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GOOD LUCK AT STATE



These four SHS athletes will be competing at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 13-14, 2016. L/R is Andy Reyes, Maty Mace, Laynee Burr, and Tanner Stone. Andy will compete in the 800 M after placing 2nd at the Regional Meet. Maty placed 3rd at the Regional Meet in Discus and received the Wild Card to earn a state trip. Laynee and Tanner are the Regional Champions in 100 M Hurdles and Shot Put respectively and will compete at the State Meet. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

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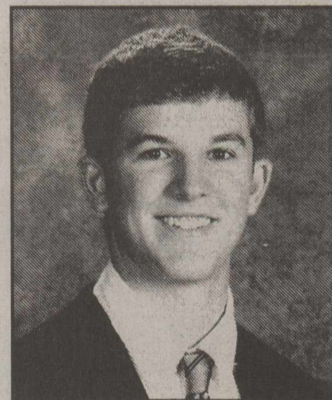
AJ Riffe named Valedictorian



Alexander Joseph Riffe

Alexander Joseph Riffe is the Stratford High School Class of 2016 Valedictorian with a weighted GPA of 101.979. He is the son of Chris and Ronna Riffe and the grandson of Don and Gaynelle Riffe and Marihoward and the late Ronald Engelbrecht. During his high school years, he enjoyed participating in band, fall production, UIL one act play, UIL academics, robotics, National Honor Society, FFA and 4-H. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of the First United Methodist Church and its youth group. In his spare time, he has worked toward completing the overhaul of a 1974 International Scout and a USPA Class A skydiving license. Other favorite hobbies include hunting and shooting. AJ plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall where he hopes to study aerospace engineering and become a "Ramblin' wreck from Georgia Tech and a helluva engineer."

Jack McBryde named Salutatorian



Jackson Presley McBryde

Jackson Presley McBryde is the Stratford High School Class of 2016 Salutatorian. Jack has a weighted GPA of 100.192. He is the son of Gared and Misti McBryde and the grandson of the late Doug McBryde and Joyce McBryde and Charles and Joanna Hafer. Throughout his high school career, Jack participated in Athletics, FFA, UIL Academics and the SHS Robotics Team. Jack is also a member of the First Baptist Church, and in his free time he enjoys spending time with his friends and remaining active in sports. His plans for the fall include attending either Baylor University or Oklahoma State University where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

STRATFORD AREA FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

WHERE: Stratford Fire Department
WHEN: MONDAY, May 16, 2016
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING: BUSINESS MEETING & REFRESHMENTS

Music Recital

"From Bach & Beethoven to Boogie & Blues"

First Christian Church
Sunday, May 15, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Also featuring instrumental and vocal performers from Stratford and The Artistry of Bobbie Strong

Attention Stratford Residents,

Please be advised that high grass and weeds are a fire/health/safety issue and must be kept under control per Stratford Ordinance Sections 6.03.00 1 and 6.03.002. The City Code Enforcement Officer will be checking properties in the upcoming weeks for compliance with these and other ordinances. Citations for non-compliance may be issued. Please be sure to keep your property, including behind fence lines and up to the alleyways, free of high grass/weeds and other debris in order to avoid a Citation. For further information, call 806-268-4158.

A reminder that due to direct health concerns, JockO Pulliam cannot be exposed to and/or provided alcohol of any kind. To any/all that this would apply, your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.
BR Pulliam, POA for JockO Pulliam

OPENING SCOPES

"BIDDY'S ON MAIN"

Watch the Stratford Star for more details!

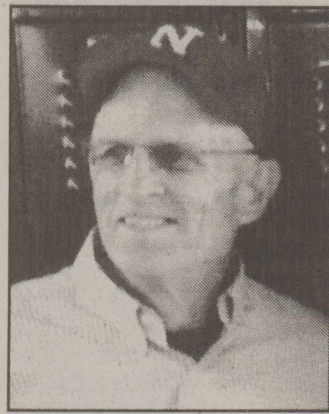
SCOT NEWS

By Sonja Ragsdale

April 21, eleven SCOT members traveled to Dalhart to eat at the 10 in Texas XIT Restaurant. An evening of good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. April 28, SCOT Hall was colorfully decorated with an April Showers May Flowers theme. Sue Hudson presented an entertaining program of short stories and trivia questions. Approximately 40 people attended. Host and hostesses for the luncheon were, Robert and Sonja Ragsdale, Karen Perrin, Joann Palmer, Martha Mitts and Susie Spurlock. A meal of tamales and Mexican combread along with side dishes and desserts were served. SCOT welcomes Jimmy and Ineta Chesser and Lura Zimmerman as new members. May 26 will be the next SCOT luncheon date. Make plans to attend.



Obituaries



William "Bill" Mires
May 29 1944-May 4, 2016

William "Bill" Mires, 71, of Stratford, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Graveside services were held at 9:30 A.M. on Monday, May 9, 2016 at the Stratford Cemetery. Memorial Services followed at 10:30 A.M. at the First Baptist Church, 702 N. 3rd St., Stratford, Texas with Rev. Ron Whitt, pastor, and Ralph Mireles, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

Bill was born on May 29, 1944 in Lubbock, Texas to William and Opal Mires. He graduated from Lamesa High School and earned his bachelor's degree from West Texas State University. He coached football, basketball, and track for many years in Stinnett and Stratford. He had worked for the Sherman County Conservation Board and had owned and operated the Stratford Gym for over twenty years. He had helped with CASA. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Bill dedicated his entire life to motivating and mentoring young kids. He used both his spiritual faith and work ethic to mold many men and women through athletics.

He married Kay Johnson on October 16, 1965 in Hamlin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clark Mires.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Mires of Stratford; a son, Doug Mires of Ok. City; a daughter, Mandy Gomez and husband Jr. of Crestview, Fl.; six grandchildren, Taylor Mires, Kayla Mirès, Reese Gomez, Rowan Gomez, Walker Gomez, and Reagan Gomez.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the Community Food Ministries of the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 390, Stratford, TX. 79084.

Sign the online guestbook at boxwellbrothers.com

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

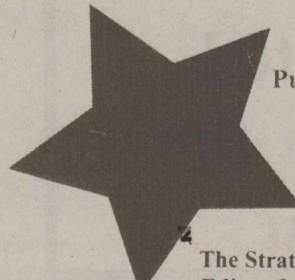
The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

Attention to all subscribers!! Rate change

The Stratford Star is no longer sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$33.00 and out of the area \$40.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084
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A Night To Remember— April 26, 2016—Stratford Fine Arts Extravaganza

If you were there, you know that it was special to see your kids perform at an unbelievable level. The 7th Grade Band, the 8th Grade Band, and the BIG BLUE Band each provided wonderful entertainment. If you were not there, you missed a real treat.

First of all, let us thank the SISD School Administration and Staff for their cooperation in allowing the event to take place. The Stratford Education Foundation greatly appreciates your assistance. It required a great deal of cooperation on everyone's part. Just the coordination of buses, drivers, and sponsors was a real chore. We do not know all the names of those who helped, but thank you so much!

I had people ask why the Foundation was going to so much trouble and expense for these kids. Had you been with us for the entire day, you would understand. The costs to the Foundation will be about \$65.00 per student, not counting the bus and staff costs. For that \$65 they received lunch, early dinner, and a wonderful reception after the concert—coconut shrimp, mini hotdogs and burgers, fruits and cheeses, desserts, and s'mores were the highlights.

The bands were able to perform in one of the really great music halls in the country. They were able to feel an audience respond to them with a standing ovation. They could hear themselves in a way they had never heard before. They had professional musicians from the Amarillo Symphony who also teach at WTAMU individually work with each instrument group. Then they heard those musicians perform with passion and enthusiasm during a recital on the concert hall stage. The kids were inspired by those incredible musicians.

The bands were all professionally recorded and also videoed. By the way, the CDs are available for \$15 as a fundraiser for the Stratford Band Boosters. The DVDs were recorded by Creative Cannon Advertising and are available for \$20. The SHS band director, Mrs. Nusz, has order forms in the Band Hall.

The band students were able to see past Big Blue Band directors honored, and hopefully, see how those past directors have maintained a feeling for what Stratford has meant in their lives. The bands also had the chance to give Mr. Parham a rousing sendoff to retirement. He will definitely be missed!

The students had fun, and they were proud of themselves. All of us have had special school memories. I believe this event will be one of their greatest memories.

Tuesday was an opportunity to meet and watch the kids up close and personal. Folks, these are great kids! They worked hard and displayed teamwork at the highest level.

It was great fun to watch Mrs. Nusz. She is doing great work. Another person who stayed hidden and does "behind the scenes" work is Dr. Charlie Trayler. He is another example of unpaid dedication to the Stratford band program.

That said, the highlight of the evening for me was something that none of the other attendees witnessed. It took place while the band was getting ready for their early dinner. I turned around and saw every head bowed,

and I heard a prayer given by a young gentleman, Julian Licon. It was as touching a prayer as I have ever heard given. It was PRICELESS! Thank you to the administration for this culture in our youth.

We cannot forget the Art Classes and their exhibits or the work exhibited by the Shop students, including a huge cooker and items from the new greenhouse. Talk about teamwork—Mrs. Martin and Mr. Hanna set up and took down all the exhibits of student work while Mr. Ruiz manned his bus route and taught classes. Such impressive work by our students!

The key to the success of this program was the impetus provided by our Foundation President, Jackie Gilley. She has spearheaded our Foundation with enthusiasm, passion, dedication, and knowledge, all while living in Oklahoma City. Without her commitment, none of this would have happened—PRICELESS.

Thanks for the support you have given the Stratford Education Foundation. None of this would be possible without your support. With your support we have funded over \$120,000 in various activities, including over \$22,000 this year. Thank you for being Stratford!

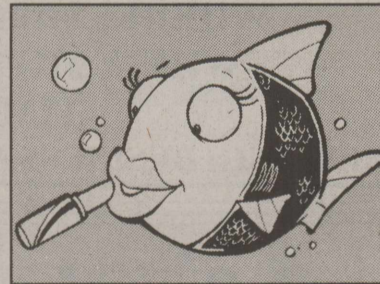
Proud to be an Elk,
B.A. Donelson

2016 Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Max Engelbrecht, a 5th grader at Stratford Junior High School, visited the Texas A&M University campus May 3-4. While there, he met with advisors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and also with advisors in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Those visits entailed discussion of College admission processes (especially the timeline for applications and review thereof), differences between freshman and transfer admissions, choice of degree major alternatives, and availability of scholarships for incoming freshmen. We also discussed the timeline toward which admission applications are due and the difference between freshman and transfer admission. Lauren Johnson, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Donna Adcock, Dept. of Agricultural economics.

Max also participated in the 2016 Corrigan-Goddard discussions regarding their business plan projects. He also had the opportunity to meet and speak with more than 100 entrepreneurs and other business professions who were present to mentor students. Max's participation in this event provided him with substantial insights regarding entrepreneurship, free enterprise, and opportunities in our economy. Also, he was able to begin to develop network of mentors which will be invaluable in the future.

I trust that the activities Max participated in while on our campus are considered as just cause for being credited with "college days" during his absence from high school. If I can provide further clarification, please contact me-rister@atamu.edu or 979-255-5211, Ed Rister, Professor and Associate Head.



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Senior 4-H Livestock Judging Advances to State!

On April 22, 2016 two 4-H livestock judging teams met at the West Texas A&M University's Nance Ranch to judge an outstanding set of classes including market steers, bulls, market hogs, gilts, market lambs, wether dams, and breeding does. Each team member also gave reasons, which for the intermediate team was optional. Mauricio Duran, Payton Berry, Abby Law, and Klaire Walden scored a total of 1348 earning them 19th place out of 27 teams.

Allie James, Raeleigh Willborn, Jaci Brown and Rhett Rousser placed 2nd out of 19 teams earning a spot to compete at State in College Station on June 7th. In the Sheep/Goat category Jaci placed 6th and Allie placed 1st. Swine had no top 10 placings but the team placed 4th. In the Beef category Raeleigh placed 8th and Allie placed 7th, leaving the team placing 3rd. The Senior team placed 4th in Reasons with 10th place going to Raeleigh and 5th place going to Allie. Overall, out of 45 competitors, Raeleigh placed 10th and Allie placed 4th!

These individuals have worked hard meeting three times a week after school and track practice to study and prepare for the competitions. They have gone to several judging contests around the panhandle and have improved their scores at each event. As the busy end of school happenings are going on, these four individuals will tirelessly be working hard to improve their scores for state. Please congratulate them when you see them around town and wish them well for their June competition.



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A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at First United Methodist Church from Sunday June 5th, Wednesday June 7th At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:30-8:00pm.

Cave Quest is for kids going into Pre-K to 6th grade and will run from 5:00-8:00 PM each day. For more information, call VBS Director Cass! Hudson (806) 290-1808

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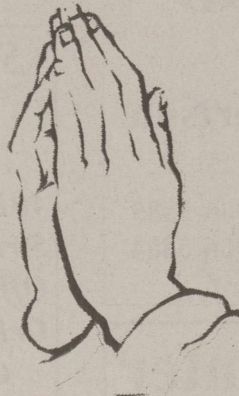
First Christian Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Steve Ulrey 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
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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.

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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept only the proposals that in the owners opinion is in the best interest of SISD. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 12, 2016 and Thursday, May 19, 2016

Public Notice Testing for Voting Machines

Testing for the Voting Machines for the Republican and Democratic Primary Runoff Election. Testing will be May 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's office. Then again on May 20, at 2:00 p.m. Early voting will be from the 16th-20th and Election day will be the 24th.
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Sunday, May 15, 2016
2:00 p.m.

Also featuring instrumental and vocal performers from Stratford and
The Artistry of Bobbie Strong

CHEER CAMP 2016

August 8 - 10

9:00AM - 11:00 AM

PRE-K THRU 6th GRADE (AS OF FALL 2016)

FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO KENDRA MUNGIA BY MAY 20

- \$35 Camp Fee
- \$30 Camp Fee for 2nd child in family if pre-registered
- T-shirts are included if registered by May 20
- No shirts for late registration
- Cheerleading memory mate pictures will be taken the last day of camp!

1st Day - Introduction Day - SUPER HERO DAY

2nd Day - Camp T-Shirt Day

3rd Day - PICTURE DAY PERFORMANCE AT 11:00

WE WILL BE ADDING A NEW SPIRIT STATION THIS YEAR AND ARE EXCITED TO SHARE IT WITH YOU!!

For additional information contact: Kendra Mungia 806-717-6505, Cindy Seward 753-6105,

Desire Garza 930-2758 or Terri Keener 674-6593

Please fill out a separate form per child—payment may be made with one check.

Please make checks payable to SHS CHEERLEADERS

Return this portion with your money to: KENDRA MUNGIA

Name: _____ Camp fee: _____
Grade (FA 2016): _____ Circle T-shirt Size:
Parents: _____ Y = Youth A = Adult
Telephone: _____ YS YM YL AS AM AL

Hints For The Home

Tips For Cleaning Your Kitchen

(NAPS)—While many find joy in the comfort foods of winter, spring provides a chance to embrace a fresh approach to your eating habits. The following tips will put a spring in your step and get you ready for this temperate season:

- **Out with the old.** There's a reason spring is the chosen season for all things related to cleaning. It's the season associated with ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation and renewal. What better way to refresh your food choices than by cleaning your pantry and fridge? Toss expired products and donate the shelf-stable goods you no longer want to a worthy cause.

- **Celebrate color.** Spring ushers in fresh new produce that adds a variety of flavor and nutrition. Produce such as apricots, green beans and broccoli all provide a pop of color that helps ensure you are enjoying the best seasonal produce this spring.

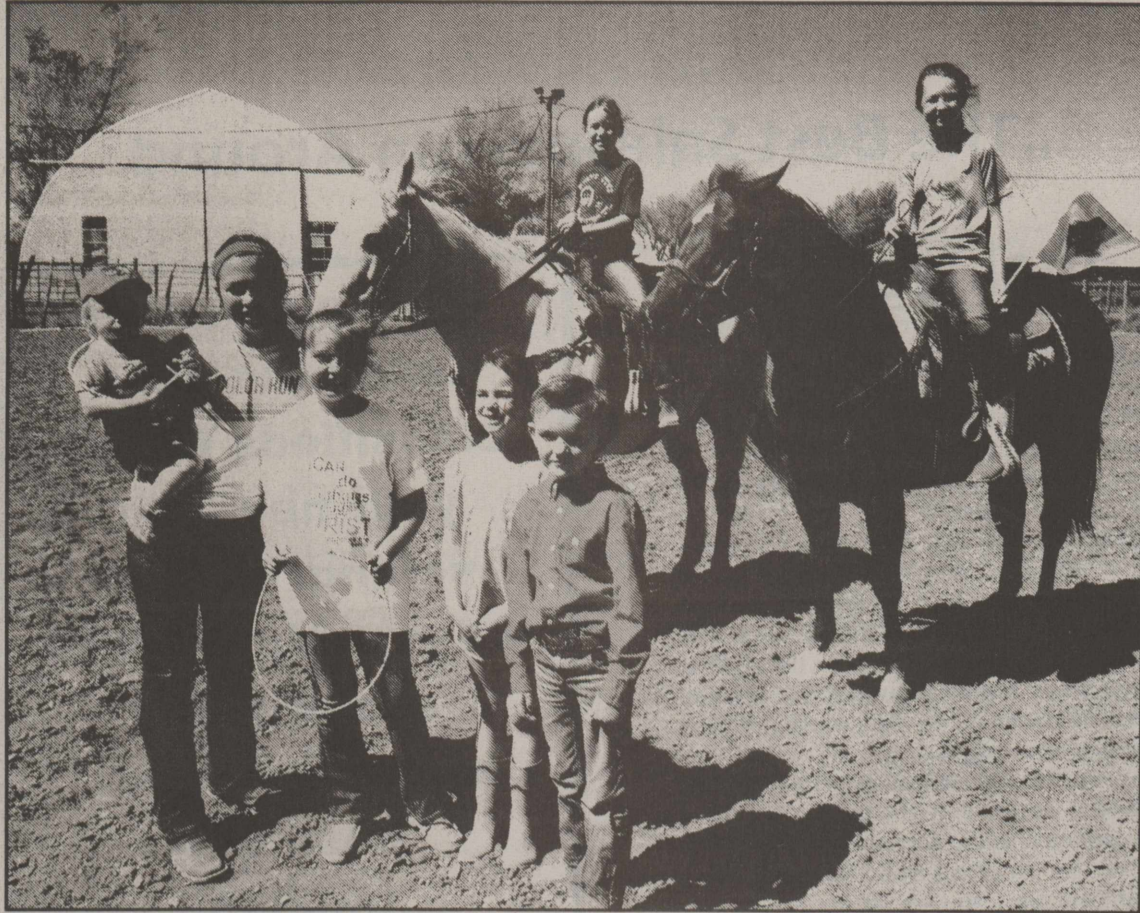
- **Get organized.** Eliminate cluttered bags of rice or pasta by placing them in glass jars to make searching for pantry staples a breeze. Visit the grocer's bulk aisle for a variety of snack staples such as nuts and seeds—great for that afternoon craving.



Enjoy a light, fruity beverage in a fresh, clean kitchen.

- **Springtime beverages.** Swap the hot and rich drinks of winter for the lighter, fruit-infused tastes of spring. New Santa Cruz Organic® Agua Fresca beverages are lightly sweetened and blended with organic fruit juice and a splash of lemon juice. Available in Mango Passion-fruit, Pomegranate and Grapefruit flavors, Certified USDA Organic Agua Fresca beverages are a revitalizing companion to warm weather fun.

For more ideas and recipes, visit www.santacruzorganic.com or www.facebook.com/santacruzorganic.

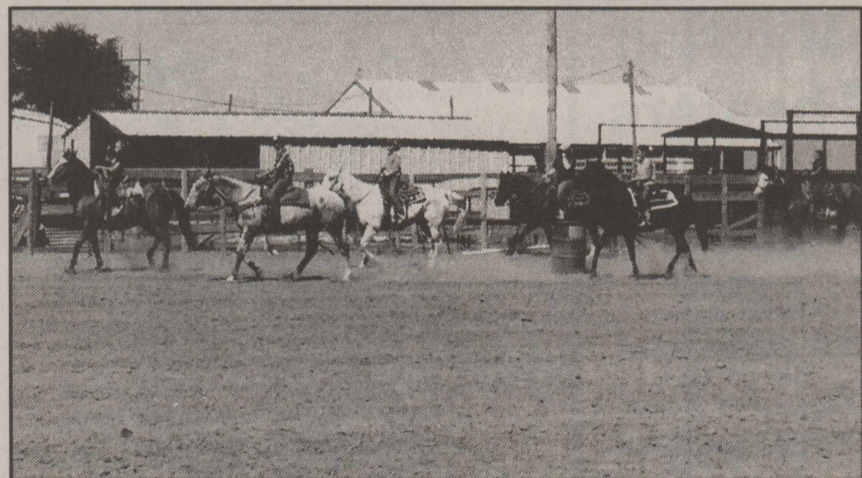


4/24/16 Sherman County Silver Spurs practice, pictured on horseback are Morgan Clift and Kaytly Clift. Front row is Aubrey Reed, Kennedy Elliott, Kaedyn Kimball, Ellie Clift, and Braylon Kimball.

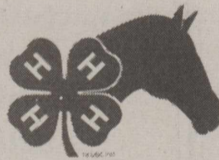


Ed Reust and Steve McAdams teaching Ellie Clift how to goat tie.

10/11/15 Sherman County Silver Spurs practice, pictured are Melinda Ortega, Joshua Ortega, Kaytley Clift, Alexa Reed, Yessina Valdez, and Abby Ortega.



Sherman County Silver Spurs 2016 Playdays



Stratford Arena

South of town on the intersection of HWY 15 and HWY 287 | (806)390-9030

PLAYDAY	BOOKS OPEN	STARTING TIME
June 4	1:00	2:00
June 18	1:00	2:00
July 9	1:00	2:00
July 23 (awards program and cookout to follow)	1:00	2:00

AGE CLASSES: Determined by State 4-H Age rules; summer events based off of previous grade.

Pee-Wee (no lead-line)	ages 3 & 4
Clover	ages 5 - 7
Junior	grades 3 rd - 5 th
Intermediate	grades 6 th - 8 th
Senior	grades 9 th - 12 th

Rider must be a 4-H member in any county and must show proof

**Riders in the Intermediate and Senior age class will be required to work one (1) event at every playday from set-up to tear-down or no points will be awarded for that day.

EVENTS:

Cloverleaf Barrel Race	Flag Race	Fun Run (changes every race)
Pole Bending Race	Goat Tie	

Entry Fee is \$8.00 for speed events and \$12.00 for livestock events.

**\$2.00 late fee applies to each event entered if books are closed.

AWARDS:

To be eligible to win the Awards, you must compete in three (3) of the four (4) playdays which will be determined at the end of the playday season. Awards are based on riders completing required number of events worked, and total points earned at each playday.

Each playday, riders get points for their placing in each event and a 70% payback. Awards at the end of the year will be given through 3rd place in each class and each event, if a rider meets all other eligibility requirements.

A Top Hand Award will be awarded to the one (1) standout individual who participates in practices, playdays, fundraisers, parades, and other 4-H Horse project related activities. The Top Hand Award will go to a Sherman County 4-H member only.

For more information and to receive a copy of the rules and membership form, come into the Sherman County AgriLife office, email alexa.reed@ag.tamu.edu, or call during business hours to (806)366-2081. Also, text @sherhorse to 81010 for Remind101

Pets & People

Help Lassie (And Fluffy) Come Home

(NAPS)—Each year, 14 percent of dogs and 15 percent of cats escape or are abandoned, and while most will naturally return to their owners, there are over a million lost animals wandering around America. Fortunately, yours don't have to be among them.

That's because there's now a free app with a "lost pet" function to make pets easier to track. All the other users of the app will be mobilized to help you. When your pet comes close to another Canhe-Fit user, an alert message appears on their phone, requesting them to share their GPS location with you.

Found And Fit

In addition, the technology will also monitor your pet's eating and exercise so you and your veterinarian can make any adjustments necessary to keep your cat or dog fit and healthy. Taking into account breed, age and weight, it streams data directly to the app, available from the Apple Store and Google Play. The app even offers suggestions about what your animal needs to maintain a healthy life.

A Real Find

The device can also help you locate a great investment for yourself and presents for your pet. When you contribute to the Indiegogo campaign that features several versions of this Canhe-Fit product, you're eligible for all sorts of special perks. Various



Your cat or dog can be safer and healthier and you could be wealthier with the help of a fundraising campaign for a pet fitness and tracking device.

options for all budgets include the opportunity to donate to an animal welfare association of your choice and have the amount matched up to 10 percent of your support. For an \$80 donation, you can get the Canhe-Fit product and a leather bracelet with two colored silicon caps and access to a way to support the charity. A \$25 donation gives you a choice of pet toys. Various other levels and prizes are also available.

Learn More

For further information on donation packages and the Indiegogo campaign, visit www.indiegogo.com/project/preview/fde840fd#. For more on the company, visit www.canhefit.com.