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## Early Voting Is Now Underway In Sherman County

Early voting will begin October 23, 2000 (Monday) at the County and District Clerk's office, in the Courthouse. **LAST DAY TO VOTE EARLY BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2000.**

Any registered voter can early vote, you do not have to have a reason, excuse or be absent from the county.

There are 1,773 registered voters in Sherman County, there was just about 9 to 10% of the voters turned out in the last two elections.

**PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE. TURN OUT ON NOVEMBER 7TH TO HELP ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CANDIDATES OF THE LOCAL LEVEL. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE. 366-2371.**

## Mexican Dinner Nov. 5, 2000

Coming St. Joseph's Mexican Dinner November 5, 2000.

## Annual Christmas In November- Nov. 2

Come celebrate "CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS" at the annual Extension Education Clubs and Council Christmas in November Thursday, November 2, 2000. The event will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

The Holiday Showcase will open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a variety of exhibitors that will offer items to spark your Christmas gift list. Programs to inspire your creativity will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Christmas Tidbits and Aquatic Gardens.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for \$7.00 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$6.00 from any club member. A child ticket is \$2.00. Take out plates will be available.

A 1:00 p.m., "MOMS, Makers of Memories" will be presented. The presentation will focus on the importance of family holiday traditions. The inspiration filled day will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Bazaar items to be offered by exhibitors include Victorian items, baked goods, stuffed animals, snowmen, hand embroidered items, decorated T-shirts, fine arts, gift items, Christmas Decorations, gift baskets, Mountain Man candy and snacks. Hand crafted sterling silver jewelry will also be available.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension Office, 366-2122.

## Veterans Day Program At School Nov. 10

SHS Student Council will be having a Veterans' Program on Friday, November 10 at 10 a.m. in the new gym at Stratford High School. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy.

## Good Luck At Regional Cross Country Meet Nov. 4th



Study Club members that helped serve at the GFWC/Prospectus Study Club fund-raising Spaghetti Supper held on Friday, October 27th were from left, Margaret Reed, Ann Johnson, ViAnn Reed, and Linda Haynes. The Study Club is raising money for new playground equipment for Pendleton Park.



Water standing in bar ditches was a welcome sight for the area. Reports ranging from 3 to 8 inches have been reported for Sherman County and more rain is predicted.



Serving desserts at the Spaghetti Supper from left, Laurie Spurlock and LaVelle Haggard.

**SWINE VALIDATION DAY  
TUESDAY, NOV 14  
3:59 - 7:01 P.M.**

**COUNTY ANIMAL BARN  
BRING MONEY FOR VALIDATION FEE**

## Financial Aid Night

All junior and senior parents are invited to attend Financial Aid Night on November 13th in the high school auditorium. Mr. Dave Corely, from Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center in Canyon, Texas will be the speaker. Mr. Corely will guide parents through the federal financial aid process. All types of federal and state financial aid will be discussed. Parents attending will receive a copy of the Stratford High School Post Secondary Planning Guide. This guide contains information on selecting a college, university or vocational/technical school, financial aid, scholarships and testing dates. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## Trap Shoot Dec. 9th

There will be a Trap Shoot December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at Stratford Shooting Club at Stratford Country Club.

- \*50 Bird Shoot for \$50.00
- \*3 Divisions
- \*Prizes to be given for each division, also prizes to be drawn.
- \*Everyone welcome
- \*Free meal for shooters at 12:30
- \*Practice at 1 p.m.
- \*Shoot at 2 p.m.
- \*Weather permitting.

Proceeds to benefit the Sherman County 4-H Sporting Club.

Contact: Jimmy Gillenwaters 727-4628 or 753-7850 for more information.

## Walk Across Texas Program Ends

**WALK ACROSS TEXAS**, an eight week exercise program ended October 31, 2000. A celebration to recognize teams and their accomplishments will be held on November 9th.

Program participants are asked to turn in their completed individual Mileage Logs and Wrap-up to the team captain no later than **November 2, 2000**. Team captains will submit the mileage logs and wrap-ups to the County Extension Office no later than **12 Noon, Monday, November 6th**.

Celebration and Awards Program will be held **Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Participants will be recognized and special awards will be presented. All **WALK ACROSS TEXAS** participants are encouraged to attend.

## November Scholarship Deadlines

Target All-Around Scholarship-seniors with a 2.0 GPA and volunteer service activities November 1st.

Guideposts' Young Writers Contest-1200 word manuscript-November 27th.

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Greatness knows itself.  
—William Shakespeare,  
Henry IV, Part 1  
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Winners of the Tackiest costumes at the SCOT Luncheon held on Thursday, October 26th were from left, Faye Bell, Dicy Stephenson, Grace Trainham, Wanda Woolsey, Oline Caraway, and Jack Gore.

## Remember To Vote

### TxDOT Hosted Town Meeting Oct. 24

The Department of Transportation held a public meeting Tuesday, October 24 at the High School Cafeteria.

The meeting was two fold. One-the City will enter the planning stage of an Enhancement Program concerning Main Street and Two-add two lanes to U.S. 287 for safety in turning off U.S. Hwy 287 between U.S. Hwy. 54, north to 8th St. connecting the existing 4 lane Highways at each end.

Approximately 25 to 30 persons attended the meeting with some enthusiasm for the Main Street Enhancement Program and mixed comments for the project on Hwy. 287.

### Concerning U.S. Hwy 287

The Texas Department of Transportation will not progress in a city unless a major safety issue must be addressed and the majority of the community supports the need.

History: U.S. Hwy. 287 was developed to a 4 lane divided Hwy. in 1983-84. The plan was to continue to the Oklahoma border. The community voiced a negative attitude about taking out the trees and encroaching on the existing homes. The project was stopped at U.S. Hwy 54 intersection and parking was not allowed on U.S. Hwy 287 to improve safety on the highway. The 1990 to 1998 traffic

counts shows an increase of Truck Traffic on U.S. Hwy 287 by over 75% to approximately 1400 trucks per day. Total traffic increase is approximately 50%.

Safety has become an issue again. Should U.S. Hwy 287 be widened to 4 lane by another 6 ft. on each side or should a by-pass be (one mile east) be considered? The Texas Department of Transportation needs the community comments.

Comments may be mailed to Texas Department of Transportation, Mark Tomlinson, P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708 Note: U.S. Hwy 287 or comment form may be picked up at the Highway Department.

Note: The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor route (I-27, U.S. 287 to I-70 and Denver), Federal Transportation language identifies the route only to Dumas because of controversy and alternate route U.S. 87 to I-25 which would be Ports-to-Mountains.

### Concerning Enhancement Program for Main Street:

The City ask for volunteers to serve on a Task Force to address the needs of Main Street: drainage, curbs-gutters, brick streets, lighting, sidewalks etc. Contact the City if you have an interest in this project. The Enhancement Program is financed by 80% State and 20% City.

## Coming Soon: Holiday Parade Of Homes

Plans are underway for the annual Holiday Parade of Homes sponsored by Nu Beta Sorority. This year's event is set for Sunday, December 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 and features the homes of Steve and Barbara Dettle, Doug and Joyce McBryde, Jimmy and Ineta Chesher and Ronald and Marihoward Engelbrecht. Tickets will be \$5.00 and can be purchased that day at any of the homes. Proceeds from this fundraiser support many local organizations and provide scholarships for SHS graduates. We invite you to be a part of this year's festivities and come view these beautiful homes at their holiday best.

## Parents & Senior Pep Rally Nov. 10th

Parents Pep Rally & Senior Pep Rally will be held Friday, November 10th. Stratford VS Nazareth game. Parents need to be at High School Gym at 3:00 p.m., no later than 3:10 p.m.

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Blanche Horrell Spurlock

**Boy Scouts Selling Popcorn Again**

**Pass It On!**

**Obit**

**Bernard John Wilhelm**

Tucumcari, NM—Bernard "Bert" John Wilhelm, 71, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2000, in Amarillo, Texas.

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Monday, October 30, 2000 in Brooks Funeral Directors Chapel in Canyon, Texas. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth, Texas, with the Rev. James McGhee, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Dalhart, Texas, officiating, and Jerome Brockman, deacon of the church, assisting. Burial was in Umbarger Catholic Cemetery at Umbarger, Texas.

Mr. Wilhelm was born in Waterflow and graduated from Nazareth High School in 1946.

A farmer, he moved to Tucumcari in 1953, to Umbarger in 1961, and to Dalhart in 1975. He returned to Tucumcari in 1988.

From 1981 until 1988, he was a self-employed truck driver. In Tucumcari, he was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

His son, Marian Wilhelm, preceded him in death.

He married Christina Friemel in 1952 at Umbarger.

Survivors include four daughters, Janet M. Reinart of Stratford, Texas, Judy C. Head of Opafo, Ala., Joyce M. Lutz, kin of Grapevine, Texas and Jennifer L. Wilhelm of Irving, Texas; seven sons, Andrew of Henderson, CO., Lloyd H. Wilhelm of Aztec, Daniel R. Wilhelm and Tim J. Wilhelm, both of Amarillo, Wade B. Wilhelm of San Diego, Gerald F. Wilhelm of Dalhart, and Edwin A. Wilhelm of Dumas, Texas; a sister, Ruth Kuhler of Amarillo; 35 grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

**David Newcomb**  
Services Pending At Presstime

Sunray, TX—Blanche Horrell Spurlock, age 86 died Sunday, October 29, 2000 at Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Services were held on Tuesday, October 31, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Sunray with Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor, First United Methodist church of Pampa officiating, assisted by Rev. John Westman, pastor, of First United Methodist Church of Sunray, Texas.

Interment was in Lane Memorial Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Spurlock was born February 16, 1914 in Amarillo, Texas. She was a Sunray, Texas resident since 1947. She was a homemaker and member of First United Methodist Church in Sunray.

She married Harvey Spurlock on October 1, 1931 at Stratford, Texas, he preceded here in death on June 9, 1982.

She is survived by one son: W.A. Spurlock of Sunray, Texas; One daughter and her husband Dixie & Richard Bucy of Sunray; Two brothers Herbert Folsom of Alabama and Arthur Folsom Jr. of Amarillo. One sister: Lorene Spurlock of the Spurlock Community, Texas.

Four grandchildren: Dale Bucy of Krum, Texas; Beth Killebrew of Hereford, Texas; Jay Spurlock of Sunray, Julie Sutterfield of Amarillo, and Six great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter in law, Carolyn Spurlock on August 29, 2000 and a granddaughter Marietta Ariola.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Box 306, Sunray, TX 79086 or a favorite charity.

**Lovetts Return From Trip To Mississippi**

Mary and George Lovett have returned from a visit to Biloxi, MS. They brought his sister Myra B. Davis for a months visit.

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The Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America is selling popcorn again this year! It marks the Council's 17th year of taking part in "America's Popcorn Sale." Scouts in the top 24 counties of the Texas panhandle and the 3 counties of the Oklahoma panhandle will be knocking on doors starting October 30th as they kick off their annual sale of Scouting's exclusive "Trails End" brand of gourmet popcorn. The sale lasts through November 20.

Last year Cub and Boy Scouts in the Golden Spread Council sold over 42,000 containers of Trails End Popcorn and raised more than \$335,000 for Council and local scout unit activities. The Council has set a goal of \$350,000 for this year's sale.

**Why do we sell popcorn?**

**POPCORN PROVIDES** income that helps us serve 7000 Scouts in 27 Texas and Oklahoma counties...Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers.

**POPCORN PROVIDES** programs and activities that our area young people might not experience any other way...because Scouting is sometimes the only place where youngsters learn values they can keep the rest of their lives.

**POPCORN PROVIDES** revenue to support programs where young people can safely go to camp, explore, and learn.

**Over 70% of all sale proceeds go toward supporting local Scouting!**

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The Golden Spread Council will be happy to provide an "on air" spokesman to explain our annual Scout Popcorn sale. Please Contact Bob Altman, Council Development Director, for more information. Phone 806-358-6500 Fax 806-358-7470 E-mail gspread@arn.net Address 401 Tascosa Rd. Amarillo, TX. 79124.

(NAPS)—Remember as a child playing the game pass it on? Somebody would whisper a secret in your ear and then say, "Pass it on." Well, it's no secret this year that Random Acts of Kindness Week is November 6-13, with November 10 being Random Acts of Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is Monday, November 13. Here is your chance to be a kid again!



**Pass It On!**

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Perhaps this is what Mother Teresa had in mind when she said: "Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."

Unity supports the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation by sharing the message of kindness with its ministries and friends around the world.

Practice random acts of kindness daily. "Pass it on!"

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for  
County Commissioner  
Precinct No. 1

**November 7, 2000**

Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for by Sandy Tillery, Rt. 2, Box 10, Stratford, TX 79084

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**SHERIFF JACK HAILE**

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**General Election**  
November 7, 2000

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## Scot Scribbles

By Mary Hill

Greetings! It's been a long, long time! What month is this, anyway? Well, anyway, things are still happening at SCOT Hall.

You know, if you missed the October luncheon, you missed seeing some really TACKY folks. Really, there were those who took the tacky theme seriously, and they came up with some very tacky costumes, providing fun for all. Oline's readings were very entertaining, as well. The food was good and plentiful, so it was a pleasant way to spend a noon hour.

Those who went on the foliage tour and to the Lone Star Ballet performance report that both those trips were truly enjoyed by those who attended.

The BIG Thing coming up next at SCOT Hall is the depression supper and silent auction. Mark your calendars for November 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. If you like beans and cornbread, this is the place for you. (There will also be plenty of wonderful desserts). This is for everyone--not just SCOTTERS. Tickets are \$5 and \$2.50--and you will have a chance to bid on some priceless items in the silent a auction. Come on down! See what we have!

The November luncheon will be another great occasion, with Prospectus Study Club in charge, serving turkey and trimmings. This will be November 16, and we wouldn't want to miss this, would we?

There is talk of a Christmas party coming up, also--with gag gifts, refreshments and fun things going on. The date is December 9 at 7 p.m. Another date to remember.

Of course, there are always some things that aren't so much fun. We have a leaky roof, so the wonderful rain that we enjoyed so much has caused some damage, mostly in the pool room. We will be dealing with some expense here in having repair-work done.

Also, new carpet for the office and pool room is being considered. That seems like a good idea.

Saturday night's dance was a fun time, with a few costumes and great refreshments. The crowd was smaller than usual. We'll blame the weather for that. We still like the rain, though it's not real nice for senior citizens to drive in at night. Anyway, everyone had a good time, the music was good, and we hope for a larger crowd next time. By the way, we welcome newcomers, so if you like to dance, come give us a try. We need you! We don't bar the door when someone "younger" comes in, either!

Another regular activity is the monthly birthday party. The October party was well attended, with everyone enjoying visiting and the cake and cookies provided by the hostesses.

Keep all these things in mind, and we'll see you around.

## Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford High School, 503 N. 8th (next to the Business office, in Stratford on November 16 and December 13, 2000.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. They key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and for more information.

performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

### CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2, 2000

BAZAAR 9:30 - 2:30

PROGRAMS 10:00 - 11:30 & 1:00-2:00

TURKEY DINNER 11:45 - 12:30

CALL EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

366-2122

## National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

When he asked me out, it was a dream come true. I still can't believe I am dating him. We are so happy, he doesn't push me as much anymore, the screaming isn't as loud, and he lets me see my friends-some. Whoever said high school isn't the best years of your life. What some young people think is love and admiration is really abuse and control. Know the difference between a good relationship and a bad relationship. This is a reminder that domestic violence can affect all relationships, even teens.

Some people think that domestic violence is not very severe--just a slap every now and then. But did you know that it is one of the leading causes of injury to women in the United States? In fact more than 50 percent of all American women are battered at some time in their lives. In nearly 70 percent of families where women are battered children are battered as well.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. Show your support for ending violence in our homes by wearing a purple ribbon throughout the month. FREE ribbons are available at many community locations. For more information call SAFE PLACE at 249-5127. If you think there's nothing you can do about domestic violence, you're wrong. Take a Stand Any Way YOU Can. Domestic Violence-it is YOUR Business.

## Study Club News

GFWC/TFWC Top of Texas District Meeting was held at Amarillo Federated Clubhouse on Oct. 21. The informative session was conducted by Debbie Kruse, Dalhart, district president.

ViAnn Reed gave information on M.D. Anderson. Margaret Reed showed a video on "Operation Smile" which is TFWC President's Special Project.

GFWC Junior Project is "Keep Children Safe". D'Lynn Reed sent information on this which Marylou McDaniel distributed. Mrs. McDaniel also called attention to the various contests and awards available and encouraged clubs in public relations.

Stratford's GFWC/Prospectus Study Club is a member of General Federation of Women's Clubs.

## Northridge Mini-Bazaar

The fall chill has finally arrived scattering fallen leaves and grinning pumpkins along its way, and while cooler weather leads to cozy thoughts of approaching holidays, Guymon's annual Northridge Mini-Bazaar will also soon be under way.

Co-organizers of the bazaar, Fonda Clumsky, owner of Chilies 'N More, and Sandy Mauldin, owner of Shear Perfection, expect the event to be even bigger than last year's with approximately 50 booths showcasing handcrafted ware, good food and a host of other fall and holiday decorating and gift ideas.

All proceeds will be donated to Cheri Keith who needs a kidney and pancreas transplant.

The Northridge Mini-Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 5, from 12-5 p.m. at Ramey Seed Co. (the old Coke plant) at 504 NE 4th in Guymon.



Paulette Palmer was honored with a 50th Birthday Party at A&I Parts Center on Monday, October 23rd. Paulette is shown above with her customized cane she received for one of her gifts. Paulette actually turned 50 on Friday, October 20th. Happy Birthday Paulette.

## Vote-

## High School News Technology Opportunities At SHS

Currently students at Stratford HS can take classes to prepare themselves for the technology workforce. Each class prepares students to ultimately become certified as specific technicians. The Cisco academy, taught by Mr. Dan Hembree, can result in a networking certification. The A+ class can result in a certification showing that the student has mastered a basic competence in supporting PCs.

A+, a self-paced class is available to all interested students. The course consists of a series of seven videos that may be viewed and reviewed as needed. In addition a set of four CD-ROMs are available. The information available on the CD-ROMs consist of a pre-test, several thousand possible test questions for review, and a post-test. The information on the CDs can be reviewed as often as necessary until the student feels comfortable with the information. Several computers, which are no longer in use, are provided for the students to "work" on.

A+ is a certification sponsored by CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association. Virtually every major company of consequence is a member of CompTIA. A+ certification is considered to be the de-facto requirement for entrance in the PC industry. A+ Certification shows that you have a basic competence in supporting microcomputers. The goal is to test what is generally assumed to be the knowledge held by a technician with six months of full-time PC support experience. The certification is achieved by taking two computer-based, multiple choice exams. The certification is widely recognized throughout the computer industry, and significantly improves a technician's ability to secure and keep employment.

The Cisco Networking Academy of Stratford High School is an educational partner with the Cisco Corporation, which has the goal of training technology professionals for placement in the field of networking technology. As computer technology advances, the demand for trained professionals to design and maintain computer networks around the globe is tremendous. Only about 2% of the jobs available are currently being filled. The goal of SHS is to equip students with the skills necessary to receive certification as a Cisco Certified Networking Associate before completion of the four semester training. The job possibilities for these high school students are tremendous with entry level salaries starting at \$35,000+ and part-time salaries in the \$8.00/hour range. The current job opportunities are reflected in the recent reports from graduates that indicate multiple job offers in geographical locations and career interest areas of the applicant's choice with extremely competitive salary offers.

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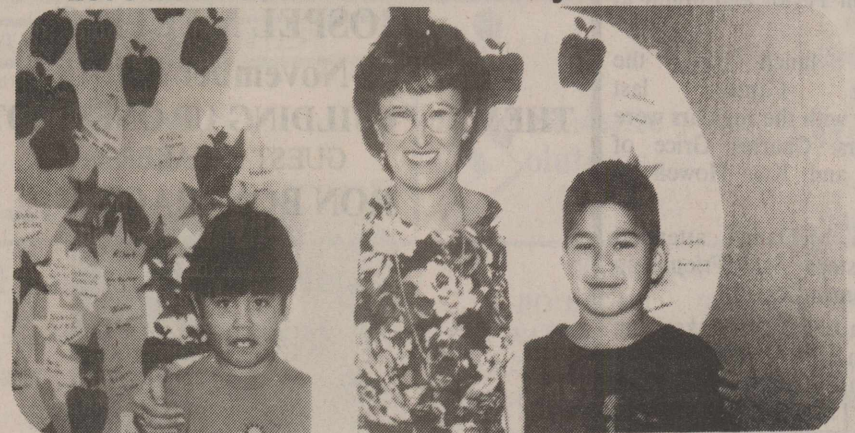
Young people today desperately need our attention.  
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 Drug use is at an all time high and starting  
 at an earlier age.

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 Be a volunteer. If you are willing to help 1 hour a week,  
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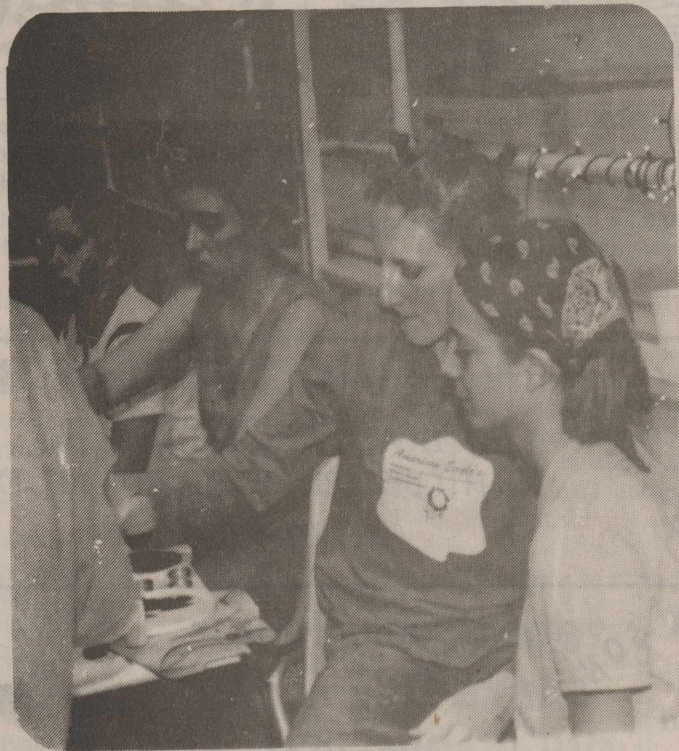
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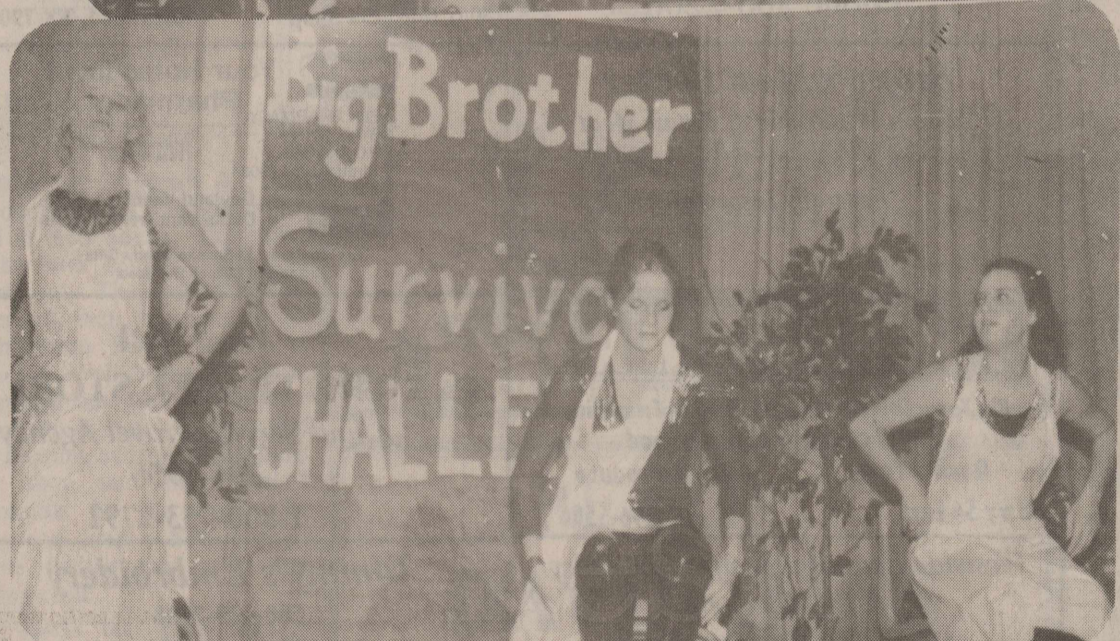
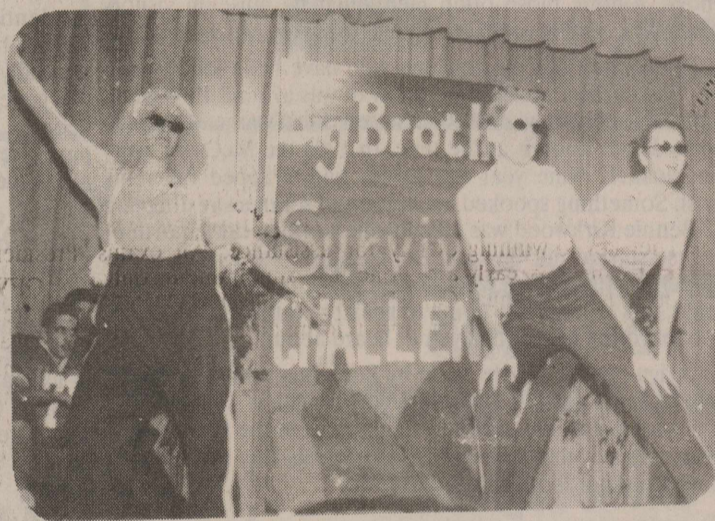
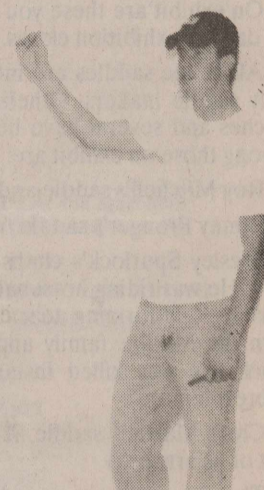
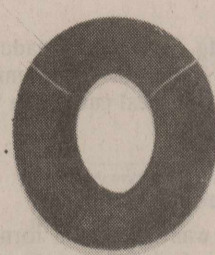
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# Fall Festival

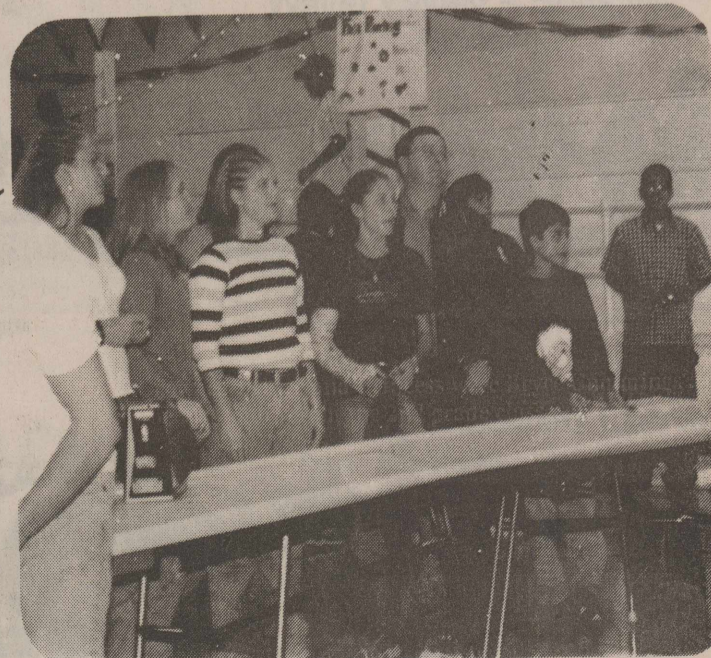
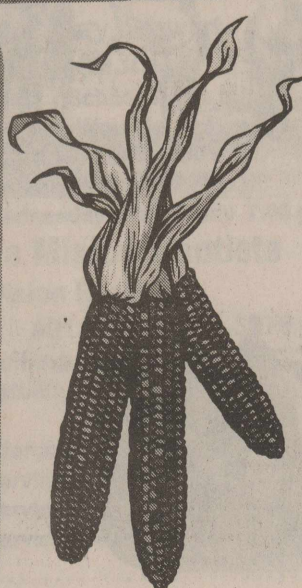


Crowned King & Queen at the Fall Festival held Saturday, October 28, 2000 were seniors Ivonne Hernandez and Rene Vital.

Crowned Prince and Princess were Bryce Cummings and Kimberly Melton from the 2nd grade class.



More  
Fall Festival  
Pictures  
Next Edition







The following students received a blizzard a blizzard from Mr. Hunkapiller and Mrs. Swain for making a "100" on their states test. They are seated from left: Tomasina Swift, Yessenia Ibarra, and Yadira Rojas. Standing from left, Hailey Long, Michael Reinart, Jordan Confer, and Kelsey Stein.



James A. Garfield, the 20th president of the United States was the last one to be born in a log cabin.



Guests at SCOT luncheon held on Thursday, October 26, 2000 could have their fortune told. Shown above having her fortune told is Mildred Arnold.

### Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

Story time will be ending this week. Fifteen children have been participating this fall and have learned about many things such as what a doctor and a dentist will do if you have to go for a visit. I would like to thank Dr. Bassett and Dr. Dunham for taking time to share with the children. The next story time will begin something in January 2001, so parents be watching and paper and the television.

The children will enjoy several new books which have arrived here at the library. *Worried Wemberly* by Kevin Henkes, *Hannah and the Whistling Teakettle* by Mindy Warshaw Skolsky, *Emily's First 100 Days of School* by Rosemary Wells, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, and *If You Take A Mouse to the Movies* by Laura Numeroff are just a sample of what is new easy fiction section. Also arriving is John Erickson's latest addition to the Hank the Cowdog series, *The Case of the Raging Rottweiler*.

Texas history enthusiasts will enjoy *All Afire to Fight, The Untold Tale of the Civil War's Ninth Texas Cavalry* by Moore County resident Martha L. Crabb. Drawing on letters, journal entries, family stories and official war records, Ms. Crabb re-creates the remarkable Civil War odyssey of the Ninth Texas Cavalry—a thousand or so fearless, hell-raising western boys who endured unspeakable hardships, yet didn't lose their devil-may-care spirit or raw determination to win.

Tom Clancy's followers will enjoy *The Bear and The Dragon*, while *The Rescue* by Nicholas Sparks will pacify the romantics. These are just a sample of the best sellers and top ten books which can be found at the library, do plan to stop by for a cup of coffee in the mornings and check out a book. The library hours are Monday's 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays, holidays and for elections.

### Card of Thanks

The United Methodist Youth Group went "Trick or Treating" for the Pantry last Sunday and would like to thank everyone in the community who donated canned goods. It was a huge success!

Thank You

Once again in my time of need, the community has comforted us in a time of loss of my dear mother, Myrtle Ellison. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, love, phone calls, cards, and food. A very special thank you to Reverend Mike Talley for a beautiful tribute in honor of my mother. And also to Greg, Joyce, Nellie for making the service special and memorable. To my family that has been there for me unconditionally, for without them I don't think I could have gone through these trying times.

Ronnie Brooks Family

Once again, we find how fortunate we are to live in a small community like Stratford. The caring people in this small town are truly amazing. First of all, we want to thank the people who helped at the wreck before the ambulance got there. We know most of the people, but just in case we have missed someone,

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**4-H MAJOR STOCK SHOW ENTRY DAY**  
**TUESDAY, NOV. 28**  
**4:30 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**BRING MONEY FOR ENTRIES**  
**ENTRIES WILL BE MAILED NOVEMBER 30**

### Check Out These Web Sites:

- Brother at [www.brother.com](http://www.brother.com).
- Key Education Resources at [www.key.com/education](http://www.key.com/education).
- Symantec at [www.symantec.com](http://www.symantec.com).
- The MediSavers plan at [www.medisaver.com](http://www.medisaver.com).
- The Gold Institute at [www.goldinstitute.org](http://www.goldinstitute.org).
- Defenders of Wildlife is at [www.defenders.org](http://www.defenders.org).
- The California Cut Flower Commission at [www.cffc.org](http://www.cffc.org).

### Voting Locations

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BOX 102	COUNTY BARN AT LAUTZ	396-4419
BOX 201	SHERMAN COUNTY BARN, STRATFORD	396-2060
BOX 202	PRECINCT 2 COUNTY BARN	948-4455
BOX 301	STRATFORD/AMBULANCE BLDG.	396-2844
BOX 302	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT TEXHOMA, TEXAS	827-7322
BOX 401	COUNTY & DISTRICT COUTROOM	396-2371

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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**(ELECCION GENERAL)**  
**SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS**  
*(Condado de Sherman, Texas)*  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2000 (7 de noviembre de 2000)**

### BALLOT

(BOLETA OFICIAL)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may cast a straight party vote (that is, cast a vote for all the nominees of one party) by placing an "X" in the square beside the name of the party of your choice. If you cast a straight-party vote for all the nominees of one party and also cast a vote for an opponent of one of that party's nominees, your vote for the opponent will be counted as well as your vote for all the other nominees of the party for which the straight-party vote was cast.  
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia para cada candidatura marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato. Usted podrá votar por todos los candidatos de un solo partido político ("straight ticket") marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre de ese partido político. Si usted vota por uno de los partidos políticos y también vota por el contrincante de uno de los candidatos de dicho partido político, se contará su voto por el contrincante tanto como su voto por todos los demás candidatos del partido político de su preferencia).

Candidates for: (Candidatos para:)	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican (Republicano)	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic (Democrático)	<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian (Liberariano)	<input type="checkbox"/> Green (Verde)	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent (Independiente)	Write In (Voto Escrito)
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United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kay Bailey Hutchison	<input type="checkbox"/> Gene Kelly	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary J. Ruwart	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas S. Sandage		
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Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles R. Matthews		<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Dugger		
Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael L. Williams		<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles L. Mauch		
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Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Al Gonzales		<input type="checkbox"/> Lance Smith			
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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Parker Hervey	<input type="checkbox"/> William R. Barr				
State Representative, District 88 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 88)	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren Chisum					
Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 1 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Quinn					
Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 7, Lugar Núm. 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Don H. Reavis					
District Attorney, 69th Judicial District (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 69)	<input type="checkbox"/> David Green					
County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kimberly L. Allen					
Sheriff (Sherife)		<input type="checkbox"/> Jack Haile				
County Tax Assessor-Collector (Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)	<input type="checkbox"/> Valarie McAlister					
Constable, Precinct No. 1, 2 & 4 (Condestable, Precinto Núm. 1, 2 y 4)						<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in (Voto Escrito)

*Sam*

# Football & Cross Country Shots!



## Elks 3-0 In District Play

The Stratford Elks zipped past Vega 49-6 on Friday, October 27, 2000 to remain unbeaten this season.

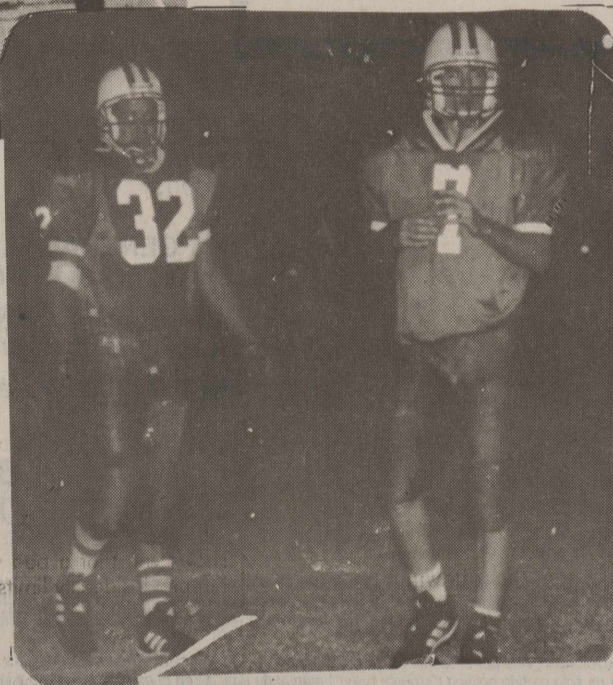
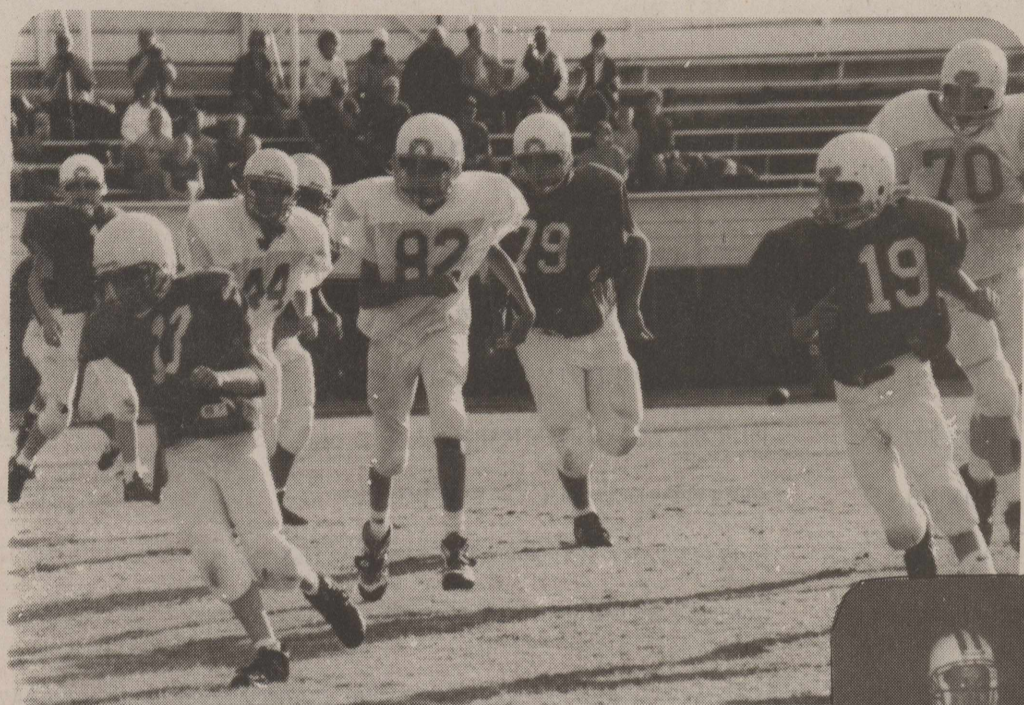
Sid Resendes led the Elks with 193 rushing yards on 22 carries and 3 touchdowns followed by Adam Bell with 104 yards on 15 carries and 2 touchdowns. Javier Licon finished the night with 83 yards on 3 carries and 1 touchdown.

Adam Bell completed 3 of 10 passes for 90 yards. Michael McAlister led in reception yards with 52 yards on 1 reception for a touchdown. Nick Ashley added 7 PATs for the night for the Elks.

Skyler Walden led the Elks defensively with 21 tackles - 7 solo and 14 assists followed by Adam Bell, Wes Kimball, and Jaret Pemberton with 7 tackles each. Contributing to the Elks defense also were Nick Ashley, Wes Hunsaker, Javier Licon, Dylan Everett, Corey Naugle, Michael McAlister, Adam Reed, Gilbert Gutierrez, Craig Moore, and Jason Ashley.

Named to the Amarillo Globe News Player of Week Honorable Mention for their game performance against Vega were Javier Licon, Sid Resendes, and Adam Bell.

The Elks will face Hart there at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Go Elks Win!!!!



## Cross Country Advances To Regionals

The District Cross Country Meet was held Monday, October 23, 2000 in White Deer. The Varsity girls placed 2nd with 48 points and will advance to the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock on Saturday, November 4th at Mae Simmons Park. The J.V. Girls and Junior High Girls A Team each one 1st place with 26 points. The Junior High Girls B Team won 5th place with 128 points.

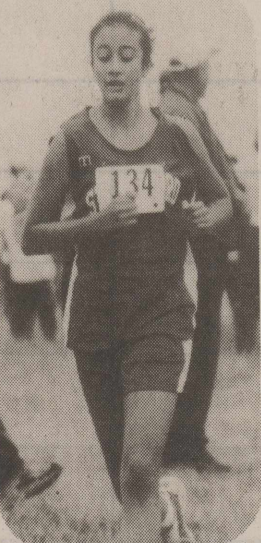
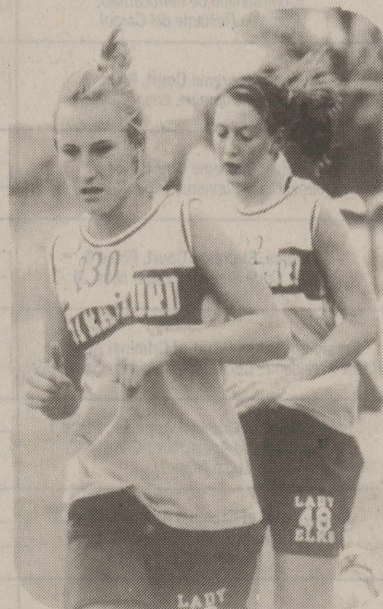
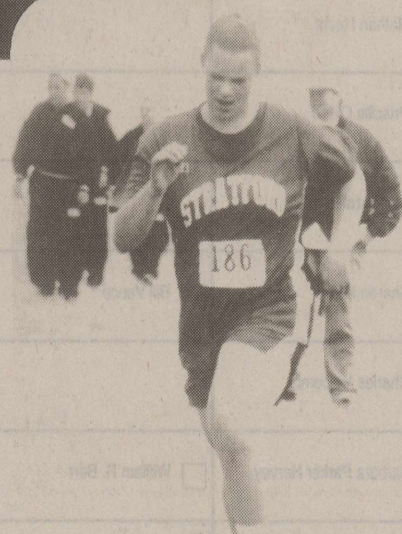
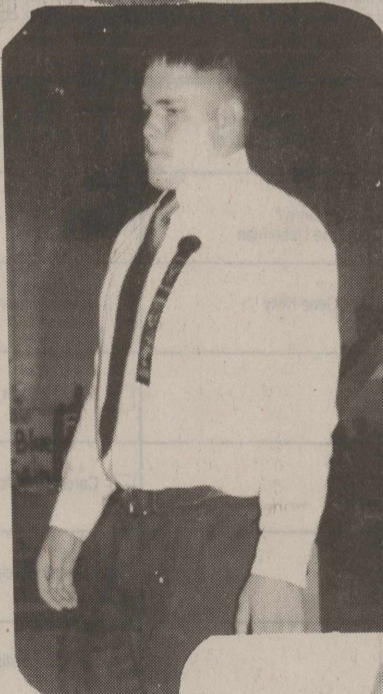
Individual results were as follows: Varsity Girls: Carly Mathews - 1st place - 13:20.05; Veronica Ortega - 5th place - 14:05.32; Jessica Young - 8th - 14:13.24; Heather Ashley - 12th - 14:22.77; Erin Ashley - 22nd - 15:10.78; Candra Holland - 23rd - 15:14.05; Alisha Sladek - 43rd - 17:26.47. There were 52 runners in the Varsity Division.

Varsity Boys - 28 Total Runners: Adam Witcher - 10th - 19:50.02; Michael Claypool - 14th - 20:25.92. Adam will advance to the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock this Saturday. Congratulations!

J.V. Girls - 31 Total Runners: Amie Witcher - 1st - 14:57.62; Darcy Garza - 3rd - 15:02.24; Amber Larance - 5th - 15:09.28; Alicia Adams - 8th - 15:37.42; RoAnn Lopez - 9th - 15:47.79; Robin Daniels - 17th - 17:08.14; Janet Witcher - 20th - 19:43.71.

Junior High Girls - 66 Total Runners: Jamie Valenzuela - 1st - 13:53.99; Yadira Ortega - 2nd - 13:54.89; Jayme Wilhelm - 3rd - 14:03.38; Raquel Henderson - 9th - 14:32.96; Brittany Hudson - 11th - 14:44.61; Allison Baskin - 19th - 15:14.96; Cynthia Ruedas - 22nd - 15:22.54; Haide Gardea - 23rd - 15:24.48; Haley Buckles - 27th - 15:36.27; Cassi Garza - 29th - 15:38.54; Miriam Saenz - 31st - 15:41.19; Yolanda Aguilar - 15:43.38; Maria Luna - 35th - 15:53.10; Johnna Ewers - 36th - 16:05.47; Brenda Saldivar - 16:12.88; Crystal Rueda - 40th - 16:17.77.

Congratulations to all of these runners and GOOD LUCK AT REGIONALS!!









Susan Spurlock-Rawlins

## Rawlins Named Woman Of The Year

**Editors Note:** This was brought in by Mary Wayne Spurlock and was taken from the Friday, October 20, 2000 issue of the Borger News - Herald and written by Cecilia Schwind News-Herald City Editor.

Laughter, smiles, and even a few tears were seen last night at the Magic Plains Business Professional Women's ninth annual National Business Women's Week Banquet. Three different awards were presented, and guest speaker Jan Hargrave kept the audience in stitches with her Cajun jokes as she taught them about body language.

Susan Spurlock-Rawlins was awarded the Hutchinson County Woman of the Year. Other nominees were Fran Braden, Tina Clyburn, Mona Fannon and Lisa Jones. Criteria for this award said that the woman must be 18 years old or older, a Hutchinson County resident and full-time worker in the work force for at least the past three years. She must be capable in her career field, involved in the community, be a positive force for women and must have personal achievement. Spurlock-Rawlins said she was overwhelmed and honored just to be nominated.

"The women I was up against are just the most incredible women," she said.

Spurlock-Rawlins has organized lakeshore clean up and has helped work and organize bone marrow drives for the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. Spurlock-Rawlins herself had leukemia five years ago. She said that she would never have made it through the cancer and bone marrow transplant without her family and community and the prayers and support she was shown.

"I didn't win this by myself tonight," she added.

Susan Spurlock-Rawlins is the daughter of Neal and Mary Wayne Spurlock.

## NEWS

### OF NUTRITION

#### Yogurt May Boost Immune System

(NAPS)—The potential health attributes associated with eating yogurt stretch beyond protein and calcium, a new report indicates.

According to an article by Simin Nikbin Meydani, Ph.D. in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, yogurt may help make the immune system more resilient.



People who eat yogurt may receive even more health attributes than they had thought.

Given the right circumstances, eating yogurt may help protect the intestinal tract. As a result, yogurt has great potential as a protective, anti-infection agent.

Increased yogurt consumption might help increase one's resistance to immune-related diseases such as cancer and infection, particularly gastrointestinal infection. This is in part due to the live and active cultures found in yogurt. Yogurt continues to be an excellent source of calcium and a good source of protein.

As women tend to reduce their milk consumption as they get older—which may lead to osteoporosis—and children consume more soft drinks than milk, yogurt provides a great-tasting way to get the calcium and protein needed to maintain good health.

## spotlight on health

### New Guide Helps Youth

(NAPS)—Every year, approximately 20 percent of America's youth develops some form of mental health disorder. Suicide has become the third leading cause of death among young people in this country. For many teens and young adults, surmounting the needless stigma still associated with getting mental health care and figuring out how and when to reach out for help can be a daunting task.

To empower youth to get the help they need, the American Psychological Association (APA), in partnership with MTV: Music Television and the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign, has published a new brochure, *Change Your Mind About Mental Health, A Get Help Guide for Teens and Young Adults*. The brochure discusses the causes and signs of mental health problems, relates stories of teenagers who have recovered from panic attacks, eating disorders and other problems, and offers ideas for where and how to go about finding help.

"Research shows that 66 percent of Americans don't know how to go about finding help for mental health problems, and nearly half of all Americans don't know when it's appropriate to seek help," says Russ Newman, Ph.D., J.D., APA's executive director for professional practice. Young people may be especially vulnerable when experiencing mental health problems. They tend to be very independent and the prospect of having to ask for help can be very difficult for them.

Some signs to watch out for noted in the *Change Your Mind*

### CHANGE YOUR MIND

(About Mental Health)

**Suicide** has become the third leading cause of death among young people.

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brochure include:

- Finding little or no pleasure in life
- Feeling worthless or extremely guilty
- Big swings in mood or energy levels
- Withdrawing from other people
- Experiencing severe anxiety, panic or fear
- Experiencing a dramatic change in eating or sleeping patterns
- Wanting to do harm or anticipating harm from others.

"It is our hope that a whole generation of young people will break free of the needless stigma that some associate with getting help for mental health issues and live happier, healthier lives," Dr. Newman concludes.

*Change Your Mind About Mental Health, A Get Help Guide for Teens and Young Adults* can be viewed or downloaded by logging on to APA's consumer Web site: [www.helping.apa.org](http://www.helping.apa.org) or ordered by calling the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign, toll free, at 1-877-495-0009.

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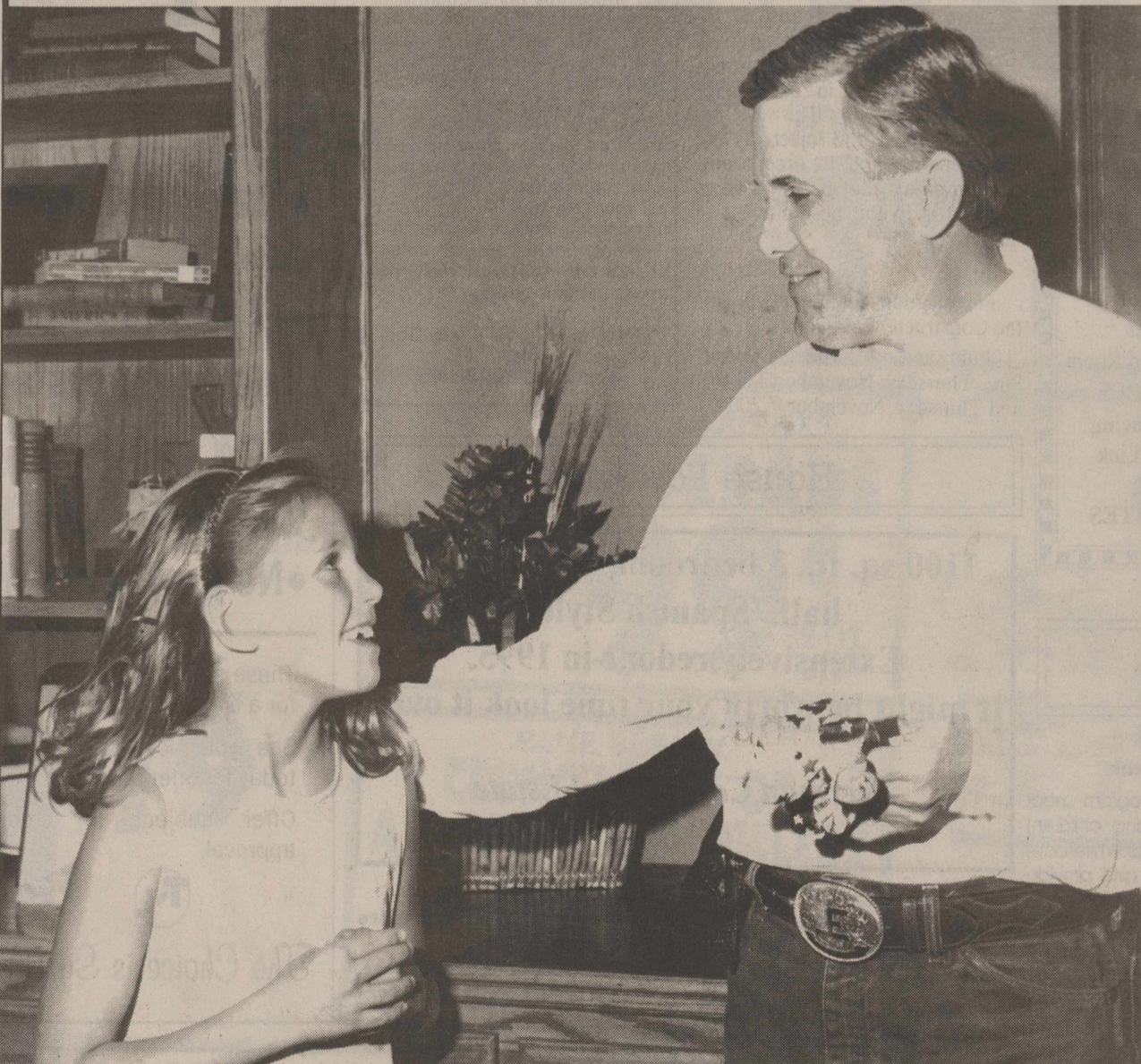
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• I know firsthand that agriculture is the heart and soul of our West Texas economy. You can be assured that when I write the next Farm Bill it will reflect the advice I have received from area producers. Federal farm legislation must maintain flexibility but provide a greater safety net for price and weather protection.

• I know a strong education unlocks the future and provides the key to open doors of opportunity for a lifetime.

• We need a fairer, simpler and less-intrusive tax code. I will never forget that taxes are your money, not the federal government's.

• I will continue to support and fight for a stronger military and fulfill our commitments to veterans.

• I believe that seniors should have access to affordable and voluntary prescription drug coverage that provides protection against high out-of-pocket costs. No American should have to choose between putting food on the table and the prescription drugs needed to live a healthy life.

We have made great strides in putting our country back on the right track even as Bill Clinton and his friends fought us every step of the way. This election is about choosing a future of freedom and responsibility or returning to one of dependence and burdensome government intrusion.

I ask for your vote for Congress in this election.

Election Day November 7