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1st annual Sherman County Tailgate Party & Fundraiser

Lots of folks were setting up and cooking at the 1st Annual Sherman County Tailgate Party and Fundraiser held on Saturday, September 10 benefiting the County Association.

At left- Abby Law and Payton Berry selling soft drinks at the Sherman County Tailgate Party and Fundraiser held on Saturday, September 10 at the Jon Engelbrecht barn.



Stratford Elk Braiden Palmer tries to get through Fritch defenders as Casey Lantelme blocks in the Elks win against Fritch.

More photos and story on page 6

SCOT to offer Breakfast at Whips N Wheels

Sherman County Older Texans will be offering Breakfast Burritos for sale at Whips N Wheels 2011 Carriage Rally on September difference in helping one

will be offered beginning at 7:00 am at the Sherman County Rodeo Arena. In addition, hot coffee will be available.

Whips N Wheels participants and other members of the community are invited to come join SCOT that morning.

> Be sure and come and eat on Friday night at the Homecoming Enchilada and dessert supper from 5 until 7. **Good Luck** Elks

"Make a **Difference Day"** October 22

Volunteers making another and their communities Sausage and Eggs and Bacon by "Making a Difference". Can and Eggs breakfast burritos we clean up our community by helping each other dispose of vard clutter and dead trees. Think about a project your organization or neighborhood could do. The last mowing of the season will clean up the community until spring.

Flower Bulbs for Sale

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District, once again has flower bulbs for sale. These bulbs will be delivered in November ready for planting. They will bloom late winter into spring. Please call Terry at 396-5517 ext. 101 for more information or stop by the office at 418 North 4th to pick up an order form.

Information on fall trees will be available soon. Let Terry know if you are interested.

Guymon Community Theatre presents "Happy Days"

"Happy Days" are here again, with Richie, Potsie, Joanie and the Fonz, at The Guymon Community Theatre. Performances Sept 17-Sept 25. September 17, 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30 p.m. September 18, 25 at 2:00 p.m. Concession stand will serve Root Beer Floats in honor of Arnold's Famous malt shop. For reservations, call 580-338-0019, leave name, phone number, date of performance and number of

Medical Fund There has been a Medical

Fund set up for Nina Jurado at First State Bank of Stratford.

"Whale of a Sale" Sept. 16, 17.

The Imagination Station will hold their annual "Whale of a Sale" beginning with a "Sneak a Peek" for \$1.00 on Friday Sept. 16 . 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Sale begins Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Whale is stuffed with coats & clothing (XXL to baby); sets of dishes; Holiday (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter); Furniture, Lamps, pictures and frames; Luggage; Books; Toys; TVs; Exercise walker: Stuff--The Imagination Station thanks everyone for their donations. All items in this sale will be sent to other not for profits. Please inform The Imagination Station of "not for profits" that would benefit of our sale

items. We will begin collecting for the next sale in October.

Homecoming 2011

Façade Grant Application Deadline

If you're a business in the city limits of Stratford you could possibly be approved for a Facade Grant - but the deadline to apply is approaching. Sept. 30th is the last day to apply for up to \$2500 in matching funds for improvements you'd like to make to the outside of your property. New paint, new signs or landscaping, repairs to your sidewalk, etc.; anything that will improve the outside of your property. Applications are available at Sherman County Development; you can call 366-2897 or email scdc@xit.net, leave your name & address and the forms will be mailed to you. You can also stop by the office at 301 N. Main and pick one up. Instructions & guidelines are attached to the application. If your application is approved you'll have six (6) months to finish your project and receive your reimbursement.

Luck Elks

Good

WHIPS n WHEELS 2011 CARRIAGE RALLY

Sept. 24, 2011

9 a.m. Events begin @ Sherman County Rodeo Arena Noon Lunch @ the Sherman Co. Barn by the Assembly of God Church-Open to the **Public-Free will donation**

7 p.m. Awards Banquet @ the Sherman Co. Barn catered by Lynn & Kathy Allen Entertainment by Ed Montana-Singer/Songwriter from Amarillo Tickets are \$12 (11 yrs & older) and \$5 (10 yrs & under) and are available at Acquisitions, Main St. Essentials, Structured Touch Massage and will be available at the door that night.

Sept. 25, 2011

9 a.m. Events begin @ the Riffe's Tumblin T Ranch, west of town For more information go to http://panhandlewhipsnwheels.com Or call Cece Yelek at 806-290-3655

Or Ann Wells at 806-396-2527

Homecoming Dinner

Enchilada dinner and dessert 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, September 16th **High School Cafeteria** \$6.00 per ticket ponsored by Band Boosters See a band member for tickets or call Clint Seward (366-3321 Or Desine Garza (366-3322)

Bridge, Dominoes, Joker's Wild Tournament

The annual Bridge, Dominoes, and joker's Wild Tournament will be hosted by the Goodwell-Panhandle Branch of the Association of University Women (AAU'W) on Saturday. September 24th at the No Man's Land Senior Citizens Center in Guymon. Play begins at 1 pm. Ten dollars will get you a seat for the fun, food, prizes and friendly competition. All funds raised will go to support for OPSU female scholarships. The local AAUW has provided scholarships for many years to encourage women's education. Join us and bring your friends to this enjoyable afternoon. Please R.S.V.P. by Sept. 21st to Imogene, 580.338.3007 or Evlyn, 580.468.8611.

Time nears to update brand registrations

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is reminding ranchers that brand reregistration opens Aug. 30th and runs through February 29th. Registration in the county or counties where a producer operates is required by state law.

The association maintains a database of the brands to aid in recovering stolen cattle and arresting thieves

Help with the process is available at www.tscrabrands. Com, by providing paperwork and information in coordinating with all county clerk offices.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Marty

Ten years ago one of the worst attacks on the US since Pearl Harbor hit this great nation. Three planes struck our country and a fourth was headed for another strike until brave men decide to not allow that to happen and took matters in their own hands, with the infamous "Lets Roll" and they saved another tragedy and took down Flight 93. This day will live in the hearts of Americans for years to come. As I drove into Stratford Sunday afternoon, I went down Main Street to take a look and see how many American flags were out. I counted 5 on Main Street alone. That does not include the banks and post office We just recently completed a new main street project with new lights and everything to make this all nice and neat. Don't get me wrong. This is well worth vit. Just imagine what our main street would look like with an American Flag on every new light pole down main street What an awesome site that would be for not only the citizens of Stratford, but for everyone traveling on US 54. Sure there were flags scattered around town on houses, but not on Main Street. There are about five holidays a year where we could show our true colors. First State Bank and the cheerleaders put our flags for the football games every Friday to let the opposing fans and teams know that you are coming to "our house" to play football. Where am I going with this you say? I am challenging an organization such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Lions Club, FFA or any other organization and sell approximately 50 flags and brackets as a fund raiser. Then work with the city on getting the brackets installed so that flags can be put up. Veterans Day will be here in two months and what an awesome honor that would be too see Main Street Stratford in the Red, White and Blue. If some group takes this on as a project, I promise you that you would sell the flags in one day. I will be the first one in line to purchase one. Ok Stratford, we can sell cookies, mums, raffle tickets, hunting passes, now let's see if we can get this going and sell American Flags.

One more thing, Seal Team 6, Thank you. You guys are alright.

Rex Sladek

Dallam, Hartley, Moore & Sherman Counties Cotton Field Tour

Dalhart — Dallam, Hartley, Moore & Sherman Counties Cotton Field Tour has been scheduled for Friday September 13, at the Terry Groen Farm south of Dalhart on Ranch Road 998.

The field day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12 a.m., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m., according to Mike Bragg, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent Ag/NR for Dallam and Hartley Counties

Topics will include cotton insect pest, potential new adapted cotton varieties for the Texas High Plains and breeding programs, variety test plot demonstrations, weed control in cotton and more.

Speakers will include:

- Ed Bynum, Texas AgriLife Extension Entomologist. Bob Lee, Delta Pine, Kyle Knight, Wilber-Ellis, Jocie Stocket, Phytogen, Jerry Montgomery, NexGen, Daniel Olivia, Fiber Max

For more information, contact Mike Bragg at 806-244-4434 or mhbragg@ag.tamu or Brad Easterling at 366-2081 or breasterlingOag.tamu.edu

ord Hospital District

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From the desk of Chief Powell

As of September 15th, 2011, you may direct your animal / code complaints to our office. However,

I would like to make one thing clear; we are still a police department. These officers have offered to help out in these two areas, but they have been instructed to prioritize. Our ultimate priority as Law Enforcement Officers is to protect life and property and enforce ALL local and state laws. This is not to say your complaints won't be handled in a timely manner, simply that we will place calls in an order as so not to put our everyday requirements of a police agency on the "back burner." Please keep in mind, we are a four man department and we will continue to do the best we possibly can with what we have. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. / Chief

A policeman is a composite of what all men are I guess, a mingling of saint & sinner. Buried under the froth is the fact, and the fact is that less than one half of one percent of policemen misfit that uniform, and that is a better average than you would find among clergymen. What is a policeman, he of all men is once the most

needed and the most wanted. A strangely nameless creature who is sir to his face and pig or worse behind his back. He must be such a diplomat so that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won but, if a policeman is neat he's conceited, if he's careless he's a bum, if he's pleasant he's a flirt, if he's not, he's a grouch. He must make instant decisions which would require months for a lawyer, but, if he hurries he's careless, if he's deliberate, he's lazy. He must be first to an accident, infallible with the diagnosis, he must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints and above all be sure the victim goes home without a limp or expect to be sued. The police officer must know every gun, draw on the run and hit where it doesn't hurt. He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being brutal. If you hit him he's a coward, if he hits you he's a bully. A policeman must know everything....and not tell. He must know where all of the sin is... and not partake.

The policeman, from a single human hair, must be able to describe the crime, the weapon, the criminal and tell you where the criminal is hiding, but, if he catches the criminal he's lucky, if he doesn't he's a dunce. If he gets promoted he has political pull if he doesn't he's a dullard. The policeman must chase bum leads to a dead end stake out for ten nights to tag one witness who saw it happen but refuses to remember. He runs, files and writes reports until his eyes ache to build a case against some felon who will get dealed out by an honorable who isn't honorable. The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy and a gentleman. And of course he'll have to be a genius because he'll have to feed a family on a policeman's salary. /Paul Harvey

Don't forget to check us out at www.stratfordpd.com and...LOVE THIS FALL WEATHER!!!!

Chief Joe Powell

Good Luck Elks

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Accolade Home Care is providing a blood pressure clinic in Elk Pharmacy, the first Monday of every month. Clinics will begin at 3 p.m. and run until 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 806-934-2000. Please visit us at accolade homecare.com for more information or for up coming events.

A benefit fund has been set up for Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

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S.C.O.T. HALL SCUTTLE

BY: Cindy Jackson

Thank goodness for the cooler weather and the rain. S.C.O.T. Hall will participate in the Whips and Wheels Arts and Crafts Fair and Sale to be held on September 24th, 2011 from 9-6. We will sell burritos in the morning at the arena and also have a bake sale in the county barn from 9-?. Betty Carter and Charlene Oquin are in charge of the bake sale. They will be asking for baked goods. Every morning I get up and half of my body hurts, does this mean if I live to be 100 my whole body will hurt? We have several people in our community that are in their 90's. We are living longer but has our quality of life improved?

Hosts for September: James & Linda Spurlock, Robert & Sonja Ragsdale, Janice Sladek, Don & Gaynelle Riffe Birthday Hostess for September: Betty Carter

September 15, 2011, 2011- 2 p.m. Birthday Party/ 3 p.m. Bingo September 20, 2011- S.C.O.T. Hall Board Meeting 5 p.m. September 22, 2011- Noon Luncheon

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Pointers For Parents

Creative Projects To Avoid The Back-To-School Blues

(NAPS)—Transitioning from sunny afternoons at the pool to long days in a classroom isn't easy for some children, especially when it's still nice outside. But if you involve your kids in a few simple projects that stimulate learning and creativity, you can get them excited about the new school year.

"Most kids love to express their creativity, and what better way than to get them involved in projects that make learning fun," said Angie Stinner, Rust-Oleum design expert and blogger.

Here are three fun project ideas that can help ease your children into the new school year.

1. Create a blank chalkboard globe to challenge their geography knowledge. Pura chase a used globe at your local like Amazon or eBay, or use one you already have in your home. surface using Kust-Oleum Chalkboard Paint. It comes in a variety of colors-like traditional Moonstone, Grape Fizz and Periwinkle—and you can double the fun by letting your kids select the color. After it's dry, give them some chalk and ask them to draw the continents. You can alter the difficulty level for younger children by drawing in a continent or two as a starting point. They'll love showing you how much they already know and will actually look forward to learning more

2. Create a homework hot spot. If it's a daily struggle to get your kids to sit down and focus on homework, why not "upcycle" an old desk or table to create a designated homework hot spot? They'll love creating their very own "office" to get their schoolwork done

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Rejuvenate an old wood desk or table with an easy-to-use wood stain like Rust-Oleum Ultimate Interior Wood stain. Its one-coat



A blank chalkboard globe can help challenge your child's knowledge of geography.

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1. Create a blank chalkboard globe to challenge their
ceography knowledge. Pursue desired thrift store, from an online retailer
like Amazon or eBay, or use one
you already have in your home.
Paint the surface using Rust-

If the old desk or table is metal, wicker or plastic, you can make it look brand new with a spray paint like Universal. It can be used on any surface and comes in a variety of colors and finishes, so let your children's inner artist choose the look they like best.

3. Help keep them organized. To keep schoolwork organized, put a file cabinet in your kids' room to file their A+ work and other important papers. Instead of using stickers to label what's in each drawer, paint the cabinet with chalkboard paint or Rust-Oleum Dry Erase Paint. You can write directly on the surface so the file cabinet can also serve as a calendar, message board or to-do list. It also gives your kids a place to write down homework assignments so they can easily keep track of when they are due.

Visit www.Facebook.com/Paint ideas for additional inspiring and creative "back-to-school" projects.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel Visiting Sept. 2-8 from Pontotoc, Mississippi Melanie Merrit and Cooper Christian, daughter and grandson of Vick and Sue Holladay.

Kylee and Kaiden, children of Jimmy Gillenwaters, visited with their grandparents, Bill and Donna, before school started

Donna Gillenwaters and Kathy Switzer were hostesses for the Red Hats last week. The country home of Honey Hart was enjoyed by 17 women.

Others making the trip were Mary Lou Cotney, Frankie Shields, Millie Hacker, Lucille Hills, Gaynelle Oakley, Pat Wright, Marylou McDaniel, Betty McMillion, Dorothy Haile, Sis Steinberger, Bobbie Wilson, Mary Brannan, Katie Allen, Ann Johnson and Joyce Hart.

Marylou, Mike and Patti McDaniel spent Labor Day weekend at their cabin in Colorado.

If you're in a bad situation, don't worry it'll change. If you're in a good situation, don't worry it'll change.

-John A. Simone, Sr.

A Word from our Pastors

This week Pastor Jason Stone, First Baptist Church

Wasn't it a wonderful change to feel the cool breeze of fall in the air last week? I was reminded about a passage in John 3 when Jesus is talking to a Pharisee named Nicodemus who sought Jesus out under the cover of night. This is what Jesus said,

"I tell you the truth; no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the

Now obviously the lesson here is on salvation and being born again. If you are not in Christ you are spiritually dead and must be born again in Christ. The example of this is the wind. The wind blows wherever it wishes. We can see a general direction, and weather men can predict fairly accurately, but there is no precise, exact way to gage the wind and where it will go. However, the effects of the wind, especially in West Texas, are obvious to us all. The same is true of the Spirit of God. His work of saving people from their sin and rebellion against Him as the authoritative Creator and God that He is can neither be controlled nor predicted. But when the Spirit of God moves and I believe that outpouring of His Spirit is closer than we think, the effects of His moving can be seen by everyone around as plain as the effects of the wind. Lives will be transformed, hearts changed, when the Spirit of God moves in us, through us, and all around us. It is exciting to live in such a time as this, anticipating and trusting God to move! I pray you have been born again, and that God is moving in you.

In Christ alone, Jason Stone, Pastor First Baptist Church, Stratford

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Attention to all subscribers!!

Effective immediately The Stratford Star will no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$30.00 and out of the area \$37.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. Due to the rising cost of postage, etc. we feel this is the best solution for us at this time. Thanking you in advance. Marty

I would like to deny all allegations by Bob Hope that during my

last game of golf, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk and a moose.

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First Assembly of God Kevia Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. sening Worship 10:45 a.m. sening Worship 8:00 p.m. led. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church Pastor Gary Smith 5° & Main Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery) Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery) No Sunday Evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. David Terry 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic 6th & Pearl Rectory 366-5687

Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English). 9:30 (Spenish) Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by aggs. Christian Formation Classes. K-6^a Grade Wed. Afterna Jr. & Sr. High, Wed.-6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ Brad Beckett N. 3rd & Chestnut Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist Pastor Rick Carter 302 S. Main For more Info-Call 396-2212 Morning Worship-11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

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First Baptist Pastor Jason Stone 702 N. 3rd Sun.-Coffee-8:30 Sunday School-9:30 Worship Service-10:30 Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

La Mision Bautista Mision Bantista 401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo-(Sauday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m. Miercoles (Wodnesday) Servicio De Adoration 11 a.m. Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos nos Durante El Servicio

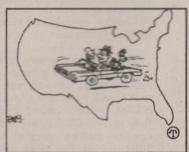
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Kerrick Community Pastor Roy Harris Community Building 10 a.m. Worship Service

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The American Resort Development Association says many of the more than 5,000 timeshare resorts in 100 countries have rental programs that let you try them out. Visit www.Vacation Better.org for more information.

It's a good idea to check your financial professional's background or credentials at www. finra.org/brokercheck. FINRA is the largest independent regulator for securities firms in the United



States. Learn more at www.

Always the path of American destiny has been into the unknown. Always there arose enough of reserves of strength, balances of sanity, portions of wisdom to carry the nation through to a fresh start with ever-renewing vitality.

-Carl Sandburg

On behalf of all the Circle of Friends hosts, we would like to say Thank You to our very generous community. THANK YOU for all the contributions to make this fundraiser possible. These funds were raised to help local cancer patients, through Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, with financial assistance through their walk with Cancer. We truly appreciate everyone working together to help our friends.

> Sincerely, Tiffany Hudson & Richard Chumley

Championship Flight:

- Cory Beckner & Lori Beckner
- 2. Ross Donahue & Melissa Donahue
- 3. Duane Pittman & Yvonne Pittman First Flight:
- 1. Royce Howell & Lorie Vincent
- 2. Bill Hogan & Suzie Hogan
- 3. Scott Hudson & Brittany Beattie Second Flight:
- 1. Dwight Brooks & Ginger Brooks
- 2. Colby Beckner & Sharla Beckner
- 3. Boyd Spurlock & Sharon Thomas

Third Flight:

- 1. Bill Cline & Sue Cline
- 2. James Hale & Susie Hale
- 3. Sam Gustin & Nicole Bowers Fourth Flight:
- Ken Pack & Kim Pack
- 2. Gregg Hudson & Pat Johnson
- 3. Walt Lasley & Kris Lasley

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USDA Outlines SURE Eligibility Requirements for 2011 and 2012 Crops

(Stratford, TX), September 12, 2011 – Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill, announced that legislative authority for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program ends on September 30, 2011. Producers must meet specific eligibility requirements to receive SURE assistance for disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops.

"The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster," said Hemphill.

Producers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 SURE payment if a crop of economic significance located in a primary or contiguous disaster county under a Secretarial Disaster Designation suffered at least a 10 percent loss because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011.

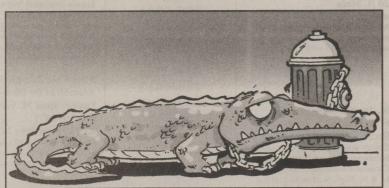
Crops are not required to be harvested on or before September 30, 2011, to maintain SURE eligibility. A loss claim will only trigger after FSA determines that the loss was because of disaster occurring on or before September 30, 2011. Losses that result from disasters that occur after September 30, 2011, will not be eligible for SURE benefits.

Producers with 2011 and 2012 crops that suffer losses caused by disasters that occur on or before September 30, 2011, must also meet the following criteria:

- For insured crops, the insurance policy defines the coverage period as beginning on or before September 30, 2011
- For Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) crops, the coverage period begins on or before September 30, 2011
- The final planting date according to RMA and FSA (NAP crops only) occur on or before September 30, 2011.

Hemphill points out that, "If the crop is planted prior to September 30, 2011, but the final planting date is after September 30, 2011, the crop will not be eligible for SURE benefits."

The sign-up period for 2011 and 2012 SURE will be announced at a later date, after the national average market prices are determined for each respective crop year. For questions regarding the SURE program, please contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211.



In Michigan, it is illegal to chain an alligator to a fire hydrant.

The bathtub was invented in 1850 and the telephone in 1875. In other words, if you had been living in 1850, you could have sat in the bathtub for 25 years without having to answer the phone.

—Bill DeWitt

All Texas Counties are Eligible for USDA Livestock Forage Disaster Program

(Stratford, TX), September 12, 2011 — Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill, announced that all counties in Texas have met the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum.

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012 to apply for LFP benefits for losses incurred during the 2011 crop year.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at https://www.droughtuni.eduidmtmonitor.htral.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet this deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said Hemphill. "I encourage eligible producers to contact their local FSA office to learn more about LFP eligibility requirements," she said.

For more LFP information, please contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211. Information can also be obtained online at http://www.lsa.usda.gov.

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—A new, rapid treatment for muscle spasms, Cramp 911, was formulated homeopathically with FDA-approved ingredients magnesium and copper. The topical medication is made to work in under a minute and last for up to eight hours. For more information, visit www.cramp911.com.

Provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) CMSPULSE.org website provides information and resources to improve the quality of care for all—with a special focus on underserved populations.

If you know someone doing exceptional work trying to improve health, you can nominate that health hero for a Community Health Leaders award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the nation's largest health philanthropy. For more information, visit www.communityhealth leaders.org.

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The Weight-control Information
Network of the National Institutes
of Health offers a free publication
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Business Directory



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Nice and close to schools, 2BR, 1 bath apartment. Furnished with refrigerator, and stove, Central H/A. Has stackable W/D hookups. Call 806-244-3418. 7-28-tfn---

For Sale

For Sale: 18 foot car hauler, bumper pull, dove tail with ramps, only pulled about 500 miles. Tagged and licensed. \$1,695.00. Please call 806-753-6334 or 806-366-7540. 9-15-9-22-p

Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:

- *Part-time Night Watchman
- *Experienced Shop Foreman
- *Mill laborer *Accounting Manager
- *Part-time office clerk
- 17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171

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15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287, then right 5 miles on HWY

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program takes your worn, used American flags and turns them into a prized possession for an American soldier at home, on base, or overseas. Volunteers lovingly cut each embroidered star from the flag, dispose of the stripes properly, and place each star in a tiny plastic bag with a

The card reads: "I am part of our American flag that has flown over a home in the U.S.A. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not

Each star is then handed to, mailed, or sent with a care package to an American soldier or veteran by volunteers, family, friends, and through Gettysburg Flag Works retail location. Your worn out American flag can touch the lives of 50 American soldiers even after it has reached the end

If you have flags to donate for this project, please contact Chris or Ronna Rife. You can also leave your flags at the Methodist Church. Troop 38 will ship them to Gettysburg Flag Works. If you would like more information, you can go to www-GettysburgFlag.com.

Legal Notices

Sherman County Sheriff's Office **Notice of Impoundment of Estray**

On the 23rd day of August, 2011, I impounded the

following estray: Kind-Bovine **Breed-Mixed** Color-Solid Red Sex-Cow Age-App. Six years old

Size-App. 1300 to 1400 lbs. Brand, earmark or other identifiers:

On the left hip

On the right thigh



In the right ear a red ear tag with the numbers: 59 in

And on the 24th day of August, 2011 I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County,

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Sherman County, Texas for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 22nd Day of September, 2011, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart, Texas.

Witness my hand this 24th Day of August, 2011.

Jack Haile Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS **BUDGET HEARING**

In accordance with the State of Texas statutes and provisions of the City of Stratford, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 2011/2012 budget for the City of Stratford, Texas on September 20, 2011 at 6:00 pm. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 518 N. 3rd.

Marca Ewers, Mayor City of Stratford

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, September 15,

Good Luck Elks

Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

He that will not reason is a bigot, he that cannot reason is a fool, and he that dares not reason is a slave.

Did You Know?

-William Drummond

(NAPS)-You can jazz up everyday meals with seasonal fruits and vegetables. For fresh ideas and recipes, visit Whole Foods Market at www.wholefoods

quickly and effectively, suggests Father Steven Boes, president and national executive director of Boys Town. He offers more good advice at

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www.parenting.org.

(NAPS)—Spend time talking with your children to help them shape their social skills, so when they have a disagreement, they can resolve it

At Votocracy, a new social media site, anyone can toss a hat into the presidential ring for as little as \$1. For a look at what many are calling the future of politics via social media, visit www.Votocracy.com.



An innovative technology platform created by VIX Technology is making it possible for mass transit riders to use a cell phone to pay their fare. To learn more, visit the website at www.vixtech

To keep schoolwork organized, put a file cabinet in your kids' room to file their A+ work and other important papers. Instead of using stickers to label what's in each drawer, paint the cabinet with chalkboard paint or Rust-Oleum Dry Erase Paint.



A recipe collection made with canola oil and an interactive game promoting heart health are available at www.CanolaInfo.org and Facebook.com/CanolaInfo, respectively, as of September 1, 2011. Canola has the least saturated fat of all cooking oils.

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Card of Thanks

.. The Best Salesperson Around

The Sherman County Association would like to thank all of those who attended the Tailgate Party. The food and entertainment was wonderful. We are very fortunate to live in a community that supports its youth the way Stratford does. We would like to say a special thank you to Jon Engelbrecht for the use of his barn, the people that cooked food and those who sponsored the event. Without you, this would not have been possible!

> Cooks Chuck & Angela Harbour **Richard Chumley** Gregg Hudson **Tommy Holland** Corey Naugle **Sandy Trail Farms** Charlotte Moczygemba Ray Lermon Bryan Mungia **Sherwin & Connie Burton** Jill Killian **Cimarron Feeders Eddie Bumpous Kyle Sandvig**

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Thank you **Sherman County Livestock Association**

Card of Thanks

We just want to say a heartfelt Thank You for the many, many wonderful acts of kindness sent our way during the brief illness and loss of our Mom. The calls, texts, visits, gifts of flowers and food and offers to help were such a comfort and such a blessing. Thanks to Gary and Connie for helping Mom with little chores at the house during her last few days at home. Thanks to Jimmy and Larry for being so thoughtful and compassionate to Mom during her ambulance ride. To Memorial Hospice and Coldwater Manor, you were our special angels during the storm. Thanks to Connie and James Spurlock for graciously allowing me to use some of your storage space. A special thanks to Mr. Tim Miller, during the Stratford parade, you offered to take a picture of me and Mom. That picture will always be so very special to me. Lastly, thank you Stratford for your caring and compassionate attitude.

> The children of Nancy Cook Becky, Vicki Jo and Preston

(NAPS)—You can learn about backpack safety from the experts at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, who would rather prevent than treat injuries sustained from heavy backpack lifting. They can be reached at www.ortho info.org and (800) 346-2267.

Home care can involve a variety of services. To understand what kind of care is best for your aging parents, you may want to turn to a professional. To help, Interim HealthCare has developed a selfassessment test. To learn more, visit www.independentliving assessment.com.

Health ministers and technical



partners work through the Amazon Network for the Surveillance of Antimalarial Drug Resistance and The Amazon Malaria Initia-tive funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development to eliminate malaria. To be part of it, go to www.usaidami.org.

The Boys are Back for some football!!!



Stratford Elk Kelby Hartman catches pass to turn and pick up some yards before Fritch defender closes



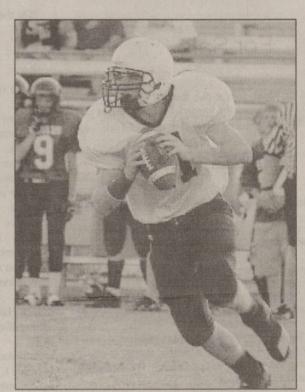
Varsity cheerleader Meghan Brooks stopped to pose with three of the many little girls on hand to cheer at the game on Friday, September 9. From left, Klaire Walden, Kenedi Groves, Meghan, and Lynley Albert.



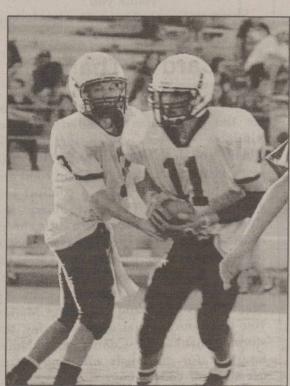
J.V. Elk #7 Sterling Audrain wraps up Fritch quarterback while #44 Logan Uttley closes into help.







J.V. Elk quarterback Rett Schoonover looks for a receiver in the Elks win over Fritch.



8th grade Quarterback Jack McBryde hands off to John McBroom in the Elks victory against Fritch in their season opener.



All the little ladies that went to cheer camp this summer got to cheer at the Pep rally on Friday and half of the football game on Friday night.



On Friday, September 9th, the Elks traveled to Friona and came home with a 28-

Tanner Wright completed 3 of 13 passes for 29 yards and ran for 1 touchdown. Alex Chavoya picked up 255 rushing yards on 30 carries and scored 3 touchdowns. Braiden Palmer caught the ball for 14 yards on 2 catches. Nicolas Eizmendi scored 4 PAT's for the Elks.

Jordan Johnson and Victor Acevedo led the Elks defensively with 6 tackles each followed by Brandon Moreno with 6.

Players of the Week for the Friona game were Offensive Line: Derek Vasquez; Defensive Line: Brandon Moreno; Offensive Back - Alex Chavoya; Defensive Back -Edgar Guerrero and Special Teams - Nicolas Eizmendi.

On Friday, September 9, the Fritch Eagles traveled to Stratford and went home with a 34-18 loss to the Elks. Tanner Wright completed 8 of 14 passes for 188 yards and scored one touchdown on a quarterback keeper. Alex Chavoya carried the ball for 85 yards on 15 carries and scored one touchdown followed by Braiden Palmer with 77 yards on 12 carries and 2 touchdowns. Edgar Guerrero caught the ball for 151 yards on 4 catches and scored one touchdown. Nicolas Eizmendi scored 4 PAT's for the Elks.

Kelby Hartman led the Elk defense with 11 tackles followed by Brandon Moreno and Victor Acevedo with 9 tackles each. Edgar Guerrero picked off two passes on Friday night against Fritch.

Players of the Week: Offensive Back - Edgar Guerrero; Offensive Line - Casey Lantelme; Defensive Back - Kelby Hartman and Victor Acevedo; Defensive Line -Leo Ibarra and Special Team - Wyatt Smith and Albert Ortega.

The Elks will face Texhoma here on Friday, Sept 16 at 7:30 p.m. for their Homecoming. The homecoming court escorted by their dads will make their way across the field shortly after 7 p.m.



Enchilada dinner and dessert 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, September 16th **High School Cafeteria** \$6.00 per ticket **Sponsored by Band Boosters** See a band member for tickets or call Clint Seward (366-3321 **Or Desine Garza (366-3322)**



8th Grade Elk AJ Riffe scored on a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Jack McBryde in the Elks win against Fritch.

Good Luck Elks!!!!!!



