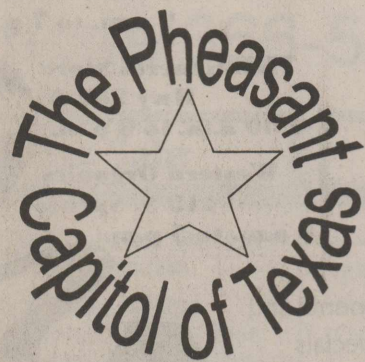


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Pet Of The Week



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:

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

The Sherman County Public Library will be opened only until 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2003. The Library will be closed on November 11, 2003 in observance of Veteran's Day

Senior Pep Rally

The Senior Pep Rally is this Friday, October 31st at 3:15 p.m. in the Stratford High School Gym. The Parent Pep Rally is Friday, November 7th.

Pantry Board Meeting

Pantry Board meeting will be held Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 7 p.m. at XIT Building.

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.

Veterans Day Program To Be Held Nov. 11

Stratford High School Student Council would like to invite you to help honor our veterans on November 11, 2003 @10:00 a.m. The Veterans Day program will be held in the Stratford High School gym

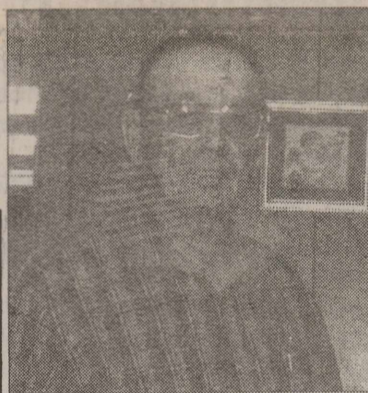
Beat Booker

Big Blue Band Going To State

The Stratford Big Blue Marching Band will be going to State at San Antonio to play in the Alamo dome on Monday, November 3rd. They will be marching at 9:38 in the morning. If they make the final 5 they will compete again on Monday evening for the finals. There are 15 bands competing in Class A in the State of Texas. If you are interested in going and want more information please contact Mr. Jim Taliaferro or Randy Hunsaker. Cost for admission is \$12.00 and \$7.00 for parking.

Randy Hunsaker said he is so proud of the kids and they are looking forward to this trip. He said the weather in Plainview Saturday was windy, but in the dome it's 72 degrees and no wind. Good Luck Band! Congratulations.

Good Luck Band



Lloyd Crownover

Crownover Named Farm Bureau Pioneer

2003 Farm Bureau Pioneer for Sherman County, District 1 is Lloyd M. Crownover. Mr. Crownover joined Farm Bureau in 1947. He held the office of Vice President in 1982.

Committees he served on Building Committee-1964, Auction Sales Committee-1964, (This committee raised money to build Farm Bureau Building in Sherman County.

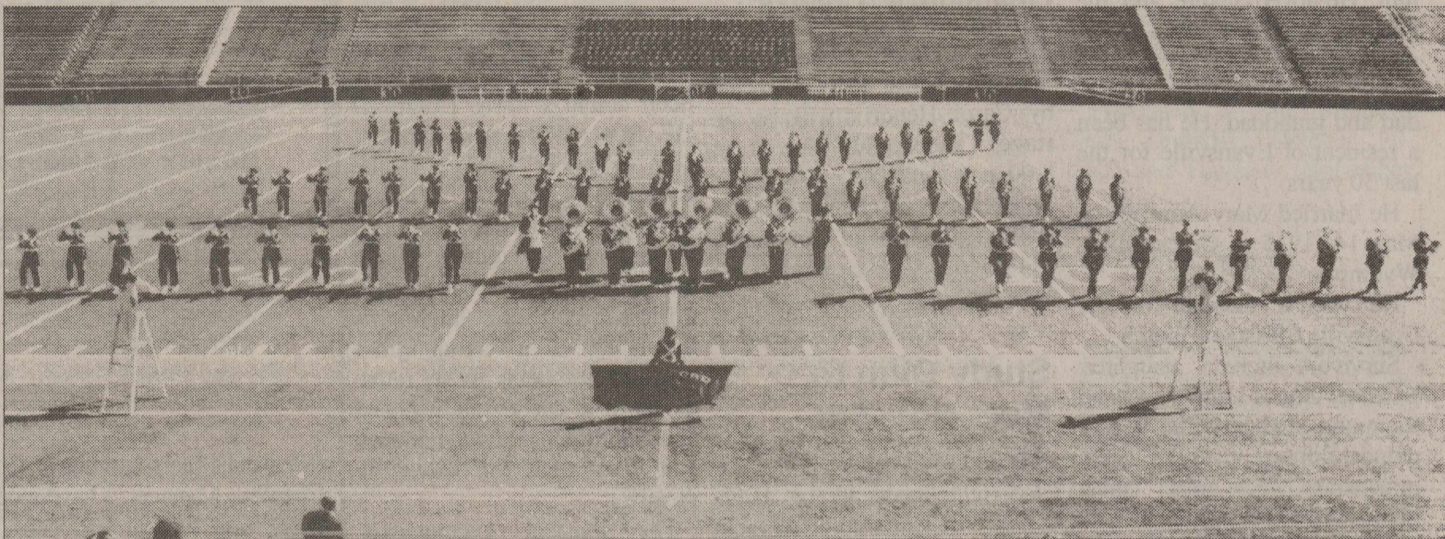
Mr. Crownover makes an effort to attend every State Convention Meeting and serves as a voting delegate.

He has been a Sherman County Farm Bureau board director since 1964. Makes a great effort to attend each and every monthly board meeting, and also attends the State Convention as a voting delegate. His father helped organize Farm Bureau in Armstrong County when Farm Bureau first became an organization. His son, Johnny Crownover served as President of Sherman county Farm Bureau in 1980. His son, Donald Crownover has also served on the board.

Mr. Crownover is a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford since 1964 when he moved into this area. He was an active member of 4-H and FFA when his children were in school. (1964-1980).

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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



The Stratford Big Blue Band is going To State for the first time in Marching. Good Luck Band, We are behind you all the way.

Nu Beta Parade of Homes Coming Soon

Nu Beta Sorority will hold a Parade of Homes Sunday, December 7 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The homes selected for this year's parade are Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Phelps, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pemberton, Mr. & Mrs. Rhea Chumley, and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bob Brown. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5.00 from a sorority member or at one of the homes on the day of the parade.

Mary Allen Hosting Workshop

Monday, November 10th, Mary Allen Elementary will be hosting a workshop for parents. Terri Stafford of Region 16 will conduct the workshops. Beginning at 6:30 we will have How to Help your Child with Homework at 7:00 Improving Reading Skills and at 7:30 Building your child's self-esteem. These workshops are in response to a parent survey that was sent out on Parent's Night in September. Any parent or grandparent that is interested in one workshop or all three is welcome to come. Terri Stafford has conducted many workshops for Region 16 and she will present interesting and informative workshops. We, of course, want all Mary Allen parents to attend and anyone else that feels these workshops would be beneficial. This is for parents only and interpreters will be available.

El lunes, 10th de noviembre, Mary Allen Elementales estarian recibiendo un taller para padres. Los talleres seian conducidos por Terri Stafford de la Region 16. Comenzaran a las 6:30 nosotros omo tendremos Que Ayudar a su Nino con Deberes en Mejorar a las 7:00 las habilidades en Leer a las 7:30 Construllendo su Estima del Nino. Estos talleres estin en la respuesta a una inspeccion del padre que fue arrojada en la Noche de padre en septiembre. Cualquier padre o el abuelo que es interesado en un taller o todos ellos esen bienvenido a venir. Terri Stafford ha conducido muchos talleres para la Regon 16 y ella presentan interesantes talleres informativos. Nosotros, por supuesto, queremos que todos los padres de Mary Allen asistan y cualquiera que sienta que estos talleres seran beneficos. Esto es para padres olo y los interpretes estain disponible.

Gifted & Talented Identification Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, November 3rd for parents who are interested in learning more about the gifted and talented program at Stratford I.S.D. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Characteristics of gifted children will be discussed as well as the nomination process for referring students into the gifted and talented program. Parents will also be given some helpful tips on recognizing and dealing with giftedness in their children.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student for the gifted and talented program can submit their nominations to the following G/T campus coordinators beginning November 10th and ending November 21st. Mary Allen Elementary-Daina Rouse (366-3340) Stratford Junior High School-Barbara Haile (366-3320) Stratford High School-Jennifer Wells (366-3330).

For more information, contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

Ports-to-Plains Northern Summit in Denver

Ports-to-Plains Transportation Corridor Annual Meeting and Northern Summit will be held in Denver, Colorado on November 12, 2003 at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street. The Meeting will begin at 7:00 a.m. with Registration and Continental Breakfast. The meeting will begin at 7:50 a.m. with a welcome by Colorado State Senator Mark Hillman. Subjects for the day include: update on Corridor Management Plan; Reauthorization of TEA-21/Jack Schenedorf, Washington D.C.; Trade Corridors of the Great Plains/Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, Hartland Express, SPIRIT 54, La Entrada al Pacifico Ports-to-Plains; Internation Activities/Mexico-Coahulia Report, Canada-Saskatchewan Report; Sasekatchewan Development through Transportation; Legislative Perspective/Colorado Senators and Representatives; Construction Report. The annual membership meeting will be held for the election of officers at 5:50 p.m.



1st dry load of corn

Bringing in the first dry load of corn at Stratford Grain was McBryde L & C on October 12, 2003. Moisture was 15.4. Shown above is Crystal Mariscal of Stratford Grain with Kade McBryde, son of Brad & Kaci McBryde.

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.

ELK FANS...
Show Your Spirit
Bring Noise
Makers to the
Pep Rally on
Friday & to the
Spirit Line Friday
Night!
BEAT BOOKER!!

Christmas In November Marketplace

The first annual Christmas In November Marketplace will be held Saturday, November 15, 2003 in Stratford at the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings. The show will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shoppers will have an opportunity to select holiday gifts from an array of vendors offering homemade to high fashion jewelry, wood, stone, and bone crafts, leather goods, quilts and quilting supplies, floral arrangements and wreaths; purses, candles, and Christmas and Thanksgiving decorative items.

Pottery and weaving by Cindy Russell and Art of Kenneth Wyatt will also be available with Judy Irlbeck of Mountain Man Candy tempting shoppers with snack treats. To help shoppers get a start on planning and preparing holiday meals, food vendors will offer frozen enchiladas, corn on the cob,

burritos, pumpkin rolls, peanut brittle, and an assortment of food mixes.

For the children, San Thingees will be present for youth creative expression. A food concession featuring hot stuffed baked potatoes, hot dogs, nachos, and cinnamon rolls offered by Lollipop Junction and will satisfy the hungry shoppers that day.

Christmas in November Marketplace is sponsored by the Sherman County Extension Education Association. Proceeds will be used to support community and 4-H projects, leadership development opportunities for members, Sherman County 4-H Scholarship, and attendance at District and State Conferences.

For more information, contact either Jean Everett 806-966-5346 or the Sherman County

Obits

Lawrence "Doc" Naugle

Casper, Wyoming-Lawrence "Doc" Naugle, age 95 died October 15, 2003 at Life Care Center.

Services were held on Monday, October 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Evansville Christian Church in Evansville, WY with Pastor Merlyn Dunn from Evansville Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Wyoming Memorial Gardens in Casper, Wyoming.

Mr. Naugle was born August 21, 1908 in Stratford to Howard and Luella (Fleener) Naugle. He was raised in Stratford, Texas. As a teenager, he started driving cattle from Abilene, Texas to Dodge City, Kansas. His love of horses never left him. He loved nature and the great outdoors. He was quick witted and always tried to make people smile. He was a great dad and granddad. He has been a resident of Evansville for the last 30 years.

He married Mary Aquirre, on May 14, 1935 at Green River, Wyoming.

He was a member of the Evansville Christian Church.

Survivors include: daughter: Laurine Jones and husband Raymond of Evansville, WY. 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandsons, 2 great great grandsons. Brother: Basil Naugle of Stratford.

His parents, his wife on June 13, 2002, 2 brothers and 3 sisters preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to Evansville Christian Church, 719 3rd Street, Evansville, Wyoming 82636.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Dalhart, TX, Hunter M. Latham said today.

Dallam and Sherman Counties are two of 18 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Mr. Latham said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Latham said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 1, 2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Latham said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Dalhart is open from 8-4:30 Monday through Friday.

Beat Booker

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Oct. 30- Nov. 2 ALT Academy "Pocahontas" Thu-Sat 7:30 Sun. 2:30 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 31 Nov. 1-2 "Woman in Black" 8:00 p.m. Nov. 2 Matt 2:00 LaRita, Dalhart Community Theatre
- Nov. 4-5 "Lord of the Dance" Broadway show 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Nov. 11 Veterans Program Florene Watson WW II (WASP) Marine Color Guard- "Forgiven" Dalhart LaRita Theatre 7:30p.m.
- Nov 14*** 22 Annual Renaissance Holiday Feast WTA&MU Department of Music & Dance West Texas A&M Canyon 806-651-2394 WWW.WTAMU.EDU/RENAISSANCE
- Nov. 13-23*** "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space www.amarillolittletheatre.org 806-355-9991
- Nov. 21-23 Amarillo College Children's Theatre "How to eat like a Child" Fri., Sat. 7:30 Sun. 2:30 Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353
- Nov. 22 Amarillo Symphony- Andrew Appel, Harpsichord 8:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-376-8782

"Woman In Black" LaRita Dalhart Community Theatre

"Woman in Black" an English Victorian Ghost Story, Directed by Carol Hendrix will be on stage, October 31, Nov. 1 at 8:00 p.m. and Nov. 2 at 2:00. Reservations can be made at the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646. Credit cards are accepted.

Study Club to Meet Nov. 5th

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will meet at the High School Art Classroom for their Nov. 5 meeting. Time is 4:30 p.m. Cindy Russell, Art instructor, will show how to make colorful brochures on the computer, student work of pencil and watercolors, how they throw and fire pots. Plans for the annual SCOT Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 20 will be discussed.

Imagination Station News

Computer Lab open Tues. Wed. Thu. 4:00-6:00 Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 30 6:00-8:00 p.m. "The haunted Pirates Ship". Admission free, donations always welcome.

Friday, November 7 Pre-exhibit supper for "Capt. Abdul's Pirate School" Beginning with "grog and hard tack" at 7:00 p.m., followed by the booty taken at the last adventure. Cost for this Pirates Supper is \$25.00 per person (remember pirates) with reservations no later than Tuesday November 4th. Please call Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303 or Gayle Harding 366-2206. This is a fundraiser to help pay to replace the broken front window and Phase III building project.

Wednesday, November 12 Opening of the "Capt. Abdul's Pirate School" to school groups. This exhibit is a gift from the Harrington Discovery Center and will be displayed until December.

Wednesday, December 3 Christmas Parade Stew Supper (rain, snow, or shine).

Saturday, December 6 Breakfast with Santa.

Scott DeTurk's "The Legend of Pocahontas"

Amarillo Little Theatre Academy proudly presents Scott detour's "THE LEGEND OF POCAHONTAS" October 30, November 1 & 2 at the Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstay Auditorium.

This fresh new musical which has experienced a successful off-Broadway run, highlights the story of a young girl's bravery and helps us to relive the spirit of early America. The enchanting music will stay with you days after you leave the theatre.

The musical encompasses three stories of unlikely friendships, divided cultures and a young girl's quest to find her way home with Pocahontas' help.

"The Legend of Pocahontas" is directed by Jayme Scott, ALT's Education Director with music direction by Rolando Salazar and choreography by Leslie Hethcox.

Seventy-eight ALT Academy students ranging in age from 5 years to 18 years of age are collaborating to bring this visual classic to life. ALT's Education Director, Jayme Scott expects "The legend of Pocahontas" to be one of the most popular Academy shows of all time. "It will be a great experience for the entire family and a terrific opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of live theatre."

Performances are Thursday October 30th at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 2nd at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday October 20th. Ticket prices are \$8 for Adults & \$4 for children under 12. Call the ALT Box Office-355-9991 to reserve early as you won't want to miss this crowd please.

Good Luck Band

*** Mind is the great lever of all things; human thought is the process by which human ends are answered. ***

—Daniel Webster

Rendon's Headquarters Restaurant NEW BUSINESS HOURS!

We will now be open **Saturdays** for Breakfast and Lunch And closed on **Mondays!**

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday thru Friday
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday
7:00 am to 2:00 pm
(Breakfast served until 10:30 am)

Sunday
7:00 am to 1:00 pm
(Breakfast served until 10:30 am)

Stratford Merchants invite you to join us for a

Holiday Open House Monday, November 3rd

Norma's Precious Moments
218 N. Main
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THE General Store
Hwy 287 N
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Western Organics
119 S. Spruce
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Acquisitions at the corner of Hwy 54 & 287
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Elk Pharmacy
317 N. Main
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ellie's
211 N. Main
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Let's Make Arrangements
209 N. Main
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments and In-store specials all day!

The above ad paid for by Stratford Chamber of Commerce

NEW HOURS FOR CITY'S COLLECTION STATION

Sunday-CLOSED

Monday thru Friday-12:00 noon to 5 p.m.

Saturday-9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Be sure you take your water bill when you go out there, otherwise you will be charged a dumping fee!

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

What does the Chamber of Commerce do? This is the first question I asked when I was given the job of Chamber Manager. I have received many helpful hints from the wonderful board members: Dave Browne-Pres., Eric Werner-VP, Terri Teig, Treasurer, Gaynelle Riffe-in charge of transportation, Karen Perrin, Rhea Chumley, Pat Hartman, Tim Hudson and Dianthe Downs. The best answer I have found in all my digging around, I would like to share with everyone. Please take the time to read this:

WHAT DOES THE CHAMBER DO?

You have probably heard that question asked at one time or another and you may have wondered about it yourself. It is a legitimate question and many people including those to whom the Chamber is very important-have no real concept of exactly what our Chamber of Commerce is, how it works or what it is for.

There are, in fact, a lot of misconceptions about the Chamber. For example, there are those who believe the Chamber gathers statistics, prints nice brochures, visits new businesses, answers inquiries and advertises what a great place the area is to work, live and enjoy life.

They are right, up to a point. We do all those things, and proudly so. All of those jobs are important. But they aren't why the Chamber is here. They're fringe benefits of the Chamber, the things we do as a matter of routine because they need doing and we are good at them.

The primary functions of the Chamber go far deeper than those niceties. The Chamber of Commerce is a catalyst-a common vehicle through which business and professional people work together for the common good of the community.

A better community means better business conditions, and we work for a better community for everyone. That's why we do what we do. This brings us back to that original question: What do we do? There is, in the final analysis, one reason for the Chamber to exist...to do whatever is necessary to keep the area's economic condition at a level where businesses will risk their resources here in hope of making a profit everything else is just frosting on the cake...a means to the end.

In any community, it is from the profitable operations of business that all other benefits re derived. Only by succeeding in this fundamental goal can we provide the jobs and produce the wealth to finance all the governmental, civic, educational, cultural and charitable needs that our community is faced with every day.

This means we must do the job needed. That leaves one final question: Who is this "we" that does all this? "We" are you. The Chamber member and all of your businesses and professional friends who are also Chamber members.

You are the Chamber of Commerce. You provide the ideas, the drive, the goals, the funds and the voluntary services to keep the Chamber doing what it does. You are the Chamber, and without you, there wouldn't be any Chamber, and-just who would do all those things, if the Chamber didn't?

We need the confidence that it can be done in our community, state and nation. We need to be available to do it, and if we can, and if we do, we will be accountable to the coming generations who will be the true judges of what we do today.

Please let me know how I can help you. Thanks to all the Chamber members for making Stratford such a great place to call home. Please call Patty at 366-2260 leave a message if I'm not there.

LIGHT OUR TREE OF LIFE

Memorial Hospice will open its yearly fund drive with the lighting of the Tree of Life, November 6th, 2003 at 209 S. Bliss at 6:30 p.m. This is the only fund drive that Memorial Hospice has to provide patient care for patients and families who have no source of funding.

Hospice recognizes that strong emotional, psychological, spiritual as well as physical support is required by all in order to meet the needs of the dying patients. Finances are not always available and funds from the Tree of Life are used for this purpose. Memorials may be given in honor of your family and friends to support this funding need.

The community is invited to join us at this time of remembrance. Refreshments will be served after the Lighting of the tree. Come and join us.



A Gift to Memorial Hospice

My Name _____ Address _____

My Tax Deductible Contribution is for \$ _____

I Make This Gift

In Honor of _____ Please Send Notice Of This Gift To:

In Memory of _____

To Continue Hospice Care Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Make Check Payable To:
Memorial Hospice, 209 S. Bliss, Dumas, Texas 79029

Full Gospel Announces Women's Day Conference

Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton, Texas will be hosting "A Day For You" Conference on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The annual event welcomes women from all over the area to come and enjoy a day of encouragement and inspiration. Susan Pettrey, will be our guest speaker for the day. The daughter of Jim and Carol Cymbala, she grew up in the Brooklyn Tabernacle church. Susan attended the Zion Bible Institute and continued her education at Regent University where she studied Divinity and Counseling. Today she is the Director of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Drama ministry, as well as being worship leader, soloist in the choir, and a member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers. She lives in Long Island, New York with her husband, Brian, and two children, Luke and Claire.

The conference will begin with registration and fellowship at 9 a.m. coffee and pastries will be served at that time, followed by the first session at 9:30. A salad luncheon will be provided at noon with the afternoon session ending at 3 p.m. Women of all faiths and walks are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled day that promises a lift to sagging spirits and hope to all who come. There is no charge for the conference. Pre-registration is requested. For more information and to request registration please call the Full Gospel Community Worship Center at (806) 435-2506. A nursery will NOT be provided.

history also will be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

"I encourage landowners who have a family farm or ranch that qualifies to apply today," Combs said. "It is a great way to recognize your family's hard work and dedication and a wonderful gift to pass onto to your children and grandchildren."

Applications are available through county judges, TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847 or (512) 463-2631.

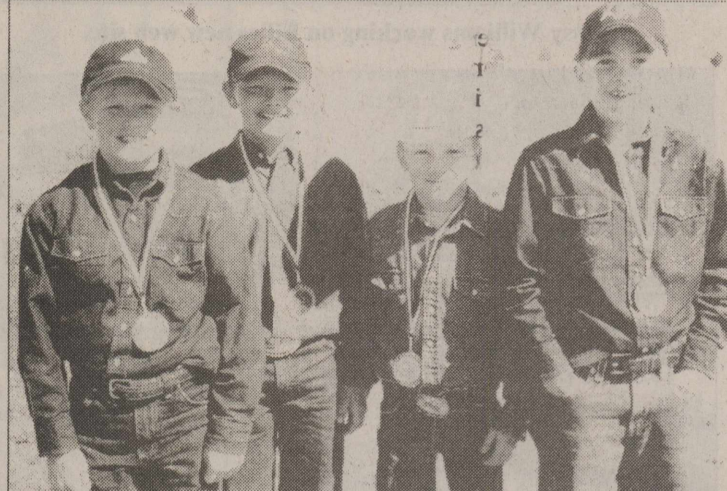
Stratford Junior Ranch Rodeo Teams To Compete in Pokey-the-Clown World Junior Ranch Rodeo Finals

Pokey's Jr. Ranch Rodeo is held in conjunction with the World Championship Working Ranch Rodeo finals held each year in Amarillo. The finals this year will be November 14-16th. The Jr. Ranch Rodeo Finals will be held Saturday, November 15th beginning at 1:30 at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Competing for the "world" title in the Pee-Wee division, will be the Cowboys. The Cowboys' team members are Preston Burr, Chase Richardson, Brady Cross and Rett Schoonover. The Cowboys are coached by David Cross. Jr. Division competitors are the Texans, comprised of Justin Mungia, Chance Walker, Reed Schoonover and Braden Hudson. The Texans are coached by Chad Walker. These two teams will be competing in the Pony Express race, Wild Cow milking and branding events in their quest for the championship.

The Cowboys qualified for the Jr. Ranch Rodeo Championship by winning their division at the Jr. Ranch Rodeo at Sunray's Fun Day. The Texans qualified for the Championship by winning their division in Boise City.



Competing for the "world" title in the Pee-Wee division, will be the Cowboys, from left, Preston Burr, Chase Richardson, Brady Cross and Rett Schoonover. Also shown, Sunray Lions club representative and Pokey-the-Clown.



Jr. Division competitors, the Texans, coached by Chad Walker are from left, Justin Mungia, Chance Walker, Reed Schoonover, and Braden Hudson.

It was spooks and goblins Saturday at the Community Center as M'Lynn Wells hosted a Halloween party for a group of friends.

Somehow Nita Taylor's name was left off the list of those going to Clayton and she was the one making the arrangements for Kerrick Night Out.

Ralph & Minnie Hampton went with Nora Wells to visit with and watch Parker Wells play football Saturday. He attends Southwestern at Winfield, IS.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended the estate sale for his grandmother, the late Elenora Lewis. It was Saturday at Guymon.

Pat Boren with Vicki Gore of Stratford and Laura Baker of Dalhart went to Comanche, TX., for the auction of Pat's glass collections. They also visited with Vicki's daughter Angie and husband Eric at Big Spring. They met Pat's daughter, Kerry & family at Lubbock for lunch Sunday on the way home.

Several from Kerrick enjoyed the chili-stew lunch at the Christian Church Sunday.

Congratulations to the Elk Big Blue Band for winning their way to San Antonio this next week! They've always been Number One with us!

Leadership Sherman County To Begin November 12

LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY will begin classes November 12,

The six month training course will enhance leadership skills, community knowledge and civic networks. In addition, the sessions will focus on group dynamics, public policy, team building, government, education, and community services. Applicants for the course will be selected from persons engaged in any career who has an interest in community affairs. The class is limited to twelve persons who represent a cross-section of the county.

Tuition for **LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY** is \$175.00, which covers all costs of the program materials, locations, speakers, meals, and transportation when necessary.

The class is the fourth offered by the Extension Program Council in response to the long-range objective of enhancing the quality of life by providing training to new leaders for effective group leadership for

2003. The series of educational programs and workshops are designed to identify and prepare future leaders of the county. The first session will focus on leadership styles and team building skills to be civic and public service groups. In addition, citizens will become actively involved in the decision making process that affect their communities, organizations, professions, and lives.

For more information about **LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY** contact Susie Spurlock at the County Extension Office 366-2122, Joe Zak at Stratford Grain at 396-5541, Danna Hess at First State Bank 396-5122, or Gared McBryde at 366-5307. Deadline for accepting applications is November 5, 2003.

conducted by Joe Frank Wheeler of Borger and Drew Pickle, Texas 4-H Center program coordinator for Challenge Course And Outdoor Living Skills.

SCOT members need to be reminded that on October 31, they can go to Dalhart to see the stage production, "Woman in Black". The bus will leave SCOT Hall at 6 p.m. Tickets to the production are \$13. The group will stop to eat before the play. Those who want to go should call SCOT Hall, 396-2377, or Lynn Wells, 396-2011 to reserve a seat on the bus.

SCOT luncheon last week was once again very pleasant, with good food, beautiful table decorations, flu shots for those who wanted them, and a wonderful musical program by Mary Allen second graders.

Our dance last Saturday was attended by a total of four people from Stratford. Thank goodness for visitors! These were from Guymon, Dalhart, and Boise City. It was a fun time for everyone.

Next month some SCOT activities may be relocated due to the work going on at SCOT Hall, so we will try to keep everyone informed. The renovation will be getting very exciting as more is done.

Applications due Nov. 15th

Austin-Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today reminded Texans that applications for the 2003 Family Land heritage Program are due Nov. 15. The Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has recognized 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties.

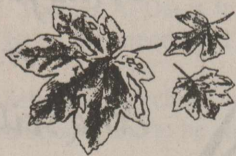
Combs commended past honorees and those who have submitted their applications for this year's program for their hard work in making Texas agriculture what it is today-the second largest industry in the state.

"Each family's agricultural legacy is an integral part of our state's agricultural success," Combs said. "This program recognizes each family's contribution to Texas agriculture and the county where their ancestors settled."

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—James A. Garfield

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Reformation Day Riches

A sociologist from Washington University discussed the negative effects of perverse male behavior in our society as related to rape, incest, sexual harassment, and pornography. His point was that these perverse behaviors display how the myth of male dominance is played out in our society. That was his point. He also spoke of the rise of this behavior in the last twenty years. He gave many statistics and examples to back up his claim. The lecture ended with a short exhortation to work toward the reduction of such behaviors. I left the lecture with two thoughts. First, there has been a dramatic rise in violent crime, including rape. In the past thirty years, there has been a 560% increase in violent crime. Now, one in every four women in America may experience rape. The statistics are staggering. But during the last twenty years, what else has happened? There is less prayer in public places. The Bible and the standards of the Bible have been taken out of our schools. The Ten Commandments and the morality of the Ten Commandments have been taken from our young people, in many cases, by court order. We are reaping the results of this turn away from God and the Bible. Second, the sociologist outlined the problem all right, but he did not give a solution. The real solution involves a revival of Christianity. It involves reformation. This means lives changed by the power of God as He changes human hearts. God changes rapists and pornographers into different people. Such a Reformation began in Europe on October 31, 1917. It can occur today in America. It is much needed today in America.

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Ellies Has New Web Site



Missy Williams working on Ellies new web site.

Martha Ellison, owner of Ellies says they have had their web site for one month. They are very excited about this new venture. Their future plans are some day to have everything listed on the site. Please take a moment and visit:

www.elliesholidayandgiftboutique.com

You won't be disappointed.

Missy Williams has been instrumental in getting the web site up and running. She has done an excellent job and is still working on the site continuously.

On the site are all holiday items, Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They also have every day gift items, such as picture frames, crosses, baby items. There is also Bridal Registry and Baby Registry.

They take credit cards on the site, VISA, Master Card and Discover.

If you have not been in to Ellies, lately please stop by and look around, they have a huge selection of stock to choose from. Stratford is very fortunate to have this business in our community. If you want to know more about this-stop in and visit with Martha.

Martha says "that expanding out like this will allow her to keep a larger selection for the hometown people", as they have been very good customers.

We wish Martha all the best. Take time and stop in their Open House on Monday, November 3rd.



Baby Shower Given

A baby shower was held Saturday morning, October 25th at the First United Methodist church Fellowship Hall for Brady Brotherton, son of Matt and Karin Brotherton. Shown above left to right is Linda Brotherton, Matt's Mother, Karin holding Kyler, Matt holding Brady, and Rosa Twait, Karin's mother. Shown in front is niece Teaghan Penland.



"The New Color of Money"

The First State Bank of Happy, provided an assembly for middle school through high school on Friday, October 23rd. The assembly was about The New Color of Money. Cloey Chancy, Special Agent for U.S. Secret Service talked to students about the new designs and security features for currency beginning with the \$20 note in late-2003. Shown from left: Brad Reed, Student Council President, Special Agent Cloey Chancy, Greg Houlette, Sr. Vice-President & Security Officer of First State Bank of Happy, and Sr. Vice-President of First State Bank of Happy - Stratford Branch, Doak Crabtree.



Stop in and look at all the beautiful selections of gifts and household items at Ellies. There is something for everyone.



Halloween Items are available at Ellies.



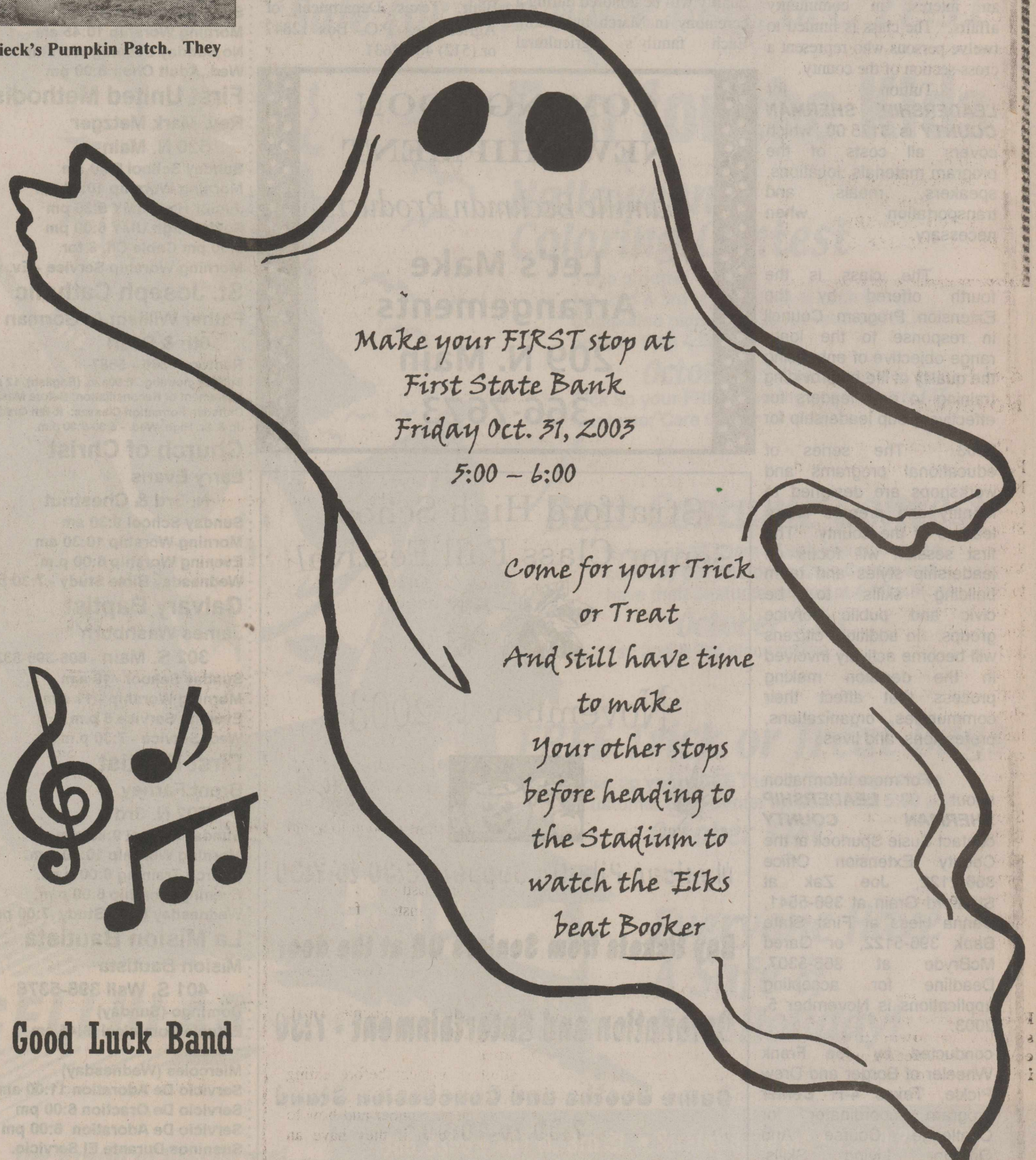
The Kindergarten class of Mary Allen recently traveled to the Wieck's Pumpkin Patch. They are shown above with their pumpkins.

Stratford High School Student Council will be honoring our local veterans Nov. 11. We would like your help in updating our list of veterans. If you know of any not listed, please call Cindy Russell @ 366-3353 or 727-4671.

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Blake, Homer		Slover, Jack
Blair, Earl	Jackson, Jimmy	Sladek, Bill
Bonds, George	Jeffries, Roger	Smith, Ed
Bill Boren	Judd, Leroy	Smith, J.D.
Bouldin, Ted		Smith, Wayne
Branham, Olen	Kendrick, Cagle	Spurlock, Boyd
Brannan, J.E.		Spurlock, Dru
Brannan, Johnny	Lanc, O.J.	Spurlock, Neal
Brooks, Dwight	Larance, William Ray	Stacy, Wendell
Brotherton, Richie	Lavake, Wayne	Starnes, Harley
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Brown, Max	Lovett, George	Stoy, Tommy
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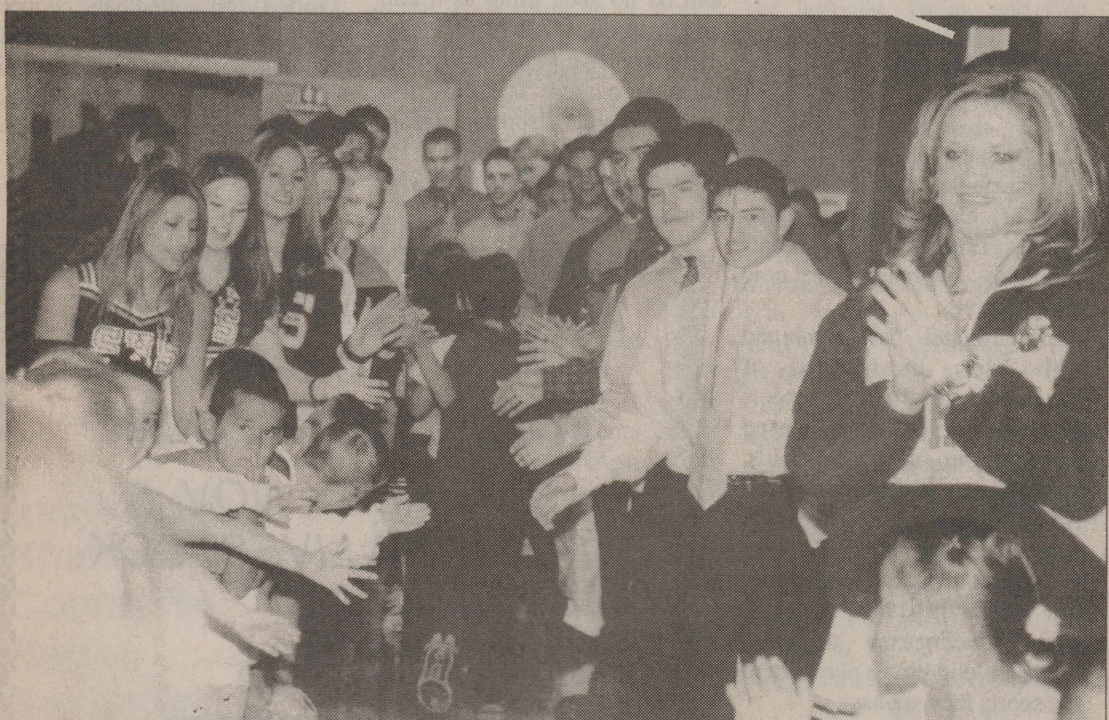


Way To Go Stratford Patriots

Stratford Patriots and supporters shown above are Wade Plunk, Cindy Larence, Linda McKinney, Steven Pickens, Michelle Estes, Landen Pickens, Britten Pickens, Brian Zinck, Carol Zimmer and Tyler Pickens. Congratulations-the job you did at College Station was great.



Shown at left, Stratford Patriot, far left, Tyler Pickens receiving his Bronze medal and at left, Linda McKinney receiving her Gold medal. Bottom left, Wade with his Gold medal and Brian Zinck with his Bronze medal. Way to Go Stratford Patriots!



Victory Line

Mary Allen Students who reached their goals at the Accelerator Reader Ceremony on Thursday, October 23rd, were awarded on Friday, October 24th, with a victory line from the Stratford Elk football team, and cheerleaders. Also on hand, to help with the ceremony was the Big Blue Band, who played the Fight Song as students went through the victory line. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MARY ALLEN STUDENTS!!**

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Basic Computer Class

Imagination Station Basic Computer in Spanish, Thursday morning class. L/R: Susana Vasquez, Cristina Gernes, Esmeralda Vasquez, instructor Lupita Henderson, Maria Palma, and Bertha Peregrino. Classes will continue through Nov. 5 & 6. The computer lab will be open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 - 5:00.

4-H Food Show November 1st

The Sherman County 4-H Food Show will be held November 1, 2003 at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Public Viewing and Awards Program to begin at 12:30 p.m.

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.

Winners of the county Food Show will advance to the District 4-H Food Show scheduled for December 6 in Amarillo.

The public is invited to come and support the 4-H members Saturday.

Every human mind is a great slumbering power until awakened by keen desire and by definite resolution to do.

—Edgar F. Roberts

Halloween Advisory

Darkness settles and Jack-o-lantern's ghoulish smile beckons little ghosts and hobgoblins to come out to play. In hopes that all the night's partakers return home safe and sound, the Texas Department of Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but oftentimes people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Many pedestrians will be on the streets, and drivers need to watch for them."

To prevent tragedy befalling our children, motorists are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and to be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters.

- Safety tips for trick-or-treaters include:
- Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.
 - Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.
 - Avoid toy guns and knives--they could be mistaken for the real thing.
 - Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.
 - Wear shoes that fit
 - Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.
 - Avoid masks-use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral Vision.
 - Travel in groups with adult supervision.
 - Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.
 - Carry a flashlight and make sure an adult accompanies small children. Exercise caution when crossing streets.
 - Never trick-or-treat in unfamiliar areas.
 - Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.
 - Make sure children know their home phone number and how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

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Editors Note:
The following are articles written for Jennifer Wells Honor English class. She wanted to share them with our readers. Hope you enjoy them.

By Cory Rendon

For thirty-two straight years the Stratford Big Blue Marching Band has earned a division one rating at UIL Marching Contest. This year they started their practice to earn that number thirty-three on August 11, 2003. For this year's contest they are playing "VeraCruz" by Jay Bobook, "Hey Jude" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and "Slavonic" by Alfered Reed. This winning streak is the longest standing streak in the panhandle in the A, AA and AAA Division. This streak was first started in 1971 with Director Jeff Doughton. He taught for three years earning three number one division ratings. Then in 1974 Director Garry Larimor came to Stratford from 1974-1979 five years, earning five division one ratings, then in 1979 Randy Hunsaker took over as head band director. He is still director to this day and he has kept the streak going for twenty-three more years. When Mr. Hunsaker was asked what his secret was he said that, "It has never been my doing, I have had kids who are willing to work hard and give everything they have one hundred percent of the time." One of the characteristics of this band that sets them apart from the rest of the competition is that they are one of a select few high schools in the state that still marches a high knee lift style. When Jeff Witcher, Stratford Assistant Band Director was asked why it is

that he prefers this high knee lift as compared to the corp. style marching he replied, "This system is much more efficient, it takes less time to learn, and when executed well it is one of the most beautiful things."

The Big Blue Marching Band will be performing at UIL Marching contest at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon, Texas on October 18, 2003. If they receive a 1 they will advance to the UIL Area Marching Contest in Plainview, Texas. From there the top three schools out of 17 or 18 will advance to the State Marching Contest in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamo Dome.

Running Your Heart Out By Brittany Hudson

Waking up at the crack of dawn, running for an hour straight, and not being able to feel your legs are just a few challenges that cross country runners have to face throughout a season. Cross country is not your regular sport. In cross country, you run two to three miles at a meet depending on what state you live in.

The Elks' and Lady Elks' head coach this year is Johnny Hudson. He came from Iran after coaching there for several years. Coach Hudson always tells the girls and guys to "run their hearts out, and that they have to move out of their comfort zone to do well in a meet." There is no doubt that you have to work hard to achieve great things in this sport. Luck isn't a part of this sport either, because the only way you will ever get lucky in this sport is if the best runner at the meet hurts herself. "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." -Thomas Jefferson. "Cross country is a physically and mentally tough sport," says senior Erin Ashley. Erin is the only senior cross country runner for the Lady Elks this year.

Cross country courses are not just like running on a track. You have hills, holes, and mud that you have to trudge through. Conditioning for cross country

consists of hills, mileage and speed workouts. A workout for a normal week as a cross country runner for the Lady Elks is Monday they run mile repeats, and Tuesdays they run 5:30 a.m. practices, where they run four to five miles. Tuesday afternoon is usually hills; Wednesdays are lifting and running sprints after school. On Thursdays, they run at 5:30 a.m. and they run either 8x100 repeats. Fridays are their day off, and Saturday is meet day.

Cross country is difficult only because it is necessary to perform while tired for longer periods of time than in most sporting events. Most people look on Cross Country as a "punishment." Cross country is a sport that has several challenges, but if you just run your heart out, you will be the runner needed for a cross country team.

Fall Is More Than Just Rakes & Leaves By Ryan McDaniel

Mark your calendars for the night of November 1. It's fall festival time again! It kicks off with a Mexican pile-on at 5:30, and then goes straight into the entertainment provided by the seniors. But before the entertainment they will have the traditional auction off of a football signed by the Stratford Elks, and a basketball signed by the Lady Elks.

The entertainment like normal has no real theme: it's just a variety of silly skits. The skits were created by Nan Ashley, Marie Sladek, Suzanne Ashley, and Dana Buckles. Talking with Audrey Navarrete she said, "It's been a lot of hard work, but I think in the end it will all pay off and be a lot of fun".

After everyone gets his or her laughs they can head over towards the high school end of the building for the carnival. In the gym there will be all of the stands and my favorite the White Elephant stand. At this stand you can find some of the coolest stuff, and it's all cheap because it's already been used. Also in the gym you can find the ring toss, basketball throw, fortune telling, facing painting,

pie throw, bean bag toss, and the football throw. One of the new stands is the Real Fishing stand. At this stand you will grab your fishing nets for a little fun in the pool. Children will be able to dip their net into the water, scoop a fish, and put it in a zip lock bag. Another newcomer is the photo op stand, which can be located in the gym. At photo op, you stand behind a piece of plywood painted as a football player or a cheerleader and have your picture taken with a Polaroid camera. There is still one more stand, this would be the soccer stand. The purpose of the soccer stand is to kick a ball into the net without hitting any of the bottles that have been laid out as obstacles. Out of the gym is the cake walk and the miniature golf which is one that normally draws some attention. Also there is the musical chairs activity which is found in Mr. Hembree's room. The cake walk is found in room 26, and miniature golf will be in Mrs. Everett's room. So if at all possible try to make it out there for the food, fun and entertainment.

Not Quite Football By Kayla Willard

Stratford has added a new extracurricular activity to their list for elementary students. Besides Little League baseball and little Dribblers, we now have soccer.

Lori Gilliland has combined with Kids, Incorporated of Amarillo to begin a new sport that has never been played before in our small town. Kids, Inc. is an organization from Amarillo that provides sports and other activities for kids year-round that was founded by Cal Farley in 1945. All kids from Kindergarten to sixth grade are eligible to play any of the sports they sponsor.

Several parents have volunteered to be coaches and referees. Some of the older age groups have actual referees, but for most of the teams, the coaches also act as the referees. There are about four or five teams per age group that take turns playing against each other. They have transformed

the Little League baseball field into four soccer fields so those eight teams can play at once. They have games every Monday and Tuesday at 5:50 and 6:30.

The elementary kids enjoy being put on the spotlight twice a week just like the "big kids" are on Friday nights. Their parents show up at every game and run back and forth with their cameras taking pictures and yelling their support. Since this is the first year for them to play soccer, they didn't know what they were doing for the first few games. "Kids, Inc. brought soccer to Stratford. Once everyone learned the rules and got the hang of it they had a lot of fun, although I don't see it replacing Texas football anytime soon" says soccer coach Julie Willard.

Soccer has many physical benefits also. It helps the kids learn muscular coordination and endurance, while making them healthy and keeping them in shape. Along with the physical benefits, it also teaches them how to work as a team. There can be no such thing as a ball hog in soccer. All of the team members have to work together to make a goal. The kids also learn good sportsmanship, which is very important for them to learn while they're young.

OPSU-52nd Annual Beef Bull Performance Test

The Annual Beef Bull Performance Test at Panhandle State University, Goodwell, is underway once again. This is the test station's 52nd annual test. The bulls consigned to the test this year were officially weighed on test October 11, 2003. There are 85 bulls consigned to the test this year, representing five beef breeds—Angus, Herefords, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus and Simmentals. Fifteen cooperators from the states of Oklahoma and Texas have bulls on test.

The test covers a period of 112 days during which data will be collected on each bull's average daily gain, weight-per-day of age, frame score, scrotal circumference, fat thickness, rib eye area and marbling score. Feed efficiency is measured on a pen basis. The bulls are fed a growing ration consisting of rolled corn, rolled oats, chopped alfalfa, cottonseed hulls, molasses and protein supplement. Performance summaries will be reported at

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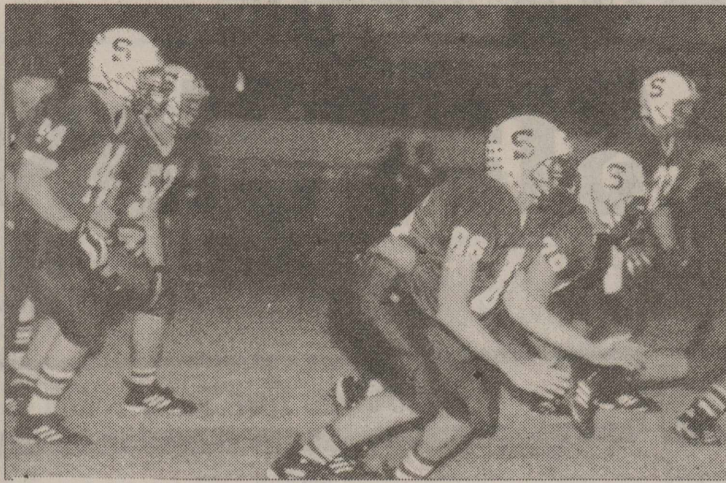
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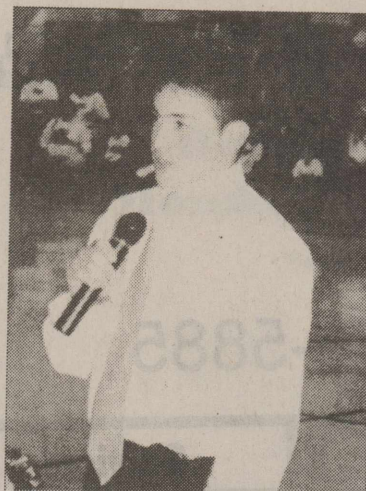
Stratford Elk Football



The Stratford Elks whipped upon White Deer on Friday, October 24, 2003 with a 76-6 win.



Stratford Elks #44 Brady Bell, #52 Ryan McDaniel, #86 Carson Buckles, #79 Brad Reed, and #33 Carlos Jacquez.



Travis Soto gave the Pep Talk on Friday, October 24th.

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Josh King completed 4 of 10 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns, both to Jason Ashley.

Josh King also led in rushing yards with 155 yards on 8 carries and three touchdowns followed by Carlos Jacquez with 111 yards on 8 carries and two touchdowns. Gus Rosales followed with 63 yards on 5 carries and one touchdown and Brady Bell carried the ball three times for 47 yards and one touchdown.

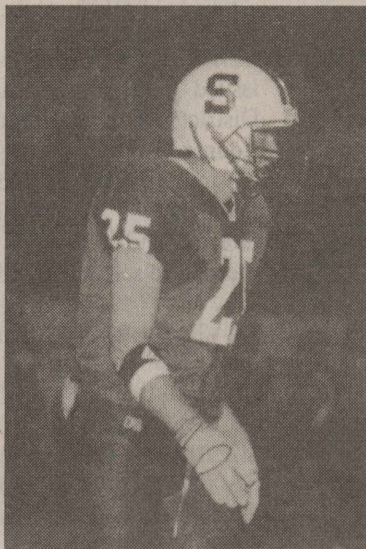
Tyler Haynes also scored for the Elks on a 70-yard interception. Martin Beltran kicked 10 PAT's for the Elks.

Ryan McDaniel led the Elks superb defense with 14 tackles followed by Carlos Jacquez with 7 tackles and Brady Bell with 6 tackles. Carson Buckles finished the night with two quarterback sacks and 5 tackles. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Asbel Gomez, Martin Beltran, Tyler Haynes, Manual Maldonado, Chris Ortega, Travis Soto, Jason Ashley, Mark Miller, Brad Reed, Gus Rosales, Tony Ruiz, Trent Boyd, Jared Ewers, Luis Trejo.

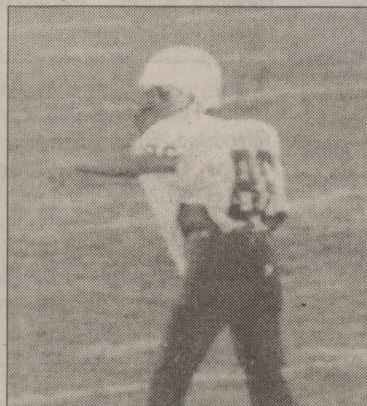
The Elks will face Booker here on Friday, October 31st at 7:30 p.m.



J.V. Elk #20 Landan Luna.



Stratford Elk #25 Jason Ashley.



J.V. Elk #86 David Chavez.



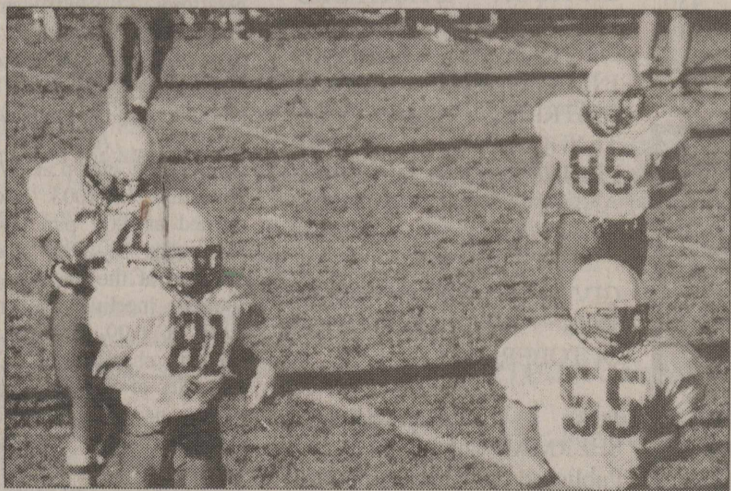
Stratford Elk #23 Tyler Haynes and #3 Chris Ortega.



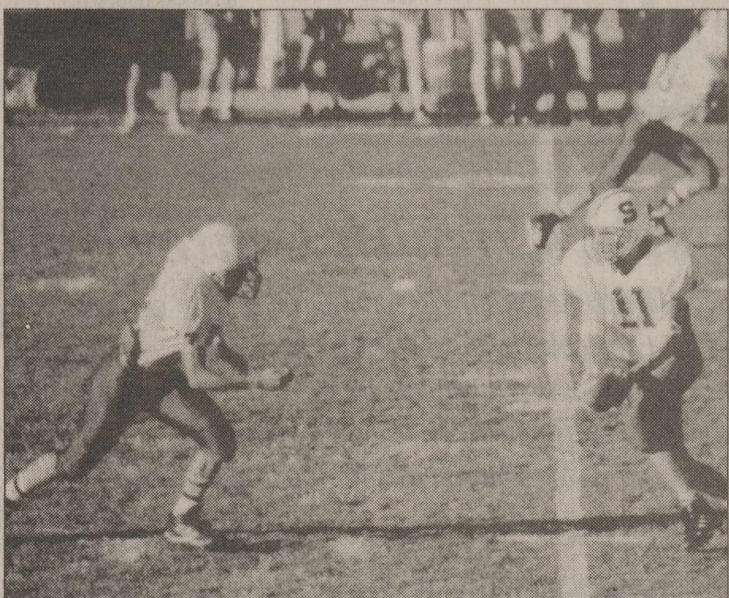
Stratford Elk #30 Martin Beltran kicks an extra point. Also shown #80 Travis Soto & #44 Brady Bell.



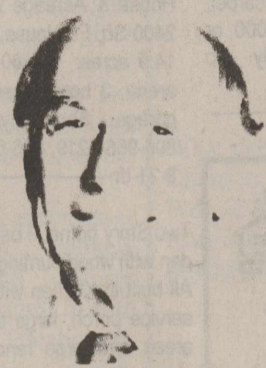
J.V. Elk #19 Case Crabtree tries to break free from a Dalhart defender on Thursday, October 23rd. Also shown #16 Adam Gomez. The Elks beat Dalhart.



J.V. Elks #24 Pablo Ibarra, #81 Scott Hudson, #85 Daniel Hays, and #55 Eric Riffe.



J.V. quarterback #11 Josh Lanning gets ready to hand off to #27 Jeffrey Frizzell.



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