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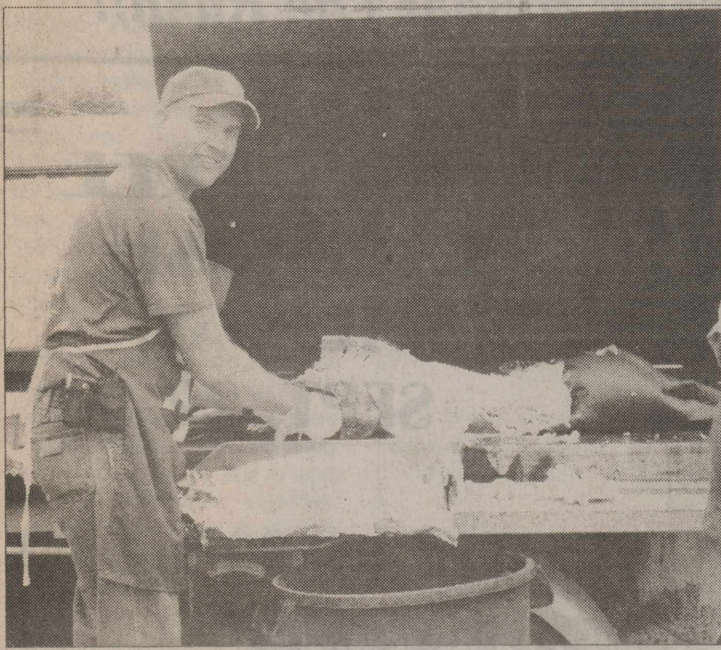
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3rd Annual Tailgate Party & Pig Roast

First State Bank held their 3rd Annual Tailgate Party & Pig Roast on Friday, September 14th.



Dean Hauser of First State Bank cuts up the pig for the bank's 3rd Annual Tailgate Party on Friday, September 7.



L/R Pat Boren and CeCe Yelk out for a country drive in preparation for The Traditional Day of Driving September 22. Pat Boren will be driving in the event.

Whips and Wheels "Day of Traditional Driving" and Arts & Craft Show September 22

By Gaynelle Riffe

9:00 A.M. Carriage Turnout and Inspection begins east of the Rodeo Arena.

9:15 Country Drive Test 1, will begin, (vehicles should be about 15 minutes apart.)

Route will begin at the Rodeo Grounds, progress north on South Wall, crossing U.S. 54 Turning east at the tree line to cross railroad on Beaver Rd. (FM 2677) for test 2, (three minute stop) at Coldwater manor.

Continue west on Purnell, right on Butler, left on Shirley to Walk in front of the elementary school, make the left jog on Putman to a right on Kay St. to Test 3 weave cones in a serpentine with turn around in the cul-de-sac.

Right on 2nd, to Purnell, Putnam, Left on Maple, Right on 8th east to Main St.

South on Main Street to Test 4 in parking lot of Depot Museum (Museum will be open to visitors) PUB-HUB (measure right front hub as close to cone as possible,

driver pays judge a quarter and one penny for each inch away from cone.

Route continues east on 1st Street, left on Pearl, right on 3rd in front of Court House, right on Wall, south across the railroad and US 54 to right on south 4th west across US 287, railroad on County Rd M west US 54, turn right, east on grassy right of way . Turn right on Cedar south to CR M, left back across railroad and

US 287 on 4th to right on Chestnut to Rodeo Grounds. This is a 7.4 mile Country Drive course. Test 5, a cones course at the Fair Grounds.

10:00 - 4:00 Arts & Crafts Show at the County Exhibit Building Catholic Youth will provide a concession stand for both events. 4-H provide drinks.

1:30 Carriage games at the east end of the Rodeo grounds

6:30 Awards Dinner Catered by Cindy and Lem Russell.

(Financial help for Whips & Wheels; Membership opportunity, Silent Auction at Craft Show and tickets for Awards Dinner)

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Story Time To Begin

The Sherman County Public Library is accepting enrollment in the library's Fall Story Time which will begin on Tuesday, October 16th, at 9:30-10:15 a.m. and continue every two weeks through Tuesday, December 11th. Story Time is open to all children ages 2-5 years of age with enrollment strongly encouraged (but not necessary) to allow the library to have ample supplies on hand for each session. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the programs. To enroll, volunteer, or if there are any questions, call the library at 366-2200.

KIDS ARE EASY VICTIMS (ONLINE/ INTEREST SAFETY) OFFERED SEPTEMBER 24

By Susie Spurlock

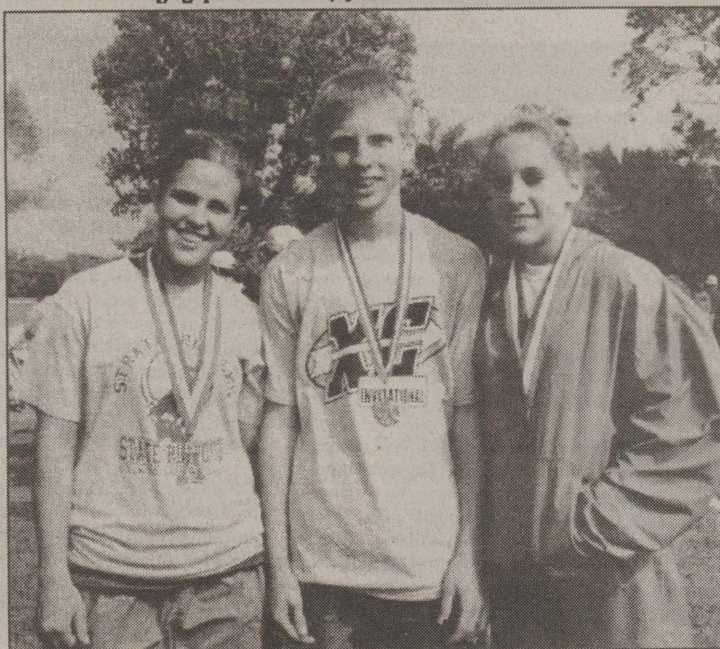
Kids are easy victims and understanding how to protect them from the dangers associated with use of the internet. "On-Line (or Internet) Safety", an educational program sponsored by the Sherman County Leadership Advisory Board will be held Monday, September 24 at the Imagination Station in Stratford. The educational program will be presented twice that day. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Weldon Floyd, Regional Information Technologist with Texas Cooperative Extension will be presenting the sessions. Mr. Floyd will be sharing information on the need for protecting your family from the dangers associated with the internet along with tips to provide protection for your family. In addition, he will share information on understanding instant messages.

All interested persons are invited to attend the program. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock or David Graf at the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122 or 806-366-2081.

Beat Perryton



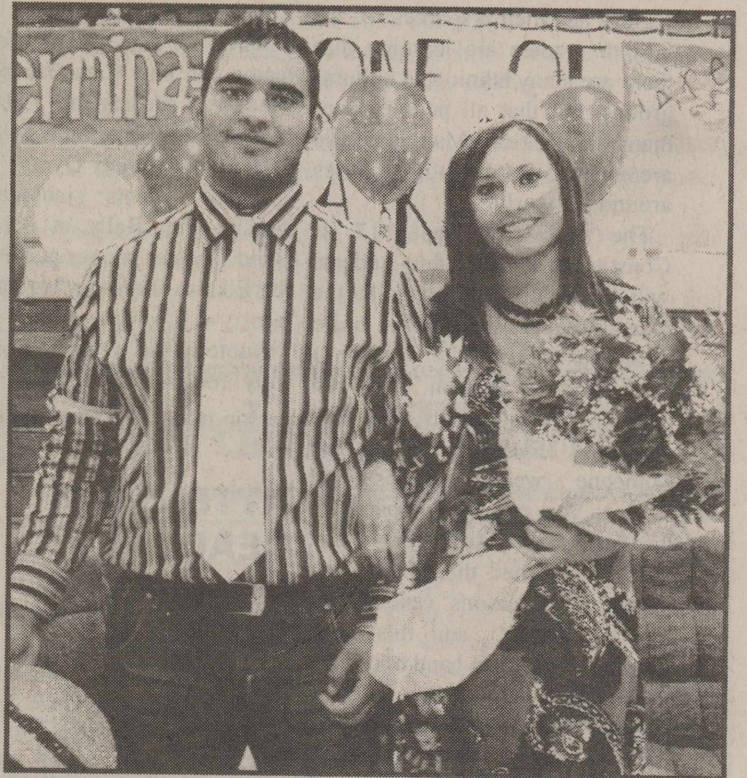
Crabtree Wins Gold

Kristen Crabtree, left captured the Gold for the small school division at the Amarillo Invitation Cross Country Meet held this past Saturday, September 15. Wesley Anderson won a medal for his 16th place finish in the J.V. boys division and Kelsie Keener won 4th place medal in the Varsity girls division Way to Go!!



13th Annual Circle of Friends Golf Tournament and Steak Dinner

Circle of Friends Benefit Golf Tournament 2007 was recently held at Stratford Country Club. Just three of the folks who were on hand are Mary Brooks, Linda Spurlock and LeRayne Donelson. There will be more pictures and story in next week's edition of The Star.



2007 Homecoming King & Queen

2007 Homecoming King and Queen Sandro Gomez and Kelsey Stein were crowned at the pep rally on Friday, September 14, 2007.

New Committee will Work to Enhance and Improve Stratford

By Bailey Naugle

A new group, the Community Enhancement and Improvement Committee, formed in August, is intended to help Stratford citizens work together to build up the city's image through rejuvenation, restoration and clean up.

The committee consists entirely of volunteers and is not affiliated with any current improvement plans or projects. The Enhancement Committee is striving to enrich the Stratford experience by improving the appearance of the town.

Weeds grow and paint fades. Problems like this creep up on everyone and the committee understands that sometimes it is difficult to notice when your property reaches the point where it does not look as good as it could.

In small towns like Stratford, each property is very important to the overall appearance of the town and has an indirect effect on the local economy.

The "windshield tour" that so many non-residents get does not do justice for a community filled with such caring people, wonderful businesses and an excellent school system said a volunteer for the Enhancement Committee.

Duane Mungia, a member of the committee, explained that the goal of the enhancement and improvement effort is to visually convey the tremendous pride that Stratford citizens are famous for throughout Texas.

Enhancement and improvement plans include assisting property owners with maintenance tasks such as painting, mowing and disposing of debris.

The committee asks that everyone check their own property for overgrown weeds, debris and other issues. "The next time you drive through other towns look at them as if you were moving there and see what would stop you," said Mungia. "Consider what you can do to help those issues in Stratford," he suggested.

"We would love for people to drive through Stratford and think 'Wow, that was a great little town,'" said one committee member. The committee is ready and willing to do what they can to help residents whether it is providing access to equipment, pitching in with physical labor, seeking funding or simply being there to provide encouragement. "Every event needs cheerleaders," said one member, "It takes a lot to keep people positive and motivated."

The group plans to seek funding primarily from sources outside of Stratford. They feel that all the businesses here support their fair share of local events and do not want the effort to cost the community.

As part of this effort, city-officials will be enforcing ordinances concerning nuisances such as trash, overgrown weeds and abandoned vehicles.

According to city manager Ted B Dodd, past ordinance

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**STRATFORD BAND
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ELK TALES

Mrs. Swain's fifth grade Social Studies has been working on the States-Capitals-Abbreviations-Locations of states 1-15. These should be reviewed/written daily. We've studied geographical landforms, kinds of governments and economies, and about US regions and their resources.

Sixth graders are learning that there are many ethnic and cultural groups, but that all people share many similarities. Many students are eager to learn about countries around the world.

The week of Sept. 17 is Constitutional Week and students will learn about and refer to the Constitution in the book in order to answer questions.

Mrs. Shari Hudson has been working nonstop on the Elk buttons. Every time you see someone wearing a student button, you can thank Shari and her Annual Staff for them. They've finished the athletic and cheerleader buttons (except for the late orders), and this week they're working on band buttons.

Mrs. Hauser has been working on information to be put on the library link on our SISD web page. Mrs. Shanda Davis and Duane Mungia of Scribbles are collaborating to update the page.

Mrs. Gilliland's 5th grade students learned the scientific method with the use of paper airplanes.

This week Mrs. Wright's first grade class is starting our TEIR groups. We will be going to computer, playing games to help learn letter sounds and build words. In Math we are learning some, some more and some, some went away (addition and subtraction). We have sight words we are learning and we will start our spelling words and spelling tests this week.

The two high school economics classes have started their study of the stock market for this semester.

Each group has an imaginary \$10,000.00 to invest. They can buy, sell or keep their stocks as they choose. They use the library computers or the computer lab about once a week to check the stocks. At the end of the semester, the class who makes the most money wins. Coach Metcalf and Coach Horsford instruct the classes.

Magazine sales will start this week. Watch for the juniors and 8th graders. Joanie Ivey and Farmers Insurance hosted a "Teacher Appreciation Dinner" at Pendleton Park on Monday evening for the SISD staff. Thanks!

The 7th, 8th, & JV football teams will play Canadian here on Thursday starting at 5:00 p.m. The Jr. High Pep Rally will be at 3:10 in the Activity Gym

Friday events include the Varsity Pep Rally at 3:15, the Band Booster supper at 5:00, and the Elks vs. Perryton here at 7:30 p.m.

Quote of the week: "Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit." -Napoleon Hill.

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will start putting addresses in and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

Nicholas McDaniel
Nicholas McDaniel is stationed in Iraq. If you would like to send Nicholas a card or letter

His address is
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MCDANIEL NICHOLAS
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FCS Club Meets

By Mary Ann Spurlock

On September 9, 2007 the Sherman County 4-H FCS Club had its first meeting of the project year. The first item on the agenda was to elect officers. Eric Burton was elected president, Sunny Russell as vice-president, Catherine Griffin as secretary/treasurer, and Mary Ann Spurlock as reporter. Then, Susie Spurlock talked about the importance of beef in our daily diet and Katie Killian gave a presentation about beef. Next, Eric Burton showed us how to correctly do a food show interview. Afterwards, we had hot beef sundaes for refreshments. The hot beef sundaes were made of one scoop of mashed potatoes, topped with hot brisket in gravy, a dollop of sour cream, grated cheese, and a cherry tomato. Upon leaving we were given a pamphlet about beef and an adjustable measuring spoons.

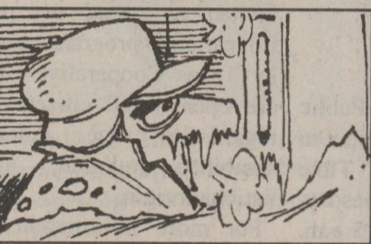
"Rockin" Red Hatters Meet

The "Rockin" Red Hatters of Stratford enjoyed a night out at The Eklund Hotel in Clayton, NM. Pat Boren had an interesting talk on sayings like, "It's raining cats and dogs" and "Let's chew the fat".

Several volunteered to help with the Silent Auction at the "Whips & Wheels Show" on Saturday Sept. 22.

Red Hatters meet on the first Thursday of each month. Oct. 4 they will meet at Elk Junction for supper at 6:00 p.m.

"We would love to have you join us. There are no rules or regulations. We're out for fun and fellowship", a Hatter said.



The coldest temperature ever recorded in the contiguous 48 United States was -70 F, at Rogers Pass, Montana, January 20, 1954.



Kristen Crabtree

Kristen Crabtree is a member of the Lady Elk Cross Country, Basketball and track teams. She is also a cheerleader.

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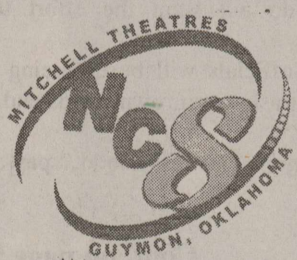
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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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Ask the Geek

By Kevin McDonald

Office Productivity for Free

Last week we talked about the difference between your operating system (such as Windows XP Home Edition) and your office productivity software (such as Microsoft Office). This week I'll focus on an office suite called OpenOffice.org (OO.org).

From the OpenOffice.org web site: "OpenOffice.org ...includes the key desktop applications, such as a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation manager, and drawing program, with a user interface and feature set similar to other office suites. Sophisticated and flexible, OpenOffice.org also works transparently with a variety of file formats, including those of Microsoft Office, and the vendor-neutral Open Document standard from OASIS. Available in over 65 supported languages with more being constantly added by the community, OpenOffice.org runs stably and natively on Solaris, Linux (including PPC Linux), Windows, Mac OS X (X11), and numerous other platforms."

OpenOffice.org contains all the software necessary for you to create documents, spreadsheets, presentations, edit photos and clip art and much more. It also allows you to read those same types of files that were created in other office suites. In other words, the OO.org word processor can open a document that was created by someone using Microsoft Word, and the OO.org presentation module can open a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation.

The big difference, however, is that OpenOffice.org is **completely free**. You don't pay to download it, install it, register it, use it or keep it updated. Also, when you save a file in an OO.org format, you can rest assured that they're not keeping any secrets - the format that their files are saved in is an approved, "open" format. That means that your files will never be enslaved by corporate copywrites or proprietary formats. Anyone with the gumption could include code in their software that could read an OpenOffice.org file without having to reverse engineer the file to try to "guess" how it's been created.

I have used OO.org for many years and couldn't be happier. I write this column using the OO.org word processor, and when I'm ready to submit it, I click one button in the toolbar that creates a "PDF" (otherwise known as "Adobe Acrobat" format) of the file to send to the Star. What you are reading right now looks exactly as it looked on my screen, and the software I used to create it cost exactly **zero**.

Getting it is easy, just visit their web site: www.openoffice.org. You can join their mailing lists and read user guides and other documentation on their site. Find a bug in the software? Submit it to the developers and take part in the ongoing improvement of the software! When have you ever had that kind of control?

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children. He owns and operates Definition Computers. Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegEEK@definitioncomputers.com, and your question might be answered in a future article.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Jo June McDaniel was surprised for her birthday when a large group showed up for a party at the community center on Sept. 2. Son John McDaniel and Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bud & Frankie Shields, Bill & Pat Boren were planners.

Her Sunday School class came—Marcelle Sutton, Gladys Arnold, Georgia Cook, Nina Fedric, Bernice Stublefield, Dortha Alien, Martha Mitts, and Louise Dettle.

Also Bob & Evangeline Wills of Wheeler, Inalue & Lewis James of Logan, Eric & Keena McDaniel, Thelma Smith, Colleen Irlbeck, all of Dumas, Kelby McDaniel.

And Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, Gary Hudgens. Son Whit McDaniel and family came the next day.

On Sept 8 Jo June and son John went to the Texhoma School reunion. Dr. Krull of DeKalb, Illinois, was the speaker. He was a classmate of Jo June's.

Kay & Kathy Neiden of Shawnee, OK. had lunch with Marylou & Mike McDaniel recently. He is a radio operator friend. They formerly lived in Booker.

Ted Irlbeck has been in Veterans Hospital Amarillo for awhile.

The Gillenwaters hosted a canasta party Saturday night for Bud & Frankie Shields, Jo June McDaniel and Barbara Thrash of Plainview. Earlier in the week they were at Moreland, OK., where they saw the new home of Duane & Stephanie Gillenwaters. They spent a night with Leota & Ernest Campbell at Fort Supply.

Thelma Smith, Dumas, Patti McDaniel, Denver and Marylou McDaniel flew to Sacramento, CA, Sept 7 to attend a 50th anniversary party for Dean & Emma Lee McDaniel. While there they toured the Governors Mansion and Old Sacramento on the river. There were several cousins there and lots of fun! Reed Schoonover won third in cross country at Hugoton, KS, Saturday and the team won first! The Stratford junior high football team won against Panhandle.

Chamber news

By: Cindy Jackson

CALLING ALL GOOD COOKS: On Friday October 26th at the Sherman County Barn the Stratford Chamber of Commerce is having its first Chili Cook off. Dust off those chill pots, get out that secret family recipe and hit the kitchen. This is a challenge. Who will be the first person entered into the family of Chili royalty. More information to follow.

Do you have an investment in Stratford? I don't mean the kind in a bank but an investment in the community. The return on your investment of time would easily make you a millionaire. Possibly, Stratford has made an investment in you. Just like the financial market, Stratford has had its ups and downs but its over all performance has made it worth its weight in gold. Would you like to be a millionaire?

Your chamber of commerce would like to thank everyone that called and volunteered.

Next Chamber Project is the Craft Fair on September 22, 2007 at the county barn, in conjunction with Stratford Driving Days.

Call one of the following Chamber Members:

Jolie Asher 396-5521
Cindy Jackson 366-5581
Shannon Sellers-396-5681

Thank you,
The Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Home

(NU) - If you are like most women, you hate to clean the kitchen. A recent national survey found that nearly 40 percent of American women dread cleaning their kitchens more than other areas of their homes. The experts at Merry Maids have useful advice to help you get started. Tips such as using ice cubes and slices of lime or lemon to freshen your disposal, and heating water and lemon juice in your microwave to remove dried-on foods, can be found on their Web site. www.merrymaids.com, along with many other helpful hints to keep your kitchen sparkling clean.

Asking the right questions takes as much skill as giving the right answers.

—Robert Half

The greatest problem in communication is the illusion that it has been accomplished.

—George Bernard Shaw

Most conversations are simply monologues delivered in the presence of a witness.

—Margaret Miller

You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions.

—Naguib Mahfouz

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

—Henry Kaiser


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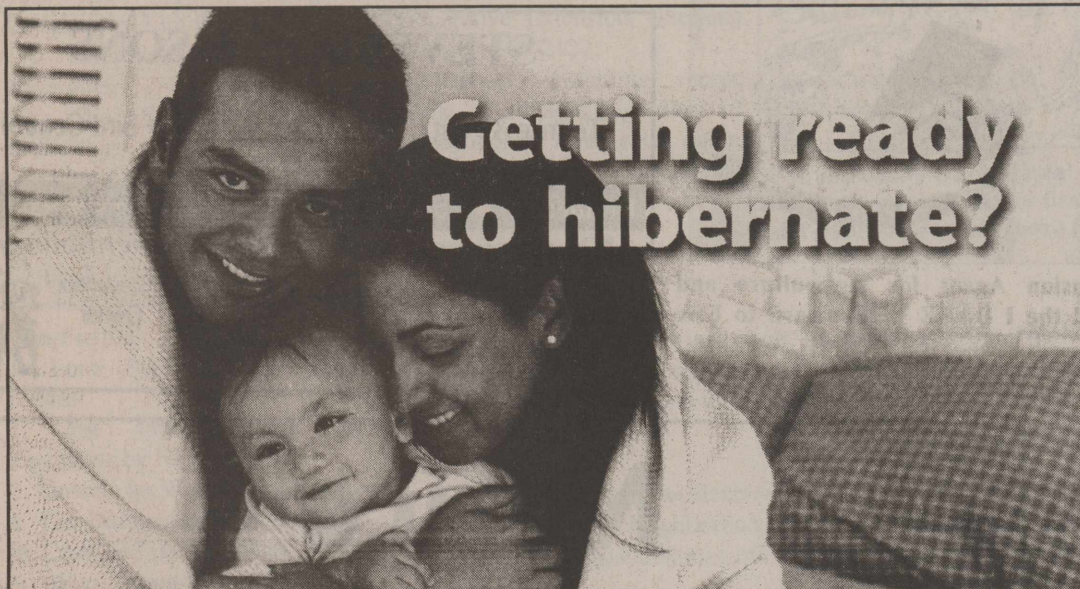
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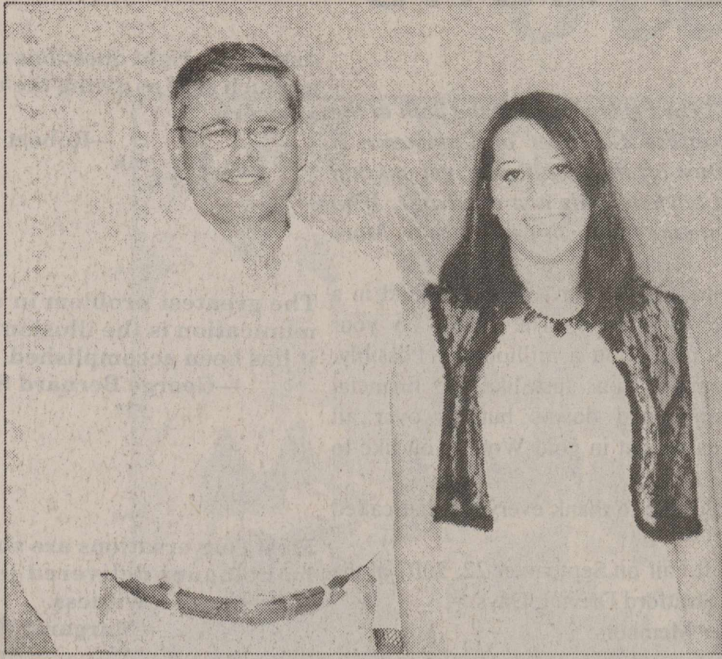
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Jennie Spurlock was named Gold Star recipient at the 4-H Achievement Banquet. Tim Weldon of First State Bank presented the honoree with the recognition pin.



Austin Riffe presents Cindy Russell with the Outstanding 4-H Leader Award during the Banquet.

4-H MEMBERS HONORED AT BANQUET

Jennie Spurlock was named 2007 Sherman County 4-H Gold Star winner at the annual Achievement Banquet held September 3rd. Tim Weldon of First State Bank of Stratford presented Jennie with a Gold Star pin and announced sponsorship of a framed portrait. All Sherman County 4-H members were recognized at the banquet which celebrated "A Centennial Celebration".

Catheryn Griffin and Blaine Killian were recognized as Rookies of the Year. Wesley Alien, Boston Hudson, Ashton Sellers, Madeline Drake, A.J. Riffe, Kelsey Pickens, Branson Palmer, Tyler Rouse, Monica White, Taylor Wright, Bethany Everett, and Ty Hess received First Year Completion certificates.

Landry Davis and Ben Gilliland received the Bronze Star Awards. Receiving Silver Star Awards were Katie Killian and Sunny Russell. Eric Burton received the I DARE YOU award presented by County Judge Terri Carter and David Graf, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

During the banquet, Stratford Grain Company was recognized as the Business Friend of 4-H. Frank Vaughn was honored as Friend of 4-H.

Cindy Russell received recognition as Outstanding 4-H Leaders for the year. Cindy was cited for her leadership in serving as club co-manager for the Sporting Club and FGS club; co-coaching the Nutrition Quiz Bowl team and coordinating entries and travel for the District and State Rifle Contest. In addition, Cindy is active in the county 4-H Parent-Leaders Association. Cindy will be recognized at the Panhandle District 4-H Distinguished Leaders Luncheon on September 8 in Pampa.

Other volunteer leaders recognized at the banquet were Steven Myers, Lem Russell, Dinah and Lance Horsford, David White, Garland Dahl, Belinda & Glen

Hamilton, Scott Buckles, Cindy Dickenson, and Piper Bennett. Laurie Spurlock, Jean Everett, Reyna Everett, Gina Jones, and Jack Swain were also recognized for their dedication to the county 4-H program. In addition, Jill and John Killian, Chad and Mary Ann Ely, Connie and Sherwin Burton, Wesley Spurlock, David White, Cece Yelik and Frank Vaughn received recognition.

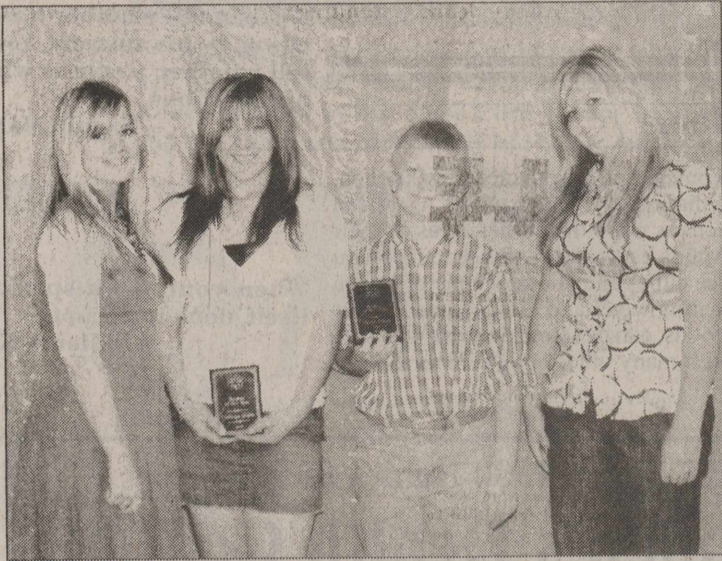
4-H members receiving recognition at the banquet were Nathan Bennett, Eric Burton, Rhyann Burton, Ryan Dahl, Landry Davis, Garrett Ely, Hunter Everett, Sinead Everett Desinya Garza, Ben Gilliland, and Tyler Gilliland. Catherine Griffin, Luke Haile, Kaleb Horsford, Kyle Horsford, Blaine Killian and Katie Killian were also recognized. In addition, Kelsey Pickens, Tanner Riffe, Austin Riffe, Sunny Russell, Jacie Seward, Tyler Seward, Jennie Spurlock, Mary Ann Spurlock, and Taylor Wright received recognition.

Hostess for the banquet were Reyna Everett, Jean Everett, and Teresa Edmond members of the Sherman County FCE clubs. 4-H adult leaders serving on the committee were Cindy Russell, Jill Killian, and Dinah Horsford.

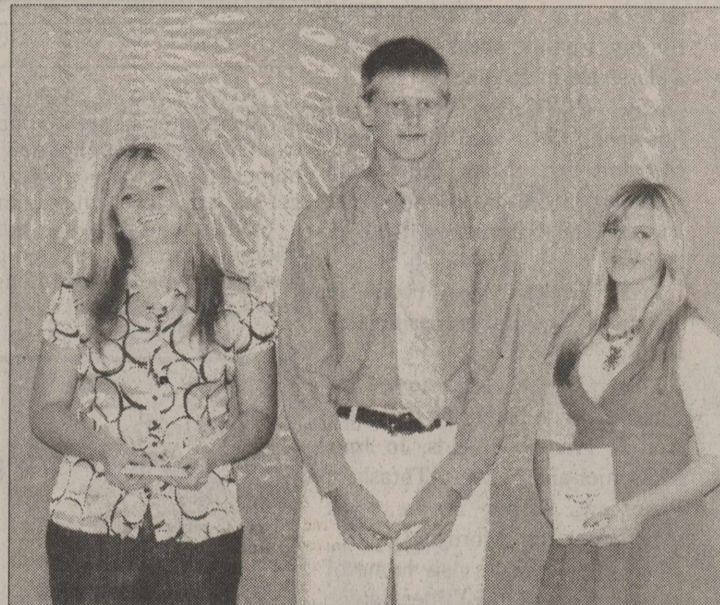
Beef served at for the dinner was donated by Joe Pete Flores and prepared by Lem Russell. First State Bank of Stratford and First Ag Credit of Dalhart also were sponsors of the banquet.

Kaleb Horsford served as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet assisted by other members of Sherman County 4-H Council. Other members of the county 4-H Council assisting were Kyle Horsford, Austin Riffe, Jennie Spurlock, Sunny Russell, Katie Killian, Tanner Riffe, and Catherine Griffin provided leadership for the banquet also. Susie Spurlock and David Graf, County Extension Agents serves as advisors to the group. They were assisted by Billye Zak and Jennifer DeAnda, Sherman County Extension Office secretarial staff members.

The 4-H Achievement Banquet supports the state Extension goal of development of life skills and leadership qualities of youths and adults and the county Long Range Extension Program enhancing skills for quality life.



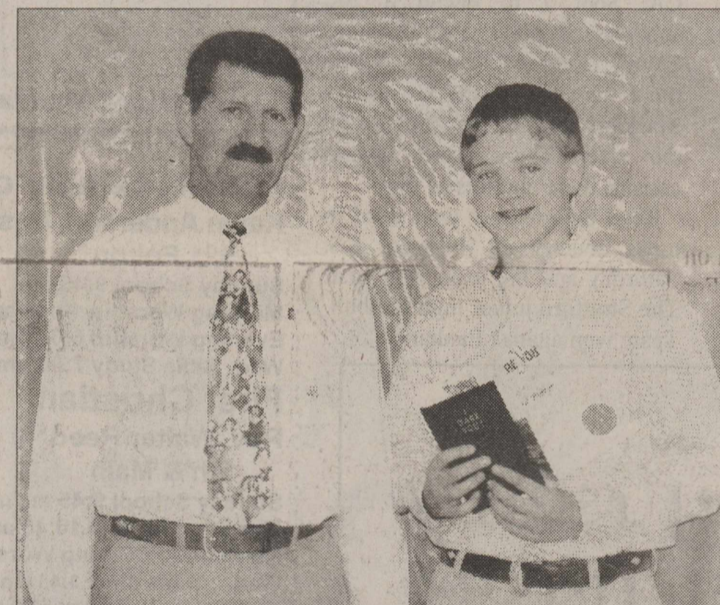
Catheryn Griffin and Blaine Killian received Rookie of the Year Awards for exceptional work as first year 4-H members. Katie Killian and Sunny Russell presented the awards.



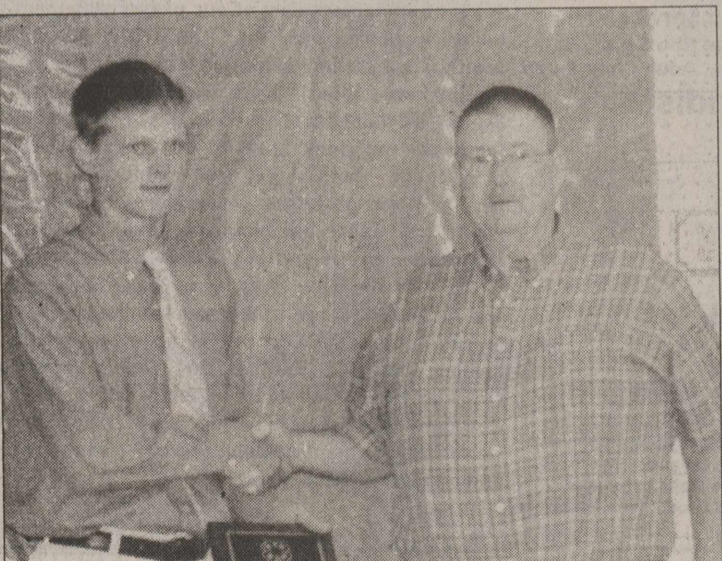
Katie Killian and Sunny Russell received the Silver Star Award from Kyle Horsford and Jennie Spurlock. The Silver Star Award recognizes members ages 12-14 for continued project accomplishments, leadership, and community service.



Bronze Star Award winners were Landry Davis and Ben Gilliland. These awards honor 4-H members ages 9-11 for outstanding work in a variety of projects and activities. Katie Killian, Sunny Russell and Jennie Spurlock assisted with the presentation.



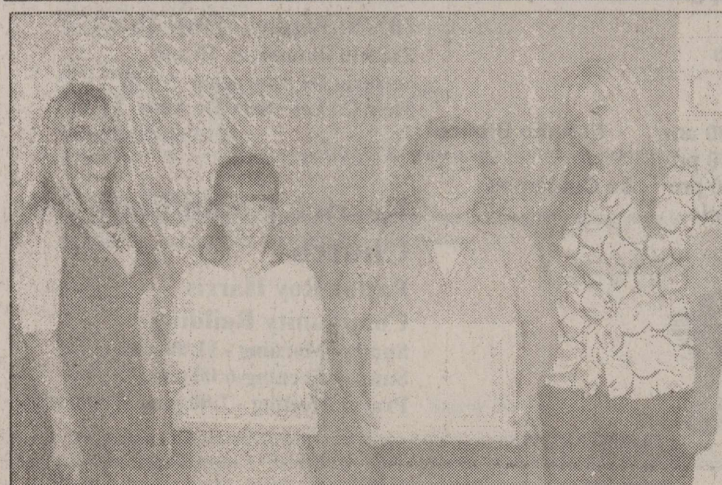
David Graf, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources presented the I DARE YOU award to Eric Burton.



Kyle Horsford presented the Friend of 4-H Award to Frank Vaughn. Frank continues to support the 4-H program by coordinating Stratford Rifle and Pistol club facility use for 4-H members.



Business Friend of 4-H honor was extended to Stratford Grain Company. Sunny Russell presented the award to Don Riffe representing Stratford Grain Company for its support of the 4-H Food and Nutrition, Livestock and Shooting Sports projects.



Jill Killian and Sunny Russell presented Kelsie Pickens and Taylor (center) with their First Year Completion certificates at the 4-H Banquet.

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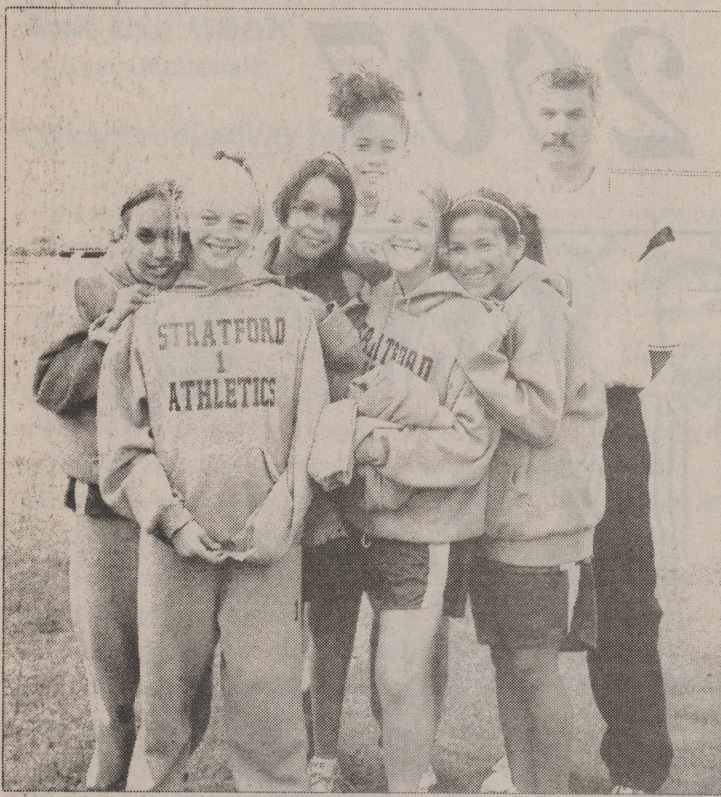
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The _____ City of Stratford _____
is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held
on _____ September 25, 2007 _____
at _____ 2:00 p.m. _____



7th Grade Lady Elk Cross Country team placed 1st at Hugoton. L/R Erika Robles, Meghan Brooks, Karen Lazoya, Tera Harris, Shyanne Acker, Haydee Rojas and Coach Terry Davis.



8th Grade Lady Elks placed 3rd at Hugoton. Shown l/r: Carina Michel, Tori Rouse, Perla Reto, Coach Terry Davis, Shannon Maiwald, Adriana Ibarra.



J.H. Boys won 1st place at the Hugoton Cross Country meet. Shown kneeling l/r: Grayson Gonzalez, Reed Schoonover, Alex Chavoya, Kenny Ruiz. Standing l/r: Justin Mungia, Nicolas Barajas, Coach Terry Davis, Kelby Hartman and Neftali Valenzuela.

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Celebrate 2007 September 25

By Susie Spurlock

"Celebrate", the annual holiday decorations, gift, and food idea program will be held Tuesday, September 25 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd in Amarillo.

Featured guest speakers will highlight creativity with food and ways to simplify meal preparations. Other features of Celebrate will include presentations from Family and Consumer Science Agents throughout the Panhandle who will share their holiday and entertaining ideas complete with written instructions. Upon conclusion of the presentations, there will be a Tasting Bee to sample the delicious dishes prepared by the agents. Participants will receive recipes for foods that you will surely want to include on the menu for your next celebration along with entertaining ideas.

Tickets for Celebrate at \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Advance ticket sales end on Monday, September 24th. For further information or to purchase tickets, contact Texas Cooperative Extension, Sherman County at 366-2122.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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enforcement efforts were just short bursts of activity. Numerous people would be cited and the city would receive a wave of complaints which would end the effort. But Dodd says this effort will be steady and unswerving.

He guaranteed that all residents will be scrutinized equally with no race, status group or neighborhood being discriminated against. All that officials will base citations off of is whether or not an ordinance is broken.

The committee stressed that they will be handling all clean up issues with compassion and understanding. "We are not trying to point fingers or tell anyone that their property is inferior," said a representative, "All we're trying to do is help out."

But the committee can not do it alone. "We'll be asking for your help. We may ask for action, patience, encouragement or ideas," Mungia said.

The group is currently planning a clean up event to kickoff the effort. In October, volunteers will come together to dispose of debris, touch up paint and tackle other clean up issues throughout town. Collected items will be recycled, reused, donated or thrown away.

The Enhancement Committee would like to network locally and out of town to find cost effective resources such as aspiring landscape designers who can benefit from working with the committee on improvement efforts.

The committee is currently forming long term plans to keep the enhancement and improvement movement going.

For more information on city ordinances call City Hall at 806-366-5581. To learn more about the Community Enhancement and Improvement Committee contact the Sherman County Development Committee at 806-366-2897.

Safety

(NU) - House fires killed approximately 3,055 people in the U.S. last year, with most victims dying from smoke or toxic gases and not from burns.

Underwriters Laboratories and the Fire Protection Research Foundation recently completed a study that is enabling researchers — for the first time — to analyze the unique fingerprint of smoke.

The study will help material scientists understand how synthetic materials decompose in fires, and may lead to the development of safer materials in the home.

For more information on fire safety, go to www.ul.com/newsroom, or www.nfpa.org.

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.
—George Burns

PETS & PEOPLE

Employee Benefits Going To The Dogs (And Cats)

(NAPS)—Regardless of how dog-eat-dog some may feel the working world seems, employers are increasingly looking out for their workers' pets.

That's the word from business-trend watchers who say that more companies are offering pet health insurance as part of their voluntary employee benefits package.

The insurance can be used to cover qualified medical expenses for pets—a cost that can rapidly add up over the lifetime of a dog or cat.

In fact, the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPPMA) reports that routine veterinary visits cost an average of \$211 for dog owners and \$179 for cat owners each year.

In addition, emergency surgery and emergency veterinary visits (which one in three pets needs every year) cost, on average, \$575 for dogs and \$330 for cats.

Implementing A Plan
Generally, when companies include pet health insurance as a voluntary benefit, employees who enroll receive a 5 percent discount on their base medical plan, in addition to any multiple pet discounts. Also, most companies let workers deduct their pet premiums directly from their paychecks.



Pet insurance is increasingly being offered by employers as a way to attract and retain talented workers.

Companies such as VPI Pet Insurance eliminate much of the traditional costs and overhead faced by employers looking to implement new benefits by handling all of the back-end administration for them.

The company's pet medical plans—which are the only ones in the nation to include birds and exotic pets—cover a multitude of medical conditions as well as optional Pet WellCare Protection for routine care.

Healthy Pets, Happy Employees
There are more than 70 million dogs and 90 million cats in the U.S. Surveys show that, increas-

ingly, their owners consider them part of the family—especially young professionals without children and older workers whose children have left home.

Employers are introducing pet insurance as a low-cost way to attract and retain many of these employees.

The number of companies offering VPI Pet Insurance, for example, has increased from 800 to more than 1,600 since 2003, and companies ranging from Washington Mutual and Viacom to Ford Motor Co., Navy Federal Credit Union and the National Association for Female Executives, now offer the insurance.

"Everyone who has it, including myself, finds it valuable and easy to use," explains Ann Dowell, executive director of human resources for Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., a company that's offered pet insurance to employees since 2005. "It offers great peace of mind for any health issues affecting our furry family members."

Finding Pet Insurance
To learn how your company can begin offering pet insurance as an employee benefit, call (866) 838-3467. Employees of companies currently offering VPI Pet Insurance can enroll by phoning (866) 838-3469.

Calf Fry & Brisket Supper

The Griggs Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a brisket & calf fry supper on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Plainview School. Free-will donations accepted. Come support your local firemen as they work to purchase pagers, other equipment and do complete work on fire trucks.



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The rock group Fine Young Cannibals took its name from the title of the 1960 film *All the Fine Young Cannibals*.

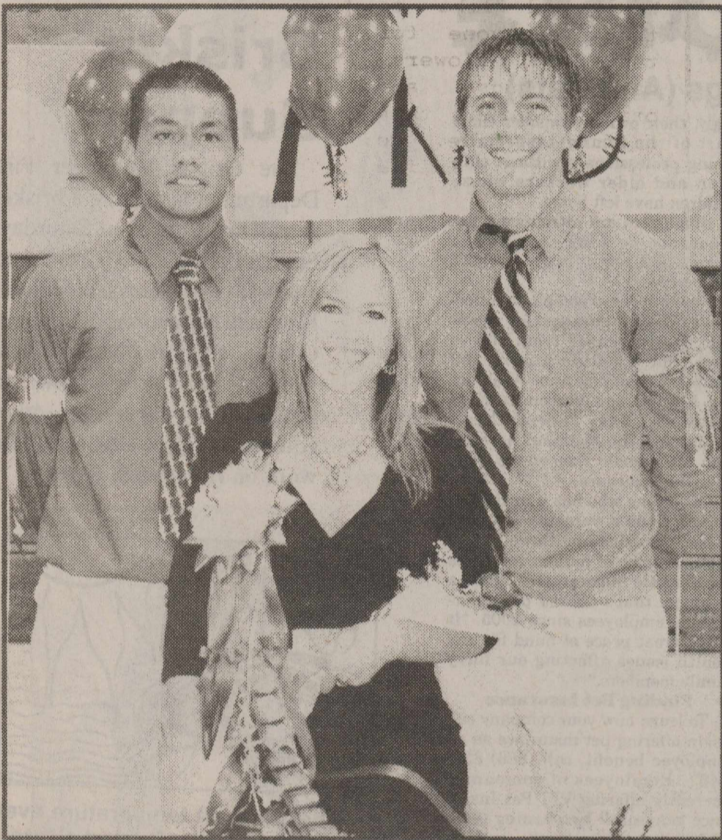
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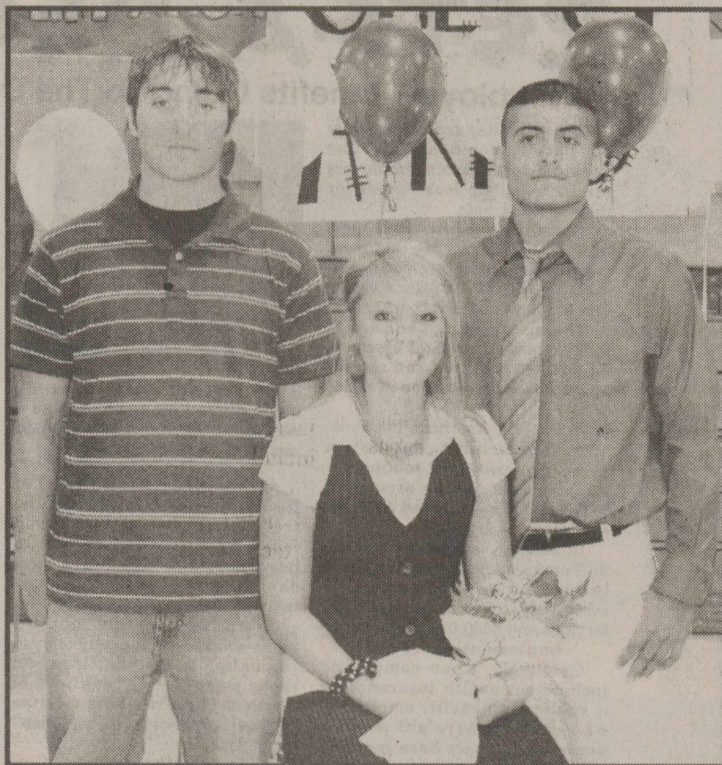
Homecoming Kelsey Stein and her court with their escorts from I/r Darcy Rosales escorted by her father Miguel Rosales, Kristen Crabtree escorted by her father Doak Crabtree, Queen Kelsey escorted by her uncle Chris Kemp, Jordan Confer escorted by her father Blake Confer and Ivy Valenzuela escorted by her father Joe Valenzuela.



Homecoming Queen Candidate Kelsey Stein escorted by Sandro Gomez, Austin Riffe, and Pablo Acevedo.



Homecoming Queen Candidate Kristen Crabtree escorted by Alex Martinez and Craig Kautz.



Homecoming Queen Candidate Darcy Rosales escorted by Corey Carter and Joey Reta.



Homecoming Queen Candidate Jordan Confer escorted by James Smith and Michael Frizzell.



8th grade crown bearers were Shannon Maiwald and Justin Mungia.



Homecoming Queen Candidate Ivy Valenzuela escorted by Erik Ruiz, Julio Ramirez, and Hunter Buckles.

September-National Preparedness Month

Ready Business

Plan To Stay In Business!

Business continuity planning must account for all hazards (both man-made and natural disasters). You should plan in advance to manage any emergency situation. Assess the situation, use common sense and available resources to take care of yourself, your co-workers and your business's recovery.

- **Be Informed**
Know what kinds of emergencies might affect your company.
- **Continuity Planning**
Carefully assess how your company functions, both internally and externally.
- **Emergency Planning**
Your employees and co-workers are your business's most important and valuable asset.
- **Emergency Supplies**
Think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth.
- **Deciding to Stay or Go**
Shelter-in-place or evacuate, plan for both possibilities.
- **Fire Safety**
Fire is the most common of all business disasters.
- **Medical Emergencies**
Take steps that give you the upper hand in responding to medical emergencies.
- **Influenza Pandemic**
The federal government, states, communities and industry are taking steps to prepare for and respond to an influenza pandemic.

Stay or Go

Stay or Go! Local officials will inform you of the need to evacuate your home or business OR "shelter in place". Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty

outside.

STAY! There are other circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as "sealing the room," is a matter of survival. Use available information to assess the situation. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to take this kind of action.

The process used to seal the room is considered a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside. It is a type of sheltering in place that requires preplanning.

To "Shelter in Place and Seal the Room"

- Bring your family and pets inside.
 - Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
 - Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
 - Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
 - Go into an interior room with few windows, if possible.
 - Seal all windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
 - Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.
 - Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Learn how and when to turn off utilities. If there is damage to your home or you are instructed to turn off your utilities:**
- Locate the electric, gas and water shut-off valves.
 - Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves.
 - Teach family members how to turn off utilities.
 - If you turn the gas off, a professional must turn it back on. Do not attempt to do this yourself.

Go! There may be conditions under which you will decide to get away, or there may be situations when you are ordered to leave. Plan how you will assemble your family and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you

Delicious Food Ideas

Elegant And Easy Italian Ham And Cheese Salad

(NAPS)—To enjoy a taste of the good life without spending too much time in the kitchen, keep it simple—but use top-quality ingredients.

For instance, for a light supper in minutes, toss crisp salad greens with silky strips of luscious Prosciutto di Parma* and shavings of Parmigiano Reggiano* cheese and drizzle with a warm balsamic vinaigrette.

Both imported from Italy, Prosciutto di Parma and Parmigiano Reggiano are readily available at many supermarkets, specialty food stores and Italian grocers. Look for the Parma crown on the ham at the deli counter or on imported packages of presliced Prosciutto di Parma. And make sure you're getting Parmigiano Reggiano by looking for the name spelled out in pin dots on the rind of the cheese. If you substitute domestic products for these world-famous Italian imports, the results simply won't be the same. Find recipes and learn more at www.prosciuttodiparma.com and www.parmigiano-reggiano.it.



Prosciutto di Parma and Parmigiano Reggiano cheese are essential ingredients in this superbly simple salad.

- ½ cup lightly packed Parmigiano Reggiano shavings* (about 1½ ounces)
- ¼ cup toasted pine nuts
- ¼ cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 cup lightly packed fresh basil leaves, torn
- ¼ cup bottled balsamic vinaigrette salad dressing

In a large bowl, lightly toss the greens with the Prosciutto di Parma, Parmigiano Reggiano, pine nuts, red onion and basil. Pour the balsamic dressing into a microwavable cup and microwave just until warm, about 30 seconds. Divide salad among four plates; drizzle desired amount of dressing over salad. Serve immediately.

Yield: 4 portions
* Pull a vegetable peeler across a wedge of Parmigiano Reggiano to make shavings.

have options in an emergency.

Create an evacuation plan:

- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
 - If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate.
 - Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
 - If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you have to.
 - Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
 - Lock the door behind you.
 - Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan how you will care for your pets in an emergency.
- If time allows:
- Call or email the "out-of-state" contact in your family communications plan.
 - Tell them where you are going.
 - If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
 - Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
 - Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

Talk to your local emergency officials. Join with other volunteers in your community to help make your community safer and better prepared.



It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

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Help Wanted

Stratford Family Medical Clinic is taking applications for a Medical Office Assistant and Receptionist. Spanish a plus. Please apply in person 1220 Purnell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thurs and 8 a.m. till noon on Fridays. 9-27-c-4x's

Counter Sales person needed at A&I Parts in Stratford. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Jerry at 806-366-5592. We are an equal opportunity employer. 4-12-tfn

Lollipop Junction is searching for a new director. Also need dependable adult. Must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma or equivalent. Must love children. Hours may vary. Send resume to Box 411 or contact Wesley Spurlock-Board present at 753-7215. 6-7-tfn

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE. 9-13-2x's

Cimarron Feeders needs a part time member to join the Doctor Crew. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Must be able to work weekends and some weekdays. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE. 6-13-2x's

Part time welder, experience with pipe fences required. Flexible schedule Call: (806) 727-4646. Coldwater Creek Cattle Co. 9-20-c

The Stratford Police Department will be taking applications from qualified applicants for the position of Data Entry Specialist. The position will be considered contract labor. It is a full time temporary position. Pay will depend on Experience and qualifications. Some Restrictions will apply.

Job Description: High School Diploma, Valid Texas Drivers License, no convictions above a Class C misdemeanor, experience in Microsoft Word and Excel. Must be able to work in a professional atmosphere and have good communication skills. All qualified applicants please drop off a resume either at city hall or the police department. Deadline for accepting applications will be Friday, September 21, 2007 at 5:00 pm. 9-20-3x's

Sherman County Yearling Ranch looking for employee, Cattle & Horse experience necessary. Benefits. Call office 580-423-7281 or mobile 620-482-5501. Freeman Ranch 10-4-c3x's

Coldwater Creek Cattle Company, a feed yard located 3 miles West of Stratford is seeking a full time employee. Duties include working with cattle and yard maintenance. Applicants must be dependable and responsible! References are required. For more information, please call (806) 727-4646. 9-20-c

For Rent

House for Rent: 519 N. Grace, 2 Bdrm, 2 bath, huge backyard. NO SMOKERS & NO PETS. For more information call 753-7052 or 753-7092. 8-16-tfn

For Sale

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

For Sale: Sofa Sleeper-Queen size, matching love seat, Leather Rocker/recliner. May see at 720 N. Pine. Phone 366-5349. 10-4-3x's

For Sale or Lease-Morten Building, 54' x 72' x 16. 396-2305. 6-22-tfn

For Sale: BBQ Grill, large single grill. New tire wheels Axle springs set \$1800.00 366-2586 9-13-c

Houses for Sale

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford, 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment. See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org 6-28-tfn

For Sale: 816 N. Maple, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home. Call 753-6677 or 366-7664-lv message 5-17-tfn

NEW LISTING! For sale by owner. 314 S. Fulton. 1662 total sq. ft. 3 bed/2bath. CH&A. Single garage/double driveway. Large deck. Cash back at closing incentive. Will show by appt. 806-683-2553. 8-9-tfn

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601 S. Pearl - 3/2/1, Lots of character! Lots of recent updates. Includes 270 sq. ft. shop and 135 sq. ft. metal storage, covered patio, large fenced yard, and isolated master.

207 West Texas Ave--PRICE REDUCED! \$129,000 Commercial Building.

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HORSEMAN'S PLEASURE/CATTLEMAN'S DELIGHT-NW of GRUVER-80 acres +/-, nice 4,000+-sq. ft. brick home, metal roof, fireplace, two car garage, irr. well, 1/4 mile sprinkler, quonset barn, pipe-rail pens, covered working area.

HWY. 152 BETWEEN STINNETT & DUMAS-767 acres +/-, 4,000 sq ft +/-home & a 1,700 sq ft +/-home, beautiful homes and landscaping, large metal barn with office, irr. wells, sprinkler, strong water, hwy front, +caliche road-CONSIDER DIVIDING!
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2 bdrm 1.5 bath, 1 car garage, home w/vinyl and carpet throughout, new roof, storm cellar, lg detached garage w/shop w/living quarters & 1/2 bath, must see \$81,950.00.

408 N. 8th-Stratford-\$85,000.00
314 3/4/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.
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211 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.
301 N. Poplar-Stratford-\$275,000.00
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Showroom & Office
Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.
9-21-c

Wanted

Needed: 2 kids for after school. Call Linda Forth man 366-2586. 9-20-c



The rainiest spot in the U.S. is Mount Waialeale, Hawaii, with an average annual rainfall of 460 inches.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR CLASS A or B CDL DRIVERS

Must be at least 23 yrs of age with 2 yrs verifiable experience. Clean MVR - Home Sunday and Monday - Pre-Scheduled Routes - 8 Weeks Paid Vacation - 401K w/Employer 50% Match - Weekly Pay - Health, Dental, Optical and Life Insurance Pre-Employment and Random Drug Testing. 580-777-2202 Dunn's Fish Farm County Road 1660 Fittstown, OK

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9-27-8x's

Garage Sales

Yard Sale-Too big for a garage! Multi-family 601 N. Main, Sat, Sept. 22 8 a.m. to? Furniture, electronics, house wares, little girl and little boy clothes, toys and much more!
9-20-c

HEALTH

New Software Helps Your Mind Stay Fit

NewsUSA

(NU) - We all know that we're supposed to exercise our bodies regularly to keep them in healthy condition, but did you know there is a fun way to exercise your brain, slowing the process of aging and improving your mind's cognitive health?

You may have heard that doing Sudoku or crossword puzzles or playing chess will help your mind stay sharp. Now, for the first time, a double-blind clinical trial has shown that computer-based training improves the cognitive functions of the 50-plus crowd. MindFit cognitive skill assessment and training software, created by CogniFit, was found to improve skills used in driving and other daily activities that help individuals maintain independence as they age.

The clinical trial, conducted at the Sourasky Medical Center of Tel-Aviv University in Israel, had participants use MindFit or sophisticated computer games for 30 minutes, three times a week, for three months. The results: MindFit users in the study who had lower baseline cognitive performance gained more than those with normal cognition, showing the potential therapeutic benefit of home-based computer training software in those already suffering the effects of aging or more serious diseases.

As you can see, keeping your brain active is important in preventing memory loss. Here are some other ways to exercise your mind:

- **Change routines.** Doing things outside your professional area can be extremely beneficial. If you are an accountant, for example, try cooking, gardening or painting in your free time. Any

Stratford Fire Dept. to Host Radiological Emergency Preparedness Training

Stratford Fire Department will be hosting Radiological Emergency Preparedness training September 24 and 25, 2007, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each night. This is an 8-hour performance based (hands-on) course for emergency first responders to a radiological incident. Areas of instruction include a review of radiation fundamentals, biological effects of ionizing radiation, radiation detection instruments, survey techniques, radiological protective actions, decontamination procedures, radiation hazards, radiological terrorist threats and first responder action. This course is EMS and TClose credited. All area first responders are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Williams if you have questions: 806-753-7331 or firedept.@xit.net

Thirty-five is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart.
--Caryn Leschen

Legal Notices

Notice of Public Meeting
To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, October 9, 2007 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, ratford, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, September 13, 2007 and Thursday, September 20, 2007.

Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, hugs, and prayers during this difficult time. To our Stratford Police officers and EMT's, your dedication and professionalism is unmatched by anyone and we thank you for your service. Gene Weinette, James & Michelle Lutes, Doak & Lisa Crabtree, Millie Hacker you are our "angels", we thank you for taking care of our whole family. Thank you to the SISD administration and teachers for your support and continued concern for our family and students. Thank you to the Junior Class, (Class of '09) and parents for your love, visits and prayers. We will continue to need you for sometime to come. Thank you to Tress Hess and everyone at Stratford Feedyard for taking such good care of us. You guys are the best! The words "Thank You" seem inadequate to express our appreciation to all of you in the Stratford community. Your continued prayers and support will be much appreciated.

Steve, Brenda, Bethany & Jordan Johnson

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the phone calls, cards, flowers and words of encouragement during our loss. Although Russ had not lived in Stratford for a number of years he always considered this home and the people here his family. May God Bless you for caring.

Penelope Garrison
Reed, Heather & Hayes Garrison
Connie & Harry Oquin
Brenda Tanner

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to the Leviton Institute, there are many ways you can make your home green. Make sure your HVAC system is in top operating condition. Replace frequently used incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lightbulbs. Use Energy Star-qualified appliances and devices.



Research shows that people who get enough fiber often have a high-fiber breakfast. Consider products with "bran" or "fiber" in the name, such as No Sugar Added CARNATION® INSTANT BREAKFAST® Complete Nutritional Drink with added fiber. For nutritious and easy-to-make recipes, visit www.CIBe.com.

God made the country, and man made the town.
--William Cowper

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY

Being Prepared For A Natural Disaster

(NAPS)—No matter where you live, the American Red Cross wants you and your family to be prepared for a disaster or emergency.

According to a recent Red Cross poll, only 7 percent of Americans have taken the three steps necessary to be properly prepared:

1. Get a kit;
2. Make a plan;
3. Be informed.

To combat this alarming problem, the Red Cross has launched a free online tutorial to help families become "Red Cross Ready."

"Every region of our country is vulnerable to disasters of some type like flooding, severe storms, high winds, power outages, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes or wildfires," said Red Cross preparedness expert Darlene Sparks Washington. "Every family, no matter where they live, can benefit from following these easy steps to be ready and achieve peace of mind when they're finished."

The survey of more than 2,500 respondents, conducted by Harris Interactive, also found that:

- 60 percent of American households own a pet, yet only 37 percent of owners have a plan to care for their pets during and after a disaster; and

- 69 percent of Americans living in hurricane-prone states don't have a disaster supplies kit, and 60 percent don't have an evacuation plan.

"Preparing for life's everyday emergencies and disasters doesn't require a lot of time or expensive equipment and training," continued Washington. "With our online tutorial, you can learn exactly how you



Making a plan is an essential part of being prepared for an emergency or natural disaster.

can become Red Cross Ready by getting a kit, making a plan and becoming informed—in less than 30 minutes."

For more information, including downloadable resources regarding how individuals and families can prepare for disasters, visit www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady or contact your local Red Cross chapter.

Be Red Cross Ready products, such as American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Kits or the American Red Cross Emergency Radio by Eton, are convenient ways for families to get prepared for a potential disaster. Both products are available at the RedCross.org online store or at a retailer near you. Emergency Preparedness Kits can be found at Target and Drug store.com, and the American Red Cross Radio is available at Amazon.com, Bed Bath & Beyond, RadioShack and Hammacher Schlemmer.

Homecoming 2007

Elks Celebrate Homecoming With Victory

The Elks celebrated Homecoming with a 35-14 win over Floydada on Friday, September 14.

Hunter Buckles completed 2 of 8 passes for 17 yards and carried the ball for 27 yards on 8 carries and one touchdown. Craig Kautz led the Elks in rushing yards with 229 yards on 25 carries and two touchdowns. Alex Martinez racked up 87 yards on 11 carries and scored one touchdown followed by Jesse Lopez with 87 yards on 8 carries and one touchdown. Lopez also had one catch for 8 yards and Joey Reta had one catch for 9 yards. Victor Carrera kicked one PAT for the Elks and Buckles and Kautz each scored on a two-point conversion.

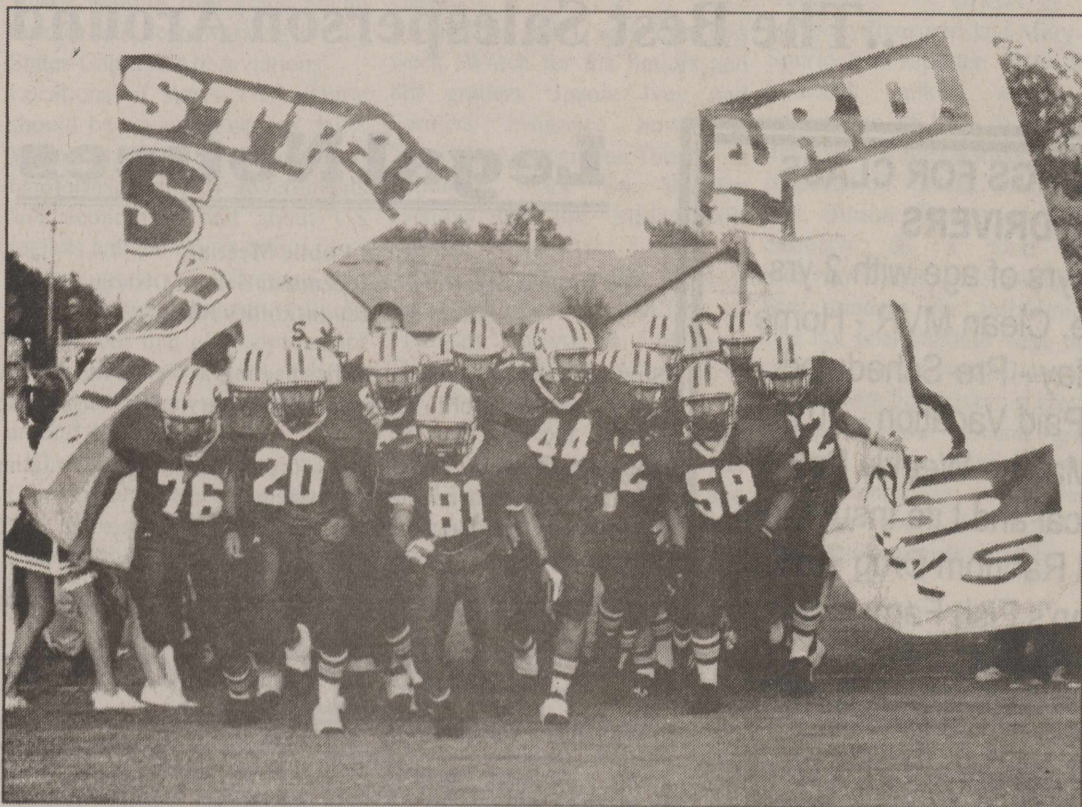
James Smith led the Elks defensively with 10 tackles followed by Jorge Robles with 9 tackles and Julio Ramirez with 7 tackles. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Joey Reta, Manuel Chavoya, Brent Reed, Sandro Gomez, Angel Resendes, Hunter Buckles, Michael Frizzell, Craig Kautz, and Pepe Licon.

Players of the Week:
Offensive Back - Craig Kautz;
Offensive Line - Pablo Acevedo & Corey Carter; Defensive Back - Hunter Buckles; Defensive Line - Brent Reed; Special Team - Angel Resendes & Michael Frizzell.

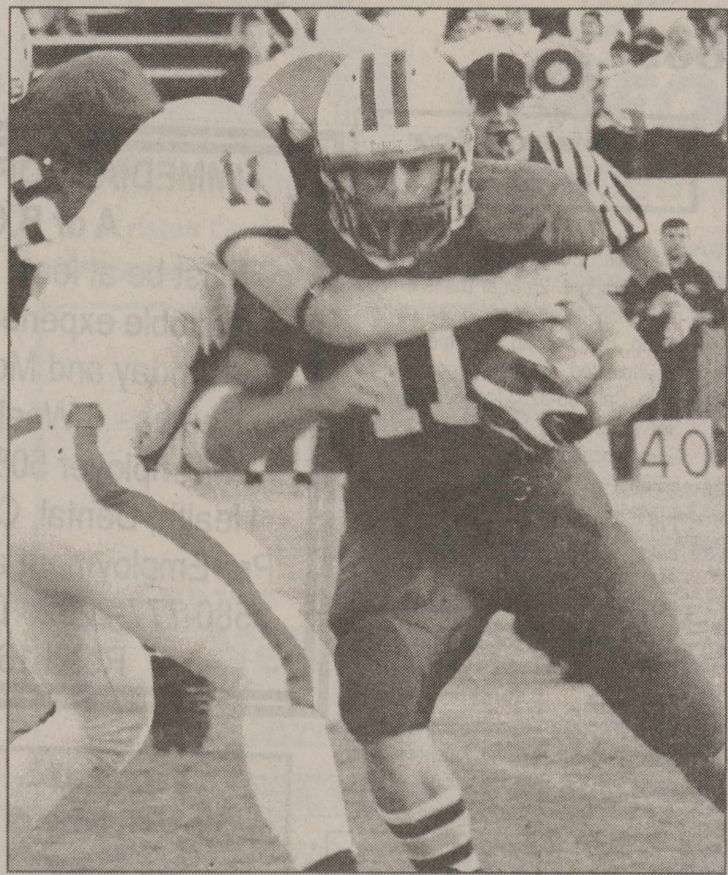
The Elks will face Perryton here on Friday, September 21.

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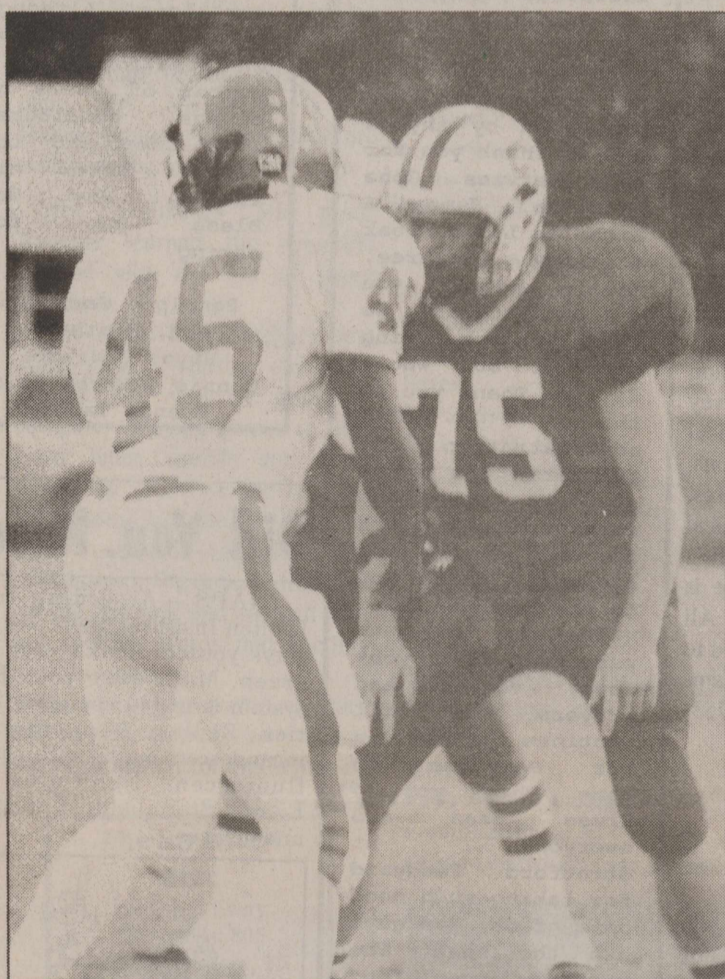
If you listen to Greg Wright on the Sports Network on the internet, you will need to download a new upgrade to your media player. Follow the instructions for your particular media player and you should be able to receive the broadcasts. Go to <http://www.tsrnsports.com/downloads.htm>



The Stratford Elks came out ready to play some football against Floydada on the Elks Homecoming on Friday, September 14, 2007. The Elks beat Floydada 35-14.



Craig Kautz #11 carries the ball for the Elks in their Homecoming win over Floydada.

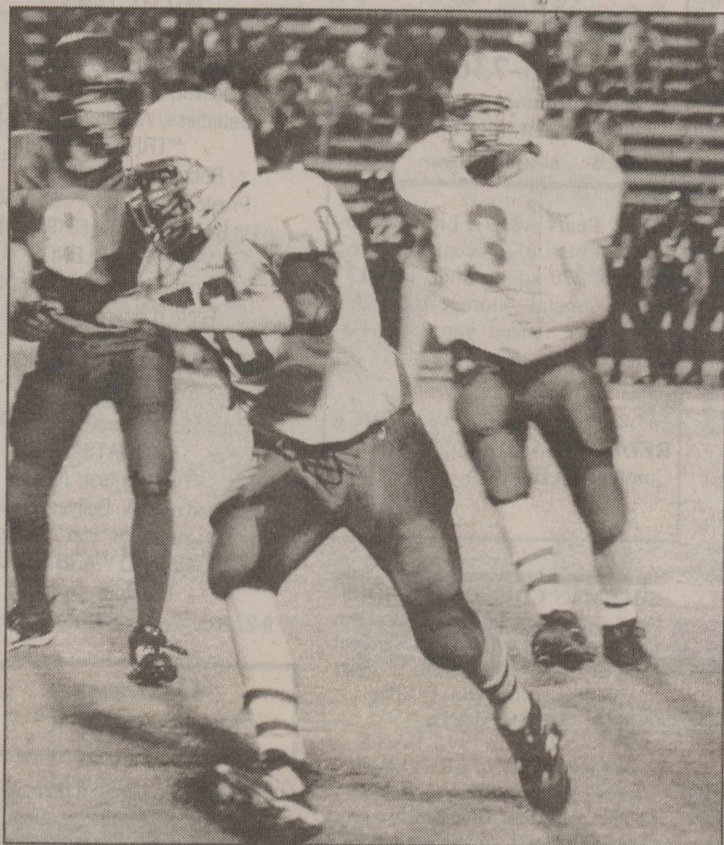


Stratford Elk #75 Corey Carter on defense against Floydada.



Stratford Elk #80 Michael Frizzell picks up some yards on the opening kick-off against Floydada.

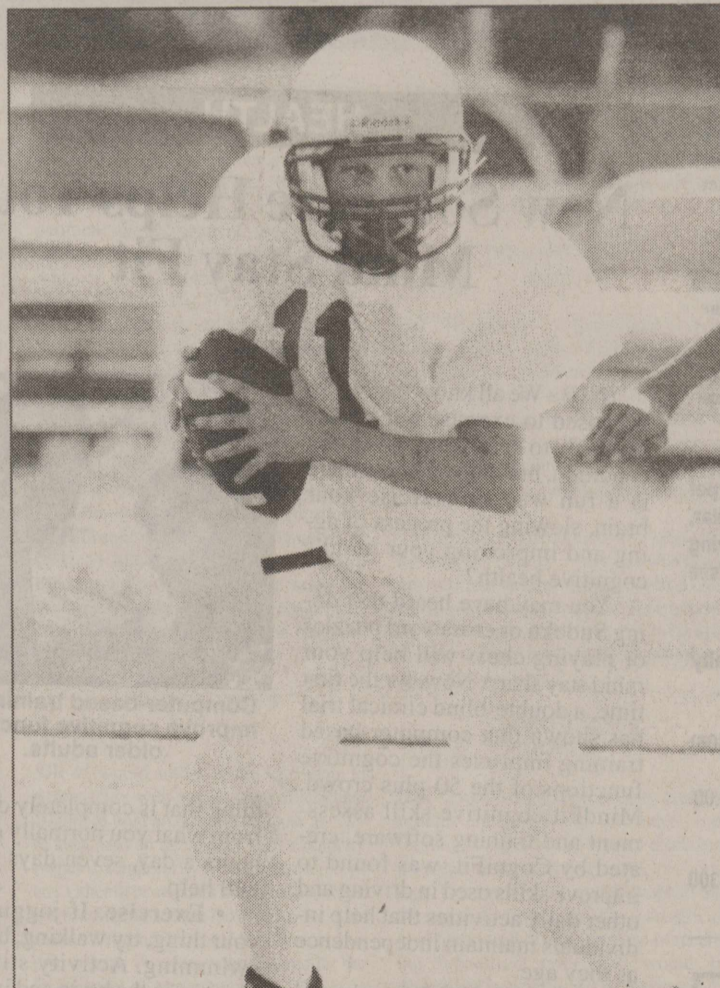
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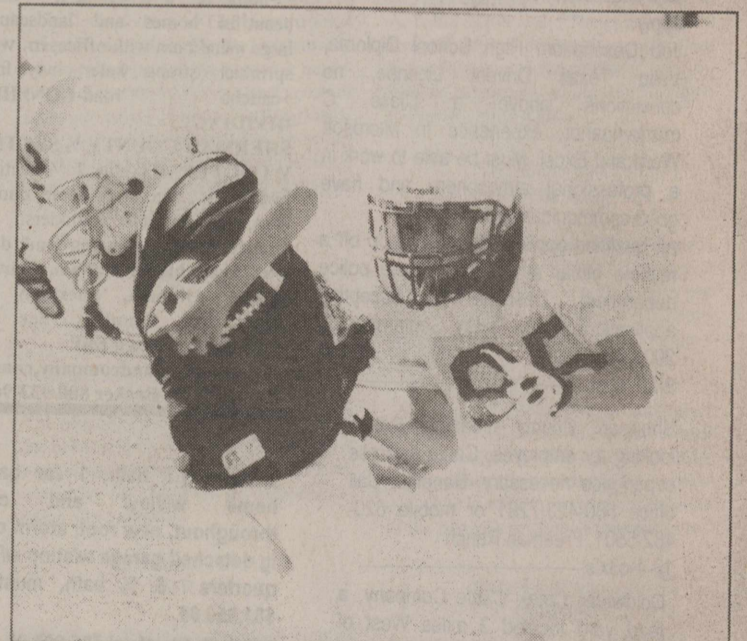
J.V. Elk #3 Kyle Horsford breaks a long one for a touchdown and #50 Tyler Wright.....zooming in on a tackle in the Elks win over Spearman on Thursday, September 13.



7th Grade Elk #22 Justin Mungia carries the ball in their win over Spearman on September 13.



Grade Elk #11 Tanner Wright in the Elks win over Spearman on Thursday, September 13.



7th Grade Elk Grayson Gonzalez edging up on Spearman player to make the tackle.

Beat Perryton



Things Steam Up At The Dinner Table: Family Meals Make A Comeback

(NAPS)—In most American families, parents juggle work, school, children's sports and a bunch of other activities, often making family dinner an after-thought at best.

Studies show, however, that families that eat dinner together tend to do better. Here are a few facts and figures:

• Children who eat dinner with their family are more likely to eat healthier foods and more balanced meals.

• Teenagers who have five or more family dinners a week, compared to those who have two or less, are three times less likely to try marijuana, two and a half times less likely to smoke cigarettes, and one and a half times less likely to try alcohol.

• For 30 years, beginning in the '70s, families ate dinner together less each year. But, according to a Harvard study, the trend bottomed out in 2003, as families have rediscovered the benefits of eating dinner together.

Making a healthy, tasty, filling meal for your family can be more easily said than done. In the past, popping frozen ingredients



in the microwave often meant soggy veggies, chewy meat and skimpy portions.

New microwave steaming technology is beginning to revolutionize the microwave meal. Companies such as Hibachi House use innovative steam packaging that essentially serves as a modern microwavable steam cooker, evenly heating the meal from the outside in and the inside out. The result is flavorful, properly cooked rice or noodles and meat, fish and vegetables that are firm and juicy.

These meals generally take only minutes to make and prevent mealtime from falling into a "Monday-is-mac-n'-cheese-night" rut.

For additional timesaving meal ideas, visit www.hibachihouse.com.

Business

(NU) - Some small business owners may not realize that they have an untapped resource for extra capital: unpaid invoices. Some banks, such as NetBank, offer small businesses a line of credit using their accounts receivable — money owed to them by their customers — as collateral. This money can be used for day-to-day expenses, expansion or unexpected costs. "Through this type of financing, businesses can also reduce administration cost and use their increased profit for expansion," said Bert Davis, director of small-business banking for NetBank, which offers the financing through Wall Financial. For more information, visit www.netbank.com.

Health

(NU) - For some, unexplainable aches and pains could be signs of something unexpected: depression. "The majority of my patients who are depressed complain to me about physical symptoms before they begin to talk about their emotional state," says Dr. William Christiana, an internist in Belleville, N.J. "People do not realize that depression brings physical pain, as well as emotional pain." Depression affects more than 30 million Americans each year. For more information about depression, to take a self-screening test or for a referral, visit www.free-domfromfear.org or call 888-442-2022.

Beat Perryton Good Luck Elks

Auto

(NU) - SUVs need routine care and maintenance for peak performance and safe operation, just like any other vehicle. As cold weather approaches, additional care should be taken to understand the impact of the changing conditions. Firestone Complete Auto Care suggests the following steps to help keep you safe on the road.

- Allow extra time and use caution when braking or turning
- Be aware of road conditions
- Watch your fuel level.
- Check your tires.

There are approximately 1,500 Firestone Complete Auto Care facilities across the nation. For more information, visit www.firestonecompleteautocare.com.