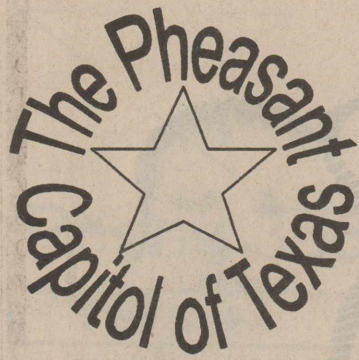


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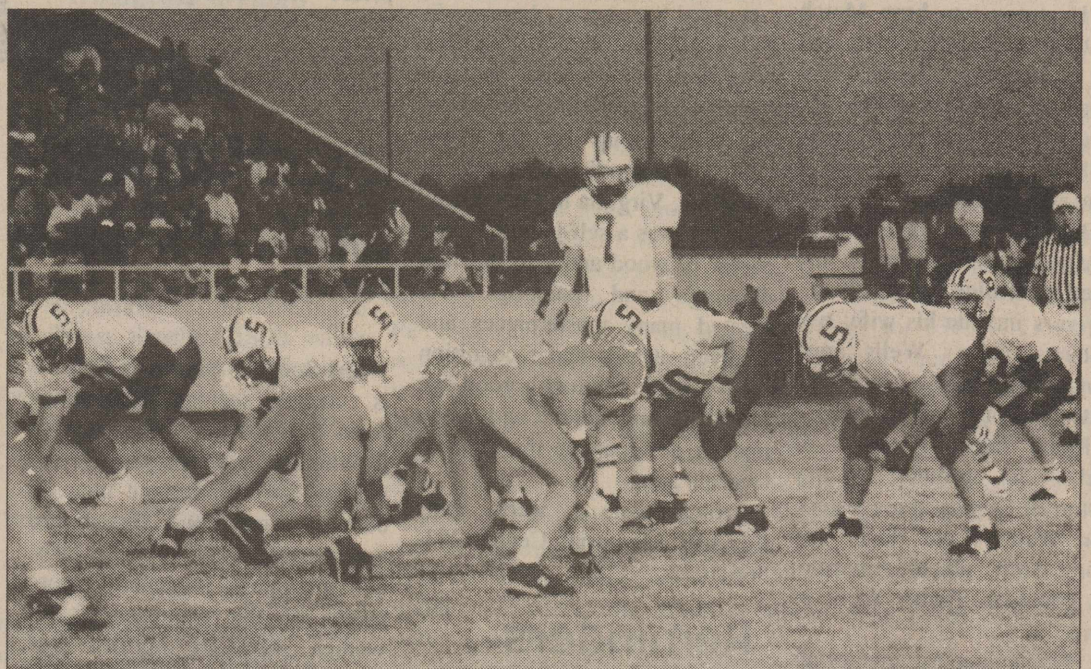
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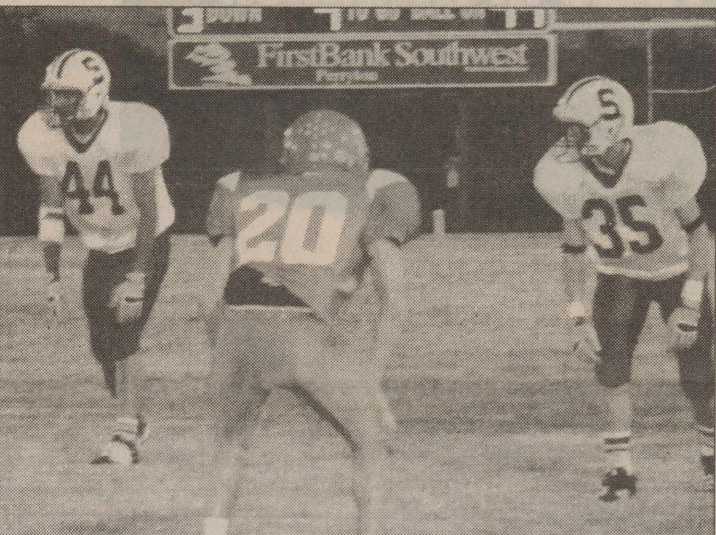
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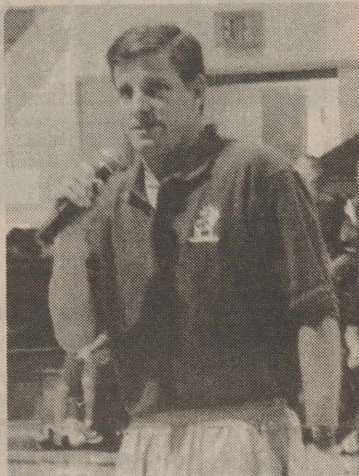
The Stratford Elks beat Perryton 20-14 in overtime on Friday, September 22nd. Way to get after the Rangers!!



Quarterback #7 Brant Cummings waits for the Elks to line up on offense in the Elks win over Perryton on Friday, September 22, 2006.



Stratford Elks #44 Julio Ramirez and #35 Chad Smith get ready on offense.



Coach Hudson gave the pep talk at the pep rally last Friday.



THE BIG BLUE MARCHING BAND under the field direction of Tiffni Drake and Courtenay Sell.

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Manor Friends To Meet October 2

Manor Friends will meet Monday, October 2nd at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

SISD School Events

All Stratford ISO School Events will be posted on the Sherman County Community Calendar. The calendar may be accessed by clicking on the "Events Calendar" link off of the Stratford ISD Website at www.stratfordisd.net Or by going to the Sherman County Development Committee website at www.shermancountytx.org and clicking on the community calendar link on the right side of the home page.

Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would be happy to mail you one by calling us at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Football Seating Section. Those tickets must be purchased in advance.

BENEFIT FOR STRATFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. and EMT'S

On Saturday, Sept. 30 starting at 9:00 AM Whips 'N Wheels driving club of the Texas Panhandle will host a Traditional Day of Driving. This year we will have some of the drivers, horses and carriages back from last year, and we will also have some new ones. We have entries from Stratford, Sunray, Borger, Amarillo, Claude, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado. This should be an exciting event again this year and no one is more deserving than our Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMT's.

You may get your tickets for the Chuckwagon Supper which starts at 5:30 PM on Saturday night from the Chamber Office or a member of Whips 'N Wheels.

The Arts & Crafts Bazaar will start at 10:00 AM at the County Barn. Come by and get some Christmas shopping done early or pick up something just for yourself. Raffle tickets for the Treasure Can are available at the Chamber Office or from the Bank or from Bobbie Strong.

Reading Club To Meet October 2nd

The meeting time for the Ready Club will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 2nd, 2006 At the Imagination Station. We will have a short planning meeting for our monthly Reading Club. Let's get going and get into reading!

Scot Bake Sale & Crafts Booth

Remember the Scot Bake Sale and Craft Show at the Sherman County Barn during the Whips and Wheels Fundraiser this coming Saturday. 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Arts & Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, Sept 30, 2006. The doors at the Sherman County Barn will open to the public at 10:00 and close at 4:00 PM. There will be door prizes and raffle tickets for the Treasure Can which will be given away at 4:00 PM. There will be local artist with hand made items, and one-of-a-kind gifts and articles for Christmas or the person on your gift list who has everything. Tables and chairs will be set up for those who want to bring home made tacos, or hamburgers from the concession stand at the Rodeo Arena. Hope to see you there.



Hang on to your glass. Prior to 1750, coasters originally came with small wheels so drinks could be moved across a table. Sometimes shaped like tiny wagons, they were also known as sliders.

Good Luck Elks

Good Luck Cross Country

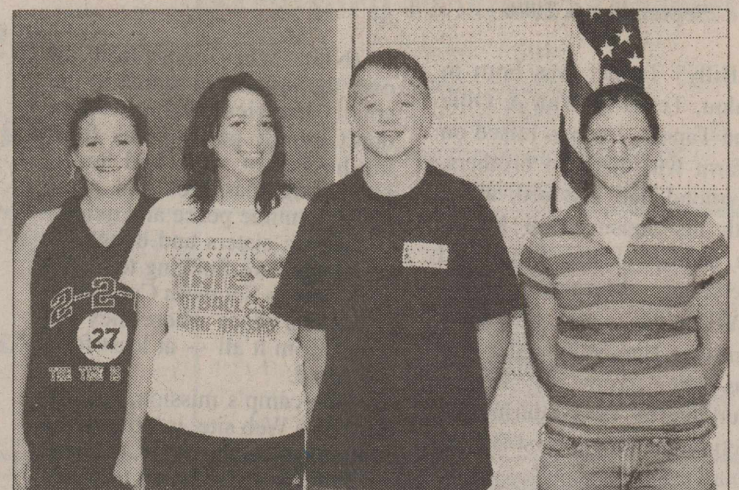
Field Trip Planned

Students currently enrolled in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades have the opportunity to go on a field trip to Washington D.C. and New York City on May 30th through June 3, 2006. All travel arrangements are being handled by New Century Tours (www.nctours.com). The sponsors for the trip are Cindy Seward and Barbara Haile.

The price for the trip is all inclusive. Students will have no out-of-pocket expenses. Besides seeing all the major sites in Washington and New York, the price also includes:

1. All general sightseeing and admissions, tickets and fees (Including a Broadway Show)
2. Round trip transportation (tour bus, airplane, Amtrack train)
3. Liability and accident insurance (National Tour Assn. and Youth Travel Assn.)
4. Security Guard at hotel each night
5. Quality hotel accommodations
6. Trip DVD featuring your trip photos
7. All meals

Payment plans are available. Deadline for registration is October 15th. For more information contact Cindy Seward or Barbara Haile (366-3320). Students can also request information packets to take home.



4-H Club Formed Sept. 22nd

Foods, Clothing, and Surprises 4-H Club was formed September 11, 2006 with 15 members and guest present. The club will focus on family and consumer science subject matter and will have group meetings every 6 weeks. Officers elected to the club leadership are: Sunny Russell, Vice-President and Council Delegate; Jennie Spurlock, President; Eric Burton, Secretary-Treasurer; and Catherine Griffin, Reporter. Club Managers are Connie Burton and Cindy Russell. The club will meet on November 6 during the County 4-H Food Show Awards Program.

Exercise for Seniors Sept. 28

By Susie Spurlock

SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

"Exercise for Seniors" will be presented to all interested residents on Thursday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall in Stratford. Research studies show that, in the long term, older adults hurt their health far more by not exercising than by exercising. Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be presenting a program which will focus on the importance of exercise for older adults, different types of exercise, how to exercise safely, and tips for staying motivated to exercise. Participants will learn how to exercise to improve or maintain endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility.

The program will be approximately one hour and is open to all interested persons in Sherman County. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Season football tickets will go on sale Thursday, September 7th in the office of the Superintendent. Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Seating will be held for previous owners until Friday, September 29. After that date seats will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

There are 4 home games this year.

Cost of seats for the season:
Adults - \$16.00
Child - \$8.00

We are hoping for another great season and the Elks look forward to your support.

Call Penny at 366-3305 to hold or give up your seat, or for more information.

Go Elks!

OBITS

Ralph L. Hampton

Kerrick-Ralph L. Hampton age 68 of Kerrick - died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday September 25, 2006 in Stratford Cemetery in Stratford with the Rev. Chris Craig, a great-nephew, officiating.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday September 25, 2006 in First Baptist Church of Stratford with the Rev. Bill Chambers, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Hampton was born March 27, 1938, in Amarillo. He had been a longtime resident of Sherman and Dallam counties. He married Minnie Crabtree on May 1, 1958, in Stratford. He was a deacon and longtime member of First Baptist Church in Stratford. He was a longtime mechanic and engaged in farming and ranching.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Nora Wells and husband Mike of Stratford and Annette Hampton of Kerrick; a son, Ralph James Hampton of Kerrick; a brother, Larry Hampton of Dumas; three sisters, Sharon Weibe, Lela Hager and Marjorie Huff, all of Amarillo; and a grandson, Parker Wells of Phoenix.

The family suggest memorials be to Stratford EMT, P.O. Box 106, Stratford, TX, 79084 or favorite charity.

Please sign the online guest book at www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com



William "Bill" Douglas Tanner
June 30, 1926-
September 6, 2006

"Billy" Tanner was born in Idalou, Texas to Walt & Ollie Jane Tanner. He was raised on a farm with his two brothers, Raymond and Rayford, along with his cousin, Bob Evans. He served in the Army and Merchant Marines during WWII. He was ordained southern Baptist minister and was the pastor of several churches in Texas during his lifetime, including First Baptist Church, Stratford, TX.

Bill married Jeanne Sprawls on November 10, 1949. They had three children: Penny, Tim and Jeanette. He proudly counted among his "Children" Tim's wife, Chris, and Jeanette's husband, Larry Ramming. He delighted in his grandchildren, Penny's daughter, Morghan and Jeanette's son, Temple.

"Brother Bill" retired from the ministry, married Winona Edmonds and they moved to Guatemala, Central American in 1993.

A Memorial Fund has been established in honor of our father for those wishing to make donations, please make checks payable to: Lutheran Bible Translators/ Finley Ministry. In the memo section note: In memory of Bill Tanner. Mail Checks to Lutheran Bible, Translators, P.O. Box 2050, Aurora, IL 60507-2050.

Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.
—Henry Louis Mencken

Donald Palmer
December 30, 1933 to
August 20, 2006

Donald C. "Buddy" Palmer was born in Stratford, Texas on December 30, 1933, and passed away on August 20, 2006 in Tacoma, Washington at the Franciscan Hospice House.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Mildred D. Palmer; a daughter, Denise and a son, Stanley both of Canton, Georgia; a step-daughter, Susan and her husband David of Laurel Fork, Virginia and a step-son, Jackie and wife Terri of Tacoma, Washington. There are 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; one sister and two brothers. A daughter, his parents, Owen and Faye Palmer, and one brother preceded him in death.

Buddy became a born-again Christian at an early age and his deep faith only became stronger for the rest of his life. He moved his membership to the First United Methodist Church of Hillsville, Virginia in May 2006.

Buddy was a self-taught master carver of wood and also did fine drawings and paintings. He created many masterpieces and received awards and recognition for his work. He had a good eye for design and worked with many interior designers in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

Arrangements were by Edwards Memorial Center 253-566-1008,

Reminders For SCOT

Thursday, Sept. 28- Luncheon, followed at 1:00 by Exercise as We Age presented Susie Spurlock

Sept. 30, Baked goods and crafts sale at the County Barn. Please have your items there by 9:30

1st week in October, Book shelves, cleaned out and new books in place. If you have books you would like to donate, bring them by between 1:00 and 3:00. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Camp Get Away Lets Women Be Kids Again

(NU) - They come from all over the country in search of the small luxuries busy women don't usually get: a break from the hassles of work and home, pampering massages and pedicures, genuine peace and quiet.

Moms, sisters and daughters of all ages are flocking to Camp GetAway in Southern California, a magical place where they get away from it all — at least for a weekend.

The camp's mission, according to its Web site, is "to provide women an opportunity to dedicate 48 guilt-free hours to themselves ... with the chance to relax, re-energize, refresh, rejuvenate and relive camp memories."

Activities abound, from scrapbook projects to old-time camp activities such as canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, hikes and singalongs. Some women prefer simply to chat with girlfriends or take a nap under the pines.

"A camper's time here is all her own to do as little or as much as she pleases," said Patti Londre, the camp's leader.

Londre, a Westwood, Calif., resident, gives women a chance to relive the youthful spirit of summer camp, but with special pamperings, too: facials, massages, manicures and pedicures along with yoga, "feminars" and other grown-up gal treats.

When you hear about the heavenly offerings, it's hard to believe this is camp, not a spa, Londre says.

"On occasion the realization of log cabins, bunk beds and camp cuisine doesn't sink in with new campers until they arrive," she said. "But we know from experience that within the first few hours, hesitations melt like a marshmallow in a s'more."

Camp GetAway, now in its 10th year, takes place in the mountains near Big Bear, Calif. For more information, visit www.campgetaway.com or call 310-471-3138, ext. 103.

The turning point in the process of growing up is when you discover the core strength within you that survives all hurt.
—Max Lerner

Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale

The Golden Spread Gem & Mineral Society will present its 46th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale October 7 & 8, 2006 at the Amarillo Civic Center. There will be jewelry manufacturers and dealers from across America exhibiting minerals, jewelry, wire wrapping, faceting, fossils and gem stones. There will be working demonstrations. There will also be a Silent Auction and Wheel of Fortune. Local enthusiasts will be exhibiting interesting displays. Door prizes will be given away hourly and Grand prizes will be drawn @ 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Donation Admission \$2.00

GIRL SCOUTS SEEK NOMINATIONS

Girl Scouts - Five Star Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2007 Women of Distinction Awards to honor women from throughout their 28 county jurisdiction. This award was created to help make girls, and the public in general, more aware of the achievements of women who are former Girl Scouts or who have participated in Girl Scouting as adults.

The community is invited to submit the name of a woman who is a positive role model for girls. Local Girl Scouts will notify each of the women selected in December. On March 2, 2007, all recipients will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo.

Girl Scouts - Five Star Council serves over 4800 girls in three states. In the Girl Scout leadership experience, girls discover, lead and take action. They acquire skills that build their courage, confidence and character, inspiring them to make the world a better place.

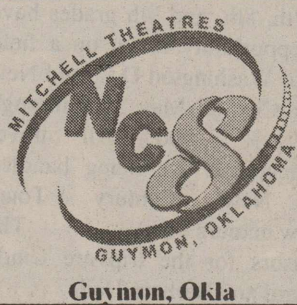
Nomination forms are available by calling 806-356-0096 and must be received by no later than November 10, 2006.

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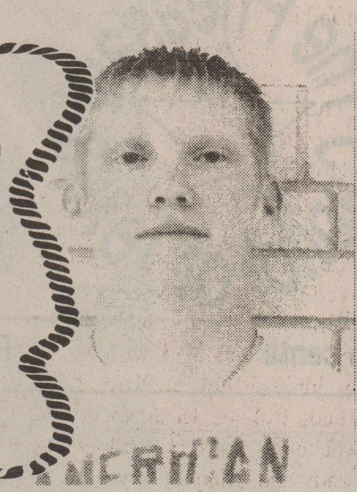
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SCOTT HUDSON

Scott Hudson-Scott is a member of the Stratford football, basketball, track and golf teams. He is also involved in FFA, showing pigs. This year, Scott has had to overcome being diagnosed with Juvenile diabetes.

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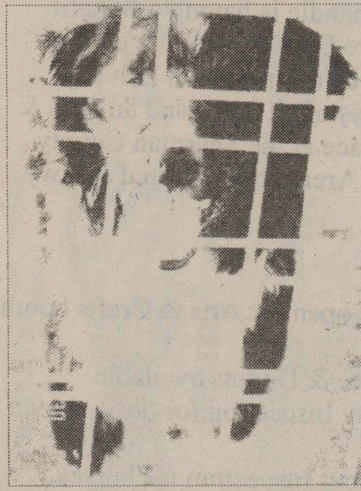
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2. Book of Fate by Brad Melzer
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4. Judge & Jury by James Patterson
5. Ricochet by Sandra Brown
6. Fool Me Once by Fern Michaels
7. Armageddon's Children by Terry Brooks
8. Into the Storm by Suzanne Brockmann
9. Phantom by Terry Goodkind
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11. Angels Fall by Nora Roberts
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Non-Fiction

1. Marley & Me by John Grogan
2. The Looming Tower by Lawrence Wright
3. The World Is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman
4. Fiasco by Thomas E. Ricks
5. Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick
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22. The Essential 55 by Ron Clark
23. The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
24. Who Moved My Cheese? by Spencer Johnson
25. Your Best Life Now by Joel Osteen

To check the availability of these items go to www.hlc-lib.org/stratford/index.html. Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

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. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing.
—Albert Schweitzer

Ralph Hampton, 68-died Sept. 22 following a long battle. Services were held Monday at the First Baptist church in Stratford, Sept. 25, 2006.

The community extends sympathy to all the family. Ralph will be missed.

Marjory Munden went to Raton Friday to have lunch with several friends. She had lived there several years ago.

Brady & Trisha Schoonover spent the weekend with Steve & Jaree Elliot at Roy, NM. Reed, Rett & Rese spent the weekend with Grandparents sandy and Ellen Tillery.

Sunday Bill & Pat Boren met Dennis & Theresa Webber of Burlington at Springfield, CO. where they had lunch.

Marylou McDaniel and Patti McDaniel spent the weekend at their cabin near Rye, CO. They attended the Fall Festival of the Methodist Church. There was about three inches of snow that fell Friday. It melted Saturday.

Bill Gillenwaters had successful eye surgery Friday. He plans to wait until later for the other eye.

They received word that son Duane's children took goats to Oklahoma City Fair. Jacy got 5th and Dason 10th. Jimmy's children went to the Tri-State Fair. Kylee went with her class and Jimmy was one of the sponsors. Kaiden got to go with his dad.

We're in the second week of the second six weeks. Report cards went out Wednesday. The 7th, 8th, and JV football teams will play West Texas High School here on Thursday. Friday is an open date for the Varsity team. The Cross Country meet is in Lubbock.

In Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading classes, the students have finished reading the novel Holes. The students researched old west wanted posters and then created their own wanted poster of the character Kissin' Kate Barlow from the novel. To complete the unit on Holes, the students will enjoy a taste test of "Sploosh" which was the drink that helped two characters in the novel to survive in the wilderness.

7th & 8th grade football players are being asked to bring a baby picture to school for a "Match Player to Baby Picture" contest that will be held later in the season. The contest will be the week of Oct. 23-26. Come try your luck at matching our 7th & 8th grade football players to their picture.

The junior high pep rally time will be changing this week. Check with your junior high student for the time. You won't want to miss this one. There will be an "Outrageous Twins" contest. An example of these twins should be Snow White and Dopey or Dorothy and the Tin Man. The students will be helping the Elks "to win" (twin).

Seniors are selling Mums! Get with a senior to place your order this week to assure delivery on Homecoming, October 6th.

The 4th graders have been learning about the Constitution in honor of its anniversary Sunday, September 17. We read and discussed "A More Perfect Union" by Betsy and Giulio Maestro. The students played a Constitution game and they are currently working on memorizing the preamble to the Constitution.

Mrs. Hudson's 5th grade reading class finished the novel Maniac Magee and celebrated with a butterscotch krimpert party. Butterscotch krimpets were Maniac's favorite food.

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Mr. Seward always has a Quote of the Week on the junior high weekly bulletin, so I'll borrow it and add it to the Elk Tales. "Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children." -Walt Disney

Ideas For A Haunting Halloween

(NAPS)—Think twice before throwing out those dead flowers of yours.

Instead, arrange them in a vase with a black ribbon and a little decorative spider's webbing, and you've created a spooky centerpiece for a terrifying Halloween table.

Of course, your "dead" bouquet is just one way to add a creative twist to this year's Halloween celebrations. You can also throw a Halloween breakfast, complete with orange and black table settings and pumpkin pancakes; make your own spooky decorations with the kids; or turn your happy home into a haunted house. The pros at Party City offer this closer look:

A Spooky Note

Add an extra chill to the air for trick-or-treaters by playing CDs featuring spooky Halloween music and sound effects. Just set your stereo speakers in the windows or on the porch and let the haunting begin.

Haunted Hunt

Organize a neighborhood Halloween scavenger hunt. Give little ghosts and goblins a list of items to find—think spider rings, Halloween tattoos and candy—and brates October Frozen Food Festival with great promotions at the house afterward for hot chocolate and Halloween cookies. You can also get creative when it comes to costumes. For instance, a black turtleneck, black pants and some eyeliner can be the beginning of a creepy black cat



So Good It's Scary—A Halloween breakfast with haunting table settings can be a fun way to celebrate the holiday.

costume. Just add a pair of cat ears and a tail from the costume store and throw on some black gloves or some black fake fingernails. If you really want to be comfy and warm while making your Halloween rounds, trade in the turtleneck and pants for a black sweat suit.

But regardless of how creative this year's Halloween gets, it's always important to remember some tried-and-true trick-or-treating safety rules:

- Be sure kids know to carry a small flashlight while they're out on Halloween night. (Check the batteries before they leave the house.)
- Never let the kids go it alone.

Trick-or-treaters should always travel in groups and have an established meeting spot to go to, should they become separated.

For more tips and information, visit www.partycity.com.

Births

Kade Andrew McAdams is proud to announce the arrival of his little brother, Layton Kross. Layton was born on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, at 4:59 p.m. at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches in length.

Proud parents are Clint and Sunday McAdams. Grandparents are Harley and Babe Portwood of Seymour, Chris McAdams of Dumas and Steve McAdams of Stratford.

Great-grandparents are Johnny and Anita Palmer and Don Buckalew all of Olney, Jean Warren of Schulenburg and Dixie McAdams of Pasadena. Great-great grandmother is Elsie Lasley of Stratford.

The McAdams' and their family would like to graciously thank all of those who prayed on their behalf during and anticipated arrival of Layton, and then through his surgery and recovery. God is truly awesome, and we will always cherish the miracle he blessed us with, Layton Kross.

Mark & Anissa Durham of Cimarron, KS are proud to announce the birth of their son, Malachi Caleb Durham. He was born September 15, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed home by big brother Bryan and big sister Kelly.

Grandparents are Larry and Anita Salem of Dodge City, KS and Shirley and the late Bill Durham of Stratford. Great grandmother is Mabel Salem of Cimarron, KS.

Cocktail Meatballs

- 12 oz. chili sauce
- 12 oz. grape jelly
- 1 package (38 oz.) frozen meatballs

In a saucepan, mix chili sauce and grape jelly; heat and stir until smooth. Add meatballs, cook for approximately 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to serving dish and enjoy.

The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association celebrates October Frozen Food Festival with great promotions at the house afterward for hot chocolate and Halloween cookies. For more information, visit www.BringUsToYourTable.com

Health Care

(NU) - Hospital TV shows create exaggerated dramatic scenarios of interactions between doctors and patients. In a new book, a doctor-nurse couple warns that similar dramas are playing out in real life, and we should be concerned about the lack of quality hospital care. Written by Lynne and Joseph Golonka, "Hospital Battlefield" explains that inside knowledge and a lot of questioning by patients will go a long way toward improving health care in the U.S. The book presents a realistic view of hospital health care and cites a surprising 1999 study as the basis of its argument. According to the Institute of Medicine, as many as 98,000 die in hospitals each year as a result of serious medical errors. To purchase the book, visit www.hospitalbattlefield.com.

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Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Elks Spoil Perryton Homecoming

The Stratford Elks traveled to Perryton on Friday, September 22nd and came away with a 20-14 win in overtime.

Brant Cummings completed 4 of 10 passes for 28 yards and carried the ball 10 times for 30 yards. Craig Kautz racked up 110 rushing yards on 16 carries and scored two touchdowns for the Elks followed by Jonathan Licon with 39 yards on 7 carries and the game winning touchdown in overtime. Scott Hudson led in receptions with 2 for 24 yards and scored on a two-point conversion pass from Cummings.

The Elks defense was led by Jonathan Licon with 19 tackles followed by Sandro Gomez with 13 and Julio Ramirez and Steven Rueda with 11 tackles each. James Smith added 10 tackles for the Elks. Julio Ramirez and James Smith each had a quarterback sack for the night. Steven Rueda and Brant Cummings each had one interception. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Martin Beltran, Craig Kautz, Pablo Ibarra, Scott Hudson, Jeffrey Frizzell, Gilbert Reta, Tony Vargas, Daniel Nusz, Joey Reta, Rudy Portillo and Michael Frizzell.

Players of the Week: Offensive Back - Craig Kautz. Defensive Back - Jonathan Licon. Offensive Line - Harrison Walden, Defensive Line - Julio Ramirez and Special Team - Martin Beltran.

The Elks have open date this week and will play Dalhart here for the Elks homecoming on October 9th. Come out and support the Elks in their first home game! Go Elks!!!!

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them.

—Henry David Thoreau

Benefit To Be Held For Stratford Fire Dept. & EMT's

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Whips 'N Wheels driving club of the Texas Panhandle is having a Benefit for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMTs on Sat. Sept. 30, 2006 The event will be a Traditional Driving Event with horses and carriages of all types and an Arts & Crafts Bazaar and will take place at the Sherman County Barn and the Stratford Rodeo Arena, both located at Hwy 287 South & Hwy 15.

SATURDAY SEPT, 30 2006

7:00 am County Barn - doors open for Arts & Crafts booth set-up

8:00 am Rodeo Arena - Coffee & Donuts available

9:00 am Rodeo Arena - Safety Inspection for horse drawn vehicles

9:15 am Rodeo Arena - Turnout Inspection for horses, vehicles & drivers

9:30 am Rodeo Arena - Start of Country Drive and Cones Course

10:00am County Barn - Arts & Crafts Bazaar open to the public

(there will be door prizes) Silent Auction to benefit the VFD, and EMT

noon Rodeo Arena - Lunch available

1:00 pm Rodeo Arena - Horse & Carriage Games and Entertainment

4:00 pm County Barn - Arts & Crafts Bazaar and Silent Auction closes to the public

5:30 pm Rodeo Arena - Chuckwagon Supper \$15.00 a plate

6:30 pm Rodeo Arena - Awards Ceremony

Admission is a free will donation for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMTs.

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¾ cup old fashioned oats
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Pinch salt
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¾ cup all-natural peanut butter
1 large egg

1 large egg white
¾ cup chopped unsalted peanuts
¾ cup semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium bowl, combine flours, rubbed with butter or sprayed oats, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir with a fork to blend. Set aside.

Place butter and sugars in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until well combined and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add peanut butter and beat until blended. Add egg and egg white; beat until combined. Fold in peanuts and chocolate chips. Spread mixture evenly on a 13x9x2-inch baking pan lightly

rubbed with butter or sprayed with canola-based cooking spray. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack. Remove from pan, large bowl; beat with a mixer and cut into 12 approximately 4-inch long by 2-inch wide combined and fluffy, about 3 bars; let cool completely.

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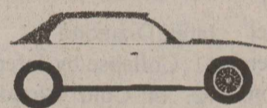
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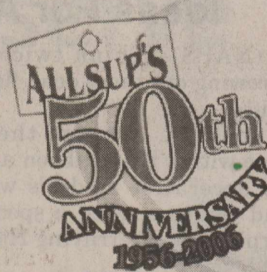


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LADY ELKS COMPETE HARD AT THE AMARILLO CROSS COUNTRY MEET THIS PAST SATURDAY

On Saturday, September 16th, the Stratford Lady Elk cross country runners traveled to Thompson Park to compete in the 35 Annual Amarillo Cross Country Meet. The varsity girls ran in the 1A-3A division against some of the toughest competition in the Panhandle, if not the entire state. The Hart girls, a class A team the Lady Elks beat last year at regionals to advance to state, won the meet with an impressive score of 60 points. Borger (3A) was second with 95 points and Perryton (3 A) was third with 161. All three of these teams are perennial state contenders. The Lady Elks, minus key runner Whitney Reese, finished 12th out of 19 teams with 292 points. District rivals, Spearman (7th) and Panhandle (11th), were slightly ahead of the Stratford girls with 202 and 264 points respectively. Whitney has been suffering from an upper respiratory infection combined with some asthma she has been fighting as well. Our best goes out to Whitney and we hope for a quick return to action. Kristen, who finished in the top 10 at Perryton a week ago, ran an excellent time of 13:26 to medal 5th for the Lady Elks. This is Kristen's third straight top 10 finish this season against some excellent competition. Janeth Reyes had an outstanding race of her own finishing 44th out of 146 competitors that took the line Saturday by running a time of

14:52. This was a 22 second improvement from the time she ran on this course 4 weeks ago. She is absolutely doing an outstanding job this season, and doing it on a sore hip to boot. Lucero Ortega was the third Lady Elk to cross the line with a time of 15:37. Watch for Lucero to make a move as the district meet fast approaches. Alma Marquez and Yesenia Ibarra were the next Lady Elks to cross the line with times of 16:08 and 16:09. This was a 48 second improvement for Yesenia from the last time she ran at Thompson Park. Darcy Rosales was the 6th Lady Elk to cross the line with a time of 16:37, a 41 second improvement from earlier in the year. Mary Lou rounded out the scoring for the top 7 running the course in 16:46. This was almost a minute better than when she ran the course four weeks ago. These young ladies should be commended on their efforts, especially considering many of them are cheerleaders and in the Big Blue Band supporting the Elk football team late on Friday and running early Saturday the past two weeks. Congratulations cross country runners and keep up the good work. The best is yet to come. The Lady Elks, as well as the junior high girls and boys will be competing at the Sunray Meet this coming Saturday. Come out and support these young people if you get the chance.

JUNIOR HIGH LADY ELKS CAPTURE HUGOTON INVITATIONAL TITLE AND BOYS FINISH THIRD OVERALL

89 girls and 7 teams took the start line at the Hugoton Invitational this past weekend, and the Stratford Junior High girls were simply the best when all was said and done. The Lady Elks placed four young ladies in the top 20 and had some other excellent performances to capture the meet title. 8th grader Kelsi Keener finished 3rd overall with an excellent mile time of 6:17. The next young lady, Tori Rouse (7th grade) finished 8th overall with a time of 6:42. Rubi Rueda and Jessica Ibarra finished with medals as well by placing 19th and 20th and running times of 6:53 and 6:54 respectively. Brianda Chavoya was the 5th scorer for the junior high girls, placing 36th and running a time of 7:18. This was great considering Brianda was not feeling that well. Morgan Carter and Beatriz Marquez would round out the top 7 for the Stratford girls by finishing 39th and 42nd and running times of 7:24 and 7:28. The Lady Elks would get 7 in before Stanton County, the second place team with 64 points, got their first 5 in. The Lady Elks finished with a score of 60 to take the title. Here are the remaining names and times for the rest of the Lady Elk Junior High runners:

Kimberly Ricks 7:41
Taylor Melton 7:42

Lindi Confer 7:47
Shannon Maiwald 7:56
Perla Reta 7:57
Carina Michel 8:30
Catheryn Ariasano 8:34
Adriana Ibarra 8:45
Courtney Hartman 9:02
Kat Pendergrace 9:05
Heidi Brooks 9:13
Miranda Olivias 9:15
Mariah Mireles 9:34

All these young ladies should be commended for their outstanding effort this past weekend and big congratulations on their first place team finish. The Stratford girls easily had the best participation once again with their 20 entries in the race. These young ladies will be running at the Sunray Meet this next weekend. Good job Lady Elks and keep up the good work!

The junior high boys also had a great day at the Hugoton Meet by finishing third out of seven teams. Liberal West won the meet with 61 points and Syracuse was second with 76. The Elks finished a close third with 78 points. Justin Mungia finished 9th out of 72 runners by running a time of 5:56. This was good for a medal and 2nd place overall out of all the 7th graders. Kyle Horsford finished right on Justin's heels coming in 10th (5:57). This was good for 8th out of all the 8th grade boys. Trevor Christian also medaled by finishing 18th and running a time of 6:13. Trevor has done an outstanding job, especially considering he has been fighting off some sickness this past week. Braden Hudson also medaled by finishing 24th and running a time of 6:24. The 5th Elk to cross the line was Bryce Cummings. Bryce, who was tripped and fell down twice, during the race, somehow worked his way back into the thick of things and came in 33rd by running a time of 6:43. Bryce and Braden have also been aggravated by some sore quad and hamstring pains over the course of the last week. These young men are doing an excellent job and should be commended for representing the Stratford Junior High in both football and cross country. Their next race is this coming Saturday at the Annual Sunray Meet. Good luck Elks and keep up the good work!



Shown above the Lady Elk Cross Country at the Sunray Cross Country meet held this past Saturday. L/R: Yesenia Ibarra, Janeth Reyes, Marylou Maldonado, Lucero Ortega, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales & Alma Marquez. Results not available at press time.

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BP is working to educate the public about pipeline safety with respect to gas leaks. While it's very rare to have any type of incident with a pipeline, there are a few safety tips to keep in mind if you live by a pipeline.

1. How to know if there is a pipeline on your property or nearby:

On your Property
If you own a homeowner gas line from a BP gas well, you should hire a qualified plumbing inspector to locate the line for you if you are contemplating any digging operations.

Neighborhood: Check for pipeline markers posted in your neighborhood.

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By Smell: An unusual smell may accompany a leak. You may contact Kim Black at (806) 371-4499 to receive a free BP pipeline safety brochure with a scratch-n-sniff mercaptan area that will give you an indication of the odorant smell.

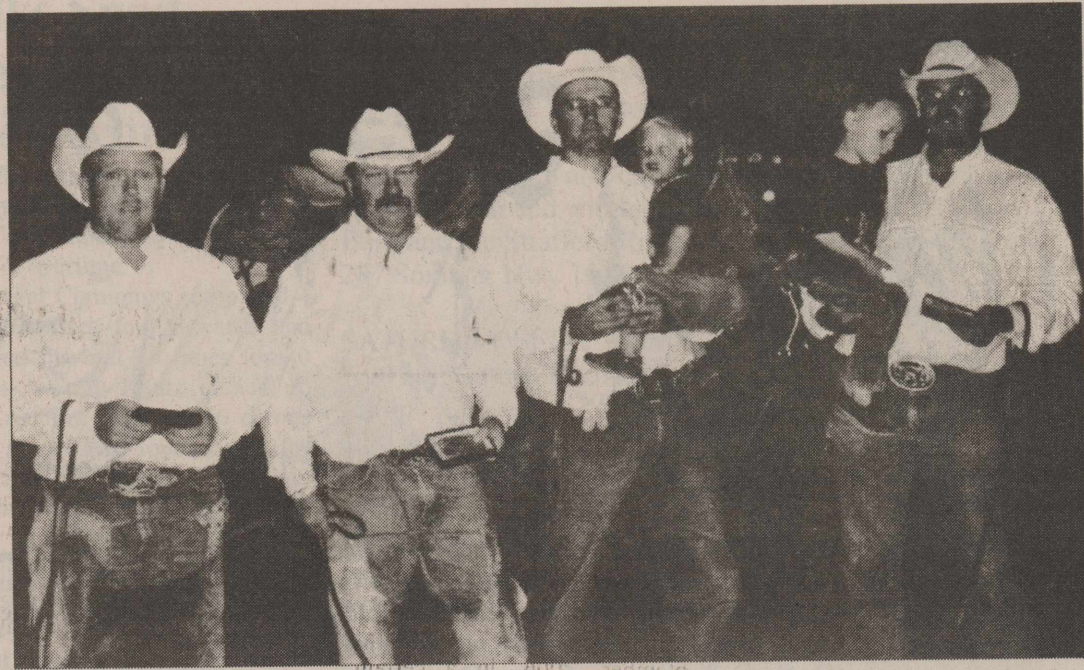
3. What to do if you suspect a leak:

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If you own a gas line from a BP operated gas well, BP recommends that each homeowner have a back up source for heating their house, water heater, appliances in case the well goes down or if their gas tap line freezes up.



MC3 Ranch Rodeo Team Takes Top Honors

MC3 Ranch Rodeo Team took top honors at the Stratford Ranch Rodeo July 29th. They also won First at the Clayton Ranch Rodeo in Clayton, NM, September 10th. Shown are team members and their helpers: Cody Lawrence, Randy McCracken, Gary Clements & Shay, Shannon Anderton & Slade. Not pictured are Roy Don McCracken & Wade Proffitt.

Boy Scouts Begin Annual Popcorn Sale Scouts Earn Money for Local Scouting Programs

Amarillo, TX. - The Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America, annual Popcorn Sale begins on Saturday, September 23rd and ends on Monday, October 23rd. The sale will raise money for local Scouting activities throughout the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

"The popcorn sale will not only raise needed funds for local Scouting programs, but will also help teach Scouts salesmanship, customer service and fiscal responsibility," said Brick Huffman, Scout Executive of the Golden Spread Council.

"We appreciate the support that all of our Scouting activities have received from the area and wish to express our thanks to everyone who participates," says Bob Rathbun, Boy Scout Council President. "When a Scout comes to your door, please welcome him, and what better way to help him than through the purchase of some of the finest popcorn you can buy."

About Golden Spread Council Boy Scouts of America:

Currently the council serves over 8,000 youth between 7 and 20 years of age throughout 27 counties in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandle. The mission of the Council is to provide local programs to boys and young adults that encourage youth development through character training in responsibilities of citizenship, development of leadership skills and through personal fitness. For

more information please call 806-358-6500 or visit the council's website at <http://www.goldenspread.org>.

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

—Mahatma Gandhi

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SHERMAN COUNTY BIODIESEL GROUP

Stratford, Texas, September 18, 2006—USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, today announced Sherman County Biodiesel Group received a \$43,000 Value Added Producer Grant to determine which oil crops are best suited for biodiesel production in Sherman County and if a biodiesel plant would be profitable in the area.

"USDA Rural Development promotes efforts to bring together agricultural producers and rural businesses to spur the development of renewable energy options, part of President Bush's comprehensive national energy policy" said Daniel. "During Fiscal Year 2005 Texas USDA Rural Development awarded over \$1 million in Value-Added Producer Grants."

Since 2001 the Bush Administration has committed over \$115 million to support value-added agricultural investments, including over 110 energy-related projects. Value-Added Producer Grants may be used for planning activities, such as feasibility studies or business plans, or to provide working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy projects. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority control led producer-based business ventures.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Amarillo Local Office at (806) 468-8600, Extension 4, or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Amarillo, Texas, September 21, 2006—USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, today announced Panhandle Community Services has been awarded a \$188,674 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG). USDA Rural Development Housing Programs are designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the growth and development of communities, the agency works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said State Director, Bryan Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA Rural Development funds will be used to assist 30 very-low and low-income families who own and occupy homes that need repairs in 26 Panhandle counties. The repairs will correct health and safety hazards and improve living conditions of the homes of eligible applicants in Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley,

Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Fanner, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties.

In Fiscal Year 2005, a total of \$637,982 in Housing Preservation Grants was obligated in Texas. The purpose of the HPG Program is to promote continued economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very-low income housing. Grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Amarillo Local Office at (806) 468-8600, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Health Care

(NU) - Because diabetes can result in a loss of sensation in the feet, a podiatrist plays an important role in managing the disease. The American Podiatric Medical Association warns that complications can result in lower-limb amputations. But regular visits to an APMA-member podiatrist, as part of a comprehensive foot care plan, can help reduce the rate of lower-limb amputations by 45 percent to 85 percent. For more information, go to www.apma.org.



New Officers for Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on April 22 at Dalhart Elementary. Members in attendance were: Nelda Askey, Sandra Kelso and Mary Jo Ondracek from Dalhart; Kathie Altman, Jennifer DeAnda and Lorree Nusz from Stratford; Beverly Hendrix, Joanie Hightower and Janet Pipkin from Sunray; Ann Hormel from Hartley; and Syndi Kneller from Texline. Rene' Pittman, Area XI Coordinator, installed Gamma Xi's 2006-08 officers: President, Sandra Kelso; First Vice President, Ann Hormel; Second Vice President, Syndi Kneller; and Recording Secretary, Janet Pipkin. Shirley Hendricks will be Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Kathie Altman will be Parliamentarian. Mary Jo Ondracek, Nelda Askey and Joanie Hightower presented a skit in celebration of Delta Kappa Gamma's founding 77 years ago. They represented 3 of the original founders: Annie Webb Blanton, Mamie Sue Bastian and Ruby Cole. Our next meeting was September 23 in Amarillo. Members participated in the Are XI Workshop. Pictured above left to right are Rene' Pittman, Area XI Coordinator, Janet Pipkin, Recording Secretary; Sandra Kelso, President; Ann Hormel, First Vice President; Syndi Kneller, Second Vice President.

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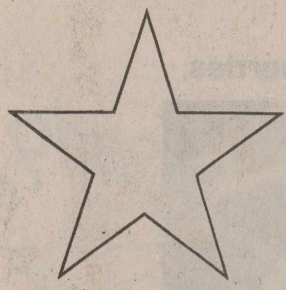
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We would like to congratulate our winners:

Irene Butler won 1st in Walk-a-thon Division 2.
 Jane Hopson won 1st in Chicken Chunkin, and 3rd in the Walk-a-thon.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the games.

Barbara and Beth Diller were with their Mother and Grandmother, Irene Butler. We always appreciate your help. Thank you

Activity Director's Janice Vaughn and JoAnn Cobos

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In the 3rd grade with your first geography book,
You realized that the world was worth a deeper look!

You were anxious to see it all,
Travel to each continent & visit cities & villages, large and small.
You longed to see the people, the animals, the mountains, & the sea.
To swim in the ocean of Antarctica or bask in a tropical breeze.

To many people those wishes might have been childish dreams,
But to you, Betty Lou, traveling the world is not as difficult as it seems.
That first trip to California over washboard roads,
Took several days of driving, I've been told.

You've traveled on horseback, in a rickshaw, on elephants, jets, & ocean liners
You've lodged in luxury hotels, tents, & tree houses, saying, "It couldn't have been finer!"
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With the nurturing and loving spirit of a mother so dear,
You've been included in all the families who gather here.
To Kim, Kristen, and Greg, you've been such a treasure,
To Jeff, Joel, Jon, & Honey you've given your love and so much pleasure,
To Kelli, Wayne, and Steven there's been a special bond,
To the girl in a foreign country you supported through childhood and beyond,
To the Dixon kids you hold so dear,
The outstanding young pilot and his sister the engineer,
To Lyndi, Layton, and Lexi and baby Cole
You've poured out love and kindness with heart and soul!

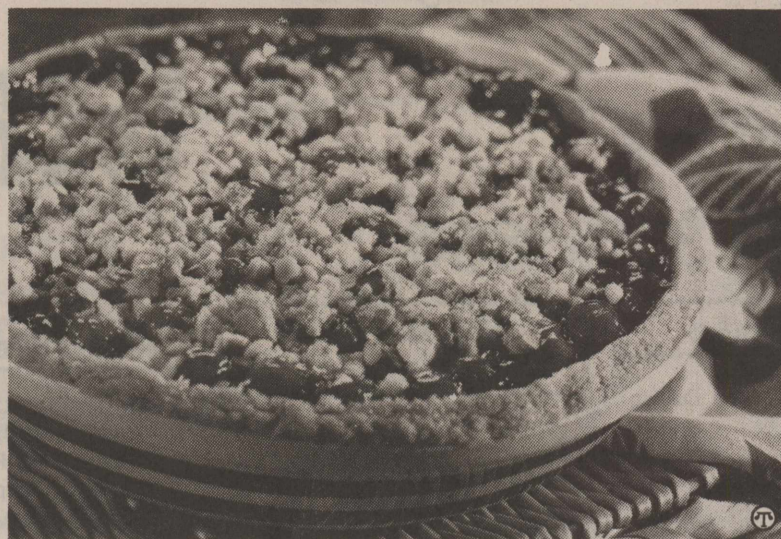
Your parents, your sister, cousins, friends, uncles, and aunts,
Have all felt the touch of your loving hands.
You have served your family and your fellow man
When you've seen a need, you've given a helping hand.

Tonite we are all so excited to be here with you,
To be able to say... HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, DEAR BETTY LOU!

By Julie Berry



Any Time Can Be The Right Time For Cherries



When the weather turns crisp, here's a fun variation on traditional cherry pie—Cherry Crisp Pie.

(NAPS)—Canned, frozen and dried tart cherries are a welcome ingredient in just about any pantry. This versatile, nutritious fruit can play a tasty role in a wide variety of meals.

For example, when the weather turns crisp, here is a fun variation on traditional cherry pie. It can be a great addition to family get-togethers, school gatherings, even for a fall picnic. It's quick and easy to prepare, and the ingredients are easy to have on hand.

Cherry Crisp Pie

- 1/2 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats, uncooked
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light-brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, if desired
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 (21-ounce) cans cherry pie filling

1 (9-ounce) prepared graham cracker crust (10-inch)

Melt butter in medium saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in oats, flour, brown sugar, pecans, if desired, and cinnamon. Spoon pie filling into crust. Sprinkle oats mixture over top. Place pie on a baking sheet.

Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 40 to 45 minutes, or until topping is golden brown. Cool on wire rack, then refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Cherry Crisp Pie is one of seven new cherry recipes developed by the Cherry Marketing Institute. All recipes are on easy-to-read recipe cards, so you can store them away to use again and again.

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Piano Recital

Frank Phillips College will present a piano recital featuring West Texas A & M University Assistant Professor of Music Denise Parr-Scanlin.

The concert, free to the public, is October 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the FPC Fine Arts Auditorium.

Ms. Parr-Scanlin will perform works from Debussy, Chopin, Beethoven and other well-known composers.

Ms. Parr-Scanlin received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 2005 from the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied with Anton Nel. Her Bachelor of Music and Master of Fine Arts degrees are from the University of Georgia, where she was a student of Despy Karlas. She also studied piano in Paris with Yvonne Loriod-Messiaen, at the American Conservatory of Music in Fontainebleau, France, and the Tibor Varga Festival, Sion, Switzerland.

In addition to a busy schedule as a music educator, she is an active performer. Her performances include solo and chamber music recitals at the Festival des Arcs, the Foundation des Etats-Unis and the American Church in Paris, the Telfair Museum in Savannah, and American colleges and universities including the North Carolina School of the Arts, Southern Illinois University, and the University of Georgia. She has been a guest artist with the Atlanta Woodwind Quintet, Collage Chamber Ensemble of Houston, and the Randel Chamber Orchestra.

For ten years Ms. Parr-Scanlin was a performing artist for Young Audiences of Houston, presenting programs to thousands of school children. She has performed at the state conventions of the Texas Music Educators Association and the Texas Music Teachers Association.

For more information about this recital, please contact FPC Music Department Director Dr. Judy Strecker at (806) 457-4200, ext. 728 or by email at

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