



Dear Readers

Marty Robertson
Editor

Well! As my family has stated since Saturday- "Help me, I've Fallen and I can't get up". As many of you know I fell in front of the post office Saturday morning and I am on crutches. I apologize for not making some events Saturday, I was at the emergency room-then at home on the couch with my foot propped up. My foot is not broken, only badly sprained. I would like to thank my daughter-in-law Donita for getting me to the hospital and my daughter Shari for taking pictures. It turned out to be quite a Saturday!

Remember the Barbecue and Dance this Saturday night benefiting the construction of a play area for Lollipop Junction. This is being sponsored by the Stratford Area Youth Care Agency, Inc.

Bike-A-Thon will be this Saturday at the Football field. Also the Pheasant Capital Run will be Saturday morning at the Football Field. Saturday will be another full day for activities in our city. As I stated before, there is always something to do in Stratford.

Football action is on page 5. Pictures and stories. Cross Country results on page 6. Hope to have some pictures later on of Cross Country.



Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor:

One of the primary objectives of the Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. has been to determine what the community would like in the way of new businesses and amenities and then work to obtain those business opportunities. Naturally, we all know that our highest priority is to create jobs, thereby increasing the population of Sherman County. However, in order to attract new businesses it is imperative that we support the existing businesses we already have. The first question a potential company CEO or entrepreneur asks is "Does your community support its local businesses?" And so we have to ask ourselves "Do we?"

I have to say that I am extremely proud of this community. In my marketing efforts this past year I found that this is indeed a very special place to live. In talking with members of other communities (with larger populations) I found that Stratford has amenities that several other larger towns don't even have!! Some examples are the County Library, the Lollipop Junction Daycare Center, the Imagination Station, A Modern Clinic and Nursing Home, and an Active Senior Citizens Organization. Also a full service Health Club and Gym, a Country Club, a Gun Club, A bootmaker, a weekly newspaper, a Dry Cleaners, a local foundation, and many others (just to name a few). These are services we tend to take for granted that most other towns our size don't

even have.

We now have more places to eat and more places to shop. And most of our existing businesses are trying to make changes to meet the demands of the community. It is a big risk and a huge effort to start a business in a small town but we have people who are doing it. That makes us a progressive community which will only become better for our children. So stop in our new restaurants, our new gift shop, our local health club, and our other new businesses and say "THANK YOU" for making our town better. And then stop by all of our existing businesses and say "WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO" for making us the great town we already are!

The SCDC will continue to work at obtaining more basic industry, additional housing, a new physician, and other objectives. But please remember that 10 new businesses which create two new jobs is the same as 1 new business creating 20 jobs. Don't forget or take for granted our small business growth or our wonderful amenities which we have because we have so many caring people.

Thank you for the support you have given the SCDC. We are looking forward to another year of growth and progress. I am proud to say that I am from Stratford, Texas.

Lorie Vincent

Dear Editor:

Critics of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have generated quite a bit of news lately. Now its time to tell the positive side of the story. While we in agriculture know we can't control many factors in our business, like the weather, we can influence our marketing environment through trade pacts like the NAFTA. We in the U.S. beef business have recognized that foreign markets are the key to sustained economic growth. And increased agricultural exports also mean more high skilled, better paying jobs in rural America.



School Menu

September 28- Baked weiners, macaroni/cheese, green beans, salad, rolls, fruit and milk.

September 29- Hamburger Pizza, tossed salad, whole-kernel corn, cherry cobbler and milk.

September 30- Chicken and noodles, English peas, carrot stick, rolls, peanut butter brownie and milk.

October 1- Hamburger with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle relish, tator tots, cinnamon rolls and milk.

We need the NAFTA to maintain our competitive edge in the global market place. Under the NAFTA, we will be assured that Mexico will not raise tariffs on U.S. products in the future, making Mexico, already our third largest market, much less risky. Other regions of the world, such as the European Community and the Pacific Rim, already have recognized the benefit of a unified trading bloc.

Failure to ratify the NAFTA carries its own long-term risk. Without the NAFTA, we're sending a message to other countries that the U.S. isn't ready to play hardball when confronted with unfair trading practices. With the NAFTA in place, the U.S., Canada and Mexico can jointly wield tremendous clout to keep level playing fields in the global market place.

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A Bridal Shower was held for Angela McGinnis bride-elect of Rick Carter Saturday September 18, 1993 in the home of Anna Mullican. Pictured left to right are Jennifer McGinnis Sister of the bride, Shirley McGinnis, mother of the bride, Angela, Mrs. Rex Williams, grandmother of the bride and Andrea Carter, groom's sister of Colby, Kansas.



A Bridal Shower was held for Marsha Diamond, bride-elect of Ty Tabor on Saturday September 18, 1993 in the home of Connie Reinhart. Pictured left to right are Marsha, Judy Diamond, mother of the bride, Fern Gupton, grandmother of the bride, Peggy Tabor, mother of the groom and Vivian Chote, grandmother of the bride.



A Couples Shower was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Flores Tuesday evening September 13, 1993 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Library Notes

By Dorothy Haile

Story Time for 3 and 4 year old children will begin on September 29th. The program will begin at 11:15 and will conclude at 12:00 noon.

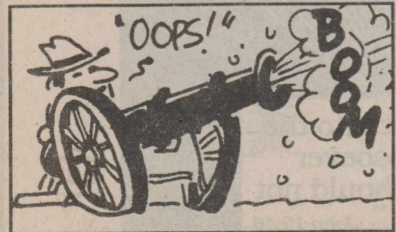
If possible, the library staff would appreciate a telephone call to pre-register your child prior to September 29th. Pre-registration makes it possible for us to have a name tag ready. We also need other information such as telephone numbers where the caretaker may be reached.

The fall programs will be based on animals. Bears will be featured on the first day. Children will hear stories about the animal and have a craft project that will relate to this theme.

Of course, the important thing is for your child to be able to check out books to be taken home for you to share a reading time with them. We encourage Children to take only three books at a time because that is about all they can carry with ease.

Books are loaned for a two week period. All books that are out longer than this incur a 10 cents fine. Help your child to care for books. Help them have a life long love for reading!

Library hours are Monday 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. Friday closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



One of the greatest battles of the War of 1812 occurred after the war was over. The Americans and British signed a peace treaty in December, 1814 but the news didn't reach the U.S. until after the Battle of New Orleans was fought in January of 1815.

Wedding Announced

Robert Lynn Williams and Amy Janine Camden were united in marriage Saturday Sept. 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Williams, Canyon Texas. The couple are in residence at Ft. Eustis Va until Oct. 15, 1993.

Reese Joins Navy

Leshawn R. Reese, daughter of Clarence Reese and Mary Reese of Stratford, has recently for the Cryptologic Technician (Operator) "A" School and will travel to the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., in August of 1994 to begin her Navy training.

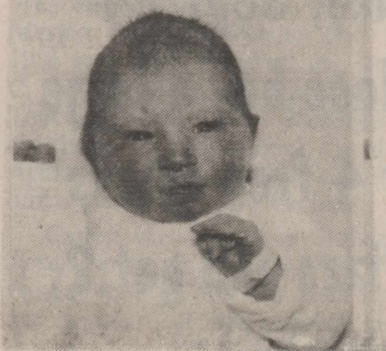
Cryptologic Technicians control the flow of classified messages and information. The kind of work they do is classified, and there are six separate career areas in which they may specialize.

Reese is a 1993 graduate of Stratford High School. After completing her recruit training, Reese will receive 9 weeks of advanced training at her school in Pensacola, Fla.

After successfully completing her advanced training, she could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.



Births



Ryan Ramiro Britton was born Aug. 12, 1993 to Mark and Maria Britton of Lake Havasu City, AZ.

He arrived at 9:22 p.m., weighed 7 lbs 10 1/2 oz's and measured 22 inches long.

Ryan is the first grandchild of Ramiro and Lupe Rodriguez of Stratford.

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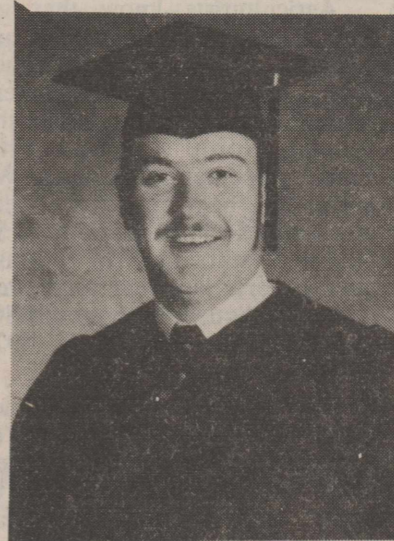
Clothing: 4 Adults and 4 Youth
Commercial Exhibits- 7 Exhibitors- Best of Show, Stratford Grain Co.
Crafts and Hobbies: 5 Youth Exhibitors- Best of Show, Brock Swain, baseball card collection. 15 Adults- Special exhibit- Harley Starnes carved Kachina collection.
Culinary- 13 Adult Exhibitors with 22 exhibits- Grand Champion- Desiree Davis, Picante sauce; Reserve Champion- Doris Dyess, Pear Preserves. 2 Youth Exhibits- Best of Show, Davy Brown- Cherry Jelly.
Educational Exhibits:- 8 Exhibits- Best of Show- Courthouse Employees.
Flowers: 11 Youth with 28 exhibits, Best of Show- Briah McClellan; 19 Adult exhibitors with 46 exhibits, Best of Show- Randy Goodsey.
Horticulture: 17 Youth exhibitors- Best of Show- Marca Ewers, sunflower. 10 Adult exhibitors- Best of Show- Max Stephenson, Peaches.
Photography: 19 Adult with 124 exhibits- Best of Show- Becky Asher, Buck Deer. Close-up; 2 Youth with 4 exhibits- Best of Show- Davy Brown, Llamas, farm animals!

PARADE RESULTS

Commercial:
 1st- First State Bank of Stratford
 2nd- First State Bank of Stratford- Mobile Home
 3rd- Ranger Motel
Organizational: Adult
 1st- Women's Division Chamber of Commerce
 2nd- Fireman's Auxilliary
 3rd- Sherman County Depot Museum
Organizational: Youth
 1st- The Imagination Station
 2nd- Lollipop Junction
 3rd- Baseball All-Stars
Non-Theme: Open Class
 1st- See You at the Pole
 2nd- TLC- Walter Lasley & Son- Old & New Feed trucks
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Riding Club
 1st- Dallam County 4-H Horse Club
Horse Riders:
 Senior Cowboy- Buddy Ward & Shawn Barrett
 Senior Cowgirl- Jessica Bryson
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 Junior Cowgirl- Laurie Wells
Kiddie Entries- Theme
 1st- Briah McClellan
 2nd- Tiffany Knight
 3rd- Lindsay Stein
 4th- Walter Spurlock
 5th- Joshua Francies
 6th- Josh Houston, Levi Houston & Jordan Biershank
Kiddie Entries- Non-Theme
 1st- Blain Goodwin
 2nd- Brian Booth
 3rd- Marcus McAlister
 4th- Josh Williams
 5th- Thomas Martinez
 6th- Merilee McDaniel

Engelbrecht Receives Degree

summer commencement.



Jon Eric Engelbrecht received a Bachelor of Business Administrator degree in late Mr. & Mrs. Howard Apel of accounting and finance from Panhandle. He is a 1989 graduate of Stratford High School.

While attending the university, Jon was a member of the TAMU Accounting Society and the TAMU Financial Management Association. He served as a volunteer accounting tutor at the university under the direction of the Department of Accounting. He was also a member of the College Republicans.

Jon is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting honor society and the American Association of Individual Investors. He is employed by Edward D. Jones and Co., investment brokers.

Jon is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Engelbrecht and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Engelbrecht of Amarillo and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Apel of Panhandle. He is a 1989 graduate of Stratford High School.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Mrs. David Bebee nee Janie Kirkpatrick Saturday, September 25, 1993 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the home of Mrs. Larry Drake 108 North Third Street Stratford, Texas

This day their hearts are joined as one Together with their parents Marsha Leigh Diamond and Eric Tyrone Tabor invite you to share with them a celebration of love The ceremony will be held on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of September nineteen hundred and ninety-three at four o'clock in the afternoon First United Methodist Church Stratford, Texas

Reception following ceremony

Kathleen Renee Payne and Ruben Rendon request the honor of your presence at their marriage Saturday, the twenty-fifth of September Nineteen hundred and ninety-three at two o'clock in the afternoon City Park Gazebo Stratford, Texas

Reception following at Parish Hall

In case of bad weather, will be held at County Barn.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is holding an exhibition commemorating an American design triumph of 1973. The exhibit, supported by Halston Enterprises, is on display September 9, 1993 through November 28, 1993.

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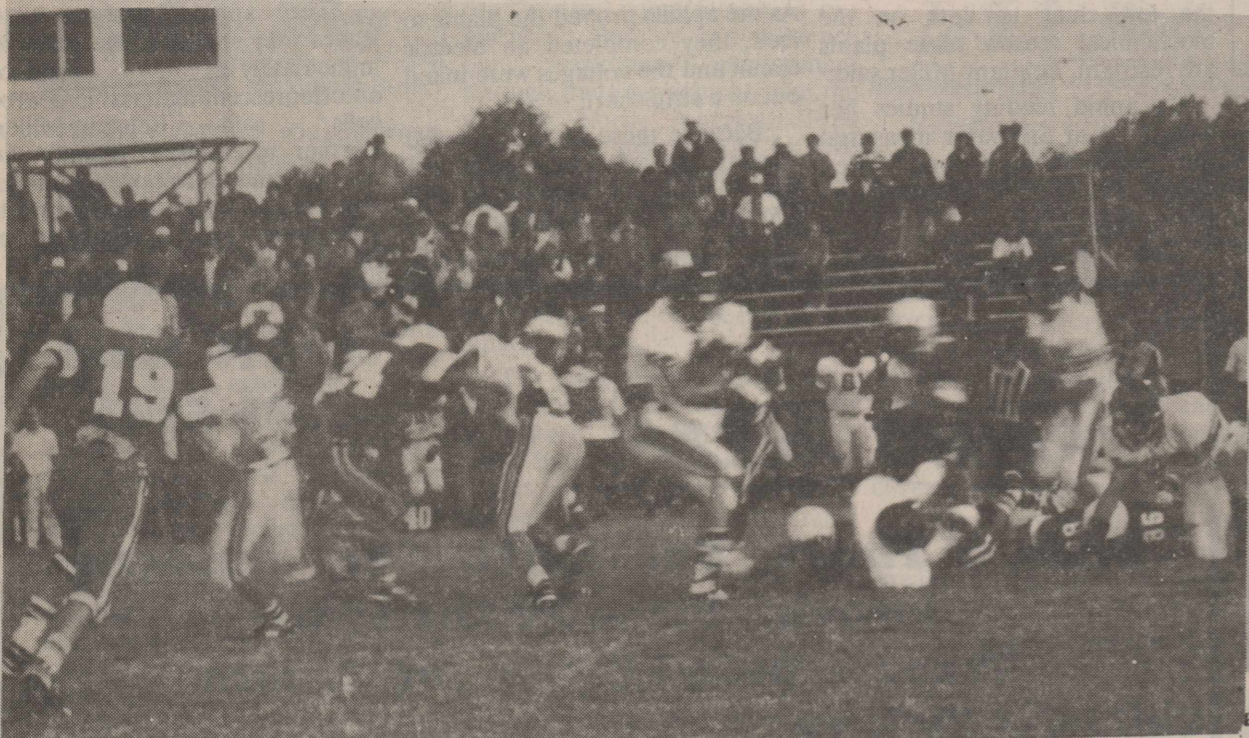
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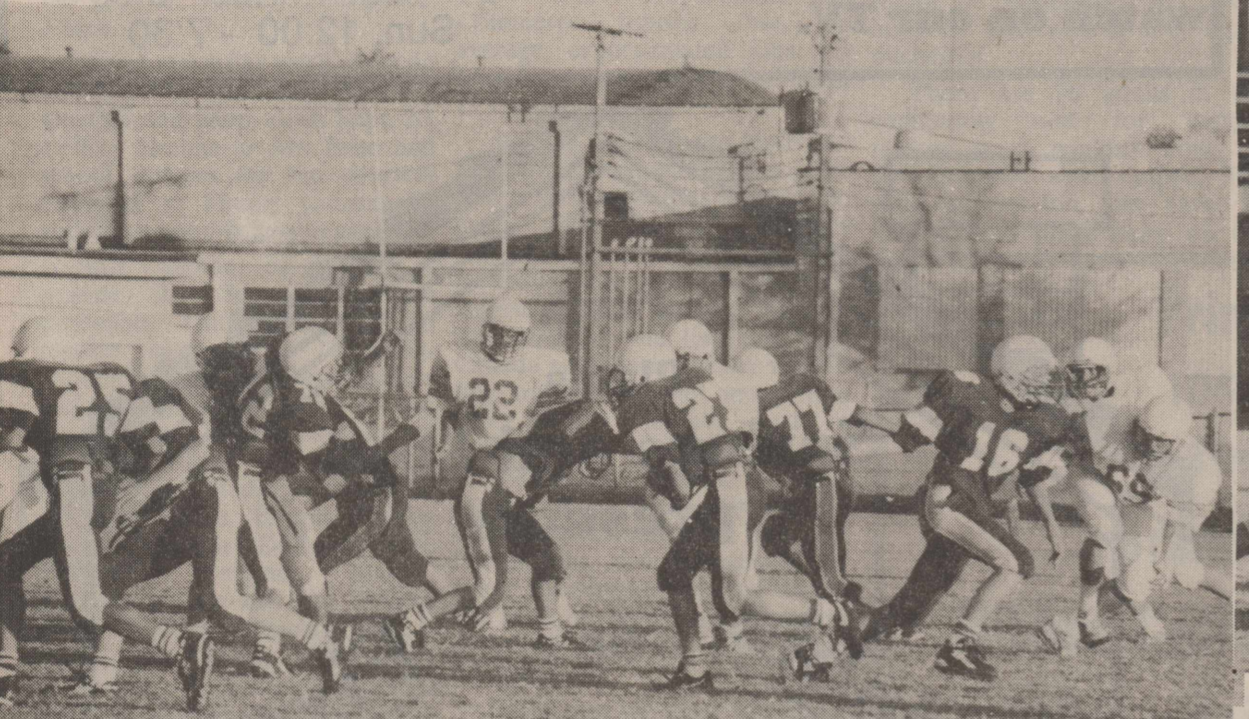
Elk Football Action



Pictured during the game against Canadian are #11 Marcus Lavake, #24 Ben Pigman and #86 Ryan Warner.



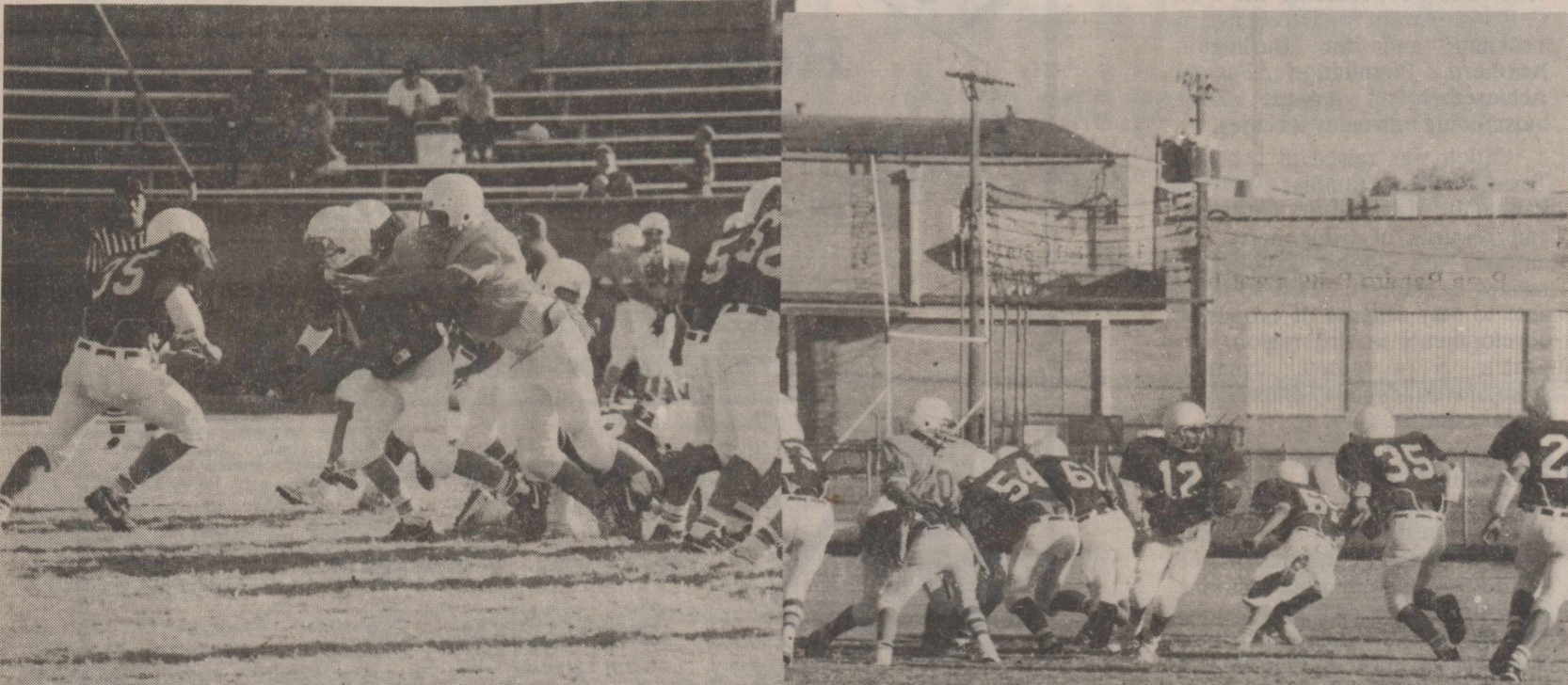
Marcus Lavake #11, #71 Trew James, #52 Julian Licon and #85 Chandler Smith shown during Elk action against Canadian last Friday night.



Brandon Aduddell #27 carries the ball for the J.V. Also shown are #25 J.B. Presley, #72 W.G. Lasley, #77 Rudy Gonzalez and #16 Chris Haynes.



Chris Haynes #16 is shown handing off to #27 Brandon Aduddell at the J.V. game last Thursday. Also pictured are #33 Adam Genn and #50 James Vigil.



Pictured during the Jr. High game last Thursday night are #73 Anthony Lucero, #54 Finnan McClellan, #62 Gabriel Gonzalez, #62 Gabriel Gonzalez, #65 Mark Meil, #35 Justin Starnes and #24 Chris Bell.

Stratford will play their first district game this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. against Spearman.

Stratford's Junior Varsity team, plagued by injuries, lost to Boys Ranch Thursday night at Elk Stadium by a score of 18-0.

First half of the game showed good defense by the Elks, keeping the score 0-0. Elk offense was stopped by Boys Ranch.

During the third quarter, Boys Ranch made six points from a touchdown but failed to make the extra points. Elks made progress by a pass caught by Ryan Davis and a fumble recovery by Michael Meil, but the team failed to score.

Fourth quarter brought two touchdowns by Boys Ranch but no extra points. Score at the end of the game was Boys Ranch 18, Elks 0.

Running Backs. J.B. Presley, Brandon Aduddell, and Ty Young made yardage for the J.V.'s Defense was helped by plays from James Vigil, Kyle Ellison, W.G. Lasley, Rudy Gonzales and Jared Sims.

Stratford had their first loss Friday night against Canadian. The Elks lost by 27 to 12.

The win gives Stratford a 2-1 record. Canadian is now 2-1.

Canadian jumped out to a 13-point first-quarter lead on their way to the win.

Stratford cut the lead to 13-6 on an 80-yard run by Heath Starnes.

Stratford scored a fourth quarter touchdown on a 10 yard run by Heath Starnes.

Heath Starnes rushed for 167 yards, Clint Vincent for 70, Oscar Baeza for 11 Marcus Lavake for 7 for a total of 255 yards rushing.

Marcus Lavake passed for 44 yards for the night.

Chan Smith had 21 yards receiving, Clint Craig had 11, Clint Vincent had 12 for a total of 44 yards.

Adrian Aguilera had a 19 yards kickoff return. Ben Pigman had 4 kickoffs for a total of 185 yards.

JV Elks will play next game at Spearman following the Junior High game on Thursday, Sept. 23rd.

Stratford's Junior High football team was host to Boys Ranch Thursday at Elk Stadium. This game was the team's second of the season and its second tie game. The score was 14-14.

The first quarter provided touchdowns for both teams. Boys Ranch scored first and ran for extra points. Chris Bell made both the touchdown and extra points for the Elk Junior High team.

Boys Ranch was plagued with several penalties in second quarter. Cliff Moore made an interception for the Elks but neither team scored before halftime. The score at halftime was 8-8.

The third quarter was scoreless but the fourth quarter provided a touchdown for the Elk's team made by Michael Navarrete. The

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Cross Country Results



County Agent

By Jim Allison

Cross Country Results from Perryton Wolf Creek Classic were Borger took 1st place with 59 points, Stratford 2nd with 73, Booker third place for 103 pts. Wheeler 162 pts. and Perryton 172. West Texas 185, Panhandle 198, Gruver 227, White Deer 243, Dalhart 264 and Sunray 267.

Individual placements were 1st place Kelli Wight, time of 13:26; 7th place Lea Shuping time of 14:10; 20th place Sarah Ortega time of 14:56; 22nd place Chaney Rhoades time of 14:58; 23 place Elly Rhoades time of 14:59; 25 place Anita Rapp time of 15:03 and 31 place Autumn Woolsey time of 15:15.

Junior High won 1st at the Borger meet with Stratford getting 36 points and Borger had 39. Wheeler came in 3rd with 101 pts.; Panhandle came in 4th with 164 points, Sunray came in 5th with 192.

Individual placements were 2nd place Audrey Acevedo time of 14:52; Hillary Frank came in 4th time of 15:18; Floria Aguilera 5th place time of 15:42; Cara Lavake came in 6th place time of 15:50; Lori Brooks came in 19th time of 17:15.

At Borger on Sept. 4 the JV Girls took 1st place with 37 points.

Audrianna Acevedo came in 1 with 14.008; Hillary Frank came in 3rd time of 14.391; Cara Lavake came in 6th place time of 15.194; Floria Aguilera came in 7 time of 15.202 and Lori Brooks came in 20 time of 15.599.

Jr. High Girls at Wolf Creek Classic at Perryton were 2nd place Jennifer King time of 13:51; 5th place Ashley Stoy 14:48; 7th Annie Ortega 15:11; 8th place Jasmin Sanchez time of 15:13; 9th Lori Young time of 15:36. 12th place Ashley Lasley 15:48.7; 13th place Hillary Baskin 15:58.2; 17th place Joy Burkhalter time 16:08.6; Cassie Bell 28th place time of 17:02 and TaiAnn Brownlee placed 32 time of 17:14; Amy Sladek came in 40th time of 18:10.

At the Hereford Cross Country Meet on Saturday Sept. 18th team results were 1st place Canyon with 22 points, 2nd place was Stratford score of 73 pts. Muleshoe came in 3rd place with 89 pts. 4th place was Sanford-Fritch and 5th was Perryton.

Individual scoring was Kelli Wight 3rd place time of 13.13.80; Lea Shaping came in 10 place time of 13.32.04; Sarah Ortega came in 24th time of 14.02.85. Audrianna Acevedo came in 26 time of 14.04.67. Chaney Rhoades came in 32 time of 14.21.50. #53 place Hillary Frank 14:41. #73 place Anita Rapp 15:04. #93 Gloria Aguilera time of 15:19. 102 place Cara Lavake 15:29 and 130 place Lori Brooks time of 16:20.

Washington, Sept. 1-A Russian wheat aphid's bite on barley leaves may ultimately betray it by helping researchers find barley plants that resist the pest's attacks.

Visible only through a microscope, the aphid's feeding probe produces "needle tracks" on the punctured leaves. U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists at Stillwater, Okla., have discovered that plant cells around these punctures collapse and emit a faint glow under ultraviolet light, called autofluorescence.

By counting the glowing sites, the researchers can determine which leaves are probed most frequently. Other studies at Stillwater suggest the plants with the most puncture marks actually are less palatable to the aphids, causing the pests to keep on probing in search of a tasty spot.

Plant physiologist Helen Belefant-Miller said the findings open the way to faster development of aphid-resistant barley breeding lines.

"By monitoring the amount of autofluorescence, we can identify aphid-resistance plants in a single day, compared with the three weeks normally required to test barley seedlings for resistance," said Belefant-Miller of USDA's Agricultural Research Service. "Autofluorescence is the fastest plant response to Russian wheat aphids seen so far."

Researchers currently calculate a barley plant's resistance based on a numerical damage score for advanced symptoms of a Russian wheat aphid infestation, such as white streaked leaves, leaves that fail to unroll as they grow, and even plant death.

Checking for high numbers of collapsed autofluorescent cells could be a more objective and quicker means of evaluating plant breeding lines for resistance, especially with advances in computerized video-imaging technology, said Belefant-Miller. She works at the ARS Science Research Laboratory in Stillwater.

Until now, scientists had seen autofluorescence in plant only as a

result of infection by disease-causing microbes. The discovery that Russian wheat aphid attacks elicit a similar response is one of the few clues to date on the biochemical reason some plants are resistant, Belefant-Miller said.

strands of gold filament to tether the aphids to electrical recording devices. They also wired the plants to the recording devices. As the aphids probed the plants to feed, they completed an electric circuit and the voltages were inked out on a strip chart.

Because these records showed Russian wheat aphids spent less time feeding on resistant barleys and probed the resistant plants more often, the researchers

concluded the aphids kept searching in vain for desirable feeding sites.

"The aphids probing into leaves may stimulate the plant to immediately produce autofluorescent material in nearby cells," said Belefant-Miller. Further research to identify the material and learn how it is made, she added, could help scientists understand genetic regulation of the response.

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Dr. Catlett, To Speak At Guymon, Sept. 30th

Dr. Lowell B. Catlett, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Business at New Mexico State University, will appear Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon. Dr. Catlett's presentation is the highlight a week of special activities planned by The First National Bank of Guymon for their Customer Appreciation Week, September 27 through October 1st.

Catlett is a consultant and advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Interior and United States Army. With a PhD in Economics from Iowa State University, he teaches and conducts research in the areas of marketing, policy, futures and options markets, management, and futuristic issues.

Dr. Catlett is a coauthor of two textbooks "Farm and Ranch Financial Management," and "Cash Flow Management." Forthcoming books are "Investing in Agriculture Real Estate" and "Investing in Futures and Options Markets." Current book projects are "Green Cows, Quagags and Mummies"--a look at the emerging trends that are likely to impact society, careers and lives at the beginning of the next century and

"How Many Einsteins"--a look at the changing face of education and achieving maximum performance from individuals. In addition, he is the author of over 200 reports, articles and papers.

In 1985, Dr. Catlett was voted "Teacher of the Year" at New Mexico State University and in 1986 and 1989, received the Don C. Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for outstanding university teaching.

Catlett was raised in Dalhart, Texas, so he is familiar with the Panhandle area and the hardships and rewards of living here. His mother, Mrs. Bobbie Catlett, still resides in Dalhart, Texas so he is able to stay abreast of economic developments in this region. Dr. Catlett is a gifted, dynamic speaker who is sure to entertain as well as educate.

Tickets for Catlett's presentation on Thursday, September 30th are available free of charge in the lobby of the First National Bank of Guymon. Dinner will be provided, and admission is by advance ticket or R.S.V.P. only. Stop by the First National Bank of Guymon and pick up your tickets for this enjoyable and informative evening September 30th.

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Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

As promised, the seminar that I attended on the 14th was excellent. It commenced at 10 a.m. with two very good and well informed speakers regarding how, who, what and when to export. However the highlight was John Sharp the State Comptroller of the great State of Texas was the keynote speaker following lunch.

He got the "lottery" off of his chest the first thing. This will be handled under a separate umbrella, very soon. He did tell his audience that out of all of the states who have a lottery that we have the most efficient ran with the least amount of workers of any state. His way of trimming government spending. The lottery has done twice what it had anticipated. He said he knew gambling was not correct and told a story of a minister, possibly of Mr. Sharps own faith that wanted very much to try his luck. He did and he won with five correct numbers. He sent a friend to cash in to only be turned away. It would seem the friend had not paid off his student loan, of many years. So you that play the lottery best not owe the government any money-cause' they're gonna getcha!

He talked at great length about the NAFTA: more business, and more jobs for Texas. And it was going to happen whether Congress approved or not. We are and have been doing more business with our neighbors Mexico and will be doing business with South America; as well as Canada, big time. "IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN" and it could not be sweeter for the great State of Texas. Mr. Sharp said anything with the Texas logo was on demand. WE just need to look for and promote all that this great state has to offer. He commented that it been said the USA was behind in technology, education-wrong speaking for the state of Texas. Mr. Sharp said that no country ever grew by restricting its access to foreign markets and raising its tariff--this did not make for prosperity growth. To the contrary; the more isolated a nation's economy, the more likely it is to be backward and poverty-stricken. He said of course there are some people here in America that believe and would have you believe it is in our best interest to reject the North American Free Trade Agreement.

As it now stands, NAFTA will eliminate tariffs and many non-tariff barriers between the US, Canada and Mexico. Mr. Sharp said it is a dramatic breakthrough, with far reaching and generally positive implications for global trade, the environment and illegal immigration., AND in addition to these macroeconomic issues, NAFTA will touch the lives of workers and their employers throughout Texas. It will also increase trade and create thousands of much needed jobs in key industries across this state. So for all of these reasons-Texans should extend their wholehearted support to NAFTA.

He concluded with what will be happening to Food stamps. For ever since the inception of helping the poor, a printer in New York, UPS, and others have made millions each off of Texans when there could be a more efficient and less costly to the state by putting the welfare of food stamps on a machine, much like our visa card. That way those that are using food stamps could only use the money for food. As it is now they can buy a little food get change back and go out with saving the change and buy TV's Sattelites, new cars. Mr. Sharp said of course the printer in New York is crying, as well as the others in the production and delivery of the present foot stamps. This is just another way to streamline State spending.

You can be assured Mr. John Sharp got a standing ovation.

Following Mr. Sharp, Mr. Ed Sosa, from the Department of Commerce spoke on the how to get loans. A banker for 18 years he knew bankers and what they were up against. He said all he needed was three things and he could get you the money for exporting, #1. A Profile including how long, a little about yourself and your background. #2 Your most recent Financial Statement & #3 A letter of Credit and within 24 hours he would have a positive answer for you.

From the Texas Report there was a well written article, written by Harry A. Hammerly, Executive V.P. International Operations and Corporate Services, 3M. In his report he wrote that in 1986

México began a bold program of economic reform. Average tariffs have been reduced from 30% to around 10% and other trade barriers have been eliminated. These policies were adopted because Mexican officials felt that the benefits of a more open competitiveness even against economic powerhouses like the US-outweighed the risks.

Consequently for 3M, there has been more open trade resulting in more exports and more jobs. As an example in Brownwood, Tex. 3M, in 1992 exported \$10.5 million in reflective sheeting material (for highways signs and vehicle plates) and other products to Mexico.

Contrary to some expectations, the new U.S. jobs are mostly in manufacturing, while the Mexican jobs are primarily in sales and marketing.

In addition benefits flow to companies that supply raw materials, services-over 2,000 businesses in Texas.

The state's exports to Mexico have grown at an average annual rate of 24.9 percent since 1987, reaching \$18.8 billion in 1992. In the manufacturing sector alone, this boom in Mexico exports has created an estimated 61,500 jobs.

Mr. Hammerly says that NAFTA will bring about similar-if not greater-gains. Besides jobs, raising the standard of living in participating countries. It will relieve the economic need that drives illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Not only will it boost and provide for we Texans a jump in our economy it will lead to a better standard of living in Mexico, which will lead to more Mexicans tourism and retail purchases in Texas.

Despite the advantages, powerful forces have been marshalled against NAFTA. Some industries expect to be at a competitive disadvantage without protection and they along with organized labor and some environmental organizations-are opposed to the agreement.

3M and this is Mr. Hammerly's company itself could be said to have profited from Mexico's tariff protecting. When the Mexican market was walled off behind trade barriers. 3M Mexico could charge higher prices for its products. The company made money and expanded at a constant, solid sustainable pace. Nevertheless, 3M is supporting

NAFTA. They are eager to take their chances in more competition because it will provide the greatest benefit for the greatest number of people.

There is a need for all parties to write business associates in their own congressional delegation. In the long run, NAFTA will affect all states. We need to take a minute to write our own representative, colleagues suggesting they let their voices be heard. We do not want NAFTA to fail because we did not help.

And you say what has that got to do with Stratford, Sherman County! Who knows we may be sitting on a gold mine and don't realize it. We do export beef and grain, but is there more?

On Wednesday the 22nd I will be going to Amarillo to a RECYCLING Seminar. Hopefully we can find answers to where recycled materials can be taken, prices, costs etc. We have the people that want to and do recycle we just need an individual a place where recyclables can be stored and go from there. With the city raising the price of picking up our trash we best be finding out where, who, and what.

Next week we will talk about proposition 2. A priority for TEXAS business.



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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's news magazine, Arbor Day, which includes regular features about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 1993.

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The **Texhoma Independent School District** is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on **September 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Texhoma I.S.D. Board Room**

Stocking Rate Cont. from page 1
major objectives of three upcoming educational symposia to be conducted in Victoria, Amarillo and Fredericksburg during October.

Topics to be discussed will be:
*why stocking rate decisions are important,
*managing stocking rates to achieve (a) range resource goals, (b) livestock production goals, (c) wildlife goals and (d) financial goals.

*managing stocking rates to prevent adverse environmental impacts
*rancher approaches to adjusting stocking rates.
*techniques for improving

stocking rate decisions. These symposia will utilize recognized authorities in each topic with ranchers and experts discussing techniques one can use to improve stocking rate decisions.

Jim Allison, County Extension Agent, as announced the Amarillo Symposium will be Monday, October 11, 1993 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

More information or pre-registration for the Amarillo meeting may be obtained from your County Agricultural Agent or by calling J.F. Cadenhead, Extension Range Specialist in Vernon at 817/552-9941. Registration at the door will be more expensive, so pre register now before October 1, 1993.

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