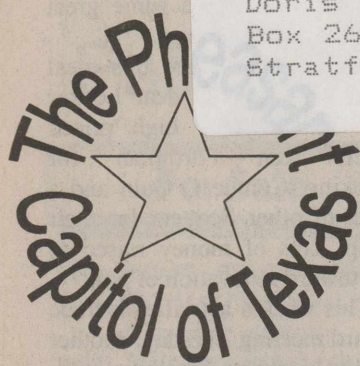


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Pet Of The Week



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

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail Donations, please contact:

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1302 Conlen Ave.
Dalhart, TX 79022
244-3216
Thank you

CWF Chili & Stew Dinner Sunday, Oct. 26th - Free Will Donation

The First Christian Church CWF has fundraisers to support a \$2,200 yearly commitment to Basic Mission Finance. Gifts through Basic Mission Finance help support the work of the General Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 35 regions, nine seminaries and foundation houses, 17 colleges and universities, unity concerns, overseas ministries, homeland ministries, social and health services, stewardship and finances for the church, ministerial relief, communication, archives and etc. The funds raised reaches our global neighborhood throughout 80 countries.

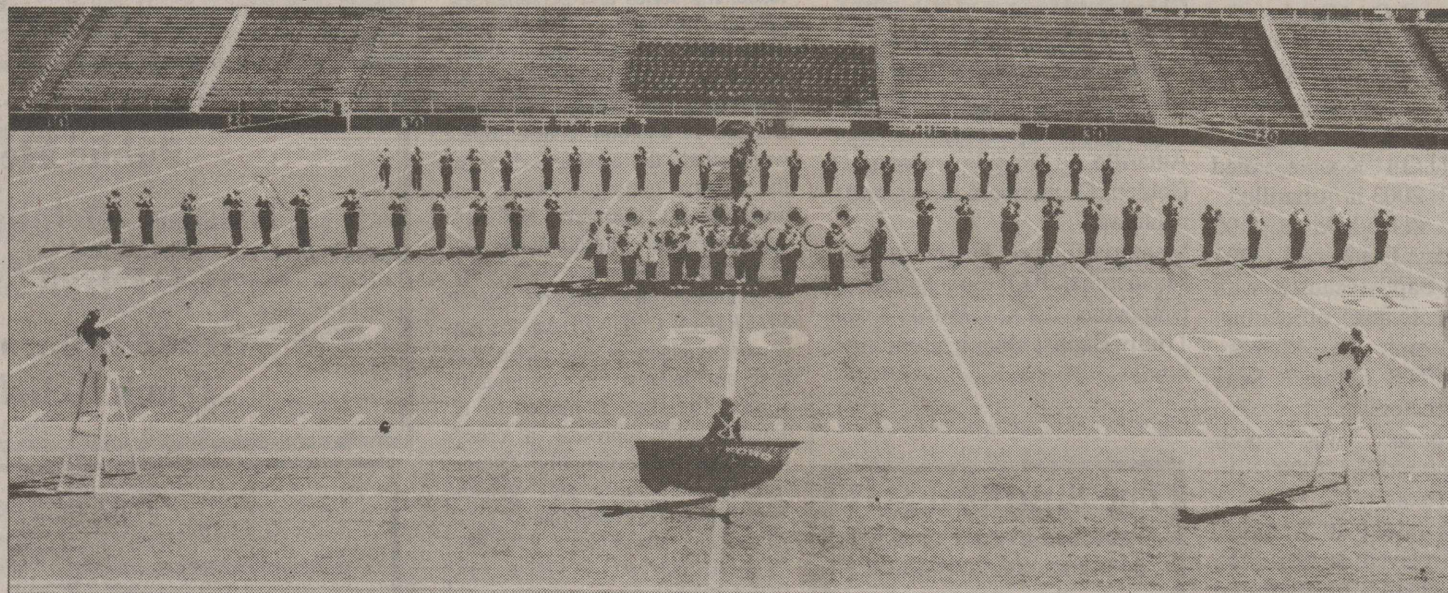
Haunted Pirate Ship

Haunted Pirate Ship at Imagination Station on Thursday, October 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Costume is optional.

Lamb and Goat Validation

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA will be conducting lamb and goat validation on October 22, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Livestock Building. If you plan to exhibit a lamb or goat project at the County or Major Livestock Show they must be validated with a state or county tag by October 31, 2003. State validation will cost \$10.00/head and county validation will cost \$5.00/head. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806)366-2081 for further information.

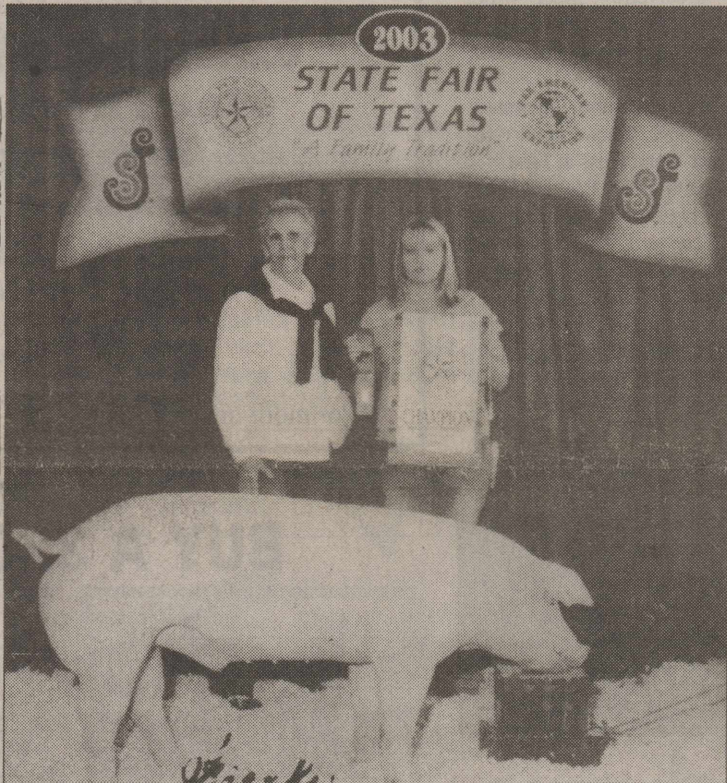
Band Receives 33rd Consecutive Division I Rating



The Stratford High School Big Blue Marching Band under the field direction of Ashley Glock and Stephanie Washburn received their 33rd Consecutive Division I Rating at the Region I UIL Marching Band Contest held at Kimbrough Stadium on Saturday, October 18th. The band will now advance to the area marching contest this Saturday at Plainview. The contest will start at 12:00 noon with Stratford marching at 2:15 at Plainview Bulldog Stadium. GOOD LUCK BAND!

Congratulations Band Students On All Your Hard Work!

Shown at right is Randy and Gail Hunsaker after they were honored Saturday at Canyon after the Big Blue Band won a Division 1 Rating. Randy has had 25 years of consecutive years of Division 1 ratings. He was presented with a "25" year football jersey, special plaque and Gail received roses. Randy is quick to point out that it's his students that deserve the credit and they work very hard for this and they are the ones that should be honored. "He says, he is proud of each and everyone of them".



April Kautz shown above with her Champion White OPB Market Swine at the 2003 Texas State Fair. April, a junior at Stratford High School is the daughter of Jeff & Lynette Kautz.

Kautz Honored At State Fair

DALLAS-Judge Dave Kilmer of Monticelo, Indiana chose Lynsey Pinkerton of Tarzan, Texas to take the top honors as her Crossbred barrow won Grand Champion of the breed at the 2003 State Fair of Texas in Dallas, October 1. Shane Swenhaugen, a Perryton FFA member, followed Lynsey with the Reserve Champion Crossbred. Pinkerton and Swenhaugen were later honored as the Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine.

Ryan Hardin of Pilot, Texas exhibited the Champion Duroc. Chance Hale of Farmersville, Texas, followed Ryan with the Reserve Champion Duroc. Chance Hale of Farmersville, Texas, followed Ryan with the Reserve Champion Duroc.

Sidney Carter of Edinburg, Texas took top honors of the breed as her market barrow was selected Champion Hampshire. Karlie Lightner a Collin County 4-H member was chosen as the Reserve Champion Hampshire.

The Champion Black OPB Market Barrow was exhibited by Ali McCoy, an Albany FFA member. Delphin Janecka of Flatonia, Texas exhibited the Reserve Champion Black OPB.

April Kautz of Stratford, Texas was awarded with the Champion White OPB barrow. Shelbie Lindsay, a Burkburnett FFA member, followed April with the Reserve champion White OPB.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Craig Kautz, also of Stratford placed 10th place with his York.

Kari Mulkey an Ellis County 4-H member, to take the top honors as her Yorkshire barrow won Champion of the breed. Blake Nusser of Pampa, Texas, was the proud exhibitor of the Reserve Champion Yorkshire barrow.



New Chamber Manager

New Chamber of Commerce Manager, Patty Tims. Office hours for the Chamber will be 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the City Hall 366-2260. Patty is jumping right in to the Pheasant Hunt and the Christmas Parade and Lighting Contest. The Chamber is asking each organization to update information of officers, contact person and calendar, so Patty has that information to answer questions and direct inquiries. The Chamber is looking for landowners willing to share their land for "the Pheasant Capitol of Texas" pheasant season. The season is longer with the option of the whole season Dec. 11-Jan. 11 or any part of the season. This project has kept the Chamber doors open but is dwindling due to lack of property to lease.



More band pictures on page 4

Shown at left, Wendell Stacy brought in the first dry load of corn at Lautz on October 2, 2003. The moisture was 15.4. Shown presenting Wendell his check from Stratford Grain is Crystal Mariscal.



Shown above are Stratford Patriots Back Tyler Pickens and Linda McKinney and front Wade Plunk and Matt Powers. Not pictured Brian Zinck.

Stratford Patriots Win At State

The Stratford Patriots competed in aquatics in College Station, in the middle of Aggieland this weekend, Saturday, Oct. 18th.

Wade Plunk brought home 2 gold medals for 1st in 15 meter flotation & 25 meter flotation swims.

Linda McKinney also brought home a gold in 10 meter-assisted swim.

Tyler Pickens brought home 2 bronze medals for 3rd in 15-meter flotation & 10 meter assisted swims.

Brian Zinck brought 2 bronze medals home with him also. One in 15 meter flotation & also in 15 meter unassisted swim.

These athletes competed with 360 other athletes and

represented our community with the determination and ambition of a true ELK.

However, we would not have been able to compete had it not been for the support of our community & families. You all made it possible for Wade, Linda, Tyler & Brian to compete at State. When you see them give them big congratulations and ask about their medals. They are all proud of them, as they should be! They worked very hard to get them.

Next year State will be at Waco and we hope to be able to go again.

GOOD JOB PATRIOTS!!!
Look in next weeks paper for pictures.

Obits

Sharon M. Osborn

Texhoma-Sharon M. Osborn, 58, died Thursday, October 16, 2003.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 in Texhoma First Christian Church with Mike Hughes officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Osborn was born Sept. 12, 1945, in Guymon, OK, to Raymond and May Ellen Turpen. She married Bill L. Osborn on July 21, 1961. She graduated from Texhoma High School in 1963.

She was a florist for more than 15 years. She was a very creative person who appreciated beauty in nature and in gardening and growing flowers.

She raised four daughters and was very busy with their various school activities. She lived in Texhoma all her life and was a member of Texhoma First Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Sherri Sladek and husband, Rex and Shery Allen and husband, Ted, all of Stratford, and Carol Martin and husband, Todd and Shelly Turner, all of Texhoma; her mother, May Ellen Turpen of Texhoma; a brother, Ronnie Turpen of Lefors; two sisters, Darlene Baxter of Rawlins, WY, and Leta Rustin of Vallejo, CA; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo or to Texhoma First Christian Church.

Mildred D. Taylor

Mildred D. Taylor, 91, St. Louis, formerly of Springfield, died Sunday, September 21, 2003 in St. John's Hospital, St. Louis County.

Mildred was born in Little Rock, Ark. After graduating, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for the General Accounting Agency. She met and later wed Robert A. Taylor in 1934. They lived in many cities around the country before retiring in Springfield, MO., where they lived from 1961 until they moved to St. Louis to be near family in May, 2002.

She was the beloved widow of Robert; dear mother of Carole Larsen, San Francisco, CA, Nancy Taylor, Colorado Springs, CO, and Sharon Bartlett, St. Louis, MO; and grandmother of Michelle Braswell and Scott Braswell, St. Louis, MO.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in Hazelwood Cemetery with Dr. Roger L. Ray officiating.

James (J.O.) Koontz

James (J.O.) Koontz, died October 11, 2003 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 13, 2003 at Trinity Baptist church with Dr. David Evans, officiating. Interment was in Memory Gardens by N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors.

Mr. Koontz was born September 23, 1929 in Stratford, Texas.

J.O. was raised at Stratford, Texas and played on the 1945 State Basketball Championship team. He graduated from Amarillo high in 1948, where he was the HWT Wrestling Champion. He received an associate degree from Amarillo College. He retired from Mason & hanger at Pantex Plant after 25 years of service in 1993. He sang in the Gloryland Quartet and also sang Barber Shop with Funtiersman Quartet and member of S. P. E.B.S.Q.S. National Association of Barber Shop. He was music director and deacon at Summitt Baptist church for many years. Also, currently was a deacon at Trinity Baptist church.

He was an avid golfer. He enjoyed life and traveling, but most enjoyed being with his family, whom he loved above everything, especially his grandchildren. He will be missed by his loving family, all his friends and Mannatech family, especially Carolyn McPherson, who he teased and called Number 2. He will be remembered for his joking manner and his generosity.

He married Yvonne Blackwell on August 19, 1949 in Amarillo. They recently celebrated 54 years of marriage.

Immediate survivors: Wife, Yvonne Koontz, of the home. Two sons, David Koontz & wife, Rita, Jim Koontz & wife, Karla, all of Amarillo. Three sisters, Nan Ferguson, Peggy Bosley & husband Ken, of Amarillo, Pat Renfro & Husband, Bob of Lubbock, Brother T.J. Koontz & wife, Cherrie, Amarillo. Grandchildren, Valerie Koontz, Dallas, Eric Koontz & wife, Charessa, Carrollton, Litnyanne David & husband, David, Amarillo, Ryan Koontz, Golden, O, numbers nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Mannarelief P.O. Box 540669, Grapevine, TX 75054, or Trinity Baptist church, Building fund.

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Applications Now Being Accepted For Leadership Sherman County

Applications are being accepted for the upcoming LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY program to begin November 12, 2003. Sponsored by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, the six-month course is designed to identify and prepare future leaders to face future issues of the county.

Subject matter to be covered during the course of the class includes understanding of leadership styles and personalities, getting to know your local government on the city, county, state, and federal level, and the triad for quality living in Sherman County. In addition, course topics will include the economic base of the county, getting to know our neighbors in Texhoma, and new approaches to building teams and coalitions.

Applicants for LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY can be any person engaged in any career that has an interest in community affairs. The class is limited to 12 persons who represent a cross-section of the community. Tuition cost is \$175.00 per person. Application deadline is Wednesday, November 5, 2003. LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY is open to all residents from all walks of life learning to make a difference. Information gained from the course experience will provide a foundation of knowledge individuals can use to become involved, meet the challenges associated with change, and make our county a better place to live and work.

For more information, interested individuals are encouraged to contact either Dana Hess at First State Bank, 396-5521, Blake confer at 396-5871; Steve Johnson at Stratford Feedyard 396-5501, or Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office 366-2122. Texhoma residents interested in the course may contact Kim Crippen at 827-7044 or Julie Berry at First National Bank.

ATTENTION DEAD TREE OWNERS; Carter's Tree Service has agreed to extend the removal of dead trees within the City Limits of the City of Stratford for \$60.00 per tree. Please contact City hall if you have any questions or wish to place your name on the tree removal list. **NOTE:** This is for dead tree removal only. The cost is the responsibility of the property owner and not the City of Stratford.

Book Signing "Grand Old Texas Theaters That Won't Quit"

The LaRita Community Theatre in Dalhart will hold a book signing with Joan Hall, author of "Grand Old Texas Theaters That Won't Quit". The signing will be held at the LaRita Theatre, Saturday, November 1, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Theatre production "The Woman In Black".

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last weeks activities included Bingo, in which more people are coming to do High Stakes gambling.

Last Sunday's Luncheon fed around 180 people some great brisket and trimmings.

Lots of thanks for this meal goes to Brown's Meat Locker for donating the high priced beef, Ken Forthman for cooking, Connie O'Quin and a host of other Scotters for their help. Lots of money raised to go toward renovation of hall.

This week's activities include board meeting Tuesday, another good luncheon Thursday. Flu Shots given at Luncheon starting at 10:30 a.m. (Scotters will be first).

Dance Saturday the 25th 8-11 p.m.

Highway Department meeting next Tuesday, the 28th at 7 p.m.

Department of Transportation Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

SCOT Hall 7:00 p.m.

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Town Meeting

Hosted by:

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry

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Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m.

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Dalhart

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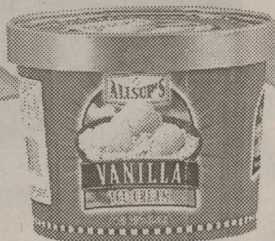
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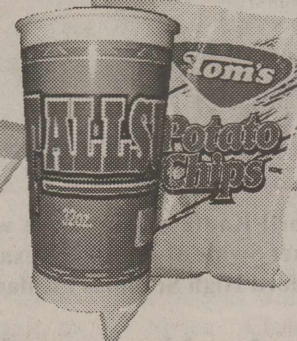


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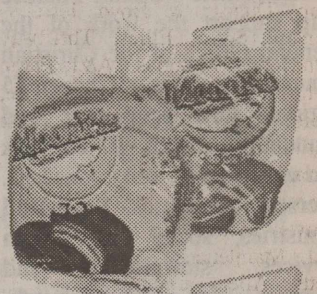


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There were 18 making the Kerrick night Out trip to the Eklund Hotel in Clayton Saturday night. The hotel is still being renovated by the dining room is open now.

Joining in on the night were Penny & Linda Whitson of Clayton, Cliff & Betty Porter of Boise City, Betty Fry of Texhoma, Elaine Horne, Mary & R.J. Hill.

Also Dr. Gary Mathews, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Marjory Munden, Jo June McDaniel, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Pat Boren, Marylou McDaniel.

The Whitsons had a picture of their new grandchild and Jo June's great niece, Penny Jo Stanford. She is the daughter of Danielle & Quint Stanford, Seminole, Texas. She was born Oct. 2, weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz and 19 inches.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters were at Moreland, OK, Friday & Saturday helping son Duane ship cattle. Sunday afternoon they to the Jess Tevebaugh's where they also visited with Guff & Darlene coots of Washington.

Annette Hampton and Nora Wells recently went to Winfield, KS, to see Parker Wells and see him play football.

Jo June McDaniel worked at the SCOT luncheon Sunday. Terry & Barbara Schoonover had Sunday supper with her brother Rex & Anna Danner at Optima, OK.

8th Annual Circle of Friends Golf Tournament & Steak Dinner Recently Held

Our eighth annual Circle of Friends Golf Tournament and Steak Dinner was a wonderful success thanks to the hard work of our host couples and the generosity of local and not so local businesses.

Host couples were: Marty Bain, E.R. & Joan Bell, Rex & Bernice Christian, Dick & Barbara Chumley, Barbara Dettle, B.A. & LeRayne Donelson, Joe & Jean Everett, Bill & Betty Fesler, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, George & Gayle Harding, Tim & Tiffany Hudson, Pat Johnson, Cagle & Sonya Kendrick, Walt & Lasley, Brad & Kaci McBryde, Duane & Yvonne Pittman, Chris & Ronna Riffe, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Bill & Kathy Riffe, James & Linda Spurlock, Wendell & Nelda Stacy, Gayland & Debbi Vandiver, Jess & Martha Willard, Randy & Mary Pat Williams, John & Sharon Wilson.

Business donors were: C&D Body shop, Duncan & Boyd Jewelry, General Store, Ellies, Thriftway (Stratford), Mungias, A&I Parts, Golf Headquarters, Bain Tire, Smith Agency, First State Bank (Stratford), Happy Bank (Stratford), Stratford Grain, Western Organic, Brooks Motor, Browns Meat Locker, John Ewers, J&L Maintenance, Stratford Star, Bettys, Allen-Tarver Ins., Tommy's (Texhoma), El Rancho (Etter), Elk Pharmacy, Stockmans Feed Bunk (Dalhart), West Texas Golf Carts (Dalhart), Texas Electric, Acquisitions, Lehr Fertilizer, Stewarts Lube (Dumas), The Red door, Headquarters, Bobby Edmond Horse Sales, Collingwood Grain, Express Lane, Phil Like Motor (Dalhart), The Fill'in Station (Dumas), Theresa Cluck, Lets Make Arrangements, Sue Holt State Farm Ins (Dumas), Langen Ford (Dalhart), Texhoma Wheat Growers, Iowa Vet Supply, Great Lengths, United Super Market (Dumas), United Super Market (Amarillo), Morrisons Funeral Home, Gary Hudson Seed Co., XIT Cellular, Stratford Farm Bureau, First National Bank (Texhoma), Panhandle Imp., Budweiser, Duncan Chevrolet, Sun Bank (Dumas), Micro Beef Tech, Stevenson & Sons, Big 4 Roofing, Lasley Feedyard, Coronado Feedyard, Dettle Cattle Co., Cimarron Feeders, Hartley Feeders, Hitch Feeders, Stratford Feedyard.

Steaks donors were: Dettle Cattle Co., Cimarron Feedyard, Coronado Feedyard, Hartley Feeders, Lasley Feedyard, Hitch Feeders, Stratford Feedyard.

I don't know why I'm always amazed at how enthusiastically our people respond to causes like this, but we do live in a very special and unique community with very caring people—Thank you all very much. It's not too late to help if somehow we missed you. You're TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation can still be made. Make checks payable to Circle of Friends and mail to Pat

SCOT Hall owes a lot of "Thank You's" to all that helped to make the Sunday brisquet dinner a huge success. We thank all that came to eat with us, all who furnished food, and Connie Oquin and her terrific committee, and anyone else who helped in any way. Randy Williams did a great job as auctioneer, and we appreciate that!

The regular SCOT Luncheon is this Thursday, and flu shots will be given at that time. So roll up your sleeves and come join us for this. The luncheon will be fun, too.

The SCOT group who went to the movie at Guymon on Saturday, October 11 reported that a good time was had by all. Maybe it could happen again.

The October birthday party was last Thursday, with good visiting, good cake, coffee and punch. A good setting for relaxing and enjoying some fellowship.

Our dance is coming up Saturday evening from 8 to 11, and we welcome visitors, one and all!

See you at SCOT Hall!

Imagination Station Computer Lab To Be Open To The Public

The Imagination Station Computer Lab will be open to the Public on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday Afternoons 2:00 to 5:00. Tuesday evenings will be set aside for Class Instruction to be announced.

The Imagination Station can be rented for your meetings and other events, Contact Gayle Harding.

Captain Abdul's Pirate Ship is about ready to sail in November.



Shown above are some of the children of Lollipop Junction helping to pick up their pumpkins that were destroyed last week. See LETTER TO EDITOR below.

Letters To The Editor

To the Hoodlums that this may concern:

Imagine the surprise on Monday morning last week while driving down Main Street and seeing the Fall Decorations that adorned the front door of Lollipop Junction. I had a feeling of warmth and thought "what a nice display for the little children of our community". I couldn't imagine the work and expense that went into making something so nice for the little ones. I enjoyed looking at it every time that I drove down Main Street. Then to my horror on Thursday morning I noticed a path of chunks of orange and knew immediately that it was the

pumpkins from Lollipop. As I drove by I noticed several little children, they could not have been but 3 or 4 years old, standing outside looking at the broken pumpkins as they littered Main Street. The looks on their faces were so saddening to me. I can't imagine what they were thinking.

It's very sad to think that someone in this community would purposefully destroy something that gave so much enjoyment. I have to wonder that if this was a person that attends one of our schools that the community supports in every way. Was this a person that has such little respect for themselves that they have to spread their hatred to all of those around them? I'm sure that the person responsible for this act doesn't really care about the feelings of the little ones. I hope that in some small way it does tug at their heart to know that these little ones are the ones that the community will be supporting in the next few years. I hope that the little ones will learn from this experience and never repeat this act when they are a few years older.

We will never know for sure who is responsible for this vindictive act. I hope that some

of his/her friends that he/she brags to tell them what a hurtful act this truly was. The pumpkins will not be replaced at Lollipop so the few people that did get to see what a truly nice fall display; we hope that you enjoyed it.

In talking to others around the community, we found out that none of us was alone in this behavior. Whether it is a business or a home that has been decorated, none of us is secure in putting our decorations out for everyone to enjoy. Why do some feel that they have the right to destroy property that is not theirs? As a town, we are always promoting "Keep Stratford Beautiful" and when there is an effort, someone comes along only to destroy it.

Parents, please talk to your children no matter how young or old and let them know that this behavior is not only wrong, but it's against the law. Let's all work together so that we can have a beautiful town that we can be proud of.

Adriana Barajas, Julie Ortega, Kelly Renzelman, Maria Botella, Christy Burr, Rhonda Browne, Jennifer Deanda, Angela Hays, LaRita Butler, Cheryl Jones and all the children at Lollipop Junction.

Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn TEEA Club met Oct. 16 at the Extension Office. Lunch was prepared by Susie Spurlock, agent. This club meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of even numbered months. New members are welcome.

Plans for Christmas in November Marketplace on Nov. 15 were discussed. This is the countywide organization's only fundraiser. Money raised goes to the following projects: Support of local 4-H programs, membership in Stratford Area Foundation; gift to Sherman County Library, Conference fees for delegates to district training session, delegates registration for district and state conferences and related expenses to state conference.

DeeDee Dewees, a delegate to state, reported activities at the conference.

Cindy Jackson is a new member. Others present were Dorothy Haile, Martha Mitts, Paula Nusz, Connie Oquin, Doris Parsons, Kim Crippen, Marylou McDaniel.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. 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 - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

Father William A. Gorman

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

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

James Washburn

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

Brent Farney

702 N. 3rd

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

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista

401 S. Wall 396-5376

Domingo (Sunday)

Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)

Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am

Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm

Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

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In an interesting group discussion a chemist from the Jerusalem area who was a Moslem and converted to Christianity gave a phenomenal testimony. "The standards of Christianity are much better than those of Islam," he said. Moslems do not live the kind of life Christians do. The Christian life style is superior. Those committed to it live by a higher standard. Such a testimony from a person who is a Palestinian from the Middle East is more than interesting. Christian people in America had a profound influence on his life. From personal experience, he found Jesus Christ to be superior. He found Jesus Christ to be superior to Mohammed. This is the whole teaching of the book of Hebrews in the Bible. This book begins by showing how Jesus Christ is better than the angels. Christ is better than Moses. He is better than Aaron, the first high priest of Israel. This means that the sacrifice of Christ was a better sacrifice. "He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He also is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises (Hebrews 8:6). In turn, this means Christ offers a better hope. It is the hope of eternal life. When Christ died on the cross, He paid the penalty due to people like you and me for their sins. That this payment for sins is acceptable to God the Father was proved. Jesus Christ was declared with power to be the Son of God through the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). Because Jesus Christ is better in every way, he is bold to declare, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). Faith in the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the only way to the better hope provided by Christ.

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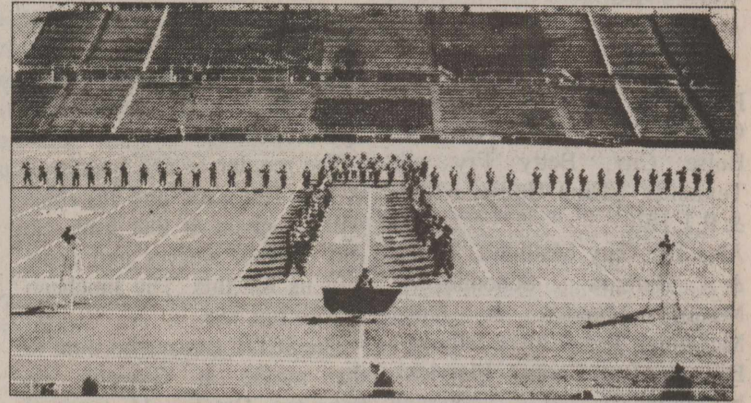


Stratford Big Blue Band Drum Majors Ashley Glock, left and Stephanie Washburn were interviewed by Roxanne Carrillo of KVII -Channel 7 after marching contest on Saturday, October 18th.



On hand to help celebrate Randy Hunsaker's 25th consecutive UIL Marching Contest Division I rating was his parent's P.I. and Norma Hunsaker. Shown from left, Randy, Norma Hunsaker, P.I. Hunsaker and Gail Hunsaker.

Blue Band!!



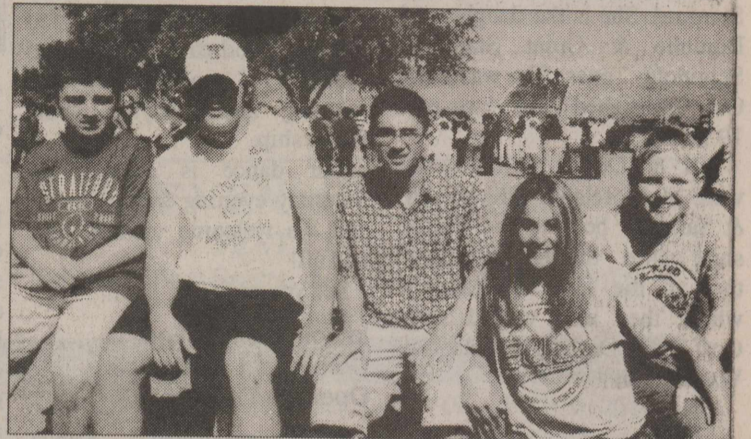
Shown above the Stratford Big Blue Marching Band at contest on Saturday, October 18th.



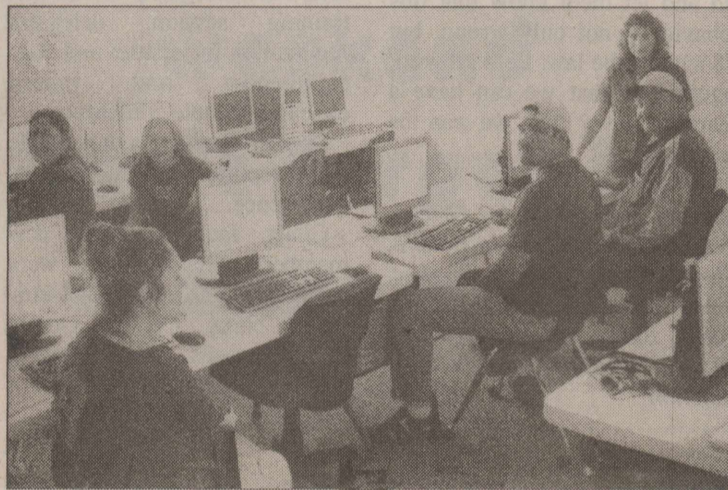
Shown above band members holding up their marching contest trophy!!



Band celebrates on Saturday, October 18, 2003 after receiving news of their 33rd Consecutive Division I rating at marching contest at Kimbrough Stadium. CONGRATULATIONS BIG BLUE BAND!!



These band students took a moment to pose for the camera after contest on Saturday. Shown from left, Ryan Ewers, Ryan McDaniel, Jeffrey Frizzell, Yadira Ortega, and Gina Mattocks.



Basic Computer in Spanish is taught by Lupita Henderson and assisted by daughter Raquel. Attending this Wednesday evening were Maria, Teresa, Lupe, and Antonio. Eleven students were present last Wednesday. Classes will continue Wednesday, October 22 and Wednesday, November 5th. Classes are also held on the following Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00.

Texas Forest Service Offers Cost Share Assistance

AMARILLO-The Forest Land Enhancement Program (FLEP) is a cost share opportunity the Texas Forest Service is offering to private landowners in Texas.

You may be asking yourself, "What forest land is there to enhance in the Texas Panhandle?" The answer to that would be, "None, but there are a number of approved practices to take advantage of up here," says Brian Scott, Texas Forest Service staff forester in Amarillo.

Scott says some of the approved practices involve establishing wildlife habitat or a windbreak of trees and shrubs, in or adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots in the Texas panhandle to assist farmers and ranchers in improving and sustaining their natural resources.

Farmstead windbreaks qualify to prevent wind damage to your home and structures, increase energy efficiency in your home, beautify your property, and improve wildlife habitat.

Field windbreaks qualify to

reduce soil loss due to wind, control snow deposition, protect crops and orchards, conserve soil moisture, and increase wildlife habitat.

Livestock protection windbreaks qualify to provide shelter for your livestock in feedlots or open range, and reduce odor and dust.

Living snow fences qualify to control snow drifting across your highways and county roads.

Wildlife habitat qualifies to enhance the habitat on your property of selected wildlife species like pheasant, quail, deer, and turkey.

For landowners to be eligible, they must be an owner of a minimum of 20 contiguous acres of private land in Texas. For wildlife habitat, 100 acres is the smallest management unit considered for cost sharing.

If you are a landowner interested in more information regarding FLEP and want to learn more about this first come first served opportunity, please contact the Sherman County SWCD at 396-5517, ext. 3.

Rain Gauge Network Participants Needed

North Plains Water District meteorologist Christine is looking for persons interested in being a part of the District's rain gauge network. The district has several types of rain gauges available, however any type of rain gauge can be utilized as part of the network. The information collected by persons all over the North Plains District is invaluable in providing needed information about rainfall across the District through the year. Christine is especially interested in getting more rain gauge readings in rural areas, and the District is offering the larger rain gauges at a reduced cost to anyone

interested in having one. They are \$16 through the District office, as compared to \$26-30 from other sources. These are made to U.S. Weather Bureau specifications. Other types of rain gauges are acceptable as well, and network participants will receive a year's worth of postage paid postcards on which they can record their monthly rainfall amounts and then send them in to Christine. If you are interested in becoming part of the rain gauge network or in obtaining a rain gauge, come by the District office at 603 East First Street in Dumas, Texas or call 806-935-6401.

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School Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 2003 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Board members present:

Joe Reinart
Gared McBryde

Brent Spurlock

Patti Vincent
Jim Taliaferro,
Superintendent

Board members absent: Ted Allen, Ricky Reed and Steve Johnson

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

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the district's monthly recognition. It was as follows:

Several Stratford ISD students participated in the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Congratulations to the following students on their accomplishments:
Sunny Russell - 1st Place - Bake Show
Walter Spurlock - 1st Place- Wheat Show and Contest
Clayton Johnson - Reserve Breed Champion AOB Steer, Reserve Grand Champion
Trevor Christian - Breed Champion Angus Steer

April Kautz exhibited the Breed Champion Chester barrow at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Texas.

The Stratford High School yearbook has been chosen as Yearbook Yearbook semi-finalist. Of the more than 8,000 yearbooks that Taylor Publishing prints, each year less than ten percent of them are chosen to be semi-finalist for Yearbook Yearbook. A panel of judges from across the nation selects the finalists. The Annual staff will now nominate 8 spreads to be judges at the National level.

Fourteen Stratford Junior High students have met the qualification criteria for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Students are identified based on either TAAS or TAKS test scores from the previous two school years. Qualifying for the Duke TIP program this year are:

Brooke Barnard
Stephanie Bell
Brady Booth
Manuel Chavoya
Sinead Everett
Clayton Johnson
Nathan Kimbrough
Jayton Lawrence
Kaleb Horsford
Miranda Mayeux
Deborah Molina
Jennie Spurlock
Jon Seawright
Margarita Rocha Zubia

Stratford ISD's Public Education Information Management System submission rate for the 2002-2003 PEIMS Summer Submission was 100.0% correct on the first time. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Horsford in this position. These numbers directly effect funding.

Steve Johnson arrived at 7:05 PM.

Mrs. Williams gave the elementary report. She passed out the weekly bulletin. The Elementary/Junior High UIL Academic meet will be on December 5th at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Sunray will host the meet. The Mary Allen Elementary students are participating in a canned food drive for a service project. The Accelerated Reader ceremony will be on October 23rd. A parent workshop will be conducted on November 10 in response to surveys parents filled out at Parents Night. The workshop will be conducted by ESC 16 of Amarillo and will focus on helping students with homework, reading and building self esteem.

Ricky Reed arrived at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Gilliland gave the junior high report. Currently the enrollment at the junior high is 188. The junior high students are preparing for the upcoming UIL meet. The junior high band will march on Thursday night at the half time of the junior varsity game. Greg Hallett will conduct an assembly on counterfeit money and the new \$20 bill. He will also have an agent from the secret service with him.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He reported that the high school will attend the Greg Hallett

assembly and another assembly on career opportunities after high school. The high school band will perform Thursday night at the halftime of the seventh grade football game. He told the board of a compliment Coach Thiessen received on how well the football team acted at a restaurant after a game. The person was from out of state and was very complimentary of their behavior. He commended the high school staff on the extra hours they are spending before school and at night school preparing the students for the TAKS test. There will be a night pep rally Tuesday night at approximately 8:00 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the superintendent's report. The cost per mile for transportation for the month was .28 cents. He visited with the board about the bus replacement schedule. He then gave the budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 8.3% and revenue collected at 3.26%. Tax collections are at 0.0%. The district enrollment is currently at 638 with 261 students at the elementary, 188 students at the junior high and 189 students at the high school. Questions were answered concerning the UIL realignment process. The high school band will march at 11:48 AM on Saturday, October 18 at Kimbrough Stadium for the UIL Marching competition. He informed the board of a program Brent Futrell of PrimeVest presented to him. It would allow teachers to utilize payroll deductions for future college needs for their children. Happy State Bank Stratford will purchase the cups for the basketball games. He explained to the board an efficiency

program from Johnson Controls. He passed out information to the Board on the gas usage for the district. He explained to the board a letter he received from the Texas Department of Health. They are requesting to use the school facilities for inoculations on an urgent need basis. He has sent a copy of the letter to the Hospital District also since they would be the entity administering the immunizations. He informed the board of a public meeting on special education to be held in Amarillo on November 4th. Joe Reinart told the board of a mandatory team building session. The TASB Fall Legal seminar will be on October 30th in Amarillo. Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to approve the consent agenda. Discussion was held. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe Reinart read a list of nominees to the Appraisal board. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Gared McBryde seconded to nominate Bill Boren, Glenn Hamilton and Jay Murphy for the Appraisal board. Motion carried 6-0.

Gared McBryde made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to accept the tax rolls. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro read to the board a letter from Misti McBryde, school counselor, on recommendations to change 2 criterion on the at risk list. Discussion was held. Ricky Reed made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the recommendations as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taliaferro presented the 3 bids received on the real estate. Discussion was held. Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to reject all bids as presented, and to re-bid the 4 lots as parcels being lots 4 & 5 as a parcel and lots 6 & 7 as a parcel. Motion carried 5-1 with Brent Spurlock voting against it.

Discussion was held on the sound and light system at the Mary Allen cafeteria, the sound system at the football field, and a teacher parking lot at the Mary Allen Elementary. The board chose jobs for the employee appreciation banquet to be held on November 4th. Discussion was held on the district policy regarding supervision of facilities when being used by student groups. The district's annual financial audit will be next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.
—Shana Alexander

Two Attend Piano Meet

Jean Everett and DeeDee Dewees represented Sherman County Extension Clubs (TEEA) at the annual TEEA State Convention in Piano recently. There were 290 delegates and a total of 534 attending.

Early Bird Workshops were offered; Tis the Season, More Love Than Money, And Fun with Fabric in which members learned ideas for recycling household items, gifts to make and packaging ideas for giving gifts.

Other Workshops were: Heritage-You Got It, Preparing for the Unexpected, and Are You Really a Collector? Members put on their red hats to attend the Red Hat Luncheon and Style Show. Districts met at a local restaurant for an evening of fun.

Guest speakers were Pam Lincoln who is the Immediate Past President of the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Agents, and Dave Tanner, who gave a history of patriotic songs.

Jimmie Pronger and Jean Everett were recognized as being 50-year members. Southstar Club is a 100% Messenger Club.

State Officers elected were Pam Jackson, Llano Co., as TEEA State Treasurer; Clara Howell, Wichita Co., TEEA President-Elect; and Shirley Norris, Hunt Co., Vice-President for Public Policy.

The 76th annual conference concluded with a banquet where the new board of directors were installed. A group of young cloggers who have made national appearances, The Rains County Star Steppers, provided entertainment.

4-H Food Show To Be Held November 1st

Members of Sherman County 4-H are preparing for the County 4-H Food Show to be held November 1, 2003. These members are meeting in project groups under the leadership of volunteers dedicated to assisting youth in learning life skills.

Youth are learning nutrition knowledge, food preparation and safety skills, social role of foods, and food buying skills. Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice. Members are reminded that Entry Forms and recipes are due by 12 Noon, Monday, October 27, 2003. Entries should be returned to the County Extension Office located at the Courthouse in Stratford.

Volunteer project leaders are Connie Burton, Anna Witcher, Becky Harris, and Dallas Lowe.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Brown's Meat Locker, Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, Thriftway of Stratford, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

20th Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar To Be Held Oct. 25

Eta Alpha's 20th Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar is Saturday, October 25, 2003 in Boise City, Oklahoma at the Community Bldg. On North Main Street. Shopping from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Do your Christmas Shopping early. Lots of jewelry, Candles, Embroidered Items, Baked Goodies, Cloth Books, Angel Pins, small handmade sculptures, Quilts, Snuggles, Purses & many numerous all hand crafted gift items for the holidays. Lunch will be available.

For Booth Space, call Frankie Armstrong immediately at 580-544-3348 or 3486.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar, Saturday, October 25 in Boise City, OK at the Community Bldg. On North Main Street-10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

TEEA Council Holds Meeting

Sherman County TEEA Council met Oct. 14 after hosting the Oct. birthday party for Coldwater Manor. Honorees were Florence Warren, Emma Naylor and Juanita Donelson.

Jean Everett presided with Dorothy Dewees, DeeDee Dewees, Dortha Allen, Elizabeth Zimmer, and Marylou McDaniel attending.

Discussion was held about the Nov. 15 Craft Show at the County Exhibit Building. So far, 36 exhibitors have signed on. The concession stand was awarded to Lollipop Junction.

Publicity committee for the Craft Show meets Oct. 22 and Yearbook committee meets Oct. 30.

TFWC Top of Texas Fall Board Meeting Held in Amarillo

"Experiences of a Lifestar Flight Nurse" was one of the presentations at TFWC Top of Texas Fall Board Meeting Oct. 18 in Amarillo.

Jacque Smith RN had an interesting story of her experiences with slide pictures she had taken. Videos on diabetes and arthritis were also shown.

Bobbe Mitchell, Texas Federation president, gave words of motivation and encouragement.

Lyndi Shadbolt, RN, District President, presided in her classroom at Amarillo College West Campus.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club President Laurie Spurlock and Marylou McDaniel attended.

TRTA to Meet October 23rd

The Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore Unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, October 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church.

The program will include a report on the district TRTA meeting, as well as a musical presentation by Dalhart Christian Academy students. Mrs. Mary Jo Ondracek will give a presentation on books for schoolchildren.

Hostesses for the October meeting are: Lois Gossett, Barbara Beaver, Tommy and Merle Sherrill, Charles Ray, and Nancy Woods. The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting, and all members are urged to be present.

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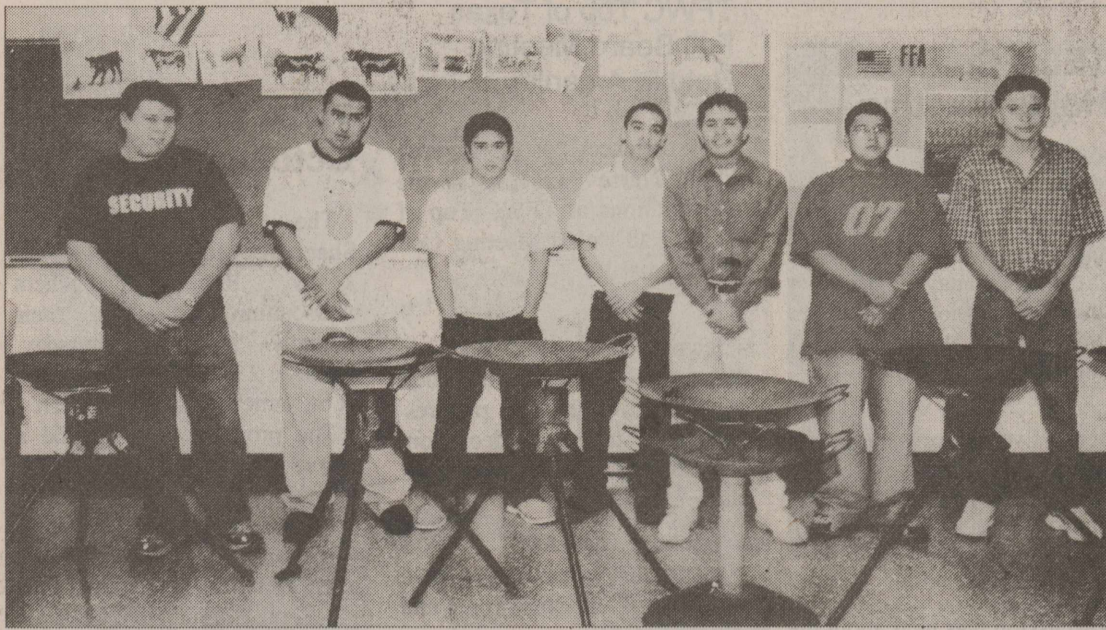
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Stratford Ag Students Build Gas Woks

Students in Stratford Ag classes applied their principles, techniques and safety skills learned in class in the use of oxy-art cutting equipment, plasma cutter, metal chop saw, drill press, oxy-art rose bud, pipe threading, interpreting plans, estimating materials, layout, use of electric arc welders, and use of electric rig welders to build a gas wok project. Congratulations on a good job. Students from left, Ricky Jenkins, Michael Michel, Jaime Casares, Jose Guerrero, Adam Gomez, Manual Barrajas, and Edgar Guerra.

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Time Ends this
weekend
Don't forget to
change your
clocks.**

Inspirational Poems Sought

The Friendly Poets Society is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their latest poetry competition, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all worth almost \$5,000. The contest is seeking poems on any subject, using any style, with a life-affirming inspirational theme.

"We think inspirational poems can motivate people to achieve their dreams," says Contest Director Ms Lavender Augulis. "We're especially looking to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that."

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Lavender Augulis, Poetry Contest, 2255 N. University Parkway, Suite 15 #196, Provo, Utah 84604.

The deadline for entering is November 29. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors reserves the right to publish the winning poems.

Program to offer Entertaining Ideas

Ideas for entertaining, decorating, and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 2003" program to be presented by area Extension Agents Tuesday, October 28, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, Texas. The program will be presented twice on the 28th with the first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening presentation at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open for registration 30 minutes before the scheduled program time.

Advance tickets for the program are now available in Stratford for \$8.00 each from the Extension office, located in the Sherman county Courthouse Annex at 701 N. Third Street. Local ticket sales will end at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27th. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 28th at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Rachelle Redd, instructor with Amarillo College will be presented the program, "From Trash to Treasure."

In addition to Mrs. Redd's Presentation, 16 Extension Agents from the Panhandle District will display tables of prepared foods, decorating motifs, and entertaining notions. Party ideas for all seasons will be featured, including, Autumn Harvest, Christmas and New year's, Beach and Summer parties and much more. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of main dishes, desserts, appetizers, and beverages. A packet of instructions, illustrations, and recipes will be given to each "Celebrate" guest.

Susie Spurlock, Sherman county Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will participate at the two identical sessions of the informational holiday program to be offered October 28th.

No act of kindness, no matter, how small, is ever wasted.

—Aesop
The Lion and the Mouse

The "Celebrate 2003" program is sponsored by the Panhandle District Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Proceeds from the event help to fund scholarships and enhance educational programming in the Panhandle area to improve the quality of life.

For more information, call the local Extension office at 806-366-2122.

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—Aristotle Onassis

Conceal a flaw and the world will imagine the worst.

—Martial

BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—If you're baffled by the hundreds of travel resources available, you may want to consult the guides known as "the books that show you what others only tell you." *Eyewitness Travel Guides* (DK Publishing, \$20 to \$30 each) contain hundreds of full-color photographs as well as sightseeing, historical and practical information. For more information, visit www.dk.com.

A nerve-racking tale that focuses on every parent's greatest fear. That's what people are calling *Where the Road Ends* (MIRA Books, \$6.50), the emotionally intense debut novel by Tara Taylor Quinn. The novel explores the lengths to which a woman will go in order to be reunited with her child. For more information, visit www.mirabooks.com.

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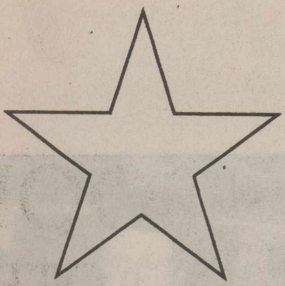
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10-23-tfn

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Shower selections for Jon Engelbrecht and Sharon Meyer at Let's Make Arrangements. Shower Nov. 1st.
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For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights.
1-28-tfn

Office Space for Rent - Main Street - across from First State Bank. Contact Pat Johnson 396-2243.
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Flu Vaccine available at Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Call for appt. 396-5583.
10-9-3xc

Help Wanted

Bids for a yard maintenance position are now open at the Methodist Church. List of job description may be picked up at church office M-F 8:30-11:30. Bids will be accepted until Nov. 3, 2003.
10-23-2xc

Bids for a custodial position are now open at the Methodist Church. List of job description may be picked up at church office M-F 8:30-11:30. Bids will be accepted until Nov. 3, 2003.
10-23-2xc

Cimarron Feeders now taking applications for weekend night watchman. Please apply in person, or call 580-543-6383 ext. 200.
10-23-4xc

Dumas Nursing Center needs LVN's & RN. Call 935-4143.
10-23-1xc

Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.
10-23-tfn

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Cards of Thanks

Baskin and I are Thanking All of You for the cards, flowers, and food you sent during our illness. May all the Love you have shown us be returned many times to you. Your prayers are being answered everyday and we are so grateful.

Betty and Baskin Brown

Editors Note: The following was taken from Kids Say The Darndest Things by Art Linkletter. Did you ever try to cook?

I tried to make some pancakes once.

What Happened?

Nothing much

Why not?

Because I left out the butter, milk and eggs.

What does it mean when we say "his bark is worse than his bite"?

It means that he talks a lot and everybody knows he's stupid.

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

Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053.
8-7-tfn

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

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info.
7-31-tfn

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.
8-8-tfn

For Sale or Lease: 1309 Division. Call Earl Griffin. 1-928-213-9868. To View- Ava Griffin 396-2593.
11-27-c

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

For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, BIG closets, new water heater - good carpet, fence. \$30,000 or make offer. Serious inquiries only. No Rent 580-546-7260.
10-16-3xc

Brick House for Sale: 3/2/1. C/A, Storage Building. 409 S. Pearl. \$25K. 396-2564.
10-16-tfn

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting was held in June 2003 to solicit comments from all interested parties regarding the request from the Sherman County officials and the City of Stratford officials to study the feasibility of a relief route for the City of Stratford. The comments received have been evaluated and a summary will be presented at a public meeting originally scheduled for September 23 but now rescheduled for October.

The meeting will be October 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at Scot Hall, 515 North Third Street, Stratford, Texas

We apologize for any inconvenience the rescheduled meeting may have caused. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Amarillo District Director of Transportation planning and Development, Kenneth Petr, P.E., at 806-356-3202.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.

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Nice Stucco, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Great starter home or investment, circling fans, storm windows, storage building. \$21,000.

For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, BIG closets, new water heater - good carpet, fence. 715 N. Chestnut. \$30,000 or make offer. Serious inquiries only. No Rent 580-546-7260.
10-16-3xc

Legal Notices

Legal Notice

City of Stratford will be accepting sealed bids for the following described property:

Property to be sold is an 8' x 140' easement located between Block 2, Lot 7 (707 Purnell) and Block 2, Lot 8 (711 Purnell), Stratford, Texas. This property is to be sold as is.

Bids may be mailed to the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084 or may be dropped off at City Hall located at 518 N. Third, Stratford, Texas. "SEALED BID" must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2003. Bids will be opened at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2003 and will be awarded at the Regular scheduled council meeting November 13, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall. The City of Stratford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received. Anyone having questions about the above described property or the bidding process may call City Hall at (806)366-5581 during normal business hours.

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The future belongs to the things that can grow, whether it be a tree or democracy.

—Kenneth D. Johnson

Follow your honest convictions and be strong.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deceased, were issued on October 15, 2003, in Cause No. 2074, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Betty Lou O'Brien. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Betty Lou O'Brien
Box 1093
Stratford, Texas 79084

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 15th day of October, 2003

Hunter & Oelke, L.L.C.
By: Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 12199270

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Susan Cathleen Ferrell, Deceased, were issued on October 10, 2003, in Cause No. 2072, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Monte Ray Ferrell.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

C/O: Louis T. Dubuque
Attorney at Law
105 W. 7th
P.O. Box 1085
Dumas, Texas 79029

DATED the 10 day of October, 2003.

Louis T. Dubuque
Attorney for Estate
State Bar No.: 06154000
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Dumas, Texas 79029
Telephone: (806) 935-6451
Facsimile: (806) 935-5611
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Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees has resolved to sell 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.

Specifications require that the land be bid in two separate parcels. The parcels shall be bid as follows: Parcel 1: Lots 4&5
Parcel 2: Lots 6&7

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. November 14, 2003. Stratford I.S.D. has the right to reject or accept any and/or all bids, to make awards as they may appear advantageous and to waive all formalities in bidding. 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 November 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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You have to accept whatever comes, and the only important thing is that you meet it with the best you have to give.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 2nd day of October, 2003, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:00 p.m. on the 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2003, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the city of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

Cause No. 4396 TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS DAHL GARLAND

TRACT 1; All of lots Seventeen (17), Eighteen (19) and Twenty (20), Block Twenty-Two (22), Original Town of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas.

TRACT 2; All of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Twenty-Two (22) in the City of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas.

Cause No. 4415 CITY OF STRATFORD VS RODGERS BARBARA

Lots Number Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Number Sixty-one (61) for the original townsite of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas.

ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE

Levied on the 6th day of October, 2003 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of SHERMAN COUNTY, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF TEXHOMA, NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT AND CITY OF STRATFORD.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2003.

Jack Haile-Sheriff,
SHERMAN County, Texas.
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Editors Note: This funny was taken from Kids Say The Darndest Thing-by Art Linkletter.

What's Abraham Lincoln famous for? He sailed around the world and discovered a new world called Los Angeles.

He brought the states together and then was finally shot while watching a movie.

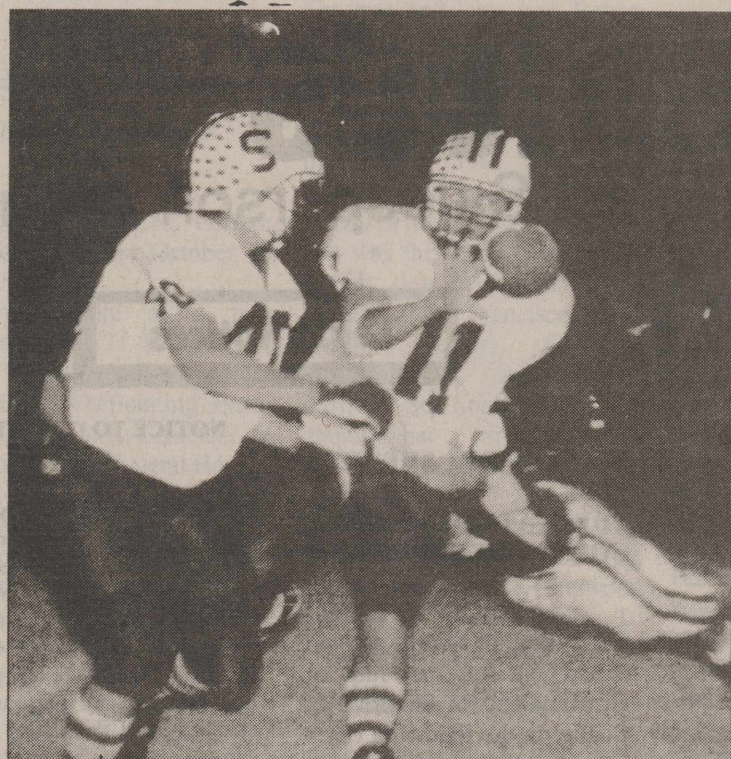
He was a famous sheriff who shot bad men.

He was a good president.

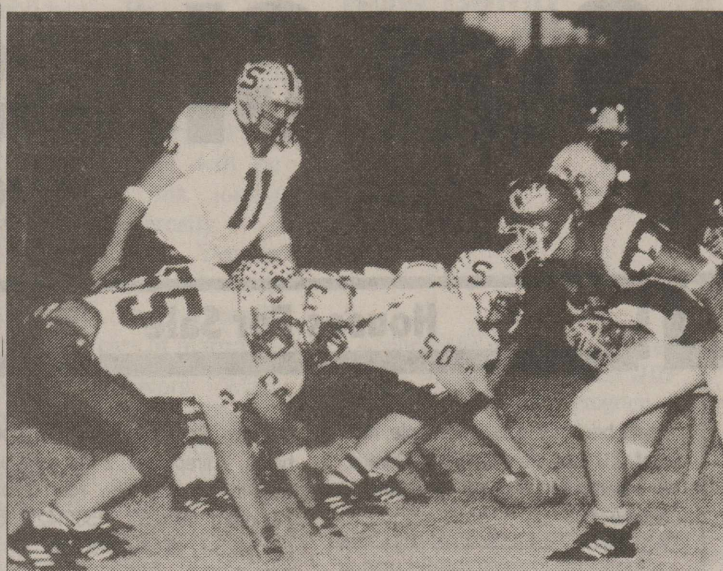
What was so good that he did?

He grew a beard.

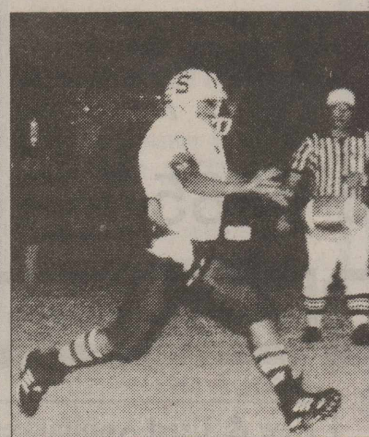
Stratford Elk Football



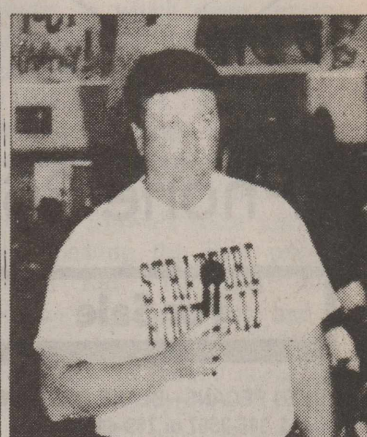
Stratford Elk Quarterback #11 Josh King pitches the ball to #40 Chance Crowl in the Elks loss against Sunray on Friday, October 17th.



Stratford Elks from left, #55 Mark Miller, #60 Adrian Jacquez, #50 Trent Boyd and #11 Josh King.



Stratford Elk #3 Chris Ortega



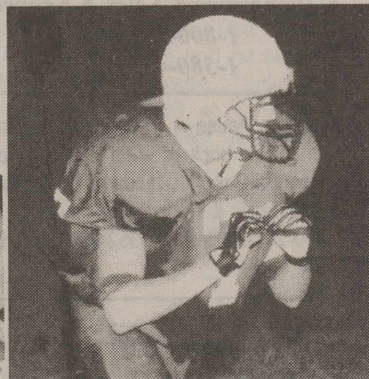
Coach Lance Horsford gave the Pep Talk on Friday, October 17th.



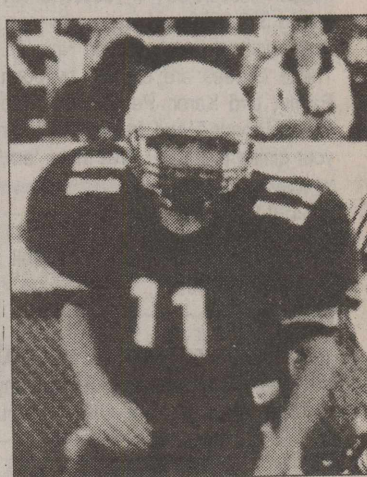
J.V. Elk #27 Jeffrey Frizzell carries the ball for the Elks in their win against Sunray on Thursday, October 16th. Also shown #30 Jonathan Licon and #67 Connor Vincent.



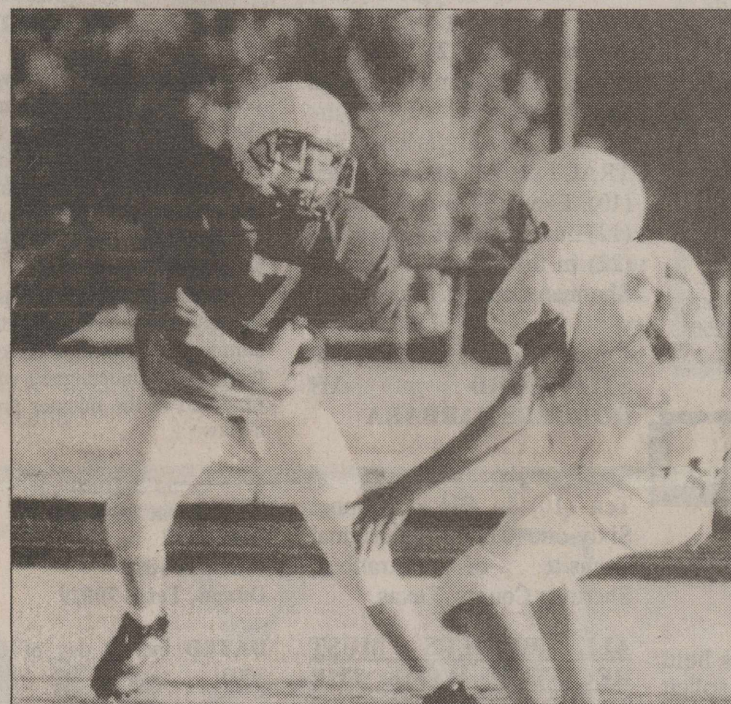
J.V. Elks #27 Jeffrey Frizzell, #72 Caleb Brown, #67 Connor Vincent, #79 Brandon Davis, #83 Kelby Smith and #11 Josh Lanning.



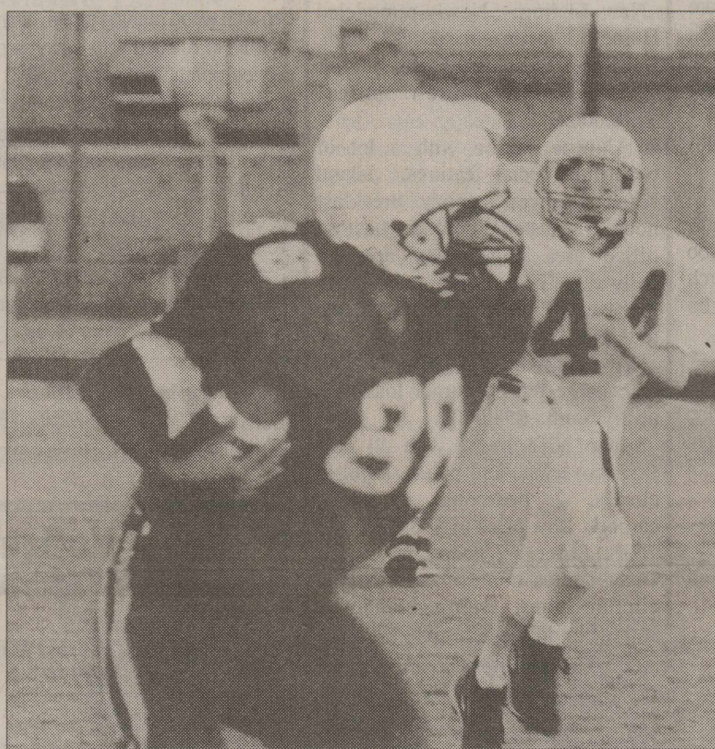
J.V. Elk #7 Walter Spurlock



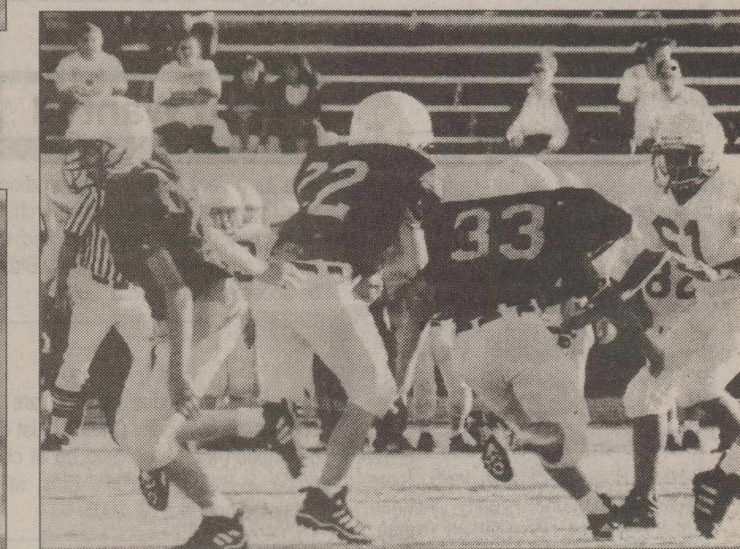
8th grade Elk #11 Hunter Buckles



7th grade quarterback #7 Kaleb Horsford.



8th grade Elk #88 Julio Ramirez carries the ball for the Elks in their win over Sunray.



7th grade Elks #7 Kaleb Horsford, #22 Derek Johnson, and #33 Pepe Licon in their win against Sunray on Thursday, October 16th.

Elks Suffer First Loss

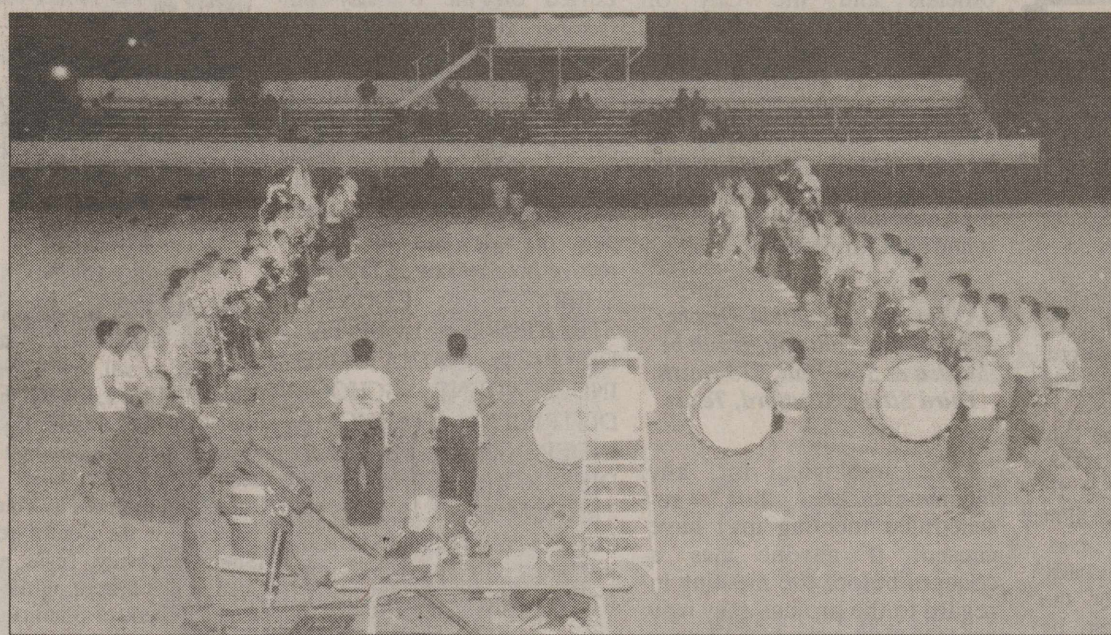
The Stratford Elks suffered their first loss of the season on Friday, October 17th to the Sunray Bobcats. The Elks lost 13-38.

Josh King completed 8 of 23 passes for 146 yards and a 15-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Haynes. King also led in rushing yards with 97 yards on 9 carries followed by Carlos Jacquez with 74 yards on 14 carries. Chris Ortega led in reception yards with 94 yards on 3 catches followed by Jason Ashley with

24 yards on 2 catches. Ashley also scored one PAT for the Elks.

On defense, Ryan McDaniel had 13 tackles followed by Asbel Gomez with 12 tackles. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Brady Bell, Carson Buckles, Mark Miller, Jason Ashley, Adrian Jacquez, Brad Reed, Carlos Jacquez, Tyler Haynes, Chris Ortega, and Luis Trejo.

The Elks will face White Deer here on Friday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. LET'S GO GET'EM ELKS!!!



The Jr. High Marching Band under the direction of Jeff Witcher performed at half time of the J.V. Football game on Thursday, October 16th. They did a great job!



HALLOWEEN HINTS

Heartier Fare Adds Variety To Traditional Party Menu

(NAPS)—While making costumes may be a challenge, preparing your Halloween party menu can be easy. First, remember that fun, ghoulish snacks make Halloween fun, but you should also have favorite party foods that everyone can enjoy.

For the most part, if there are children at the party, you can be sure there will be plenty of sweets in their trick-or-treat bags. Make sure there are other snack items available like pretzels, chips and vegetables or fruit. Additional alternatives offer an opportunity to get creative with Halloween themes or to focus on the tastes of adult guests.

Hearty items like Hillshire Farm® Lit'l Smokies™ make a terrific addition to Halloween fare so guests can create a small meal from more filling appetizers—especially if the event starts in the early evening. Have a crockpot of Lit'l Smokies in BBQ sauce simmering so guests can snack whenever they want to. Offer other finger food like mini sandwiches, summer sausage, or chicken wings alongside.

With these simple ideas in hand preparing the food for your party should be done in no time...which should leave you plenty of time for the costumes.

For Adult Tastes Lit'l Bourbon Links

1 Tbsp. grated onion

1 pkg. (16 oz.) Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies (any variety)
2 cups catsup
¾ cup bourbon
½ cup dark brown sugar

1. In saucepan combine catsup, bourbon, brown sugar and onion.

2. Add Lit'l Smokies and simmer over low heat. Or, bake in preheated 350°F oven for 30 minutes.

3. If mixture thickens too much, thin with additional water or bourbon.

4. Transfer to a serving dish or crockpot to keep warm.

5. Serve hot.

For Children Lit'l Smokies in BBQ Sauce

1 pkg. (16 oz.) Hillshire Farm Lit'l Smokies (any variety)
1 bottle (12 oz.) BBQ sauce
Grape jelly (optional)

1. Pour BBQ Sauce in saucepan and add Lit'l Smokies.

2. Add grape jelly if desired to sweeten taste.

3. Simmer over low heat. Or, bake in preheated 350°F oven for 30 minutes.

4. Transfer to a serving dish or crockpot to keep warm.

5. Serve hot.

For more party appetizer ideas, visit www.hillshirefarm.com.

health hints

Getting More From Your Doctor Visits

(NAPS)—1. **Take responsibility.** Your health care is a partnership between your doctor and you, in which you have responsibility for working with your doctor to manage the various aspects of the care you receive. This is not as daunting as it may seem. Credible, independent health information is now readily available at your fingertips through a physician-respected web site—MerckSource.com.

2. **Make it a priority to understand your health status and risk factors.** Studies show that doctors base up to 80 percent of their diagnoses on what patients tell them about their symptoms, history and lifestyle. MerckSource.com is a reliable source for patients interested in preparing for their doctor visits, or learning more about their health.

3. **Keep a health journal.** Once you start playing an active role in your own health management, it helps to be organized. Keeping a health journal can help you do that. MerckSource.com can help you gather information to

record in your journal, including family history, an immunization record, and preventative tests.

4. **Make time to prepare for office visits.** With preparation, your doctor visits can be more productive. Preparation may help you feel more confident and informed, and help you in articulating your symptoms or posing health questions. Use MerckSource.com to help you partner with your doctor.

5. **Ask the right questions.** Asking meaningful questions about your symptoms or risk factors may help your doctor diag-

nose a condition or provide information that can help you be more healthy. In preparation for your next doctor's visit, use MerckSource.com to generate a printable list of questions to help you articulate your reason for visiting the doctor. The site contains questions related to some of the most common reasons for visiting the doctor, such as allergies and smoking cessation. Showing this list to your doctor at the beginning of the office visit will help your doctor address what's important to you.

Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.
—George Washington
