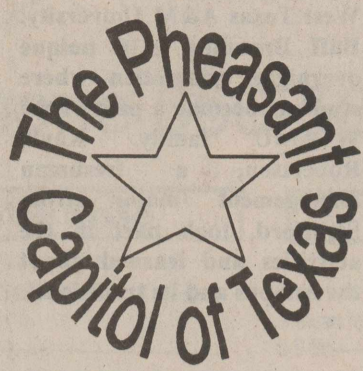
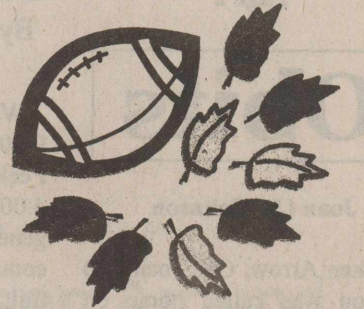


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Homecoming King & Queen

Crowned Homecoming King and Queen at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 2, 2005 were Brady Bell and Cassi Garza.



Horsford Recognized

Dinah Horsford of Stratford was recognized as one Distinguished 4-H Leader from Sherman County at the Panhandle District Distinguished Leaders Luncheon held August 27 in Borger. Walter Spurlock, Sherman County 4-H Council President presented Dinah her award at the Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night. Volunteer leaders are the key to the 4-H program and are valued greatly by 4-H members, parents, and Texas Cooperative Extension personnel.

Cooking for 1 or 2 Class Monday

The final session of Cooking for Pairs and Spares will be held Monday, September 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall.

During the two hour session, participants will gain tips for preparing foods to meet special food needs such as low sodium, low sugar, and high fiber. In addition, participants will learn ways to reduce recipes designed for large groups, new food preparation tools and equipment for ease in food preparation and food safety tips.

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension-Sherman County in collaboration with Sherman County Older Texans, the cooking school is open to all persons regardless of age, socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

For more information or to pre-enroll in the class, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-366-2122.

Pronger Exhibit at Depot Museum

The Pronger Brothers Ranch received two awards this year for 100 years of continuous land ownership by the same family: One from the Texas Family Land heritage Program and one from the American Hereford Breeders Association in Kansas City.

The Pronger Ranch always had children visiting this picture shows Margarite Reeder at left, Alfred held by Penny Pronger Bennett in 1920; on the horse are Doris Pronger Dyess, Virgie Smith, Glenna Blackburn, Martha Blackburn Harrison and Velma Norvel Blackwell. Come see many more pictures at the Depot Museum.



SPiRiT US Hwy. 54 Coalition Annual Meeting September 22-23, 2005-Wichita, KS

The US Hwy. 54 Coalition "SPiRiT" will hold their annual meeting in Wichita, Kansas, Thursday Afternoon September 22 through Friday September 23 at the "Hotel at Old Town". The Program will begin with a reception from 5-8 at the City Arts. Susan Binder of the Federal Highway Administration will speak on "What's in store for 54". Continued program on Friday will consist of reports from state Departments of Transportation, Federal legislative panel, the trucking industry and a look ahead, the future of NAFTA. Registration for the event is \$25.00 sent to SPiRiT, P.O. Box 676, Liberal, KS 67905. For more information call 620-624-3855 or www.southwestpassage.org.

Annual EMS/Trauma Regional Needs Assessment-Sept. 15

The Annual EMS/Trauma Regional Needs Assessment is scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the NWTSS Pavilion Auditorium, 7201 Evans (in the Medical Center), Amarillo. All Texas Panhandle residents are invited to attend and comment. A progress report on needs identified in 2004 will be presented at the meeting.

The Panhandle Regional Advisory Council for Trauma Service Area A is the designated administrative agency for the Panhandle Regional EMS/Trauma Services System. Membership is open to all regional hospitals, emergency medical services, first responders, physicians, law enforcement, community leaders, and others interested in improving trauma and emergency medical services in the Texas Panhandle.

We are also soliciting comments and concerns via letter, fax, telephone, and/or e-mail prior to the meeting. Any comments received will be reviewed during the public forum. Contact the RAC office at 4101 Mockingbird, Amarillo, TX 79109, phone (806) 358-7114, fax (806) 358-2648, or email hkaye@arn.net With your comments.

Alternatively, you may contact your local hospital trauma coordinator or ambulance service director, who will bring your comments to the meeting.

Identified needs will be addressed over the next year by the RAC Executive Board and Standing Committees.

Katrina Hurricane Victim Aid

The Stratford High School Student Council is in the process of gathering items for the Katrina hurricane victims. The American Red Cross is only accepting money at this time, but the High Plains' Food Bank is in need of paper goods and personal hygiene items. They are asking for items such as paper towels, paper plates, plastic ware, facial tissue, disposable cups, women's feminine products, toilet paper, Depends, diapers, wipes, and trash bags. They are also in need of personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, cotton swabs, alcohol, cotton balls, and hand sanitizer.

If you would like to donate any items, there are boxes at each school. The student council will collect them each day, and when we get a load, we will deliver everything to Amarillo.

If you would prefer to donate money, please make your checks to the American Red Cross and deliver them to a school secretary or to Mrs. Russell.

Awareness Level National Incident Management System Training Session Sept. 20th 6:30 p.m.

Sherman County Emergency Management will be hosting an awareness level National Incident Management System training session September 20, 2005, 6:30 p.m. at the Stratford Fire Department. This course is for fire department, law enforcement, emergency medical services, local elected officials and local administrative officials.

Participating in the NIMS training will prepare Sherman County first responders and elected and administrative officials to work effectively together to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size or complexity.

We strongly urge all Sherman County first responders, elected officials and administrative officials to attend this important training session.

You may contact Sandy Williams at 753-7330 or 366-5330 for more information.

Shown at right, L to R is Dave McReynolds, Millie Hacker and Ann Wells. Dave gave his negatives, photographs, annuals and an old scythe to the Sherman County Depot Museum on Monday, September 12th. Watch for it being displayed in the future. Thank you Dave.



Pittman a Winner

First State Bank of Stratford donated (2) \$250 prizes for "closest to the pin" at the Circle of Friends Golf Tournament. Pictured above is one of the winners, Duane Pittman (left), along with Tim Weldon of First State Bank. The other winner was Shirley Sanchez, of Dumas.

USDA Rural Development & Texas Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas Assists Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

Temple, TX Sept. 6th, 2005- USDA Rural Development and the Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas are working together to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors in finding available housing.

"USDA Rural Development is working closely with the Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas to assist hurricane evacuees relocating to Texas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Our primary concern is facilitating the relocation of families into homes where they can begin to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the hurricane."

According to state officials, about 240,000 Louisianans have found sanctuary in the Lone Star State in hotels and large

shelters. Many more are in church-run shelters and even some in private homes.

USDA Rural Development continues to work with the Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas to identify privately owned rental housing available to house displaced residents. Currently 2,500 apartments have been identified as property owners have stepped forward to offer their assistance with the long-term relocation of evacuees. To ensure displaced residents are able to move into safe housing as quickly as possible, USDA has established an expedited placement process.

Additional information and updates about USDA's hurricane relief efforts are posted daily at

<http://www.usda.gov/>. For more information about making contributors for disaster assistance go to <http://www.firstgov.gov> and <http://disasterhelp.gov>



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Obits

Joan (Jo) Johnson

Broken Arrow, OK. Joan (Jo) Johnson was called home on September 10, 2005.

Services are to be held Friday, September 16, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Cedar Heights Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, TX. With Jerry Johnson Officiating.

Joan was born in Roswell, New Mexico on February 10, 1938. She attended elementary and high school there until she graduated in 1956. Her mother died in 1957 leaving Jo as the primary caregiver to her two younger sisters.

In 1959 Joan moved to Sayre, Oklahoma. She worked at Peaches variety also known as Ben Franklin.

Joans' nickname was Jo. In 1967 she married the love of her life Tommy Johnson at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Tommy worked survey crews for Sun Oil Company. Joan and Tommy together lived in Weatherford, Oklahoma, Elk City, Oklahoma and Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Later they moved to Coppell, Texas where their son Nathan was born in 1971 at the Irving Community Hospital. Tommy continued to work for Sun Oil, Oryx and Kerr McGee. After moving to Cedar Hill, Texas in the early 1970's and remained there until present.

Jo was a loving Mother and a Homemaker who enjoyed arts, crafts and sewing. She had a large number of Nieces and Nephews and loved them all dearly.

Up until her illness Jo was an active member of the Cedar Heights Baptist Church.

Jo is preceded in death by her husband Tommy Johnson. Her parents N.D. (Dan Smith) and Mary Lee (Elder) Smith. Two sisters: Evelyn Laverne (Suzy) Walker, Wilma Fern Batdorf.

She is survived by her son Nathan Daniel Johnson of Cedar Hill, Texas. Brother Edward H. Smith of Stratford

TX. Sisters Carol (Smith) Robison and her husband Don of Cedar Hill, Texas, Margaret (Smith) Teakell and her husband Russell of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Uncle Otis (Smokey) Elder of Monterrey, CA and a host of many loving Nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

Good Luck Stratford Elks

The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

Whale of a Sale September 17-9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sneak a Peek for \$1.00 September 16 from 4:00-6:00.

Thanks to the generous support of the community, the building is full-full: Room size carpet, furniture, ladies clothes (many 10-12), men's 2XX to medium, boys, girls, shoes some still in boxes, table saws, light fixtures, luggage, Christmas items, Toys-Toys!, Books, Baskets-Baskets, small electric appliances, household items, decorator items, Unique Boutique (new and almost), yarn, lace, material. Remaining items will be taken to Safe Place, Salvation Army or Goodwill. Funds from this sale help keep the lights on so we can bring interesting programs to the community.

Interesting programs coming up: "The Haunted Place" October 27th; Exhibit on the 43 Presidents of the United States (come by and see the White House) will open November 12 with an Exhibit Dinner and remain open to the public through the Christmas Parade Stew Supper, November 30th

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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

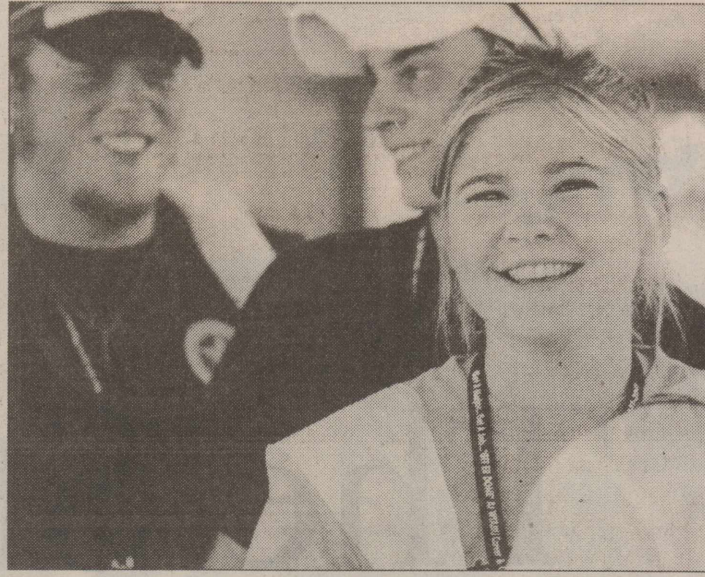
With September passing at a rapid rate, maybe we should be reminded of some up-coming SCOT activities.

On Thursday, September 15, we will have the birthday party at 2 p.m., and bingo will be that evening at 7.

Then on the 20th, the crafts group will meet at 5 p.m., and the board meeting will be at 5:30.

Our luncheon will be on the 22nd, so we will want to come out for all the good food and visiting.

Line dancing is still being done on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. There is room for a lot more dancers, so new dancers would be welcome.



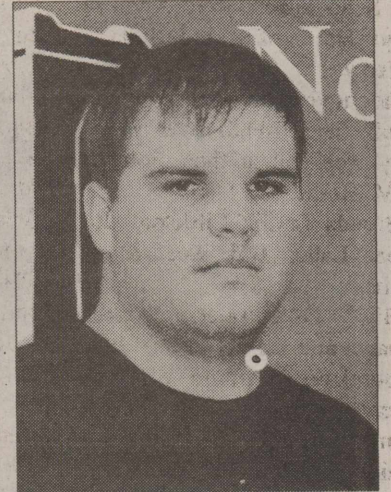
Kayla Robertson

Robertson Takes Part in Buff Branding

More than 250 new students took part in the 24th annual Buff Branding Aug. 26-27 at West Texas A&M University. Buff Branding is a unique overnight orientation where students become a part of the WTAMU family. Kayla Robertson, a freshman management major from Stratford, took part in the activities and learned about the campus and its traditions.

Miller Attends Freshman Orientation

Mark Miller of Stratford was among entering students who participated in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Freshman Orientation at the beginning of the fall semester. After registration and a welcome by university officials, the students received a brief introduction to Northwestern, participated in ice-breaker games, toured the J.R. Holder Wellness Center and completed various administrative requirements. The students also heard motivational speaker Sheila Shaw of Wichita and received Northwestern T-shirts exclusive to this class. Orientation will continue throughout the fall semester as each student is enrolled in a Ranger Connection class designed to ease the transition from high school to college.



Mark Miller

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Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Stratford conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Stratford from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by .0588 percent on September 7, 2005 and September 8, 2005

The City of Stratford is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Reed Schoonover celebrated his 11th birthday with a "slumber less" party Friday night. Early evening celebrators included grandparents Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, also Kendra & Bryon Mungia, Kaylee & Madison Mungia and sister Rese.

Overnight guests were Colten Rendon, Justin Mungia, Preston Burr, Alex Chavoya, and Rett Schoonover.

Visiting Sunday briefly with the Schoonovers were Alvin & Dayle Harris of South Dakota.

Terry and Barbara Schoonover hosted a group of family and friends over Labor Day weekend at their Folsom, N.M. Home.

Brenda Taylor, Littleton, CO. spent Labor Day weekend at Kerrick.

Bill Gillenwaters helped Duane and family move from Mooreland to north of there over the weekend. Donna stayed home and had Kaylee and Kaiden of Bushland visiting.

There will be a community supper on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Heard there would be some homemade ice cream, too.

New York Times Fiction Best Sellers at the Sherman County Public Library

1. Polar Shift by Clive Kessler
2. The Historian: A Novel by Elizabeth Kosovo
3. Slow Burn by Julie Garwood
4. The Ad Vinci Code by Dan Brown
5. Point Blank by Catherine Coulter
6. Chill Factor by Sandra Brown
7. Lifeguard by James Patterson
8. Without Mercy by Jack Higgins
9. Sweetwater Creek by Ann Rivers Siddons
11. Vanish by Jess Gerritsen
15. The Mermaid Chair by Sue Monk Kidd
17. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
18. No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy
19. Match Me If You Can by Susan Elizabeth Phillips
26. Straight into Darkness by Faye Kellerman
29. Double Tap by Steve Martini
30. True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
31. Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
34. Crusaders Cross by James Lee Burke

Beat White Deer

Prospectus to Host District Meet

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club held their first meeting of the new club year Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Sherman County Library. D'Lynn Reed, president, conducted the busy meeting. Plans were completed for Top of Texas District meeting Saturday, Oct. 1. Area clubs will meet at the Stratford Assembly of God fellowship hall.

Betty Unlaub, Dumas, District President, has announced three outstanding speakers. They are Emily Nolte, Regional Disaster Planner, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; David Solis, Regional Liaison Officer for Department of Public Safety, Governor's Division of Emergency Management; Claudia McQueen, Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator.

Send name, registration of \$3.00 and \$10.00 for luncheon to Top of Texas District to Betty Unlaub, Box 302, Dumas, TX 79029.

Club will be selling SHS Chrome Vehicle Emblems, chrome, not plastic. They are a fundraiser for the club scholarship fund. Ask any club member.

The club budget for 2005-2006 was revised. New pages for the yearbook were distributed.

Dues for the year are now due. Give to Patti Vincent.

Gina Jones was voted in as a new member. A recent new member is Ashley Lavake. Terri Carter was a visitor.

Members present were D'Lynn Reed, Marsha Wright, Dorothy Haile, Oline Caraway, Margaret Reed, Sandra Baskin, Marylou McDaniel, Joyce Hart, Paula Everett, Linda Swain, Ann Johnson, and Pat Harman.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Readers,

I hope the community is still thinking of a grade separation over the UP/SP railroad in Stratford. Monday morning all crossing were blocked from about 6:15 to nearly 8:00 A.M. due to an accident at one of the crossings. It was difficult for emergency responders, through traffic and residents to get to work or school. Traffic was re-routed to country roads. Think about it.

Gaynelle Riffe

AIDA to be at Amarillo Little Theatre Mainstage

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to present the regional premiere of Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA as its first mainstage production of the 2005-06 season. This enormously successful Broadway musical is a contemporary take on the grand classic tale of the love between a soldier and an enslaved princess. This love condemns them to death, but ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between two warring nations. It is a great classic story that seems so timely for our modern world.

A phenomenal cast has been assembled for this production including Leigh Anne Stewart as Aida, Jason Hudson as Radames and Terry Robertson-Baker as Amneris. These characters form the love triangle which propels this beautiful tale.

Artistic Director is Alien Shankles with Roland Salazar as Music Director/Conductor and Shawn Walsh as Choreographer.

AIDA will be spectacular. Don't miss it!

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may also be reserved online by emailing jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org.

For additional information, please contact Alien Shankles.

Constitution Day at Frank Phillips College

Frank Phillips College invites all veterans and the public to take part in a nation-and world-wide simultaneous reading of the Preamble to the United States Constitution as we celebrate National Constitution Day on Friday, September 16. The event will take place at 1:00 p.m. Central time at the flagpole in front of FPC's Classroom Learning Complex.

The Constitution Day web site (www.constitutionday.com) features a brief film that can be downloaded and played at the predetermined time. General Tommy Franks will lead the reading via the film, and this year's celebration is dedicated to the U.S. military.

Constitution Day Inc., and its founder, Louise Leigh, has celebrated Constitution Day for the past eight years. The reading of the Preamble has previously been led by President George H.W. Bush, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama Roy Moore, and Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell.

President George W. Bush signed into law on December 8, 2004, Public Law 108-447, which establishes September 17 as Constitution Day, and requests an educational program in all

federally funded institutions. This is the first-ever international simultaneous recitation of the Preamble to the United States Constitution in history. FPC invites you to be a part of it with us.

Frank Phillips College is an equal opportunity community college.

Go Elks

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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| Sept. 16-17 | Canadian Western Heritage Festival Music/Re-enactors Canadian, TX 806-323-6234 |
| Sept. 16-24 | Tri-State Fair and Rodeo Amarillo Fair Grounds 806-376-7767 |
| Sept. 15-Oct. 2 | "Aida" Musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| Sept. 17 | "Home on the Range Radio Hour" Gem Theatre, Claude, TX 806-226-2167 |
| Sept. 18 | Harrington String Quartet Amarillo 7:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2626 Wimberly |
| Sept. 24 | "Hansel and Gretel" Amarillo Opera Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096 |
| Oct. 4-5 | "Peter Pan" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096 |
| Oct. 9 | Chamber Music Amarillo Free Concert 2:00 p.m. Amarillo Museum of Art 2200 S. Van Buren |
| Oct. 15-16 | League of Celtic Nations Amarillo Baxter Bldg. Fairgrounds 806-374-4243 |
| Oct. 15-16 | Canadian's Fall Foliage Festival & Prairie Rivers Musical Canadian, TX 806-323-6234 |
| Oct. 20 | Polk St. Jazz Chamber Music Amarillo Free concert Amarillo Museum of Art 2200 S. Van Buren 6:00 p.m. |

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Church of Christ
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N. 3rd & Chestnut
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
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Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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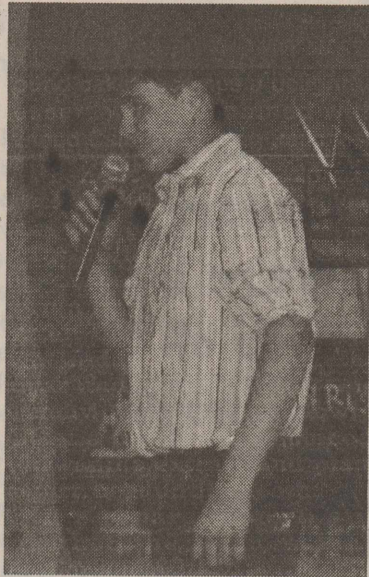
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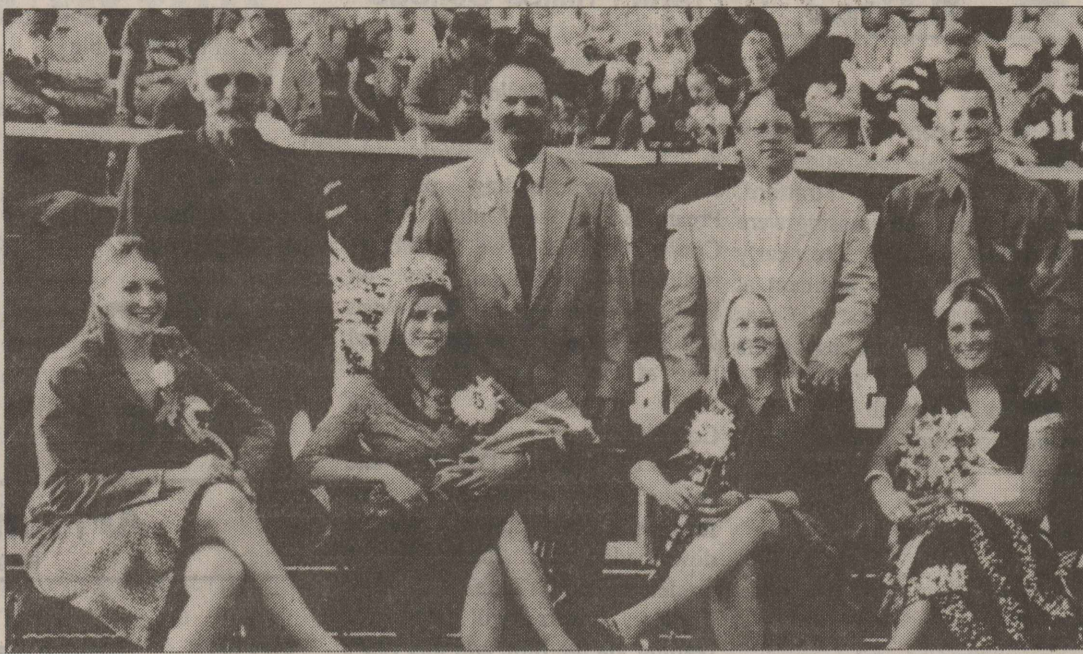
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Andrew Correll gave the pep talk at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 9th.



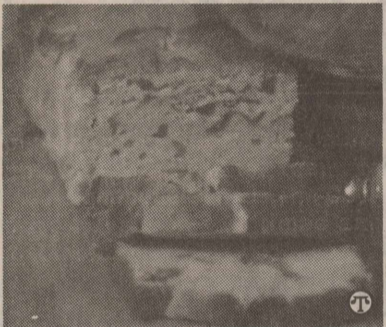
The Homecoming Queen and her court with their escorts at the game on Friday, September 2nd. From left, Allison Baskin, escorted by her dad Steve Baskin, Homecoming Queen Cassi Garza, escorted by her dad Dario Garza, Haley Buckles escorted by her dad Scott Buckles, and Yadira Ortega escorted by her brother Efrain Ortega.



Homecoming Queen Cassi Garza escorted by (l-r) Caleb Brown, Jerald Frizzell, and Gustavo Rosales.

CALIFORNIA CLING PEACH POUND CAKE
Makes 3 loaf cakes,
8 servings each

- 1 15-ounce can sliced California Cling Peaches, in light syrup
- 10 ounces (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
- 5 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup plain yogurt or sour cream
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt



Pound cake becomes a delightful dessert when combined with canned California Cling Peaches.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Coat three 8x4-inch loaf pans with cooking spray.

Drain liquid from peaches; dice the peach slices. Set aside.

In a large bowl or electric mixer, beat the butter until light and fluffy. Slowly add the sugar and beat until soft and creamy. Add the eggs slowly, one at a time, until combined. Add vanilla extract and plain yogurt; beat until smooth.

In a separate bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt.

Slowly add the flour mixture to the butter mixture until combined. Do not overmix. Stir in the diced peaches and mix until smooth.

Pour pound cake batter into prepared pans. Bake approximately one hour until done. Cakes will be golden on top and a toothpick inserted in the center emerges clean.

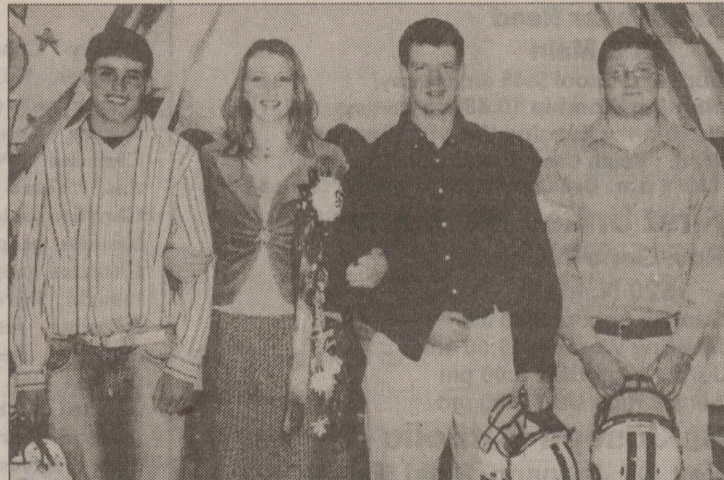
Cool pound cakes in loaf pans for 30 minutes. Remove from pans; when completely cool, cover with plastic wrap. The pound cakes can be stored in the freezer (wrapped tightly) if not used within two days to maintain their fresh taste and moist texture.



Homecoming Queen candidate Yadira Ortega escorted by Josh Lanning, left and Connor Vincent.



Homecoming Queen candidate Haley Buckles escorted by (l-r) Walter Spurlock, Brandon Davis, and Case Crabtree.



Homecoming Queen candidate Allison Baskin escorted by (l-r) Andrew Correll, Kelby Smith, and Brady Bell.



The Dallas Cowboys have played in the Super Bowl more times than any other team. In their eight appearances, the Cowboys have won five times and lost three.



The Irish wolfhound is the tallest of all dogs, standing about 32 inches high.



8th Grade Crownbearers Alma Marquez and Justin Smith.

**Good Luck
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LADY ELKS MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT THE WOLF CREEK CLASSIC COUNTRY MEET

The high school cross country girls competed in the Wolf Creek Classic Cross Country Meet this past Saturday and came away with a solid 5th place team finish. Dumas, always a tough 4A school, won the meet with 73 points. Dodge City, a large school from Kansas, finished 2nd with 81 points. Borger and Spearman, both making it to the state meet in class 3A and 2A a year ago, finished 3rd and 4th respectively with 89 and 104 points. The Stratford girls, who wound up with 137 points, finished 5th out of 15 teams and had the strongest finish of all the class A schools competing in the meet. Yadira Ortega had another outstanding performance as she came away with her second top 10 finish of the year. She came across the line in 13 minutes 52 seconds which was good for 7th place and a 13 second improvement over her time from a year ago on the same course. Kristen Crabtree looked more and more like herself this past weekend as she also finished in the top 10 by finishing 9th with a time of 13:54. Kristen made a 16 second improvement over her time from a year ago. Whitney Reese was the next Lady Elk to cross the finish line running the hilly course in a solid 15:22 which was good for 41st place. Whitney made a 24 second improvement over her 2004 time. Lucero Ortega finished close behind at 49th place and completed the course in 15:38. Perla Rueda would be the 5th Lady Elk to cross the line with a time of 15:45 (52) and Mary Lou Maldonado would run the course in 18:13. There were a total of 112 runners competing in the varsity division this year and the always tough Perryton course, with 3 solid inclines, ran tougher than a year ago when you factor in the heat and the wind. These young ladies have made tremendous improvement since the Tascosa Meet two weeks ago and are looking forward to the Amarillo Meet next week, which will be run at Thompson Park. Good luck Lady Elks and keep on keeping on.

JUNIOR HIGH LADY ELKS MAKE IMPRESSIVE FIRST SHOWING

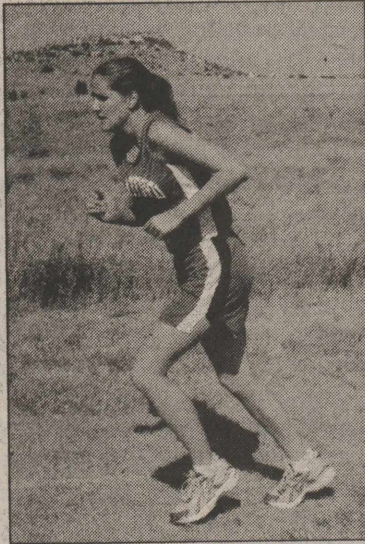
The most impressive thing about the meet this past weekend for the junior high girls was the fact that 18 made the trip over to Wolf Creek to compete. This was easily the largest number of participants for any school with junior high runners. The Lady Elks would field three teams out of the 20 team field and would finish 3rd place, 13th place and 19 place. The first 7 runners to cross the line for the Lady Elks represented the A team, the next 6 runners - the B team and the remaining 5 runners - the C team. Just the fact that we had such good participation is a victory in itself. Not only did we have the most participants, but these young ladies also did an outstanding job competing under some tough first meet conditions. To begin with, the Perryton course is a little longer than 3200 meters. If this were not enough, it is extremely hilly and the heat and wind was as tough as I've ever seen it. The Spearman girls would finish 1st as a team with 56 points and the Sunray girls would be a close 2nd with 59 points. The Stratford A girls wound up 3rd with 128 points just ahead of Canadian (152) and Follett A (164). Here are the final results for the junior high division in which 159 runners competed:

- Kelsi Keener 15:41 (18), Janeth Reyes 15:52 (22), Erika Duran 15:55 (23), Alma Marquez 16:41 (43), Angie Rosales 17:24 (63), Rubi Rueda 17:27 (64), Kristina Woodburn 17:32 (67), Beatriz Marquez 17:58, Brianda Chavoya 18:00, Krystal Brown 18:59, Jessica Ibarra 19:18, Kristi Torres 19:26, Morgan Carter 19:30, Kimberly Ricks 19:50, Berenice Rios 20:10, Esmeralda Sauzameda 20:10, Perla Morales 20:11, Catheryn Arisano 25:32.

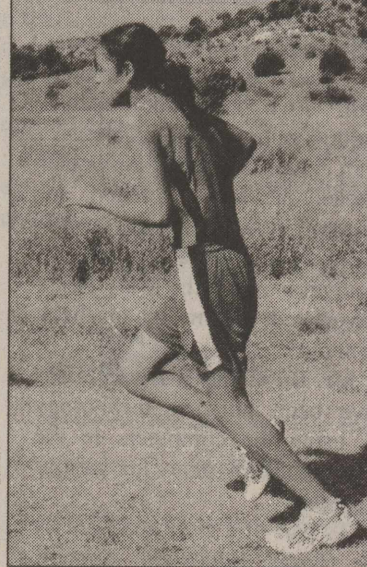
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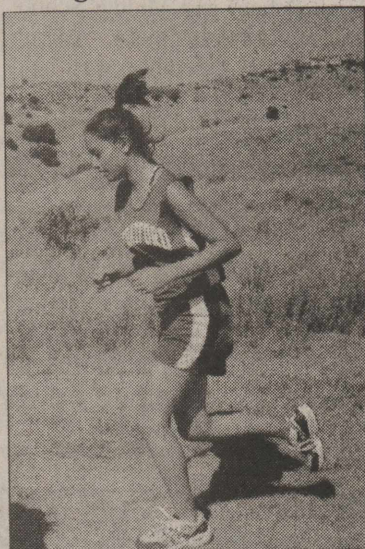
Stratford Lady Elk Cross Country runners Kristen Crabtree, left and far right Yadira Ortega.



Whitney Reese



Perla Rueda



Lucero Ortega



Mary Lou Maldonado

The Follett Meet scheduled for next week has been moved to another date, so the meet site and time is yet to be determined as of press time. Good luck junior high girls and keep up the good work.

Senior Day at the Tri-State Fair Offers health Screenings, Entertainment

AMARILLO - Senior citizens attending the Tri-State Fair can tap their feet to the beat of the music and get their health checked out all for free.

Senior Citizen's Day at the fair is sponsored by Potter County Extension, Panhandle Geriatric Education Program at Amarillo College and Tri-State Fair.

Free gate admission is offered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the program will be held in the Amarillo National Center, where there will be entertainment, refreshments and door prizes (cash prize for oldest male and female plus door prizes from exhibitors.)

The VA Roadies, Amarillo College nursing students and Texas Tech School of Medicine OB/GYN Division will provide free health screenings, including: glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, body fat analyzer and heel scan.

The program begins at 9 a.m. with the health fair and screenings. Entertainment by local country western songwriter and singer Ed Montana and ventriloquist Terry Fator begins at 10 a.m.

Refreshments will be provided by Potter Extension Education Clubs and Donut Stop at 11 a.m. The health fair and screenings will continue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On display will be educational exhibits by Amarillo College Nursing students on diabetes management, controlling cholesterol, medication management, exercise, fall prevention and safety, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, caregiving and aging, prostate health, breast health, colon cancer update and arthritis advice.

The Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter, Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle, Division of Blind Services, North West Texas Health Services - Senior Advantage Program, Panhandle Area Health Education Center, Panhandle Council for the Deaf, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and other area assisted living facilities will have booths set up.

For more information contact the Potter Extension office at (806) 373-0713.

Arrowhead Mills Dessert Competition Scheduled at Tri-State Fair

AMARILLO - Warm up the ovens and break out the recipes, Arrowhead Mills Inc. is offering prizes for the best desserts.

The Arrowhead Mills Dessert competition at the Tri-State Fair will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Art and Agriculture building on the fairgrounds.

Contestants can enter more than one dessert but a maximum of one prize will be awarded per person.

Contestants must use at least one cup of any Arrowhead Mills product. The box top of the product must be attached to a printed copy of the recipe on a 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper, with the contestant's name, address and phone number.

Contest entries will be taken beginning at 5:30 p.m. The dessert entry and recipe will admit a contestant (only) to fan-grounds (Gate 2) between 5-6 p.m.

All entries will be judged on taste (30%), appearance (25%), originality/creativity (25%) and ease of preparation (20%).

First prizes will be \$150, Arrowhead Mills coupons and merchandise; second place receives \$75, coupons and merchandise; and third takes home \$50, coupons and merchandise.

Employees of Arrowhead Mills Inc. are not eligible to enter. Arrowhead Mills is a division of the Hain Celestial Group.

For more information, contact Sue Church at the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Potter County, (806)373-0713.

Good Luck Cross Country Girls Saturday at Thompson Park in Amarillo

Auto Care

(NU) - Replacing your car's spark plugs can save you money at the gas pump. For years, savvy do-it-yourselfers have relied on this quick and easy maintenance procedure to restore lost power and improve vehicle performance. Now, the average motorist can experience these benefits, too, with a new offering from Autolite. Autolite XP Xtreme Performance Spark Plugs are among the brand's most technologically advanced spark plugs. They are available in stores with an approximate retail price of \$5.99 and are backed with a five-year limited guarantee.

Health & Beauty

(NU) - More than 22 million women in the United States struggle with unwanted facial hair. Many women report that this excess hair leaves them feeling self-conscious and unfeminine. The problem is more widespread than one might think, but it doesn't have to be. More than 300,000 women have used Vaniqa (eflornithine hydrochloride) Cream, 13.9%, a topical cream that has been clinically proven to reduce facial hair growth when it is paired with a woman's current hair removal method. For more information, visit www.vaniqua.com/usa or call (877) 3-VANIQA.

Free Family Festival Scheduled at the Museum Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Whether you come for three minutes or for three hours, you're sure to have fun at this Family Festival! Open to all ages, this event will celebrate American artist Jasper Johns and the art of printmaking. Visitors will enjoy art activities, music, films, a print press demonstration and even a gallery hunt, all inspired by the work of internationally recognized artist, Jasper Johns. Refreshments will also be provided.

This Family Festival will be held at the Amarillo Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition, JASPER JOHNS: PRINTS. The exhibition includes an expansive body of 91 works created from 1960 to the present. It's made available to the Museum from the collection of John and Maxine Belger of Kansas City, MO. The public won't want to miss this exciting exhibition by an artist who has had a profound influence on American art. Young and old alike will enjoy viewing prints of ordinary objects, but with a twist! Come find out why Johns' work is so popular!

Remember, this event is FREE of charge and OPEN to the public!

This program is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington D.C., Xcel Energy Foundation, Harrington Exhibition Endowment Fund, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Engler and Mr. and Mrs. William Quakenbush.

The Amarillo Museum of Art

is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: The Museum will now remain open on Thursday nights until 9:00 p.m.! it is located at 2200 S. Van Buren on the northeast side of Amarillo College's Washington Street Campus. Call the Museum at 371-5050 for more information.

Treat'n Troops

Our troops need our thoughts and prayers...and care packages. These items will be packaged and sent to a specific local soldier who will in turn distribute them to troops in his platoon/unit.

- Camouflage Aqua Cool Scarf
- White crew type socks (packages in mens and ladies sizes)
- Small packs Gatorade/tea/Crystal Lite etc. (this is a powder)
- Travel size packages of wet wipes
- Lotion/shampoo/soap-hotel size (conditioner is not needed)
- Disposable razors
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Eye drops (small)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Lip balm (Carmex in a tube is preference)- Paperback books & playing cards
- Foot powder (small) Gold Bond, Baby powder, etc.
- Beef Jerky
- Sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.
- Gum
- Snack foods
- Band Aids
- Q-Tips
- Pens & Pads
- CASH for postage
- AA Batteries

We will build packs from your donations. You can donate one thing or several. The average cost for a mailing is \$300. Your cash donation will help with postage and needed supplies. Checks can be made to Treat'n Troops. All funds will be handled through the First United Methodist church. Donations may be mailed to the church or to Sue Hudson. Drop boxes will be at the local churches or you may call 366-5916 or 396-2178 and your donations will be picked up. If your organization is interested in providing a particular item, please call Sue Hudson for more information on items that can be donated in bulk.

Health Awareness

Web Site Supports Teens With Cancer

(NAPS)—There's good news for teens struggling with the twin challenges of adolescence and a serious disease.

A new Web site has been created to empower teens who have cancer by connecting them with other young people with the same condition to help them find hope and support.

Developed by The Wellness Community, a nonprofit dedicated to helping people affected by cancer, the Web site—called GroupLoop.org—provides a free, safe, professionally supervised, online environment of support, education and hope.

The site also offers professionally facilitated, online support groups for teens and parents and educational resources at no cost.

For more information, visit www.GroupLoop.org.

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ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

Life Insurance Awareness Month

Forty-four percent of U.S. households (48 Million) say they need more life insurance coverage, according to LIMRA International's 2005 Life Insurance Ownership Study of household financial decision makers.

Perhaps the biggest barrier to people getting the coverage they say they need-78 percent of Americans say they don't have a personal life insurance agent. September marks the second-annual observance of Life Insurance Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and educate consumers about the importance of life insurance coverage and the professional financial services representatives trained to help them get the adequate financial protection they feel they need.

Led by the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education, more than 100 life insurance organizations and their representatives, including local Modern Woodmen of America agent Walt A. Berry will mark the occasion by providing information regarding the role of life insurance in a sound financial plan.

"Life Insurance Awareness Month is a great time for people to evaluate their personal situation," says Berry. "There's a big gap between the coverage people have and what they feel they need. That's where an adviser's role comes in-to help people who have these concerns but aren't sure where to turn to determine their needs or how to meet those needs."

Modern Woodmen members and others can find life insurance information and online financial planning calculators at Or, they can contact Berry at 806-366-7684 about a free life insurance analysis.

Modern Woodmen representatives help more than 750,000 members meet quality-of-life needs for their families and communities through financial advice and products, and fraternal programs.

Sorry there weren't Elk Tales last week, but the computers were down at school and I couldn't get everyone's Tales.

In Mrs. Drake's Social Studies, the second graders are learning how to read maps. We're trying our hand at making our own maps of the Mary Allen playground. Come by to check them out!

Mr. Burkhalter's Ag I classes have been utilizing technology by using the computers in the library to draw plans for various projects.

As part of a grant received by the Texas Education Agency, students in Grades 5 and 8 will have a chance to participate in an on-line testing program this year. PAseries or Progress Assessment Series) is an assessment program that provides a pre-built series of assessments in mathematics and reading for grades 5 and 8. PAseries uses scientific measurement scales and research-validated content to measure student progress on classroom instruction and forecast growth toward grade-level expectations or performance standards on state assessments. Online reports will provide rapid results to teachers and administrators. We hope this new technology will prepare our students for any future on-line testing. The students will be using the portable computer lab in Middle School, the Technology Applications Lab in Junior High, and the HS/MS Computer Lab adjacent to the library for this assessment program.

6th grade math class learned this week that a smaller number CAN subtract a larger number!! We are working with negatives.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th grade math class is working hard on their Flashmasters to get their subtraction scores higher and faster.

Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families thought-out the United States.

The Spanish I classes have learned the alphabet, days, dates, telling time and simple introductions.

The upper-level Spanish classes will soon be preparing to attend the Justo Lamas concert in Lubbock. Justo is a pop music star in Argentina and gives concerts in the U.S. for American students of Spanish. Mrs. Ronna Riffe is our Spanish teacher.

The Senior Class sponsors for this year are Carla Griffin and Lance Horsford. Junior Class sponsors are Paula Everett and Judy Stoy.

The Stratford High School Student Council is in the process of gathering items for the Katrina hurricane victims. The American Red Cross is only accepting money at this time, but the High Plains Food Bank is in need of paper goods and personal hygiene items. Please read the article elsewhere in this paper for details.

Fifth Grade Social Studies classes have been studying the regions of the United States and have an overview of different landscapes, crops, cities, animals, weather, and historical events. Working in groups, the classes found magazine pictures representing these various regional characteristics, gave an oral presentation, and placed the pictures correctly on a huge US map. The next unit is about early American civilizations.

Sixth Graders have been studying world governments, cultures, and economies. Soon we will start a study of ancient

Middle East regions. Maps-Graphs-Charts practice will be with all classes soon.

Mrs. Carthel has this bit of interesting news about her ESL class. More than half the students in seventh hour ESL class are twins. There are two sets of fraternal twins - Erika and Roberto Severo and newcomers Osmar and Omar Portillo.

Both sets of twins will celebrate birthdays just one day apart, September 23 and September 24.

7th grade reading classes have started the novel *The Summer of the Swans*. It is a realistic fiction book written by Betsy Byars set in West Virginia during the late 1960's.

8th grade Technology Applications classes are still working on keyboarding. We

have learned 25 keys and are adding more every few days. Students are getting faster and having fewer errors, which is our goal! Mrs. Seward teaches both these classes.

The Family Consumer Science classes toured Brown's Meat Locker and found out how beef is processed and why safety and sanitation must be a part of any place that provides food for consumers. We elected FCCLA officers: President: Emily Shafer, Vice-President: Cristina Fierro, Secretary: Krista Reta, Senior Rep: Maira Argomaniz, Junior Rep: Candie Bell, Soph Rep.: Courtenay Sell, Freshman Rep.: Becky Rosales.

Congrats to our JV football team on their win over class 3-A Perryton JV last Thursday.

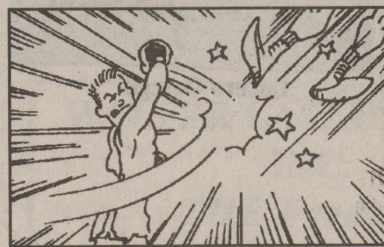
How about those ELKS Friday night? Congratulations, boys!

Magazine sales started Monday. Look for those Juniors and Eighth Graders to be out selling.

Parents' Night at Stratford High School and Middle School was held Monday night. A Drug Awareness Assembly was held Wednesday for the high school students.

The Junior Class students are busy choosing and buying their '07 Senior rings.

The 7th, 8th, and JV football teams play White Deer there Thursday. The Varsity football team plays Dalhart here Friday. The After-Glow is at the Baptist Church. Cross Country is at Thompson Park Saturday.



Wilfred Benitez is the youngest world champion in boxing history. He was 17½ when he won the light-welterweight title in his home island of Puerto Rico in 1976.



An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. In addition, she gave birth to a record 39 calves.

Go Texan Products to be Showcased at Tri-State Fair

Shopping local will be the byword at the Tri-State Fair this year when Go Texan items are showcased Sept. 21 in the Art and Ag Building.

Goods manufactured in Texas and bearing the GO TEXAN Label will be displayed and available for sale between the hours of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The products will range from soaps and lotions to jewelry and marinades and many items in between.

Among the items featured will be Norlander's Original Jerky & Marinade of Amarillo. It promises to be "out of this world," as NASA's Johnson Space Center will be shipping some of the product to the crew aboard the International Space Station next spring.

Fat Tony's Salsa, made in Panhandle, and Flying V BBQ, made in Childress, will be among the exhibitors offering their special recipes.

For those who want more time at the fair and less in the kitchen, Canyon's Bakery will offer cinnamon rolls, pies, breads, jams and old-fashioned relishes for purchase.

Go Texan products are more than food items. Shoppers will have the opportunity to select from 25 varieties of handmade soaps, lotions and lotion sticks manufactured by the Canyon Creek Soap Company in Canyon.

Yellow Rose of Texas table top domes by the Cherish Texas Studios in Canyon, along with Christmas ornaments sold at various specialty gift shops and State Parks across Texas, will be on display. Prairie Moxie will offer fabric sculptured angels and photos of livestock for Go Texan shoppers.

Original western boot purses with gemstone handles and funky handmade turquoise jewelry will be featured by Accessorize in Style of Amarillo. Home décor items will be available as well. And souvenir t-shirts will be offered by S.O.S. from Texas, which creates organic clothing items in Samnorwood.

The Go Texan Showcase is a new feature of the 2005 Tri-state Fair.

For more information about this opportunity, contact Lacy Crow, Marketing Specialist for Texas Department of Agriculture at (806) 3580-7285.

Ten Free Trees for Planting in Texas

Ten free trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2005.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year in Texas: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will add to the proud heritage of Texas's 57 Tree City USA communities. For almost three decades Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these trees will make this tree-planting tradition even stronger."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed 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 colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

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, 2005. Or join online at arbor day.org.

Good Luck Cross Country

September 3, 2005

Sherman County Emergency Management will be hosting a community meeting October 10, 2005 at the Stratford Fire Station. Volunteers can participate in activities that support first responders, disaster relief groups and community organizations. Please watch the newspaper for date, time and location of the community meeting. Volunteers are needed to coordinate, direct and staff shelters, prepare food, support dispensing centers, medical centers, transportation, heavy equipment operators and registration of victims and record keeping. *There is a job for anyone who is willing to help.*

Churches and community service organizations will be asked to assist with operations such as shelter and food, providing personal items for victims and emotional support. We have included a survey to identify facilities and equipment available in Stratford and Texhoma. Please complete the survey and return to: Sherman County Emergency Management, P.O. Box 45, Stratford, Texas 79084 or call 753-7330 or 366-5330 and someone will pickup form or fax to 366-2168.

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

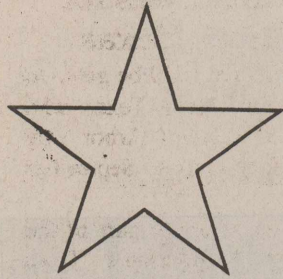
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

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For Sale: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2-3/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner. 4/23 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

Reduced price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. New carpet, central heat and air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl Call 366-3678. 6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-Attached Garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569. 7-14-tfn

3 bd, 1 1/4 bath house, central H/A, w/fireplace, single car garage & carport. 601 N. Fulton. Call 753-7605 or 753-6587. 9-15-10-6-4xc

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677. 7-28-tfn

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Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced. \$55,000

Food

(NU) - For either baking novices or seasoned pros, a dump cake is a no-brainer. To prepare one, you simply dump the ingredients into a bowl and beat them, then pour the batter into a pan and bake it. Although a dump cake is easy to make, it's just as good as a more fancy cake. And it's rich and moist all by itself, so you don't need to frost it. Just slice and enjoy! For easy baking recipes, visit www.aeb.org.

(NU) - As people with diabetes know, maintaining lower blood glucose levels significantly lowers the risk of long-term complications from the disease such as vision loss, kidney disease and amputations.

However, some people with diabetes still fail to monitor their blood glucose levels frequently enough to make the appropriate adjustments to their insulin intake. One cause for this is what diabetes educators call "diabetes burnout," a problem that results from the overwhelming challenge of maintaining the rigorous and relentless discipline of accurately measuring, recording and averaging blood glucose levels. It is a multi-step process that must be repeated several times a day.

The key to success is making the process easier. Monitoring must be convenient or people with diabetes will eventually tire of the process and monitor less than they should.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

October 4th, 2005
Location of sale:
C&D Body Shop
814 East Texas Ave.
Stratford, Texas
Sale will begin at 10 a.m.
You do not have to be a Texas resident for this sale.
The Sherman County Sheriff's office will sell the following vehicles

1991 Chev Pick up
1984 Chev Pick up Diesel

Sheriff Jack Haile
Sherman County, Texas

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

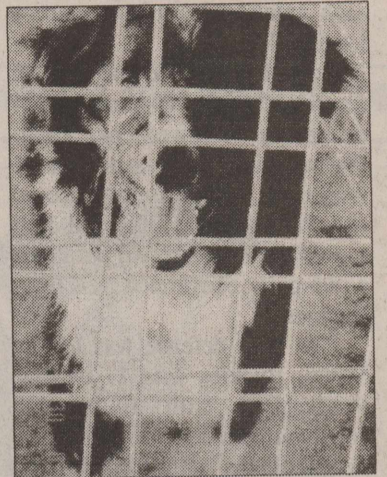
Notice is hereby given that Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) used or new Dump-Truck (2000 or Above) for Precinct #1. Bids should be sealed and have "Bid Request" written on the outside of the envelope. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Judge's Office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 366-2021 or those interested may contact Steve Pemberton at his residence, (806) 366-5684.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 11:00 A.M., October 7, 2005, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Steve Pemberton
Sherman County Commissioner.
Precinct #1
Sherman County, Texas

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Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide thee food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Good Luck Cross Country

GOOD LUCK ELKS

For Sale: Registered Lab puppies available Sept. 28th. Call 396-5906 for more information. 9-15-c

Help Wanted

Wanted High school boy to work after school or Saturdays. Call 396-2364. 9-15-c

Hot Stuff Pizza now hiring-full time or part time. Apply at Express Lane #5 9-15-c

Land for Sale

LAND FOR SALE

320 acres of crop land with 2 good irrigation wells, Cimarron County, OK, near Griggs. (817) 579-5303. 10-6-p

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8, Capital Syndicate sub-division. Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5303. 10-23-tfn

Beat Dalhart

Beat White Deer

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation & bonuses. Come fill out an application. Questions? Call Chad @ 580-543-6383 ext. 200. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE 9-15-c

Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 1211 Butler, 9 a.m. till noon on Sat. Sept. 17. Furniture, clothes, household items. Great stuff. 9-15-c

Huge Garage Sale, 1215 N. Division, Sat. Sept. 17th-9 a.m. until noon. 9-15-c

Beat White Deer

Good Luck Cross Country

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
Paula Everett-966-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Belinda Hamilton-527-7728
Jesse Resendes-366-3134
Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

Austin Hotline

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Beat Dalhart

Good Luck Elks

For Rent

2 bdrm house for rent: garage & fenced backyard. Call 396-2125. 7-14-tfn

House for Rent-2 Bdrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information. 5-12-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 nights. 1-28-tfn

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Good Luck Elks

To Give Away

Medium size dog to give to a good home. Part Dachshund and part Dalmatian. Very loving & playful. Was housed-dog-abandoned by owners. Call 366-5318. 9-15-c

Winter is on its way and the mice are moving in. Mouser kittens have been in training for 3 months and are ready for a new home. Call Don Riffe 396-5303. 9-22-p

Border collie-Catahoula mix puppies to give away. 6 wks. Old. Come by 315 S. Pearl or call 396-5896. 9-15-c

Lost

Lost or Strayed, from 10 miles east of Stratford, 600 lb. Heifer, Blue tag in right ear, purple tag in left ear. Brand S on right hip. Joe Flores, 396-5538 (work) 396-5389 (home) 7-21-c

Good Luck Cross Country Girls We're behind you all the way!!

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Football -Elk Style

The Stratford Elks rallied in the last quarter scoring 15 points to overcome Spearman 22-21 on Friday, September 9, 2005.

Hunter Buckles completed 8 of 13 passes for 115 yards and one touchdown. Buckles also carried the ball for 60 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. Gustavo Rosales carried the ball for 65 yards and one touchdown. Brady Bell and Josh Lanning each gained 22 yards on carries for the Elks.

Scott Hudson led the Elks in receiving with 76 yards on 4 receptions followed by Pablo Ibarro with 31 yards on 1 reception. Martin Beltran scored two Pat's for the Elks and Bell scored the Elks last two points on a two-point conversion pass from Buckles.

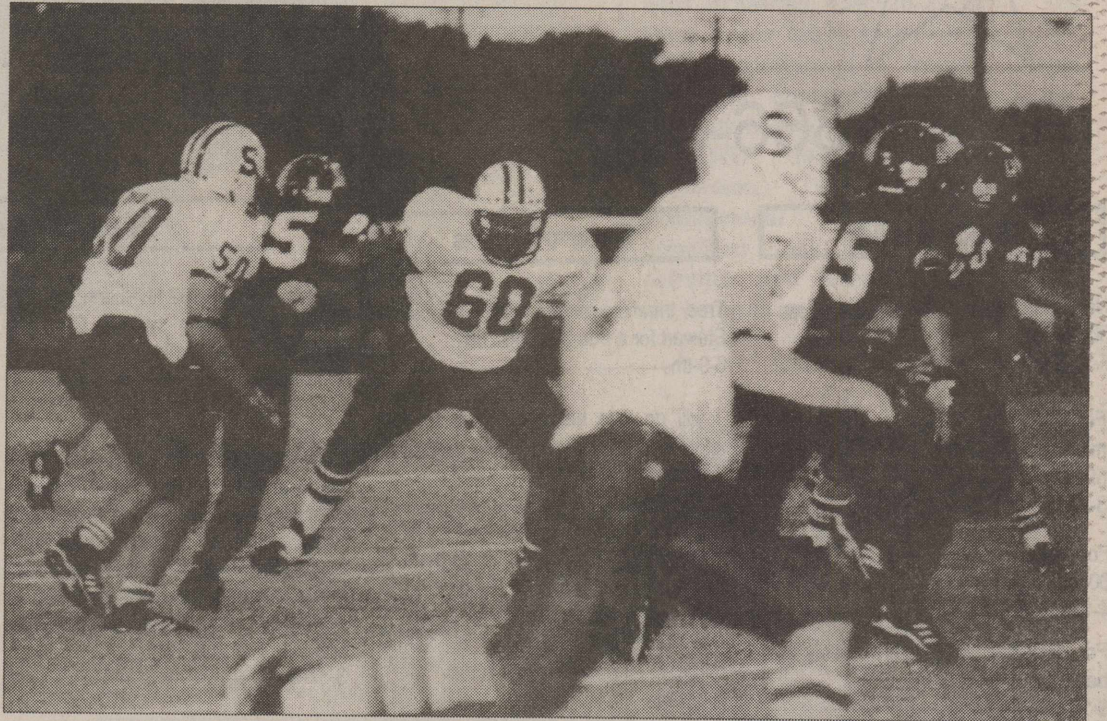
The Elks defense was led by Hunter Buckles with 11 tackles, Brady Bell with 10 tackles, Jonathan Licon with 9 tackles, Scott Hudson with 8 tackles and Craig Kautz and Rudy Portillo with 7 tackles each. Jonathan Licon and Josh Lanning each had an interception for the Elks. Also contributing to the Elks defense was Gilbert Reta, Jeffery Frizzell, Kelby Smith, Martin Beltran, Case Crabtree, Josh Lanning, and Sandro Gomez.

Players of the Week were Offensive Line - Connor Vincent; Offensive Back - Hunter Buckles; Defensive Line - Rudy Portillo; Defensive Back - Brady Bell; and Special Teams - Scott Hudson.

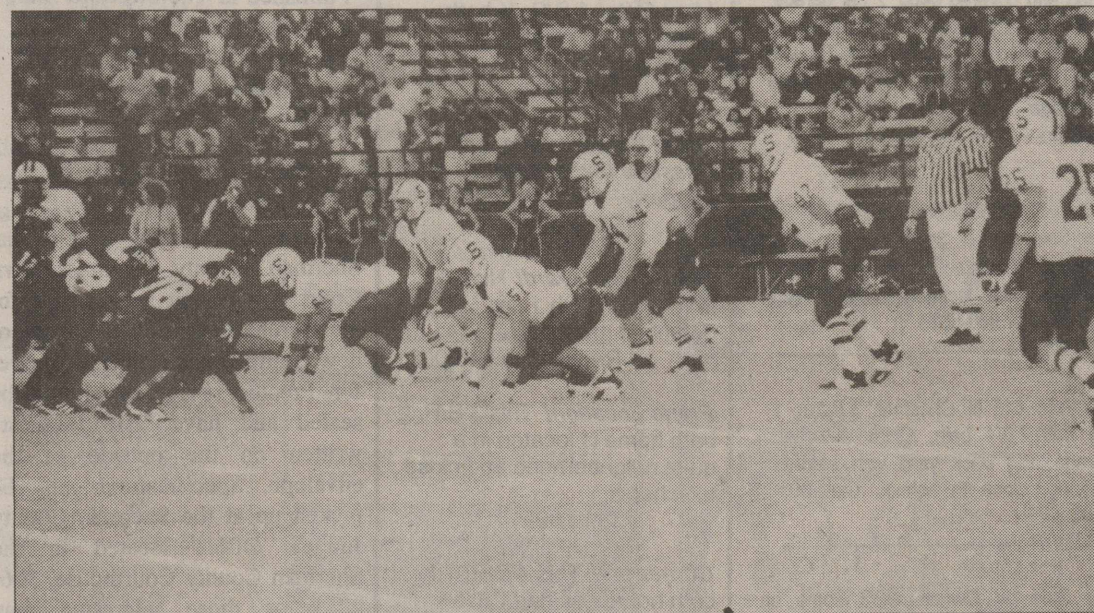
The Elks will face Dalhart here on Friday, September 16th. Let's Go Elks!!!!



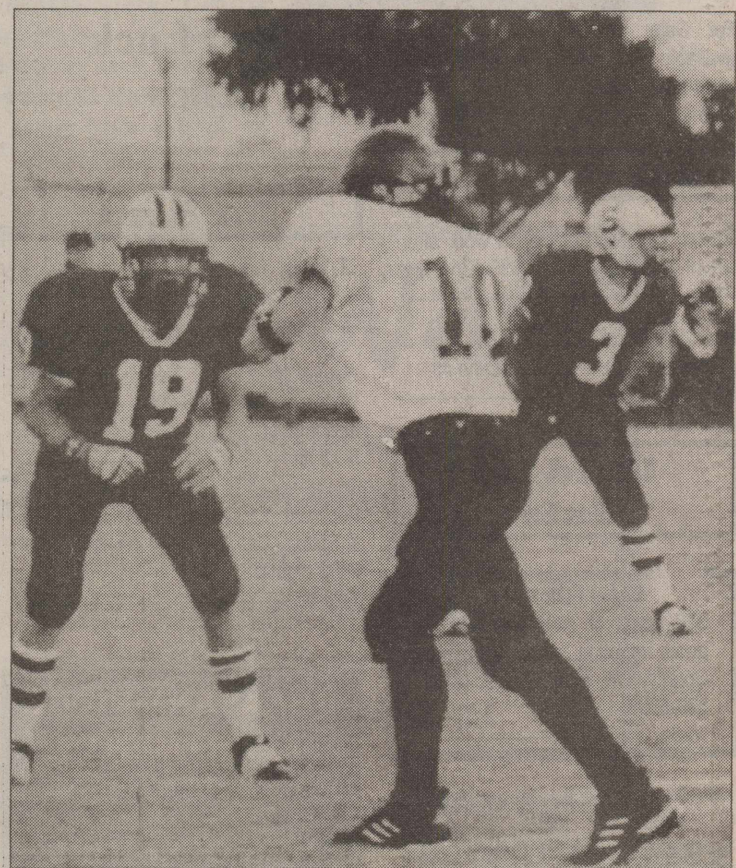
Stratford Elks shown from left, #51 Gilbert Reta, #44 Brady Bell, and #10 Josh Lanning carries the ball for the Elks.



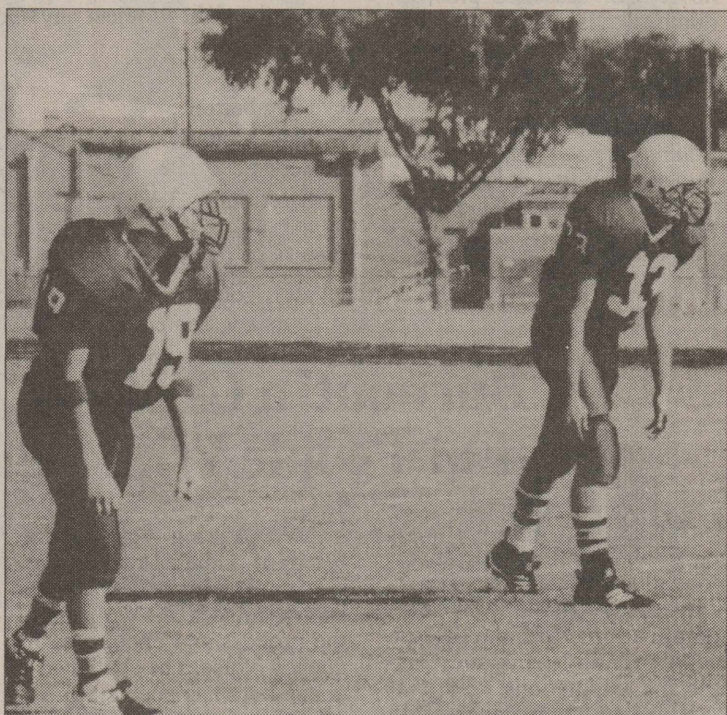
Stratford Elks #50 Harrison Walden and #60 Martin Beltran.



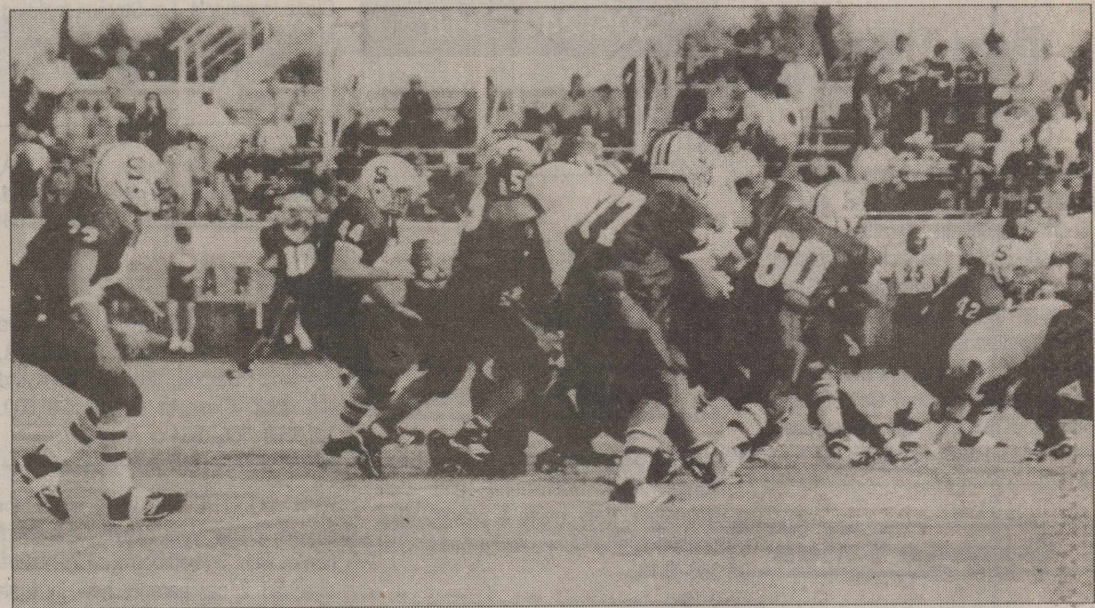
Stratford Elks get ready on defense against Spearman on Friday, September 9th.



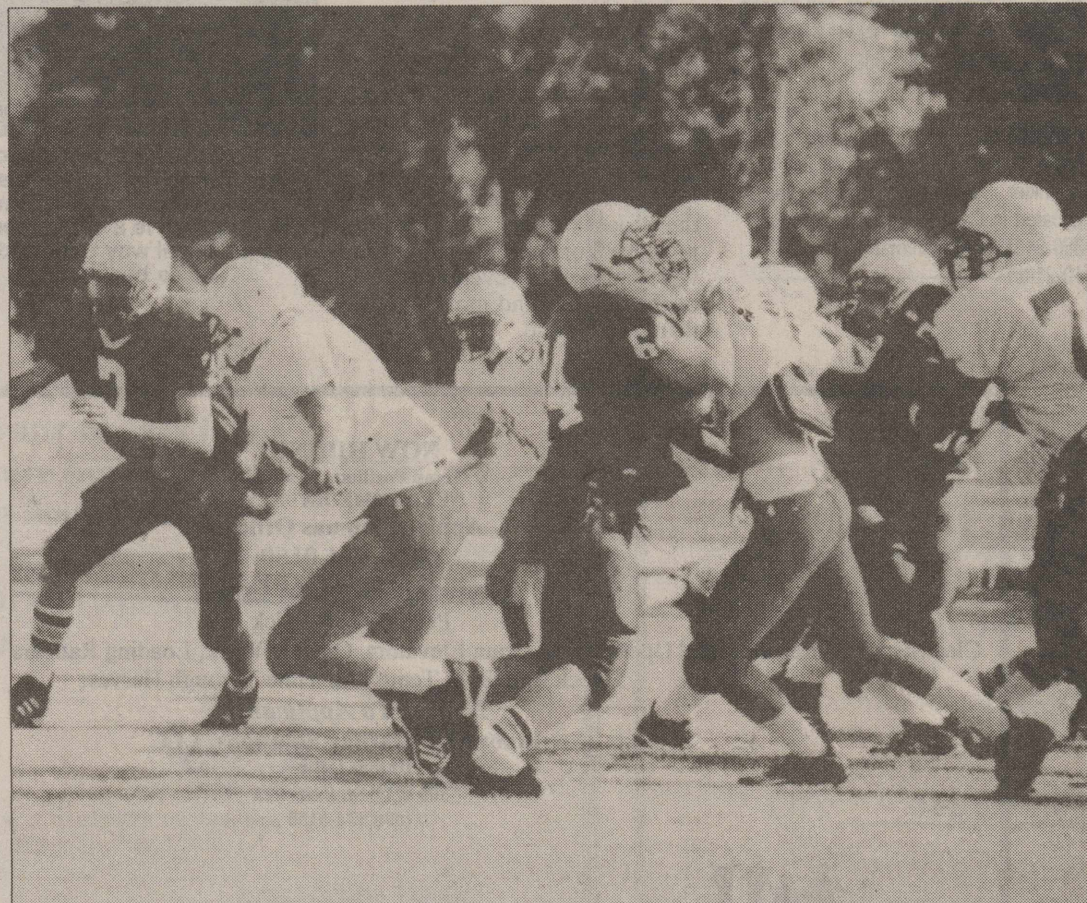
#19 Case Crabtree and #3 Hunter Buckles on defense against Panhandle.



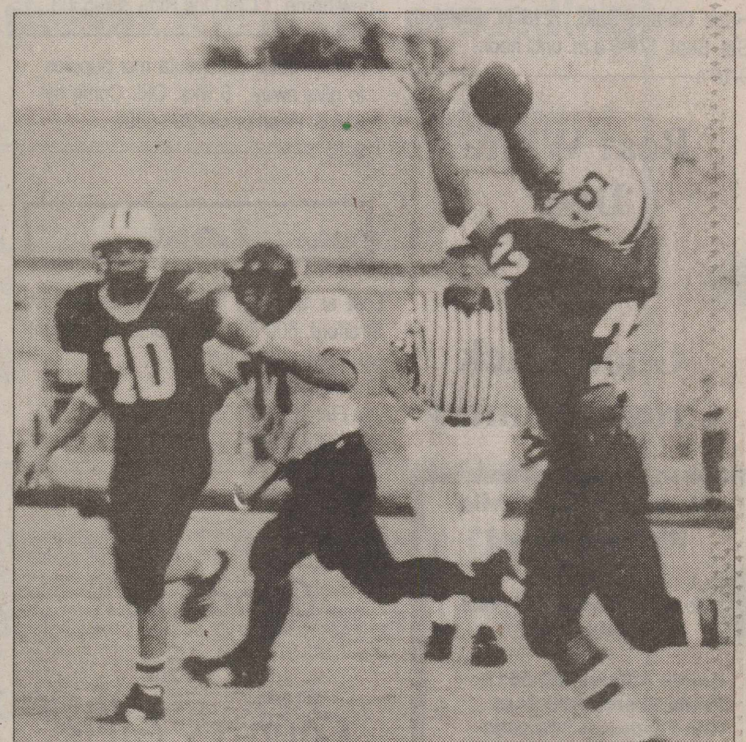
J.V. Elks #19 Clayton Johnson and #33 Daniel Hays.



The Stratford Elks get after Panhandle on Homecoming.



J.V. Elks #7 Kaleb Horsford and #64 Eric Riffe against Perryton last Thursday. The Elks beat Perryton 32-15.



#10 Josh Lanning passes to #32 Gustavo Rosales.

**Good Luck
Stratford Elks**

Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meeting

Darla Ingram, Foster/Adopt Recruiter (806)354-6230

When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 6200I-40 West, in Amarillo.

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle; and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.
—George William Curtis

America is a tune. It must be sung together.
—Gerald Stanley Lee

Fools admire, but men of sense approve.
—Alexander Pope
