breast Cancer affects on 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.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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—Julius Rosenwald

If all the rich people in the world divided up their money among themselves there wouldn't be enough to go around.

—Christina Stead

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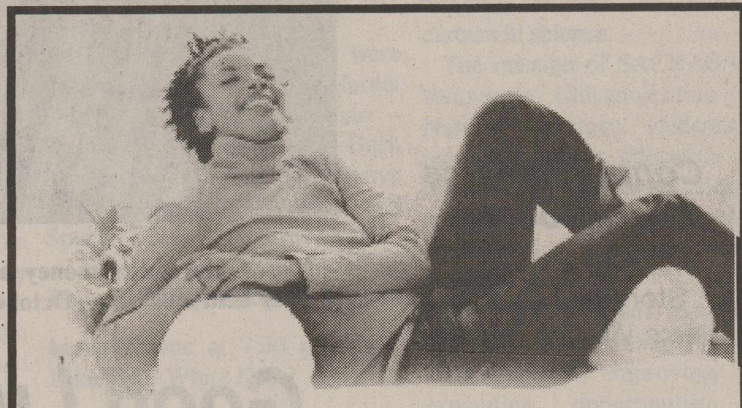
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Local Modern

Woodmen To Honor Hometown Hero

Local schoolteacher, Valda Burkhalter of Stratford, will soon be recognized for her dedication and countless hours of service to the school district. On October 25th, local Modern Woodmen Camp 12423 will honor Valda as a Hometown Hero.

Valda will be recognized through Modern Woodmen's Hometown Heros Program. As part of this program, members of the

Stratford Modern Woodman Camp will present Valda with a \$100 award grant, to be presented to the charitable organization of her choice.

Local Modern Woodmen members and their guests are invited to attend this event, which will be held at Elk Junction at 5:30, presentation at 6:00. For reservations, call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 by October 24th.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States. The organization's Stratford camp provides a number of volunteer service and social activities for local members.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meeting Schedule

When abuse and neglect occurs, end children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes, foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 6200 1-40 West, in Amarillo.

Riches may enable us to confer favours, but to confer them with propriety and grace requires a something that riches cannot give.

—Charles Colton

Good Luck
Elks

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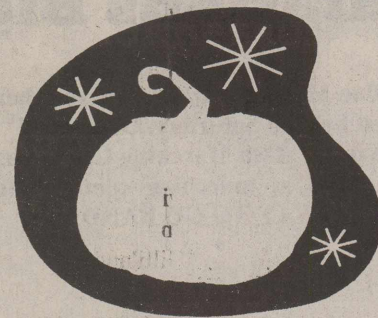
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Couple Celebrate 50 Years

Wayland and Betty Brown celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, October 9th, 2005. The two were married in Mt. Vernon, Illinois in 1955 then moved to Stratford the same year. They have lived in Stratford the majority of their marriage. Congratulations Wayland and Betty.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION October 11, 2005

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11th in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Joe Reinart Steve Hays Barney Willborn

Guests present were Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward, Mary Pat Williams and John Abbott.

Mr. Seward led the invocation. Mr. Gilliland introduced John Abbott of Shiver, Meggert and Associates.

Mr. Gilliland gave the district monthly recognition. It was as follows: Jordan Taylor has been selected as a Commended Student in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship program. A commended student is one that placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Congratulations Jordan.

Ten Stratford Junior High students have been selected to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Students are identified based on their TAKS scores from the previous two years. The goal of the TIP program is to motivate, enrich, and academically challenge some of our community's brightest young people. Qualifying for this year's talent search are Cathryn Arisano, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Michael Ortega, Tyler Wright, Heidi Brooks, Krystal Brown, Lindsay Confer, Matthew Correll and Tiffany Hughes. Congratulations to these students.

Scott Hudson was selected as the Amarillo Globe News player of the week after the Tulia game. Pablo Ibarra and Sandro Gomez were Honorable Mention. The Junior High Cross Country team placed 1st at the Hugoton meet and 2nd at the Sunray meets. Congratulations to these girls. Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletins for the next two weeks. The kindergarten through second grade teachers are currently having Parent conferences. They will do this again the second semester. Mr. Seward gave the Junior High report. He passed out a principal report including the current enrollment. Junior High football and cross country teams are doing well and having a lot of success. The first screening for the PASS series of test for the 5th and 8th graders has been complete. He passed out a report showing data results from these tests. Additional software will be purchased to help struggling readers. Mr. Haynes gave the High School report. He reported that the band will march in the Area Marching contest on Saturday at

12:18 PM at Dick Bivins stadium. The band boosters will have a barbeque fundraiser meal on Friday night before the football game. Mrs. Riffe will take her Spanish III students to a Spanish vocabulary concert in Lubbock next week. This trip is being funded through a grant she applied for through the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. He reported on the math department vertical alignment meeting that the Junior High and High School teachers have participated in. The fall festival will be on Saturday, October 22nd.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was 420. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 13.05% and revenue collected at 2.76%. Tax collections are at 96.59%. Enrollment for the district was as follows: Mary Alien Elementary - 256, Junior High - 170, and High School-203.

At 7:25 PM the board conducted a public hearing on the Financial

Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Rating. Mr. Gilliland explained the report and answered questions. The rating received was Superior.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Campus Plans were discussed. Mrs. Williams went over updates to the Mary Alien campus plan. Steve Hays made the motion and Jared McBryde seconded to accept the Mary Alien campus plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Seward presented the junior high campus plan. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the Junior High campus plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Haynes passed out the high school campus plan. Title I requirements were added to the plan. Jared McBryde the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the high school campus plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to delegate the authority to the superintendent for construction/renovation project. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on selecting a construction method. Mr. John Abbott of Shiver,

Meggert and Associates spoke to the board about different options. He talked about the advantages of the construction manager at-risk. Jared McBryde made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the construction manager at-risk method. Motion carried 7-0. Discussion was held on the project.

Nominations for the appraisal district board were discussed. Barney Willborn made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to nominate Gerald Wilhelm, Trisha Schoonover and Mark Hartman for the board. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland explained the tax roll from the Appraisal district. These are the final numbers from the appraisal district for the ensuing year. The value of the tax roll is \$369,010,404.00 with a tax levy of \$5,449,888.68. Jared McBryde made the motion and

Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the tax roll in the amount of \$369,010,404.00 with a tax levy of \$5,449,888.68. Motion carried 7-0.

Proposals for a freezer at the Mary Alien Elementary cafeteria were received from the following:

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Jeff Crippen has been contacted about the electrical work and will do this for \$2010.00.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the Golden Light proposal in the amount of \$17,031.00. Motion carried 7-0 SEE

Good Luck Elks

ATTACHMENT

Mr. Gilliland went over the TASB Legal Update 76 with changes as a result of the 79th Legislature. Discussion was held on the updates. Brent Spurlock made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept the TASB Legal Update 76. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the recipient of the XIT Rebate Program. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

List of Events for the Next few Months
Oct. 22 & 23, 2005

Whips & Wheels, First Annual, Traditional Day of Driving to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department & EMS
Call Ann Wells for more information at 396-2527 or visit, www.shermancountytx.org/driving

November 30th, 2005

Christmas Parade, the theme will be Christmas. Will start at dusk and all are invited to participate. Christmas Lighting Contest Everyone needs to have their lights up. Judges will be brought in from out of town to judge and awards for first, second, and third will be awarded.

December 3rd - 18th, 2005

Pheasant Hunt, landowners are encouraged to lease land for this hunt. This hunt brings in many people from all over the state of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. This is also a great way to show our town off and encourage return hunters. If you know of anyone who would like to participate as a landowner or hunter, please have them contact the office at 806-366-2260.

The Chamber says Goodbye to a Loyal Board Member

Mrs. Gaynelle Riffe has been a source of inspiration and support for the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. She has served as the Transportation Chairman for the past 7 years. Gaynelle has also gone out of her way to assist in the Memorial Day Services, 4th of July celebration, Jamboree, and Christmas Parade, since I started in October of 2003.

Gaynelle was someone I could count on to lend a helping hand. The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Gaynelle for her years of service and wish her the best as she continues to work on other projects here in Stratford.

to the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. Motion carried 7-0.

At 9:08 PM the board entered into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.082.

At 9:20 PM to board reconvened to open session.

Discussion was held on the Employee Appreciation Banquet,

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

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

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

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N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

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Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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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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Sherman County Citizens Emergency Response was the theme for the community meeting held October 10, 2005. Attendees were presented a program about the Sherman County Emergency Response System and how volunteers from the community fit into the plan to support the operations and activities of first responders. Judge Terri Carter and Mayor Pro-Tern George Harding addressed the group on the importance of supporting the first responders. The program was followed by a question and answer period. Citizens attending asking questions and making suggestions to better understand the importance of planning ahead and being prepared in the event a disaster situation occurs in our community and county.

Several of the attendees signed up to form an organization of volunteers to assist in disaster preparedness and response efforts and a meeting will be held in the near future to start a program of community volunteers.

Those attending the program were: Mayor Pro-Tern George Harding, Ernest Maiwald, Bobbie Strong, Kay Payne, Zelda Pickens, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Teresa Edmond, Ray & Lynda Hauser, Dean Hauser, Ronda Mathews, Dr. & Mrs. Jack Swain, Ann Wells, Kathy Altman, Jack Gore, Mervin Meidinger and Eddie Williams.



Community Meeting

Sherman County Citizens Emergency Response was the theme for the Community Meeting held October 10, 2005. A few of the attendees shown above are Kathie Altman, Ann Wells, Teresa Edmond, Bobbie Strong and Kay Payne. Presenting the Program was Sandy Williams, Standing.

Good Luck Stratford Elks



Elks In Action

Elks in Action began practices last Monday. Coach Johnny Hudson and Coach Lance Horsford instructed the kids on ball handling drills. Shown above Coach Hudson demonstrating one of the drills.

Book Fair To Be Held Soon

The Book Fair will be held in Sherman County Library this year. The hours are Sunday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. especially for teachers. Then on regular Library hours Oct. 24-27 for students and parents.

This was announced at GFWC/Prospectus Study Club when they met Oct. 5, D'Lynn Reed, president, conducted the business meeting.

A thank you note was read from Evan Haile. She had attended HOBY earlier this year.

An invitation has been received from Contemporary Study Club, Dalhart, to attend their 70th anniversary celebration on Nov. 5, 2 p.m., at Senior Citizens.

Present were D'Lynn Reed, Gina Jones, Paula Everett, Marsha Wright, Ann Johnson, Laurie Spurlock, Barbara Chumley, Linda Haynes, Sandy Baskin, Barbara Haile, Sonja Kendrick, Pat Hartman, Oline Caraway, Margaret Reed, Marylou McDaniel

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the TASB Fall Legal Seminar, and activity bus, the superintendent's house and the PAASB meeting to be held at the service center on October 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	JV BLUE	JV BOYS	V GIRLS	V BOYS
THUR	OCT 27	BLUE/WHITE SCRIMMAGE	HERE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
SAT	OCT 29	TEXLINE SCRIMMAGE	HERE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
MON	OCT 31	PAMPA SCRIMMAGE	PAMPA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
TUES	NOV 8	CANADIAN	HERE	6:00	7:30		
FRI	NOV 11	WEST TEXAS HIGH	HERE	6:00	7:30		
TUES	NOV 15	DALHART	HERE	5:00	6:30		
THUR-SAT	NOV 17-19	HIGHLAND PARK TOURN	THERE			TBA	TBA
THUR & SAT	NOV 17 & 19	CANADIAN JV TOURN	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
MON	NOV 21	WEST TEXAS HIGH	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	NOV 22	SPEARMAN	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
WED-SUN	NOV 23-27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS					
TUES	NOV 29	AMARILLO HIGHLAND PARK	HERE	5:30	7:00		TBA
TUES	NOV 29	TBA	HERE		TBA		TBA
THUR-SAT	DEC 1-3	LAKE MEREDITH CLASSIC	THERE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
THUR-SAT	DEC 1-3	GRUVER JV TOURN	THERE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
TUES	DEC 6	CHANNING	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
THUR-SAT	DEC 8-10	SPEARMAN JV TOURNAMENT	THERE	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
FRI	DEC 9	TULIA	HERE			6:00	7:30
TUES	DEC 13	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
FRI	DEC 16	TEXHOMA	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
MON	DEC 19	PERRYTON	HERE	5:00	6:30		
THUR-MON	DEC 22-JAN 2	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS					
WED-FRI	DEC 28-30	SLATON TOURNAMENT	SLATON			TBA	TBA
THUR-SAT	DEC 29-31	CAPROCK TOURNAMENT	LUBBOCK			TBA	TBA
TUES	JAN 3	DALHART	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
FRI	JAN 6	WHITE DEER	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	JAN 10	VEGA	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
FRI	JAN 13	SUNRAY	THERE	5:00	6:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	JAN 17	GRUVER	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
FRI	JAN 20	BOOKER	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	JAN 24	VEGA	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
FRI	JAN 27	WHITE DEER	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	JAN 31	GRUVER	THERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
FRI	FEB 3	SUNRAY	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
TUES	FEB 7	BOOKER	HERE	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
MON/TUES	FEB 13/14	BI-DIST FOR GIRLS	TBA				
THUR/FRI/SAT	FEB 16/17/18	AREA FOR GIRLS	TBA				
MON/TUES	FEB 20/21	BI-DIST FOR BOYS	TBA				
MON/TUES	FEB 20/21	REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS (GIRLS)	TBA				
THUR/FRI/SAT	FEB 23/24/25	AREA FOR BOYS	TBA				
FRI-SAT	FEB 24-25	SEMI-STATE TOURN (GIRLS)	LEVELLAND				
MON/TUES	FEB 27/28	REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS (BOYS)	TBA				
THUR-SAT	MARCH 2-4	STATE TOURN (GIRLS)	AUSTIN				
FRI-SAT	MARCH 3-4	SEMI-STATE TOURN (BOYS)	LEVELLAND				
THUR-SAT	MARCH 9-11	STATE TOURN (BOYS)	AUSTIN				

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	7TH GIRLS	8TH GIRLS	7TH BOYS	8TH BOYS
MON	NOV 7	CANADIAN	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	NA	NA
MON	NOV 14	VEGA	4:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 AWAY	7:00 AWAY
MON	NOV 21	GRUVER	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
MON	NOV 28	WHITE DEER	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY
MON	DEC 5	SUNRAY	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
MON	DEC 12	BOOKER	4:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 HOME	7:00 HOME
THURS	JAN 5	VEGA	4:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 HOME	7:00 HOME
MON	JAN 9	GRUVER	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY
THUR/SAT	JAN 12/14	SPEARMAN JH TOURN	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY
MON	JAN 16	WHITE DEER	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
SAT	JAN 21	SUNRAY JH TOURN	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY
MON	JAN 23	SUNRAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY
MON	JAN 30	BOOKER	4:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 AWAY	7:00 AWAY

Updated 10/15



Firemen Present Program

Stratford Fire Department presented a program to the 3rd graders at Mary Allen Elementary last week. Presenting the program were Fire Department members Ernest Maiwald and Dean Hauser.

(NAPS)—Diseases like West Nile virus may grab headlines but experts warn that much more common health threats exist at parks, playgrounds and even backyards. Parasites, like hookworms and roundworms, may be found in animal waste and may be transmitted to other dogs and to people. To protect your pet and your family, ask your veterinarian about HEART-GARD® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel), a product that treats and controls both roundworms and hookworms as well as protects against heartworm disease. To learn more, visit www.merial.com.

A diet including high-quality proteins, such as lean beef, lowfat dairy products and eggs, can improve the overall quality of your diet while helping you lose weight too. For more tips on how to incorporate high-quality protein into your diet, visit www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com.



BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com.

In an effort to decrease the number of lower-limb amputations occurring in the U.S., American Podiatric Medical Association has launched its "Knock Your Socks Off" campaign to encourage patients to ask their doctor to examine their feet as part of their regular checkup. For free foot-health information, contact the APMA at 1-800-FOOTCARE (1-800-366-8227) or visit www.apma.org.

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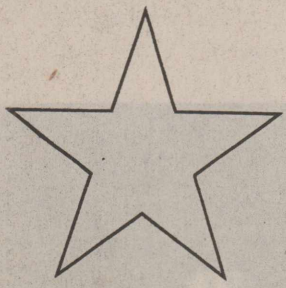
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Eta Alphas 22nd Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar, Saturday, October 29, 2005 Boise City, OK> North Main. 10:10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 580-544-2293. Commercial Spaces Available Arena. 10-26-p

We have a nice hot tub w/cover for sale: It is an indoor/outdoor that seats 5 adults. Seating type-Deep, different-level, bench-type seating plus moto-massage lounge. Dimensions are 6'4" by 7'5" by 29"H and holds 300 gallons of water. It has 5 jets total-1 moto-massage jet and 3-adjustable hydrotherapy jets. It also has a 110 volt, 1.5 kw stainless steel; requires dedicated 20 amp circuit. It weights 530 lbs dry, 3035 lbs. filled. We have original instructions and papers. You must have truck and trailer to move it yourself; we live 20 miles from Stratford. It has been in our garage unused for 3 years, but still works great; also still have some chemicals for it. \$1500-serious inquiries only!! Call 806-930-5249, 806-769-4482, or 806-753-6215. 10-13-p

CUB SCOUTS POPCORN
Once again Cub Scout Pack #38 is selling popcorn for their annual fundraiser. Please help support our Scouting program. For information or orders contact Audra @366-2451 and I will send a Scout to take your order. 10-20-c

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. 10-23-tfn

Wanted To Buy

Want to Buy: Used Pickup bed mat. Call 396-2305 10-13-tfn

Help Wanted

Need a little money? Like Kids?
Looking for strong friendly person to help with 2 toddlers occasionally. \$8 Hr/20-30 hrs. a mo. Interested? Call Valrie at 366-3007. References are required. 10-20-c

Help Wanted, Stratford Chamber of Commerce Manager, Part time, Minimum 20 hours a week, Computer literate, Excel, Word, Quicbooks Pro, good Organizational Skills, Salary negotiable, Interviews begin November 1st. Please submit resumes to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 570, Stratford, Texas 79084 or bring them by the office at 305 North Main Street, Stratford.

Good Luck Elks

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
Paula Everett-966-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
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11-24-c
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10-13-p
Tree trimming or removal. Call Dusty Stewart for a free bid. 366-7601.

6-9-tfn
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8-19-tfn
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10-20-c

For Rent

For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tfn

One bedroom completely furnished house for rent. Call 396-2125. 9-22-tfn

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House for Rent-2 Bdrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information. 5-12-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 nights. 1-28-tfn

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backgrounds, social status and religions.

Safe Place has placed "Red Ladies" in the counties we cover, Moore, Sherman, Dallam, & Hartley. Each "Red Lady" represents 1 % of the clients helped by Safe Place in a single year, because Safe Place annually serves 600 persons affected by Domestic Violence. There are 60 of the "Red Ladies".

Domestic Violence falls into 3 categories Physical (the "battering" we often think about) Mental / Emotional (talking about being 'stupid', restricting movement, isolation from friends and family Restrict financial recourses) and Sexual (demanding sex, strict gender roles).

You may help by (1) Believing it is happening, (2) Lend moral support, encourage her to leave the violent situation, (3) Contact the Police or Sheriff, and (4) Contact Safe Place.

Safe Place Inc. can and will help. Give us a call at 935-7585 or 935-2828 or 1-800-733-7553 and our Dalhart Outreach office at 249-5127.

To learn more about Safe Place Inc. and the programs that are offered. Contact Orby Brooks, Public Education Training Service Coordinator Safe Place Inc. 306 West 7th Dumas, Texas 79029, 806-935-7585, 806-934-1143 Fax

Houses for Sale

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

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

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

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 266-2401. 5-5-tfn

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 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270 9-22-tfn

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678. 6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569. 7-14-tfn

3 bd, 1 1/4 bath house, central H/A, w/fireplace, single car garage & carport. 601 N. Fulton. Call 753-7605 or 753-6587. 9-15-10-6-4xc

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Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$43,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools. \$110,000
Comer Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced. \$55,000
Home Well Cared for! This home has a second fireplace in the second living area. It had the plumbing upgrade in '05 with PVC by Master Plumber. It was treated approx. 1985 for termites, and again 2004. Water line replaced from meter to house in 2004. 43,500

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677. 7-28-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

Medicare Cont. from page 2

automatically be enrolled in a plan). After evaluating the cost vs. benefits of these plans, I feel that many people may be better off not participating in any of these plans. It will require a large monthly expenditure for prescription drugs to justify participation. I will illustrate this later. Now, if you are currently covered by Medicaid you will want to continue to participate (RX coverage by Medicaid will discontinue on 12-31-05. You will be automatically changed over to one of these plans this fall, and may have received this information already). The thing you MUST check on, however, is what plan you were auto-enrolled in. You will have until 12-31-05 to change to the plan you want if you are not satisfied with the plan you were auto-enrolled in.

There are dozens of plans that have been approved nation-wide, but only 20 plans have been approved for the Texas region. Importantly, only one plan will never require you to mail-order your prescriptions. If you want to continue to have the freedom you now have to choose your pharmacy, there is no choice. Only the COMMUNITY CARE RX plan allows you to get your Medicine where you want, there is no mail-order requirement...ever! With Community Care RX Plans, you still have the freedom of choice in your pharmacy and

receive drug coverage benefits also, regardless of the number of prescriptions drugs you need, or the length of time you need refills on your prescriptions. Many plans allow you to get one or two prescriptions for a certain medication from your local pharmacy, then require you to mail-order it from then on. Some of you may have been required to use mail-order pharmacies in the past...you know how inconvenient it can be with long waits to get your meds and the requirement to pay for 3 months of medicine in advance. With the Community Care RX Card you can get either one, two, or three months of your prescription filled through any local pharmacy, and they will process any benefit you are entitled to.

Next week I plan on giving an explanation of how the program works as to cost vs. benefits.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank everybody for their prayers, calls and cards, food and visits after my eye surgery and before. I thank God for the nicest people he has close to me. May God Bless you'll.
Connie DeAnda

Money frees you from doing things you dislike. Since I dislike doing nearly everything, money is handy.
—Groucho Marx

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Sherman, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Sherman, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 8, 2005 for voting in a Special Election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 8 de noviembre de 2005 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la emmiendas propuestas constitucionales asi como fueron sometidas por la 79a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de las Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Pct. 101 County Barn at Lautz
Pct. 102 Sherman County Library
Pct. 201 Sherman County Barn
Pct. 202 Precinct 2 County Barn
Pct. 301 Stratford Ambulance Building
Pct. 302 Elementary School at Texhoma
Pct. 401 County & District Courtroom

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Office of County Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

beginning on October 24, 2005 and ending on November 4, 2005. (La votacion adulated en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en: Oficiale Secretario del Condado entre las 8:00 de la manana al mediodia 12:00 y 1:00 al 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 24 de octubre 2005 y germinant el 4 de noviembre de 2005) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adulated por correo deberan enviarse a)

Gina Jones
PO Box 270
Stratford, TX 79084

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 11, 2005.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 11 de octubre, 2005) Issued this the 13th day of October, 2005 (Emitada este dia 13 de octubre, 2005)

Terri Beth Carter
Signature of County Judge (Firma de la Jueza del Condado)

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested Vendors for a used Activity Bus. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM October 10, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084. Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on October 10, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear advantageous, and to waive all formalities in bidding.

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Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Stratford Independent School District will accept qualification proposals for Architecture projects for Campus Improvements. According to proposal criteria by Stratford ISD sealed proposals will be received at:

Stratford ISD Administration Office
503 North 8th Street
Stratford, TX 79084
UNIL 2:00 PM, October 10, 2005

We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear advantageous, and to waive all formalities in bidding.

Proposal documents may be obtained from:

Mr. Tim Gilliland
Stratford Independent School District
503 North 8th Street
Stratford, TX 79084
Phone: 806-366-3300
Fax: 806-366-3304

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Mark your calendar! Kerrick community will have their Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1 p.m.

If you are needing pecans, contact Jo June McDaniel this week!

Jo June McDaniel went with Whit & Jean McDaniel to Canon City, CO., for the wedding of Whit's daughter, Tasha to Shaun Hearn. The wedding was Saturday, Oct. 15.

A small group enjoyed dinner and visiting Sunday at the Community Center. It was good to have Ralph Hampton there with his motor chair. Also, Minnie, Ralph James & Annette.

Others were Bill St Donna Gillenwaters, Bill & Pat Boren, Leo & Elaine Home, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Mary & Dudley Hill, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Lois Gamer, Marylou, Mike & Merilee McDaniel.

Good Luck Stratford Elks

Football-Elk Style



ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Glass reports that Brown's Meat Locker donated meat for the Anatomy students to create muscle tissue slides. The students dissected hearts, intestines and skeletal muscles to stain and look at under a microscope.

It's UIL time again, and students are already working hard in 7th and 8th grade Impromptu Speaking and Ready Writing coached by Barbara Haile. In Impromptu Speaking, students have a total of three minutes to choose a topic and create a speech that they will present to a judge. Students are judged on creativity, organization, and delivery. In Ready Writing, students are given two topics to choose from, and they must write a well-organized composition in which they express themselves clearly. Both contests take a great deal of skill and practice.

For 8th grade English classes, rough drafts for book reports are due October 28. They will be typed in Mrs. Seward's computer classes and are due to turn in on November 4th.

Mrs. Seward's 7th grade Reading: We have started the novel *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor. We are also working on vocabulary building skills and will focus on main idea for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Seward's 8th grade Technology Applications: We are now working on the top row keys. When we finish those, we will move on to some of the Microsoft applications.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th and 6th grade math classes have started using their "Measuring Up" workbooks. These are books that

help us prepare for the TAKS test that we will take in the spring. They are harder than our regular math book and will help us get ready for TAKS!

Just a reminder - 3rd week grades went out last Monday.

Mrs. Everett's Biology students are classifying orders with their insect collections.

Mrs. Gilliland's science classes are studying bats. We had a special guest this week—a real live bat. Holton Butler found it hanging on the back wall of Mary Allen Elementary. Pretty cool, huh?

The Food and Nutrition Classes have been learning about quick breads and yeast breads. The students have made pancakes, waffles, biscuits (homemade), cinnamon rolls and will also be making pies from homemade pie crust. The Personal and Family Development class has been learning basic sewing skills and will be making a pillow in blanket for their project.

The Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Burr and Mrs. Wheeler went to the Pumpkin Patch in Etter on Friday. The Kindergartners each brought \$1.00 and got to pick the pumpkin of their choice!! They had lots of fun!!!!

Mrs. Griffin has begun high school Number Sense and Calculator every Monday morning at 7:30. Those who are interested in trying out for the teams will be working on these UIL events all year on Monday's.

The third grade had a visit from some very important people in town. In honor of Fire Prevention Week, Dean Hauser, Ernie Maiwald, and Eddie Williams brought a fire truck to Mary Allen Elementary. The third graders were given fire safety tips, fire prevention tips and instructions on what to do in case of a fire in their homes.

They were also given some goodies to take home. Mrs. Duke's writing class will write some interesting stories about this visit so look for these in the halls of MAE. Thank you to our fire fighters! We appreciate you and all that you do. Special thanks also goes to Ronda Mathews for setting up this special opportunity for our third graders.

On Thursday out 7th, 8th, and JV football teams play White Deer here beginning at 5:00 p.m. Our Varsity plays White Deer



Connor Vincent gave the pep talk on Friday, October 14th at the pep rally.



#19 Case Crabtree

The Stratford Elks tromped Booker 54-0 on Friday, October 14th.

Hunter Buckles completed 2 of 3 passes for 55 yards and Brant Cummings completed 1 of 3 passes for 12 yards.

Buckles also carried the ball for 107 yards on 7 carries and scored two touchdowns followed by Craig Kautz with 59 yards on 4 carries and one touchdown. Brady Bell carried the ball for 49 yards on 4 carries and scored one touchdown and Gustavo Rosales added 46 yards on 6 carries and scored two touchdowns for the Elks.

Case Crabtree led in receptions with 50 yards on 2 catches followed by Jerold Frizzell with 17 yards on 1 catch. Jonathan Licon added 6 PAT's for the Elks.

The Elks defense was led by Jonathan Licon with 11 tackles followed by Craig Kautz and Pablo Ibarro with 7 tackles each, Andrew Correll and Steven Rueda with 6 tackles each, Brady Bell, Gustavo Rosales, Jeffery Frizzell, Sandro Gomez and Scott Hudson each had 4 tackles each. Steven Rueda, Jonathan Licon, Gustavo Rosales, Sandro Gomez, Rudy Portillo and Connor Vincent each finished the night with a quarterback sack. Interceptions were made by Scott Hudson with two and Case Crabtree with one. Hudson and Crabtree each scored a touchdown off the interceptions. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Gilbert Reta and Brant Cummings.

Players of the Week were Offensive Back - Hunter Buckles; Offensive Lineman - Brandon Davis; Defensive Back - Craig Kautz; Defensive Lineman - Jonathan Licon and Special Teams - Andrew Correll.

The Elks will travel to White Deer on Friday, October 21st with kick-off time at 7:30 p.m. Go Elks, Beat White Deer!

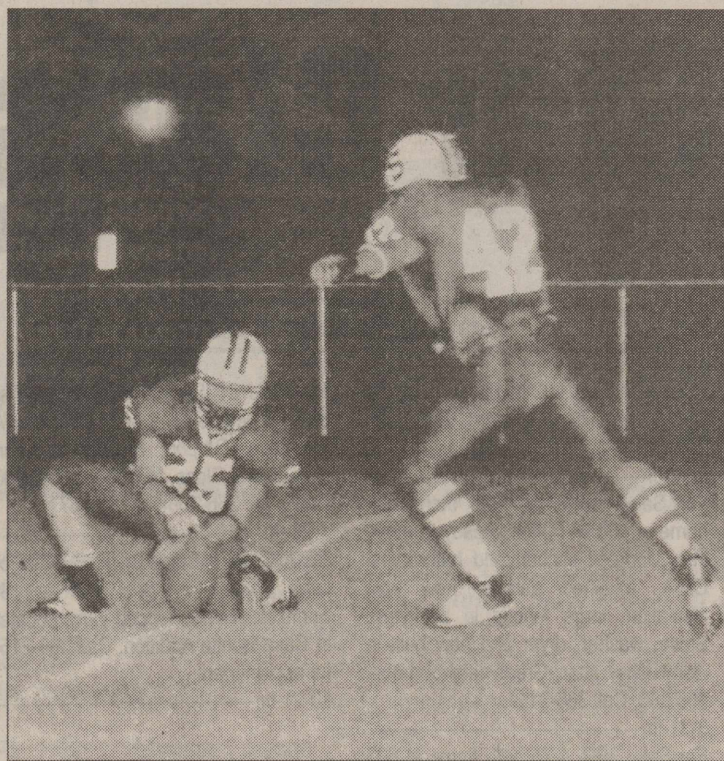
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Equations are just the boring part of mathematics. I attempt to see things in terms of geometry.

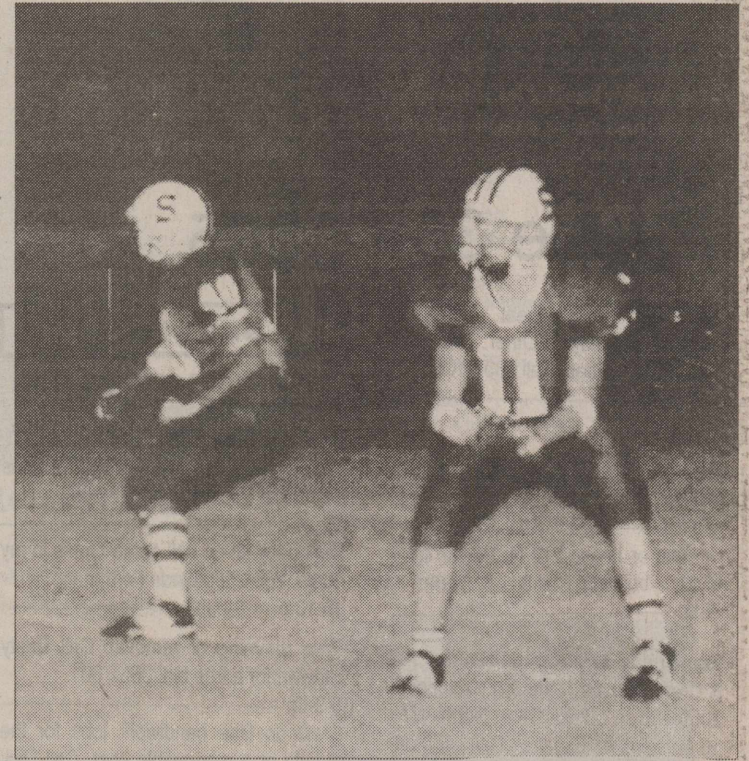
—Stephen Hawking

there on Friday at 7:30.

Senior slave sales are complete. Both banks, many community business, and several individuals bought seniors. Come to the Fall Festival this Saturday and continue to support the Senior class. The Senior Supper is from 5:30-7:30, Coronation and Skit begin at 7:30 followed by the Carnival, which closes at 10:00 p.m. Seniors get to clean up at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.



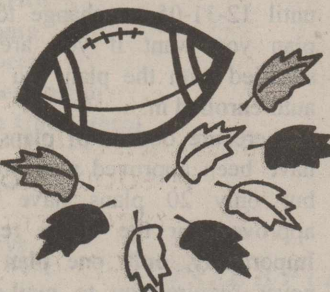
#25 Scott Hudson holds the football as Jonathan Licon kicks an extra point last Friday against Booker.



#40 Pablo Ibarro and #11 Craig Kautz get ready on defense against Booker.



#7 Brant Cummings



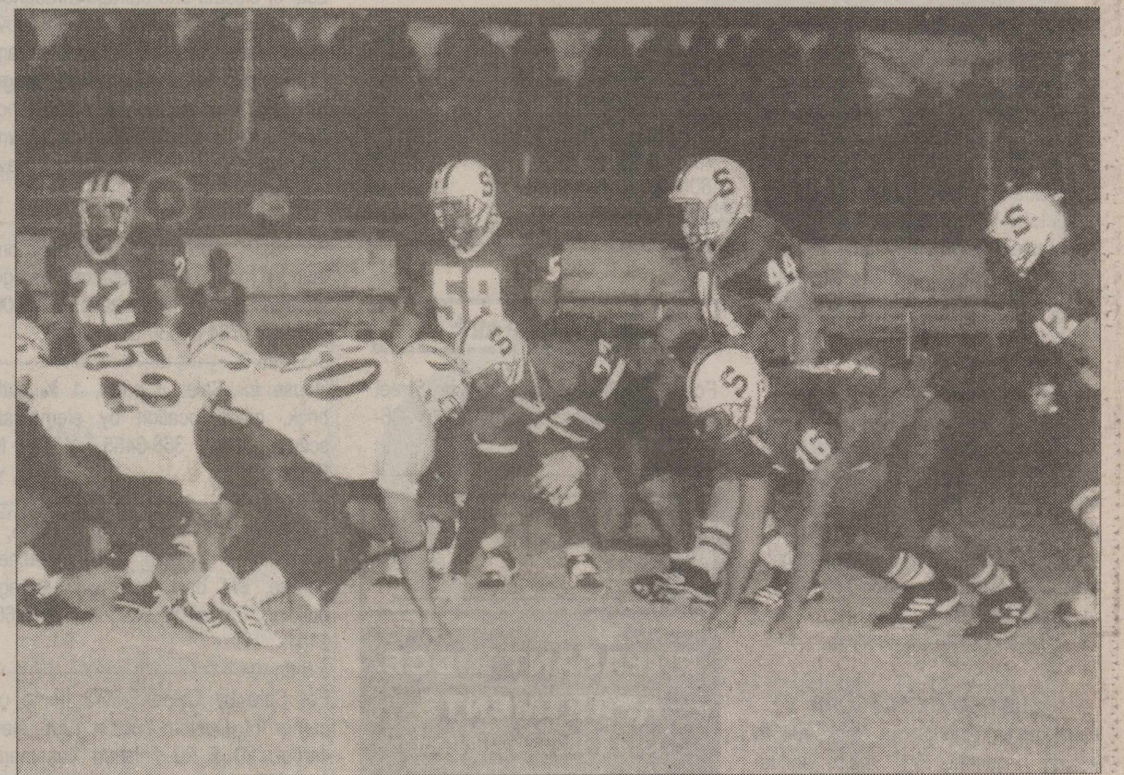
North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Conducts Water Conservation Educational Workshops at National SACNAS Conference

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) personnel were recently invited to conduct teacher workshops about water and water conservation at the national SACNAS conference in Denver, Colorado. SACNAS, the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, is a national science organization with a focus on encouraging minority students in pursuing careers in science.

The mission of SACNAS is to encourage Chicano/Latino and Native American students to pursue graduate education and obtain the advanced degrees necessary for science research, leadership, and teaching careers at all levels.

For over 30 years, SACNAS has provided strong national leadership in improving and expanding opportunities for minorities in the scientific workforce and academia; mentoring college students within science, mathematics and engineering; as well as supporting quality pre-college science education. SACNAS' annual National Conference and K-12 Teacher Workshops, student chapters, e-Mentoring Program, and online in attendance included residents of every state from California to Wisconsin and from Texas & New Mexico north to Montana.

The SACNAS Conference in Denver was attended by approximately 1700 participants, including many scientists and researchers and a large number of college graduate students who come to present their research and make contact with mentors to internship/job placement resources are tools that help a diverse community of undergraduate and graduate students, professors, administrators, and K-12 educators achieve expertise



Stratford Elks #22 Jeffrey Frizzell, #58 Steven Rueda, #77 Rudy Portillo, #44 Brady Bell, #76 Sandro Gomez, and #42 Jonathan Licon line up on defense in the Elks 54-0 win over Booker on Friday, October 14th. The Elks are now 1-1 in District play.

within their disciplines.

In May of 2005, the White House announced that SACNAS is among the recipients of the 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM), a program supported and administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) NPWD Education Coordinator, Rhonda Artho was invited to present two days of teacher workshops on water and water conservation at this year's national conference. Sergio Rodriguez, Field Operations Coordinator for NPWD also attended and helped with the workshops.

"We were thrilled to be invited to present water conservation curriculum to teachers from across the United States," states Mrs. Artho. "No matter where you go in our country, water is an issue, whether it is water quantity or water quality. Our goal through our educational outreach programs at NPWD is to get water curriculum into the classroom so that all children are learning about the importance of their water resources and their role in protecting them for future generations."

Mrs. Artho had previously attended a SACNAS Conference in Washington, D.C. as one of the K-12 teachers, and this year had the opportunity to conduct one of the workshops. Teacher-

advise them as they pursue their goals in science. Keynote speakers at the conference included Carl Weiman, PhD., who received the Nobel Prize for

math, and Jeremy Berg, PhD., Director of the National Institute of General Medical Science, National Institutes of Health.

The K-12 Teacher Workshops are sponsored by SACNAS, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Indian Health Service, the Sloan Foundation, the National Security Agency and many others. K-12 science educators receive conference travel scholarships that are funded by these sponsors. SACNAS and the other conference sponsors also paid the travel and lodging expenses for the North Plains Water District personnel to present the workshops at the conference in Denver.

Other K-12 workshop presenters included personnel from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, National Wildlife Federation, Oregon State University, Monterey Bay Aquarium, National Institutes of Health, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of San Diego, Niagara University, Kennesaw State University, American Chemical Society, and the University of Utah.

"It was a wonderful experience" says Rhonda Artho. "We met some great teachers from all across the United States who were very enthusiastic about bringing water conservation curriculum back to their own classrooms, and that's what we're here to encourage. I hope we get the chance to participate in this conference again in the future."

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 free 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.

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