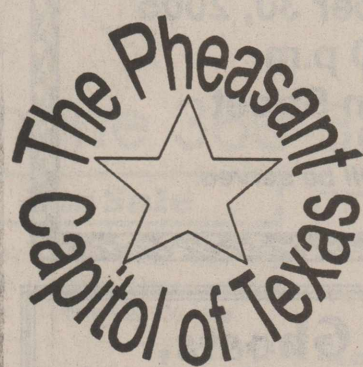




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District Champions

The Stratford Lady Elks took the District Championship for the second year in a row at the District Cross Country meet held in Amarillo on October 17th. All five young ladies finished in the top 20. Mary Lou Maldonado was unable to run due to an injury. Shown from left, Coach Johnny Hudson, Whitney Reese - 12th place, Kristen Crabtree - 3rd Place, Yadira Ortega - District Champion 1st place, Coach ViAnn Reed, Perla Rueda - 8th place, Lucero Ortega - 17th place, Mary Lou Maldonado and Coach Terry Davis. The Lady Elks will advance to the Regional Meet on November 5th at Lubbock, TX. CONGRATULATIONS!



Whip, Ann Wells and groom, Danny Edmond ready for inspection at the Traditional Day of Driving Event in front of the Courthouse, Saturday, Oct. 22. Ann is driving a fold top surrey pulled by Moon.

Stratford Sporting Day of Traditional Driving October 22nd, 2005

By Gaynelle Riffe and Cece Green-Yelek

The traditional day of driving is an event to bring carriage driving to the elegant traditions enjoyed in its Golden Age, circa 1895-1900. This competition is not only for horses and two or four wheeled carriages, but also for wagons and mules, ponies, vses (very small equines) and draft horses.

This event was developed 20 years ago in France, refined in England and has been held for the last five years in the United States. The event this past weekend in Stratford is the first held in the Southwest coordinated by Cece Green-Yelek of Greentree Ranch in Sherman County featuring Morgan horses. The judge for the event was the renowned John Greenall of West Windsor, Vermont. Perhaps you saw him driving his horse this spring on the Martha Stewart special.

We were honored this year with entries from four states; Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado. Local Jim Ferguson of Sunray brought three hitches of mules, driven by Jim, his son Will and Tony Andujo; BA Donelson brought his Haffinger mare, driven by Ann Wells of Stratford; Greentree Ranch brought two Morgans driven by Betty Cherry, Larkspur, Colorado and Cece

Green-Yelek, a paint driven by office. Connie Seger, Santa Fe, New Mexico and a Haffinger driven by Starla Eubanks, Amarillo, Texas. Doug Greer of Loveland Colorado sent his Morgan mare and she was driven by Jay Dye, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The event began with drivers and horses presenting themselves for Turnout inspection in front of the picturesque Sherman County Courthouse. The judging criteria includes sections for the animal, harness, vehicle, driver, passengers, groom and on the move. Condition of the turnout, appropriateness of horse to vehicle, driver and harness; finish, cleanliness, manners, grooming, general condition and care, appointments and rein handling are part of the whole picture. Grooms are there to assist in emergencies and head the horse if needed (stand in front of the horse and/or hold it). Betty Cherry had the high score for this portion of the event and the Single Horses. The 4-in hand mule winner was Jim Ferguson; Mule pair winner was Tony Andujo, Single Pony winner was Ann Wells.

The driver, known as the whip, should be dressed appropriately to the style and vintage of the vehicle. They must wear a hat, gloves, an apron or lap robe to keep their clothing clean and brown gloves to match the reins. Passengers should be dressed along the same lines.

After inspection, the turnouts go out on a country drive over a prescribed course. In Stratford, you may have seen the carriages as they wound their way through town and back to the Rodeo arena, with the able help of many volunteers, the Stratford Police Department and the Sherman County Sheriffs

At the Rodeo arena the carriages had to negotiate a course through paired, numbered cones, for both precision and speed. Overall winner of the cones was Jay Dye with a single horse. Winner of the 4 in hand mules was Jim Ferguson, Mule pair's winner was Tony Andujo, Pony singles was Starla Eubanks.

For the first year this event was held in Stratford it was a rousing success and Whips N Wheels will be making a nice donation to the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. The judge and competitors were very impressed with how the town pulled together and supported this event. Committee members included: Ann Wells, Duane Mungia, Kathy Allen, Kathie Altman, Patti Tims, Lynn Allen, Becky Hemphill and Cece Green-Yelek. For more information on the Whips N Wheels Driving Club call any of the committee members.

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Haunted Treasure Island

Get ready to be scared by exciting and dangerous and gruesome creatures of the haunted Treasure Island. We will have two times this year. The 6:00-7:00 p.m. will be less scary and the 7:00-8:00 p.m. will be very scary. It will be at the Imagination Station on Main Street on Thursday, October 27th. The cost will be one dollar per person.

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Russian Orphanage Donation Garage Sale Oct. 29, 2005 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Jerry & Darleen Lasley are adopting two boys from an orphanage in Russia. The money raised in the garage sale will be used in Russia to buy winter boots, coats, school supplies, toys and vitamins for the orphanage children. Your garage sale item donation or your time to help with the garage sale would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donated items to the county barn at 501 south Maple anytime after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28th. For more information please call Darleen at 769-4426.

LADY ELKS WIN 2005 DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY TITLE FOR BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Top 7 varsity girls cross country runners traveled to Amarillo on Monday, October 17th to compete in the District 2-A cross-country meet. At race time, the temperature was in the mid 80s with just a slight breeze of 5 to 10 miles per hour and the course conditions were dry and hard which was ideal for some excellent times to be full. The cross-country district, like our spring sports district, includes the 6 schools from our football and basketball districts (Booker, Gruver, Stratford, Sunray, Vega and White Deer) and the 6 schools from our bi-district (Clarendon, Claude, Memphis, Quanah, Shamrock and Wellington). The six young ladies who have been competing for the Lady Elks have endured a tough up and down season up to this point, being relatively inconsistent from meet to meet. With that said, these gals have flat gone to work these last couple of weeks and were determined to put together a team race that would give them a chance at repeating as district champions. Mary Lou Maldonado, one of the two freshman girls running on this year's team, was unable to compete in the district meet due to an injury incurred over the weekend. This left only 5 girls to figure out how to get it done at 2:00 p.m. a week ago Monday.

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Good Luck Band on Saturday at Plainview
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Coffee Memorial Thanks You

Coffee Memorial would like to extend a very special thank you to all of the donors that came to the October 8th blood drive honoring the late R.J. Hill. Happy State Bank sponsored the event and we had a great turnout! We saw 34 prospective donors which is much higher than the 15-20 donors that we usually staff for. Unfortunately, because of the turnout, we were understaffed and several of you had to wait an unusual amount of time. We extend our sincere apologies for the inconvenience. We will correct the staffing problem and would like to encourage you to make appointments for future drives. Appointments to donate help us to plan appropriate staffing and they prevent you from waiting. If you would like to make an appointment for the December 12 blood drive or if you need additional information, please call 1-877-574-8800.

Again, we appreciate very much your support of Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the patients of the High Plains Region. We also appreciate Happy State Bank for their support and commitment to the Stratford community by sponsoring the Stratford Community Blood Drives.

Good Luck Elks

Operation Lifesaver
November 8, 2005
7p.m.
Stratford Fire Department

Program on railroad safety presented by Jeromie Jones with UPSP. A film will be included in the program and Mr. Jones will have a car hit by a train to show and talk about.

This program is for anyone interested in railroad safety especially fire department personnel, emergency medical service personnel and law enforcement.

Daylight Saving Time this coming weekend. Don't forget to change your clocks. Turn it back one hour. Gain it back from spring.

Pantry Meeting Thursday Oct. 27th

The Pantry will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 27th, 2005 at the XIT Building at 7 p.m.

Prayer & Praise Service Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church

Flu Shots will be available Wednesday, October 26, at Stratford Family Medical Clinic from 1 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 Cash and Checks only

Sherman County Community Disaster Response Team will meet Thursday, October 27, 2005, 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. This is the organizational meeting for volunteers who signed up to be a part of the team. New members and volunteers are welcome to attend. More information may be obtained by contacting Sandy Williams at 753-7331 or email to: firedept@xit.net.

The Imagination Station News

The Imagination Station is really spooky! The Haunted Treasure Island will be open and spooky, Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Less spooky from 6-7, more spooky from 7-8 with an entry of a \$1.00 donation.

The Fall Exhibit "43 Presidents" will begin with an Exhibit Dinner on Saturday, November 12. Exhibit open for school classes, groups and individuals November 14-December 3. Group tours reservations are made with Laurie Spurlock, 366-2772.

After the Christmas Parade on November 30, a Stew supper will be served. Reminder of Computer Lab open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 - 6:00 and Sunday 2:00 - 5:00.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Readers,

Monday October 24th is the first day for early voting for the 9 amendments to the state constitution. The Amarillo Globe News listed them in Sunday's paper with a recommendation. I have placed several League of Women Voters guides, with both for and against comments, in some local businesses. Please be an informed voter and vote on November 8th.

Gaynelle Riffe

Beat Sunray

In order to have a winner, the team must have a feeling of unity; every player must put the team first—ahead of personal glory.

—Paul Bear Bryant

FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF STRATFORD TEXAS

BY: Cindy Jackson Presiding Judge

October 31, 2005 - November 4, 2005 is
Municipal Courts Week

Stop by the City Hall from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on
Thursday November the 3rd and register to win
dinner for 2 at Elk Junction.

Since the beginning of statehood in 1845, Texas municipal courts have served an important role in both local government and the state Judiciary. More people (e.g., defendants, witnesses and jurors) come into personal contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined. Municipal judges constitute 42 percent of the entire state judiciary. During the last 20 years municipal courts have experienced a virtual deluge of change, increased subject matter jurisdiction, a higher volume of diverse cases and a litany of new laws and legal issues have redefined the role of Texas municipal courts. Texas municipal courts stem from a long tradition of local courts that have embraced the notion that the preservation of community life and the prevention of greater lawlessness begins at home in our towns and cities. While the first local trial courts date back to the Old Testament (Exodus 18:13-26), local trial courts in America originate back to the justice of the peace and magistrate courts of 14th century England. As the population of Texas has grown, so has the number of municipal courts and judges. In terms of size, Texas municipal courts are as diverse as the state itself. Texas municipal courts vary from the large courts of record in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio to the smaller like Stratford and the smallest Domino (population 52).

If you have not been contacted and you would like to purchase an ad for the Sherman County Livestock Show Book please call 366-7575 or 366-2081 and leave a message. An individual as well as a business may purchase an ad.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Watch out for snakes! Caiden Gillenwaters, two year old grandson of Bill & Donna's, was bitten by a rattlesnake last week! He and his sister Kylee were heading toward their trampoline when he stepped on the snake. It was scary for a while! He was bitten on the leg. The Jimmy Gillenwaters family lives at Bushland.

Pat Boren attended Ronan Tynan's concert with the Tabernacle Choir at Salt Lake City Saturday night. She went with Rene. Sitler of Denver. She says it was one of the best concerts. The building held 21,000!

Waldo Presents Program Oct. 15th

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met October 15 at Dalhart Elementary.

Members present were Rebecca Amyx, Shirley Hendricks, and Sandra Kelso form Dalhart; Kathie Altman form Stratford; Syndi Kneller from Texline; Janet Pipkin from Sunray.

Toni Waldo, new director of Special Ed. Co-op, was our guest speaker. Mrs. Waldo presented "An Overview of Special Ed." Mrs. Waldo gave us some great things to think about and some we didn't know about Special Ed.

The next meeting will be November 19th at Bar H Steak House. We will start at 11:00 a.m.

Breast Cancer Screening Nov. 22, 2005

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. Main, in Stratford on November 22, 2005.

Breast Cancer affects on in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Engagement Announced

Wendy Ann Schultz and Jerry Lee Hunkapiller are pleased to announce their engagement and plan to celebrate their wedding on November 19, 2005, in Dallas, Texas.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of G. Kent and Donna Jean Schultz of Pasadena, Texas. Wendy graduated in 1993 from J.F. Dobie High School in Pasadena, Texas. She is currently a full time student at Eastfield Community College in Dallas, Texas, pursuing her Early Elementary Education Degree in hopes of one day becoming an elementary teacher. Wendy has two precious boys, Gage McConnell (4 years old) and Blade McConnell (6 years old).

The groom-to-be is the son of Quica Hunkapiller and the late Jerry Leon Hunkapiller from Sunray, Texas. Jerry Lee graduated in 1989 from Sunray High School in Sunray, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish from Texas Tech University. He received his Masters in Education in Mid Management from Sul Ross State University and is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Administration at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Jerry Lee currently is the Assistant Director for Student Services and School Choice for the Garland Independent School District in Garland, Texas.

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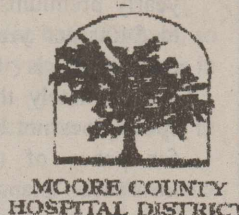
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4-H FOOD SHOW NOVEMBER 7

By Susie Spurlock

Members of Sherman County 4-H are preparing for the County 4-H Food Show to be held November 7, 2005. These members are meeting in project groups under the leadership of volunteers dedicated to assisting youth in learning life skills.

Youth are learning nutrition knowledge, food preparation and safety skills, social role of foods, and food buying skills. Participants of the County Food Show will be showcasing knowledge and skills learned by exhibiting a food dish of their choice. Members are reminded that Entry Forms and recipes are due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2005. Entries should be returned to the County Extension Office located at the Courthouse in Stratford.

Volunteer project leaders are Connie Burton, Cindy Dickenson, Cindy Russell, Jennie Spurlock, Sunny Russell, and Calli Hamilton.

Sponsors of the Food Show are Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, West Texas Gas Company, Thriftway of Stratford, Sherman County Parent/Leaders Association and the Texas Cooperative Extension. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Good Luck Elks

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)

Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)

No Sunday Evening Worship Service

Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,

CVF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Junior High UMY 5:00 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

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Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.

Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Worship Service - 10:30

Adult Choir Practice - 6:30

Wed.—Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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The Guymon Community Theatre will present "Life with Father" October, 27-

30, 2005. The performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Set on Madison Avenue, New York City in the late 1880's, the

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Day family deals with Father who does not like change and thinks he rules absolutely in his own house, but Vinnie has other ideas. Call for reservations 580-338-0019.

Good Luck Band



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Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

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Prospectus Study Club Fundraiser for Scholarships and Community Projects



The SHS Chrome Vehicle Emblem

The Prospectus Study Club will be selling SHS Chrome Emblems. These emblems are just like the ones that colleges sell to go on the back of your car or truck. The emblems cost \$20.00 and you can get yours pre-ordered now by contacting Marsha Wright of D'Lynn Reed.....or any Prospectus Study Club Member. These will make great gifts for any student of SHS and will also make a great Christmas Gift.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Whips & Wheels

If you were not able to observe this weekend's event, you missed a very special gathering. I was privileged to work and interact with a wonderful group of people. This group included not only the committee and volunteers, but participants, their families and friends.

What I admired most about this group of people is the warm and loving nature of each and every one of them. They are kind and caring individuals with a sincere desire to help others. Here are a few of the people I am talking about, Duane Mungia, Kathy & Lynn Alien, Kathy Altman, Ann Wells, Pork & Sandy Williams, Becky, Piper Bennett, Karen & Andy Riffe, and their precious boys, Lupita Henderson, Teresa Edmond, and others. They will not say this about themselves because they are not the kind of people who want their name up in lights or in the headlines. Ask around and you will find out who they are and what they have done to help this community.

I have learned from working with them, that you don't have to fight to get your point across, you can express ideas freely, without conflict. And even though I am socially awkward and nerdy at times, they accept me as I am, without prejudice.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved with Whips & Wheels, proceeds from this event will go to the EMS and Fire-department.

Pheasant Hunt

The Pheasant Hunt is drawing nearer. If any landowners are interested in leasing land, please contact the office.

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES SENIOR ALERT ON MEDICARE PART D

The Texas Attorney General's Office has issued an alert urging senior citizens to be on guard against scams in the new Medicare Part D Plan that helps pay for prescription drugs. Eligible beneficiaries can begin signing up for the plan on Nov. 15 and the new program is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 2006.

This is a voluntary plan and free to sign up for. Do not let someone talk you into paying a fee to sign up," the alert from the Attorney General's office read. "If you already have a plan that helps cover your prescription drugs, you may choose to continue with your current plan instead. If you choose to join the Medicare drug plan, you will have to pay a monthly premium." Medicare-approved private companies that are going to offer benefits under this plan began their campaigns this month by telephone and mail, the alert noted, before warning seniors to beware of scam artists seeking to cash in on the situation.

Here are some tips offered by the Attorney General's Office to help prevent the scams and pharmacists are being urged to pass this information along to their dual eligible patients and senior citizens who will be eligible for the Medicare Part D program.

- DO NOT allow a salesperson to talk you into a decision about what coverage is right for you. Take your time in choosing the right plan for you.

-- DO NOT provide your personal information (Medicare number, Social Security number, credit card number or bank account number) to someone who calls you.

-- DO NOT pay anyone a fee to assist you or sign you up. If you are confused, STOP and get help from one of the sources below or from someone you know.

-- DO NOT pay over the phone or the Internet when you sign up. Make the plan send you a bill. Be extra cautious in dealing with someone who has called you.

Free assistance is available. In the fall of 2005 the handbook, "Medicare & You 2006" will be mailed out. This handbook will list the Medicare prescription drug plans available in the area.

Eligible recipients will be able to get free personalized information at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-633-4227. The Social Security Administration website has information www.ssa.gov. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program at the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services can also help with questions concerning choosing a health plan at (800) 252-9240.

Birth Announcement

Janice and Dewey Vaughn, of Stratford, Texas, would like to announce the birth of their new Granddaughter.

Leah Kaye arrived October 18th, 2005 at 5:40 p.m.

Leah came home to be with her sister Megan and brother Nathan.

Her parents are Jeannie and Brice Ruthard of Groom, Texas. Her paternal grandparents are Judy and Louis Ruthard of Groom, Texas.



4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Winners

Sherman County 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl intermediate team captured first place at the District Nutrition Quiz Bowl held October 14th at Frank Phillips College. Connie Burton was the volunteered coach for the team. Team members were Eric Burton, Rhyann Burton, Ransom Lerman, Sunny Russell and alternate member, Rowdy Lerman.



Texhoma Elementary Safety Fair October 13th

Texhoma Elementary students grade K-6 participated in a Safety Fair on Thursday, October 13th. Students learned about fire safety in the home, water safety, safety at railroad crossings, safety with electricity, weather safety, and poison prevention.

Mary Coffey and David Thrasher of the Texhoma EMS shared with the student's information about ambulances and the work of an emergency medical technician.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve

people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Volunteers assisting with the fair will include Maxine Woodward, Sue Nelson, Carol Beck, Rose Baber, Sue Fleming, and Ginger Roach.

Analysis of Costs vs. Benefits of Medicare Part D (Drug Coverage)

by Gayland Vandiver, RPH

Each person eligible for Medicare Part D coverage (except those currently receiving Medicaid prescription drug coverage who will automatically be enrolled in the new program at no cost) will need to evaluate their individual potential benefits vs. anticipated expenses. The federal government (along with your premiums) will fund all the plans and therefore they will be quite similar as to benefits and costs. The delivery of the benefit and the specifics of each plan will constitute the differences.

The basic plan passed by Congress will be administered by electronic point-of-sale prescription drug processors. The first \$250 of Rx drug expenditures per person per year will satisfy the annual deductible; some plans with a higher premium may have a smaller deductible, but the total annual expenditure between the two will be pretty consistent. The basic plan will pay approximately 25% of the next \$2000 of prescription drug costs. Therefore if a person purchases \$2,250 of Rx drugs in a calendar year he or she will spend approximately \$750 plus premiums (about \$350 to \$400 per year). At this point the

individual has spent roughly half as much money on Rx drugs as he or

she would have spent with no coverage. Now, that is if you use approximately \$2,250 worth of Rx drug per person per year. If, however, you use only a relatively small amount of Rx drugs per year you may elect not to participate. Incidentally, there is no penalty for waiting to join this program until May 2006. Each month that you are eligible and do not participate in the program after May 15, 2005 will add 1% to your premium (permanently). This is indeed a small number, roughly 35 cents per month, but is a consideration that I think will be easy for you to evaluate by the middle of next year. As previously stated the yearly premiums total about \$350 to \$400 per year and the annual deductible is \$250. Therefore, approximately the first \$600 you spend does not benefit you except for peace of mind—as in any insurance plan. At this point further drug expenditures of approx. \$800 will cost the recipient only about \$200 and thus the break-even point is about \$800 per person per year (approx. \$67 per month). As previously stated the next \$1000 in Rx expenditures will cost only an additional \$250 approx. The plan looks pretty good so far, right? Yes, I agree, especially if you use between \$600 and \$2,250 per year (about \$50 to \$190 per month). It should be noted at this point in the discussion, each person receiving these benefits should try as much as possible to use generic drugs and preferred brand name drugs instead of non-preferred drugs to maximize your benefit. Non-preferred drugs will cost you more up front and "eat up" your benefit much faster than will the previously mentioned generics and preferred brand drugs. By the way, many if not most drug classes now have generics available and there will be at least two preferred branded drugs in each class available for use.

It is now time to give you the bad news concerning the Medicare Part D drug benefit. There exists a dreaded "donut hole" in the coverage of the program. From about \$2250 in Rx drug expenditures until approximately

\$5,100 in drug costs you are on your own—you pay 100% of your costs for Rx drugs. This represents out-of-pocket drug expenditures (not including premium costs) from approximately \$750 to \$3600. Usage of Rx drugs in excess of approx. \$5,100 per person per year will then get the recipient out of the "donut hole" and into a quite generous 95% coverage benefit from that point on with no limit in the coverage.

In review, this is how the basic plan enacted by the federal government was constructed. Individual plans will have some variance (it appears each company approved by Medicare to administer the plans will have about three variations in specific premiums, co-pays or percentages, and deductibles). The administrator that we endorse, because it does not (and never will) require or try to entice recipients into the use of mail-order prescription services is the Community Care Rx Plan. It also has three variations available, and according to the specific drugs that you take one plan may be better than another. Or you may prefer a little bit higher premium but lower co-pays and/or deductibles. We can examine these in the future.

It is my personal opinion that the major drug and insurance companies as well as the large pharmacy benefit managers and even large drug chains have a plan to funnel away as many prescriptions as possible from independent pharmacies and to enter into mutually beneficial agreements between themselves including pushing the expansion of mail-order pharmacies and certain health maintenance organizations. Just as you should always retain your right to choose your own physician, you should also retain the right to choose your own pharmacy. Please watch for sign-up information for Medicare Part D as well as more specifics in future issues of the Stratford Star.

Sherman County 4-H Participates in Nutrition Quiz Bowl

More than 60 youth competed in the Panhandle District Nutrition Quiz Bowl held Friday, October 14 on the campus of Frank Phillips College in Borger. Ten members of Sherman County 4-H participated in the contest.

Seventeen teams of youth ages 8-18 squared off to answer questions based on a variety of subjects, including: basic nutrition, food preparation skills and storage, nutrition and health, consumer information and kitchen safety.

Sherman County was represented by two junior teams and one intermediate team. Junior (ages 8-10 years) team members were Mary Ann Spurlock, Ben Gilliland, Tyler Seward, Nathan Bennett, Mazie Vincent, and Jacie Seward. Intermediate (ages 11-13) team members were Eric Burton, Ransom Lerman, Rhyann Burton, and Sunny Russell. Coaches for the teams were Connie Burton and Laurie Spurlock.

The Intermediate team captured first place at the contest. This is the third consecutive year Sherman County has won the Intermediate contest.

Sponsors of the contest were Arrowhead Mills, Texas Wheat Producers, and Texas Cooperative Extension. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national

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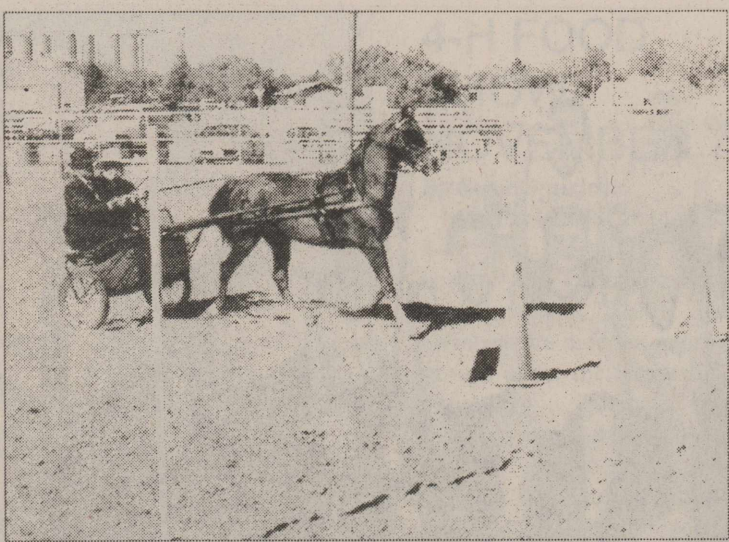
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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

Oct. 21-22 28,29, 30	"Aladdin, Jr." ALT Academy 7:30 Sun. 2:30 Amarillo Little Theatre Main Stage 806-355-9991
Oct. 21-30	"The Voice of the Prairie" drama Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
Oct. 25,26,27	"Stomp" 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
Oct. 27-30	"Life with Father" Comedy Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
Oct. 30	Amarillo Youth Choirs Fall Concert 3:00 p.m. Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-372-1100
Nov. 1-20	"The Who's Tommy" Rock Opera ALT Adventure Space Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
Nov. 5	LSB "A Romantic Evening" San Diego Ballet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463
Nov. 11-20	"Patros:The New Wave Tragedy" Political satire Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5343

October "Family/Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Safe Place has placed "Red Ladies" on the Court House Lawns of the 4 counties they service, Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman, representing 1 % of clients helped by Safe Place in a Single Year. Safe Place annually serves 600 persons affected by Domestic Violence. There are 60 "Red Ladies" placed in the 4 counties. Domestic Violence falls into 3 categories: Physical (battering); Mental/Emotional (restricting movement, financial recourses, verbal abuse, isolation from friends and family); and Sexual (demanding sex, strict gender roles). You may help by (1) Believing it is happening, (2) Lend moral support, encourage leaving the violent situation, (3) contact the Police or Sheriff, and (4) Contact Safe Place. Safe Place Inc. can and will help. Call Dumas 935-7585 or 935-2828 or 1-800-753-7553. To learn more about Safe Place Inc. and the programs that are offered, contact Orby Brooks, Public Education Training Service Coordinator. Safe Place Inc. 306 West 7th Dumas, TX 79029

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The Lady Elks had a tremendous team start and were all within about 5 seconds of each other at the 400 meter mark of the race. Yadira Ortega and Kristen Crabtree were a few paces ahead. Lucero Ortega, and Lucero was followed closely by Perla Rueda and Whitney Reese. At this point of the race, the Stratford girls looked really good and were probably all in the top 12 or 15 runners. The girls looked extremely fresh as they closed in on the 800 meter mark of the race and it was becoming obvious that the girls didn't just come to compete, but they came to win the 2005 district meet. Whitney began making a move on some girls slightly ahead of her, while Perla and Lucero seemed to be holding ground fairly well. Kristen and Yadira began slowly closing that gap between themselves and Becca Rapstine from White Deer as they approached the mile mark. As the girls made the turn and began heading up the incline on the back side, Yadira made her move on Rapstine and passed her. Kristen kept a solid hold on third place and the rest of the young ladies followed her up the incline looking strong with their knees up and arms pumping hard. All of our young girls reached the 1200 meter mark in great shape and seemed to be wearing down the competition. Yadira began surging ahead of Rapstine and was able to fight off a late surge by her to win the individual district title in an excellent time of 12:45. Kristen Crabtree was able to hold on to 3rd place running a personal best time on this course of 13:04. Perla who remained in the top 10 almost the entire meet, moved into 8th place with a time of 13:42. Whitney made the biggest move in the later stages of the race moving from 17th/18th place to finish in 12th with a 13:50. Lucero Ortega would be the 5th Lady Elk to cross the line in a time of 14:16 (17th place). All these young ladies had personal best times on a course that measured 3236 meters long and ended up winning the district meet by a lower score than that they had in 2004. Yadira improved her time by 46 seconds from a year ago, while Kristen improved her best time by 36 seconds. Perla improved by 54

seconds, Whitney by 40 seconds and Lucero by 23 seconds. This combined effort by the Stratford girls was good enough to bring home the 2005 district title. The most impressive statistic about this victory was the margin between the Lady Elks (41 points) and the 2nd place team Vega girls (62 points). This margin of victory, 21 points, was better than the margin of victory between these girls and the Claude girls a year ago - 16

THOUGHT FOR TODAY THE PUMPKIN PRAYER

As we approach Halloween I am always asked how Christians are supposed to participate in the secular activities. So, here is just part of the story on Halloween.

A long time ago there was a festival on October 31st to celebrate the harvest season. It was also a time of the year when night was becoming longer as the seasons changed. People were afraid that the darkness was filled with evil spirits. So they would try to scare away the evil spirits by dressing up in scary costumes. Many years later, the children began dressing up like the evil spirits the adults were trying to scare away. The children would go door to door telling people that if they got a treat the evil spirit would go away. Later the church decided to change the festival by making it a Celebration of the eternal life that we have in Jesus, not evil spirits. Instead of honoring the evil spirits, they honored all of the Christians who had died in the last year. November 1 was call "All Saints Day" or "All Hallowed Day". (Hallowed means "holy") The evening before was called "All Hallowed Eve".

Over the years the name was shortened to "Halloween". During Halloween people still celebrated evil spirits so many churches and Christians are deciding to have "Fall Festivals" or "All Saints' parties at church. Instead of scary costumes they dress up like people from the Bible or their community helpers. There are many resources available to help Christians understand and share in Halloween celebrations without making it about evil spirits, ghosts and goblins. The Pumpkin Prayer below is just one way we can let our light shine in the darkness.

BIBLE VERSE

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 New Revised Standard Version

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for reasons to celebrate your love for us. Help us to share your love with others through our words and deeds. Amen

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Memory Verse: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

The Pumpkin Prayer is a wonderful way to focus on the Lord at Halloween.

This devotion is appropriate for children of all ages. You will need a large pumpkin, newspaper, a large plastic bag for the "guts", a waterproof marker, a serrated knife, a candle and matches or flashlight. If you want to use this as a devotion, you might want to cut the pumpkin following the directions and then replace all of the parts so you can easily remove them as you say the prayer.

The Pumpkin Prayer Dear God, Open my mind so I can learn about you; (Cut the top of the pumpkin) Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do. (Clean out the inside) Open my eyes so your love I will see; (Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me. (Cut the nose in the shape of a cross) Open my ears so your Word I will hear; (Cut ears shaped like the Bible) Open my mouth so I can tell others you are near. (Cut mouth in the shape of a fish) Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen. (Place candle inside and light it)

Editors Note: I received this via E-Mail. Just a thought for Halloween Monday, October 31st.

points). Those same Claude girls finished 3rd this year with a point total of 88. The girls were approximately one minute and 30 seconds apart from our #1 runner to our #5 runner, which is really good considering how fast the #1 time was. Congratulations on a successful district campaign. The regional meet will be held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock on Saturday, November 5th. The competition looks to be extremely good, but I have no doubt that these young ladies are up to the challenge. The class A girls' race will begin at 9:00 a.m. Good luck Lady Elks Cross Country!!

The junior high girls had an outstanding cross country season and finished on a high note by placing 2nd with 67 points behind the always tough Sunray girls (51 points) at district. These young ladies would finish 1st at one meet, 2nd in two others, 3rd in another and 7th in their very first meet at Perryton. Eighteen young ladies competed this year for the Lady Elks Junior High team, and this was not counting all the 'pack' girls running to get in shape for basketball. Our

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Football Play / All Games - TBA	Employee Banquet 7:00 PM	7th vs Sunray (1) 6:30 PM 8th vs Vega (1) 5:00 PM JV vs Bushland (1) 7:00 PM	End of 2nd Six Weeks Vega (H) 7:30 PM	Regional Cross Country Meet Main-Sherman Park - Lubbock		
3rd Six Weeks Begins GRT Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Library	Canadian (1) JVG, VG 5:00 PM		School Board Meeting 7:00 PM	FIN 2nd Year Main-Sherman Park	Unified FFA Contest	State Cross Country Meet Round Rock
High-Middlebury Coastal - Nant Arlington				Wrestling Regionals 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM		
JVG, VG, VG, VG vs Vega (1) 4:00 PM	Dahart (1) JVG, VG 5:00 PM	S/SO Foundation Foundation Meeting 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM	JVG, JVB @ Canadian Town - TBA	TOP Meeting - 3:00 PM		JVG, JVB @ Canadian Town - TBA
					VG, VB @ Highland Park Town - TBA	
JVG, VG vs Vega (1) 4:00 PM	JVG, JVB, VG vs Vega (H) 4:00 PM	Salina Validation - County Barn - 6:30 - 4:00		Happy Thanksgiving		
1st Meeting - 8:30 AM						
JVG vs White Deer (1) 4:00 PM	JVG vs Highland Park (H) 5:30 PM	JVG vs Highland Park (H) 5:30 PM	ASVAB Test			

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Mrs. Glass's Anatomy classes have been discussing the benefits and controversy surrounding stem cell research by acting together as a panel and exploring all aspects surrounding the topic (ethical, scientific and political) Biology is looking at food labels and determining healthy food choices surrounding carbohydrates, proteins and lipids.

5th grade math took their first progress test on a new benchmark test to help them get ready for the spring administration of TAKS. They took it on the computer--something that is rumored to be coming in the future.

6th graders are trying out for the Mathematics team to compete at the UIL contest. This is a contest of 50 multiple-choice questions that they have 30 minutes to complete. It is very advanced for the sixth grade. It covers 6-7-8 and 9th grade math concepts and quite a bit of algebra. We will be choosing our team next week and working hard on it!

7th Grade Reading: We had our AR Party for those students who met their goal for the first six weeks. Students should be working toward their goal for the current six weeks. Goals need to be met by November 4th. We are also still reading *Tangerine*.

8th Grade Technology Applications: We are continuing to work on keyboarding skills. We are also learning to create various word processing documents using Microsoft Word.

Have you seen the metal building going up on the football practice field? Mr. Hembree's Ag Mechanics class has been working on it all fall and now has it completed. It goes over the pole vault pit to cover it when it's not in use, then slides back when they're ready to practice the pole vault. I'm not sure exactly how it all works, but I know it does.

Stratford High School was given Campus Gold Star Performance by the Texas Accountability System in the following areas: Attendance Rate - 96.7%; Comparable Improvement on TAKS ELA and Reading (Rated in Quartile 1); TASSP Exemption on TAKS (90.2%). TASSP is a standardize test requirement before entering college. Meeting a certain standard on TAKS exempts students from this high education requirement.

On Tuesday, the Junior High GT students took a trip to Amarillo to see "Stomp".

Junior High and JV football teams play Sunray here Thursday. The Pep Rally is at 3:15. Varsity plays Sunray Friday there. Pep Rally is at 3:15. The Big Blue Marching Band will perform at the Area Marching Contest in Plainview on Saturday. Get up early--they march at 8:30 a.m.!!!!

From Mr. Essary: My name is Josh Essary and I am the new JH band director and I thought I'd sent an article of what has been going on with the Junior High Band. Recently, the Junior High Band has been working on their rhythmic counting. This skill allows all the members to read rhythms easier and quicker. However, it requires copious concentration and repetition. We just finished up a counting chair test in which all band members were given the same specific rhythm. Throughout the week each member counted the designated line confidentially to Mr. Hunsaker. This way none of the other students would feel

intimidated, and no one would have any idea of the outcome. When the evaluations were complete, there were obviously many improvements and just as many surprises. Our outstanding counters of each section are as follows: Catheryn Arisano - Flute Kelsi Dennis - Clarinet Luis Ortega - Saxophone Tyler Wright & Kimberly Melton - Trumpet Krystal Brown - French Horn Janeth Reyes - Trombone Eric Burton & Sunny Russell - Baritone Luke Haile - Tuba



Jr. High Lady Elks Place 2nd

The Jr. High Lady Elks placed 2nd at the District Meet held in Amarillo on Monday, October 17th. Shown kneeling from left, Esmeralda Sauzamedia, Jessica Ibarra, Erika Duran, Angie Rosales, Kelsie Keener, Beatriz Marquez, Catheryn Arisano, Alma Marquez, Kristi Torres and Janeth Reyes. Standing from left, Rubi Rueda, Kimberly Ricks, Kristina Woodburn, Berenice Rios, Brianda Chavoya, Krystal Brown, Morgan Carter and Perla Morales. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUNG LADIES!

Fall Festival 2005



A huge crowd attended the Fall Festival held on Saturday evening October 22, 2005.



The Mexican Pile-On dinner was a huge success.

Beat Sunray

Michael Ortega - Percussion Thank you to all the band members and their hard work!

From Mr. Seward: Not only was the Jr. High Campus rated "Recognized" by TEA, SJH has also received "Gold Star" Acknowledgments for Commended Performance in the following areas: Attendance, Reading/ELA, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. Keep up the great work!!

Stratford ISD has been selected to participate in a grant to "integrate" the Arts into the curriculum. It will consist of some training for the interested staff members as well as money to take students to Art opportunities or bring in Artists to our District.

Mrs. Drake's class has created a 'Snakes to Scale' wall. After studying about snakes, we measured and created the creatures to help us realize how large they could become. Come by and see our 'Slithery Snakes' in the hallway!!



Ted Zieman, left and Doak Crabtree took their turn at dish washing duty at the Fall Festival.



Just two of the many brave faculty members that participated in the pie throw at the Fall Festival. Shown from left, Lynda Hauser and Tiffany Confer.

REGION I UIL BANDS FAREWELL IN CONTEST AND PROCEED TO AREA "A" COMPETITION NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29.

Dick Bivins Stadium was the site of Region I's annual UIL Marching Band Competition October 15th. Region I is one of four regions that make up the area "A" for UIL Marching Band Competition. Due to the large number of bands in Area "A" that qualify to advance toward the state marching band competition, two contests will be held next Saturday, October 29 to complete the Area "A" Competition. Successful bands then will proceed to the State of Texas UIL Marching Competition in San Antonio November 7-8.

"A" and "2A" will have their contest in the Plainview Stadium beginning at 8:00 AM. The schedule for Region I "A" "2A" bands is as follows:

Class "A" (AM)
8:15 Clarendon High School
8:30 Stratford High School
9:10 Memphis High School
9:25 Gruver High School
9:55 Nazareth High School
10:50 Sunray High School
Class "2A" (PM)
4:30 Panhandle High School
5:40 Tulia High School
6:10 Boys Ranch High School
8:00 Friona High School
8:55 Canadian High School
9:10 Dimmitt High School

Times were determined by a blind draw for qualifying bands from the Lubbock, Odessa, El Paso and Amarillo regions. Seven bands will be selected from the seventeen entries to proceed to the finals beginning at 1:45 for the "A" bands and 10:00 pm for the "2A" bands.

A total of 17 bands qualified for each classification with seven in each classification advancing to the finals.

Three bands in each classification will advance to the State UIL Marching Band Competition.

Six Region I "4A" bands were chosen to compete at their contest, also on Saturday, at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Those bands for the "4A" contest and their performance times are:
Caprock High School- 4:55 PM
Randall High School- 2:30 PM
Palo Duro High School- 3:00 PM
Hereford High School- 4:00 PM
Pampa High School- 4:15 PM
Dumas High School - 5:15 PM

There will be an admission charge for each of these contests to defray expenses of the event.

AREA 'A' MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

CLASS 'A'
8:00 New Deal
8:15 Clarendon
8:30 Stratford
8:45 Ropes
BREAK
9:10 Memphis
9:25 Gruver
9:40 Jayton
9:55 Nazareth
BREAK
10:20 Forsan
10:35 Sundown
10:50 Sunray
11:05 McCamey
BREAK
11:30 Sudan
11:45 Seagraves
12:00 Anton
12:15 Plains
12:30 Whiteface

DRUM MAJOR RETREAT FINALISTS

ANNOUNCEMENT LUNCH AREA 'A' FINALISTS

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DRUM MAJOR RETREAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THOSE ADVANCING TO STATE.

CLASS AA
4:30 Panhandle
4:45 Roosevelt
5:00 Abernathy
5:15 Denver City
BREAK

5:40 Tulia
5:55 Post
6:10 Boys Ranch
6:25 Idalou
DINNER BREAK
7:15 Tahoka
7:30 Shallowater
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BREAK
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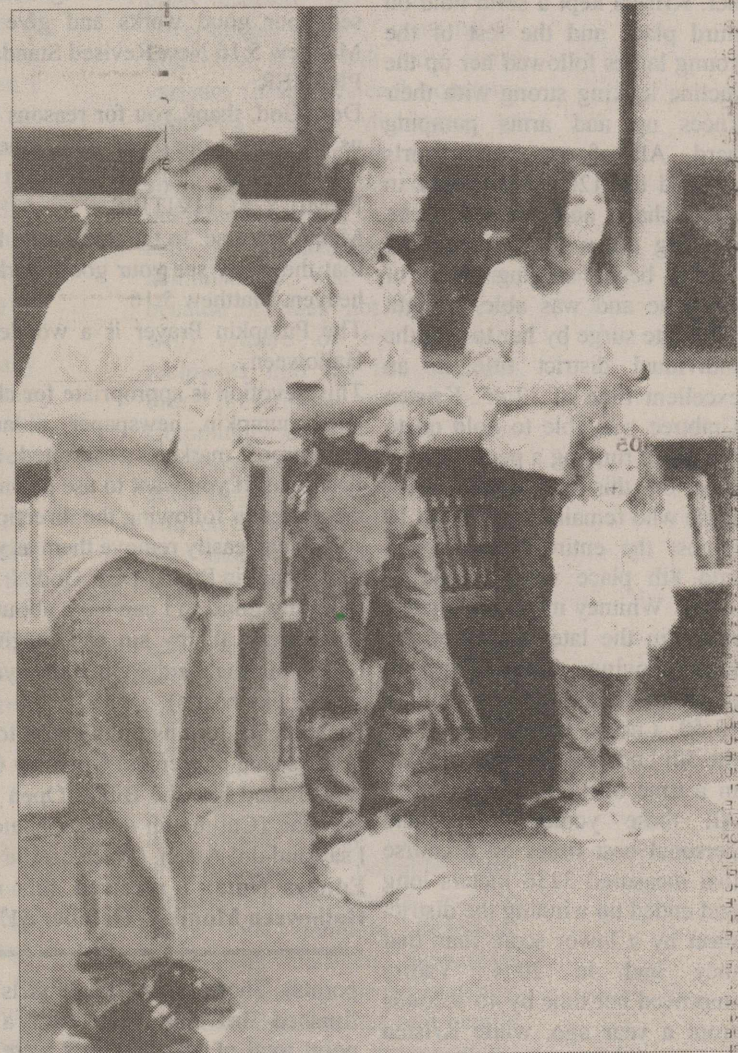
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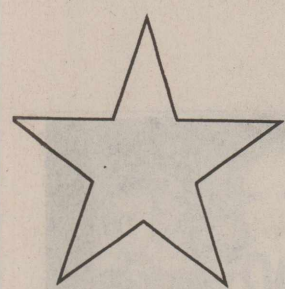
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NOTE: BANDS CHOSEN AS FINALISTS WILL APPEAR IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE PRELIMS.



Waiting for the cake walk to start, from left, Mark Hand, Clint and Cindy Seward and daughter Remie.

GOOD LUCK BAND-WE ARE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY



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For Sale

For Sale: Seed wheat Tam 110 available locally. Other varieties available in Dumas. Call 935-4104. 9-29-tfn

Used Tire Sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557. 7-28-tfn

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

Eta Alphas 22nd Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar, Saturday, October 29, 2005 Boise City, OK> North Main. 10:10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 580-544-2293. Commercial Spaces Available Arena. 10-26-p

Calling all Ghosts, Goblins, Witches & other Spooks....oh, And Princess too!!!!

Let's Make Arrangements is planning a party for you

Come by our Little Shop of Horrors on Monday, the 31st We'll have plenty of tricks & treats! No Costume Required

For Sale: 1-1999 Suburban

1-2000 Mazda
1-2001 Pickup
1-2002 Pickup
1-2003 pickup
2-2004 pickups
Call 366-2576
10-27-tfn

For Sale: 195 bales Wheat Hay
Call 366-2576.
10-27-tfn

Land for Sale

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 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

IN YOUR FRONT YARD-1/2 section, one circle of improved pasture, one 1/4 native grass, new sprinkler, new pens & fences.

OCHLTREE CO.-dryland 1/2 in irrigation area

STRONG WATER-with over 300 feet of sat. thickness-^{all} sprinkler irrigated, barbed wire & steel post fences on every circle, steel pens with covered working area with hyd. Chute, well suited for corn, wheat, cotton, peanuts, alfalfa or seed milo (good isolation!)

CHECK OUR WEBSITE for data and pictures of many farms, ranches, feed yards, dairies and choice dairy locations with permits and acreages with homes

Shawn Gillispie 806/922-5532

Ben G. Scott-Broker 800/933-9698 day/eve

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Shannon Sellers
Connie Biddy

We can take care of your holiday needs call 753-6533 or 753-6000

11-24-c

Tree trimming or removal. Call Dusty Stewart for a free bid. 366-7601. 6-9-tfn

I will do little handwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679. 8-19-tfn

For Rent

For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tfn

PHEASANT RIDGE

APARTMENTS

1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut
Stratford, TX

HAS OPENINGS

"2 BEDROOMS"

Great for Senior

Citizens and HUD

Approved.

Call we have a

home you.

806-244-3418

House for Rent: 2-Bedroom, central air & heating. Call 366-2493 Cell-930-1985. 10-27-c

House for Rent: 3 1/2 miles west of Stratford. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, has washer/dryer hookups. Stove, dishwasher, microwave, fireplace. Water is paid. Referenced required. Call 727-4646 10-27-c

House for Rent-2 Bedrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information.

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

If you have not been contacted and you would like to purchase an ad for the Sherman County Livestock Show Book please call 366-7575 or 366-2081 and leave a message. An individual as well as a business may purchase an ad.

Garage Sales

Garage Sale: 811 N. 3rd-Oct. 29th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baby Clothing, Women's clothing, Household items and baby items 10-27-c

Lost

Lost Yellow Tiger Cat-is on medication. Contact 366-2279. 10-27-c

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 802 N. Fulton, Carport, CH/A Heat Pump system. Call 396-2007. 5-12-tfn

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

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division. 9-22-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building, close to school. Call 266-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner. 4/2/3 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

House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270 9-22-tfn

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & 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

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

Ad Rem Land Co.

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Dumas, TX 79029
806-935-7364



NEW LISTING! Hurry to see this large family home. It has central heat and air, a free standing fireplace and a great location. \$62,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$43,000

Comer Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced. \$55,000
HEY Mr. HOMEBUYER! THIS SELLER IS WILLING TO PAY SOME OF YOUR CLOSING COST! This home has a fireplace in the second living area. It had plumbing upgraded in '05 with PVC by Master Plumber. Water line replaced from meter to house in 2004. 43,500

Help Wanted

Murphy • Brown LLC, the pork production division of Smithfield Foods, has immediate openings For these key management positions for its operation based in Texhoma, OK

Production Technical Training Coordinator- Responsibilities include the coordination of me technical training for farm employees including development, training and monitoring of standard operating procedures. Requirements include 2 years of college or related experience, demonstrated success in swine production, excellent verbal and written communication skills in Spanish and English, strong organization skills and the ability to effectively train various levels of employees,

Finisher Complex Manager- Responsibilities include to supervise, plan, direct, and coordinate production for 44,000 head of finishing space. Requirements include a minimum of 1 year of experience, with 2-3 years preferred, in swine production. Other requirements also include excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong organizational skills, and great leadership skills,

Facility Maintenance/Construction Manager -This person will utilize planning and organizing skills to coordinate the maintenance department work needed to meet daily operational goals and supervise hourly maintenance staff to ensure that work is accomplished efficiently and safely. The position requires 2-3 years of experience in general and preventative maintenance or related field, supervisory experience as well as excellent communication and leadership skills, Bilingual English/Spanish desired

Environmental Systems Manager - The position requires 2-3 years of experience in related field, a minimum of a BS in agronomy, environmental engineering, biology, agriculture), engineering or a related field. Must have excellent leadership, communication, and organizational skills. This individual is responsible for all environmental affairs and regulatory programs, serves as point of communication with all regulatory agencies and overseeing the environmental technicians. Budgeting, staffing, and excellent communication skills are other responsibilities,

- The position prefers art accounting degree and 2 years of supervisory experience. Oversees the production and accounting reporting process as well as supervises production data and accounting employees. Provides the team with direction in the development of efficient transaction processing as well as ensuring proper controls are in place. Compiles business development, production, and overhead cost reports on a summary and individual department basis.

Competitive salary, including incentive, Gain Share bonus, and benefits package. For application information call Judy or Rina at (580) 423-1404 All qualified candidates please send a resume to; MURPHY-BROWN LLC P.O. Box 409

Coldwater Manor has openings for two CNAs. Apply in person to Chassidy at 1111 Beaver Rd, Stratford. EOE 11-3-c

Sherman County Extension Office is taking applications for full-time secretarial position. Must have good public relation skills, experience in computer application skills of Windows, Quicken, and Word Perfect in addition to email, web page management, internet, and telephone skills. Record keeping skills and self initiative a must. Experience preferred. For more information, contact *Susie Spurlock, CEA-FCS at 806-366-2122. Applications may be obtained at the Sherman County Extension Office located at 301 N. Third Street, Stratford. Sherman County is an EEO employer. 10-27-c

Need a little money? Like Kids? Looking for strong friendly person to help with 2 toddlers occasionally. \$8 Hr/20-30 hrs. a mo. Interested? Call Valrie at 366-3007. **References are required.** 10-20-c

Need an extra \$36,000.00 a year? Vending business for sale. Sell \$5000 1-800-568-1281 or vending friends.com 11-1-c

Help Wanted

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, Sherman County is accepting Applications for the position of Custodial/Maintenance person. Applicants should have basic skills in cleaning; grounds maintenance; minor repairs of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. Applicants should mail or deliver applications and/or resumes with references to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge, 701 N 3rd, P O Box 165, Stratford, TX 79084. Deadline for accepting Applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2005.

Help Wanted, Stratford Chamber of Commerce Manager, Part time, Minimum 20 hours a week, Computer literate, Excel, Word, Quickbooks Pro, good Organizational Skills, Salary negotiable, Interviews begin November 1st. Please submit resumes to: Stratford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 570, Stratford, Texas 79084 or bring them by the office at 305 North Main Street, Stratford.

Cards of Thanks

Band Boosters would like to thank the following people and businesses for their donations to help make the Band Booster meal a great success.

Meat-Stratford Feedyard, Ricky & D' Lynn Reed and Lem & Cindy Russell.
Paper goods-Wesley & Susie Spurlock
Cole Slaw & Dressing-First State Bank
Potato Salad-Varsity Players
Parents
Rolls-Stratford Grain
Cups-Happy State Bank
Pickles-Subway
Desserts-Band Parents and Workers

Without everyone's help the booster meal would not be the success it was.
Thanks again.

Band Boosters Officers

Dewey (Tex) and Janice Vaughn would like to express their appreciation and thank you to the Stratford Medical Clinic, Jimmy Lanning EMT, and the folks at Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. Thank you for your prayers and professional help. Also for the cards and flowers.

Sincerely
Janie & Tex Vaughn

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-827-7728
Jesse Resendes-366-3134
Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

Austin Hotline
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Legal Notices

Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Stratford Independent School District will accept qualification proposals for Architecture projects for Campus Improvements. According to proposal criteria by Stratford ISD sealed proposals will be received at:

Stratford ISD Administration Office
503 North 8th Street
Stratford, TX 79084
Until 2:00 PM, November 10, 2005

We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear advantageous, and to waive all formalities in bidding.

Proposal documents may be obtained from:

Mr. Tim Gilliland
Stratford Independent School District
503 North 8th Street
Stratford, TX 79084
Phone: 806-366-3300
Fax: 806-366-3304

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested Vendors for a used Activity Bus. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM November 10, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084. Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on November 10, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear advantageous, and to waive all formalities in bidding.

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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 free 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 Stratford Elks

Beat Sunray

Football-Elk Style



The Stratford Elks beat White Deer 46-13 on Friday, October 21, 2005.

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Hunter Buckles completed 3 of 8 passes for 57 yards and carried the ball for 52 yards on 10 carries and one touchdown.

Gustavo Rosales led the Elks in rushing yards with 151 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns followed by Brady Bell with 35 yards on 5 carries and one touchdown. Alex Martinez also scored for the Elks on a carry.

Brady Bell led in receptions with 42 yards on 1 catch followed by Pablo Ibarra with 1 catch for 12 yards. Craig Kautz scored for the Elks on the opening kick return for a 90 yard touchdown. Jonathan Licon scored 2 Pats for the Elks and Buckles scored on a two point conversion run.

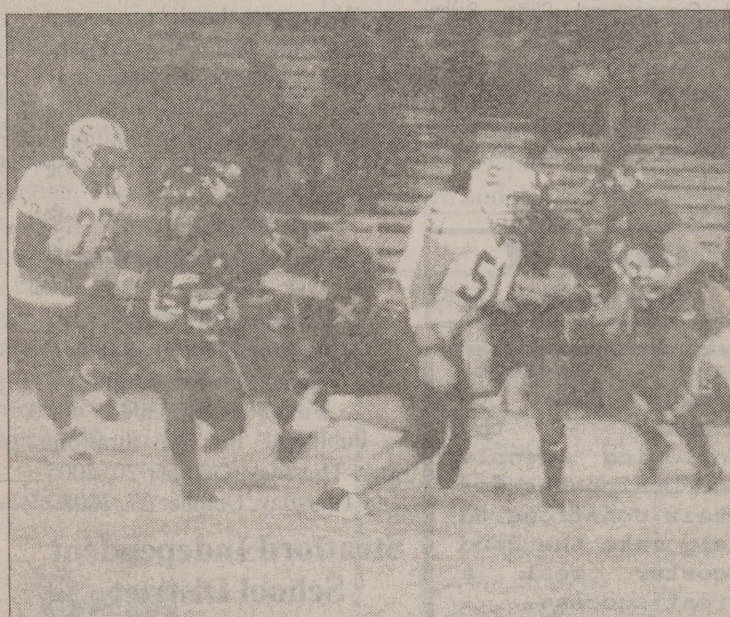
The Elks defense was led by Pablo Ibarra with 9 tackles followed by Andrew Correll with 8 tackles, Brady Bell and Steven Rueda with 6 tackles each, Jeffery Frizzell, Jonathan Licon and Rudy Portillo with 5 each and Sandro Gomez and Scott Hudson with 4 tackles each. Scott Hudson had two interceptions and returned one for a touchdown. Gilbert Reta, Julio Ramirez and Joey Reta each had a quarterback sack and fumble recoveries were made by Steven Rueda with 2 and Craig Kautz with 1. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Case Crabtree, Brant Cummings, Hunter Buckles and Kelby Smith.

Players of the Week: Offensive Back - Gustavo Rosales; Offensive Line - Gilbert Reta; Defensive Back - Pablo Ibarra; Defensive Line - Rudy Portillo.

The Elks will travel to Sunray on Friday, October 28th and must come away with at least a 12 point win over Sunray to at least stay in the running for a tie breaker to advance to the play-offs. Stratford Elk Fans head over to Sunray and support the Elks - Let's Go Get A Bobcat!!!! Kick-off time 7:30.



Future Stratford Elk Cheerleaders standing: Kaitlen Berry and Kenlee McBryde. Seated Rese Schoonover, Payton Berry and Ashton Lavake



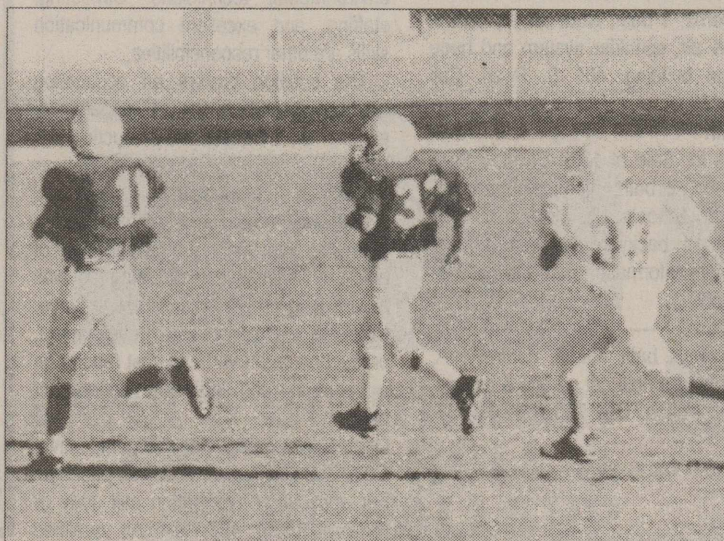
Stratford Elks #77 Rudy Portillo & #51 Gilbert Reta on defense against the White Deer Bucks.



Brady Bell gave the pep talk on Friday, October 21st.



#22 Jeffrey Frizzell



7th Grade Elk #11 Kyle Horsford scores for the Elks. Also shown #32 Katon Haynes.



The Stratford Elks will face Sunray this Friday, October 28th. LETS GO ELKS - GET A BOBCAT!!!



The 8th grade Elks beat White Deer on Thursday, October 20, 2005.



8th Grade Elk #22 Blu Pruitt carries the ball for the Elks.

HISTORIC FARM AND RANCH APPLICATIONS DUE NOV. 15

AUSTIN - Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs today reminded families that the final deadline for submitting an application for the 2005 Family Land Heritage Program is Nov. 15. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agriculture production by the same family for 100 years or more. Applications are also being taken for farms and ranches that have reached the 150-and 200-year milestones.

Combs commended past honorees and those who have submitted their applications for this year's program for their hard work in making Texas agriculture the second largest industry in the state.

"I encourage landowners who have a family farm or ranch that qualifies to apply today," Combs said. "It is a great way to recognize your family's hard work and dedication and a tremendous legacy to pass onto your children and grandchildren."



The 7th grade Elks tromped all over White Deer on Thursday, October 20, 2005.

There is no cost to apply for the recognition, and no purchases are required if the property is accepted into the program. Acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program does not put any restrictions on the land or open it for the public.

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin on March 17, 2006. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the

2005 Family Land Heritage Registry.

Since the Family Land Heritage Program began in 1974, more than 4,020 farms and ranches in 226 Texas counties have been honored.

Program applications and eligibility requirements are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512)463-2631.

Good Luck Elks

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numbers were clearly superior to the other teams the girls went up against, and we were very proud of the effort made by these young ladies to discipline themselves, get better and learn to work at a higher level. There is no doubt that these young ladies maximized their potential and that is all you can ask of young people competing in an athletic competition of any kind. The individual results for the Lady Elks are as follows: Janeth Reyes - 14:39 - 4th; Kelsi

Keener - 15:12 - 14th; Erika Duran - 15:12 - 15th; Alma Marquez - 15:30 - 22nd; Kristina Woodburn - 15:31 - 23rd; Jessica Ibarra - 16:10 - 34th; Crystal Brown - 16:15 - 36th; Brianda Chavoya - 16:20 - 39th; Beatriz Marquez - 16:42 - 43rd; Angie Rosales - 16:47 - 45th; Rubi Rueda - 16:56; Kristi Torres - 17:43; Esmeralda Sauzamedia - 18:26; Morgan Carter - 18:29; Perla Morales - 18:48; Berenice Rios - 18:49; Kimberly Ricks - 19:31; Catheryn Arisano - 23:07.