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New Extension Agent Brings Fresh Ideas and Energy to Sherman County

By Bailey Naugle

As of September 1st Sherman County has a new Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent: David Graf.

David and his wife Lisa recently moved to Stratford from Oklahoma where he worked as a multi-site manager for Seaboard Farms near Hough, Okla. Lisa is employed by the First National Bank of Texhoma.

David, originally from Vernon, Texas, has a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University. Although this is his first experience as an Ag Agent, David has a strong background in Extension.

He spent 18 years raising hogs, cattle, wheat and alfalfa. For three years he managed a custom fertilizer application business, and spent five years as the southern plains marketing director for AgriPro Wheat.

David is excited about the variety of challenges that the position entails, and he hopes that his knowledge and experience will be helpful for area producers and the community.

He looks forward to working with parents and other leaders to help kids develop self confidence, learn decision making skills and further their education. "I've always enjoyed working with youth, and I enjoy helping people address and solve problems," he said.

His goals in Sherman County include working with the agricultural community on issues including risk management, efficiency and profitability.

A leading agricultural industry and a history of a strong 4-H program attracted the Graf's to the county. "And it's a small community with good morals and lots of pride," said David, "We hope to develop lasting relationships with the people of Sherman County."

To contact David you can drop by or call the Sherman County Extension office at 806-366-2122.

Benefit To Be Held Sat. September 22

Stratford Chamber of Commerce along with Whips 'N Wheels Driving Club is having a Benefit for Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and Stratford EMT on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This will be Stratford Traditional Day of Driving and Arts and Crafts Bazaar. There will be Door prizes, silent Auction, Raffle Drawing, Food, Crafts and Tons of Fun.

The event will be held at Sherman County Barn Hwy 287 and South 6th in Stratford.

Everyone come and enjoy the day.

Notice to Public

In accordance with 152.013(b) of the Texas Local Government code, salaries of Sherman County elected officials and full-time county employees are proposed to include a \$1200 increase for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

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Stratford Fire Dept. to Host Radiological Emergency Preparedness Training

By Sandy Williams

Stratford Fire Department will be hosting Radiological Emergency Preparedness training September 24 and 25, 2007, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night. This is an 8-hour performance based (hands-on) course for emergency first responders to a radiological incident. Areas of instruction include a review of radiation fundamentals, biological effects of ionizing radiation, radiation detection instruments, survey techniques, radiological protective actions, decontamination procedures, radiation hazards, radiological terrorist threats and first responder action. This course is EMS and TCLOSE credited. All area first responders are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Williams if you have questions: 806-753-7331 or firedept.@xit.net

To Listen to Sports on the Internet-you will need to upgrade

If you listen to Greg Wright on the Sports Network on the internet, you will need to download a new upgrade to your media player. Follow the instructions for your particular media player and you should be able to receive the broadcasts. Go to <http://www.tsrnsports.com/downloads.htm>

To: Stratford Star

Re: Drunkenness at school functions

The Stratford Police Department will be at all home Stratford ISD games. If any individual is found to have consumed any detectable amount of alcohol either before or during the game, you will be fined or possibly jailed (No Exceptions.) It is our hope to provide a safe and professional atmosphere for our kids and our community to enjoy and support our local school organizations. If you have any questions please feel free to come by the office and we will visit.

Respectively,
Larry Penfold

Whale of Sale Items of Interest

Books on tape; many sweaters, tee shirts, men's shirts; men's suits, dress pants; nice ladies dresses; formals; baby clothes; shoes-shoes all sizes; jeans all sizes, some with designer holes; holiday and home decorations; many blouses; costumes; furniture/lamps; Blankets, curtains, other linens. Luggage.

Sneak a Peek for \$1.00 on Thursday September 13 and Friday September 14 4:00 -6:00. Sale Saturday September 15 9:00-3:00.

After the sale, all items will be taken to other places.

Jamaica Festival

Jamaica Festival will be held on Sunday, September, 16, 2007 at Bill Pendleton Park from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Lots of food, games for children. Volley ball tournament.

Tacos-Enchiladas-Burritos-Gorditos-Nachos-Frito pies-cold drinks, water and sodas. Corn on the cob- Aqua Frescas.

Dance Contest, D.J. Music, Bingo and Raffles.

See you there on Sunday, September 16 starting at 12 noon.

Calf Fry & Brisket Supper

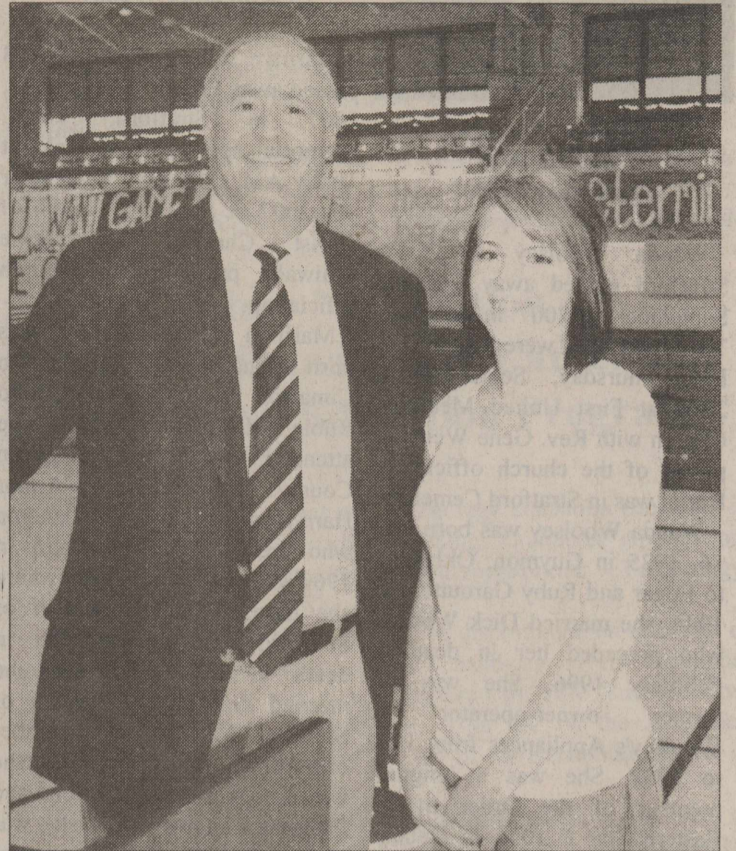
The Griggs Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a brisket & calf fry supper on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Plainview School. Free-will donations accepted. Come support your local firemen as they work to purchase pagers, other equipment and do complete work on fire trucks.

Elk Sunshades Are In

They're In... Stratford Elk sunshades for your car sponsored by Lollipop Junction. Get yours TODAY! Call Jennifer at 396-2782 or LaDawn at 930-5742

State Kel Seliger Holds Town Hall Meeting Sept. 5

Shown at right: Student Council President Courtenay Sells introduces State Senator Kel Seliger at the Town Hall Meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Stratford High School. Seliger spoke to students and citizens of Sherman County.



School Employees Handle All Suspected Abuse Properly

By Bailey Naugle

Last week's article "Recent Trial of Local Sex Offender Raises Community Awareness" contained information that incorrectly implied that school staff members failed to report suspected abuse of a student.

All reports made to the Child Protective Services are highly confidential and Tim Gilliland, Stratford ISD Superintendent, was unable to comment on the actions taken by school staff members, but he did say, "I firmly believe that our staff handles these issues professionally and legally."

Gilliland said, "When a school employee suspects abuse, they are required by law to contact Child Protective Services either by phone or online." He said, "CPS has ten days to respond after it is reported. If we feel like nothing is getting done we will contact them again. We document what we've done, but then it is in the authorities' hands."

Gilliland explained that the teachers at Stratford ISD do everything they can to keep their students safe. "They care for each kid," he said, "You can't do this job if you don't care about the kids."

My apologies go out to all school employees for the mistake I made in reporting the issue. I failed to research all sides of the story. MMMMMM, that humble pie!

The only intent of the article was to increase community awareness of the shocking crimes and abuse that take place in Stratford.

A Message from Marillyn

EDITORS NOTE: The following article "A Message from Marillyn" was brought in by Joyce Dodson. She and the family of Marillyn Albert Harkins wanted to share it with our readers.

Alice Peddy had the honor of sharing a message from Marillyn Albert with the guests at the TAAO Awards Banquet this past August in El Paso during our annual conference. For all that were unable to attend, we want to share with you what Alice had to say:

Marillyn called me the first week in August, knowing that she would not be able to attend the conference, and asked if I would help her with a statement to TAAO. She just wanted me to pin it up on the bulletin board for anyone that might be interested in reading it. Marillyn has always been very humble and has never wanted to force herself on anyone and, heaven forbid that someone would think she would brag on herself. Then on the other hand, she is very outgoing, with a personality that is so contagious. She has a wonderful sense of humor and a heart as big as gold. She has supplied all of us with many smiles in our hearts over these many years.

Now, I will share her sentiments especially for this conference.

Much to my regret, I am unable to attend the conference this year. In my absence I have requested Alice to extend my regrets to each and every one of you.

In my younger days it seemed like I was always searching for a career but did not know which direction I wanted to go. When I became involved in the tax profession in the mid 70's and joined TAAO, my search was over. The journey has been exciting and so rewarding. My world opened up across the State of Texas and even overflowed to other states through the International Association of Assessing Officers. I understand our own Guy Griscom is now the vice-president of this prestigious association. Congratulations, Guy!

When I was given the opportunity to serve as the executive director during the early ninety's, I was excited about meeting the challenges ahead. It was at this time that the fortitude of the board members and membership surfaced. Not only were we able to meet the difficult challenges but we climbed out of a depressing financial strait to become a viable, stable association again.

TAAO has provided me with an innate love for each and every member that has crossed my path. It has been a complete joy and pleasure to have been able to contribute my time and what little knowledge I possess back to the association. I hope my endeavors will continue to be a benefit as time marches on for each one of you.

If I could leave you with just one thought, I would like to quote Edward B. Butler: Every man is enthusiastic at times. One man has enthusiasm for thirty minutes — another man has it for thirty days, but it is the man who has it for thirty years who makes a success in life.

On a personal note I would like to quote Margaret Fuller that expresses Marillyn's philosophy: If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it.

About Marillyn Albert Harkins

During her career in property tax, Marillyn served as Tax Assessor/Collector and then Chief Appraiser for Sherman County. Marillyn attained her CTA designation in 1978, served as a Regional Director for TAAO, and then became TAAO President in 1987-88. She earned some of TAAO's highest honors including the 1990 TAAO Achievement Award and the 1992 CTA of the Year Award. While serving TAAO, she found time to represent Texas as a State Representative for IAAO, serve as a member of the IAAO Member Service Committee, and serve as Chair of the IAAO Outreach Committee. Marillyn also always seemed to find time to instruct in TAAO's education program, seizing the opportunity to pass her knowledge on to the new generation of tax professionals. After retiring in 1993, Marillyn accepted the position of Executive Director for TAAO.

Photo of Marillyn and Alice Peddy on page 3

Study Club Holds Meeting Sept. 5

Kathy Allen of SCDC gave the program on Beautification, Resource Conservation when GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Sept. 5 at Sherman County Library. She gave the latest information about Main Street and other highway plans.

Cindy Jackson, president, conducted the business session. Top of Texas District meeting is Sept. 29 at Canyon Methodist Church. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and slated to be over at 3 p.m. Registration is \$5.00 and Lunch \$10.00, total \$15.00. Sept. 27 is registration deadline. Make checks to Top of Texas District, send to Nelda Askey, 1719 Peach Ave., Dalhart TX 79022.

Laurie Spurlock reported about the club cookbook. They will sell for \$15.00.

Thank you notes were read from Evan Haile and Merilee McDaniel. They were awarded the club scholarships.

Interested women are invited to join this club that meets first Wednesday.

Present were Cindy Jackson, Oline Caraway, Shorty Albert, Dorothy Haile, Pat Hartman, Ashley Lavake, Patti Vincent, Linda Swain, Marty Bain, Gina Jones, LaVell Haggard, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Joyce Hart, Barbara Haile, Marylou McDaniel.

DO YOU KNOW.

Do You Know... who may be intruding your home without opening a door or breaking a window to enter? It is difficult to believe that something as innocent looking as a computer with on-line access could be a source of personal safety issues.

"On-Line Safety", an educational program sponsored by the Sherman County Leadership Advisory Board will be held Monday, September 24 at the Imagination Station in Stratford. The educational program will be presented twice that day. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Weldon Floyd, Extension Information Technology specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension will be presenting the sessions. Mr. Floyd will be sharing with those in attendance information on safety issues associated with use of the internet.

All interested persons are invited to attend the program. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock or David Graf at the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122 or 806-366-2081.



Marillyn Albert Harkins & Alice Peddy

A politician will do anything to keep his job, even become a patriot.
—William Randolph Hearst

Night and morning are making promises to each other which neither will be able to keep.
—Richard Shelton



Sweden leads the world in newspaper readership with about 572 copies sold daily for every 1,000 people.

Those who gave away their wings are sad not to see them fly.
—Antonio Porchia

All that we know is nothing, we are merely crammed waste-paper baskets, unless we are in touch with that which laughs at all our knowing.
—D.H. Lawrence

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Mr. Woodcock
PG-13 Sean William Scott

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Balls of Fury
PG-13 Dan Fogler George Lopez

Halloween
R Brad Dourif

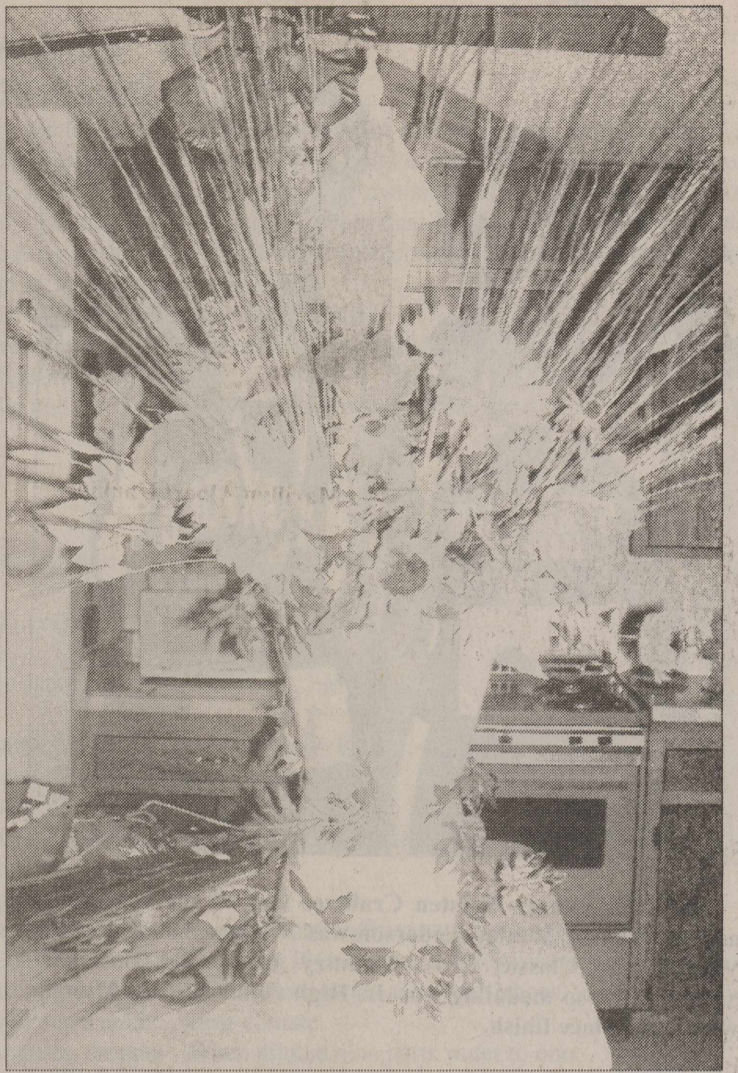
Daddy Day Camp
PG Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Nanny Diaries
PG-13 Scarlett Johansson

Rush Hour 3
PG-13 Jackie Chan Chris Tucker

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Raffle Item-Floral Arrangement
Stratford Chamber of Commerce Arts & Crafts Bazaar Raffle item this year is a floral arrangement created by Julie Berry. Donated by Kay Payne and Bobbie Strong on display this week at the First State Bank in Stratford, next week it will be on display at The Happy State Bank in Stratford. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at 3:30 p.m. on September 22, 2007 at the Sherman County Barn during the Arts & Crafts Bazaar. You must see this wonderful creation by Julie.

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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
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6th & Pearl
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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 Jason Stone
702 N. 3rd
Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. —Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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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
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

I-KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH ME,
I AM NEVER ALONE

At moments I may feel lonely, but then I think of God and of God's love for me. Even as I reach out in my mind for steady thoughts, I seem to hear God speak my name and assure me that He is with me. How can I share the security and peace I have found as I have realized my oneness with God? How can I let another know of God's presence ever with us all? How can I let another know that he is not alone, that God cares? Even as I ask these questions, I seem to hear God say: "As you are loving, My love is felt. As you are caring, others will know of My care." I know that God is with me and I am not alone. No matter where I am, no matter where I go, no matter what is happening around me, God is there. In God's love I am blessed.

"I am not alone, for the Father is with me."—John 16:32

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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
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Lady Elk runner Kristen Crabtree was 4th place medalist and J.V. runner Wesley Anderson was 7th place medalist at the Wolf Creek Classic Cross Country meet held this past Saturday. Also medaling was Jr. High runner Justin Mungia with a 10th place finish.

Celebrate 2007 Scheduled for September 25
By Susie Spurlock

"Celebrate", the annual holiday decorations, gift, and food idea program on September 25 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd in Amarillo. Featured guest speakers will highlight creativity with food and ways to simplify meal preparations.

Other features of Celebrate will include presentations from Family and Consumer Science Agents throughout the Panhandle who will share their holiday and entertaining ideas complete with written instructions. Upon conclusion of the presentations, there will be a Tasting Bee to sample the delicious dishes prepared by the agents. Participants will receive recipes for the foods that you will surely want to include on the menu for your next celebration along with entertaining ideas.

Tickets for Celebrate at \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. For further information or to purchase tickets, contact Texas Cooperative Extension, Sherman County at 366-2122.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

NOTICE: The list of Stratford Elk Football players: Accidentally left off of list were Brent Reed #50 and James Smith #52. You can order buttons for these players also.

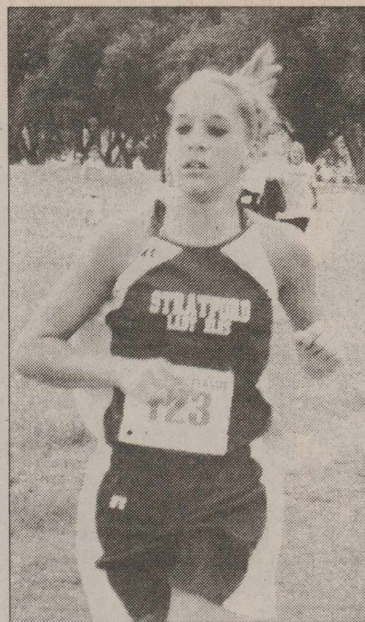
Junior High Cross Country Compete

The first Cross Country meet was held this past Saturday with Perryton hosting at Lake Fryer (Wolf Creek Park).

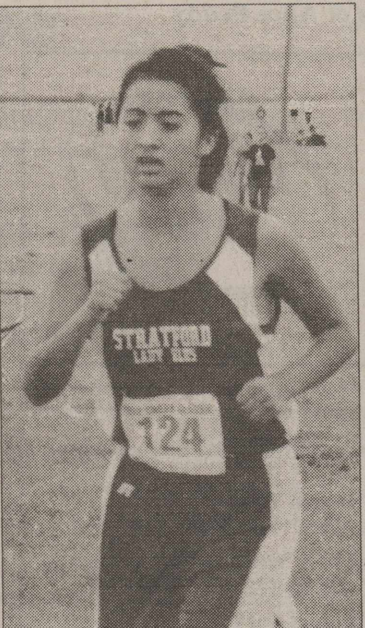
The J.H. girls placed 11th as a team with individual results as follows: 15th Tori Rouse - 14:45.48; 17th Erika Robles - 14:53.56; 51st Meghan Brooks - 16:32.52; 105th Perla Reta - 18:16.08; 109 Haydee Rojas - 18:29.96; 113 Adriana Ibarra - 18:43.68; 119 Shannon Maiwald - 19:01.77; 139 Monica King - 20:31.83; 142 Shyanne Acker - 20:43.61 and 149 Tera Imler-Harris - 22:24.75. There were 157 runners in this division.

The J.H. boys placed 5th as a team and individual results as follows: 10th place medalist - Justin Mungia - 12:52.72; 17th Alex Chavoya - 13:26.52; 20th Reed Schoonover - 13:28.51; 33 Kelby Hartman - 14:22.88; 34 Kenny Ruiz - 14:25.94; 36 Grayson Gonzalez - 14:35.00; 47 Neftali Valenzuela - 15:35.76 and 61 Nicolas Barajas - 16:46.17. There were 87 runners in the boys division.

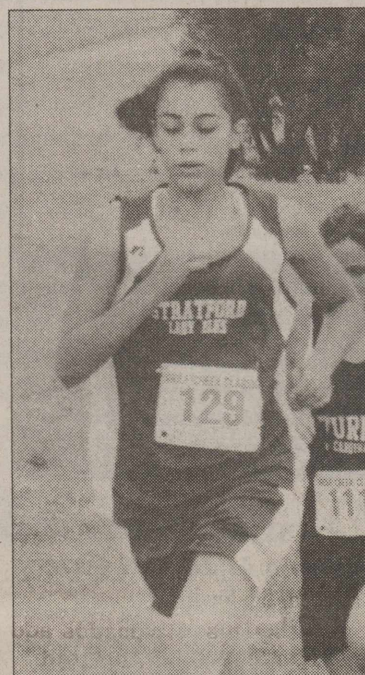
Stats not turned in for High School at press time.



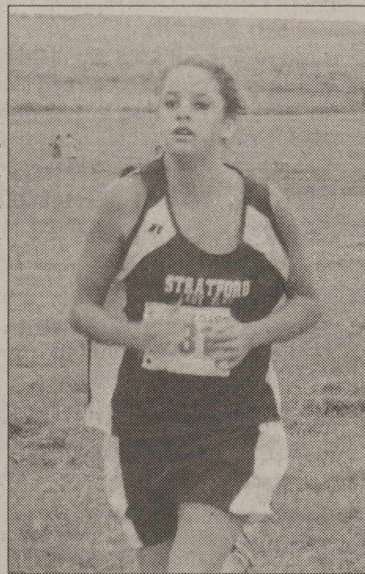
Lady Elk Kelsie Keener



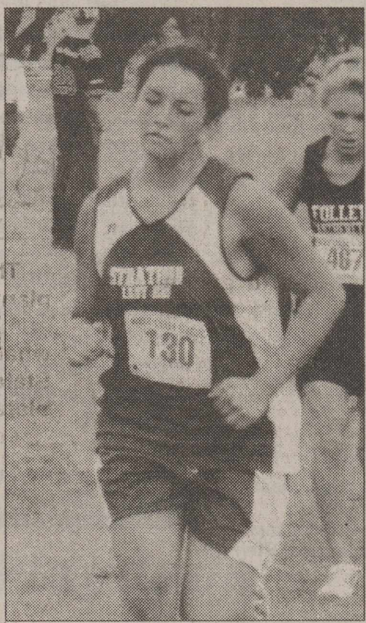
Lady Elk Janeth Reyes



J.V. Lady Elk Brianda Chavoya



J.V. Lady Elk Kristina Woodburn



J.V. Lady Elk Rubi Rueda



J.H. Lady Elks Cross Country competed at the Wolf Creek Classic this past Saturday. Shown with Coach Terry Davis from left, Adriana Ibarra, Erika Robles, Meghan Brooks, Perla Reta, Monica King, Tori Rouse, Shannon Maiwald, Shyanne Acker and Tera Harris.



J.H. boys Cross Country that competed in cross country this past Saturday from left, Nicolas Barajas, Kenny Ruiz, Neftali Valenzuela, Justin Mungia, Kelby Hartman, Reed Schoonover, Grayson Gonzalez, and Alex Chavoya.

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STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL SESSION

August 30, 2007

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, August 30, 2007. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Greg Wright, Barney Willborn, Steve Hays, and DeWain Traylor. Guest present: Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford. Tim Gilliland led the invocation.

The Budget and Tax hearing was held at 7:05 AM.

Tim Gilliland presented the 2007-2008 budget by function. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the Local Budget by function as presented. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #1

Steve Hays made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the Food Service Budget by function. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #2

DeWain Traylor made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve the Debt Service Budget by function. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #3

Tim Gilliland went over the maintenance and operating tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year. Barney Willborn moved that the board adopt the ordinance in writing setting the maintenance and operating tax rate at \$1.04. DeWain Traylor seconded. Motion carried 7-0. See Attachment #4

Tim Gilliland went over the interest and sinking tax rate for the 2007-2008 school year. Brent Spurlock made the motion that the board adopts the ordinance in writing setting the interest and sinking tax rate at \$.0610. Motion carried 7-0.

Tim Gilliland presented the football field lighting proposal. It was from Musco Lighting in the amount of \$70,789. Discussion was held on the proposal. Barney Willborn made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried 7-0. See Attachment #5

The Chapter 41 agreement was discussed for the 2007-2008 school year. Districts may float in and out of Chapter 41 status, but only one election is required. Our district will exercise option 3. Discussion was held. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0. See Attachment #6

Tim Gilliland went over the final budget amendments to the local budget for the 2006-2007 school year. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Greg Weight seconded to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried 7-0. See Attachment #7

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 a.m.



Judge Carter Signs Resolution

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security is encouraging everyone, from communities, local governments, businesses, and individuals, to recognize September as National Preparedness Month. Several entities in Sherman County have joined in an effort to be more prepared for disasters and more aware of potential threats. A series of articles has been in the Stratford Star recently about preparedness topics. Please take the time to help your family be prepared and aware. Judge Terri Carter signed a Resolution by the Sherman County Commissioners' Court recognizing September 2007 as being National Preparedness Month and encourages our local residents to take notice of the purpose of this national awareness campaign. The picture includes (L to R): Eddie Williams, Sandy Williams, Chief of Police- Larry Penfold, Judge Terri Carter, Jimmy Lanning and Sheriff Jack Haile.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Preparing Your Home For Colder Weather

(NAPS)—Preparing your home for colder weather can help you save money on energy bills. The U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) suggests these tips to keep your home comfortable:

- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets levels recommended for your area. Proper insulation could reduce your heating costs by up to 30 percent.
- Install winter storm windows and doors, replacing any screens.
- Inspect windows, doors and the exterior of your home for cracks or leaks, and caulk, patch or weather-strip any areas that might leak cold air.
- Replace any windows or doors as needed. Products with the ENERGY STAR label can reduce heating costs by up to 15 percent.
- Have a heating professional inspect and service your heating equipment before you begin to use it for the season. Heat pumps and oil-fired furnaces need annual tune-ups; gas-fired equipment can be serviced every other year. Professional technicians will be able to detect leaks, soot, rust, rot, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires.
- Replace furnace filters in your heating unit regularly. Clean filters help to improve the airflow and efficiency while lowering your utility bills. Most manufacturers recommend changing disposable filters monthly and cleaning reusable filters every other month.
- Finally, if you need to replace your current home heating unit,



Preparing your home for winter can help you save money on your energy bills.

consider a new heat pump or furnace. The latest furnaces and heat pumps from Coleman Heating and Air Conditioning are highly efficient and meet Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings or Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF) ratings.

For example, the Coleman Echelon modulating gas furnace offers 95 percent AFUE required for the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and exceeds the minimum efficiency standards established by the U.S. DOE, making this unit eligible for a \$150 tax credit. Additionally, the Coleman Echelon 5T heat pump is available with an ENERGY STAR rating and a federally approved tax credit.

Easy to install and service, the units use environmentally friendly refrigerants and deliver significantly higher energy efficiencies than many older units, reducing heating costs while increasing comfort.

To learn more about Coleman heat pumps and furnaces, visit www.colemanac.com or call (877) 726-5362.

THE SIMPLE "HOW TOS" OF THE BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

People need to be prepared to care for themselves, at least for a short period of time, in the wake of a disaster situation. One good method of preparing for disaster is to build a dedicated cache of supplies or an emergency kit; kept in a handy place so that it will be readily available when the need arises. An Emergency Supply Kit should be equipped to meet the basic physical needs of the individuals it's intended to serve for at least a 72-hour period; The Department of Homeland (DHS) suggests that the following basic items be included in an Emergency Supply Kit.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food) Local maps

Additional items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes.
- Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper - When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

More information and personal preparedness tip* for families and persons of all ages can be found on the DHS website at: www.ready.gov

Tailgating Tips

Game Time or Anytime, Avocados are a Tailgate Crowd Pleaser

(NAPS)—No matter the reason for a tailgate party—be it a football game, auto race, concert or other stadium event—the key to any great celebration in the parking lot or on the field is the food.

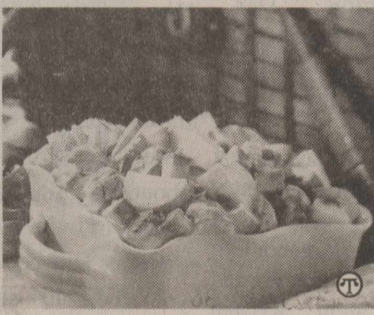
The menu for a tailgate party can be as simple as sandwiches and chips or as fancy as a four-course meal. Either way, one simple ingredient that adds delicious flavor to a variety of tailgating dishes is the avocado.

Hass avocados make the ordinary fare extraordinary when included in sandwiches, burgers, wraps, hot dogs and salads—as well as serving as the essential ingredient for guacamole and other dips.

With the addition of creamy Hass avocados, this recipe offers a tantalizing twist on a traditional dish. It's a great make-ahead recipe for your next tailgate party because the flavors blend as it chills in the fridge.

Hass Avocado and Red Potato Salad
Prep time: 15 minutes
Makes 8 servings

- 2 lbs. red potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 5 tsp. cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. Dijon-style mustard
- ¼ tsp. ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 4 green onions, sliced



Avocados add a tantalizing twist to the traditional potato salad recipe.

2 large, ripe Hass avocados, halved, pitted, peeled and chopped into ½-inch pieces

1. Place potatoes in a medium pan and cover with water. Bring water to a boil and cook potatoes for about 15 minutes or until just tender when pierced with a fork.
2. Drain well and pour into bowl.
3. Combine mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper.
4. Add dressing and green onions to potatoes and gently toss. Stir in avocados.
5. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight to allow flavors to blend.

For more avocado recipes and tailgating tips, visit the Hass Avocado Board Web site at www.avocadocentral.com.



The average American drinks 210 milligrams of caffeine a day. That's equal to two to three cups of coffee, depending on how strong it is.



The stegosaurus was a large, plant-eating dinosaur that lived about 150 million years ago in what is now the western United States. It had two rows of bony plates shaped like huge arrowheads sticking out of its back and tail.

Tips on How to 'Go Green' Using a Coffee Machine at Home

NewsUSA

(NU) - Do you start every day with a cup of coffee? If so, you could save a lot of money and help the environment at the same time if you brew your coffee at home.

According to the Division of Consumer Prices at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it costs 5 cents to brew an 8-ounce cup of coffee at home. Compare that with the cost of a gourmet drink at your local café. You'd save about \$4 a day, which is about \$30 a week. That's about \$120 a month! And that's without calculating what you'd save in gasoline costs from not driving to a coffee shop.

Choices, including how you drink your coffee, can have a positive effect on the environment. You'd not only save money, but you'd also use less fossil fuel by making the switch to brewing coffee at home.

Capresso, a leader in high-end coffee making equipment, offers these "green" ideas to help you save money and preserve the environment:

- Look for a coffeemaker with a thermal carafe so you won't need additional electricity to keep your coffee at the optimal serving temperature.
- Instead of disposable paper



Brewing your coffee at home could save you \$4 a day.

filters, use a permanent gold-tone filter that can be reused time and again.

- Use leftover grounds as garden fertilizer.
- Cut back on the use of paper napkins, paper cups and coffee sleeves.

• Use freshly ground coffee instead of pods to avoid the additional waste of paper or aluminum pod covers.

• Brew only what you need. Capresso has a special two-to-four-cup cycle that allows optimal brewing even with a small pot. A Jura-Capresso automatic coffee center allows you to brew cup by cup, as needed.

For more information, visit www.capresso.com.

Hints For The Handy

Have The Right Tools For Any Project Or Repair

(NAPS)—If you're like most people, you probably have a frequent need to tighten, loosen, take apart or put together many things in the home, office or car.

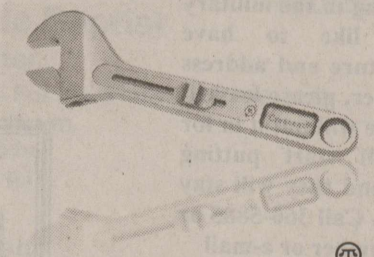
A carefully selected set of common hand tools, whether they're for you or to be given as a gift—regardless of the person's ability level—can go a long way to ensure that you're always prepared.

A small number of versatile, well-engineered and high-quality tools you can purchase at any home center or hardware store can help with 90 percent of common tasks. They include:

Adjustable Wrench (8-inch)—Celebrating its 100-year anniversary, the Crescent brand is most famous for this tool, especially useful for turning different-size nuts and bolts.

Tape Measure (25-foot)—One new tape has a self-centering feature that lets you easily find the center of the object you're measuring—great for hanging pictures.

Claw Hammer (16-ounce)—A 16-ounce claw type is best for most projects. Get one with a fiberglass handle for maximum durability and comfort.



An adjustable wrench can prepare you for common tasks you'll encounter in the home, office or car.

Screwdrivers—Two 8-inch-long screwdrivers will cover most situations: a slotted head with a ¼-inch-wide blade and a Phillips style, size No. 2.

Pliers (6½-inch)—A pair of basic slip-joint pliers will be one of the most valuable tools you own. Make sure they have a built-in wire cutter.

One final piece of advice: Don't shop for tools based on price only...a reputable brand, such as Cooper Hand Tools, could pay major dividends in terms of long life and ease of use.

For more information, visit www.crescent100years.com.

Silence moves faster when it's going backward.

—Jean Cocteau

Sharp nostalgia, infinite and terrible, for what I already possess.

—Juan Ramón Jimenez

We are never prepared for what we expect.

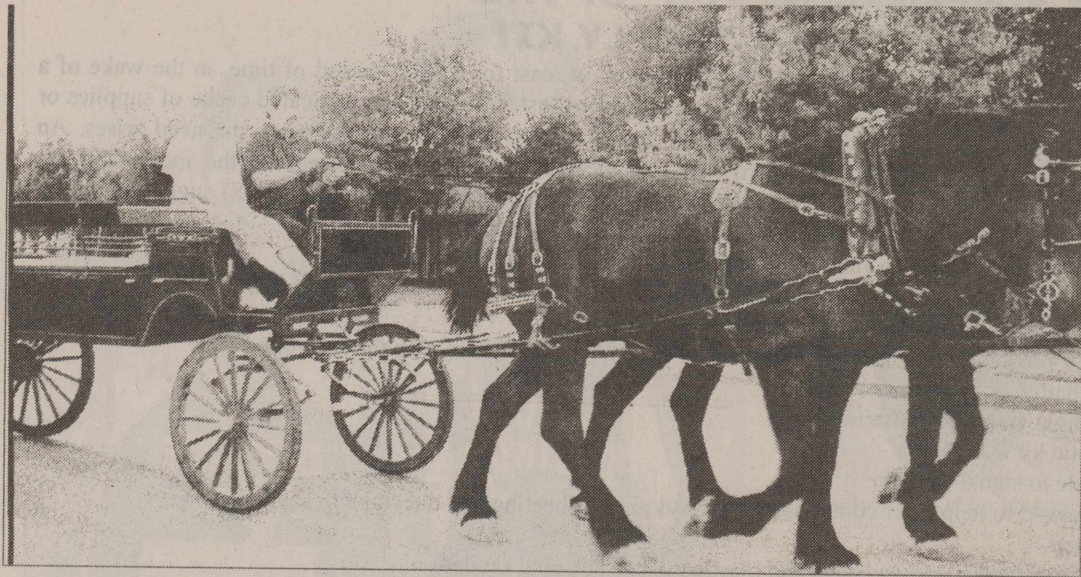
—James A. Michener

The universe is simmering down, like a giant stew left to cook for four billion years. Sooner or later we won't be able to tell the carrots from the onions.

—Arthur Bloch

Fear is a cloak which old men huddle about their love, as if to keep it warm.

—William Wordsworth



Out For A Country Drive

Linda Swain and Andy Riffe out for a Country Drive in preparation for the Whips & Wheels Day of Traditional Driving, September 22. Linda drove a wagon as a camp counselor several years ago and was getting a refresher.



ELK TALES

Hello, everyone! We're back! The teachers started full time on Monday, August 20. We had a week of inset-vice and a work day on that Friday. Happy State Bank had Kim's Ribs cater lunch for the teachers on our first Tuesday back. First State Bank provided supper with a cookout at B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's beautiful country home on Tuesday, August 28. Thanks to all these folks for their efforts.

Classes for the students kicked off on Monday, August 27. Things are beginning to fall into a routine now. We had our first football game on Friday, August 31 which opened the season successfully.

Last week senior pictures and school pictures were taken on Wednesday. The Town Hall meeting with Senator Kel Seliger was held in the gym on Wednesday. Last Thursday the Juniors met with Jim Morgan to get the paper work for their senior rings. They will meet with him again this week to order them. The Junior Varsity football team played their first game in Spearman last Thursday. This Thursday the 7th, 8th, and JV will play Panhandle there.

We have a number of new folks on staff at Stratford ISO this year. I hope I don't leave anyone out. They include Connie Biddy, Bobbie Blackmore, Cindy Franklin, Amy and Ashley Hartsell, Kristal Johnson, Collin and Jennifer McKinney, Crystal and Joe Rackley, Rudy Salazar, Eldric Shanks, McKenzie Talcott, and Robbi Wright. Welcome to Stratford!

Last Friday the First State Bank hosted a tailgate party in support of our Stratford Elks. The menu included roasted pig, pinto beans, cookies, and drinks. The weather was great and the meal delicious. Thanks, guys!

Mrs. Davis' 4th Grade class is studying weather. The students are conducting interviews on "Most Memorable Weather Events". If someone has a memory of an outstanding weather event, we would love to have them come visit with the 4th grade and share their weather experiences. Just call 366-3340 and leave a message for Mrs. Davis to set up a convenient time.

This week Mrs. Wright's first grade class is studying weather. We have written down all the things we know and what we want to know. We are learning about wind, rain, clouds, snow, air pressure and cold and warm fronts. We are also reviewing each letter and number and how to write them.

"Back to School Night" for the high school and junior high parents was held last Monday evening, the school board will meet Thursday evening and tour the facilities, and 3-week progress reports are due Friday. Can you believe we've been in school three weeks already? At this writing, we're still waiting for the new junior high lockers to arrive and be installed.

American symbols is the topic in the ESL classroom. Students are studying the Liberty Bell and

its history and the new vocabulary words. The students learned the first bell was made in England. After it cracked on the first ringing, the metal was used to make a second bell which had a very dull sound. After remaking the bell for the third time, all was well until the bell cracked again. When repairs failed, the bell was not actively used again. Recording of the bell's e-flat ring is used at important events, and also by the Philadelphia Eagles when they score at home games. The students were surprised to learn that abolitionists were the first to call the bell the Liberty Bell.

This week is Homecoming Week. Daily attire included Monday: "when I Grow Up Day", Tuesday: "Hillbilly Day", Wednesday: "Celebrity Day", Thursday: "Fake Injury Day", and Friday: "Blue and White Day". The Elks will play our Homecoming game Friday against Floydada and the Cross Country team has a meet in Amarillo on Saturday.

Homecoming candidates this year are Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales, and Ivy Valenzuela. The pep rally will begin at 3:05.

In Mrs. Everett's Biology and Environmental Systems, we are covering the terrestrial biomes of the biosphere (Tundra, grassland, tropical rain forest etc.).

In Physics, we are starting projectile motion. We will end the unit with the Rocket Lab.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th and 6th grade math classes are off and working hard. For the most part, both groups are reviewing last year's skills. We will have our first test this week.

Quote of the week: "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." -President Abraham Lincoln

Beat Floydada

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will start putting addresses in and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

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Ask the Geek By Kevin McDonald

The Big Difference

There exists an important distinction to be made between your *operating system* and your *"office productivity software."* Rarely do I see more confusion about what is on a client's computer than between these two things, and this often leads to problems.

Your *operating system ("OS")* is the special software that your computer uses to translate computer language into something you can understand. It allows you, as a human, to interact with your computer in a way that is comprehensible to both of you. Your operating system takes the data from your CD-ROM drive and interprets it so that it can be decoded by your audio player, or run your favorite game. It knows what to tell your printer when you click "print."

Statistically, most people in the United States that own a computer are running an operating system from Microsoft called "Windows." Thus, if someone asked you, "What OS are you running?" your answer will likely be "Windows." More specifically, you're running one of a few dozen *versions* of Windows, such as "Windows XP Home Edition," or "Windows 2000 Professional," etc.

Believe it or not, there are other operating systems besides Windows, such as Linux and MacOS. MacOS is the operating system most commonly used on Apple computers. Linux is a free OS developed by thousands of people around the world that runs on just about any type of computer, and runs many thousands of programs.

Each of these operating systems, in addition to providing the interface between you and your PC, runs software that actually lets you accomplish something with your computer. One of the most common types of software that people use on their computers is *office productivity software*.

Microsoft has cornered the market with this type of software with their "Microsoft Office" suite of programs. Microsoft Office, depending on which version you purchase, typically includes Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, FrontPage and Access among other things. These individual programs are what you use for word processing, spreadsheets, visual presentations, etc.

There are certainly other office suites, such as WordPerfect, Lotus, Microsoft Works, and the increasingly popular (and *also* completely free) OpenOffice.org. One of these suites may have come with your computer rather than Microsoft Office.

This is actually where the confusion inevitably sets in. Since Windows is the most popular operating system, and Microsoft Office is the most popular office suite, many people believe them to be one in the same - one mammoth piece of software. Thus, some people get confused when shopping for a new PC. Now that you know the difference, be certain to ask about *both* the OS and the office suite.

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children.

He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637

Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegEEK@definitioncomputers.com



Hilmar Cheese Open House

L/R: Pat Johnson, Selma Pendleton, Gaynelle Riffe, wearing the souvenir hair covering attending the open house for Hilmar Cheese in Dalhart Saturday September 8. The Cheese plant will begin receiving milk for production Wednesday, Sept. 12. The plant is quite impressive and also impressive was the attendance of more than 70 Hilmar owners and family members, all ages, from California.

Cards of Thanks

To each one of you who have called, came by, brought food and gifts, sent flowers and donations and prayed for us at the passing of My Daddy, "Dilmer (Bud) Silvey, Jay & I, all our children and grandchildren are grateful & we Thank You!

Jay & Arnita Lane

USDA UNVEILS SIGN-UP DATES FOR NEW LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

(Stratford, TX), September, 10, 2007 -Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency today announced that eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent years.

"Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters," said Hemphill, "I am pleased to announce that FSA is delivering these benefits to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when many need it the most."

Livestock Compensation provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster - including producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disasters occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Livestock Indemnity compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.


CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

Hemphill emphasized, "For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits."


In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, Hemphill recommends that producers call their respective FSA County Office to schedule an appointment for disaster program assistance.

For detailed application and eligibility information, please contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211. Interested producer can also access LCP, LIP and CDP fact sheets on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

Homecoming 2007



CAN YOU BEAT THE CLOCK?



• Buy any large pan pizza from 5-6 PM, and pay twice the time!
Friday, September 14th

Friday Night Lights

The Stratford Elks fell to Childress 26-21 in the Elks first home game on Friday, September 7th.

Hunter Buckles completed 8 of 14 passes for 44 yards and two touchdowns. Buckles also carried the ball for 24 yards on 10 carries. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 33 yards on 13 carries followed by Jesse Lopez with 23 yards on 6 carries. Joey Reta caught the ball for 24 yards on 4 catches and one touchdown followed by Julio Ramirez with 19 yards on 3 catches and one touchdown. Lopez also kicked three PAT's for the Elks.

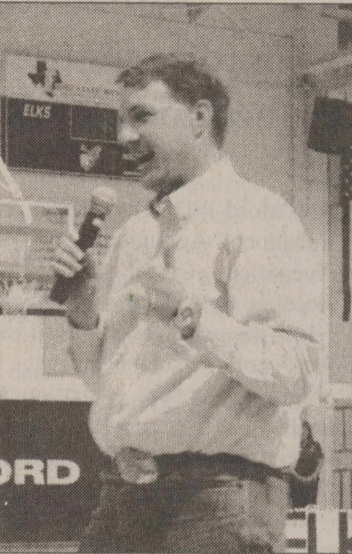
On defense Angel Resendes put another touchdown on the board for the Elks with a fumble recovery that he raced back for a touchdown. Julio Ramirez led the Elks on defense with 13 tackles followed by James Smith and Jorge Robles with 12 tackles, Joey Reta 11 tackles and Brent Reed and Sandro Gomez with 6 tackles each. Reta and Resendes each finished the night with one interception each.

Players of the Week:
Offensive Line - Brent Reed;
Offensive Back - Joey Reta;
Defensive Line - Sandro Gomez;
Defensive Back - James Smith
and Special Team - Jesse Lopez.

The Elks will host Floydada here on Friday, September 14 for the Elks Homecoming. Let's Go Elks!!!



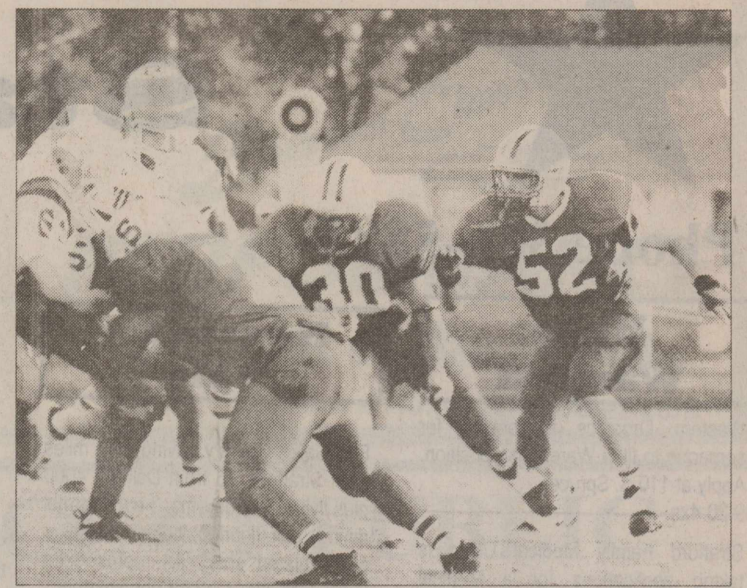
Stratford Elks Big Blue Marching Band under the field direction of Courtenay Sells and Deborah Molina on Friday, September 7, 2007



Walt Berry gave the Pep Talk on Friday, September 7, 2007.



Stratford Elk #76 Sandro Gomez and unknown Elk close in on Childress player on Friday, September 7, 2007.



Stratford Elks #71 David Acevedo, #30 Joey Reta and #52 James Smith on defense against Childress.



Quarterback Hunter Buckles #5 hands off to #20 Alex Martinez as #11 Craig Kautz and #76 Sandro Gomez block against Childress in the Elks loss.

Homecoming 2007

Ports to Plains coalition hosts Great Plains International Conference, highlights opportunities in trade, wind energy and bio fuels, and regional freight efficiency

The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition has long sought to increase trade by improving the region's highway infrastructure. But Ports to Plains is more than a line on a map. The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition is a growing business and policy network acting in concert to promote the common economic development goals of the Great Plains region, North America's energy and agricultural heartland. At the Great Plains International Conference in Denver Sept. 19-21, the Coalition, along with co-presenters, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Colorado Department of Transportation, will gather members, friends, senior elected and government officials and industry leaders to explore the emerging economic development opportunities in the Corridor and study new ways to strengthen the cooperation among the states and provinces throughout the region.

"Throughout the Great Plains region, communities are beginning to capitalize upon then-natural assets to serve dominant new roles in North America's future prosperity, energy security and economic development," said Michael Reeves, President of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition. "The Great Plains International Conference will offer a glimpse into this exciting future."

At the conference, several of the Great Plains' top agricultural and wind power leaders will help redefine the exciting potential of the emerging corridor. "The Ports to Plains Coalition's infrastructure plan seeks to leverage the emerging renewable energy economy of the Great Plains by proposing the joint public-private sector development of a single, integrated highway - wind power corridor from Laredo, Texas to the Canadian border," said Reeves,

Confirmed speakers include:

- Pat Wood, III, energy developer, is the Past Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Past Chair, Texas Public Utility Commission. Wood's chief focus is on clean power generation, independent power transmission and natural gas facilities. He serves as an independent director of SunPower Corp. and Quanta Services, and he heads the North American Advisory Board of Airtricity.
- John Stulp, Commissioner, Colorado Department of Agriculture is a former Prowers County Commissioner and a leading proponent of wind power economic opportunities and jobs for Colorado's farmers and ranchers. Commissioner Stulp's family farming operation is home to the Lamar Light and Power Wind Farm, and Commissioner Stulp is a principal in Prairie Wind Energy LLC.
- Len Mitzel, Member of Legislative Assembly for Cypress-Medicine Hat, Alberta is a farmer-legislator, provincial cross-border affairs chief for Canada's energy powerhouse, the Province of Alberta (one of the world's leading suppliers of oil and natural gas to the U.S.), and a leading advocate for expanded Alberta-US freight infrastructure, including an alternative north-south corridor to serve the province's booming oil sands industry headquartered in Fort McMurray.
- Ronald L. Lehr, Western Representative, American Wind Energy Association, advises a variety of renewable energy clients, including The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the American Wind Energy Association, and the National Wind Coordinating Committee. From 1984 to 1991, Mr. Lehr was Chairman and Commissioner of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.

"The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor connects the dots between our communities, but it is the coalition and the business network it serves that makes that road matter, as a driver of economic development," said Reeves. "We have a tremendous lineup of speakers for this conference, and I believe it will change the way people look at trade corridors, particularly Ports to Plains, in the future."

Registration and other information about the conference is available at www.regonline.com/gpic and www.portstoplains.com

Health

(NU) - Of the estimated 12,500 children diagnosed with cancer each year, nearly 80 percent are cured and go on to lead healthy lives. However, doctors have learned that treatments for some cancers, such as brain tumors and acute leukemia, can cause learning disabilities.

Communication between a cancer patient's parents and school officials is therefore vital to ensure that the situation — including the side effects of treatments — and the ongoing needs of the child, are understood.

In many cases, a formalized Individualized Educational Plan should be developed for the child, allowing them special dispensation and facilities to enable them to continue with schoolwork, as best they can.

For more information, visit the Beyond the Cure Web site at www.beyondthecure.org.

You are as young as your faith,
as old as your doubt; as young
as your self-confidence, as old
as your fear; as young as your
hope, as old as your despair.
—Douglas MacArthur

Be who you are and say what
you feel, because those who
mind don't matter and those
who matter don't mind.
—Dr. Seuss

A man must consider what a
rich realm he abdicates when
he becomes a conformist.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The aging process has you
firmly in its grasp if you
never get the urge to throw a
snowball.
—Doug Larson

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

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(NAPS)—The \$2,000 bake sale is history. What is getting a rise among parents who want to raise money to help build computer labs or fund extracurricular activities not in the school budget are online auctions. To learn more, visit emarket.com.

Recently, one of the largest glass manufacturers in the world, Guardian Industries, introduced a permanently protected shower glass known as ShowerGuard®. The surface of the glass is sealed to resist corrosion and discoloration. For more information, visit www.showerguardglass.com.

Herbalife's new H3O™ drink contains electrolytes and nutrients people lose by perspiring. It comes in a powder that can be mixed with water and it's available in a canister or serving "stick" that can be thrown in a bag or pocket. Visit www.herbalife.com.

A recent study by the AARP has found that family caregiving saves the country's health care system hundreds of billions of dollars annually. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

While you may know that it is important to stay hydrated, you



may not realize caffeinated beverages, in addition to water, can help. A report from the Institute of Medicine says caffeinated beverages can count toward your daily water intake. Learn more at www.ifcc.org.

To celebrate the October Frozen Food Festival, the National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association has created a \$7,500 What's Fresh in Freezers Sweepstakes that runs through the end of November. For more information, visit www.EasyHomeMeals.com.

According to the Glade® Flameless Candle Survey, 76 percent of moms today will sacrifice guilty pleasures—from carbs to their favorite purses—for a "Me Zone," a personalized place to relax and unwind.

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