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David Van Os, campaigned in Stratford- September 12th

Democratic candidate for Texas Attorney General David Van Os visited Stratford on Tuesday, September 12 at the Sherman County Courthouse. He was accompanied by his wife Rachel. Van Os is in the midst of his 254 WHISTLE-STOP tour of Texas. When he was in Stratford last week, he had 76 counties left to go. When David is elected as Texas Attorney General, he promises to restore state government to the people who rightfully own it and will truly represent all Texans as the People's Lawyer. His campaign promise has been to the Oil Companies that he is coming after them when elected. He also is taking on the Big Insurance companies, a chaotic child support system and the influence of big money in the proposed Trans Texas Corridor. He will be continuing his tour until the election in November. Davis was born and raised in Kilgore, Texas, attended the University of Texas on scholarship and received his law degree from UT in 1976. He has been named as Texas "Super Lawyer" by Texas Monthly Magazine in 2003, 2004 and 2005. He now owns his own law firm in San Antonio where he champions constitutional law, labor, and civil rights.

SHERIFF HAILE TO PRESENT PROGRAM ON TERRORISM

Sheriff Jack Haile will present a program on terrorism to the Volunteer Community Responders, September 25, 2206, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station. Everyone from the community is invited to attend.

Methodist Youth Lunch Sunday, September 24th

Everyone is invited to the First United Methodist Church on September 24, 2006 for a Methodist Youth Lunch from 11:00 to 1:00 at the Fellowship Hall.

Menu is Roast, Ham, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, and Rolls. Homemade Desserts.

This is a Fund Raiser for youth Activities.

Financial Aid Night

We would like to invite all Junior and Senior parents to join us Monday night, September 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library for our annual Financial Aid Night. Mr. Dave Corely, a representative from Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center will present information about financial aid, scholarships, loans and state related funding for higher education.

For more information concerning this event please contact the counselor at 366-3322.

BENEFIT FOR STRATFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. and EMT'S

On Saturday, Sept. 30 starting at 9:00 AM Whips 'N Wheels driving club of the Texas Panhandle will host a Traditional Day of Driving. This year we will have some of the drivers, horses and carriages back from last year, and we will also have some new ones. We have entries from Stratford, Sunray, Borger, Amarillo, Claude, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado. This should be an exciting event again this year and no one is more deserving than our Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMT's.

You may get your tickets for the Chuckwagon Supper which starts at 5:30 PM on Saturday night from the Chamber Office or a member of Whips 'N Wheels.

The Arts & Crafts Bazaar will start at 10:00 AM at the County Barn. Come by and get some Christmas shopping done early or pick up something just for yourself. Raffle tickets for the Treasure Can are available at the Chamber Office or from the Bank or from Bobbie Strong.

Ben Franklin is coming to Stratford!!

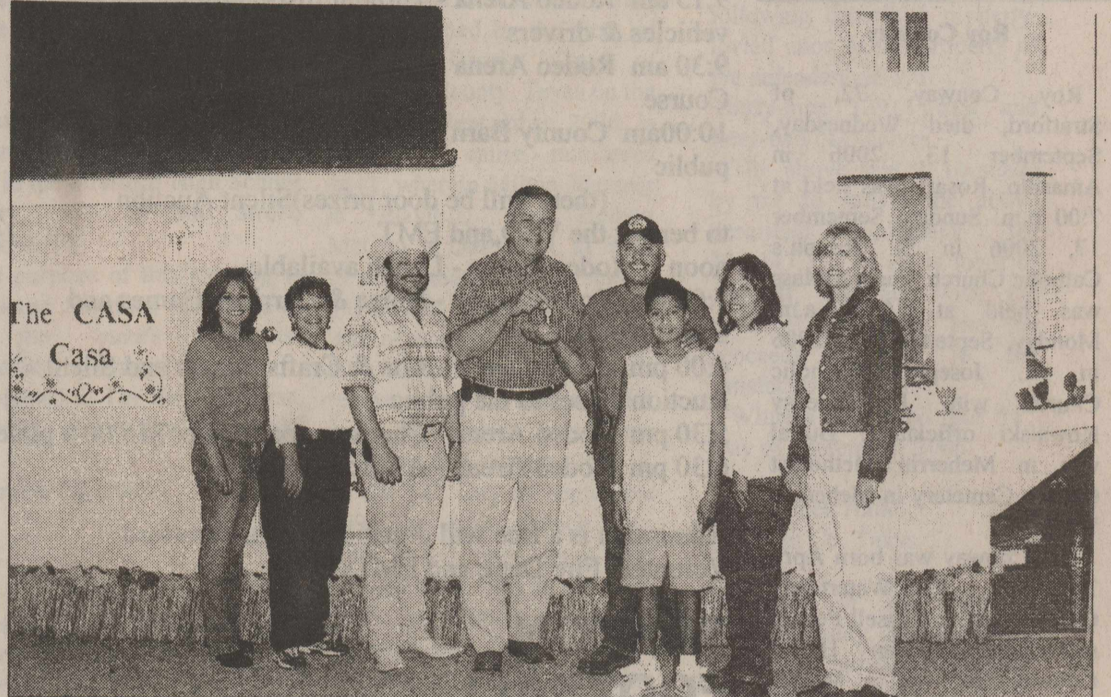
A Sherman County Development Project

Yes, Ben Franklin is coming to town. The community will soon be the proud home of a Ben Franklin store or as we've started calling it now, Long's Ben Franklin Variety -your hometown variety store.

A few months ago, Sherman County Development ran an ad to see if someone locally would like to be a business owner and we had several inquiries but Amy & Malcolm Long decided to take it one step further and become a business owner. The corporate rep for Ben Franklin, John Ptasik came in for a couple of days to do a feasibility study and decided this town was definitely ready for a store and we're sitting in a prime location.

Last year the SCDC visited with numerous "dollar store" chains but after reviewing their demands and after deciding we wanted something a little nicer, we knew we could find a store to bring to town. We set up a Retail Business Incubator Project, which is virtually unheard of in this part of the country. Most incubator projects are geared towards industry or manufacturing. Some of the SCDC Board members volunteered to serve on the Retail Committee; Karen Riffe, Jolie Asher and Kathy Allen took this project on and when, new board member Duane Mungia came on in July, he was recruited to help also. The next thing was to find a store and through many hours of internet research we found Ben Franklin stores. For those of you that have never heard of them, Ben Franklin franchises have been around since 1927. Back in 1962 one of their most famous franchisers was Sam Walton, the Wal-Mart Man! In the past few years this company has had a growth spurt and they contribute that to a new resurgence in "Small Town America". The stores are individually owned and inventory is purchased by the hometown owner with that particular community in mind. It's a very personalized thing and with the Stratford store it has really gotten personal. Amy & Malcolm have not only recruited their kids but their parents have also been helping with painting and cleaning. It's amazing to see what a coat of paint will do.

As part of our Incubator Project, the SCDC will be available to help the Longs with questions or problems that may come up. Watch for the GRAND OPENING we'll keep you updated. The SCDC and the Longs are very proud to be bringing this new business into the community for your shopping convenience.



Ceniceros, Winner of House

Raul Ceniceros Winner of the Casa casa. Shown above left to right are Gloria Santana, Edye Cunningham, Luis Aguilar, Milton Pax, Raul, Lydia and Mark Ceniceros, Ann Bookout. (Photo courtesy of Moore County News, Shaela Francis Photographer).

Raul Ceniceros Wins CASA Casa

The drawing for the CASA Casa was held on September 9th at the Cactus Celebration. Raul Ceniceros, Fire Chief for the Cactus Volunteer Fire Department, was the winner of the "child's dream come true" playhouse that was on display around the four county area for the past two months. Mr. Ceniceros, who is employed by Presser Construction of Dumas, and his wife Lydia were on hand at the Cactus Celebration to receive the keys from Milton Pax, CASA 69, Inc. board member.

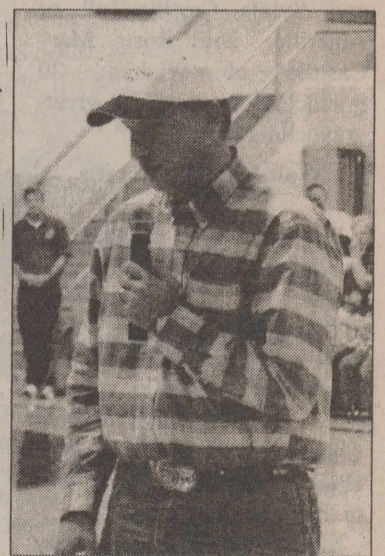
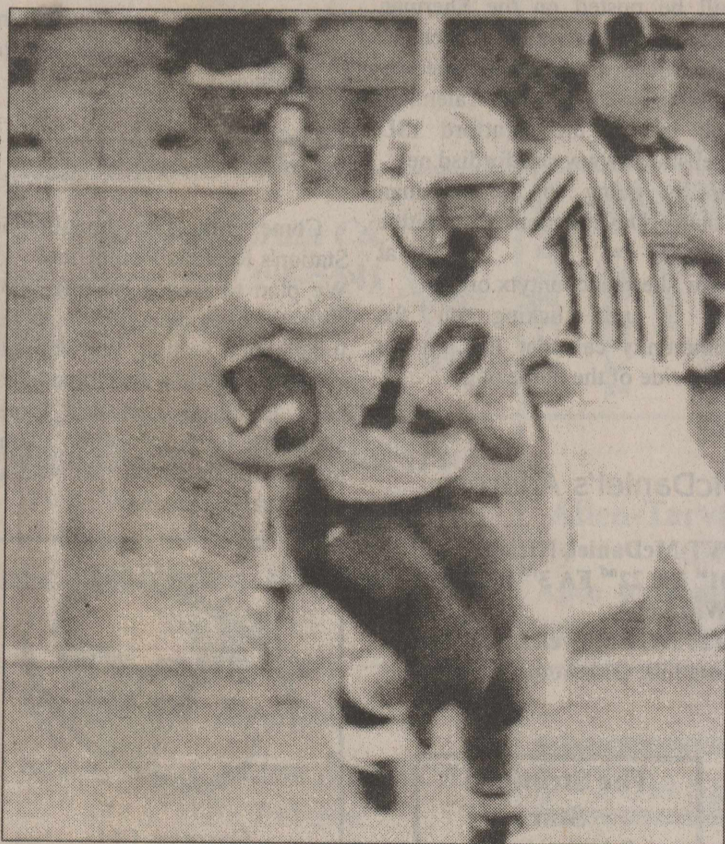
CASA 69, Inc. would like to thank all those who made donations towards tickets that were placed in the drawing for the CASA Casa (Playhouse). CASA 69, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides trained community volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates in Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman counties. Proceeds from the playhouse project will be used to train CASA 69 volunteers who advocate for children whose home placement is being decided by the court system, because these children are victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Because of your support, CASA 69, Inc. can better serve these special children in our area.

CASA 69, Inc. would also like to thank Bartlett's Lumber of Dalhart for their donation of the

materials used to build the CASA Casa, Denman Builders in Amarillo for supplies, and Furniture Fashion for carpeting. Another thank you goes to Joe Sangster and his construction class at the TDJC Dalhart Unit who did an outstanding job building the playhouse for CASA 69, Inc.

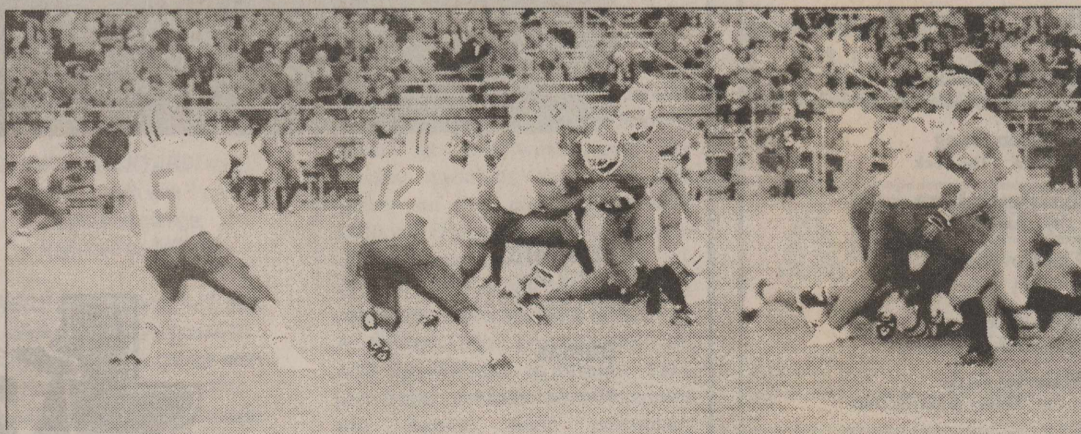
If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or making a tax deductible contribution to the CASA program, please contact Ann Bookout, CASA 69 Executive Director, at (806) 244-2684 or casa69@xit.net

CASA 69, Inc. is a United Way agency.

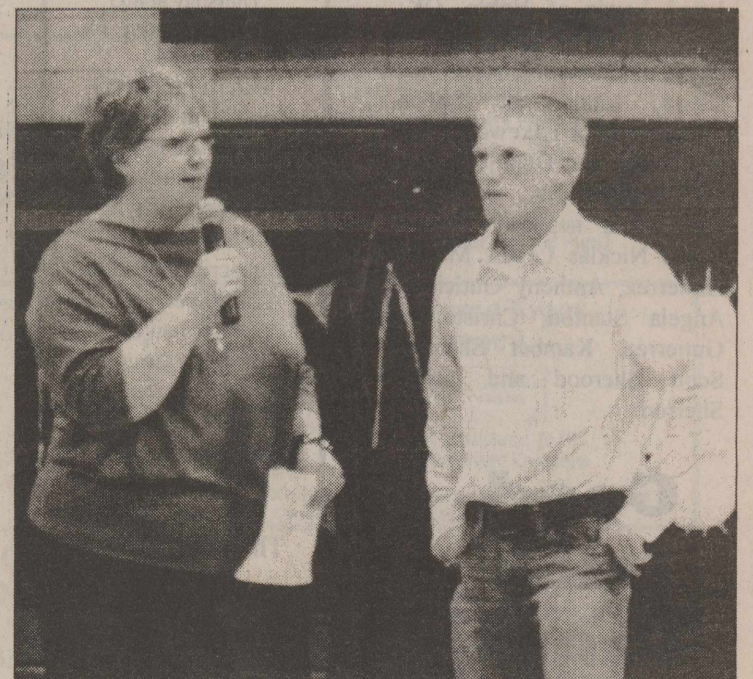


Walt Berry gave the pep talk on Friday, Sept. 15th.

#12 Craig Kautz carries the ball for the Elks.



The Elks fell to Floydada 45-21 on Friday, September 15, 2006.



Shown above Linda Haynes interviewing Scott Hudson in their first Senior Spotlight segment at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 15th.

Good Luck Elks

Good Luck Elks

OBITS



Roy Conway

Roy Conway, 72, of Stratford, died Wednesday, September 13, 2006 in Amarillo. Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2006 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2006 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Aleksy Kowalski officiating. Burial was in Meherrin Methodist Church Cemetery in Meherrin, VA.

Mr. Conway was born April 7, 1934, in Watertown, Connecticut, to Russell Powell and Nellie Susan Hailey Conway. He was a Marine Corps veteran serving in Korea and Viet Nam. He had been a resident of Stratford since 1990 and had lived in Texhoma, OK from 1969 until 1984. On July 31, 1987, he married Guadalupe Nanez in Flagstaff, AZ. He was an agricultural pilot in the farm chemicals industry.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Thomas; his mother and step-father, Nellie and George Parson; and his step mother and father, Mary and Russell Conway.

Survivors include: his wife of the home; one daughter, Violet Conway of Stratford; a brother, Russell Conway Jr. of Disputanta, VA; a sister, Susan Walters of Daytona, FL; two stepsons, Carlos Castillo of Wichita, KS and Ricky Castillo of Newton, KS; four stepdaughters, Ester Valenzuela, Norma Castillo and Sylvia Castillo, all of Amarillo, and Rose Mary Castillo of Wichita; 20 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Walter Gordon Lewis

Walter Gordon Lewis, 51, formerly of Dumas, died Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in Oklahoma City. Services were held Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Stratford with Fred Hughes officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery.

Mr. Lewis was born January 5, 1955 in Plainview, TX to Walter Duke and Eva Jewel Nunley Lewis. He attended Olton schools and was a graduate of Hartley High School. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stratford since 1979 and was a customer service representative in the telecommunications industry.

He was preceded in death by his father Walter "W.D." Lewis.

He is survived by his mother, Jewel Lewis of Noble, OK; one brother, Keith and Rhonda Lewis of Clayton, NM and two sisters, Linda and Byron Massengale of Lakewood, CO and Kathy and Donnie Sarratt of Norman, OK; numerous nieces and nephews, Keitha Lewis Nicklas Lewis, Miguel Gutierrez, Anthony Gutierrez, Angela Stanton, Christopher Gutierrez, Kamber Sherrod, Scott Sherrod and Jaysie Sherrod.

Good Luck Cross Country

Benefit To Be Held For Stratford Fire Dept. & EMT's

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Whips 'N Wheels driving club of the Texas Panhandle is having a Benefit for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMTs on Sat. Sept. 30, 2006 The event will be a Traditional Driving Event with horses and carriages of all types and an Arts & Crafts Bazaar and will take place at the Sherman County Barn and the Stratford Rodeo Arena, both located at Hwy 287 South & Hwy 15.

SATURDAY SEPT, 30 2006

- 7:00 am County Barn - doors open for Arts & Crafts booth set-up
- 8:00 am Rodeo Arena - Coffee & Donuts available
- 9:00 am Rodeo Arena - Safety Inspection for horse drawn vehicles
- 9:15 am Rodeo Arena - Turnout Inspection for horses, vehicles & drivers
- 9:30 am Rodeo Arena - Start of Country Drive and Cones Course
- 10:00am County Barn - Arts & Crafts Bazaar open to the public

- (there will be door prizes) Silent Auction to benefit the VFD, and EMT
- noon Rodeo Arena - Lunch available
- 1:00 pm Rodeo Arena - Horse & Carriage Games and Entertainment
- 4:00 pm County Barn - Arts & Crafts Bazaar and Silent Auction closes to the public
- 5:30 pm Rodeo Arena - Chuckwagon Supper \$15.00 a plate
- 6:30 pm Rodeo Arena - Awards Ceremony

Admission is a free will donation for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMTs.

SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Season football tickets will go on sale Thursday, September 7th in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Friday, September 29. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 4 home games this year.
Cost of seats for the season:
Adults - \$16.00
Child - \$8.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support.

Call Penny at 366-3305 to hold or give up your seat, or for more information.

Go Elks!

SISD School Events

All Stratford ISO School Events will be posted on the Sherman County Community Calendar. The calendar may be accessed by clicking on the "Events Calendar" link off of the Stratford ISD Website at www.stratfordisd.net Or by going to the Sherman County Development Committee website at www.shermancountytx.org and clicking on the community calendar link on the right side of the home page.

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HUNTER'S SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE TO BE OFFERED

By Susie Spurlock

Hunter's Safety Education Course will be offered in Stratford September 23 & 24, 2006. Lee Morris of Dumas will be conducting the course open to all interested individuals age 12 and older.

The State of Texas requires that all individuals age 17 and older to who plan to participate in any outdoor hunting activities to complete the safety education course.

The course will be conducted at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23 and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th. Cost of the class will be \$15.00 per person. Individuals who would like to register for the course may do so by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Instructor Lee Morris is requesting a minimum of 10 participants for the class to be conducted.

Book Club

Come join The Imagination Station's Reading Book Club!

We plan to start a reading book club October 2nd, 2006 at the Imagination Station. We will read a book a month and then meet back to discuss various issues about the book or author. Come join the planning on this reading club. See you then!

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Seven Brides for Seven Brothers to be Presented in Guymon

Guymon Community Theatre presents Seven Brides for Seven Brothers on September 21, 23, 25 and 26. There will be no Friday night performance due to Guymon High School Homecoming. September 24 Curtain at 2:00 p.m. The theatre is located at 413 N. Main.

Stratford's own Austin Riffe, son of Andy and Karen Riffe will be performing.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is a book by Lawrence Kasha and David Landay, Lyrics by Johnny Mercer and Music by Gene de Paul. New Songs by Al Kasha and Joel Hirschhorn.

For Reservations call 338-0019. General Admission is \$7.50 per sea.

This is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 545h Street.

Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees Regular Session September 12, 2006

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Greg Wright, Barney Willborn, Steve Hays, and DeWain Trayler.

Guests present: Misti McBryde, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward, Dinah Horsford, Lynette Kautz and John Abbott.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation. Mr. Gilliland introduced guest John Abbott of Shiver- Meggert.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition. The Area Special Olympics Aquatic meet was held in Canyon. Several Stratford Patriots brought home medals. SISD students participating were Brian Zinck and Danton Sutterfield. Brian was 2nd in the 15 Meter Flotation and 2nd in the 25 M Flotation. Danton was 1st in the 50 Meter Flotation and 2nd in the 25 M Flotation.

Congratulations to these students. Kristen Crabtree finished 10th in the Tascosa Rebel Run in Amarillo. There were 113 runners in the 1A-5A division. Congratulations Kristen.

Mr. Abbott addressed the board on the new plans for the renovation project of the old gym. The board looked at the plans and asked questions they had. He then gave an update on the progress of

the auxiliary gym. Mr. Gilliland passed out the weekly progress sheet from the construction manager.

Theresa Edmond, Sherman County Appraisal District and Kevin Brennen attorney for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott arrived.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported on the good attendance at the Mary Allen back to school night. She stated that the elementary has started the PAS series in math and reading. She passed out sample diagnostic reports from the tests and explained them to the board. She reported enrollment was currently 236.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. Current enrollment for the junior high campus is 169. He reported on the junior high cross country and football teams. Both the 7th and the 8th football teams won their first game against Spearman and will play Panhandle this Thursday. The junior high girls cross country team place 9th at the Perryton meet. There is a junior high boys cross country team this year. They placed 8th at the Perryton meet. The junior high are also taking the PAS series tests. The junior high/elementary UIL academic meet will be held on November 13 and 14 in Canadian and Stinnett.

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A NEW RETAIL STORE IS COMING TO TOWN AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO WORK THERE!

If you're dependable, honest and energetic and interested in a position you can pick up an application at the SCDC office at 301 N. Main.

No phone calls please

GET'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK BRANT CUMMINGS FOOTBALL

Brant Cummings-Brant is a senior receiver and defensive back. Against Childress, Brant had 3 interceptions and returned 2 kick-off for 65 yards. Brant is also involved in basketball, track and golf. He is also in the National Honor Society.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

It was birthday celebration time Saturday at Penny & Linda Whitson's in Clayton. Various family members had birthdays. Present were Linda Kaye, Jennifer & G.O. Swaggerty of Phoenix, Danielle & Penny Jo Stafford of Pecos and Jo June & John McDaniel.

Jo June went with 15 SCOT members Thursday night to the Griggs Chicken House.

Visiting with Terry & Barbara Schoonover Sunday were his parents, Eula Faye & Raymond Lewis and Brother Todd Lewis of Guymon, Also Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett & Rese Schoonover.

Bill Gillenwaters is having cataract surgery the next two Fridays.

Marylou McDaniel attended TEEA convention in Lubbock last week. Also going were Jean & Reyna Everett & Susie Spurlock.

Thank you to the Hartley ladies who said they enjoyed reading Kerrick news in the Texan.

Story Time To Begin

Registration is now open for "Story Time" at the Sherman County Public Library. "Story Time" is a project of the library and is offered in the fall and spring to children ages 2-5. Parents are urged to call and register their child to insure that there are plenty of supplies for all the children. The first program will begin on Wednesday, October 4th at 9:30-10:15 a.m. and will continue every two weeks (when the child's books are due) until December 13th. Dates for the programs are as follows: October 4th, October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, November 29th, and December 13th. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, call Sandy at 366-2200.

September - National Preparedness Month!

For the past three years the Department of Homeland Security has sponsored National Preparedness Month in September, a symbolic reminder of the urgency to prepare ourselves for emergencies of all types - natural or man-made.

National Preparedness Month will focus on encouraging families and individuals to take some simple steps to make themselves and their loved ones better prepared for emergencies.

Hopefully you will have read the recent articles in the Stratford Star and how to Prepare for a Disaster and Preparing to Save Your Life During a Disaster. These articles contained information to aid citizens to prepare for a disaster.

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW! Join the Volunteer Community Responders; which is a part of the national Citizens Corps. Make a plan, put together an emergency kit and most of all be **INFORMED.** Help your community be ready by assisting churches with Shelter Management and train to better prepare for potential emergencies. Being informed means paying attention to information provided by Emergency Management officials, know the warning systems and signals of the Emergency Alert System.

Emergency Supplies Kit

You can be prepared for emergencies of all kinds by putting together an Emergency Supplies Kit, which includes some basic items needed, per person:

- 1 3 day supply of non-perishable food per person
- 2 3 day supply of water - one gallon of water per person, per day
- 3 portable battery-operated radio or television and extra batteries
- 4 flashlight and extra batteries
- 5 first aid kit and manual
- 6 sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper)
- 7 matches and waterproof container
- 8 whistle
- 9 extra clothing - mindful of the season and type needed
- 10 kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener
- 11 photocopies of credit and identification cards and insurance information
- 12 cash and coins
- 13 special needs items, such as prescriptions, eye glasses, contact lens solutions and hearing aid batteries
- 14 items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles and pacifiers
- 15 other items to meet your unique family needs.
- 16 Sleeping bags or warm blankets

These are some things you can do to better ready for an emergency, natural or man-made.

Laughter is an instant vacation.
—Milton Berle

**Stratford Chamber of Commerce
Arts & Crafts Bazaar
Stratford's Traditional
Day of Driving
September 30, 2006
Arts & Crafts Bazaar
County Barn
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



Women Attend TEEA Convention

Four women attended TEEA Convention in Lubbock last week. From left, Susie Spurlock, Marylou McDaniel, Jean Everett, Reyna Everett.

WOW a "Whale of a Sale"

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station had a *Whale of a Sale* and met their grant match from Modern Woodman of America due to the generosity of the donated items, buyers and extra donations. This fund raiser will help pay the utilities for the year.

What is next? Wednesday, October 18-11:30 to 12:30 Town Hall meeting with Senator Kel Seliger
Saturday, October 21 Science Saturday for Elementary age
Thursday, October 26 "Spooky Space" Spook House:
The Computer Lab will be open Sundays 2:00 to 4:00 and some other days to be determined.

Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older: This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Football Seating Section. Those tickets must be purchased in advance.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**Methodist Youth Lunch
September 24, Sunday
11:00 - 1:00 Fellowship Hall
Roast, Ham, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Homemade Desserts
Fund Raiser for Youth Activities**

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Aleksy Kowalski
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 9:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Service, Wed. Thurs. Fri.—6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.
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

Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist

Pastor Rick Carter
302 S. Main - For More Info—call 396-2212

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Pastor Billy Chambers
702 N. 3rd

Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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 Oracion 6:00 pm

Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninno Durante El Servicio.

Estudio Biblico
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

WHAT MAKES US HUMAN?

Human beings are spiritual, moral and rational creatures made in the image of God. First, humans are spiritual beings. Animals have bodies but they do not have souls. Human beings have bodies and souls. God "forms the spirit [or soul] of man within him" (Zechariah 12:1). There are other spiritual beings in the universe called angels. They are pure spirits because they do not have bodies. Humans are also moral beings. All human beings have a set of moral standards. Your conscience betrays you. To put it another way, everyone believes in some form of right and wrong. This characteristic also comes from God. God is a moral being. As such He declares the ultimate in right and wrong. The residue of this ultimate standard of right and wrong, summarized in the Ten Commandments, is stamped within our hearts. This is why all humans have some form of morality. Finally, human beings have minds. We are thinking beings, as God is a thinking being. When we use our minds properly, we are reasonable. When we use our minds and bodies improperly, we are like the animals. The Bible links the mind and spirit. If you serve God, it is "reasonable [or spiritual] service" (Romans 12:1). To be fully human you use your mind in the service of God taking care not to violate your conscience.

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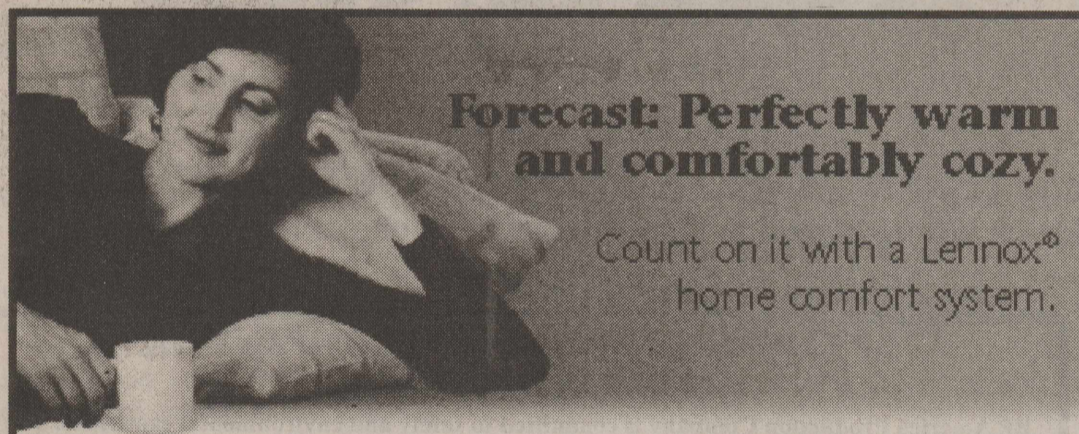
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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Kerrick Community Church

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



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Volunteer Community Responders News and Events

VCRs (Sherman County Citizens Corp) has been very busy the past few months. We have worked on Shelter Management, Dispensing Site Management including a joint exercise with Stratford ISO. Our newest project is Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

CERT training includes home and workplace safety and emergency preparedness and response, fire safety, search and rescue, first aid, response to terrorism and victim psychology.

VCR members have received training in Overview and Emergency Preparedness by Judge Teri Carter and EMC Sandy Williams, Fire Safety Training by members of the Stratford Fire Department: Chief Eddie Williams, Asst. Chief Jack Gore, Fire Fighters Ernie Maiwald, Norma Rangel, Jesus Marsical, Danny Davis and Sandy Williams.

VCR next meeting will be September 25, 2006, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station and will be presented by Sheriff Jack Haile on terrorism. This will be a very educational program and anyone in the community is invited to attend. Sheriff Haile who has attended various training opportunities will provide insight in terror strategy, planning and response to attendees.

North Plains Water News Subscriptions Available Free of Charge

By Rhonda Artho

Are you interested in keeping up with the latest news about your water resources in the northern Panhandle? If so, consider signing up for the North Plains Water News, a quarterly newsletter produced by North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Readers will find articles outlining the activities and functioning of the Water District, as well as up-to-date stories and information about groundwater and groundwater resources and current research about groundwater and water conservation. Also included are tips and helpful advice for readers to help them conserve water and save money around their homes, and listings of classes and workshops being offered by the District. Anyone interested in subscribing for this free newsletter can call the North Plains Water District office at 806-935-6401, or they can e-mail Rhonda Artho at artho@npwd.org

Tax Office Now Accepting Credit Cards

The Sherman County Tax Office is now accepting Visa and MC. These credit cards can be used for any motor vehicle transaction or Tax payment. The minimum fee for this convenience will be \$2.50, or 2.45% of the amount due whichever is greater.

North Plains Water District Receives Groundwater Foundation Award

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Education Coordinator, Rhonda Artho, has been honored by the Groundwater Foundation with the 2006 Edith Stevens Groundwater Educator Award.

In 1997, the Groundwater Foundation established an award to recognize groundwater educators who understand the importance of groundwater, motivate others to protect groundwater, and lead by personal example. Edith Stevens, of Cresco, Pennsylvania, received the first award, which was named for her. Edith is one of Pennsylvania's strongest citizen advocates for protecting and preserving groundwater and her outstanding work for groundwater education stands as a touchstone of the award named in her honor.

Rhonda Artho has been the Education & Public Relations Coordinator for North Plains Water District (NPWD) since July of 2003. As part of her work, she has developed many new educational outreach programs for NPWD, including teacher training workshops, programs and outreach for the schools in the eight counties of the Water District, and public education programs for adult and teen audiences. NPWD also distributes the Texas water curriculum, Major Rivers, free of charge to any interested fourth or fifth grade teachers within the District.

In addition, NPWD now sponsors two all day "Make a Splash" Water Festivals in Dumas and Perryton, which are attended by over 700 school children each year. At these festivals, students spend the day learning about water, natural resources and their role in preserving and protecting their natural resources. NPWD now has a partnership program with Valero Energy's McKee Refinery to distribute children's books about water and water resources to all of the public libraries and elementary school libraries in the eight counties of the District as well.

Other programs that have been initiated by Mrs. Artho include offering seven different badge workshops for Girl Scouts each year, each centered around water resources and conservation, and developing service learning projects for youth groups such as storm drain stenciling projects

That youth can carry out to raise public awareness of the importance of keeping trash and chemicals out of storm drains and storm runoff areas. NPWD was also the first Groundwater Conservation District in Texas to join the Groundwater Guardian program, which is a program that promotes concrete action and education about groundwater. North Plains Water District partners with other organizations as well to conduct water resource education, including participating in the Farm Bureau Ag Fairs for fourth graders each year across the District.

In the effort to reach more children and teachers across the District and the state of Texas with water conservation education, NPWD became the state sponsor for Project WET, which is an international, non-profit K-12 water curriculum that can be used as an enhancement and addition to current curriculums by giving teachers creative and hands-on activities about water and water conservation that can be used across the curriculum. As state coordinator for the program, Mrs. Artho conducts teacher training

workshops to show teachers how to integrate the activities into their existing curriculums, and how the Project WET materials meet the Texas state standards that they are teaching. Mrs. Artho also conducts workshops across the state to train other educators who are interested in becoming Project WET facilitators who can then present teacher workshops themselves.

"I feel very fortunate to work for an agency that has such a strong commitment to water

education" says Mrs. Artho. "We have a Board of Directors who realizes that educating the public about water conservation is of paramount importance in an area where depletion of our groundwater is of such concern. Educating our children is extremely important because they will be the future stewards of our water resources, and will have to make the decisions about how to best manage our water resources for the future. I am very honored to receive this award, and hope to continue to increase our educational outreach programs over the coming years. The Groundwater Foundation is a wonderful resource and a powerful voice for groundwater protection and conservation in the United States, and we are very pleased to be able to participate in promoting our common goals." Mrs. Artho is the first Texan to receive the Edith Stevens Groundwater Educator Award.

The Groundwater Foundation was founded in 1985 by Susan Seacrest, who at the time was the director of the Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska. Susan

began to become concerned about the links between chemical use and groundwater after reading about cases linking pesticide and fertilizer use and groundwater contamination in her own area of Nebraska. After researching and learning more, Susan decided to find an organization that would make groundwater science accessible and understandable to citizens everywhere. These educated and involved citizens would in turn, protect the environmental and economic vitality of their communities. The organization has since grown into a national force with members across the United States. Their mission continues to be educating and motivating people to care for and about groundwater.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the educational programs available

through North Plains Water District can contact Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401, or artho@npwd.org at Presentations can be scheduled for classrooms, home-school groups, civic, youth, or other groups by contacting the NPWD

office. Teachers interested in Project WET workshops can also contact the NPWD office for the schedule of upcoming trainings. Workshops can also be offered at other locations within NPWD with an attendance of 10 or more.

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As part of BP's gas safety program, BP will be implementing a gas odorization program for domestic gas transported by homeowner gas lines from BP operated wells. Mercaptan, an odorant, will be injected into the gas line near the BP operated wellheads. This odorant will enable homeowners and surrounding neighbors to identify any gas leaks on these gas lines. Those domestic gas lines are located in the area of SHERMAN. Homeowners that are currently taking gas from BP wells will receive a separate letter advising of the details of this odorization program.

BP is working to educate the public about pipeline safety with respect to gas leaks. While it's very rare to have any type of incident with a pipeline, there are a few safety tips to keep in mind if you live by a pipeline.

1. How to know if there is a pipeline on your property or nearby:

On your Property
If you own a homeowner gas line from a BP gas well, you should hire a qualified plumbing inspector to locate the line for you if you are contemplating any digging operations.

Neighborhood: Check for pipeline markers posted in your neighborhood.

Please keep in mind the marker may not show the exact location of the underground pipeline
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In the state of Texas call (800) 344-8377

2. Recognizing a leak:

By Sight: A pool of liquid on the ground near a pipe-line, a dense white cloud or fog over a pipeline, or discolored or dead vegetation surrounding the pipeline may be signs of a leak.
By Sound: an unusual noise coming from the pipe-line, like a hissing or roaring sound, may be a sign of a leak.
By Smell: An unusual smell may accompany a leak. You may contact Kim Black at (806) 371-4499 to receive a free BP pipeline safety brochure with a scratch-n-sniff mercapan area that will give you an indication of the odorant smell.

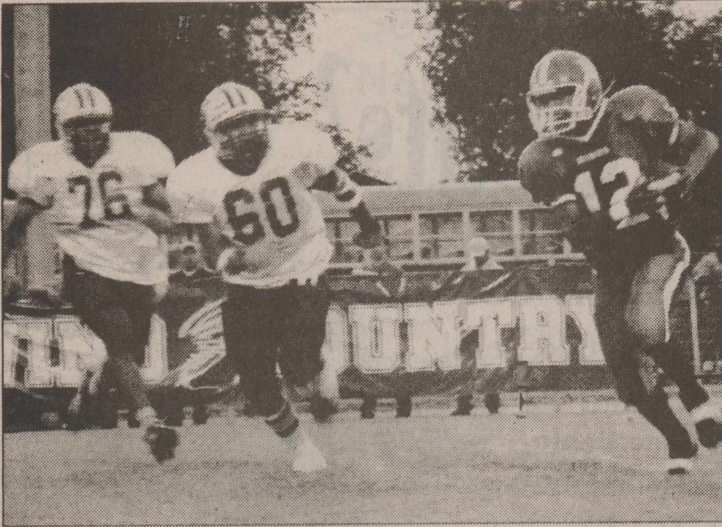
3. What to do if you suspect a leak:

Leave the leak area immediately. Do not light a match, start an engine, use a telephone, switch on/off light switches or do anything that may cause a spark in the vicinity of the leak.

From a safe location immediately call 911 and the BP hotline number (806) 948-5167 and report exactly what you have seen, heard or smelled and where this incident took place. Warn others but do so without entering or re-entering the area where a pipeline leak is suspected. Do not drive any vehicle into a leak or vapor cloud area.

In case of an emergency call:
BP Hotline (806) 948-5167

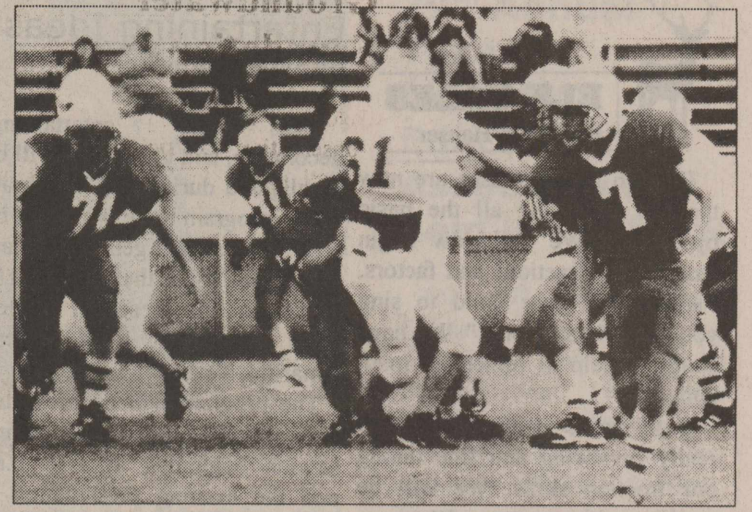
If you own a gas line from a BP operated gas well, BP recommends that each homeowner have a back up source for heating their house, water heater, appliances in case the well goes down or if their gas tap line freezes up.



Stratford Elks #76 Sandro Gomez & #60 Martin Beltran in pursuit of Floydada player.



8th Grade Elks #81 Trevor Christian and #3 Kyle Horsford



8th Grade Elk #71 Chris Hart and #7 Bryce Cummings.



8th Grade Elk #42 Tyler Wright.



7th Grade Elk #70 Mark Hand



7th Grade Elk Braiden Hudson carrying the ball.

There were no JV pictures this week due to flash malfunction. We apologize.

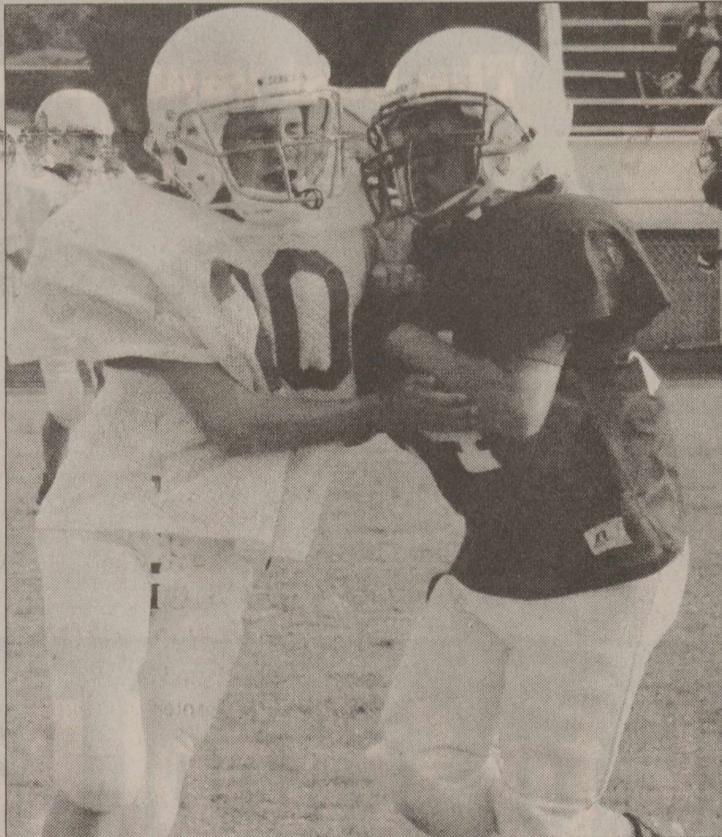
Elks Fall To Floydada

The Elks got off to a rough start on Friday, September 15th against Floydada and were never able to recover. The Elks lost to Floydada 45-21.

Hunter Buckles completed 4 of 13 passes for 49 yards and 1 touchdown pass to Brant Cummings. Jonathan Licon carried the ball for 48 yards on 12 carries and scored one touchdown followed by Buckles with 43 yards on 17 carries and one touchdown. Martin Beltran scored one PAT kick for the Elks and Buckles scored on an extra point run for the Elks.

Joey Reta led the Elks with 8 tackles followed by Gilbert Reta and Jonathan Licon with 7 tackles each and James Smith, Pablo Ibarra and Sandro Gomez each had 5 tackles. Also contributing on the Elks defense with tackles were Martin Beltran, Brent Reed, Jeffrey Frizzell, Brant Cummings, Daniel Nusz, Julio Ramirez, Scott Hudson, Rudy Portillo, Tony Vargas, Craig Kautz, Hunter Buckles and Jake Lawrence.

The Elks will again take to the road on Friday, September 22nd and travel to Perryton with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. Let's Go Get'em Elks!!!!!!



7th Grade Elk Marcos Garza blocks a Panhandle player.



Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2006 Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is National Preparedness Month?

A: National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. This annual event is held each September and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to highlight the importance of family emergency preparedness and to promote individual involvement in local preparedness activities.

Q. What is the purpose of National Preparedness Month?

A: The goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action. Americans can take basic steps toward preparedness by 1) building an emergency supply kit, 2) making a family (or business) emergency plan, 3) being informed about different events that could potentially threaten their community and, 4) by getting involved in preparing their community.

Q. How can I better prepare myself and my family for an emergency situation?

A: One of the simplest things you can do to be better prepared is to have a family emergency plan. To develop one, ask yourself some important

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Resolution No. 276

RESOLUTION NO.276
A RESOLUTION, BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2006 AS BEING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGING OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO GIVE HEED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS NATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is encouraging communities, businesses and individuals across the country to join in recognizing September 2006 as National Preparedness Month; and WHEREAS, the goal of this nation-wide effort is to encourage residents to prepare for disasters in advance of those events so as to minimize the potential threat to their safety and wellbeing; and WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court similarly supports the concept of "preparing in advance of an emergency" in an effort to reduce personal injury, prevent the loss of life and to help in speeding recovery in the wake of a disaster; and WHEREAS, in general, preparedness and awareness are

two measures critical to the survival of individuals and communities in any type of disaster situation. Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Commissioners Court of the Sherman County, Texas that:

1. The Commissioners' Court officially recognizes its support of September 2006 as being National Preparedness Month,

2. The Commissioners Court encourages its residents to learn more about how they and their families can become better prepared to cope with disaster situations by 1) building an emergency supply kit, 2) making a family emergency plan, 3) being informed about different threats, and 4) getting involved in preparing their communities.

3. The Commissioners' Court encourages local residents to consider volunteering their time and efforts in support of local and area preparedness efforts.

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ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

The 5th grade classes are now through reviewing all the basic operations. We will now begin working on fractions and factors. Parents, ask your child to sing you their "math song!" We have songs to help us remember math concepts.

Sixth grade math classes are really reviewing and fine tuning our fraction skills. We will be working with percents next.

Number Sense will begin this week for any 5-6 grade math students that want to try out for the UIL team. Contest will be in November and we are getting a head start on this. The Mathematics team for 6th grade will start up in October.

The high school and junior high ESL classes have been studying idioms, which are especially hard for new language learners to comprehend since they know only the literal meaning of words.

The classes then chose an idiom to tell about an experience in their own lives. They used such idioms as "get your goat", "like a chicken with its head cut off", and "hold your horses" to relate their stories. Hopefully, the next time class members hear an idiom they won't be up the creek without a paddle!

First grade took their first spelling and dictation test this week. They did very well! They have also finished taking the TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory).

Biology classes' Insect Collection is due Sept. 22, so keep your eyes out for insects if you know any biology students.

Environmental Systems are studying food chain and food webs. We will do an owl pellet dissection, and then classify the bones using a dichotomous key to determine what type of rodent was dinner.

Physics students are studying projectile motion. We will be building our rockets Friday and Monday.

Mrs. Everett will be in her room from 6:30-7:30 on Monday night, Sept. 25 for students that need help.

Seniors will be selling homecoming mums from both Let's Make Arrangements and The Elk. Find a senior and order early for the best selection. Remember, homecoming is October 6th!

The Junior High and JV football teams play at Perryton this week. The Cross Country meet is in Sunray.

I know this is hard to believe, but this Friday is the end of the First Six Weeks of School! That means report cards go out next week. We're one-sixth finished with this school year!

**Stratford ISD
Special
Election Notice**

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a special election on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the County Court House for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues and/or authorizing the board of trustees of the Stratford ISD to educate students of other school districts with local tax revenues.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N 3rd Street Stratford, TX from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 Monday thru Friday, beginning on September 6, 2006 and ending on September 19, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Gina Jones PO Box 270 Stratford, TX 79084. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 14, 2006.

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**Program to Offer
Entertaining Ideas**
By Susie Spurlock

Ideas for entertaining, decorating, and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 2006" program to be presented by area Extension Agents Tuesday, September 26, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd, West, Amarillo, Texas.

The program will be presented twice on the 26th 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 25th. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 26th at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Dr. Colleen Chadwick, will present "Holiday Whimsey . . . And More." Dr. Chadwick's presentation will feature a variety of holiday decorating and entertaining ideas for fall, Christmas and Easter. She will share strategies for shopping, decorating and storage. A highlight of her presentation will be use of everyday household items transformed into centerpieces for various holidays.

In addition to Dr. Chadwick's presentation, 16 Extension Agents from the Panhandle District will display tables of prepared foods, decorating motifs, and entertaining notions. Agents will

share ideas including fat quarter fun, tamari apron, creative memory bags, and quilted postcards. Guest 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 September 26th.

The "Celebrate 2006" program is sponsored by the District 1 Texas Extension Education Association. Proceeds from the event help 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. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

and or Autorizando a la junta directive del Distrito Escolar De Stratford para educar estudiantes de otros distritos escolares con ingresos de impuestos locales. La votacion adelantada en personas se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N3rd Street, Stratford, TX from 8:00

A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 de la tarde empezado el 6 septiembra de 2006y terminando el 19 septiembra de 2006.

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—Bette Davis

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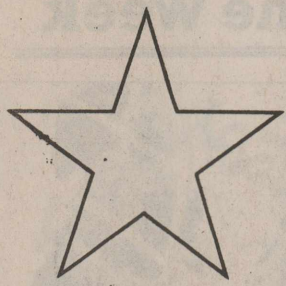
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questions. "In the event of an emergency, do we have everyone's contact numbers and an out of town contact?" "Is there a designated place for everyone to meet outside of the home and neighborhood?" "What is the emergency plan including the evacuation location of my child's school?" Only you can answer these questions and develop an emergency plan that will suit your family's unique needs. You can download templates to help get you started For U.S. Department of Homeland

Security's Family Communications Plan template go to www.ready.gov. 0. What other things can I do to be prepared? A. Create a kit that can be used in case of emergency. The kit should include basic items like water, food, battery/Powered radio, flashlight and a first aid kit. For a complete list of recommended supplies go www.ready.gov.

Q. Where can I learn more about different threats and emergency preparedness?

A. To learn more about natural disasters and potential terrorist threats go to www.ready.gov. For specific questions about the area where you live, contact your local Office of Emergency Management or Citizen Corps council

Q. How can I become involved in my community's preparedness efforts? A. Citizen Corps provides residents with opportunities to prepare, train, participate in community exercises and support focal emergency respondent For more information about Citizens Corps or to get involved visit www.citizenscorps.gov or contact the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission 1 -Citizen Corps Councils currently exist in the City of Amarillo, Moore County and Sherman county.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, October 3, 2006 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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—Bob Richards

Notice of Sale

By virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 84th District Court of Hansford County, Texas on the 5th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause numbered 4641, wherein Milton Messner is Plaintiff, and Delbert McCloy is Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff for the sum of \$31,347.75 Dollars, together with all costs of suit, that being the amount of judgment recovered by the said plaintiff, in the 84th District court on the 23rd Day of February, 2006, I, on the 14th Day of September 2006, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. have levied upon upon, and will, on the 3rd day of October, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. at the Sherman Co. Youth Arena in the city of Stratford within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all

the right, title and Interest of Defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to-wit:

Thirty-nine (39) cows and forty-two (42) calves.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$31,347.75 Dollars in favor of plaintiff, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand the 18th Day of September, 2006.

Sheriff Jack Haile
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The sixth grade band students have been issued their band instruments.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. Enrollment is currently 184. The juniors started selling magazines this week and the seniors had a car wash last weekend and will begin mum sales shortly. He reported that the teacher committee that is writing the Teacher Incentive plan has spent many hours preparing the plan. He reported on the academic progress of the high school student body.

Mr. Gilliland went over the Superintendent report. He gave the transportation report. Cost per mile was .310 for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 69.89% and revenue collected at 103.36%. Tax collections are at 96.50%. Enrollment for the district was as follows: Mary Allen Elementary - 236, Junior High - 169, and High School - 185 for a total district enrollment of 590. He then passed out the quarterly investment report. SEE ATTACHMENT

Mr. Gilliland introduced Theresa Edmond and Kevin Brennen. They address the board to advise them of the law suit that was filed against the Sherman County Appraisal district. Theresa explained the suit to the board and told them what their part of the suit would cost the district if the suit was won. Discussion was held. Mr. Brennen answered questions the board had. Theresa explained to the board that all entities would share a part in the suit.

The board took a short recess at 8:33 PM.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the physical therapy/occupational therapy proposals. Coon Memorial Rehab was the only proposal received in the amount of \$70.00 per hour and .400 per mile. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the proposals received for computers. Proposals were received from the following:

Westgate Computers \$894.59 each
Dell \$1,103.45 each
Hewlett Packard \$1,079.02 each

Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the proposal from Westgate Computers in the amount of \$894.59 each. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland reported to the board that the junior high and high school teacher committees for the Texas Educational Excellence Grant have been working on the incentive plan and will present it to the board in the October meeting.

A public hearing was held on the 2006-2007 proposed tax rate. Barney Willborn moved to adopt the ordinance setting the maintenance and operations tax rate at \$1.2991. Patti Vincent seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Hays moved to adopt the ordinance setting the interest and sinking tax rate at .06 cents. Brent Spurlock seconded. Motion carried 7-0. The total tax rate for the 2006 tax year will be \$1.3591. SEE ATTACHMENT.

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

Scot News

Whew! Things are sure busy for SCOT Members.

Fifteen folks enjoyed supper at the Chicken House on Sept. 14th.

Plans are in the works to go to Guymon's Community Theater production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", on Monday, Sept. 25th.

Don't forget the Bake Sale at the County Barn at the Craft Show on Sept. 30. Please do your part to pay the bills by bringing something.

4-H Foods, Clothing & Surprises Club Holds Meeting

The 4-H Foods, Clothing, and Surprises club met for the first time on September 11, 2006 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. When everyone arrived we had light refreshments and played a Get Acquainted Activity which was set up by Cindy Russell and Connie Burton. After that Connie Burton did a Welcome and Club purpose. Next, Rhyann Burton started the Pledge to the American Flag. Then, Eric Burton started the 4-H Motto and Pledge. After that was done Connie, Cindy and Jean Everett did an overview of the club activities/projects. Then Susie Spurlock, Sunny Russell, and Jennie Spurlock talked and explained about the numerous avenues of participation in projects. Such as the food and nutrition, clothing, public speaking and the awards program record books. Next, Connie explained the club organization and the role and responsibilities of the officers. Then the kids elected the officers. Jennie Spurlock was elected the president. Sunny Russell was elected vice-president. Eric Burton was elected secretary. Cathryn Griffin was elected Reporter. Their picture was taken and then Connie Burton announced when the next meeting will be. The meeting was then over and everyone had a wonderful time.

Motivation is like food for the brain. You cannot get enough in one sitting. It needs continual and regular top-ups.
—Peter Davies

LADY ELKS COMPETE AT THE WOLF CREEK CLASSIC COUNTRY MEET

The high school cross country girls competed in the Wolf Creek Classic Cross Country Meet this past Saturday and came away with an 11th place team finish. Liberal, a large school from Kansas, won the meet with 63 points. Borger finished 2nd with 85 points and Dodge City, another large Kansas school rounded out the top three with 129. Kristen Crabtree had another outstanding performance as she came away with her second top 10 finish of the year. She came across the line in 13 minutes and 52 seconds which was good for 8th place. Whitney Reese was the next Lady Elk to cross the finish line running the hilly course in a solid 15:04 which was good for 42nd place. Whit made an 18 second improvement over her 2005 time. Lucero Ortega finished close behind at 45th place and completed the course in 15:05. Lucero beat her 2005 time by 33 seconds. Also competing for the Lady Elks were: Alma Marquez (16:26), Yesenia Ibarra (16:32), Darcy Rosales (16:33), and Mary Lou Maldonado (17:28). There were approximately 150 runners competing in the varsity division this year and the always tough Perryton course, with 2 solid inclines was tough. These young ladies have been working very hard since the Tascosa Meet two weeks ago and are looking forward to the Amarillo Meet next week, which will be run at

Thompson Park. Good luck Lady Elks.
JUNIOR HIGH LADY COMPETE IN FIRST MEET OF THE SEASON
Fourteen junior high girls made the trip over to Wolf Creek on

Saturday morning to compete in their first cross country meet of the season. The Lady Elks finished in 9th place out of 29 teams and competed against 210 runners. These young ladies did an outstanding job competing under some tough first meet conditions. To begin with, the Perryton course is a little longer than 3200 meters. If this were not enough, it is extremely hilly and most kids consider it the toughest course around. Here are the final results for the junior high girls' division.

Kelsi Keener 14:31 (10), Tori Rouse 15:35 (37), Rubi Rueda 16:04 (51), Jessica Ibarra 16:41 (67), Morgan Carter 16:57 (82), Esmeralda Sauzamedia 17:08, Kimberly Ricks 17:44, Beatriz Marquez 18:06, Taylor Melton 19:06, Monica King 19:51, Perla Reta 19:18, Shannon Mama hi 19:50, Adriana Ibarra 20:55, and Carina Michel 19:05.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS COMPETE IN FIRST MEET

Not only was this the first meet of the year for the junior high boys cross country team, but it was also the first meet in many years for the boys of Stratford. This was an extremely tough course for these boys to compete on in their first meet ever. The course is long and extremely hilly, but the Elks didn't let that get in their way as they turned in a solid 8th place finish. Leading

the Elks across the finish line was Kyle Horsford finishing with a time of 13:44 (20). Braden Hudson came in 2nd for the Elks with a time of 14:13 (30). Justin Mungia crossed the line next with a time of 14:23 (35). Bryce Cummings turned in a solid time of 14:43 (42), and despite an illness earlier in the week Trevor Christian rounded out the scoring with a time of 14:59 (45). Great job to these boys on their first meet.

OPEN LETTER TO THE CATTLE PRODUCERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING "DEADS" DUMPED IN RIGHTS OF WAY

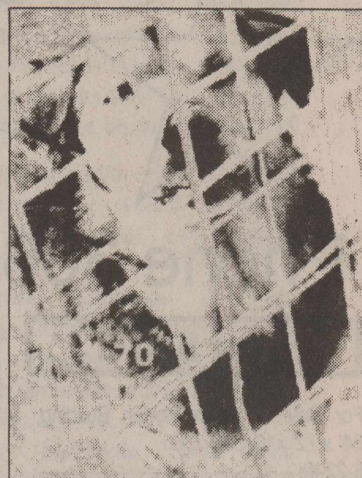
It has come to the attention of the officials of Sherman County, Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that rendering companies have now begun to charge for the removal of carcasses of dead cattle. It had been the practice to drag the "deads" to the ditches, and in many cases the roadsides, so that the carcass would be handy for the "used cow" truck to pick up the carcass.

This practice is not acceptable unless the cattle producer intends to have the carcass picked up. Dragging the carcass to any highway, farm-to-market road, or county road, and leaving it is a violation of the solid waste disposal provisions of Texas. In addition to being against the law, the carcasses pose a traffic hazard, a health hazard, and makes for unsightly roadsides.

The purpose of this letter is to inform cattle producers that Sherman County officials will investigate complaints of cattle dumping, and take action to discourage the activity. Just be aware that cattle dumping on state and county rights of way is illegal, and there are misdemeanor and even felony sanctions to punish those responsible. Please also be aware that neither Sherman County nor TxDOT will remove these carcasses.

The officials of Sherman County and TxDOT are counting on your cooperation so that roadsides in our county remain clear.
REMEMBER DUMPING DEAD CATTLE NEAR HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS IS ILLEGAL

Pet of the Week

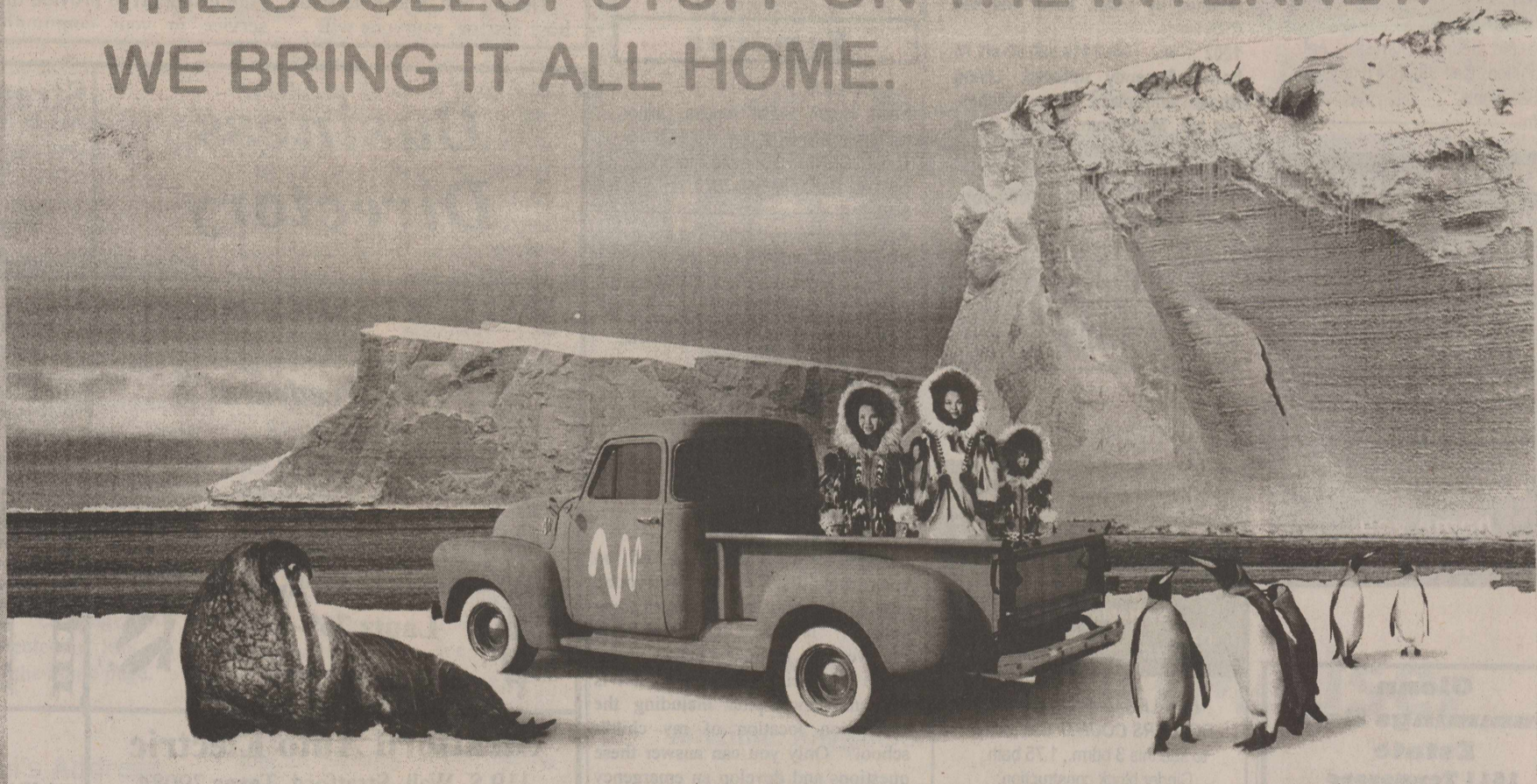


The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

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