

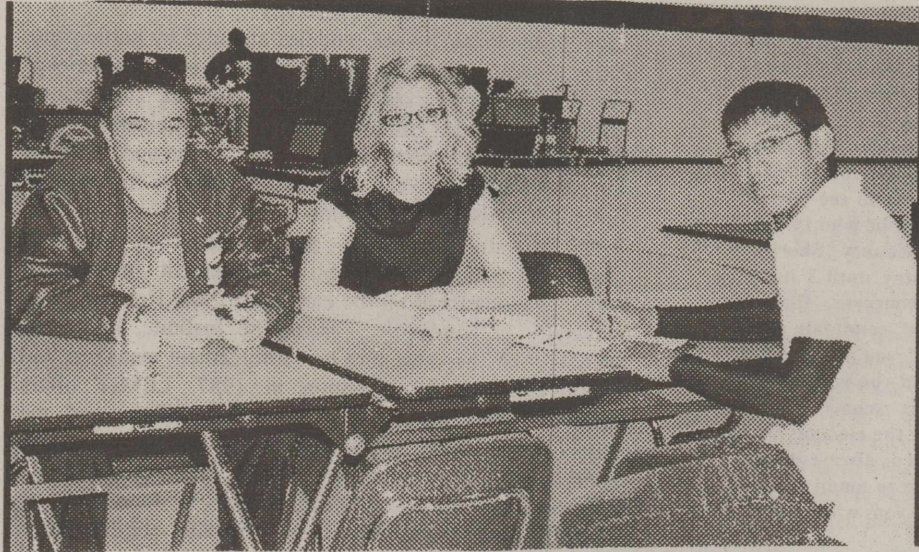


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Student Council members Branson Palmer and Allissa Palmer register Alberto Pale for the Blood Drive sponsored by the Stratford High School Student Council and sponsor Crystal Pitti on October 5, 2012. Nineteen units were provided that day with 15 of those units being from students. The Student Council also raised \$249.00 for Cameron Wolf, a Spearman student and varsity football player who recently suffered severe burns and was in the Lubbock burn center.

The UL Halloween Safety Guide and 'Trick or Treat' Family Safety Quiz

Don't Trip Up Your Goblins

Halloween costumes should allow full movement for your kids. Costumes that drag, constrict or drape pose a dangerous hazard, especially at night. Check to ensure that costumes don't restrict your children's vision, and instruct them to watch out for tripping hazards, such as cords.

Say Boo! To Unsafe Costumes

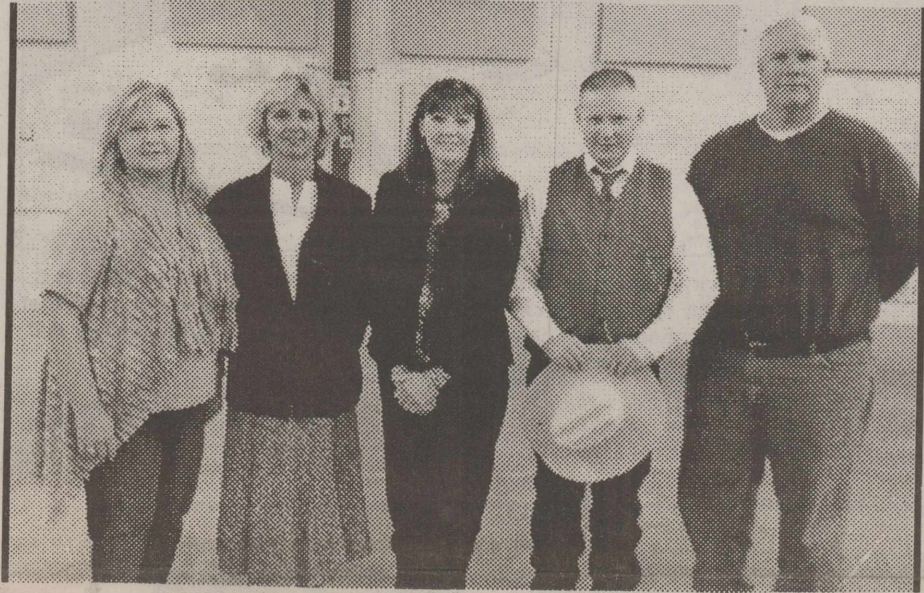
Be sure to purchase or make costumes out of flame-resistant materials such as nylon or polyester as these specially marked fabrics will resist burning and extinguish quickly. Make sure your child knows to stop, drop and roll in case their costume catches fire.

Be Safe and Bright

Choose costumes that are lighter in color and attach reflective materials to costumes. Make sure each child has a flashlight to help them see and be seen.

Keep Hungry Monsters from Feeding

Never let your kids eat Halloween candy before you inspect it in the light at home. Even if you know your neighbors, you should always check to be safe and throw away open candy or anything that looks at all suspicious.



Candidates Forum held on October 9, 2012

A Candidates forum was held at the Sherman County Barn on Monday, October 9, 2012. A representative from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Committee spoke about All Alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages will be sold in Sherman County if it passes. Candidates were introduced afterwards. Shown above left to right are Michelle Lutz Incumbent for School Board race; Yvonne Miller Justice of the Peace race; Brenda Acker, Justice of the Peace race; Derrek Judd, Sherman County Sheriff and Greg Wright Incumbent for SISD School Board Race.

Now taking Pecan Orders

\$7.75 per lb
24 lbs. per case

Call Brenda Bell @ (806) 753-7201 or
(806) 366-4446 (leave a message)
Deadline to order is October 22nd
(Will have orders in before Thanksgiving)

Pumpkin decorating contest At Happy State Bank

Pumpkin artists of all ages are invited to bring their masterpieces to be judged in a pumpkin decorating contest at Happy State Bank.

Contestants should bring their decorated pumpkins to the Texas Room at Happy State Bank on October 22nd (carved entries should be delivered on October 24th please). Judging will take place at noon on October 25th.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three pumpkin decorators in each of three divisions:

- *Ages 1-4th grade
- *5th grade-12th grade
- *Adult

Everyone is invited to come see the spooky, sparkly, strange and simply gorgeous pumpkins on display at Happy State Bank from October 22nd to 25th. Pumpkins can be picked up after judging on October 25th.

Please call Happy State Bank at 806-366-2265 with questions about the pumpkin decorating contest.



There will be a blood drive on Monday, October 29th, 2012 at the Sherman County Barn from 3 until 7 p.m. Please give blood and it will be in Cheryl Reese's honor, (a former resident of Stratford, TX). See you there on Monday, October 29th.

Beat Sunray

Stew & Chili Dinner

First Christian Church
Sunday, October 21, 2012
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited
Free will donation

Stratford High School Announces Dessert Theatre

Stratford High School will be hosting a Dessert Theatre on Tuesday, October 23 at the Mary Allen Cafeterium. The evening will begin with dessert and coffee served at 6:30 followed by a performance of this year's fall production.

The audience will be treated to a performance of Dearly Beloved a Jones Hope Wooten comedy published by Dramatists Play Service and directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. A Gone With the Wind themed wedding is about to take place in the tiny town of Fayro, Texas, but the Futrelle sisters are met with setbacks at every turn. Will the wedding finally take place? Come see for yourself.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and will go on sale Thursday, October 4. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help support projects for the year and send interested students to speech, debate, and theatre summer camps. For tickets see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to support these students and enjoy an evening of sweet treats and fun at the theatre!

Cast	Crew
Mazie Vincent	Tyler Seward
Katy Moore	Jace Seward
Shyanne Acker	Hunter Everett
Allissa Palmer	Bethany Everett
Adrian du Plessis	Val-mari du Plessis
Mary Ann Spurlock	
Kaylee Sandvig	Alexa Peregrino
Logan Uttley	Chesney Rendon
Victor Castro	Sidney Turner
Branson Palmer	Taylor Wright
AJ Riffe	Diana Lopez
Macy Everson	

During the dessert theatre, we will be auctioning special treats from the families of the cast and crews. One half of all the auction proceeds will go to the Kenedi Groves fund.

REMINDER:

The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their fall tree sales. Contact Terry at 396-5517 ext. 3 for order forms and information. Fall is a great time to plant trees to establish them over the winter for the spring growing season.

ETA ALPHA'S 29th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Eta Alpha's 29th Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar is Saturday, October 27, 2012 in Boise City, Oklahoma at the Community Bldg. on North Main Street. Shopping from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come spend the day with us, eat lunch, & do some early Christmas shopping. Some of the offerings: Jewelry & accessories, Candles, Fall & Christmas items, Baked Goods, Wood Toys, Paintings, Linens, Reflexology & Essential Oils, Apache Soap & Lotion and numerous hand crafted gift items for the holidays. Again, this year Commercial booths welcome.

At 4:00 p.m. we will draw for a locking, rocking Glider Chair. You can be in on this for a \$1 donation; all proceeds will go to a Philanthropic project here in Cimarron County. Any individual or business interested in obtaining a Booth Space or more information, call Coleen Allen immediately at 580 544 2432, if no answer leave a message & Phone number.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar & More, Saturday, October 27, 2012 in Boise City, OK. at the Community Bldg. on North Main St. 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Flu Shots at Scot Luncheon

Flu Shots will be given at Scot Luncheon on Thursday October 25th at Scot Hall starting at 11 a.m. If you have your Medicare card with you shot is free, if not \$23.00.

Vote No!!!

As you may know there will be a question on the upcoming election ballot to allow alcohol sales in Sherman County. There is a great percentage of citizens that feel passage of this will cause many problems in our City. We are concerned about Safety, Law Enforcement needs, and mostly about our Children. If you would like to support the campaign to protect our rights and quality of life in Stratford, you can make donations to KAOS (Keep Alcohol Out of Stratford). Donations can be made at Happy State Bank or First State Bank in care of KAOS. If you would like to place a sign in your yard to show support, please contact Bill Mires or Doak Crabtree.

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OBITUARIES



Rose Wells
March 4, 1917
October 6, 2012

Rose Wells, 95 of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Barnsdall, Ok with Rev. Ron Forrest officiating, assisted by Rev. Mark Farr. Interment was in Ethel Reece Cemetery in Barnsdall. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Rose was born on March 4, 1917, the sixth of ten children, to Elie J. and Hattie Mae (Hendrickson) Kelley. She lived in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, before settling in Texas. Rose united in marriage to C.W. "Pup" Wells on December 8, 1934 in Nowata, Ok. They shared their lives together for just shy of sixty years, before his passing in 1993.

Rose led a very active life. She was a member of SCOT Hall, Home Demonstration Club, and OPS, where she was elected Queen. She was also elected Ole Time Queen in 2011. Rose was an avid reader, and she served as room mother every year that her children were in school. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Stratford. Rose will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her. In addition to her husband, C.W. "Pup", she was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Rose leaves behind two daughters, Jeanne Wells Brannan of Fritch and Mary Lou "Shorty" Albert of Stratford; one son, Allen "Buck" Wells and wife Sharilyn of Barnsdall, OK; one sister, Joann Bracken of Barnsdall; eight grandchildren, Renee Philips and husband Bill of Fritch Ron Brannan and wife Vonda of Borger, Rose Lemley and husband Joe of Clarendon, Joe Albert and wife Bryanna and Lisa Albert, all of Stratford, Steve Albert and wife Carrie of Dumas, Joel Drew Wells and wife Cora of Barnsdall, and Thad Neal Wells and Wynona Whitley of Wynona, OK; fourteen great grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to SCOT Hall, PO Box 388, Stratford, TX 79084.



From the Desk of
Chief Powell

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Joe Powell of the Stratford Police Department has been accepted into Leadership Command College and will be attending his first of three modules from October 22nd through November 9th of 2012. The program, taught by a consortium of universities throughout Texas, provides law enforcement administrators and executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage law enforcement agencies and deliver a high level of service to their communities. Module I, focusing on leadership, is taught at the Center for Executive Development at Texas A&M University. Module II at Texas Woman's University focuses on the political, legal, and social environment of law enforcement. The third module focuses on law enforcement administration and is held at Sam Houston State University.

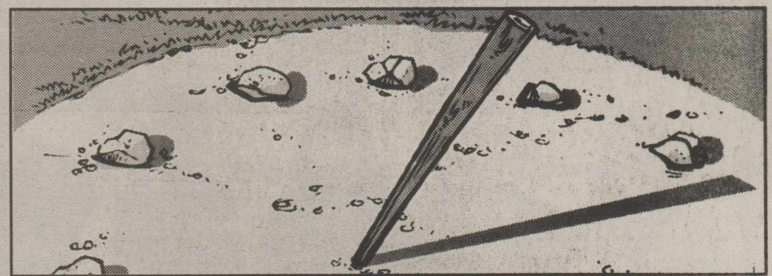
Each of the three 3-week modules attended by participants in the program is taught by top national and international law enforcement experts. Topics include leadership, professional ethics and integrity, communication, and personnel management issues. The Command College curriculum also strives to keep participants on top of contemporary issues in Criminal Justice.

This program is one of many offered by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, headquartered on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The Institute, known as "LEMIT," has been training law enforcement managers and executives since its inception in 1987. LEMIT offers numerous seminars, training for police chiefs, and the leadership program, which is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the nation. No tax monies are necessary to support LEMIT, which is funded by a surcharge on criminal court costs; affording eligible Texas Law Enforcement managers and executive's essential professional development.

To the people of Sherman County I want to thank everyone that were able to attend the forum on October 8th and for giving me a chance to answer your questions. I would like to remind everyone who were unable to attend the forum that I will still be having two more meet and greets in the upcoming weeks. The first will be on Wednesday October 17th at 7:00pm at the Texhoma Elementary School. The second will be on Wednesday October 24th at 7:00pm at the new county barn. I have not been able to get around the county as much as I would like with the inspection of the Sherman County Jail just around the corner, with the recent influx of inmates into the Sherman County Jail, and the number of inmates I will be transporting in the upcoming weeks, it has been difficult for me to get out and meet people door to door as is proper. I hope for anyone who has any questions I hope you will attend so you can see not only what I have to say for yourself but to see how I deal with being asked questions from the public who I hope to be serving as the next Sherman County Sheriff. Refreshments will be served and I will stay until I have answered and addressed any and all concerns. Please remember I will be running as a "write-in" candidate and as such if you do a "straight ticket ballot" you will not be able to write my name in on your ballot and you will not be able to vote for the liquor election or school board members. If you have any questions about the election any election official will be able to help you and as always if you have any questions for me please feel free to email me at juddforshermancountysheriff@gmail.com you will always receive a response directly from me.

A paid political advertisement paid for by Derek Judd for Sherman County Sheriff, Derek Judd Treasurer, PO Box 84, Stratford, TX 79084

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The earliest type of timekeeper, dating from as far back as 3500 B.C., was the shadow clock, or gnomon, a vertical stick or obelisk that casts a shadow. An Egyptian shadow clock of the eighth century B.C. is still in existence.

Now Is the Time for Winter-Weed Control in Lawns

By Brad Easterling

Although they may not be visible yet, right now is the ideal time of the year to get out that pre-emergent herbicide for those winter weeds that inevitably pop up in your lawns every winter. Generally, most folks do not think about weed control in the fall until the weeds have emerged and are then harder to control. By putting out a pre-emergent herbicide and following it with a half inch of water you can control these weeds before they ever come up. With the showers that we have received over this past weekend, many lawns may already be seeing winter weeds starting to emerge, especially lawns that were extremely drought stressed and lacking in grass.

Mild winters with excessive rain may require a foliar application to control broadleaf weeds around December. Do not wait until spring to control broadleaf weeds, by this time they are mature and much more difficult to control. When applying any herbicide, make sure the herbicide is labeled for the type of grass that you have in your lawn. Using off label herbicides can stunt or kill your lawn. A dense, thick lawn is the best defense against weeds in your yard.



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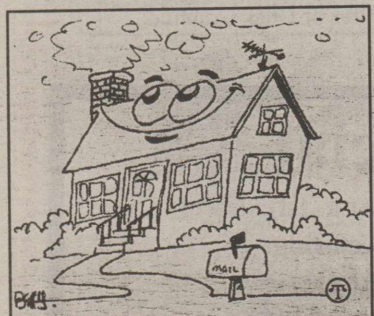
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Home Ideas

(NAPS)—To reduce the threat of West Nile virus, you must eliminate standing water in gutters. Rainhandler replaces your gut-



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—Hasidic Saying

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick welcomed some much needed moisture in the area but it did slow up harvest for a time.

Peggy Hawkins is home after surgery last week.

Bill Gillenwaters was scheduled for surgery October 16th.

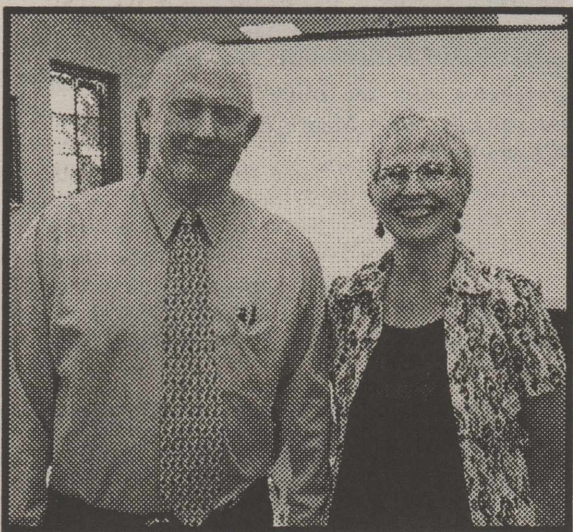
Patti McDaniel of Aurora, CO came for Marylou's 85th birthday. Thelma Smith was here for a visit as well.

Mike McDaniel is off to Laughlin, NV for some R&R.



MWA Gives Money to Imagination Station

Modern Woodmen of America was excited to give The Imagination Station of Stratford matching funds in the amount of \$2500.00. Thanks to all who came to the annual garage sale on September 15th. The Imagination Station raised \$2800.00 and therefore was matched by Modern Woodmen up to \$2500.00. These funds will go toward exhibits and program funding. Shown is Walt Berry presenting the check to Laurie Spurlock, the Imagination Treasurer.

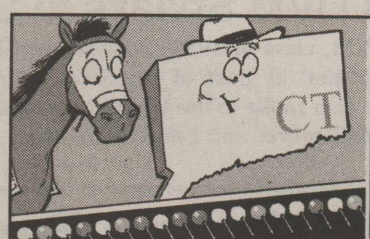


Walthour Presents Program to Study Club

Prospectus Study Club met on October 3, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church. Karen Perrin was the host of our Conservation Program. She invited Steve Walthour from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District out of Dumas to come and talk to us. Steve presented a very interesting and educational PowerPoint program on our water usage and future needs. We all left realizing that we need to be more careful with conserving our water. Shown above are Karen and Steve.



The only person in American history to be both an admiral in the Navy and a general in the Army was Samuel Powhatan Carter, who was born in Elizabethton, Tenn., in 1819.



The first lollipop-making machine opened for business in New Haven, Conn., in 1908. George Smith named the treat after a popular racehorse.

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

Beat Sunray

Stratford Hospital District

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396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP

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366-5505 Angie Hipp, RPh

Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility

396-5568 Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS

9-1-1 or 396-2844 Jimmy Lanning, Director

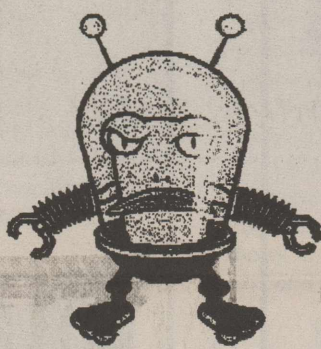
The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

Trunk or Treat

On Main Street

Frito pie served by the Depot Museum!
(Free Will Donation)

Costume Contest @ 6 p.m. Meet at the Depot Museum!



Music

Drinks..

PRIZES..

FUN..

Businesses will be open late!

Dress your pet, for the pet costume contest!

BOO! SCAREDY CAT! MONSTERS!

Park on main street, open your trunks, decorate them if you want & give the Goblins their Treats!

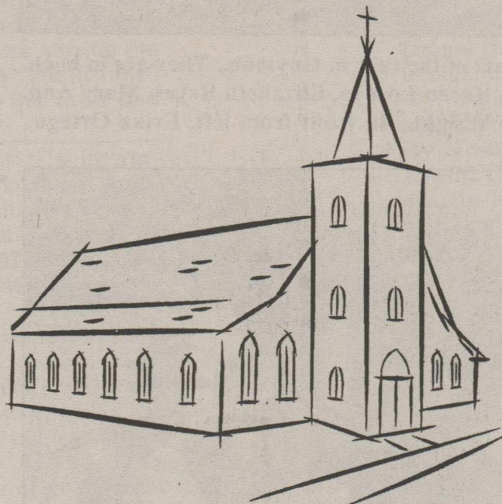
Music provided by: Chief Powell

Come and enjoy the fun!

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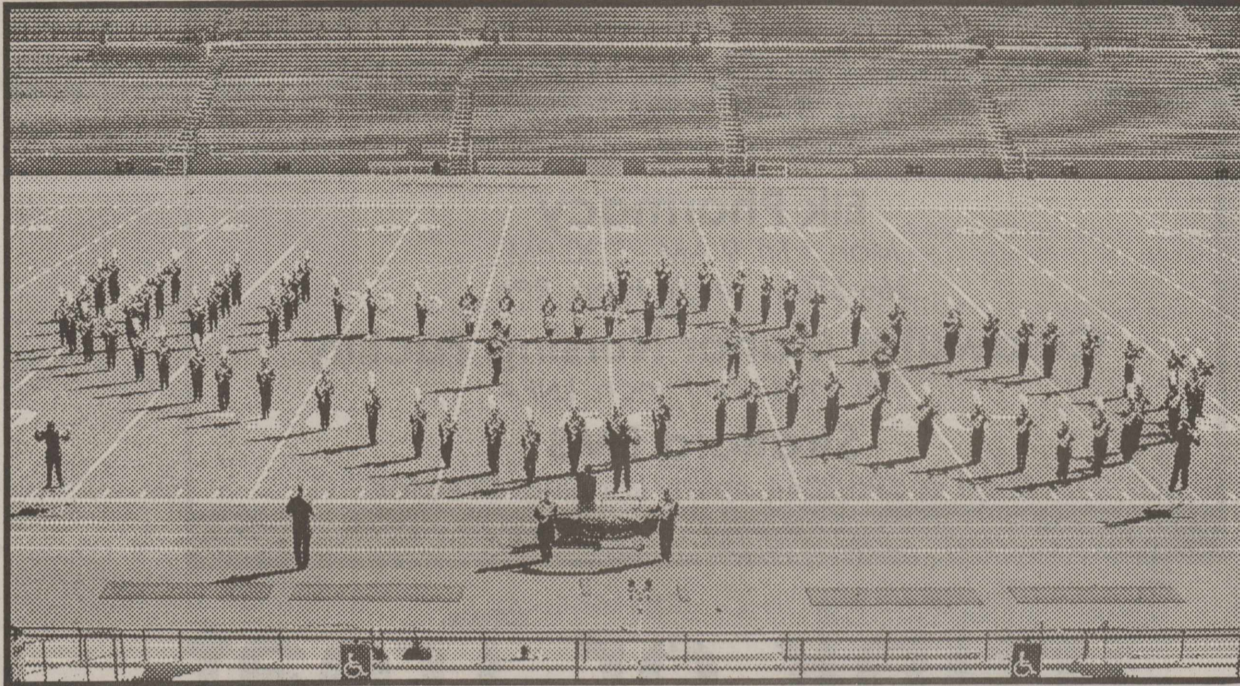
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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Stratford Independent School District News



CONGRATULATIONS to the Stratford High School Marching Band on receiving straight 1's at UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 13, 2012. The band is under the direction of Kyle Winn and Jim Parham and the field direction of M'Lynn Wells, Mary Ann Spurlock and Katy Moore.



Drum Majors shown with the trophy at UIL Marching Contest are L/R: Katy Moore, Mary Ann Spurlock and M'Lynn Wells.

Good Luck Elks



Senior Band Members with trophy they earned at Marching Contest standing from left: Itzel Salcido, Roberto Cruz, Jessica Couch, Haydee Rojas, Colten Rendon, M'Lynn Wells, Grayson Gonzalez, Karina Aldavez, Tyler Seward and in front Shyanne Acker.



Kurt Harris DVM Speaks to SHS Students

Dr. Kurt Harris DVM, class of 1978 spoke in the SHS Activity gym on Tuesday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m. as part of the Stratford Education Foundation Guest Lecturers Series. He also spoke to the VoAg students afterwards. Shown above with Kurt (middle) is Dan Hembree and Lance Horsford.

Cross Country



Some of the High School Cross Country runners pose before the start of the race in Guymon. They are in back from left, Diana Lopez, Erika Robles, Yadhira Chavoya, Gaby Reyes, Karen Lozoya, Elizabeth Reyes, Mary Ann Spurlock, Jacie Seward, Desinya Garza, Sidney Turner, and Alexie Wright. In front from left, Erika Ortega, Ana Guerra, Nohemi Ruedas, Noemy Franco, and Mazie Vincent.



JH girls Cross Country at the starting line at Guymon Cross Country meet from left, Daniela Valdez, Natalia Niave, Raelyn Mungia, Courtney Griffin, Laynee Burr, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hannah Franklin, Rabecca Couch, Libbie Uttley, Lucero Robles, and Yasmin Medrano,

It's Fall Festival Time!

Saturday, October 27, 2012

Mexican Pile on-5:30-7:30 PM
High School Cafeteria
Get your tickets from any senior
Or buy them at the door.

Coronation-7:30 Followed by
Skits Performed by seniors

Booths to follow in the **Activity Gym**
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4-H Members pick up trash

Sherman County 4-H members picked up trash at the cemetery Saturday, October 13th as a part of the One Day 4-H Community Service Campaign. 4-H members also provided refreshments following the Historical Commission Program.

Poetry Idol Auditions Open to Stratford-Area Poets

STRATFORD — Local poets are welcome to send one poem of 21 lines or less to Poetry Idol Auditions, PO Box 3561, Ashland, Oregon 97520 or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is November 10. Entries submitted may be written on any subject using any style, and the Contest Director Dr. Joseph Cameron will have the final say on judging the contest. "There are 50 prizes totaling \$5,000," says Dr. Cameron, "with one prize going to the last poet standing in each of our 50 states. One of these 50 poets will win the grand prize of \$1,000 and become our Poetry Idol for 2012." Entrants should include their name and address on the same page as the poem, and a winners' list will be sent to them. Also a winner's list will be posted on line.

4-H VOLUNTEERS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Writer: Courtney Dodd, efdodd@ag.tamu.edu, 979-845-6533 Contact: County Extension Office

In Texas, more than 32,800 volunteers help deliver the 4-H and Youth Development Program to youth. The program gives volunteers the opportunity to serve based upon their interests, skills and time. This, coupled with the needs and interests of youth in the local community, makes the perfect match for fostering a positive relationship among youth and adults.

4-H Volunteers play a vital role in the ongoing growth and development of the 4-H and Youth Development Program. They build a special relationship with youth, guiding project learning experiences and offering youth with opportunities to learn and serve their community. Volunteers also serve in a coaching and mentor role for youth, helping build confidence among youth and foster positive youth development. Volunteers also help youth achieve their personal goals and motivate them to continue participating in and learning from the various opportunities provided through the program.

The relationships built among adult volunteers and youth also have lasting effects. As Retired General Colin Powell stated, "When adults take time to help young people through 4-H, they exert an enormous, positive influence on the lives of youth." From 4-H experiences led by volunteers, youth gain important leadership, citizenship and life skills that can be applied to daily living, used in their community, in future jobs or when they continue their education. Although it may be years before a youth realizes and truly appreciates the influence of the 4-H volunteers that served as positive adult role models, one can be certain that volunteers are truly making a difference for life.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is a component of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service headquartered in College Station, Texas. More than 660,000 youth between the ages of 8 and 18 participate annually in the youth development program. More information on Texas 4-H can be found at: <http://texas4-htamu.edu>.

Food Safety Helpful Hints From Experts

Don't Sacrifice Safety When Using A Microwave

(NAPS)—The convenience of microwave cooking can also present a few challenges—such as making sure that food prepared in a microwave is cooked to its safe temperature.

The consequences of not preparing food properly can be significant. Every year, one in six Americans will fall ill due to some form of food poisoning. Often, it's the result of not cooking; food to the required temperature.

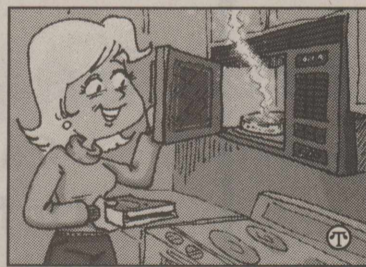
To help, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has created the Cook It Safe campaign.

The campaign offers these tips:
Read and Follow Package Cooking Instructions. Many convenience foods are not ready-to-eat products and must be properly cooked first. Reading the product label and package directions tells you whether the product needs to be thoroughly cooked or simply reheated.

Be sure to follow all package instructions for microwaving food, such as covering or stirring the food or allowing a "stand time" between cooking the food and eating. Skipping these key cooking directions may allow harmful bacteria to survive and lead to food-borne illness.

Know When to Use a Microwave or Conventional Oven. Some preprepared products may appear to be fully cooked but actually consist of raw, uncooked product. It may be tempting to cook these foods quickly in a microwave, but doing so may result in unsafe food.

It's important to use the appliance recommended on the food



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package instructions. The instructions may call for cooking in a conventional oven, microwave, convection oven or toaster oven.

Know Your Microwave's Wattage Before Microwaving Food. If your microwave's wattage is lower than the wattage recommended in the package cooking instructions, it will take longer than the instructions specify to cook the food to a safe internal temperature. If you don't know the wattage of your oven, try looking on the inside of the oven's door, on the serial number plate on the back of the oven or in the owner's manual.

Always Use a Food Thermometer to Ensure a Safe Internal Temperature. To be sure food has reached a temperature high enough to kill any bacteria that may be present, use a food thermometer and test the food in several places. This applies when cooking in microwaves or any other heat source.

For more information, visit www.fsis.usda.gov.



Sherman County Historical Commission presented "Reminiscing of Persons at Coldwater" at the Stratford Cemetery

Saturday afternoon October 13. David Brown presented "Uncle Jimmy Turner", contractor for Coldwater Courthouse; Ann Wells Portrayed "Molly Munn" wife of Sheep Man who brought 1000 sheep from Abilene; Gaynelle Riffe presented "Guy Rudolph" and his family whose father published the Sherman County Banner and later sold his printing press to George Kerr who published the Stratford Star. Gaynelle also presented the Loomis family who were the first Coldwater residents in 1890. While the crowd was sparse, it was a good day. Sherman County 4-H served refreshments.

Annual Pumpkin Patch Benefit at Guymon

The 30th Annual Pumpkin Patch Benefit will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 3rd and 4th, 2012. The event will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, Oklahoma. The public is invited to attend Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be no admission fee. Around 100 exhibitor booths will feature a variety of arts and crafts which include floral, clothing, ceramics, candles, wood, stained glass, jewelry and more. Several artists will also exhibit their paintings, sculpture, drawings, and pottery. There will also be several pre-packaged food and commercial exhibitors this year.

Lambda Psi, a chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, is sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch Benefit are donated to community services in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Charities that have benefited from the generosity of Lambda Psi over the past 30 years include Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics, American Heart Association, Panhandle Area Workshop, Panhandle Lions Club Shopping Spree, Ministerial Alliance Christmas Basket Project, YMCA, Kid's Inc. and the Oaks of Mamre. Donations have also been made to medical funds and people in need within the communities of the Oklahoma Panhandle. The sorority now sponsors two scholarships to high school senior girls each year.

A concession stand will be provided by the Guymon High School Band Boosters. Come out and get an early start on your Christmas shopping at one of the best crafts shows in the area. We hope to see you at the 30th Annual Pumpkin Patch Benefit Show Arts and Crafts Show

Health Awareness

Treating Eye Allergies In Three Easy Steps

(NAPS)—When it comes to eye allergies, the most effective way to minimize and relieve symptoms may be a three-step approach. Those steps include:

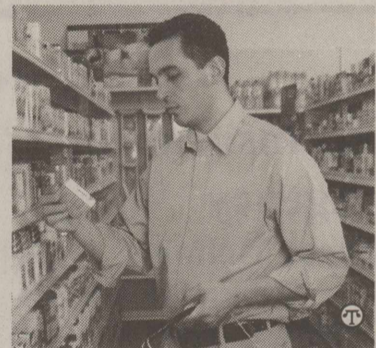
- removing allergens from your eyelids,
- lubricating your eyes, and
- relieving the symptoms.

Itchy, irritated eyes are one of the most annoying symptoms of allergies to pollen, ragweed, grass, animal hair and dander. While the main symptom is itching, others may include tearing, burning, mucus discharge and swollen eyelids.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to reduce exposure to eye allergens, including wearing sunglasses or hats and making sure to shower and wash your hair before sleeping to remove allergens from the body and eye area.

Now there is a way to take a systematic approach to relieving allergy symptoms. The TheraTears® Allergy Eye Itch Relief System™ includes three products (SteriLid® Eyelid Cleanser, TheraTears® Allergy Eye Itch Relief, and TheraTears® Lubricant Eye Drops) that can be used together to maximize symptom relief.

Washing your eyelids and the area around your eye with a quality cleanser, such as SteriLid® Eyelid Cleanser, during allergy season helps remove any additional allergens that may have accumulated around your eye dur-



ing the course of the day. This is particularly important for contact lens wearers, who should remember to use the cleanser prior to inserting their contact lenses.

TheraTears® Allergy Eye Itch Relief with ketotifen is an antihistamine drop designed to provide relief from itchy allergy eyes in minutes.

Just like your own natural tears, lubricant eye drops can help flush out any allergens from your eyes and also provide relief from dry eye symptoms. TheraTears® balanced formula matches the human tear film, which may improve eye comfort.

You can use any of the products alone or together in a treatment system. Symptoms vary, and if they persist, check with your optometrist or ophthalmologist for proper diagnosis and treatment.

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District News

Senior Spotlight Tanner Wright

BY DIANA LOPEZ

Tanner is the son of Greg and Marsha Wright, and brother of Tyler and Taylor Wright.

One of Tanner's pet peeves is "When girls say they're fat, and they're not."

He admires his brother because he always strives to do his best.

Some of his hobbies are football, fishing and playing Madden.

His favorite quote "There are two things to aim at in life, first to get what you want and

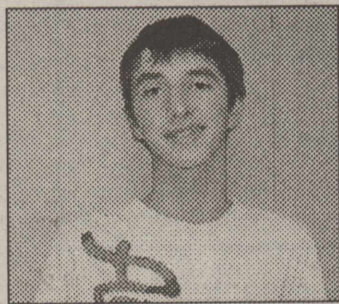
after that to enjoy it. Only the wisest of man kind has achieved the second" by Colten Rendon.

Most teachers would be surprised to know that school doesn't bother him as much as he says it does. He would most like to meet Lebron James "because he is an awesome basketball player."

Most teachers don't seem to understand "That towards the end of the year, we don't want to do work anymore."



Junior Spotlight Denny Mace



BY KAREN LOZOYA

Denny is son of Valerie and Dennis Mace, brother of Maty and Sara Mace.

One of Denny's pet peeves is when people say "cool story bro."

He admires Kurt Warner because he started as a nobody and became one of the best Rams' quarterbacks.

His hobby is playing basketball.

His favorite quote is "Do not take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive"

Most teachers would be surprised to know that his favorite sports team is the St. Louis Rams

He would like to meet Elvis Presley because "He made some good music and was pretty cool."

What most teachers don't seem to understand about students is "We forget about tests and homework."

Sophomore Spotlight Sean Godsey

BY DIANA LOPEZ

Sean is son of Alan and Lisa Arnold, and brother of Mathew Arnold, Ella Godsey, Cole Godsey

One of Sean's pet peeves is when things don't work right.

He admires his dad because he teaches him new things.

He likes to work on cars/motorcycles, listen to music and lift weights.

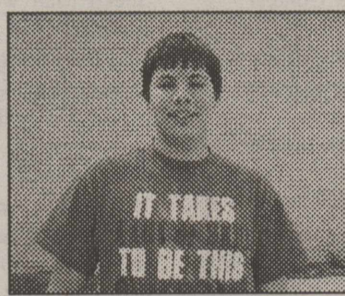
His favorite quote is

"Don't judge a book by its cover."

Most teachers would be surprised to know that he's designing an exhaust system in his new truck.

He would like to meet David Bolla to learn his exhaust secrets.

What most teachers don't seem to understand about students is that "Some of us have a bad day and don't pay attention"



Freshman Spotlight Paola Guerra



By Marisela Tapia

Paola is the daughter of Maty and David Guerra and sister of David, Jasmin, Addy Guerra.

One of Paola's pet peeves is "when people try to act like someone there not"

She admires her mom because "She has taught me how to respect others and especially myself" Some of her hobbies are listening to music, watching movies and being with family

Her favorite quote is "Three things you can't recover in life: the word after it's said, the moment after it's missed and the time after it's gone." -Drake

Most people would be surprised to know that she's the biggest blonde ever.

She would love to meet Taylor Swift because "She is one of my biggest inspirations."

What most teachers don't know "They don't understand how difficult it is to deal with school."

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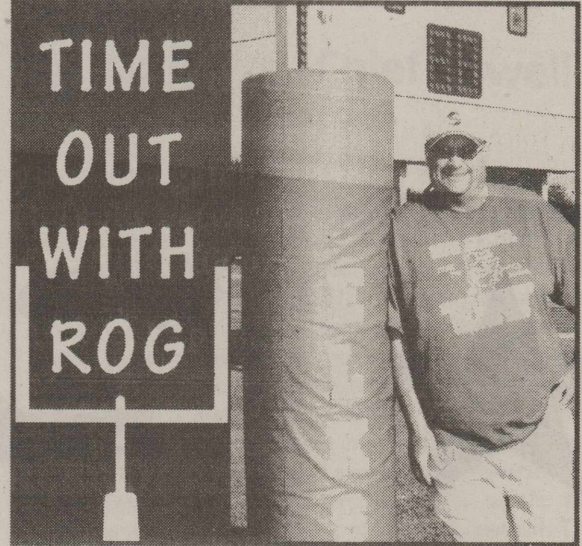
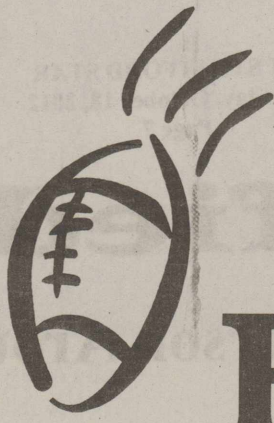
By electing me for the next Justice of the Peace, I would provide professional leadership, an excellent work ethic and build public trust and the community's support during my service as Justice of the Peace of Sherman County.

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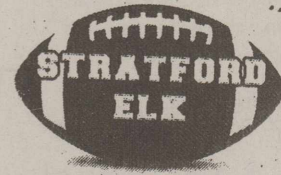
AMERICA'S CHOICE BY KEN FORTHMAN

Running for his second and final term Obama believes that greater investment in education science and infrastructure is the prescription for America's economic recovery but to do this he is going to cut millions of dollars from the military budget and he states that because we're transitioning in Afghanistan and turning over more responsibility to the Afgans that actually frees up our forces to be more flexible to respond. On November 6th the nation's voters which includes 22 million veterans will decide who they want in the White House. Mitt Romney states that he wants a military that is so strong no one would want to test it, that any nation considering it would have second thoughts given the capacity of America to react, my own view is we should increase ship building from 9 to 15 per year, we should add more aircraft, and we should increase the number of active duty personnel by approximately, 100,000 all of the military leaders agree with Mitt Romney and Mitt Romney also states our nation has long guaranteed freedom in the air. Freedom on the seas and freedom in space, and there is potentially an interest on the part of some nations like China to question that freedom and to assert their sovereignty over extensive territory on the seas China for instance claims the south chine seas and through the South China sea nearly half the world's trade flows and I believe it's important for America to communicate to the nations of the pacific that we are not abandoning our commitment to protecting the freedoms of the seas, the air, in space and therefore to maintain a military presence in the region. I must say that I'm very concerned that while secretary Panetta has that intent. He may not have capacity to project that level of commitment because of Obama's plans to reduce our ship building educe the purchase of aircraft and reduce the number of active duty personnel. Like it nor not we need a president that will keep our military strong and protect our nation.

Stratford Elk Football 2012



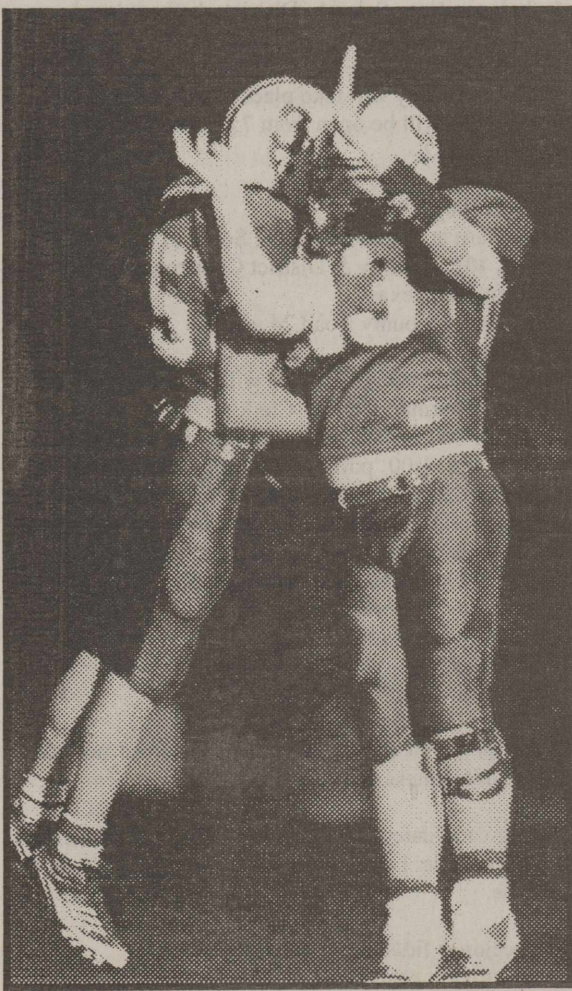
Well that Bus Drive back to Panhandle was like a Foghat Song "Slow Ride"! Our whole team stepped up and played at a High Level! By the way Zebra's (Refs) need to put my glasses on or something! This is Sunray Week, nuff said!!!! Please pray for Kenedi Groves. Once an Elk Always an Elk.



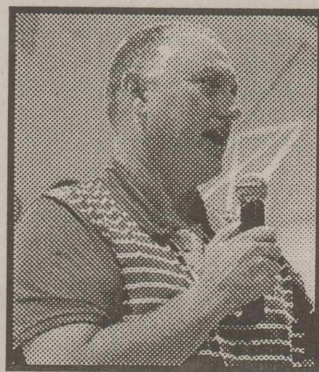
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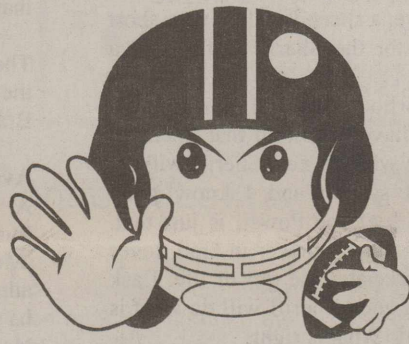
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OFFENSIVE BACK - TANNER WRIGHT
DEFENSIVE LINE - LOGAN UTTLEY
DEFENSIVE BACK - ALEX CHAVOYA
SPECIAL TEAMS - GONZALO EIZMENDI



Stratford Elks #35 Alex Chavoya and #13 Tanner Wright celebrate after Chavoya scores a touchdown. Chavoya carried the ball for 153 yards on 28 carries for the Elks and Wright completed 4 of 6 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Chavoya also led the defense with 10 tackles.



Superintendent Jerry Birdsong gave the pep talk on Friday, October 12.



PINK PEP RALLY

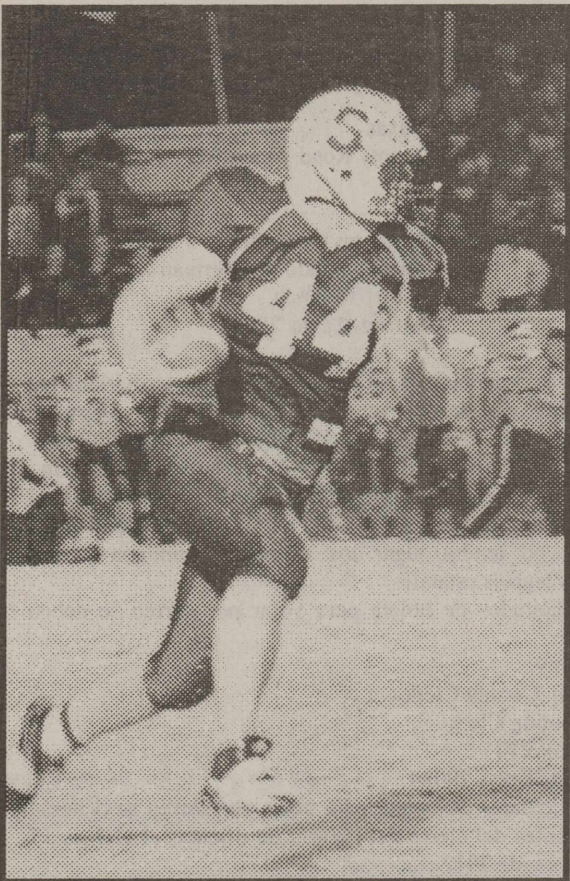
October 19 is the PINK pep rally for breast cancer awareness. The SHS cheerleaders are asking all students and fans to dress in pink on Friday, the 19th.

There will be "Fill the Bra" donation buckets at Mary Allen, Junior High, and the High School the week of the 19th.

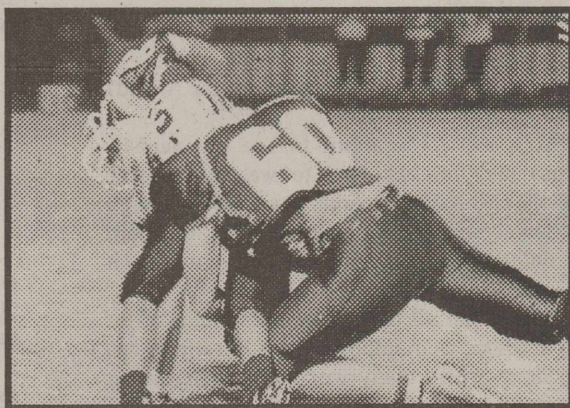
You will also have the opportunity to donate at the pep rally and the game. All proceeds will be split between KENEDI GROVES AND CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.

Pep Rally starts at 3:15 p.m.

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SHS CHEERLEADERS

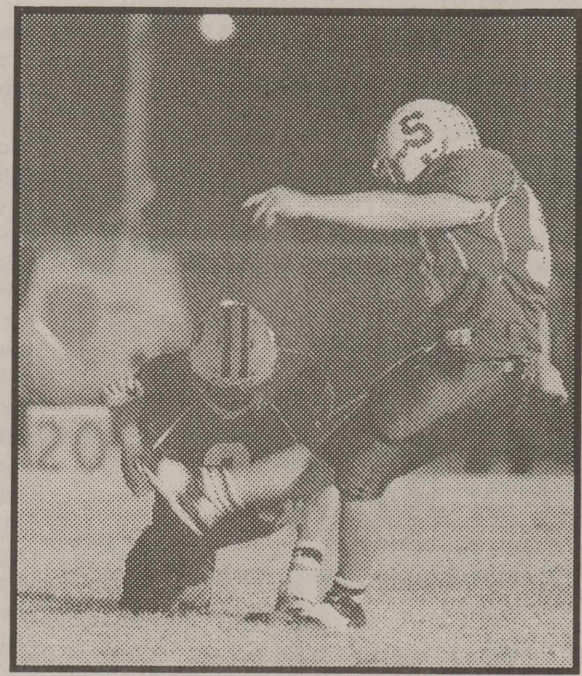
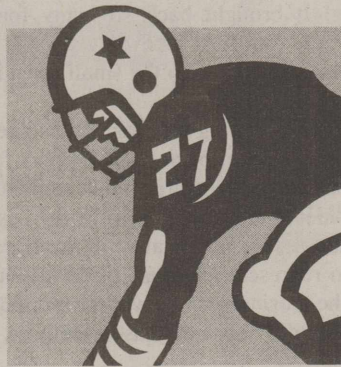


Logan Uttley catches a pass from Tanner Wright and turns it in for the touchdown in the Elks 44-14 district win over Panhandle.

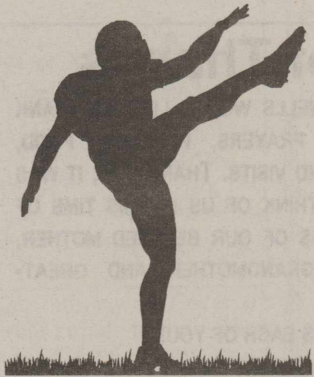


Stratford Elk #60 Hunter Everett makes the tackle in the Elks 44-14 victory against Panhandle.

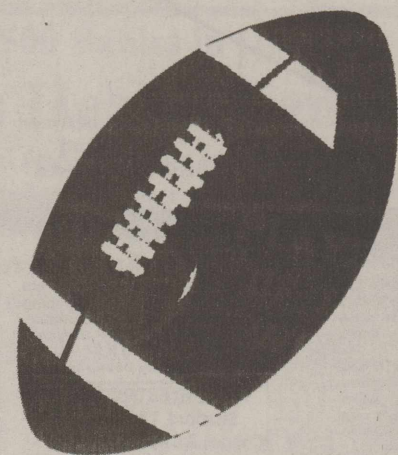
Beat Sunray



Jiovani Romero holds the ball as Gonzalo Eizmendi kicks the extra point for the Elks in their district win against Panhandle.



Good Luck Elks



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