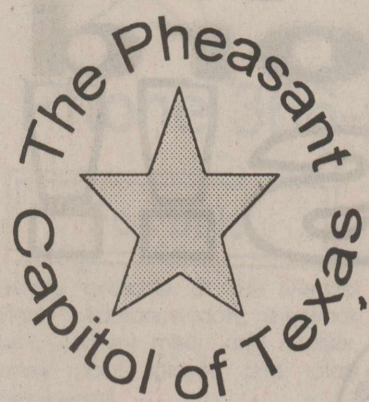


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Grand Opening Held

The Stratford Dairy Queen held their open house on Monday September 23, 2002. Shown above left to right is Christy Wells, Manager Javier Rodriguez, Eric Werner, Rosie Baragas, Paula Nusz, Carol Zimmer and Connie Werner. Not present for photo, Mr. Parrish Chapman, owner.

Fall Fashion Show Oct. 12

Get your ticket today for the Fall Luncheon and Style Show. For a \$10 donation one will have a delicious lunch and a show of fashions from Kay's Klassics and Creative Casuals, both of Dumas. The event is Saturday, Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m. at Mary Allen Cafeterium.

Projects of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club benefit from the event. No tickets are sold at the door. See any Club member for a ticket.

Imagination Station Workday Sat. Oct. 5

Imagination Station Workday this Saturday, October 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Transportation Quarterly Meeting Tues. Oct. 8

Quarterly Meeting will be at noon at Rendon's Headquarters on Tuesday, Oct. 8. Agenda: Report from TXDOT repairs; Main Street Enhancement Program; SPIRIT Hwy. 54 Annual meeting in Liberal, Oct. 10-11; and public concerns and comments.

Manor Friends Meeting

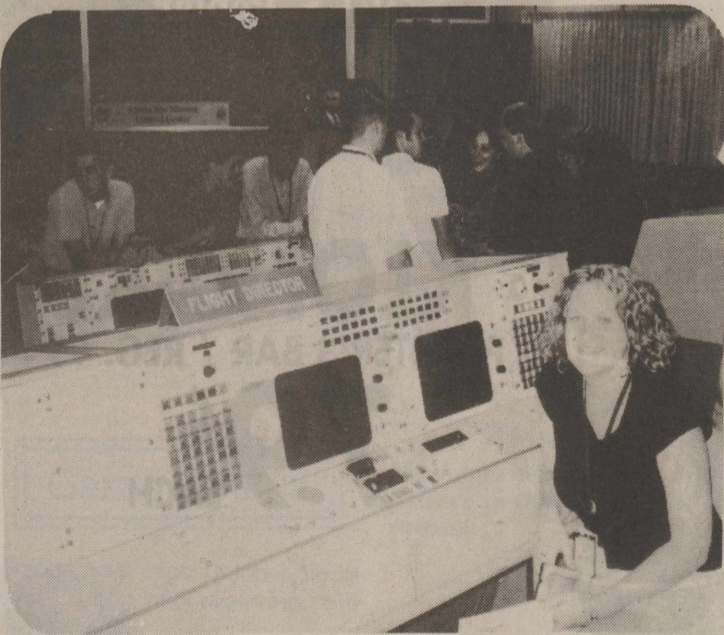
The regular meeting for Manor Friends Organization is at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 7, 2002 at Coldwater Manor.

Stratford Receives Community Networking Grant

High-tech, dot com, world wide web, and surfing the net are just a few phrases that can be associated with the technology revolution that have become staples in the daily lives of many Texans. With the assistance of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIFF) Board, a state agency that provides technology funding for Texas public schools, libraries, rural hospitals, and now rural communities, new opportunities to participate in the ever-expanding technology of today are now possible.

Homecoming Week Beat Wheeler

Attention Stratford Businesses-if you are interested in Recycling items, Call Jessie Mariscal at 366-5581.



Katie York, shown above at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Local High School Aerospace Scholars Helps Plan A Mission To Mars

Katie York, a senior at Stratford High School, accomplished a feat out of the ordinary this summer. She joined more than 200 other students from across Texas to participate in High School Aerospace Scholars. Their goal: get us to Mars.

Katie's interplanetary journey began when she was nominated by Texas State Representative Warren Chisum. This unique educational experience, part of Texas Aerospace Scholars, grew out of the common desire of NASA, Johnson Space Center and the State of Texas to inspire students to study and pursue careers in engineering.

Once the door of opportunity opened for Katie, she ventured into a 24-week training period incorporating knowledge gained from Web-based learning. This period ended with an all-expense paid, six-day mission at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where the students planned a robotics mission to explore and study the Red Planet and obtain Martian samples to be studied on Earth.

Using her imagination and math and science skills, Katie and her teammates tackled the challenges of planning such a large-scale mission. Additional skills required to conquer this mission were acquired from a sequence of classroom sessions, field trips and hands-on projects during their JSC visit. JSC employee-mentors and teachers guided this group of gifted students from Texas schools, providing insight into the challenges of living and working in space.

This challenging operation concluded with a banquet where Katie and her fellow students presented their proposal to an impressive group of leaders and legislators from across Texas. Guests included NASA's astronauts and management, prominent Texas Legislators, members of Rotary NASA, and distinguished members of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Executive Board.

Texas Aerospace Scholars offers three divisions: Middle School Aerospace Scholars for eighth-grade teachers; High School Aerospace Scholars for high school juniors; and Community College Aerospace Scholars for college students. Learn more about these "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunities through the TAS Web site: <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/>

Pheasant Season Approaching

The leaves are changing color, mornings and evenings are cool, combines are in the fields, and the fall hunting season is approaching. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking property to promote for our annual Pheasant Hunt. The Pheasant Season is December 14-29, 2002.

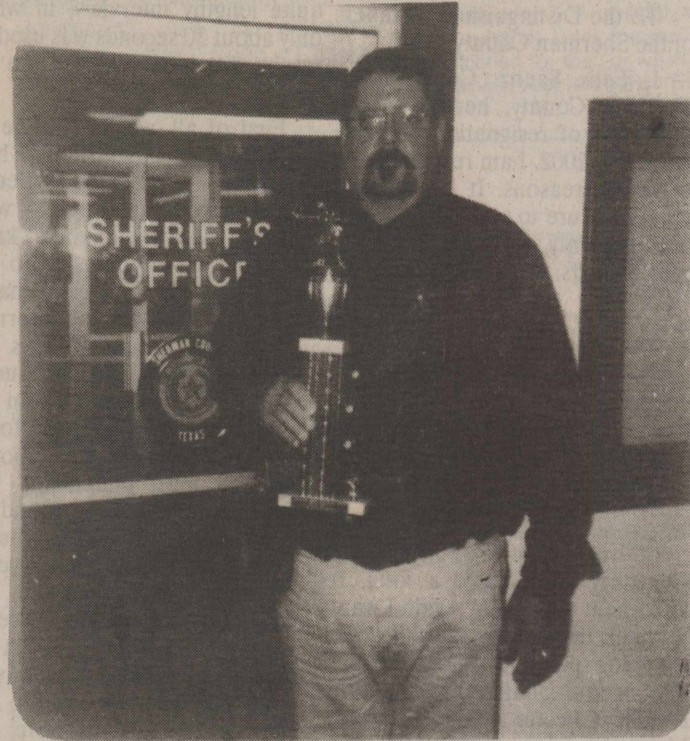
The Chamber Hunt generally comprises of CRP Grass, Corn and Milo stubble with the drought this year, many acres of dryland milo have been 'Totaled' by insurance and would make prime habitat for pheasant. The price paid to the landowner is as follows:

CRP Grass and Corn stubble \$.35/acre

Milo Stubble and uncut fields \$.70/acre

The final rental payment is determined by the total number of days the fields are available for hunting. In 2001, the Chamber sold permits to 102 hunters from across the nation. The total number of acres available in 2001 were 4,480.

Rental agreements for land owners are available from the Chamber Office. Anyone interested or who may need more information may contact Paula at the Chamber Office (366-2260) or come by the office located in the City Hall building.



Haile Wins Pistol Shoot

Shown above is Sheriff Jack Haile with the 1st place trophy he won at the Sheriff's Association of Texas annual pistol shoot. Haile competed against other sheriff's, deputies, and police officers in a modified I.D.P.A. three stage course where the score was computed by accuracy and speed.

Small Business Tax Workshop

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will host a small business Tax Workshop. This seminar will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2002. The location will be the "new" County Barn located on South McKee Avenue in Stratford. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately 2 hours.

Jimmy L. Hatley will lead the seminar. C.P.A. Tax Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service stationed in Amarillo. The IRS is trying to become more 'Customer Friendly' and Jimmy is the coordinator of the new office of Taxpayer Education and Communication. Jimmy

previously was a Tax auditor and has vast knowledge of the tax system and regulations.

The seminar will focus on the tax codes, regulations, and necessary preparations for the upcoming end-of-the-year tax reporting deadlines. After the seminar, Jimmy will be available to answer personal and specific business tax questions. All information shared during this session is confidential and will not be used against you for the collection of taxes.

All interested persons are invited to attend the free seminar. For more information, please contact the Stratford Chamber of Commerce office (366-2260).

Homecoming Coronation
3:05 p.m. on October 4, 2002
at Pep Rally in High School Gym.

Queen Candidates:
Alicia Adams, Veronica Ortega,
Erin Ashley, Amber Larance,
Heather Seiler

Stratford Receives Community Networking Grant

The community of Stratford has received a \$250,000.00 grant to be used toward the deployment of a community network. These funds will be used for the planning, development, implementation and deployment of a scalable and sustainable network that will serve and grow with the community. For the purposes of this grant a community network is comprised of: a webster or portal that provides current and relevant information, community technology centers to provide public access and technology training, and equitably distributed public access points.

The plan for the Stratford Community Area Network (SCAN) is as follows. Additional computers with broadband access and new software will be available for public use at the Sherman County Public Library. In addition to computers, the library will have digital cameras, a projector, and a projection screen for check out by patrons. The

Imagination Station will act as host to a community technology center. Twelve computers with a file server, printer, projection device, digital camera, and web cams will be available for use at this public access point. SCOT hall will also host computers for use by members. The latest in software applications will be available on all of these computers.

An important component of the grant is free training for community members. Training will run the gamut from how to turn on a computer to the use of industry standard software for web design. There will be something for everyone. The first FREE training classes will begin by October 15. Please do not let this opportunity pass you by. Development of a web site or portal is another aspect of this grant. The community web site will include as much content as possible. Please watch for updates in regard to training and web site development.



Izzard Presents Lecture

Bob Izzard and Gaynelle Riffe discussing the Panhandle Indian Wars lecture, presented by Mr. Izzard at the LaRita Theater in Dalhart, (the last lecture, October 5) and the upcoming bus trip to Old Mobeetie, Adobe Walls an foliage tour at Canadian on October 19. Space is still available for the bus tour leaving Dalhart at 8:30 a.m. and returning about 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 19. Reservations call Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.

Letters To The Editor

Letters To The Editor Policy for Publication: All letters will be accepted provided they are not anonymous & a bonafide address is given. We will not print letters in the Star anonymous or name on file. Name will appear in paper. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the view of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

(Editors Note) The following is a letter that Felix R. Saenz wrote the Sherman County Court

To the Distinguished members of the Sherman County Court:

I, Felix Saenz, Constable of Sherman County, hereby submit this letter of resignation effective August 4, 2002. I am resigning due to health reasons. It has been a great pleasure to serve the citizens of this County as Constable for the past 18 years.

Felix Saenz
Constable Sherman County

Dear Readers,

If you have not seen the Cemetery lately, take a look. It looks neat and clean. Again I want to thank those who made the tree trimming possible. Plans for the new memorial/directory building and flag pole are almost complete. Maintenance on grave covers and stones is on going. Please contact Linda Spurlock or Joe Zak for that information.

If you have flower arrangements there, you might want to take them in for the winter or replace them.

Please stay on the paved roads, the grass trails are for work access only and are sometimes wet from watering.

Gaynelle Riffe

Dear Editor:

I saw you and I know you saw me on Thursday September 26th @ 1:45 p.m. You ran over my dog on Hwy 287 and kept driving. Unless you come apologize I will press charges.

Tamara Johnson
601 N. Poplar

Dear Editor:

I hope that you will print this letter for me in an effort to give some understanding to your readers and my policy holders in regards to what is going on in the insurance world today, especially in Texas. I write this on behalf of FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP, my main company, but am sure that it will "explain a lot" for all the other companies represented in this state as well. I was recently aired on NBC in a quite lengthy interview, in which only about 30 seconds was used, so maybe this letter will tell the full story.

First of all, we have to get to the root of all this turmoil. I hear so much about the "greedy" insurance companies and I want each and everyone of you to know that there is another side to this story, there always is, and maybe this is my job to get you informed as an agent. Almost 2 years ago "black mold" became an issue in South Texas to file a claim for under the HOB (broad form) homeowner's insurance policy. Now, you must understand that "black mold" has been around for hundreds of years. It's just that in the past "common sense" years, you got your bleach water and sand paper, all for about 99 cents, and took care of it. For us in the desert, we are not as familiar with this "mold" as those south, but believe it or not, we have had some cases in the Panhandle, so we are not immune. "Mold" has never been a covered peril under a homeowner's policy, however, through a Dallas County Court of Appeals Case, "mold" BECAME a covered peril, and thus opened up a whole new era for claims payment. These claim payments by the way had never been charged for in the calculation of your premium. Frivolous lawsuit after frivolous lawsuit, people have been awarded MILLIONS by juries made up of people like you and me that have lost their perspective regarding the value of

a dollar. These insurance companies have been sued over not only totally replacing homes, but for health issues CAUSED by this mold!! Another real complaint that I have is that out of 100 mold claims submitted, yes, 10 might be legitimate, but I would wager that 90 claims are submitted just to their houses remodeled at the expense of the insurance company. Now, ultimately, where does the money actually come from to pay the claims? Your premium. Anyone now can see where this is going. When more is going out the back door than is coming in the front, we have a real problem called "in the red". The insurance companies had never allowed nor prepared for these claims to ever be paid, so something has to be adjusted.

I am proud of how FARMERS has taken the lead and the heat on this. They have paid these claims, and ridiculous lawsuits, while at the same time, frantically tried to stop the bleeding by changing the

HOB's to HOA's (a more limited, specific policy, especially in regards to water and the full exclusion of mold, regardless of cause) and all the while trying to say in business, "writing new business, all for the betterment of us all and the flow of the economy of Texas. To recoup, of course, premiums had to be adjusted, up. The TDI (Texas Department of Insurance) a couple of months ago began to reprimand FARMERS in particular (not exclusively by the way) for price gouging. Not only did they say FARMERS could not raise the premiums, they demanded that FARMERS pay back to the policyholders a penalty, to the tune of many man millions ON TOP of all the claims going on in the state. They stated FARMERS did not stay within the law regarding all this, FARMERS intends to demonstrate in court that they have indeed stayed within the law. Push has come to Shove and it was either run in the red with no prospect of improvement, or pull out of the State with their homeowners policy. FARMERS chose pulling out. Whether you believe this or not, it is true. In the 11 years that I have been a FARMERS agent, two things have always impressed me with this particular company (I represent several). #1, they honestly care for their customers and want to keep their promises made to the customer and #2,

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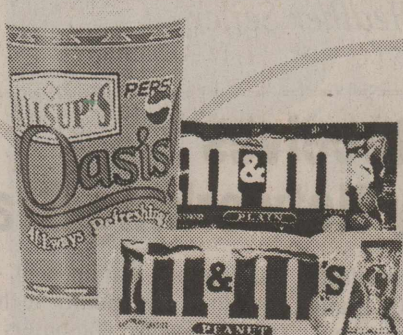
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Thelma Smith and Marylou McDaniel attended the 50th anniversary reception for Donald (Dutch) and Snooky Brakhage of Boise City on Sept. 28. Thelma and Donald are first cousins. All of Snooky's four siblings were there and most of their off-springs.

Trisha Schoonover and Peggy Kay Arthur, Joyce Meyer, Janet Hawkins had a Designer Handbags and Jewelry party at Trisha's house Friday night. A large group of ladies attended.

Nita Taylor, Linda Keener, Barbara Schoonover, Machele Daniels & Halie, Mayrene Aduddell, Shery Willborn, Jo June McDaniel, Kendra Mungia, Lori Mungia, Jode Roberts, Marylou McDaniel, Christy Wells, Sean Sims, Connie & Belle Werner, Kenna Collums, Kim Hitchings, Misty Hitchings.

Marylou McDaniel attended the last home games of Rockies baseball when the Rockies swept the Arizona Diamondbacks. She also attended final rites for Ray Martensen Sept. 24.

It's Sunday luncheon time at Kerrick Community Center this Sunday. Remember, it's on first and third Sundays. Bring a dish of your choice and enjoy.

Bill & Pat Boren went to Lake City, CO., with his brother, Joe Earl and Judy Boren recently. They did some fishing and a lot of jeeping.

Saturday Bill and Pat were at Ropesville to help grandson Kevin and his dad, Kelly Carlisle, celebrate their birthdays. Kevin is now seven years old.

Kylee Gillenwaters recently spent a week with her grandparents, Bill & Donna. Donna started therapy last week in Amarillo.

Saturday night the Gillenwaters took Barbara Tharsh of Griggs and Jo June McDaniel to Clayton for supper.

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.
—Francis Bacon

Dalhart Ministerial Alliance To Host Dr. John Maxwell

The Dalhart Ministerial Alliance will host Dr. John Maxwell's simulcast THRIVE, Becoming a Woman of Influence at First Baptist Church in Dalhart. Satellite technology will allow women in the area to view the live conference being held in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday Nov. 9th. Speakers for the event include Kay Arthur, Joyce Meyer, Janet Parshall, Becky Tirabassi and Lisa Beamer along with worship leader Trisha's house Friday night. A Alicia Williamson. Tickets for the event are \$39.00 if purchased by Sept. 30th or \$49.00 thereafter. This fee includes conference notebook, subscription to Today's Christian Woman magazine and lunch along with the conference. Tickets may be purchased by calling Lakeview Methodist Church-Dalhart at 244-2670 or 244-4401.

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they take care of their agency force. That explains why they made the hard choice to, at this time, leave the state. You see, they want to be there, in the black, to be able to PAY claims.

Now, is this permanent? I hope not. I truly think this is 'political and once the next governor wins by getting the votes of the average person that "thinks" he's after the big bad insurance companies, real business will take place around the table and a truce will be made. Too many homeowners (approx. 700,000) will left without insurance and I just don't think the "Higher ups" will let this happen. Most all of the other companies are not taking new business (they're waiting to see what's going to happen to FARMERS) and the few that will take new business are not geared up for this mass of immediate business and claim exposure. Think how this affects so many aspects of the economy. Buying and selling of real estate could come to a halt. Those that have mortgages on their homes are required to have insurance, which will come from where? For most people, their most valuable asset, their home, will not have coverage for the perils that insurance was intended to cover; fire, wind and hail.

It seems to me, we have gone from asbestos, to lead poisoning, o mold, and in every single one of



Extra work done by circus personnel for extra pay is called cherry pie.

SENIOR MUM SALE

Orders being taken through Homecoming, Oct. 4th!

If interested contact

Any Senior!!

The Plainview School at Griggs, Oklahoma will hold their annual

School Carnival, Saturday, October 5, 2002.

The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m. and will serve chili, stew, and pie. The doors to the carnival will open at 7:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 8:00 p.m. Besides bingo, there will be a cake walk, a toy walk, and numerous other activities. Everyone is invited to attend.

them, we have lost our common sense approach, and at the expense of us all, in one way or another, we have paid the price, dearly.

To my policyholders, hang on, give us some time. Remember, this is just homeowners. All other products with FARMERS will be business as usual. If your homeowners renews before November 11th, we have a year to figure this out. If it renews after November 11, call and we will get you taken care of. In the meantime, you and everyone else need to write your legislators, call them, do something. I do believe it will work out and probably for the better. Usually, good comes out of bad and this foolish "spending of our money" has got to stop. Just think about his; a very small handful of people in the State of Texas have become wealthy at the expense of each of us, whether it be high premium costs or now, just not being able to get insurance at all! And we let it happen.

Carolyn A. Tarver
Farmers Insurance Group
Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency
Stratford, Texas

Beat Wheeler

Births

Amie and Jeremy Davis of Amarillo announce the birth of their son, John Michael Davis. He was born Sept. 6, 2002.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Dennis Davis of Amarillo, Morse and Dreama Burroughs of Pampa, Patti Vincent of Stratford and the late Mike Vincent. Great-grandparents are Merrill and Kathy Stump of Amarillo, Charles and Mary Davis of Dumas, Marcus and Nancy Hayes of Lawton, Okla., and Harley and Daina Starnes and Walter Vincent, and the late Johnnie Vincent, all of Stratford.

Homecoming Week Beat Wheeler

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5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-8th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m. -
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m..
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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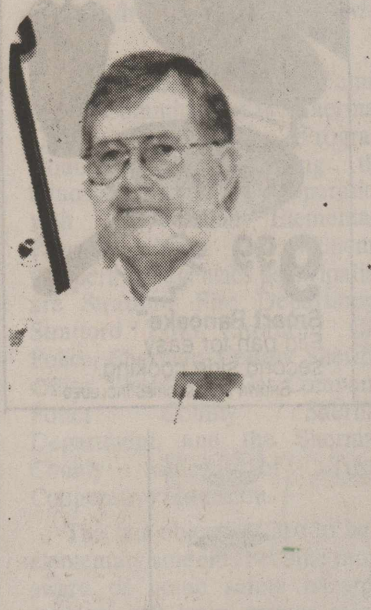
When one of my daughters was beginning to drive, we were on the interstate and she was enjoying her time behind the wheel. But even though she was going the speed limit, it seemed as though everyone was passing us. "Why is everyone passing us?" she asked. Of course the answer is that people are not content to go the speed limit. In fact, it is so bad that if you do obey the law you are the immoral person. Why how dare you hold up traffic by going the speed limit! The same thing is true when we consider God's commandments. Many people actually think that it is immoral to follow the Ten Commandments! This is exemplified in the permissive and perverted sex practiced in our society! But as Ted Koppel said, "What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai was not the Ten Suggestions." No, what Moses brought down from that mountain were God's Ten Commandments. And amazingly enough, love is defined in terms of these commandments. Listen: "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). You see, real love is defined in a very concrete way, keeping God's commandments. No man can say he really loves his wife if he commits adultery against her. And it is really not too much of a burden for a husband to remain faithful to his vows! This also gets at the meaning of true spirituality. To be a truly spiritual person involves following God's commandment. Spirituality does not involve tapping into a universal source of power so we can do what we want as some New Age advocates believe. True spirituality means serving God by following His commandments in the strength He gives.

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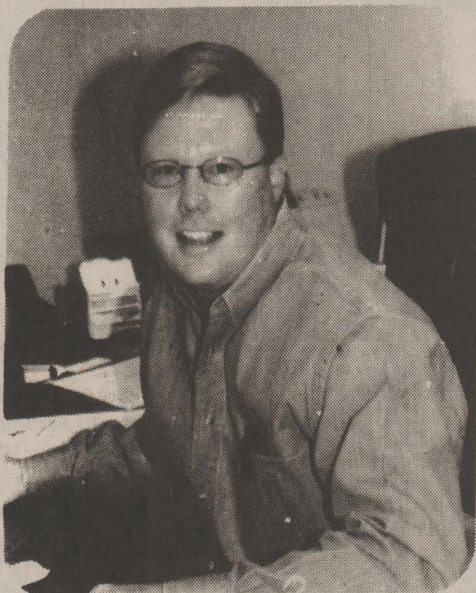
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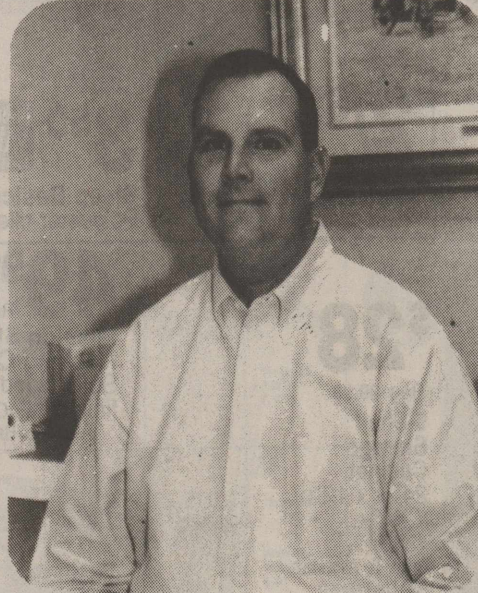
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Good Luck Elks
Beat Wheeler!!!



50 Years Celebrated

June and Charles Sutterfield of Stratford, Texas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary hosted by daughter Charlotte Malone and husband Mike Malone of Olton, Texas, Rhonda Lewis and husband Keith Lewis of Clayton, NM in the home of their youngest daughter Brenda and husband Forrest Acker North of Sunray, Texas. Charles Sutterfield married June Williamson in the home of her brothers at Purcell, Oklahoma on September 16th, 1952. The couple has lived around the Stratford area for about 35 years. Charles sold John Deere Equipment and farmed, he has since retired. June carries the Mail on Highway Contract Route. Charles and June had four children, Larry Sutterfield was killed in a truck accident October 29, 1997. They have daughters Charlotte, Rhonda and Brenda. They have 11 grandchildren. Randy Sutterfield and wife Kim children Ryan, Katurahna Danton, & Shane. Sandra Jefferson and husband Dale Kahesha, LaQuesha, Josh, & Jacob. Matthew and wife Chris Williams- Maryssa and Jolie, Lane and Faith, Mike Leedy, Shannon Hensley and great grandson Korbyn Hensley (Deceased). Clayton Acker & Sister Shyanne Acker, Keith and Brother Nicklas Lewis of Clayton, NM; Devin and brother Brian Malone Children of Charlotte and Mike-Malone. Charles and June Sutterfield are members of the church of Christ at Stratford, Texas they enjoy fishing and traveling.

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Tickets - \$10.00
Ticket Sales End on October 10
None will be sold at door!
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Spirit 54 To Hold Annual Meeting

Hwy. 54 Association, SPIRIT 54 will hold their annual conference in Liberal, Kansas, Oct. 10-11. A report will be made from the four states concerning the upgrade of 54 to 4 lane divided. Debra Elston, Planning and Environment research Manager with the Federal Highway Administration will be the Keynote speaker as well as serving on a panel discussion on "The Future of Our Transportation System and Partnership with Business, Industry and Tourism". Dennis McKinney will moderate the panel to include Jeanne Westphal, consultant with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Arizona Tourism consultant as well as Project manager of the "Canamex Corridor"; Rosie Ingram, KDOT Chief of Program Management; David Streb,

ODOT, State Planning Engineer; Gary Denning, President of National Carriers Inc.

The Conference will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10 with a reception and entertainment at the Baker Arts Center. The Conference will continue Friday, October 11 at the Mid-America Air Museum with a continental breakfast beginning at 7:30. The Annual meeting will begin at 8:15 with the welcome and introduction of guest followed by reports and panel discussion. Lunch will be among the planes at 12:30 followed by closing remarks. At 2:00 p.m., A bus will be provided for tours of Dorothy's House, Coronado Museum, Renovated Depot Complex or Golf at the Liberal Country Club. Registration is \$20.00 per person. Contact SPIRIT at Liberal Chamber of Commerce, 620-624-3855.

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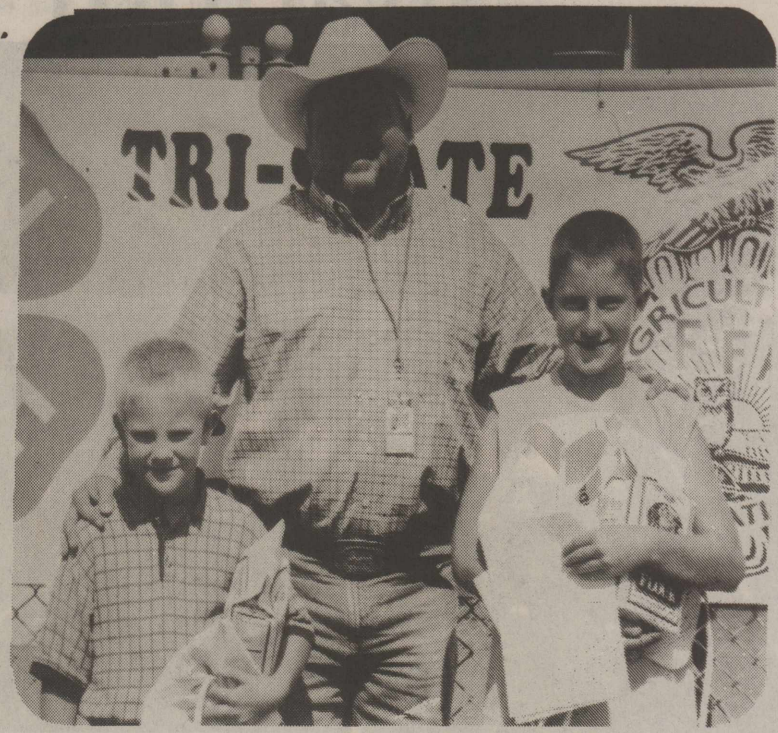


New Faces-New Places

New faces Brent & Robin Farney, Zachary, Alexander and Cassidy at 1201 Putnam. They moved to Stratford from Booker. Brent is the pastor for First Baptist Church. He was born in Amarillo spent his youth in Perryton where he graduated from High School. He has a B.A. from Dallas Baptist University, M.A. from University of North Texas and a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brent was Minister of Youth and Children at the Kingston Baptist Church in Celeste, TX; Minister of Students at Highland Baptist Church and Minister of First Baptist Church in Booker. Some interesting jobs along the way: Ford Salesman, Apartment Maintenance, Swimming Pool Service and Technician. Brent's hobbies include playing the guitar, family activities, and outdoor activities-windsurfing, golf, mountain biking, snow and water skiing. Robin Simmons Farney was born in San Antonio where she graduated High School. She has a B.A. in Psychology & Religion from Dallas Baptist University and M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of North Texas in Denton. Robin is a licensed Professional Counselor. Her interests are family time, Church, Choir, Christian Music, Movies, Gardening, Reading and visiting her relatives. Robin closed her private counseling practice upon moving to Stratford in order to devote herself full time to her family and support Brent in his ministry. Her prayer is to be a godly helpmate and mother who will help their children become adults who faithfully serve Christ. Zachary, 7 years old was born in Denton, Texas. He attended elementary school in Booker and is in 2nd grade at Mary Allen Elementary. He is a member of AWANA Club. Zachary enjoys reading, piano and spending time with Dad-golf, baseball, basketball, swimming and biking. Alexander, 4 years old was born in Denton and lives in Booker, TX. He is in Pre-K at Mary Allen Elementary. Alex loves meeting new people and going on trips. He likes biking, swimming, golf and playing catch. Cassidy, 1 year old. She celebrated her 1st birthday in September. Cassidy loves to smile and win the hearts of everyone.

SHS Speech Team Participates In Pampa Speech Tournament

The Stratford high school speech team participated in the Pampa Speech Tournament on Saturday Sept. 28. The team consisted of Tiffany Duke, Alicia Renzleman, Jarred Nusz, Ashton Robinson, Nora Gomez and Stacy Hays. Alicia and Tiffany broke to finals in poetry, Alicia also was in the finals in Dramatic interpretation. Ashton broke to finals in original oratory. Jarred was in semi-finals in us extemp. and poetry. Nora was in semi-finals in poetry and original oratory. Stacy broke to semi-finals in US extemp. and poetry. They had a team total of 90 points. The teams participating in this tournament were Amarillo High, Caprock, Randall, Tascosa, Borger, West Texas, Muleshoe, Dalhart, Spearman, Dumas, Sanford Fritch, Hereford, Friona, Frenship and Stratford. Way to go Stratford Speech Team.



Sherman County 4-H Members Exhibit Animals At Tri-State Fair

Several Sherman County 4-H youth exhibited their animals at the Tri-State Fair held September 14-21 in Amarillo. Rustin Russell placed first place with his Hereford heifer, while his sister Sunny placed third with hers. Casey Crabtree exhibited two exotic steers which placed third and fourth in their respective classes. Clayton Johnson also

exhibited two exotic steers bringing home a second and fourth place ribbons, while his young brother Jordan showed his Shorthorn steer to a third place. April Kautz exhibited her exotic steer to a fifth place position.

Out of the cattle arena, several members exhibited their swine projects. Kaleb Horsford exhibited to all the 4-H exhibitors at this brought home a ninth place with

his Hampshire hog, while brother Kyle placed tenth with his. April Kautz also exhibited a swine, her Chester White hog placed fourth. Alisha Sladek was our only goat showman this year at the fair, she placed ninth and eleventh with her Jr. Goat Projects. Congratulations to all the 4-H exhibitors at this year's fair.

Mary Allen Safety Fair Tuesday

Mary Allen Elementary students grade K-4 will be participating in the Safety Fair on Tuesday, October 8th at the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings. Students will gain learning about fire safety in the home, emergency health care, signs of danger-awareness of gas leaks, rollover convincer, safety around firearms, and safety with food.

The Sherman County Family Living Committee of the Sherman County Extension Program Council is coordinating the educational event in cooperation with Mary Allen Elementary Principal, Mary Pat Williams. Cooperative agencies participating are Stratford Fire Department, Stratford EMS, Stratford City Police, Sherman County Sheriff's Office, West Texas Gas Company, Potter County Sheriff's Department, and the Sherman County office of Texas Cooperative Extension.

The fair objectives are to help elementary students become more aware of home safety hazards, students will learn proper safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and they will become familiar with community emergency response equipment and personnel.

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 employees of First State Ban, Farm Bureau Insurance, City of Stratford, members of Prospective Study Club, and Texas Extension Education Association.



The official state dog of Massachusetts is the Boston Terrier.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Oct. 5 Bop Izzard Presents a 3 part series 2:00 p.m. "History of Panhandle Indian Wars" LaRita Theatre, Dalhart 244-5546
- Oct. 19 Bus Tour Oct 19th Canadian foliage and Old Mobeetie
- Oct. 2-5, 6 "A Clearing In the Woods" 7:30 p.m. [6-3:00 p.m.] Branding Iron Theatre WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Oct. 3-6 "Buddy-The Buddy Holly Story" 7:30, Sun. 3:00 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 5 Lone Star Ballet "Street Car Named Desire" 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806) 378-3096 or 372-2463
- Oct. 5, 6 League of Celtic Nations, Festival & Craft Faire 10am-5pm Amarillo Fair Rex Baxter Bldg. 806-374-4243
- Oct. 6 B. B. King Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Oct. 14 Steven Curtis Chapman Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Oct. 26 Amarillo Symphony "Richard Rodgers and Friends" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782



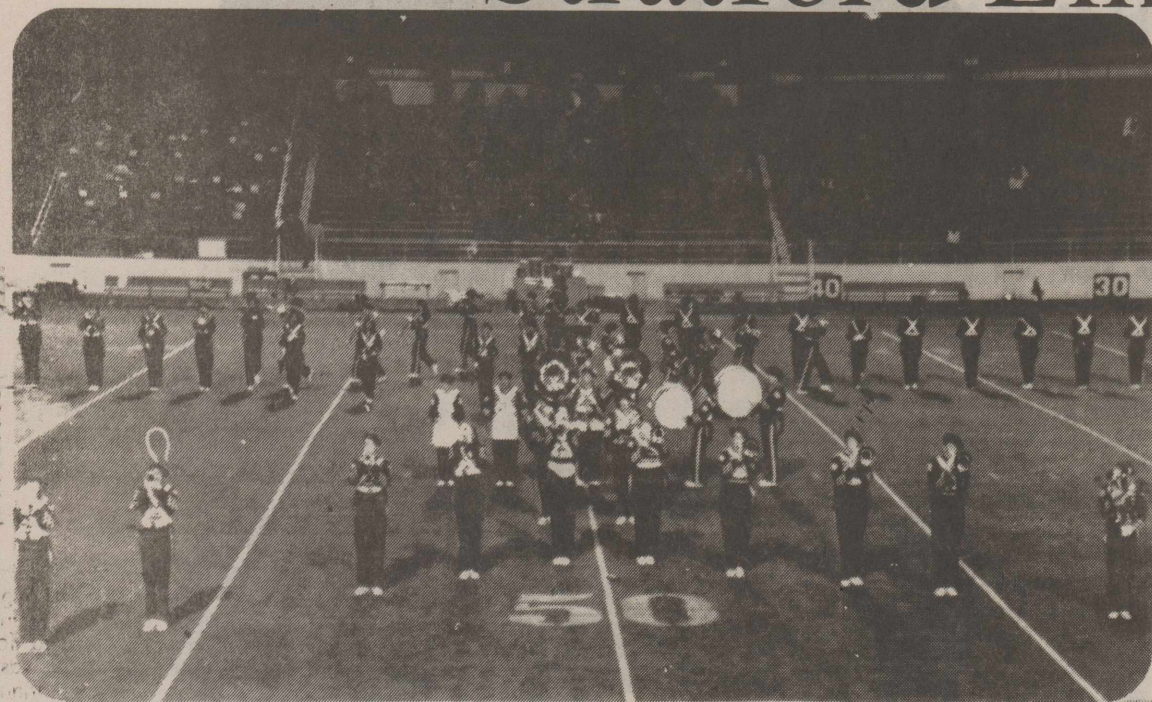
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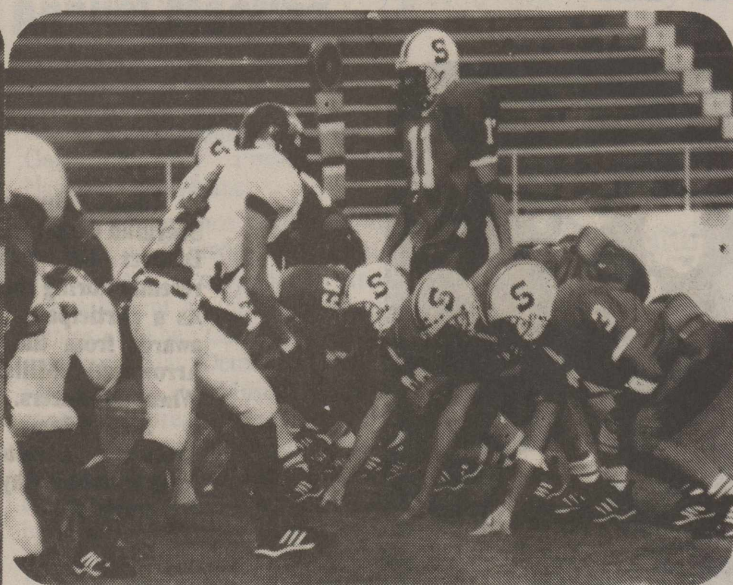
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High School Night School Every Monday Night 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM		Vega (H) 5:00 PM 7, 8, JV	Wheeler (H) 7:30 PM HOME COMING	HS Homecoming Dance 8:00 PM
*October 22 - 7:00 PM - Financial Aid Meeting for all Juniors, Seniors, and Parents		State Fair of Texas - Dallas, Texas		JH & HS Cross Country @ County
6	7	8	9	10
Mary Allen Elementary Safety Fair - County Barn	Early Release		Gruber (H) 8, JV 5:00 PM	Gruber (H) 7:30 PM
				HS Cross Country @ WTAMU
13	14	15	16	17
Regular Board Meeting 7:00 PM	PEAT Test for Juniors		Sunney (H) 5:00 PM 7, 8, JV	Sunney (H) 7:30 PM
				Marching Contest Dick Ebersole Stadium Association
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District CC Meet @ WTAMU - 2:00 PM HS, JV, JV	Education Foundation Meeting 5:30 PM - Library	PLAN Test for Sophomores	School Picture Retakes	White Deer (H) 5:00 PM 7, 8, JV
				White Deer (H) 7:30 PM
				Fall Festival Meet - 5:30 Festival 7:30 PM
27	28	29	30	31
				Booker (H) 5:00 PM 8th Only

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Stratford Elk Football Action!



Shown above, the Big Blue Band under the field direction of drum majors Amie Witcher and Robin Daniels. The band will be marching at marching contest at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo on October 19th.



The Stratford Elks beat Tahoka 35-26 on Thursday, September 26, 2002. Way to Go Elks!

Make A Difference For Business

By Kate King

Why should the business community care about who gets elected into leadership positions? For the most part, business owners just go about their own business and have nothing to do with the running of the town, county, state or nation, right? After all, that's someone else's problem-not that of the business community. Really?

What happens if the elected officials make decisions that impact business' bottom-line earnings? Is that the time to get up in arms and demand that elected officials consider the businessperson's needs? Or is it wiser for business owners to get out in front of the process by having a voice in the election of representatives that have the business community's interests at heart?

And what about after officials take office? Are they suddenly on their own? Or do they need continued support, guidance and input in order to make informed and hopefully wise decisions? How do they stand up to the constant pressure of a variety of special interest groups without the support of those people who understand the economic impact of their decisions?

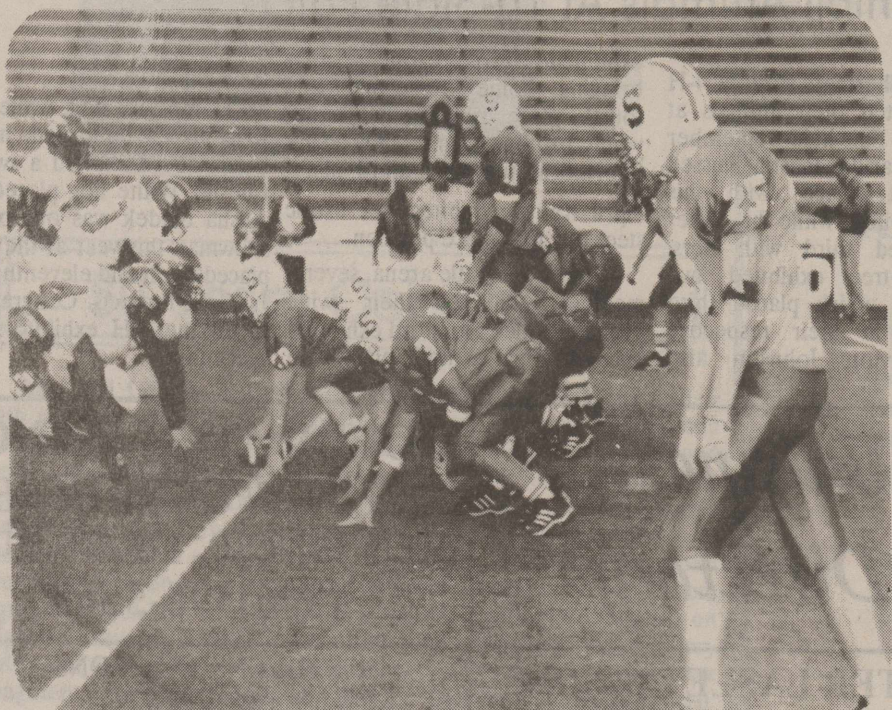
Business is the economic engine that drives the train of success for a community. Well-funded city, county and state programs can only happen when the businesses are successful and operating at full steam. Without leadership that considers the needs of the business community the engine runs out of steam. Without business, the train can easily be derailed.

Business owners need to take responsibility for keeping themselves and the economy on track. By being informed and involved in the process, the business community helps provide a balanced view on important issues within their own towns, counties and states. By actively participating they can rightfully ask for accountability and expect cooperation from their elected leadership. By helping to provide feedback and input they can help craft fair and equitable solutions to important problems.

Or, by doing nothing they can rail against the perceived injustices done to them. If it's true that the squeaky wheel get the oil, then the business community needs to squeak. Silence does not protect them because there will always be others who do squeak-and in fact can become the mouse that roars.

So, I ask you again, should the Business community care about who gets elected into leadership positions? You decide.

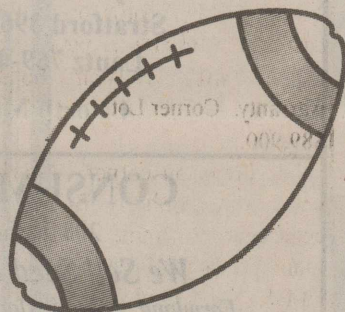
(Kate King is the Chief Executive Officer of the Napa, California, Chamber of Commerce)



Stratford Elks #58 Scott Zak, #3 Chris Ortega, #11 Josh King, and #25 Jason Ashley.



Wade Plunk has still got it! Go Wade!



Varsity Cheerleaders (l-r): Alicia Adams, Amber Larence, Lindsay Stein, Erin Ashley, Mascot Audrey Navarette, Heather Seiler. In front, Jamie Valenzuela.

The Stratford Elks beat Tahoka 35-26 on Thursday, September 26, 2002.

Josh King completed 11-of-19 passes for 146 yards. King also carried the ball for 119 yards on 19 carries and 1 touchdown followed by Chance Crowl with 48 yards on 6 carries and 1 touchdown and Carlos Jacquez with 47 yards on 22 carries and 3 touchdowns.

Tyler Haynes caught 7 passes for 112 yards followed by Chris Ortega with 18 yards on 2

receptions and Travis Soto with 17 yards on 2 receptions. Rafael Rueda kicked 3 extra points for the Elks and Chris Ortega scored for the Elks on a two-point conversion pass.

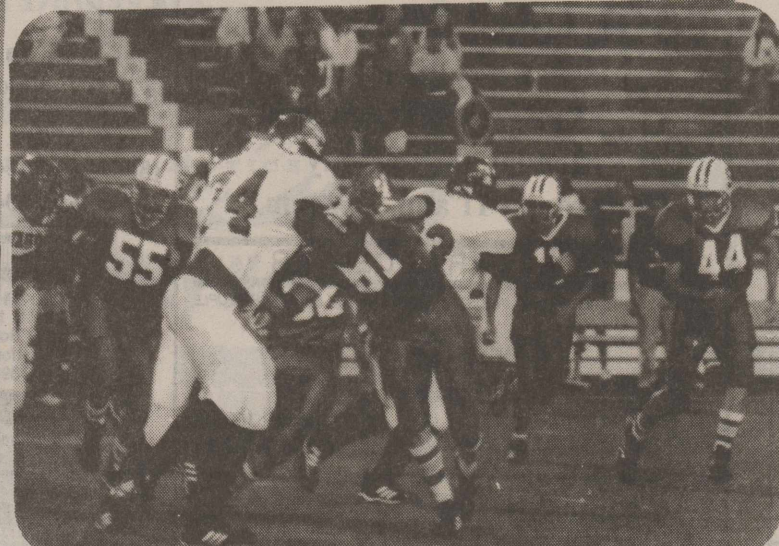
Ryan McDaniel led the Elks on defense with 10 tackles followed by Brady Bell and Carson Buckles with 7 tackles each. Tyler Haynes added 6 tackles followed by Clint Adams and Mark Miller with 5 tackles each. Mark Miller finished the

night with one quarterback sack and interceptions were made by Carson Buckles, Denton Crabtree and Chris Ortega. Also adding to the Elks defense were Adrian Jacquez, Dalton Sladek, Carlos Jacquez, Josh King, and Jason Ashley before an injury forced him from the game early in the first quarter.

The Elks will play Wheeler here for the Elks Homecoming this Friday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m.

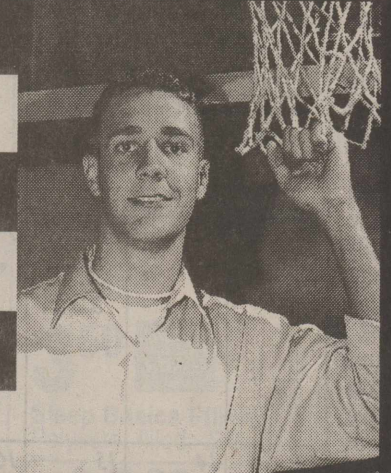


Dylan Everett gave the Pep Talk on Friday, September 27th.

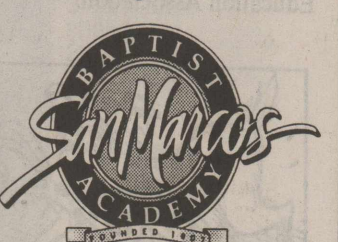


Stratford Elks #55 Mark Miller, #52 Ryan McDaniel, #81 Dalton Sjadek, #11 Josh King, and #44 Brady Bell.

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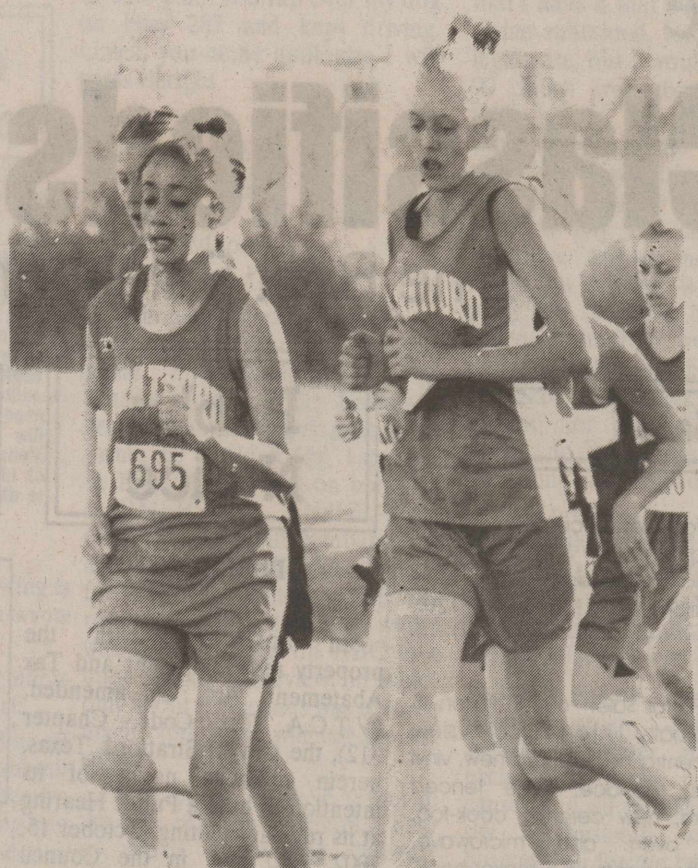
The Varsity Elk and Lady Elk Cross Country competed at the Subrock Invitational Cross Country meet at Mac Simmons Park on Saturday, September 28, 2002. Results were as follows:

Division 1 Girls Team results: 1st - Holliday - 72 points, 2nd - Wall - 144 points, 3rd - Shallowater - 177 points, 4th - Sundown - 180 points, 5th - Eula - 241 points, 6th - Spearman - 260 points, 7th - Whiteface - 313 points, 8th - Hamlin - 357 points, 9th - Claude - 366 points, 10th - Sunray - 368 points, 11th - Olney - 371 points, 12th - Stratford - 434 points.

Individual results: Yadira Ortega - 20th - 13:22.10, Brittany Hudson - 33rd - 13:35.62, Veronica Ortega - 130th - 14:46.01, Jayme Wilhelm - 131st - 14:46.30, Allison Baskin - 158th - 15:06.27, Amie Witcher - 165th - 15:10.95, Erin Ashley - 183rd - 15:18.13.

Boys place results were not available at press time - but times were Adam Witcher - 19:51 and Bill Walker - 20:01.

The next meet will be in Sunray on October 5th for Jr. High, J.V. and Varsity. Good Luck!

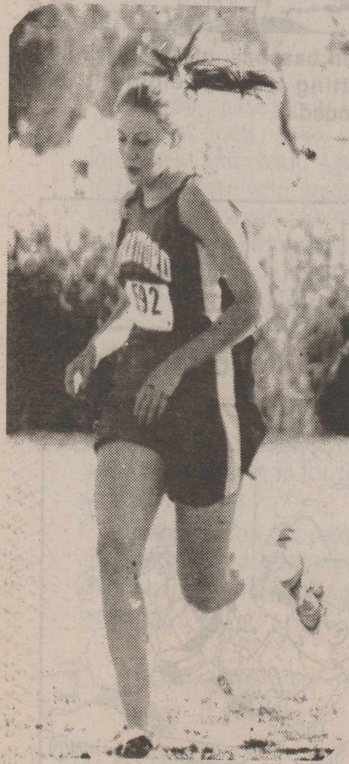


Veronica Ortega and Jayme Wilhelm



Adam Witcher

Far right, Amie Witcher



Allison Baskin



On right, Brittany Hudson

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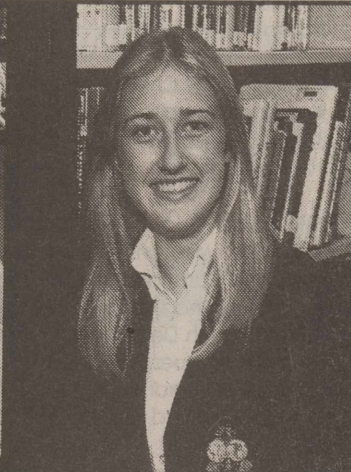
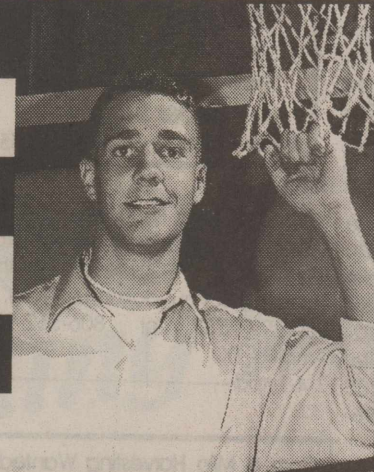
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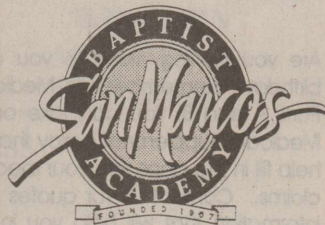
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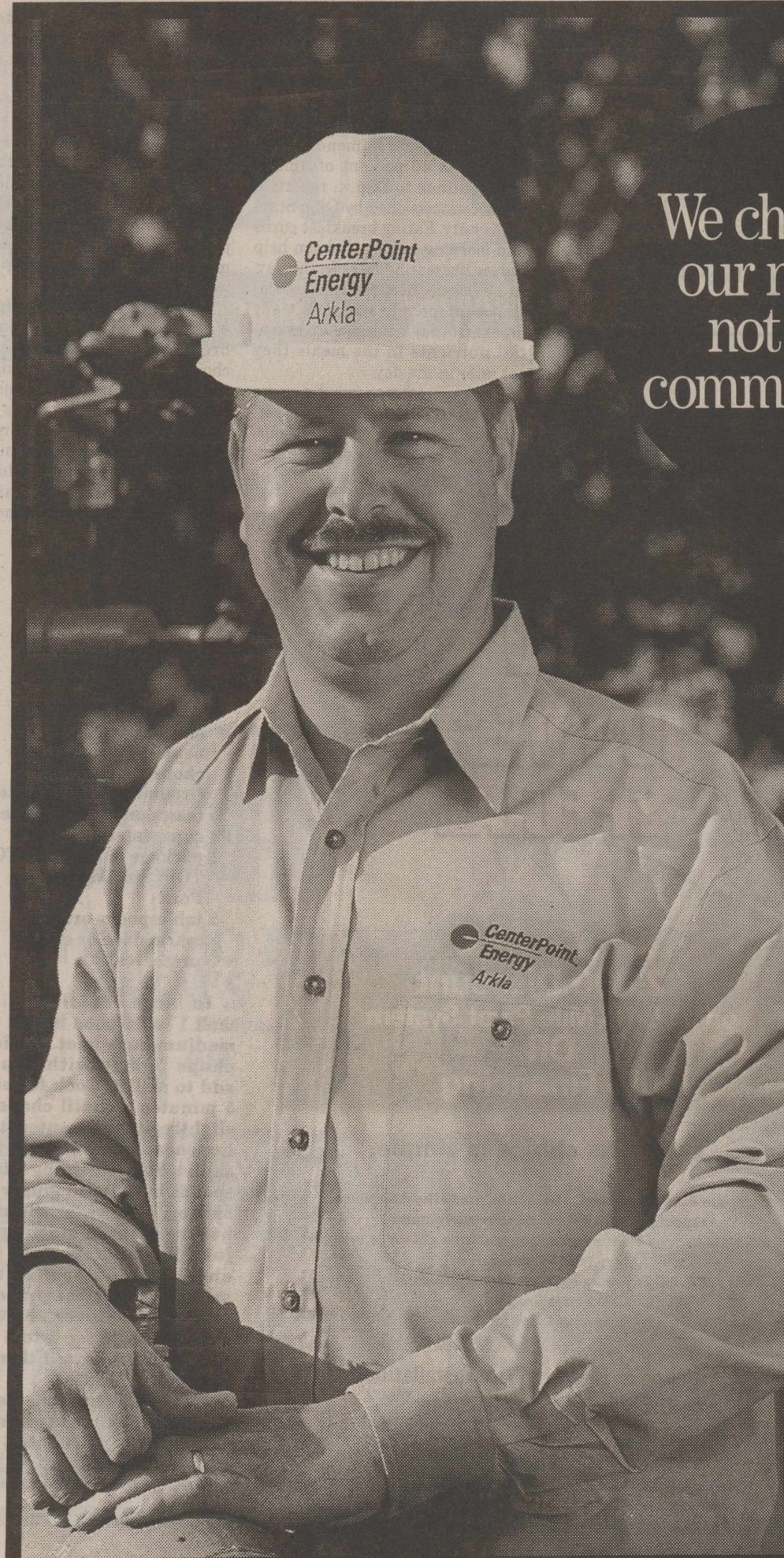


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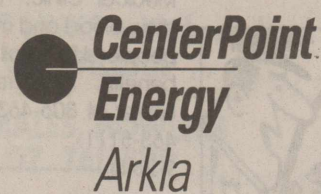
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