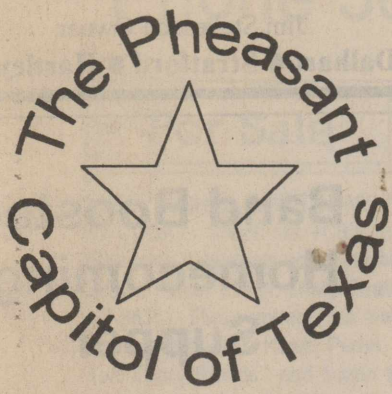


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The Stratford Star has had some requests for an up-to-date post office address book. So many names in the first edition have changed, because of moving, deaths, etc. If there is enough interest we will print another address book. If you are interested in including your name (there is no charge) please contact us at 366-5885 or fax us at 366-5885 or e-mail us at stardm@xit.net. Since there is so many changes we will NOT add pages, we will print all new books. \$5.00 for each copy. Thank you very much.

Help us support our youth in school, if you are interested in putting your names on these support pages for the various pages, football, cross-country, band basketball UIL etc. Please call the Star 366-5885 or fax us at 366-3885 or E-mail stardm@xit.net for more information.

Pantry Needs

The Pantry needs your help. The following items may be taken to the XIT building where the Pantry is located or to a local church.

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or Money may be deposited to the Pantry account at Stratford First State Bank for meat and other perishable items.

Thank you, The Pantry Board

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Citizens of Stratford:

I would like to express my concern regarding various properties within the City which need specific attention. City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 181, 184 and 248 prohibit allowing any accumulations of rubbish, debris, trash or any other other objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary material to accumulate on any property within the corporate city limits of the city. Also, City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 164 and 248 require that all weeds and grass be kept mowed to prevent becoming unsightly and/or creating a fire hazard. This is especially important as we come into the Spring and Summer seasons. These ordinances also prohibit any other types of debris from being located on any real estate within the City of Stratford.

I would like to give all citizens the opportunity to take care of these matters on their own. However, effective May 1, 2003, should there be any properties which do not meet City codes, the property owner(s) will be notified per a certified letter. This letter will give the property owner(s) a deadline to bring the property up to code before further action is pursued, including recovery of any incurred costs.

I would like to encourage all citizens to help make Stratford a clean place to live and a tourist attraction for travelers passing through. If you have any questions regarding the disposal of any items, please feel free to stop by my office or call City Hall at 366-5581. I appreciate your immediate attention concerning these matters.

Sincerely,
Wayland Brown
City Administrator

Removal of Dead Trees

Carter's Tree Service will be in Stratford to remove unsightly dead trees throughout the City. The City has contacted Carter's and has been given special rate of \$60.00 each for tree removal. Remember this is specifically for dead tree removal. If you wish to have a tree trimmed, you must contact Carter's on your own.

Please contact City Hall (806) 366-5581 if you wish to have your name placed on the tree removal list. The property owner will be responsible for all cost. Reminder, This special rate is only available through the city.

Lollipop Junction Powder Puff Football

Lollipop Junction will be having a Powder Puff Football game on Friday, September 26, 2003 (Elks Night Off) starting at 5:30 with a Hamburger Supper at 5:30 \$5.00 a plate and the game starting at 6 p.m.

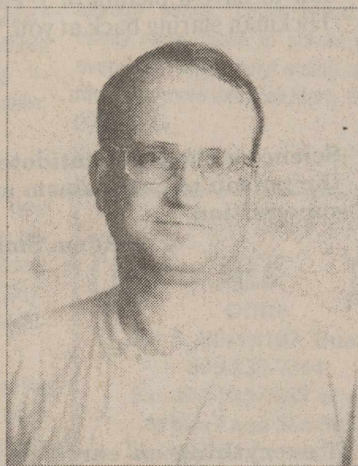
If you are interested in playing on a team contact coaches Cheryl Galla at 366-3102 or Daina Rouse 366-7600.

Study Club To Have After Church Dinner

An after Church Dinner is planned for Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will have the fund-raising dinner to help with their many civic projects.

The menu is brisket (with Haile's barbecue sauce), beans, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, onions, bread, tea, coffee and an assortment of desserts. Adults are \$7.00 and children 10 and under are \$4.00.

Good humor makes all things tolerable.
—Henry Ward Beecher



Davis Named Maintenance Supervisor In Sherman County

David Davis was named Maintenance Supervisor of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Office in Sherman County. Davis is responsible for the maintenance of TxDOT's 429 lane miles of roadway in Sherman County. Davis continues his 16-year career with TxDOT after having worked most recently as Assistant Supervisor in the Sherman County TxDOT office. Davis was appointed after long-time Maintenance Supervisor Harry O'Quin retired.

Davis is a graduate of Stratford High School. He lives in Stratford with his wife, Desiree, and his two children, Brandon, 15 and Nicole, 13.

Are You Interested In The Children of Texas???

Are you interested in the children of Texas who are our greatest resource? Are you interested and willing to support programs that will help public schools and children? Do you need more information on Texas schools, teachers, auxiliary, personnel and retirement?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions come to the September meeting of the Texas Retired Teachers Association on Thursday, September 18, at St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart. The church is located at the corner of Denver avenue and 8th street in Dalhart, TX.

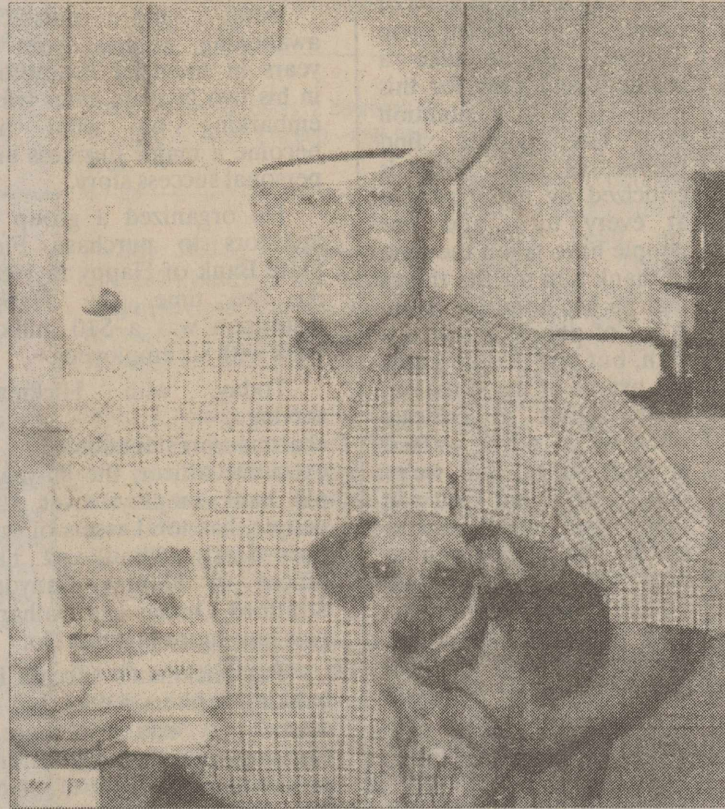
Assistant Superintendent, Scott Hand, of Dalhart Independent school district will talk on Texas school legislation at this meeting. He will discuss legislation that has been passed by the legislature, proposed legislature, and taxation.

There will be a brief question and answer session. He can give interested citizens information as to other sources where they may receive more information.

He will tell citizens how they may reach the legislators and school officials by letter, phone, or electronic message.

Come to this important meeting, become information, and then take action to help Texas schools become the best in the nation and help Texas school children fulfill President Bush's challenge of No Child Left behind.

Please note: All citizens are welcome, you do not need to be a member of Texas Retired Teachers Association to attend this meeting with them become informed and meet the challenges of making Texas the best in the nation.



Joe Pete Flores and Fred with some of the Will James Society books donated to the Sherman County Public Library.

Will James Society Books Donated To County Library

The Sherman County Public Library is proud to accept a collection of Will James Society books donated by Joe Pete Flores. These books depict a time long since forgotten by most, but one that is still popular nonetheless. Will James, a native of Canada given the name of Ernest DuFault at birth, traveled alone to America at the young age of 15, with only one thing on his mind—to become a cowboy. And that he did, working on ranches gaining experiences that James put into his

writings, publishing 24 books complete with his own illustrations. Three of his books became major motion pictures. His best known story, *Smoky the Cowhorse*, which won the Newbery Award for best children's books in 1927, was filmed three times.

The Will James Society serves as a catalyst for those people interested in Will James. Along with the Will James Art Company and Mountain Press, the Society promotes the reprinting and redistribution of James' works to schools and public libraries.

S.P.I.R.I.T./54 Annual Conference "Come Fly with US 54" Tucumcari, NM Oct. 1-2.

By Gaynelle Riffe

The US 54 Four-state coalition known as the Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional an Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT) will hold its 8th annual transportation conference at the spacious Tucumcari Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 2nd until 12:30 p.m. followed by a luncheon with a key-note address from NM Senator Bingaman.

The program consists of 15 invited speakers and panelists including NM Governor Bill Richardson and Congressmen and Senators from the four-states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico as well as Department of Transportation representatives from all four states.

Texas Representative Joe Pickett from El Paso will be the master of ceremonies and moderator of the panel discussion on "finishing the job" of a four-lane US-54, the most highly traveled two-lane road in America.

Farm Safety & Health Week

The Sherman County Farm Bureau joins our County Judge, the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies and the National Safety Council in promoting accident prevention during Farm Safety and Health Week, September 21-27, 2003. Agriculture is the second most dangerous industry in the United States, with 730 deaths and 150,000

disabling injuries in 2002.

The theme for this year's national event is: "Secure Your Farming Future through Safety and Health" The focus is on the importance of protecting the lives and livelihood of farmers and ranchers and securing the safety of the nation's food and water resources.

Photo in next weeks' edition.

Attention Readers

The Stratford Star will be moving out of their present location at 309 N. Main. You may still call 366-5885 or Fax us at 366-5885 or E-Mail stardm@xit.net. Items can also be left at Allen-Tarver Insurance on Mondays 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon. Their address is 205 N. Main (next to Post office). We will have a box there to leave items. We will also pick up your ads, pictures and articles. Just call and leave a message. We will also come and take pictures of your events—just let us know.

Deadlines are still Mondays at 12 noon. You may also come to 805 Purnell or 1114 Putnam and leave articles in mail boxes if we are not at home.

Thank you for all your past support and we hope to continue to serve you in the future.

This will be in affect on Monday, September 22, 2003.

School Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, September 11, 2003 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Gareld McBryde, Ricky Reed, Steve Johnson, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Ted Allen.

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford, Steve Haynes and Tim Gilliland.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro recognized Patrick Solano, Crystal Rodriguez and Cynthia Armendariz. They placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in a writing contest they participated in this summer. Gareld McBryde read a thank you note from the Joe Reinart family for flowers Joe's fathers funeral. Joe Reinart read thank you notes from the Lady Elk athletic program thanking the board for the new lockers in the dressing room; from the Stratford Fire Department for the donation of a window for the new fire station and from Sherman County Farm Bureau thanking Stratford ISD for renewing their school fleet insurance with them.

Ted Allen arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Mr. Haynes gave the High school report. TAKS night school will begin on Monday. He explained what students will be targeted. Several parents attended the Back to School night. Mr. Burkhalter had a representative from a trade school in Houston come talk to his students. Jack Haile and David Green visited with the high school students about laws and legal issues. Morning tutorials are being well attended. The enrollment at the high school is 188.5.

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Obits

Lynda Carol James

Walsh, CO.- Lynda Carol James, 57, died Thursday, September 11, 2003.

Services were held at 10 a.m. (MST) Monday, September 15, 2003 in Walsh Baptist Church. Burial was in Walsh Cemetery by Dykes Funeral home.

Survivors include her longtime friend and companion, Harry Miller of Walsh; three children, Lance James and wife, Pam of Walsh, Kim James of Denver and Michelle Courkamp of Woodward, OK, eight brothers, Don Brown of Enid, OK, Winston Brown and Ronald Brown, both of Indianola, NE, Dean Brown of Fritch, TX, Wayne Brown of Lufkin, TX, Weldon Brown of Liberal, KS, Charles Horne of Brownwood, TX and Olin Horne of Qdessa, TX and three sisters, LaVell Haggard of Stratford, TX, Edwyna Cooper of San Antonio and Grace Prewett of Tulsa, OK.

The family suggests memorials be to the Walsh Ambulance equipment fund.

TRTA Correction

The Texas Retired Teachers Association regrets that Mrs. Marjorie Bolwahan will be unable to play her accordion selections at the September 18 meeting. Instead, Miss Kaci Frates will present piano music-we know all members will enjoy this talented young pianist.

The Merry Widow To Be Amarillo Civic Center

Amarillo's own great international diva, Mary Jane Johnson, makes her Amarillo Opera debut in the MERRY WIDOW, on Saturday, September 20, at 7:30 in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

This 1905 musical theater triumph has become a regular in all the world's opera houses will be presented by the Amarillo Opera for the first time in Amarillo. Performed in English, The MERRY WIDOW sparkles and bubbles and offers something for all ages.

Acclaimed singer Mary Jane Johnson has sung at all the major opera houses of the world with many of opera's most famous singers, including Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, and Samuel Ramey. Johnson is currently Artist-in-Residence at Amarillo College.

Joining the famous performer on stage are: Mark Tevis from the Netherlands as "Count Danilo Danilovitch;" Lianne Norman as "Valencienne" who sang the same leading role for the Arizona Opera last season; Erik Sparks as "Camille de Rosillon" from Arizona but who grew up in Amarillo; and Ron Oltmanns as "Baron Mirdo Zeta."

For ticket information, call Panhandle Ticketing at the Amarillo Civic Center at 378-3096 or www.panhandletickets.com. For further information, season membership, or to join BRAVO! Call the Amarillo Opera office at 372-7464.



President George Bush

Editors Note: The following was brought in by Felix Sanchez to share with our readers.

This is a prayer request for a man in urgent need of prayer. I'm asking you TODAY, please take a moment and pray for this man. He is in a situation that few people find themselves in. He is criticized by many people at every turn, and few people have taken the time to thank him for the things that he has done for them. A lot of people know this man, but few people know the extent of his situation. We're quick to criticize when we've never walked in their shoes, and we're slow to pray that God will show them which way to go. So I'm asking you to stop at some time TODAY, and pray for this man. He needs our urgent prayers that God can give him the guidance he needs to get through this situation. This man hasn't asked me to do this, but I feel led to do so and I'm sure that he appreciates all your prayers. I have attached a photo of this man...look at it...some of you may recognize him...Please pray for him. Feel Free to forward this to anyone else that will pray for him. Trust me, if you were facing what he is facing, you'd want people praying for you!

"Aaron Slick From Punkin' Crick" Guymon Community Theater-September 18-21

Guymon Community Theater presents opens the Season with "Aaron Slick from Punkin' Crick". Co-directed by Tom Ellzey and Raven Carter, the play is a delightful, funny, hick melodrama comedy in 3 acts set in Oklyhomy. The zany fun takes place in Mrs. Berry's kitchen or the front porch where all sorts of interesting things happen. The characters come alive the moment they set foot on stage. The cast includes: Terry Carnes, Audrey Brooks, Cicely Behne, Andrew Johnson, Johanna Jackson, Ryan Garrison and Ginny Britain.

This is a definite plus for family entertainment. For Reservations call (580) 338-0019. September 18, 19, 20 @ 8:00 p.m. Sept. 21 @2:00 p.m.

To promote the arts in Guymon, The Wild Horse Art Center and the Soaring Eagle Art Gallery will be open prior to play September 19 and 20 from 6:30 to 8:00.

West Texas Financial Lender To Chair State Community Bankers Association

J. Pat Hickman quit his first job in banking after just three days because of a policy over facial hair. Fortunately, he didn't let that episode influence a financial career that reaches a new high September 23 when he is installed as Chairman of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT).

"They were going to make me shave my mustache," he said of that fateful day in 1975, "So, I quit."

Pat Hickman has spent his entire life in West Texas, leaving Canyon and Amarillo only to attend college. And, those college years were spent at Texas Tech and West Texas A&M University at Canyon.

After the mustache awakening, he has spent 28 years in financial institutions in his two favorite cities while embarking on what has become a major business and personal success story.

He organized a group of investors to purchase First State Bank of Happy in 1989. At the time, the Happy institution was a \$10 million bank with six employees.

Today, with Hickman serving as chairman/president/chief executive officer, the 95-year-old bank employs over 100 people, has total assets of just over \$160 million and has offices in Happy, Canyon, Stratford, Dumas and Dalhart, plus four more in Amarillo.

"Pat Hickman's success in banking is phenomenal, but it doesn't end there," Christopher L. Williston, president/CEO of IBAT, said. "He has always shared his success with the communities he serves. He is the perfect example of what community banking is all about."

Hickman currently serves on the Harrington Regional Medical Board. He just completed a term as chairman of the Canyon Main Street Board. He served on the Canyon Independent School District board for nine years including two as chairman, was founding president of the Canyon Pregnancy Center and is still an advisory board member, and chaired the wrap-up committee for the Canyon Area Library Fundraising Committee. He and his family are heavily involved at First Baptist Church, Canyon, where he serves as a deacon.

He has held leadership positions in area United Way, chamber of commerce, Little League and Boy Scouts of America to name a sampling of his achievements. He was an Eagle Scout himself.

His election the Chair of the 600-plus member Independent Bankers Association of Texas is a high mark of a road well-traveled for his community banking career. He has served in all leadership positions in IBAT enroute to the chairmanship, as well as giving his time and knowledge to the Independent Community Bankers of America and Panhandle-South Plains Bankers Association. He currently serves as a member of the Texas Department of Banking Commissioner's Council and the Panhandle Bank Advisory Board of The Independent

Bankers Bank.

Somewhere along the way, he married Nancy, his wife of 26 years, with whom he is helping raise four children, ranging from 13 to 21 years of age.

He also shaved off the mustache. Perhaps he realized on his own that it wasn't needed to be a success in the banking business or in the life he carved out for himself.

"We are very fortunate to have Pat's expertise and leadership at the helm of our organization for the next year," Williston said. "When you look up the definition of an independent banker in the dictionary, it would be only fair to have a picture of J. Pat Hickman staring back at you."

Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition.

—Adam Smith

If everything on earth were rational, nothing would ever happen.

—Fyodor Dostoevsky

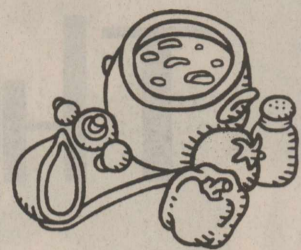
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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a wiener roast & ice cream supper on Thursday, September 18, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Kerrick Community Building in Kerrick, Texas. Bring your own fixings. If you want chili call Jo June McDaniel.



Betty Mosburg

Mosburg Attends Meeting

Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition, Inc. Executive Director; Betty L. Mosburg attended the Oklahoma Professional Economic Development Council's meeting at the Oklahoma State Chamber's offices on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 in Oklahoma City. In addition Mosburg attended the Governor's Economic Development Team's meeting at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. PREDCI is an active member of the OEDC organization. Kathryn Taylor, Secretary of Commerce and Tourism, was the Speaker. Secretary Taylor commented on the restructuring of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, informed members of the new Department Heads and the new contacts for all areas of business development. She also discussed the "In House" training of additional ODOC personnel on Oklahoma's incentive programs.

The Governor's Economic Development Team gave an update on their new strategic direction. The team members will be focusing on two areas: Marketing/Outreach and Prospect Research.

Mosburg received an invitation, along with other OEDC members by Secretary Taylor and President/CEO Dick Rush of the Oklahoma State Chamber to attend a special meeting in November to provide input into Governor Henry's newly developed EDGE economic development project.

In addition the above named organizations, PREDCI is also a member of the Southern Economic Development Council. The State & National associations enable PREDCI to keep informed on the various state & national incentives available for business development & job creation as well provide networking opportunities with other professional economic developers from across the state and country.

In being the unified organization for economic development professionals and business leaders in the region, PREDCI holds as its mission: To promote industrial and economic development, including new jobs for the Oklahoma Panhandle, parts of the Texas Panhandle and southwest Kansas.

Since 1998, PREDCI has assisted with several business and industrial opening and expansions. Currently, the organization is working with several business prospects as well as working directly with ODOT on a recruitment proposal to attract a prospective industry to the region.

For additional information, please call the PREDCI office at (580) 338-8500.

A cathedral, a wave of a storm, a dancer's leap, never turn out to be as high as we had hoped.
—Marcel Proust

When you wish to instruct, be brief.
—Cicero



Wedding Shower Given

Jessica Bryson Merry, bride of Wiley Merry was honored with a wedding shower in the home of Verlie Norris on Saturday, September 13, 2003. Shown from left, Charissa Beattie, Jeanie Bryson, Jessica Merry, and Margie Bryson.

Forget the Cake, Star of this Birthday is the Ice Cream Cone!

Minneapolis-The cake is usually the star of any birthday celebration, but this time it's the ice cream that takes center stage as the ice cream cone turns 100 years old on September 22, 2003.

To celebrate, the Stratford Dairy Queen restaurant located at 502 E. Texas Ave. will give away free 5 oz. ice cream cones on Monday, September 22. Dairy Queen employees also will be collecting donations for Children's Miracle Network (CMN). CMN is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children by raising funds and awareness for 170 hospitals for children throughout North America. The free 5 oz. vanilla ice cream cones will be served at participating Dairy Queen restaurants nationwide.

"The ice cream cone, like Dairy Queen is an American icon," says Parrish Chapman operator of the Stratford Dairy Queen restaurant. "So it's natural for Dairy Queen to take the lead in this celebration. At the same time, this great occasion allows us to make a difference in the lives of so many by raising money for CMN."

As Dairy Queen kicks off a yearlong celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the ice cream cone with free cone day, other events and promotions involving the famous "cone with the curl on top" are being planned throughout 2004.

While September 22, 2003 is recognized as the official 100th birthday of the ice cream cone, the date is not without controversy. Italo Marchiony, the legally credited inventor, immigrated to New York from Italy in the late 1800's. He began wrapping paper and making a crude form of the cone we know today. He later replaced paper with pastry and on September 22, 1903, he applied for a patent for a cone shaped mold. On December 15, 1903, it was granted under U.S. Patent number 746971.

Although Marchiony is credited with the invention, a similar creation was introduced at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. There, Ernest A. Hamwi, a Syrian concessionaire, provided an ice cream vendor, who ran out of dishes to serve ice cream in, with his water like waffle pastry called zalabis which rolled up and filled with ice cream. This marked the beginning of the evolution of what today has become the ice cream cone.

Food

(NU) - No time to make dinner? Think again. Rather than spending more time than you like waiting for take-out, paying for an expensive delivery or eating ready-prepared foods that may not be very nutritious, you can put a healthful, economical, home-cooked meal on the table in a jiffy. With a skillet supper like Red Beans, Rice N' Eggs, all you need is one pan, five main ingredients and just a little time. For easy, fast egg ideas, visit www.aeb.org.

Northwest Panhandle Establishes Pheasants Forever Chapter
Local Residents Focused on Improving Wildlife Habitat

Dumas, Texas - September 9, 2003 - In an effort to enhance area wildlife populations, residents from the area have joined together to start the Northwest Panhandle Pheasants Forever Chapter. The chapter's inauguration will be kicked off with an informational meeting to be held on Tuesday September 23rd, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moore County Extension Office, 310 E. 1st, Dumas.

In years past, seeing pheasants was a common occurrence throughout the majority of the area and the hunting opportunity for pheasants was respected throughout the state. Pheasant populations have struggled to once again reach that level. "Jumpstarting the local Pheasants Forever Chapter here in the Panhandle seemed to make a lot of sense. It's an appealing organization because all the funds we raise here stay here. That means a lot to me and all the folks involved with this chapter. "If we want more pheasants, and better wildlife habitat in general, it's up to us" according to Dave Cook, Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

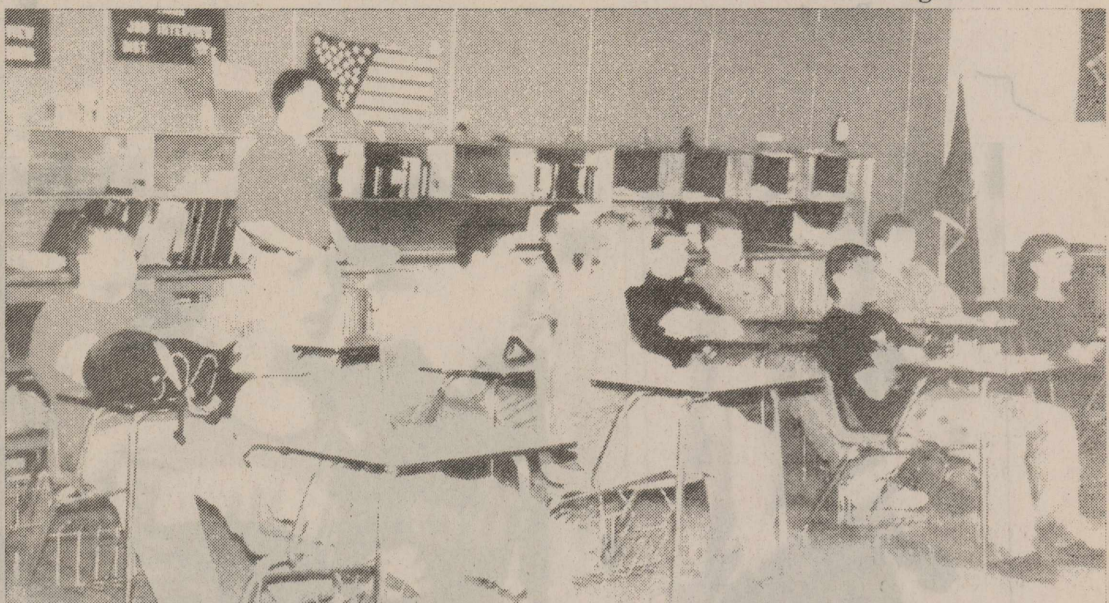
"We raise the money here by implementing wildlife habitat projects and having an annual banquet. The money our chapter makes from involvement with state and federal conservation programs can then be funneled into additional wildlife habitat projects, which will lead to more wildlife in the Panhandle," added Scott Buckles, a Sherman County Farmer and Rancher. "Pheasants Forever is here to help us accomplish those goals locally."

Established in 1982, Pheasants Forever is a non-profit organization dedicated to landowners and wildlife alike, the protection and enhancement of pheasant and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. Such efforts benefit

Pheasants Forever's unique system of county chapters allows 100% of net funds raised by its chapters to remain at the chapter level for local habitat projects. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., Pheasants Forever has more than 100,000 members in over 600 local chapters across the United States and Canada.

"I am really excited about the possibilities for new Chapters in the Panhandle," remarked Brandon Hoffner, Pheasants Forever's Regional Wildlife Biologist for the State of Texas. "The Panhandle has long been known for its agricultural production, wildlife, and hunting heritage." Pheasants Forever employs 19 regional wildlife biologists and 17 habitat specialists around the country. Beginning in June of 2003, Pheasants Forever employed Brandon Hoffner, Regional Biologist/Habitat Specialist to work with farmers and

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On September 9th, students in Mr. Burkhalter's class listened to an Educational Representative from Universal Technical Institute about what UTI has to offer.

"Vision without action is only a dream; action will create your future." On September 9, students in Mr. Burkhalter's class were challenged to begin thinking seriously about their plan of action after high school. What road should they choose? College, military or technical skill?

During the career presentation, an Educational Representative from Universal Technical Institute encouraged the students to graduate from high school and then pursue some form of post-secondary education, noting that 85% of the jobs in

the marketplace require it.

Universal Technical Institute (UTI) provides automotive, diesel and collision repair training for manufacturers like BMW, Porsche, Mercedes Benz, Audi, Ford, Volvo, Volkswagen, Jaguar and International Truck. Their sister school, Marine and Motorcycle Mechanics Institute (MMI) provides training for marine watercraft and motorcycles respectively. MMI is the only school endorsed by all five major motorcycle manufactures: Harley Davidson, Suzuki, Yamaha, Honda and

Kawasaki. Nascar Technical Institute (NTI) is their most recent campus, which opened in North Carolina, and adds racing technology to the automotive program. NTI is the exclusive educational partner with Nascar.

With campuses in Houston, Phoenix and other locations around the country, UTI and MMI have gained a national reputation as the industry's choice in technical training. Over the past twenty years they've sent over 70,000 graduates into the

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7

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Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
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Christian Formation Classes: K-8th Grade, Wed. aftern Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Covenant Families

In the sixties there was a big push to disregard formal marriage. People began to live together more openly. There were also many so-called trial marriages. Who needs a piece of paper, a marriage license or a marriage certificate, was the cry. Oddly enough, those who marry after living together for sometime have a higher divorce rate. This gets us to the sixty-four dollar question. What is marriage? The book of Malachi in the Old Testament of the Bible describes a married woman to her husband this way. "She is your companion and your wife by covenant" (Malachi 2:14). Marriage is a covenant. What does this mean? A covenant is an agreement made by taking vows or making promises. The traditional marriage ceremony has two sets of vows or promises. In the first set, the bride and groom make promises to God. In the second set the man and woman promise each other they will forsake all others and live with each other all the days of their lives. When these promises are made, a marriage is formed. It is later consummated with the sexual union. But the essence of marriage is not sex. The essence of marriage is the covenant, the promises, which were made. Unfortunately, too many people today are too willing to break their promise. They are not as good as their word. This is why trust breaks down in many homes. If people do not keep their word, how can they be trusted? If parents do not keep their promise to each other, how do children know they can trust their parents? What we need today are faithful, promise keeping, covenant families.

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

Cross Country Runners Make Good Showing at Tulia



Kelsey Stein



Haley Buckles, center



Lucero Ortega



Jennifer Rueda



Chelsi Thiessen

At 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning the junior high and high school girls traveled to Tulia to compete in their second cross country meet of the season. The Varsity Top 5 runners finished in 7th place in the 1A-3A division with 205 points. Coming in first for the Lady Elks was Brittany Hudson. Brittany broke into the top ten with an 8th place finish overall and an excellent time of 12:37. Right on her heels was Yadira Ortega who also finished in the top ten. Yadira placed 10th overall coming in with a great time of 12:41. Haley Buckles was the next Lady Elk across the line finishing in 23rd place with a time of 13:34. Kelsey Stein was the next one in with a time of 14:04 and a 37th place finish. Katrina Harkins finished out the top five spot placing 41st with a time of 14:16. Just behind her line finishing in 58th place followed by Erin Ashley in 77th place and Chelsi Thiessen rounded out the top 5 for the Lady Elks. Jennifer Rueda ran in the JV Division finishing in 33rd place with a time of 15:20 followed by Rhia Everett's 50th place finish and time of 15:58. The junior high girls' cross country team scored 106 points on Saturday placing them 2nd overall behind Borger and just edging out district rival Sunray who had 113 points. Kristen Crabtree finished in 8th place with a time of 12:56 while Sierra Valenzuela was just a step behind in 9th place with a time of 12:57. Lucero Ortega was the 3rd Stratford girl across the line finishing in 23rd place with a time of 13:34. Kelsey Stein was the next one in with a time of 14:04 and a 37th place finish. Katrina Harkins finished out the top five spot placing 41st with a time of 14:16. Just behind her line finishing in 58th place followed by Erin Ashley in 77th place and Chelsi Thiessen rounded out the top 5 for the Lady Elks. Jennifer Rueda ran in the JV Division finishing in 33rd place with a time of 15:20 followed by Rhia Everett's 50th place finish and time of 15:58. Rosales finished in 60th place, and Darcy Rosales finished in 91st place. All of these runners placed extremely well as they were competing against more than 200 runners in the junior high division.

This week the junior high and varsity girls and boys will be running at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Come out and support the Elks and Lady Elks!!!

Auto

(NU) - Looking for ways to conserve gasoline? Just keep your car in good shape and drive gently. Here's a quick checklist to help you conserve gasoline, from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence: monitor your tires; remove unused items from your vehicle; observe speed limits; avoid excessive engine idling; consolidate your daily trips; and maintain your engine. Visit www.ase.com for more information.

USDA Livestock Assistance Program To Help Livestock Producers-Sign-up Underway

Sherman County livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses caused by natural disasters will find some relief through the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) offered by the USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"This program provides additional relief to livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to severe weather and related causes," said Rebecca Hemphill, County Executive Director.

"LAP is intended to address the needs of producers who were not adequately covered by the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), but producers cannot receive payments under both programs for the same loss," said Hemphill.

Hemphill added, a producer's LAP payment will be reduced by the amount(s) the producer received under 2002 Cattle Feed Program, Livestock Compensation Program 1 and Livestock Compensation Program-11 regardless of whether the LAP payment is for 2002 or 2002.

Authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, LAP provides \$250 million, nationwide, to livestock producers for grazing losses that occurred in either 2001 or 2002.

Under LAP, a producer's grazing land must be located in a county that was declared a primary disaster area under a Presidential or Secretarial declaration. The county must have been approved after Jan. 1, 2001, and a designation requested no later than Feb. 20, 2003 and subsequently approved. Contiguous counties are not eligible.

For those counties designated as a disaster area for 2001 or 2002, additional LAP eligibility criteria must be met for each year. A county must have experienced an average of 40 percent or greater loss of normal precipitation for four consecutive months during the applicable year and suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year in order to be eligible for that year. A county may meet eligibility requirements for both 2001-2002; however, a producer in that county may receive a LAP payment for only one of the years.

Although LAP is a grazing loss program, payments are based on the lesser of the calculated pasture value of the value of livestock feed

allowance multiplied by the producer's maximum grazing loss. The eligible amount is 50 percent of the loss amount. A producer must have control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock.

During 2001 or 2002, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disasters.

"Because funding for LAP is limited, a national factor will apply," said Hemphill. "This factor will be announced after the sign-up period ends."

The 2003 Act requires that an adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation apply—a change from previous LAP provisions. A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance. The total value of all applications will be determined and, if in excess of \$250 million, will be adjusted proportionately.

USDA has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing disaster assistance. The Web site can be accessed at <http://disaster.usda.gov>.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all the towns people who had their cars washed and made donations to the Senior Car Wash. It was greatly appreciated.

The Stratford High School Senior Class

Thank you everyone for your thoughts, prayers and other kindness during my bout with cancer. Martha Mitts and her band of volunteer drivers were life savers for all the trips to Amarillo for my treatments. I couldn't have done it without all of you.

Donna Wagner

Thank you again friends, for your prayers while Harold was in the hospital for 6 weeks, then since his death, you have been loving and comforting, again, with flowers, cards, phone calls, "love pats" and hugs.

Thank you so much, Rex & Bernice

A BIG Thank You to the people of Stratford for your phone calls, food, flowers, cards, visits, and driving me to Dumas for my Physical Therapy after my new knee surgery. Thank you also to my daughter Andrea for taking care of me & for the visits from my granddaughters Mary, Lauren, and great-grandchildren Deion & Angela from Arlington last week and God Bless You All.

Love, Marjory Pilch

We want to thank the truly wonderful person for your generosity.

God Bless You, Gregg and Shari Hudson

Garden

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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- Sept. 20 Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow" Mary Jane Johnson Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
- Sept. 18-28 "Proof" Adult Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
- Sept 27 Amarillo Symphony- Jennifer Frautschi, violin Civic Center Auditorium 8:00 p.m. 806-376-8782
- Oct. 4-5*** League of Celtic Nations Festival Amarillo Tri-State Fair Rex Baxter 806-374-4243
- Oct. 5*** Music of Italy- International Club & AC Fine Arts Amarillo College Concert Hall Theatre 3:00 p.m. 806-371-1721
- Oct. 9-19*** "Blithe Spirit" Comedy Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 9*** Bill Cosby WT Homecoming West Texas A&M U Event Center (Panhandle Tickets)

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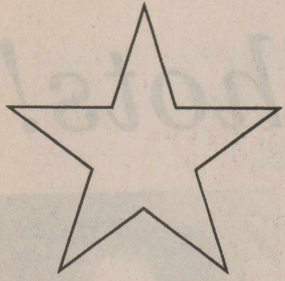
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8-28-tfn

For Sale: 25 KVA Generator - \$2,000. Call 753-7398 or 366-5398 lv. message. 8-21-tfn

GO, FIGHT, WIN! Stratford **HOME COMING** is Sept. 19! We are now taking orders for **HOME COMING MUMS** at Let's Make Arrangements. Come by and see our large selection for you to choose from.

Now Available Mexican Plate at Cecy's Place. Hours: 5:30 - Breakfast Burritos, 11:00 - 2:30 and 5:00 - 5 p.m. 9-11-2xc

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For Sale: 88 Cadillac Brougham, 80000 miles, \$2000 OBO 753-7054 or 366-5557. 9-18-2xc

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ATTENTION: Truck Drivers! Effective immediately **FREE** parking is now available for loaded semi-tractor trailers. Please contact City Hall at 366-5581 for more information. 9-18-3xc

Garage Sale

Reminder, This special rate is only available through the city.

Lollipop Junction Powder Puff Football

Lollipop Junction will be having a Powder Puff Football game on Friday, September 26, 2003 (Elks Night Off) starting at 5:30 with a Hamburger Supper at 5:30 \$5.00 a plate and the game starting at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in playing on a team contact...

To Give Away

Mousers in training, 6 kittens looking for work in 3 weeks. Don Riffe 396-5303. 9-18-1xc

Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders now taking applications for weekend night watchman. Please apply in person, or call 580-543-6383 ext. 200. 8-28-4xc

Frank Phillips College Nursing Instructor for Dumas Hospital. Minimum of 3 years of RN with varied experience. Part-time. Send letter of interest, Application for Employment form, resume and names and daytime phone numbers of three professional references to Mackie Wood, Director of Nursing, FPC, PO Box 5118, Borger, TX 79008-5118 9-18-2xc

Cimarron Feeders is now taking applications for 1 full-time and 1 part-time pen rider. Applicants should be flexible and adaptable to a changing work environment. The people who fill these positions will join a large, successful team and must be willing to perform in a team environment. Experience working with cattle and horses desirable. Applicant must have own horses and tack. Cimarron Feeders is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications may be obtained at Cimarron Feeders located in the OK Panhandle on Hwy. 171, 5 miles north of Kerrick, TX and 18 miles south of Keyes, OK. 9-18-2xc

Men must try and try again They must suffer the consequences of their own mistakes and learn by their own failures and their own successes.
—Lawson Purdy

There is a loftier ambition than The chessboard is the world; merely to stand high in the the pieces are the phenomena world. It is to stoop down and of the universe; the rules of the lift mankind a little higher. game are what we call laws of nature.
—Henry Van Dyke

Houses For Sale

Pretty brick home, 602 N. Maple, red tile roof, 2378 Sq. Ft. plus 650 in Garage. 2 or 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. \$80,000. Call 396-5946. 7-31-tfn

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

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015. 8-21-tfn

Two Story home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large den with wood burning stove, dining room. All built in Kitchen with eating area, large service porch, large backyard, 3 storage areas and large fenced corner lot that goes with house. Close to schools and park. 615 N. Fulton, 806-396-2860. 9-11-tfn

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is accepting requests for proposals for the following items:

- Blanket Building Insurance
- General Liability
- Employee Benefit Liability
- Boiler and Machinery Policy
- Educators Legal Liability
- Inland Marine

The proposals are for the period of November 23, 2003 thru November 23, 2004. The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., November 12, 2003. Any request for proposal after this date will not be accepted. The proposal 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, Texas. The requests for proposals will be opened Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and or all proposals.

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Check Out These Web Sites:

- WD-40 Job Site at www.wd40.com.
- Zest at www.zest.com.
- American Kennel Club at www.akc.org.
- AMF bowling centers at www.AMFcenters.com.
- Car Care Council at www.car care.org.
- The Steel Recycling Institute at www.recycle-steel.org.
- The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco at www.fhlbsf.com.
- Healthtex at www.healthtex.com.
- The Corning Museum of Glass at www.cmog.org.
- Baar Products at www.baar.com.

It is not enough to speak, but to speak true.

—William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
TPDES Registration No. WQ0004643-000

Courtroom, Sherman County Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, Texas.

Kim Crippen
County Judge

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees has resolved to sale lots 4, 5, 6 & 7, Block 3, Unit 2, Elk Subdivision to the City of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, located on the west side of the 1200 block of Pearl street and recorded in Volume 183 page 43 of the County Records of Sherman County, Texas as per the map or plat thereof on file with the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. October 10, 2003. Stratford I.S.D. has the right to reject or accepts any and/or all bids. For further information, please contact the Stratford I.S.D. business office at 806-366-3300. Bids will be accepted at the Board of Trustees meeting on October 13, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main, Stratford, Texas.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual

members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040.

General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Please note that the 77th legislature changed the agency's name from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Both names are interchangeable for a short period of time, until the phase-in is completed.

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 18, 2003, Sherman County will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2003-2004 budget. The Proposed Budget is on file in the Sherman County Clerk's Office and will be considered for final adoption at 10:00 a.m., September 18, 2003 in the Commissioners

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo
Contract 0030-01-027 for SEAL COAT in OCHILTREE County, etc. will be opened on October 09, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 10921

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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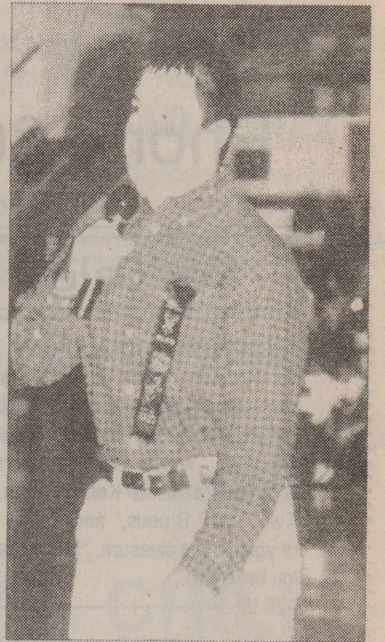
Stratford Elk Football Shots!



SHS Varsity Cheerleaders pose before Stratford/Spearman game L/R: Jamie Valenzuela, Heather Seiler, Lindsay Stein, Yadira Ortega, Kayla Robertson, Audrey Navarette, and Amber Larance.



J.V. Varsity Cheerleaders L/R: Merilee McDaniel, Cassi Garza, Allison Baskin, Chelsi Thiessen, and LaRissa Luna-Willborn.



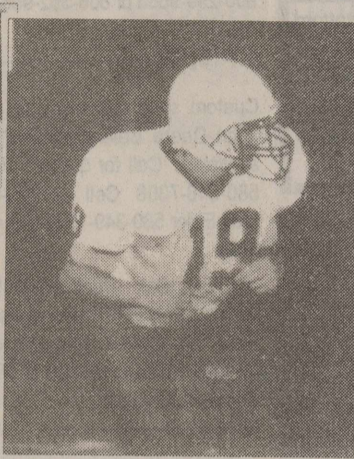
Carlos Jacquez gave the Pep Talk on Friday, September 12th.



Stratford Elks #23 Tyler Haynes and #25 Jason Ashley



Stratford Elk #40 Chance Crowl, left and #33 Carlo Jacquez



J.V. Elk #19 Case Crabtree

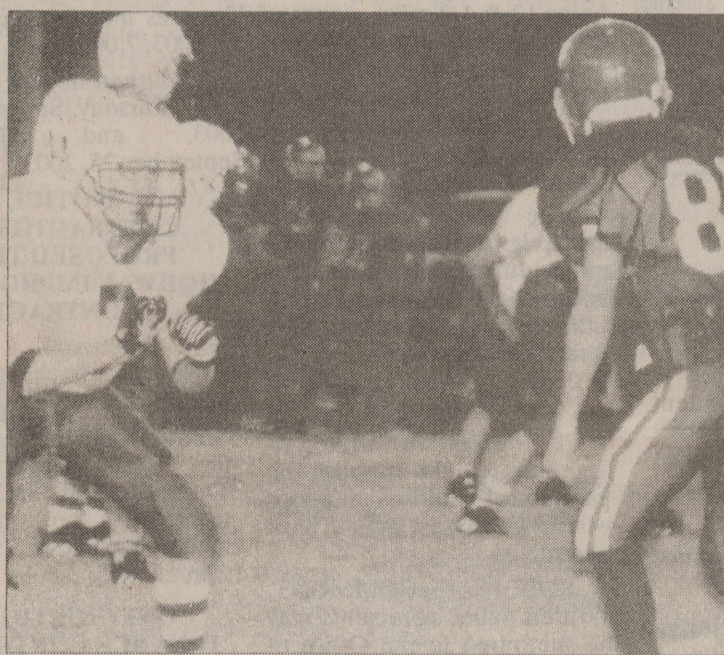
The Stratford Elks Wallop Spearman

The Stratford Elks put a damper on the Spearman Lynx Homecoming on Friday, September 12th with a 41-7 victory over the Lynx.

Josh King threw for 236 yards and three touchdowns. Carlos Jacquez scored three touchdowns for the Elks followed by Travis Soto, Jason Ashley and Gus Rosales with 1 touchdown each.

The Elks had an impressive 368 yards on offense and held the Lynx to 132. The Elks are now 2-0 and will play West Texas for the Elks Homecoming on Friday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Individual stats were not available at press time.



J.V. Elk #7 Walter Spurlock



J.V. Elks #81 Scott Hudson, and #83 Kelby Smith

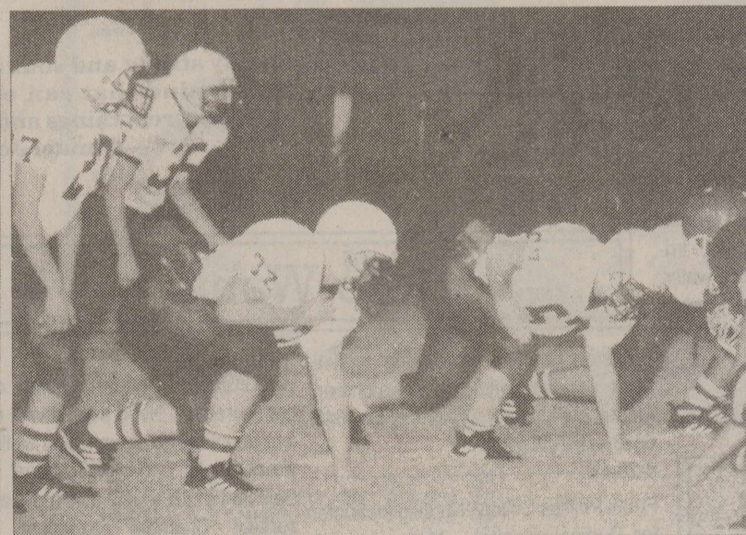


8th Grade Elk #86 Michael Frizzell



The 8th Grade Elks beat Sunray 38-0 on Thursday, September 11th. Shown 8th grade Elks #79 Brady Aro, #13 Alex Martinez, #52 James Smith, #72 Sandro Gomez, #88 Julio Ramirez, and #11 Hunter Buckles.

The 7th Grade Elks kicked off their season with a 14-6 win over Sunray.



J.V. Elks #27 Jeffrey Frizzell, #35 Gustavo Rosales, #72 Caleb Brown, #67 Connor Vincent.

What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.

—Bob Dylan

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marketplace, many of whom are earning extremely good salaries.

The automotive industry is wide open. Qualified technicians are in such demand that dealers are competing with each other to hire the best ones, sometimes offering to provide them free training and pay off their student loans. It really is an employees market with more openings than qualified people to fill them.

The strong man meets his crisis with the most practical tools at hand. They may not be the best tools but they are available, which is all-important. He would rather use them, such as they are, than do nothing.

—Raymond Clapper

The only kind of dignity which is genuine is that which is not diminished by the indifference of others.

—Dag Hammarskjold

Pheasants
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ranchers interested in establishing wildlife habitat on their land specifically in the High Plains of Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

The Northwest Panhandle's Pheasants Forever informational meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 23rd, at the Moore County Extension Office, 310 E. 1st, Dumas. Topics of discussion will include options for involvement in a Panhandle Pheasants Forever Chapter, habitat project proposals, and avenues for utilizing state and federal conservation programs on private land. For more information, contact Brandon Hoffner at 970-522-3822.

School Board
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Mr. Gilliland gave the junior high report. He passed out the weekly bulletin. Homecoming will be next week. The Junior High football teams and cross country teams have had a successful start to their seasons. The 7th grade football team will have the first game tonight. Back to school night was well attended. Enrollment at the junior high is 190.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendents report. Monthly expenditures are at 92.32% and revenue collected at 99.68%. Tax collections are at 95.14%. He gave the transportation report. He explained the Annual Yearly Progress report to the board. This is a federal assessment

report of all schools. All three SISD campuses meet the AYP guideline standards. He briefly explained the Gifted and Talented compact prepared by Misti McBryde to the board. He gave the investment report. He briefly discussed the TASB Update 70.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

At 8:49 a.m. the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.082 and 551.072. The board reconvened into open session at 8:58 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, the board toured the district facilities.

Home

(NU) - With a reputation for hot jazz, world-class cuisine, distinctive architecture and one of the most diverse populations in the nation, it is easy to see that New Orleans is so much more than the revelry of Mardi Gras — it is one of America's most remarkable cultural and family-friendly destinations. To plan the perfect New Orleans experience, start by ordering your "Good Times Guide." It contains \$2,400 in coupons to hotels, restaurants and attractions, and features fun, interesting and helpful travel-related facts and articles on all aspects of the city. Call 1-800-201-4735 or log on to www.neworleansonline.com.

Food

(NU) - A food that is nutrient dense contributes a good proportion of needed nutrients to the diet compared to its calorie count. Among protein foods, nutrient-dense eggs provide the highest quality protein. Visit www.enc-online.org for the latest egg nutrition information and www.aeb.org for easy egg recipes.

Health

(NU) - According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer will claim the lives of an estimated 57,000 Americans in 2003, making it the second leading cause of cancer death nationwide. However, despite the seriousness of this disease, colorectal cancer is preventable and highly treatable when discovered and diagnosed in its early stages. For information on colorectal cancer screening and treatment, visit www.preventcancer.org.

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