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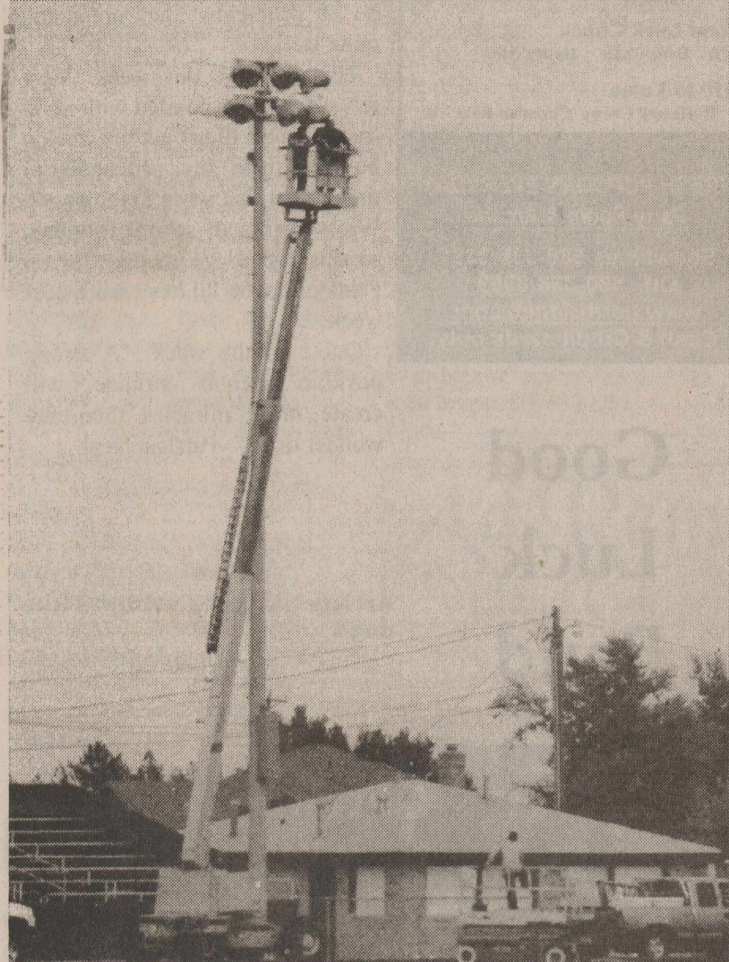
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New Friday Night Lights for the Elks

By Bailey Naugle

The Stratford Elks have a strong history of great football teams, but the lights that illuminate their playing field have grown weak.

Eddie Metcalf, varsity football coach and Stratford ISD athletic director, decided that it was time to update the E.L. Sam Bass Stadium lighting system after officials pointed out the dimness. "Some officials over the past few years have said it was getting pretty dark. They suggested, for the safety of the players, we may consider doing something," he said. The old lighting system has definitely seen its fair share of Elk football games. "I would say it's at least 30-plus years old," said Metcalf. "But that is just a guess. Nobody that I've talked to really knows how old it is," he said.

Brand new, energy efficient lighting is currently being installed, and fans will notice a difference. "They are supposed to be 300% brighter," Metcalf said. As of last Thursday the update was partially complete with new lights being installed on both northern towers. During the junior varsity game Metcalf noticed that every shadow on the field fell to the south - toward the old lights. When he went down to the field he was shocked at the difference the new lights made. "I thought I was in a different place," he said.

The new system is also much more energy efficient. "I've been told it will use roughly half the energy as the old one," Metcalf explained. "300 times brighter at half the energy," he said. "It's just one of those things that you don't realize how badly it is needed until it gets fixed."

The update has faced delays due to inclement weather, but if Mother Nature cooperates the installation is expected to be complete this week.

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting

Volunteer Community Responders meeting on October 22 & 23, 2007 at Stratford EMS Building. CPR Training.

Animal Issues Committee Meeting

Animal Issues Committee Meeting Monday, October 15, 2007 at Stratford Fire Station. Program by Ag Agent David Graf.

First Girl Scout Meeting Oct. 11

The First Girl Scout Meeting will be held Thursday, October 11, 2007 from 6 to 7 p.m. at The Imagination Station. Registration still open for ages 5 thru 6th grade.

Girl Scouts "Nuts About Wildlife" Fall nut sale now through Oct. 19th.

For more information contact: Nikki Robinson at 753-7051.

Coldwater Manor Halloween Carnival Oct. 20

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Halloween Carnival will be Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home-1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford starting at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be Bingo, Cake Walk, Ring Toss, and Duck Pond, Darts and Pop Corn. There will be a costume contest at 7:30 p.m.

Candy Jar Give-a-way: (1 Free Ticket) to each child. Come and Join the fun.

Hwy. 54 S.P.I.R.I.T Conference Dalhart Oct. 11-12

The 12th Annual S.P.I.R.I.T. Hwy 54 Conference will be held in Dalhart, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 11, 12.

The conference will open with a Reception at the XIT Museum at 6:00 p.m. Thursday. The annual meeting begins Friday at 8:00 a.m. at the Dalhart Senior Citizens Center with Continental Breakfast and Registration. Program to include a panel on Economic Growth Along U.S. 54 (growth of Ft. Bliss in El Paso, economic development in Dalhart area.), and progress reports from State DOT's, Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood is invited. Lunch speaker "New Law & truck regulations" Conference Registration \$30.00. For more information contact Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646 or visit website www.dalhart.org.

STEW & CHILI DINNER WITH BAKE SALE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 11:30 am-1:00 pm EVERYONE IS INVITED FREE WILL DONATION

NOTICE

Now that fall is here and the colder months are upon us, it is time for those who have lots at the cemetery to remove old flowers, wreath arrangements, and other items. There is a dumpster for use at the cemetery on the main entrance road on the west side adjacent to the maintenance shed. This will help keep the cemetery neat during the winter months and make spring clean up much easier. If you are not sure what can be placed on individual graves or lots, please go by City Hall and ask to see a copy of the city ordinance governing the use and maintenance of the cemetery. Thank you!

Library Closed Thursday

The Sherman County Public Library will be closed on Thursday, October 11, 2007 for staff training. All materials were marked to be due on Monday, October 15, 2007, so there are no books due that day. Patrons may still return their items by using the book drop located to the south of the front doors.

The Imagination Station "Science Saturday" October 20,

Science Saturday Investigates, DNA. The program will be held in the High School Chemistry Lab with Paula Everett, instructor. Participants should bring \$1.00 and enter the High School main door at 10:00 a.m. ending at 11:30.

Story Time to Begin

The Sherman County Public Library is accepting enrollment in the library's Fall Story Time which will begin on Tuesday, October 16th, at 9:30-10:15 a.m. and continue every two weeks through Tuesday, December 11th. Story Time is a project of the Sherman County Library and is free to all children ages 2-5 years of age with enrollment strongly encouraged (but not necessary) to allow the library to have ample supplies on hand for each session. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the programs. To enroll, volunteer, or if there are any questions, call the library at 366-2200.



Region Marching Contest Saturday

Stratford Big Blue Band will be marching on Saturday, October 13th at Dick Bivens Stadium in Amarillo at 12:48 p.m. at the Region Marching Contest. Come early and show your support to our BIG BLUE BAND! GOOD LUCK!



Volunteer Community Responders Teams Members Marty Bain and Kay Aston ((shown at left) displayed information on Community Emergency Responders activities and tools used at the September SCOT meeting on September 27, 2007.

Community Cleanup Day Scheduled for October 20th By Bailey Naugle

A city-wide clean up day, organized by the Community Enhancement and Improvement Committee, will be held on October 20th.

Headquarters for the cleanup will be located on the former Consumers lot. The city will provide a wood chipper and garbage truck for easy disposal of tree limbs and other debris. Wood chips make great garden mulch and will be available to all residents. A truck will also be available to collect any unwanted metal scraps.

Committee members and other volunteers will be working throughout town to help property owners with tree trimming, trash removal and weed control. The large metal signs that welcome visitors to Stratford will also be receiving some attention. The help of each and every citizen is greatly needed to make the clean up day a success. You can contribute by providing physical labor, supplying tools, operating equipment, managing headquarters activities or giving a financial gift. Equipment needs include ladders, chain saws, saws with extension poles, pruning shears, pick lifts, a trailer and pickup, paint brushes, paint trays, scaffolding, metal grinders, mowers, garden hoes and weed eaters.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a lunch with hot dogs and all the trimmings. Free-will donations from the lunch will help fund the clean up day and other enhancement and improvement projects.

Potential future Community Enhancement and Improvement Committee projects include further assisting local property owners with the upkeep of their homes and businesses, re-landscaping the city park, creating a walking trail inside Pendleton Park, building outdoor basketball and skateboarding facilities for adolescents, and supporting housing development efforts.

For more information on the cleanup day call the Sherman County Development Committee office at 806-366-2897. Monetary donations should be sent to the SCDC at PO Box 652 Stratford, Texas 79084.

ATTENTION VETERANS

Dennis Phelps is now the Veteran's Service Officer for Sherman County. He can be reached at 396-5316. Please pass this information along to any Veterans that might need this service.

SSI/DNA October 20

The Imagination Station, "Science Saturday Investigation of DNA" will be held on Saturday, October 20. Paula Everett will be the instructor. Children interested in Investigation should attend with \$1.00 donation. Respond to Laurie Spurlock, 366-2772

Annual Book Sale Coming Soon

Donations are being accepted for the library's Annual Book Sale. We will take anything, books, audio books and even movies. The sale opens to the public on Friday, October 19th at 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and ends on Saturday, October 20th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. A special early bird "Sneak a Peak" sale will begin on Thursday evening, October 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a \$2.00 donation at the door. Come fill a sack for \$2.00 and stock up for your winter reading. For more information or if you would like to donate items (books, audio books, movies) call the library at 366-2200.

Volunteers Needed

Have a free afternoon or morning with nothing to do? Why not volunteer your time at your public library? The library is in need of volunteers willing to be trained to allow the library to stay open when the staff must be gone, either for training or illness. If you are interested, please contact Sandy at 366-2200 for more information.

Good Luck Band

TDA Pesticide Training

The Texas Cooperative Extension office in Sherman County is attempting to determine the need for a local training session for persons needing to obtain or maintain their Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide license, said David Graf, agriculture and natural resources Extension agent.

Several individuals have indicated an interest in this training, Graf said. Now is the time to contact the Extension office if you have a need for this training. When the number of individuals and type of training needed has been determined, the Extension office will contact the TDA representative and establish a date for the session(s).

Individuals who may need this license can range from agriculture producers and employees, to city or county employees, to business people doing pesticide applications with specific classes of chemicals, Graf said.

General-use chemicals are specified as such on the label of pesticides and do not require any license or training for their use, he said. Graf cautioned to always read and follow label instructions. A description of the laws and regulations are available on the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or a brief summary of the guidelines can be obtained at the Extension office.

Call 806-366-2081 or come by the Extension office to get on the list or to get more information. Interested persons will be contacted if a class will be offered locally.

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Raymond L. Fairbanks

Ask the Geek
By Kevin McDonald

Free Software With No Strings

I've mentioned "free software" many times in my articles. Today I thought it might be fun to talk a bit about free software, and tell you about several free programs I haven't discussed before.

There are a couple different flavors of free software, and some free software comes in more than one. Free as in "doesn't cost you anything" is one flavor. The price is right, but *sometimes* it comes with a sacrifice, such as having to view advertising while you use the software, or "nagging" you to purchase the company's "full version," etc. Some "free software" is just a modern-day Trojan Horse for programs you wouldn't normally consent to install, but authorize when you agree to the long "End User License Agreement." On the other hand, there are tons of useful programs that *don't* have any of those negative side effects, and that work like a champ.

One other flavor of free software is in the form of "open source" software. Open source software isn't different from any other kind of software except that the lines of code that were used to create the software are freely available for anyone to see, download, fix, modify and redistribute, paying attention to whatever license stipulations that the software is distributed under. Many open source projects are not only free with their source code, but free with the cost as well.

My first example of free software is one you may have never heard of, but if you've used the Internet, you've used it. "Apache" is web server software that does out web pages when a user on the Internet requests them. At least half of the world's web servers are powered by Apache software, which is both free to use and open source.

One free program you may have heard of is "Mozilla Firefox." Firefox is a web browser similar to Internet Explorer, but "free" in the open source sense of the word. Firefox made advances in web browser technology for many years while Internet Explorer languished. It incorporated "tabbed browsing," like the free "Opera" before it. It also allows users to create helper programs called "extensions" that plug into Firefox to make it more functional. I use the "Google Toolbar" extension and "Gmail Notifier" as well as ForecastFox, an extension that keeps track of the weather outside while I'm browsing inside. You can download Firefox from Mozilla's web site at www.mozilla.com.

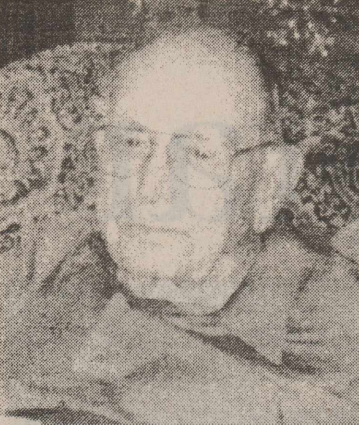
Aside from OpenOffice.org, the full office suite we've discussed in previous articles, there is also "The Gimp," or Graphical Image Manipulation Program. You can grab it for free from the official web site, www.gimp.org, and what you'll find is an advanced image editing program that rivals Adobe Photoshop but doesn't empty your wallet of several hundred dollars. The Gimp is free and open source, and has been under active improvement and development for years.

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.

OBITS



Dale H. Knight

Dale H. Knight, age 76, passed away Monday, October 1, 2007 at his home in Fair Oaks Ranch, TX. He was born on May 3, 1931 in "No Mans Land", TX to John & Edna Knight. Dale was a husband, father, grandfather, star athlete, cowboy, soldier, farmer, rancher, agriculturist and entomologist. He was an all-state basketball player in high school, later playing for Texas Tech University. He was awarded two purple hearts in the Korean War. In 1969, he moved his family from Texas to Arizona. In 2007, he moved back to Texas to be closer to his family. He is preceded in death by his brother, Don Ray Knight of Stratford, TX. Dale is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Lou Knight; son, Marlin Knight & wife, Sue of Leominster, MA; daughter, Rene Laminack of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; grandchildren, Nicole Knight of San Diego, CA, Clay & Sara Knight of Leominster, MA, Carly Laminack of Lubbock, TX and Cassidy Laminack of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; sister, Jonna Austin & husband, Robert of Stratford, TX; brother, Kenneth Knight of Van Couver, WA; nephews, Bobby Knight & wife, Sandy of Van Couver, WA and Richard Knight & wife, Joanie of Portland, OR; and niece, Kim Reyes of Carson City, CA. He also has an aunt, several cousins, nieces and nephews in TX, TN, WA and CA.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 P.M. Friday, October 5, 2007 at Sunset Northwest Funeral Home Chapel. Services were concluded in the chapel. Interment will take place at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock, TX at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Veteran's Association or a charity of one's choice. Please visit www.mem.com for a memorial or tributes.

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, "My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!"
—Dave Barry

Raymond L. Fairbanks, 69, of Amarillo died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007.

Celebration of life services were held at 10 a.m. Monday September 24th, 2007 at Arden Road Christian Church with the Rev. Jerry Young officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St.

Mr. Fairbanks was born Nov. 24, 1937, in Carmen, Okla., to Robert and Lillian Fairbanks. He graduated from Carmen High School in 1955. He married Joanne Roper from Stratford on Jan. 1, 1960. They moved outside of Gruver in 1962 where he spent many years farming in the Oslo Community where they raised their children.

In 1976, he went to work for Phillips Petroleum and worked for them until he retired in 1985. He and his wife moved to Amarillo in 1989. He also lived in Stratford and Guymon, Okla.

Raymond had many great friends all over the Texas Panhandle. He especially treasured those he made at Phillips Petroleum and within his church family. He was such an inspiration to so many with his attitude of strong will and determination that he displayed every day.

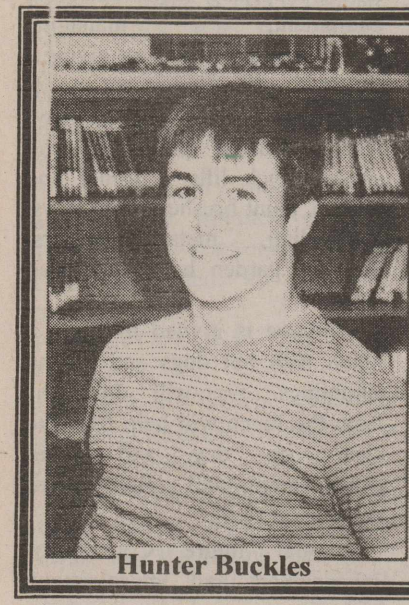
He always had time to help with a never-ending smile. He enjoyed working in the yard and the garden. He continued to do these, thanks to the help of his loved and respected friend "Ferg" L.D. Ferguson. He was a loving husband and father, and loved his children and grandchildren dearly. He loved to watch all of his "kids" play sports and enjoyed the time he spent with Luther playing dominoes.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, AnnaBelle Almond and her husband Darrol; his in-laws, Sylvia Roper McAdam and her husband Ray, and father-in-law Emory D. Roper.

Survivors include his wife and best friend, Joanne; two daughters, Marsha Kuehl Hedgpath and husband Jay of Perryton and Malissa Mitchell and husband Ron of Amarillo; a son, Mark and wife Tammy of Montezuma, Kan.; two sisters, Wanda Rich and husband Dwight of Cherokee, Okla., and Jean Ragan and husband Bob of Topeka, Kan.; grandchildren, Derk, Mason and Alexa Kuehl, Amber Cunningham, Ashley Rogers, Alex Fairbanks, Bailly, Emily, David and Andrew Mitchell; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to L.D. Ferguson, Ron Mitchell, Luther Blades and Dean Roper for all of the help they have been.

The family suggests memorials be to the Multiple Sclerosis Society Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79109



Hunter Buckles is a member of the Elk Football, basketball, track and golf teams. He also participates in UIL Literary events and many 4-H activities.

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ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

In Mrs. Rackley's 3rd grade Math, we are learning about fractions and about rectangles. In Social Studies, we are learning about Communities. This week, we learned about the community of San Antonio. Our new vocabulary words were construction, citizen, & community.

First graders have started the dreaded timed fact test: doubles through 18. They get 2 minutes to do 20 problems. They are doing quite well.

This is short this week. Very few teachers responded with news for me, and I didn't get the weekly bulletin from the principals in time to get that news in the paper. We were out of school Monday, so this had to go to the Star on Friday. Maybe I'll have more next week.

Quote of the week: "A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug." —Patricia Neal

Artists like cats, soldiers like dogs.
—Desmond Morris

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Wells Speaks to Study Club
Lynn Wells, left, spoke to GFWC/Prospectus Study Club Oct. 3 on Children's Issues. Jill Killian is club Home Life Chairman.

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home News

Friday September 28, 2007, Coldwater Manor residents went to Guymon Senior Olympic. This year the resident's took First Place in the Talent Show. We took (6) art pictures: two Shaving Cream, two Crayon, and two Sketches. The following people won:
1. Donna Millard: 1st place Division 1 for Walk-a-thon.
2. Elsie Lasley: Most Senior Senior Contest 2nd place div. 2 for Wheel Chair Race, & 2nd place for bean bag toss.
3. Doris Dyess: 3rd place div. 2 for Walk-a-thon.
4. Irene Butter 1st place div. 2 for walk-a-thon.
Violet Krueger, Peggy Hart, Irene Butler, Mary Wisdom, Jane Hopson, Elsie Lasley, Vivian White, Doris Dyess and Donna Millard, were involved in the art class. Thank you to all my volunteer's and my assistant, Vlcki Ellis.

Janice Vaughn Activity Assistant

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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Helping Hands

Helping Hands with Children's Issues was the topic of Lynn Wells at GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. She asked about how much one knows about child abuse or neglect and how to tell if a child is being sexually abused. Lynn has worked with CASA for several years. Jill Killian is Home Life chairman.

Laurie Spurlock, First Vice President, conducted the business session in the absence of the President. Cindy Jackson and Margaret Reed were attending South Central meeting in Arizona.

The November seventh meeting will be at First Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m. It will be a Texas Heritage program. Club hosts SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 15. There will be door prizes.

Mattie Baskin will serve as secretary.

Present were Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Sonja Kendrick, Joyce Hart, Marty Bain, La Vell Haggard, Mattie Baskin, Marylou McDaniel, Linda Swain, Sandra Baskin, Barbara Haile, Patti Vincent, Michelle Lutes, Dorothy Haile, Ann Johnson, Oline Caraway, Helen Taylor.

October Pantry Needs list:

Assembly of God: Peanut Butter & Jelly
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United Methodist-Fruit
St. Joseph's Catholic-canned meat
First Baptist-laundry soap
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The Pantry also needs hamburger meat to be donated at Brown's Meat Locker.
Thank you in advance
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Stew & Chili Dinner

Christian Women's Fellowship is hosting their annual Stew & Chili dinner with Bake Sale. It will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at the First Christian Church. There will be homemade stew, chill, beans, cornbread & desserts. Everyone is invited. We will be serving from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 pm. Please come and bring your appetite. Your gifts will help support Basic Mission Finance, a work of the General Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



The world famous Panama hat is actually made in Ecuador. The majority of them are distributed through Panama.

Beat Spearman

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Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring—it was peace.
—Milan Kundera

To a dog the whole world is a smell.
—Unknown

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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Rick Carter
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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist
Pastor Jason Stone
702 N. 3rd
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Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00
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TODAY I BEGIN AGAIN

It is never too late to begin again. Actually, every day is a time of beginning again. Let the past go! You can begin again! Let the mistakes of yesterday go! You can begin again! A new start, a new beginning—this is today's message to you.
"You will forget your misery; you will remember it as waters that have passed away." "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come." Today is a new beginning. Today is the beginning of a whole new life for you. Today is the day you can begin again. Today is the day you open new doors. Today is the day you meet life with newness of heart and spirit. Today is the day you rejoice and give thanks for life and for its wonderful possibilities that stretch before you.

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Playa Lakes Endangered Without Proper Management

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu
Contact: Ken Cearley, 806-651-5760, kcearley@ag.tamu.edu
AMARILLO - A bountiful, wet spring and summer have made playa lakes more noticeable as they fill with water across the state, a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist said.

But there's a concern, whatever the rainfall situation, that without proper management these sources of wildlife habitat and groundwater recharge may become essentially nonfunctional, said Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist.

Playas are small wetland areas with a shallow, natural basin and are found throughout the Central Great Plains states, Cearley said.

A playa is a playa whether it has water in it or not, he said. And all playas perform a valuable function. Some hold water for extended periods of time and others do not. While the recharge may be limited, playas are about the only source of replenishment to the Ogallala Aquifer in this region, he said.

Playas also are often the main wildlife habitat in intensively farmed areas of the region, he said. In some years, they may attract waterfowl and shorebirds, and in other years, if they are not full of water, maybe only pheasants.

In addition to vegetation in the playa basin itself, management of the surrounding plant life is equally important to keep it functional, Cearley said.

Sedimentation - a major threat - can occur without proper management on the area immediately adjacent to and around playas, he said. Playa volume is reduced, lessening its value to waterfowl, and sedimentation also could destroy valuable native wetland plants that provide food and cover for wildlife.

Cearley is working with other wildlife professionals to help raise the awareness of playas and their numerous contributions to wildlife and aquifer recharge in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

A jointly sponsored Playa Lakes Symposium will be held Oct. 23-24 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Extension is co-hosting the symposium with the Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and other agencies. "Some of the most respected researchers on the management of playas will be on hand, as well as noted educators, field biologists, farmers and ranchers," Cearley said. "We hope to encourage people to manage playas to benefit wildlife."

Getting others to help provide the necessary management will take incentives, he said. The incentive may be attracting fee-paying hunters or photographers, or may include a government-based offer to landowners.

Landowners, land managers, natural resource professionals, hunters, outfitters and the general public are invited to the conference.

The symposium will begin at 1 p.m. on Oct. 23 with a welcome by Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner Mark Bivens. The keynote address will be given by Loren Smith, Oklahoma State University zoology department head, who has been involved for many years with research and education concerning playas.

Registration is \$50 through Oct. 14 and \$60 thereafter. The fee will cover a light meal at the social, a continental breakfast, lunch on the second day and a copy of the proceedings.

For registration and lodging information go to <http://texas-wildlife.org>

For further details contact Cearley at kcearley@agtamu.edu Or 806-651-5760.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library Fiction

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

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6. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper

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 8. Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
 9. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
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 11. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
 12. Chosen by a Horse by Susan Richards
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- To check the availability of these items go to www.hlc-lib.org/stratford
- Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.



The more educated you are, the less likely you are to smoke. Approximately 70 percent of high school dropouts smoke, compared with only 20 percent of Americans who have high school diplomas.

4-H is FOR YOU!!!!

4-H across America is celebrating National 4-H Week October 7 through 13th. Texas 4-H members are having a double celebration as 4-H celebrates its 100th birthday in the Lone Star State.

Sherman County 4-H members are joining the celebration by promoting the youth development organization through window exhibits, placemats at local restaurants, recognition at churches county-wide, signs at various businesses, radio spots through the Stratford Sports Network, and flying the 4-H flag at Stratford School.

Activities are being conducted through Sherman County 4-H with the guidance of volunteer leader, Jill Killian.

Sherman County 4-H would like to introduce to Star readers the 2007 Gold Star Award Recipient, Jennie Spurlock. Jennie will be honored at the Panhandle District 4-H Gold Star Banquet scheduled for November 3 at the West Texas State University Alumni Dining Hall in Canyon.

Jennie Spurlock is the 17 year old daughter of Wesley and Susie Spurlock. Jennie is active in the 4-H Food and Nutrition, Clothing, and Leadership Projects in Sherman County. Jennie has participated in the Food and Fashion Shows for 9 years advancing to district contests each year. She enjoys being a member of the Nutrition Quiz Bowl team for the past 6 years. In 2007, the team qualified for state contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. The group placed 10th in a field of 24 teams. She serves on the Sherman County 4-H Council as District Delegate to represent the county at district meetings and functions.

She assist with the annual 4-H Enrollment Night by promoting the clothing project, clothing and textile community service activities. Jennie promoted 4-H at the 2006 Tri-State Fair. A highlight of her 4-H career was attending Texas 4-H Congress in Austin in July 2006. This activity is a "reality-based" citizenship project in which 4-H members serve in all positions of a mock Texas legislative session. Presenting bills, contacting lobbyist, interviews by the press, and voting on bills filed for the session was the focus of the 3 day educational experience.

Jennie has received the Rookie of the Year, Bronze Star, and Silver Star awards in 4-H and her Clothing and Textile Awards Program Record book has placed 2nd in district contest for two consecutive years. Jennie is a junior at Stratford High School and a member of Big Blue Band.

Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is proud to present each of the Gold Star Recipients with a \$1000

scholarship upon graduation from high school. The scholarship has been given to Sherman County Gold Star recipients since 1986. The scholarship has contributed \$21,000 towards twenty-nine recipients post high school education.

This scholarship fund is funded by donations from the community. Persons who would like to make a contribution to the scholarship are welcomed to do so. Donations may be mailed to Sherman County 4-H Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1108, Stratford, TX 79084. For more information about the scholarship, contact Scott Buckles, Connie Burton, Laurie Spurlock, or Belinda Hamilton, officers of the Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association.

Persons interested in learning more about the Sherman County 4-H Program are encouraged to contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences or David Graf, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources at 366-2122. The Sherman County Extension Office is located in the Annex of the Sherman County Courthouse.

Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



Spurlock-Teen Leader

Jennie Spurlock assist Jacie Seward, 4-H member during a clothing and textiles workshop. Being a teen leader allows Jennie to help younger members learn new skills and knowledge in family and consumer science project areas and assist in the development of lifelong skills for being a productive citizen.

ABOUT IRSA

International Rett Syndrome Association

The "A" in IRSA stands for Association. Association (n) A group of people who have come together for a purpose.

Our group of people is made up of families, friends, doctors, researchers, therapist, teachers, corporate, political leaders...in other words, people like you.

Our purpose is to bring about cures and treatments for Rett syndrome AS SOON AS POSSIBLE while taking care of the families and individuals living with Rett syndrome RIGHT NOW

We do this by pursuing a comprehensive, three-dimensional, & interdependent Research-Awareness and Support of IRSA.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT RETT'S @ THE RESTAURANT (ELK JUNCTION) OCTOBER 14TH. All tips and donations will be given to IRSA.

Did You Know?

A new device—called the Companion Mics™ system—is designed to help people who have difficulty understanding conversations in noisy situations to easily hear up to three talkers speaking at normal conversation levels. To learn more, visit www.etymotic.com.

Students looking to control college debt can talk to the financial aid administrator at the school they are attending or hope to attend, and then supplement that information by visiting www.CollegeBoundAid.com, which includes financial planning advice, information on financial options and more.

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It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

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Help Wanted

Lollipop Junction is searching for a new director. Also need dependable adult. Must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma or equivalent. Must love children. Hours may vary. Send resume to Box 411 or contact Wesley Spurlock-Board present at 753-7215. 6-7-tfn

The Stratford Police Department has been actively seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Patrolman. It is the intention of this department to offer a qualified applicant the chance to become a licensed Peace Officer and serve the community in which they live. Applicants must have the following qualifications to apply.

- 1) A valid Texas Drivers License
- 2) A High School Diploma
- 3) No convictions above a Class C Misdemeanor
- 4) Must have a good driving record.
- 5) Must not have a criminal record with the Stratford Police Department

All interested applicants please come apply in person at the Police Department and speak with me or contact me by phone, at 366-3051. Some restrictions will apply. 10-11-c

Services

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2 BR apartments, close to school, new appliances. \$425-450 month, plus deposit, tenant to pay utilities. 806-244-3418 10-4-tfn

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For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585 4-1-tfn

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 620 N. 3rd-East side Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 10 & 11 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday Oct. 12 1-3 p.m. Clothing, bedding, etc. 10-11-c

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK NOMINATIONS

Girl Scouts - Five Star Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Women of Distinction Awards to honor women from throughout their 28 county jurisdiction. This award was created to help make girls, and the public in general, more aware of the achievements of women who are former Girl Scouts or who have participated in Girl Scouting as adults. The community is invited to submit the name of a woman who is a positive role model for girls. Local Girl Scouts will notify each of the women selected in December. On March 7, 2008, all recipients will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo.

Girl Scouts - Five Star Council serves over 4800 girls. In the Girl Scout leadership experience, girls discover, lead and take action. They acquire skills that build their courage, confidence and character, inspiring them to make the world a better place.

Nomination forms are available by calling 806-356-0096 and must be received by no later than October 31, 2007.

Houses for Sale

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment. See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org 6-28-tfn

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He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
Benjamin Franklin

He who angers you conquers you.
—Elizabeth Kenny

Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.
—John Wooden

Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.
—Danny Kaye

Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.
—Benjamin Franklin

FOOD

Simple Solutions to Smarter Snacking

NewsUSA

(NU) - Looking for simple ways to excite your everyday snacking routine that don't involve the office vending machine? What about smart snacking options for the kids that will satisfy their hunger until dinner time?

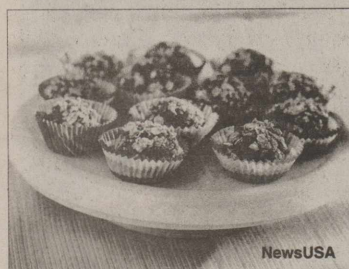
According to a survey conducted by Kelton Research on behalf of The J.M. Smucker Company, one-third of American adults say that their biggest snacking dilemma is their snacks are not nutritious or good for them. Seventy-five percent of American adults surveyed said that they would be interested in smarter snacking solutions.

To help encourage snackers to get creative and try something new during their mid-day breaks, The J.M. Smucker Company, the makers of Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter™, has developed a list of simple snacking tips and recipes that put a new twist on this popular pantry staple. Natural peanut butter contains zero grams of trans fatty acids and is made with only peanuts and salt, making it a smart option to include in your and your family's daily snacking routine. Some snacking tips include:

- Spread two tablespoons of Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter on celery sticks, whole wheat crackers or apple slices.

- Combine two tablespoons of Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter with part-skim ricotta cheese, refrigerate and spread on graham crackers.

- Spread Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter over a plain rice cake, and top it off with sliced apples or bananas.



Peanut butter, the main ingredient for these peanut butter and jelly Poppers, is a smart snacking solution.

Smucker's has also developed new and easy-to-make snacking recipes that satisfy those morning and mid-day cravings. Try these delicious PB&J Poppers or visit www.smuckers.com for more recipes and tips.

PB&J Poppers

1/2 cup Smucker's Natural Creamy Peanut Butter, stirred

1/4 cup Smucker's Low Sugar Apricot Preserves or Orange Marmalade
Cinnamon to taste
2 Tbsp. minced dried apricots
1 cup low-fat granola

In a small bowl, combine the peanut butter, preserves, cinnamon and minced dried apricots. Measure the mixture by a half rounded teaspoonful. Roll rounded ball into granola and place in candy-sized paper cups.

PB&J Poppers are a great snack to make with the kids. As the kids get back to school, make an extra batch, and store in the freezer to use later for packed lunches and after-school snacks.

HEALTH

Bacteria for Breakfast?

NewsUSA

(NU) - For many Americans, it comes as a surprise that, along with a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle, incorporating certain kinds of good bacteria into the diet can help optimize the function of the immune system.

Because stress, lack of sleep and a hectic lifestyle can all challenge the body's defenses, good bacteria can be instrumental in helping strengthen the defenses. About 70 percent of the body's immune system resides in the digestive tract, which is where this healthy bacteria goes to work.

With about 400 different species of bacteria in the human gut, there are actually about 10 times more bacteria in the human gut than cells in the entire body.

Probiotics, or "friendly bacteria," are live cultures that, when consumed in sufficient quantities, give health benefits beyond basic nutrition, in part by improving the balance of the intestinal microflora.

"Recent research has uncovered a great deal about how the microbes naturally colonizing our bodies can keep us well and how we can bolster these effects by consuming health-promoting bacteria called probiotics. A key to how microbes can help keep us healthy is their influence on the immune system," said Mary Ellen Sanders, Ph.D., executive director of the International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics.

For years, probiotics have been part of European and Asian diets. But in a recent survey, only 15 percent of adult American women said that they know



what probiotics are.

Some companies are bringing probiotics to America, such as Dannon with DanActive, a probiotic dairy drink that is clinically proven to help strengthen the body's defenses when enjoyed daily.

DanActive, known as Actimel worldwide, is already sold across 35 countries. More than 6 million bottles are consumed daily around the world.

Each serving of DanActive contains 10 billion active cultures of Lactobacillus casei Immunitas. Different strains of probiotics provide different benefits, and L. casei Immunitas in DanActive is available only from Dannon and is proven to survive the harsh acids in the stomach and arrive in the intestine alive to help strengthen the defense system.

DanActive is available in convenient 3.3-ounce bottles in four flavors: strawberry, vanilla, blueberry and cranberry raspberry.

More information about the probiotic benefits of DanActive cultured dairy drink, and a list of retail locations that offer it, is available online at www.DanActive.com.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Sherman, Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Sherman, Texas:) (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas a continuación se abren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de noviembre 2007 para votaren la Eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Pct 101 County Bam at Lautz
Pct 102 Sherman County Library
Pct 201 Sherman County Barn
Pct 202 Precinct 2 County Barn
Pct 301 Stratford Ambulance Building
Pct 302 Elementary School at Texhoma
Pct 401 County & District Courtroom

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Sherman County Clerks Office, 701 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p. m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p. m. beginning on October 22, 2007 and ending on November 2, 2007.

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en: oficina sherman de los vendedores de condado, 701 n. 3rd, Stratford Texas 79084 entre las 8:00 de la mañana al mediodia 12:00 y 1:00 al 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de octubre de 2007 y terminando el 2 de noviembre de 2007).

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Gina Jones P. O. Box 270 Stratford TX 79084

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 30, 2007.

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: el 30 dia octubre 2007.

Issued this the 4th day of October, 2007. (Emitada este dia 4 de octubre, 2007.)

Signature of County Judge (Firma del Jueza del Condado)

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Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you.
—Cyril Connolly

The most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it.
—Albert Einstein

Youth is the best time to be rich, and the best time to be poor.
—Euripides

You are only young once, and if you work it right, once is enough.
—Joe E. Lewis

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920922

APPLICATION. CDF Dalhart, 21670 Bloss Avenue, Hilmar, California 95324, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 3,600 head, of which 3,000 head are milking cows in Sherman and Moore Counties, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on March 9, 2007. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the north side of Highway 297 approximately 7 miles west of the intersection of Highway 297 and Highway 287 in Sherman and Moore Counties, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of an unclassified stream segment in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Sherman County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 701 North 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 and Moore County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 715 Dumas, Dumas, Texas 79029.

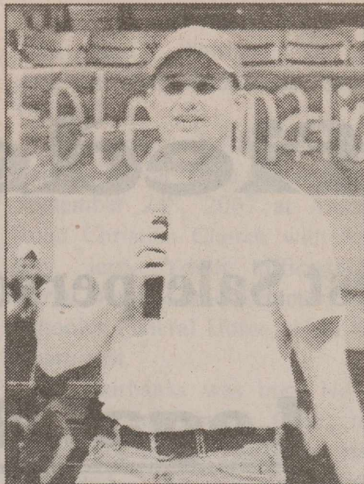
The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

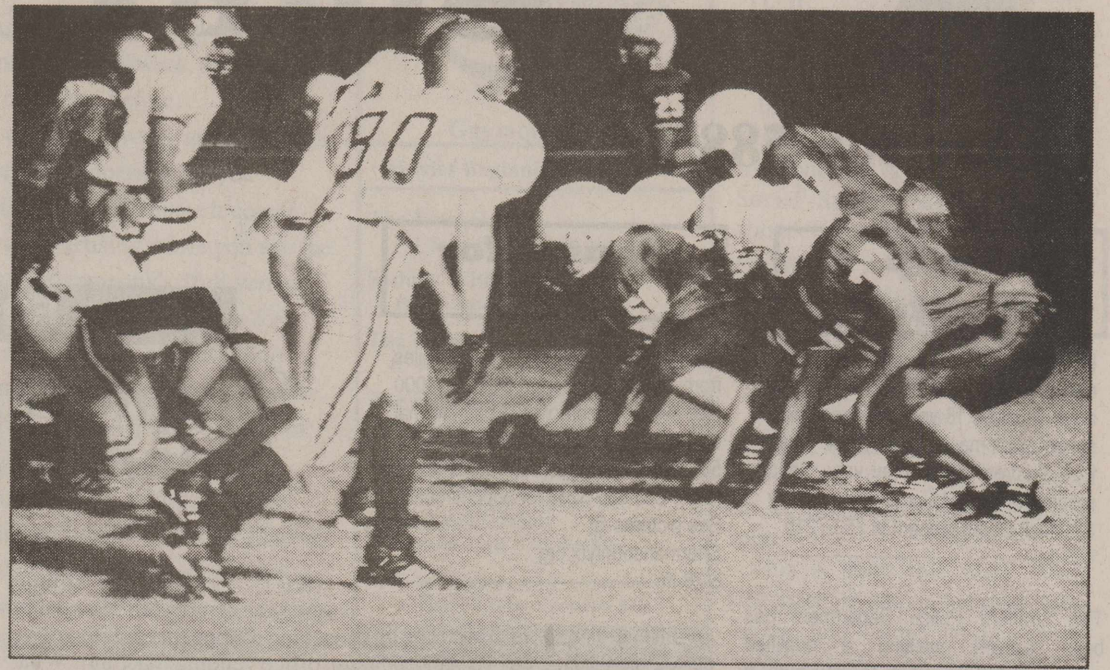
General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Issued: Aug. 30, 2007

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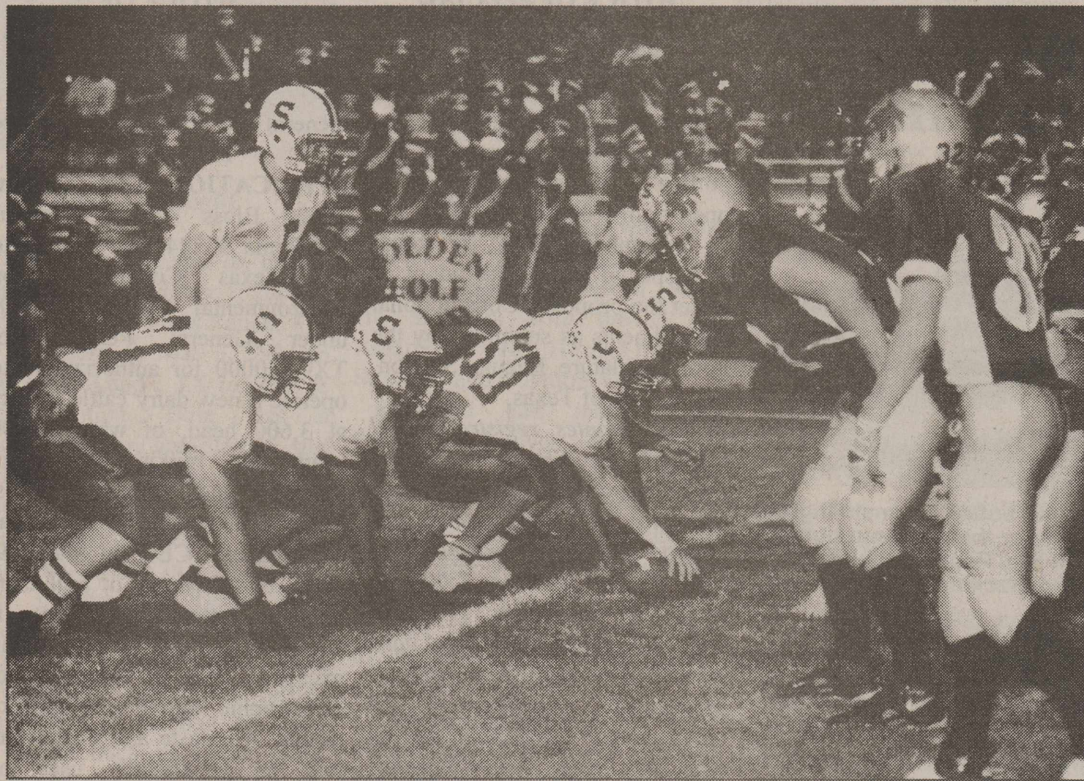


Stratford Football

Ernie Maiwald gave the Pep Talk on Friday, Oct. 5.



The J.V. Elks added another win to their record by beating Dalhart on Thursday, October 4.



The Stratford Elks shut out the Dalhart Wolves 31-0 on Friday, October 5. The Elks will kick off District this Friday, October 12 against Spearman, there at 7:30 p.m. Go Get'em Elks!!!!



The 7th grade Elks lost to the Perryton Rangers on Thursday, October 4, 2007.



On Thursday, October 4, the 8th grade Elks beat Perryton.

Good Luck Elks

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 23, 2007

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, August 23, 2007, with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present:

Mayor: David Brown
Council members: Connie Oquin, Ernie Maiwald, Keri Harris, Duane Mungia
Absent Councilmember: Jolie Asher

City Administrator: Ted B. Dodd
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Planner: George Harding
Police Chief: Larry Penfold
Municipal Judge: Cindy Jackson
City Attorney: Rob Elliott, absent
Others present: Chris Coffman, Kathy Allen, E.R. Bell, Kathy Altman CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. APPROVE MINUTES

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the minutes of July 19, 2007 with correction, Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

E.R. Bell was present requesting a zoning variance to construct a metal building at 401 Kay Avenue, Unit 1, Block 5, Lot 2, Casa Bonita Addition. He is aware that the zoning variance is a separate request from the restrictive covenants for that area. Doak Crabtree was unable to attend. The handout for the monthly investment review for the City of Stratford was distributed for Council review.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Chief Larry Penfold reported for the month of June:

* 25 citations, 10 cases, 2 indictments, 6 arrests

* Will be in court most of next week

* Police Department will advertise to hire a part-time, temporary clerk

Judge Cindy Jackson reported for the month of July; Violations: 25. City Ordinance: 1 Criminal: 8 Juvenile: 0 Traffic: 16 Fines and court costs collected: \$1,597, 50 City Administrator Ted B Dodd reported on the following:

* Thanked Stratford for his welcome to the community
* Some items for discussion at the September Council meeting will be a sex offender ordinance and Ordinance concerning goods in transit

* Control loss and unaccounted for water

* Future planning for a park asset acquisition program

* Implement a fire hydrant maintenance program

* Implement plan to pour concrete approaches in alleys

* Discussion on employee metrics, solid waste cash flow, replacing street signs

* Met with Kyle of Brandt Engineers regarding Main Street and US 287 projects

* Consider retaining architect for the police department project

* Presented organizational chart of City staff

* Ted B and George Harding attended meeting of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation

* Ted B and Sandy Williams attended meeting for "continuity of operations" awareness

* Discussion on upgrades to computer infrastructure

* Discussion on City streets infrastructure

* Will check into clarification of street name Putman

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Connie Oquin motioned to approve the accounts payable, Keri Harris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the July financial statements, Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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Connie Oquin seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion on the restrooms at the park being locked. Council consensus was to unlock the restrooms and see if vandalism occurs.

Duane Mungia motioned to appoint Ward Palmer as the Health Officer for the City of Stratford, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion to consider and present the City tax rate for adoption at a rate of \$.89632.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to set the dates and times for the public hearings concerning the tax rate for September 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and September 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., Duane Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council took a short recess at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor skipped to Item 6-a.

Chris Coffman thanked Council for their time and support while he was Interim City Administrator. He gave a verbal presentation regarding Council duties and responsibilities.

Council recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS

* Sales tax for the City of Stratford

* City enhancement (beautification)

* Discussion regarding 911 issues which will need to be addressed with Emergency Management and EMT

* Need to make sure notification is sent to all board members once they are removed

* Third Tuesdays will be Council meeting dates during football season

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

The dog was created specially for children. He is a god of frolic.

—Henry Ward Beecher



Hamilton Wins Breed Champion

Shown above Braden Hamilton who won Breed Champion at Tri State Fair recently.

Auto

(NU) - The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, the nonprofit group that tests and certifies automotive technicians, provides the following tips on choosing a repair facility: Arrange for transportation in advance so you will not feel forced to choose a shop based on its location; look for a courteous staff, with a service consultant willing to answer all of your questions; look for evidence of qualified technicians, such as trade-school diplomas and certification by ASE. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact areas of certification. Visit www.ase.com for more car care tips.

"Back in Control"

Parent Training

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Registration: 8:45 AM

Class: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

New Life Fellowship
402 Tanglewood
Dalhart, Texas 79022

Sponsored by S.T.A.R. (Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families)

Instructors: Janice James, MA, QMHP, UCAP Coordinator
Bobby Medford, LPC

CEUs will be available for LPCs & MSWs; General CEUs available for anyone needing this documentation (Must attend full class for certificate)

NO CHARGE

Call 359-2005 to register.

Limited seating available.

No Childcare

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