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American Legion Schedules Meeting The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 6th at SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time 7:00 PM. is All Legionnaires are encouraged to 'attend. Veterans who may be interested are encouraged to contact any Legionnaire regarding membership. Local contacts are Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-680-4513 or Robert McGinnis, Post Sgt-at-Arms at 806-396-2212. The Post Commander is Bob Marr. He can be reached at 806-827-7415.

-NOTICE-STARTING OCTOBER 3, 2011 THE MUNICIPAL COURT WILL HAVE NEW HOURS MONDAYS 9-NOON & 1-5 WEDNESDAYS 9-NOON & 1-5 (NOT TUESDAYS AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED) NEW POST OFFICE BOX 143 FOR MORE INFO: CALL 806-366-3062 SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF STRATFORD TEXAS

Birdsong Named Lions Club Queen

Stratford Lions Club recently kicked off a new year by selecting a Lions Club queen to represent the club and the community. The queen for 2011-2012 is Kammi Birdsong. Shown are officers and queen for this year: President Griff Lasley, Queen Kammi Birdsong, 1st VP Jerry Birdsong, Secretary/Treasurer Terri Beth Carter.



4-Hers Win Calf

Scramble at Tri-State 4-Hers Rhyan Burton and Kavan Killian both competed in and caught calves in the inaugural Tri-State Fair and Calf Rodeo Scramble September 22-24. Twenty 4-H and FFA members hit the rodeo each night of the rodeo attempting to halter one of ten calves turned out in the arena for one of the thirty scholarships given away. Each of these young men will receive a \$250 scholarship for catching their calves Friday night. The Tri-State Fair and Rodeo hopes to make this an annual event.

Red Hat's will meet on Thursday, October 6th At 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

SHS Announces Fall Production Dessert Theatre

Stratford High School will be hosting a Dessert Theatre on Tuesday, October 25 at the Mary Allen Cafetorium. The evening will begin with dessert and beverages served at 6:30 followed by a performance of this year's fall production.

The audience will be treated to a performance of <u>Faith County</u> written by Mark Landon Smith and directed by Ronna Rife and Stacy Metcalf.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and will go on sale Wednesday, October 5. Half of this year's proceeds will go to Corey Sims to help with medical expenses and the rest to the SHS speech and theatre fund to help support projects for the year and send interested students to speech, debate, and theatre camps. For tickets see any cast or crew member or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. Cast and Crew:

Mildred Hayworth Carson: Mary Ann Spurlock Faye McFaye: Shyanne Acker Ruthann Barns: Mazie Vincent Naomi Farkle: Kammi Birdsong Gladys Pimbleton: Katy Moore Bubba Bedford: Trenton Stone Luther Carson: Blaine Killian

Historical High Water Mark Sign Unveiling at Palo Duro Canyon State Park

The National Weather Service Office in Amarillo has teamed up with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to place an official High Water Mark sign in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The sign, funded and provided by the National Weather Service, illustrates the crest of the flood waters on May 27, 1978. The unveiling ceremony will take place in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park at Low Water Crossing #1 on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 2 p.m. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the Palo Duro Canyon State Park Visitors Center.

On May 26, 1978, severe thunderstorms produced rainfall amounts of over 10 inches just west of Canyon, Texas. This heavy rain ran off into the Palo Duro and Tierra Blanca Creeks and produced extensive flash flooding in the city of Canyon. The flood killed four people and caused approximately 20 million dollars in property damage. The flood continued downstream overnight on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River into Palo Duro Canyon where extensive damage was done to the state park the next morning.

The sign will be placed near Low Water Crossing #1 to show park guests how high flood waters rose that fateful night. At this particular site, the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River rose to 24 feet (21 feet above the current location of Low Water Crossing #1).

Lance Goehring, Hydrologic Program Manager for the National Weather Service in Amarillo noted, "We wanted a location that would be part of the community for decades along a well- traveled path. The Palo Duro Canyon State Park has thousands of visitors throughout the year, so this sign will serve as an educational tool for many locals as well as tourists."

While the signs are designed to commemorate the historical flooding event, they are also intended to raise flood safety awareness. José Garcia, Meteorologist-In-Charge at the National Weather Service in Amarillo stated, "These signs serve as a reminder to maintain our vigilance when it comes to flood safety and preparedness."

For additional information, please call the National Weather Service in Amarillo at (806) 335- 1421 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.goviama.

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Preston Burr Tyler Seward Jade Seward Hunter Everett Ransom Lermon M'Lynn Wells Alternates: Adrian du Plessis Derek Vasquez Tiffany Turner Kathy Brooks

Delbert Fink: Victor Castro

The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods, etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

Private Pesticide Applicator License Training October 13th

AMARILLO- Texas AgriLife Extension in Potter County is offering Private Pesticide Applicator License Training on October 13^{t1} at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, Texas. The training session begins at 8:00 a.m. The three and a half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test which will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Cost of the training is \$60.00 and all materials will be provided.

Anyone in the Texas Panhandle may and are encouraged to participate if they need a Private Pesticide Applicator License. The Private Pesticide Applicator License is for agricultural producers and land owners who apply

Restricted use pesticides to their own property. RSVP by October 7th to reserve your seat. For further information contact Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension Agent for Potter County 806/373-0713.

Time to order fall trees

Now is the time to get your orders in for fall trees through the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District. Order blanks for trees are now available along with forms for spring flowering bulbs at the office located at 418 North 4th here in Stratford. Come by or call Terry at 396-5517 ext. 3 for more information.

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"Make a Difference Day" October 22 Volunteers making a

Volunteers making a difference in helping one another and their communities by "Making a Difference". Can we clean up our community by helping each other dispose of yard 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.

Rough Railroad Grade Crossings By Gaynelle Riffe

Do you think the Railroad Grade Crossing on 3rd street going to the cemetery is rough????? Please call the 800 number on the big silver Box and give them the location numbers in Stratford. Maybe if enough people call we can get the grade crossing repaired.

Now taking <u>Pecan Orders</u> \$8.25 per lb 24 lbs. per case Call Brenda Bell @ (806) 753-7201 or (806) 366-4446 (leave a message) Deadline to order is October 20th (Will have orders in before Thanksgiving)

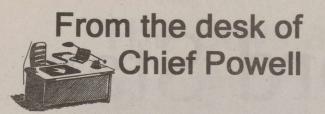
Story Time @ Your Library Mondays October 3, 17, 31 November 14th Hours 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



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First, just a quick request. The crossing guard at 54 and 15 asks that you encourage your children to allow him to assist in their crossing the road. He is having issues with some students crossing on their own, farther north or south of his location. In this case, he is unable to assist them and cannot offer any protection at all from the passing traffic. Both the crossing guard and the Police Department thank you for your help with this matter.

Do our police have favorites? Or friends they won't write? What if they have a relative who drives drunk one night? When they meet them on the street face to face, Will they take them to jail or some other place?

If our police have to deal with a local today,

Will they treat them the same as someone from far away? Does a job or position give a person the right, to get out of trouble whether it day or night? Well, I have some information I'd like to share, the rule book we have to follow, really don't care.

I made myself a promise when I took my oath for the first time.

I would forever treat EVERYONE equal, no matter the crime.

For as long as I am your Chief, I promise to be "Firm but Fair"

And...everyone will be treated equally out there. I realize for some, it seems I'm being gruff,

No, I'm just a Chief who will talk about this stuff.

Thank you all so much for supporting your police department and what we stand for. We have a job to do and there is no room for variance if we are to serve YOU the way we are sworn to do. Remember, we are Texas Peace Officers and we represent, not only Stratford, but the badge also.

Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com

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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.

www.tscrabrands. Com, by providing paperwork and information in coordinating with all county clerk

Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee at The First State Bank of Stratford.

Two more classes for area retailer to be taught in October

Two more classes for the area retailer are to be taught in October. "It's good for everyone when our retailers are making more sales," says Main Street Guymon Director Melyn Johnson. "So we enjoy offering classes that help some retailers increase their sales."

Nancy Jackson, the Marketing and Training Director for the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center is going to present "New Ideas for Holiday Sales" on Thur., Oct. 13, from 7:00 - 8:30 am at the Main Street Guymon office, 116 NE 5th. Jackson's corporate experience includes leadership positions with Target and Blockbuster. She has an extensive background in consulting and training with both Fortune 500 and small business clients. She is a Pampered Chef Consultant and understands the challenges of marketing a small business. She has served as President of the National Business and Professional Women organization and the Texas state organization. She has served as adjunct faculty for LeTourneau University and the University of Northern Iowa.

At Jackson's class she will address re-energizing your brand, new ideas, increasing sales, and address whether you're sending the right message to potential customers.

"Storefronts that Sell" is a workshop being offered on Thur., Oct. 27, at the Main Street Guymon office and addresses the front of the building being attractive and how it can pull in customers. The information and class was put together by the National Main Street Center and is presented by Melyn Johnson of Main Street Guymon for the English class from 7 -8 am and by Soila Medina of the City of Guymon in Spanish from 10 — 11 am. This class also takes place at the Main Street Guymon office.

The classes are also presented by Main Street Guymon and sponsored by the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center in Alva, Rural Enterprises in Enid, City National Bank of Guymon, and Bank of the Panhandle of Guymon.

For more information about the classes, please Melyn contact Johnson Director@MainStreetGuymon.com or 338-6246.



S.C.O.T. HALL SCUTTLE **By: Cindy Jackson**

What beautiful weather we have been having. I love fall One of the things I do miss, about Illinois, is the fall smel you get from having leaves fall. Because of the lack of trees, that smell is missing. This is Pinktober, for breas: cancer. I'm sure you know someone or may even be someone that has been affected by breast cancer. Men ever get breast cancer. No one is safe from this terrible disease. Right when I think I've seen the craziest show on TV, find another one. Has anyone seen "Sister Wives"? It's about a man, who has 4 wives and a huge amount of children. Does anyone else have a problem with this? This man wonders why his family is shunned and watched by law enforcement. Is this man crazy? Who would want 4 wives? I'm sure several men would tell you, one wife is plenty. Have you ever heard of a show called; "Brother Husbands"? I didn't think so, because women know better We would be exhausted from all that work. At least the "Sister Wives" can share the work. All I can say to this man is; "There is nothing meaner than a woman scorned". More than one woman scorned can be fatal. Hostess for October are: Dick & Kay Bachman, Elsie Pickens, Rose Wells and Mary Lou McDaniel.

October Birthday Hostess: Charlene Oquin

October 6, 2011- Bingo 3 p.m.

October 14, 2011- Games 2 p.m.

October 20, 2011- Birthday Party 2 p.m. Bingo 3 p.m. October 25, 2011- Board Meeting 5 p.m. October 27, 2011- Luncheon Noon

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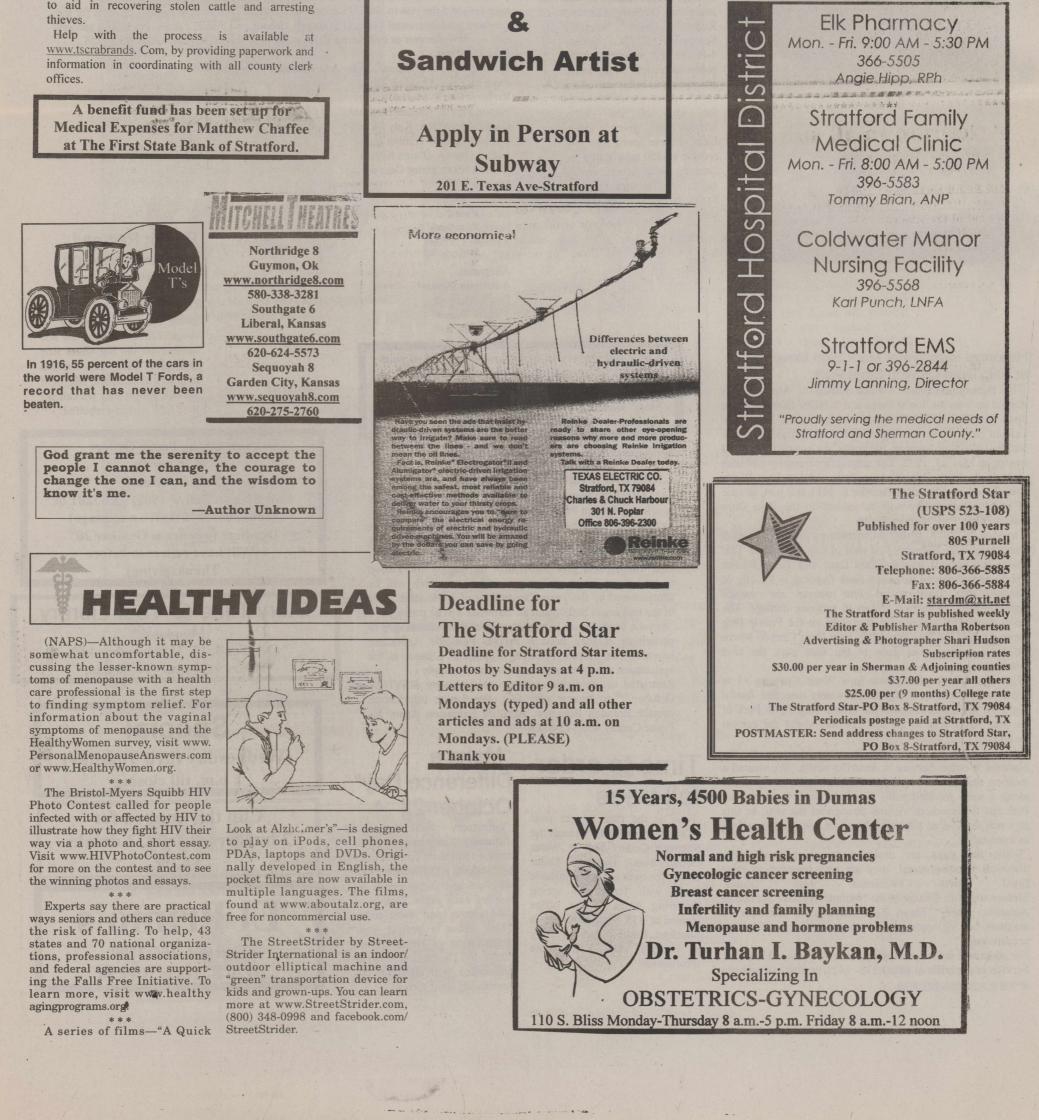
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Two of the three organizations that participated in the hanging of the Jamboree Banners for the Ex-Student Reunion, Prospectus Study Club (shown above) and below Stratford Police Department. The other organization sharing the funds for putting up the banners was Imagination Station. There were several comments about how nice the banners looked this year, which was because Gaynelle Riffe, washed, ironed and repaired several of them. Working together is one of many reasons why Stratford is a great place to live. (Shown above are Michelle Lutes (Prospectus Study Club President and Cindy Jackson (Top of Texas District President). Shown below from left to right are Officer Jensen, Detective Gabehart and officer Cooley.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel Sunday night a large group of new residents had supper at the Community building. Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Roy & Ciccy Harris were hosts. The tables were decorated with fall items

Among those present were Vic & Sue Holladay; Chris, Durden, Kamryn, Kirsten and Jake Keathley, Karl, Sr. Ruby, Kari, Jr. Kory, Patrick Punch.

The Vasquez family, Cristina, Miguel, Paola, Stephanie, Hayde. Also the Barajas family of Norma, April, Sebastian and Manuela.

And Leonard and Peggy Heath, Kenna, Hawkins, Dempsey and Jackson Collums, Taylor, Marylou Doug McDaniel.

Kenna, Dempsey, Jackson Collums and Peggy Hawkins went to motor cross racing in Amarillo Saturday night to watch Cousin Kacey Bell race. She won 1st place! Roger and Brandi Wells with daughters Lara, Addie and Maylee joined them there. Victor Carrera also came.



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First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 8:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church Pastor Gary Smith

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.

First Baptist **Pastor Jason Stone** 702 N. 3rd Sun.-Coffee-8:30

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The word honeymoon may have originated with an ancient custom that said that a newly married couple had to drink a potion containing honey on each of the first 30 days-a moon-of their marriage.

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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 vou in advance.

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Fresh Pear Desserts

(NAPS)-Fresh seasonal fruit can be quickly and easily transformed into luscious desserts. And since pears are in season nearly year-round, their naturally sweet flavor and juicy texture can't help but inspire dazzling desserts.

Try pears in buttery turnovers, spiced crisps, tarts and even creamy cheesecakes. Or simply bake, roast, sauté or grill them and serve with ice cream, vanilla yogurt or whipped topping.

Pair Them With Plenty Pears complement a variety of other foods, including fruits such as cranberries and strawberries, toasted nuts such as almonds and walnuts, and warming spices like ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and

cardamom. A versatile fruit, pears are just as delicious eaten fresh out of hand as they are cooked. Simple poached pears make a particularly appealing dessert for any meal.

Pears are often described as "jewel-like" in both their shape and rich color when poached in red wine or juice. They're impressive when served but simple to make, as this recipe shows:

Classic Poached Pears Serves 6

1¼ cups packed brown sugar 2½ cups dry red wine or nonalcoholic cider

- 1½ cups water **3 whole cloves**
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 6 ripe USA Pears, such as Anjou, Bosc or Concorde, peeled and cored

Dissolve sugar into wine and water. Add cloves and cinnamon stick. Pears may be

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Lovely to look at and luscious to eat, poached pears are surprisingly simple to make.

poached whole or cut in half and poached. Add pears to wine mixture and heat until just simmering. Lower heat and poach gently for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to stand in poaching liquid overnight. Gently remove them from the poaching liquid and drain briefly on paper towels. Serve with crème anglaise, whipped cream or a reduction of the poaching liquid. To reduce poaching liquid, boil until liquid is reduced by % or becomes a light syrup.

Poached pears can also be combined with other desserts, such as in a yogurt parfait or alongside cake or gingerbread. The poaching liquid can also be flavored with vanilla beans, spices, fresh ginger, wine or just about anything else you like.

Learn More

For pear recipes and more, visit www.usapears.org and follow USA Pears on Facebook and Twitter.

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. Junior High UMY 5:00 p.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 (Spanish) Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt Christian Formation Classes. K-6th Grade Wed. Afternoo 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.

Sunday School-9:30 Worship Service-10:30 Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

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

Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano **Asambleas De Dios** Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela-806-366-3071 205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.-12 noon Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.e

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





decisions in the newspaper - including where they intend to build facilities you might not want down the street.

That could change in the future because they want to bury their public notices somewhere online, on a little seen, rarely visited government website - out of sight, out of mind.

Don't let government keep you in the dark

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

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See you at the Pole

See you at the Pole The global day of student led prayer was held on Wednesday morning September 28, 2011. Shown above are the students who were at the Stratford High School.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—There's new technology that's being used to speed up the adoption process. Called Parent Match, it's described as the nation's first and only secure and searchable network for adoption professionals. To learn more, visit www.ParentMatch.com.

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Spot a bed bug? Help is now available in the form of a spray-RID Home Lice, Bedbug and Dust Mite Spray-designed to be one of the first steps in fighting bed bugs. To learn more, visit www.ridbedbugs.com.

A worldwide, for-profit organization owned and run by disabled artists, the 50-year-old Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, sells its members' paintings reproduced as holiday cards and calendars. Learn more at www.mfpausa.com and (877) MFPA-USA

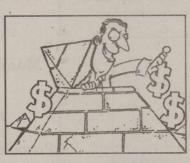


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Veterinary care has become increasingly more sophisticated and expensive, with some lifesaving treatments running as high as \$5,000 or more. Those potential out-of-pocket costs are what make pet insurance a prudent investment. More information is available at www.savewith petinsurance.com.

Good luck Elks



The term "Ponzi scheme" is named for the pyramid investment scheme devised by Charles Ponzi in 1920. Ponzi promised a 50 percent return in six months but investors ended up losing millions of dollars.

Starfish are not true fish. They belong to a group of animals called echinoderms that includes brittle stars, sea cucumbers, sea lilies, sea urchins and sand dollars.

KEY STEPS OUTLINED FOR HARVESTING COTTON

By Brad Easterling

While harvesting is the final operation in cotton production, it is also the most important for achieving high lint grades.

There are a number of key steps in cotton harvesting that will help produce a high quality crop:

-Follow a good harvest-aid program. The acreage treated at any one time should not exceed harvesting capacity. Strive for good coverage with careful sprayer calibration, and do not apply harvest-aid compounds ahead of unsettled weather.

--Use a defoliant first and then a desiccant under the following conditions: high lint yield and large stalks, low yield and large stalks, when a hairy variety is used or when any variety is difficult to clean at the gin, or with a high plant population that increases the ratio of vegetative material to lint.

-Harvest dry cotton. Seed cotton should be below 12 percent moisture for efficient harvest and safe storage. If seed coats are brittle and lint springs back after a hand squeeze, cotton is dry.

-Maintain a daily harvest period that will ensure that dry cotton is being harvested. Do not harvest too early or too late each day.

-Avoid getting into the field too early after a rain or harvest-aid treatment. Allow time for defoliants and desiccants to work. The time period required will vary with weather conditions, especially temperature.

-Do not mix damp cotton with dry cotton. Also, the lint portion can lose and gain moisture much more rapidly than cottonseed.

--Make sure the harvester is adjusted properly to maintain high efficiency with changes in varieties and field conditions.

--Brush strippers should be set to operate too aggressively. It's better to tag some cotton in the fields to minimize trash content and reduce barky bales.

-A well-shaped bed improves harvesting efficiency. Try to provide an adequate ridge for the header to operate. -Adjust ground speed as field conditions change to maintain high harvester efficiency.

Our only security is our ability to change.

-John Lilly

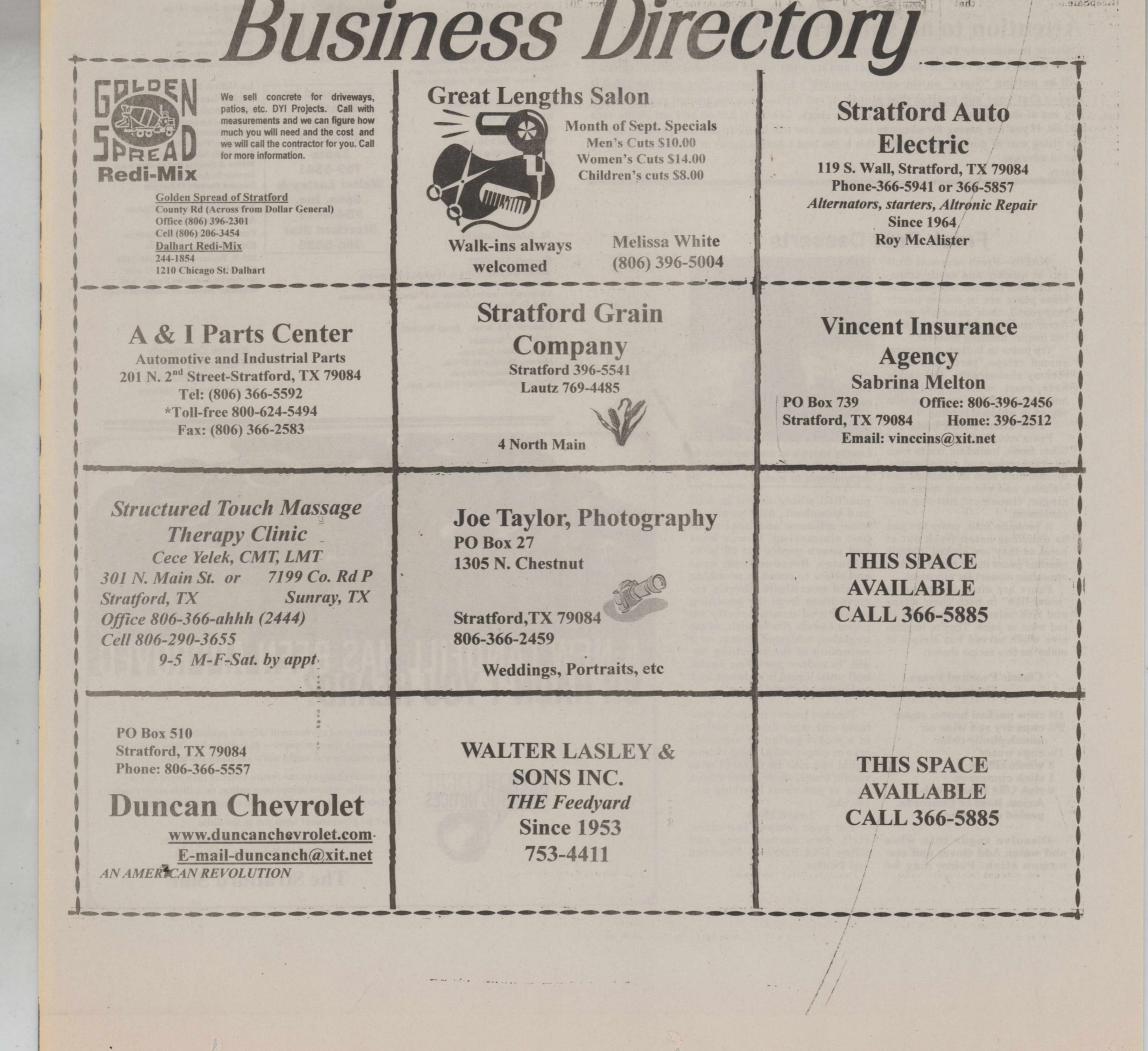
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Star Classifieds

Phone 366-5885 Houses for Sale

House for Sale-3 BR, 1 3/4 Bath, new kitchen, new roof, new windows & flooring. Near schools-1306 Putnam call 806-769-4464 3-24-tfn-

For Sale: 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, sunroom, carport, 24x24 shop, nice yard, updated, appx 1800 sq. ft 514 N. Fulton. Call 806-930-3042 or 806-930-3043 6-2-tfn

401 S./Maple, Stratford 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living rooms, laundry room, /garage. Includes: 3 lots beside the house. (806) 366-3512 or 753-7513.

3 bedrm, 2 1/2 bath, sun room, 2 car garage, new shop 21 x 21, Privacy fence, windows, doors and roof-613 Purnell, Call 432-230-9401 9-8-tfn

Help Wanted

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions: *Mill laborer

17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171

15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287, then right 5 miles on HWY 171

Apply in person: M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m. or call (580)543-6383

Great benefits for full-time positions that include: Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401 K and paid time off. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F 9-1-tfn

Stratford ISD is seeking Crossing Guard-2 hours per day. Applications are available on school website or in the administration office. For more information, please call (806 366-3300). 10-6-10-13-c

Garage Sale

Garage Sale-319 Kay Ave.-Saturday, October 8th, 9 a.m. to ? 10-6-c



(NAPS)-To give your deck maximum protection against water absorption and maximum durabil-ity, there's Rust-Oleum Premium Deck and Fence Stain. For more information and helpful wood care tips, visit www.rustoleum.com.

One way to inform kids about Internet safety, say the experts at iKeepSafe.org, is to explain that links act like a door to any computer or digital device. Behind that door may be a malicious site created by criminals. For more information,



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Legal Notices

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST) at 7:00 PM, October 11, 2011 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 3rd day of June, 2001 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:30 P.M. on the 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

Cause No. 4950 SHERMAN COUNTY VS PETERSON MICHAEL

All of Lots One (1), Two (2) and Three (3), in Block 35 in the Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

Cause No. 4768 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. AGUILERA HUMBERTO

TRACT 1: All of Lots Number Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), in Block Number One Hundred Three (103), in the City of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) and the North One-half (N/@) of Lot Thirteen (13) in Block Twelve (12) of the Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE

Levied on the 3rd day of October, 2011 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.



Elegant dishes, such as these, called Heritage, can be an inexpensive way to set the stage for a delightful dinner

(NAPS)-The next time you have friends or family over for dinner, show off your personal style by setting a beautiful table that makes your guests feel special

The Table

Start by thinking about what kind of party you're having. Decorate around a theme, a holiday, a season, a personal occasion, travel photographs and souvenirs or your favorite color.

Be creative with your centerpiece and make sure it ties back to your overall theme. Look around the house for ribbons, shells, flowers, candles, jewelry and unique items to use in your place settings and centerpiece.

For example, tie up the nap-kins with holly for a holiday party or decorate place settings with miniature pumpkins for a harvest theme. Fresh flowers are also nice to display on the table as long as they're kept low so your dinner guests can see around them.

The Tableware Be sure to use your favorite dishes. Whether you prefer clean lines, florals, casual or transitional patterns, your dishes should help you express your per- questions, call (800) 999-2811.

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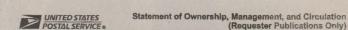
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To help, Pfaltzgraff, a leading brand of quality tableware and home accents, has a wide selection of patterns for everyday dining and entertaining and a broad range of multifunctional accessories that can help you make every meal special. Whether you prefer hand-painted floral designs or geometric reactive glaze looks, you're likely to find something that will help you make a statement on the table.

If you are looking for a versatile set of dishes that will never go out of style, consider Heritage din-nerware. This classic white stoneware pattern-noteworthy for the 200th anniversary of Pfaltzgraff-offers traditional styling that can be dressed up or down for casual dining or special occasions.

Resources

If you'd like to get more tablesetting ideas for your next entertaining event, visit www.pfaltz graff.com to view new patterns and check out the wide variety of accessories you can use to person-alize your table. If you have any



visit www.iKeepSafe.org. * * *

To raise awareness of shelter animals, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization, North Shore Animal League America, created the Mutt-i-grees initiative. You can visit a shelter or log on to www.AnimalLeague.org to join the Mutt-i-grees Movement.

American Vanadium Corp., which trades as TSX.V:AVC, is a metals exploration and development company focused on developing a world-class vanadium resource in the United States. Further information is at www.americanvanadium.com, (604) 689-1428 and in the company's annual report.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of October, 2011.

Jack Haile

Sheriff, Sherman County, Texas

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Light And Lively Dips For Holiday Celebrations

(NAPS)-Fashionably slim California endive (pronounced on-deev) spears with their intriguing bittersweet flavor make a crisp dipper for an array of colorful dips. Kids love endive's juicy crunch, especially when scooping up "pretty in pink" raspberry dip. And, each endive "slimmer dipper" has just one calorie.

California endive is less expensive by the pound than most bagged lettuce and lasts up to two weeks refrigerated-and there's no need to wash or spin them dry.

To store, wrap endive in a moistened paper towel then place inside a plastic bag in the vegetable compartment of your refrigerator. With these easy, make-ahead dips, you'll be eat-ing deliciously healthy while celebrating the holidays in style!

Carrot-Orange Dip Makes about 2 cups, serves 8 to 10

1 lb carrots, peeled and

- sliced
- % cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Tbsp peeled and chopped fresh ginger
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Combine the carrots, juice, oil and ginger in a medium pot and bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until carrots are very soft. Cool to room temperature. Combine carrot mixture with remaining ingredients and chop finely in a food proces-sor. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve with endive spears.



Colorful dips such as raspberry-yogurt, carrot-orange, cucumber-dill and red pepper-almond can brighten any holiday table

Yogurt and Cucumber Dip Makes about 2 cups, serves 8 to 10

- 1 medium seedless cucumber, peeled and grated ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt ½ bunch scallions, finely
- chopped 1 clove garlic, minced
- (optional) 2 Tbsp chopped fresh dill, or 2 teaspoons dried dill **Freshly ground black** pepper to taste

Mix cucumbers with salt and marinate 15 minutes at room temperature, or until liquid comes out of cucumbers. Drain gently pressing out excess liquid. Combine with remaining ingredients and serve with endive spears.

Romesco Dip

Makes about 2 cups, serves 8 to 10

- 4 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 Tbsp roughly chopped garlic
- 1 cup garlic croutons
- 1 (16-ounce) jar roasted red
- peppers, drained 1 cup unsalted whole roasted

- almonds or hazelnuts 2 tsp sweet smoked paprika or paprika
- 1 tsp hot red pepper sauce (optional)
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar Salt to taste

Combine 2 tablespoons oil and garlic in a small pan and cook until fragrant but not browned, about 1 minute. Cool; combine with remaining ingredients and chop finely in a food processor. Season with salt and serve with endive spears.

Raspberry-Yogurt Dip Makes about 2 cups, serves 8 to 10

1 cup walnuts

- 1 cup frozen raspberries,
- thawed and drained 1 cup plain Greek yogurt

1 Tbsp fresh lime juice 1 tsp finely grated lime zest

2 Tbsp honey

2 Tbsp confectioners' sugar Process walnuts in food processor until finely ground. In a large bowl, fold ground walnuts with remaining ingredients. Serve with endive spears.

For more delicious endive recipes, visit www.endive.com.

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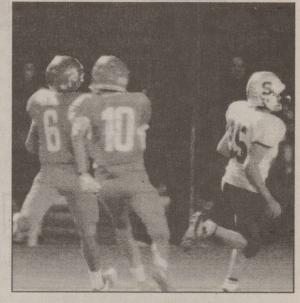
The Boys are Back for some football!!!



Stratford Elk Kelby Hartman puts pressure on Perryton receiver.



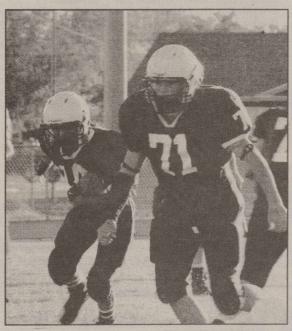
Jim Everson gave the pep talk on Friday, September 30th.



Alex Chavoya returns a kick-off 90 yards for the touchdown in the Elks loss to Perryton.

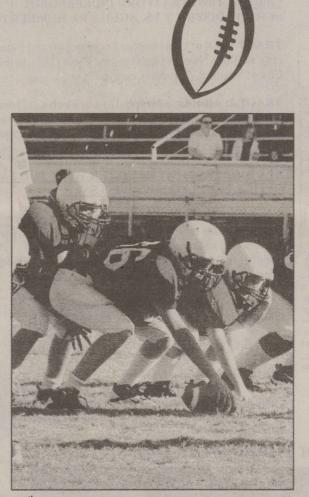


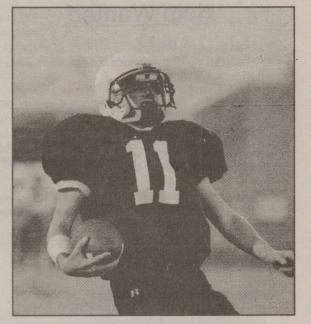
J.V. Elk Trevor Melton tries to block the pass as Logan Uttley #44 looks on in their win over Perryton.





8th grade Elk John McBroom breaks free from the defense to score for the Elks in their big win over West Texas.





Rett Schoonover scores on a quarterback keeper for the J.V. Elks in their big win over Perryton.

The Stratford Elks fell to Perryton 22-42 on Friday, September 30.

Tanner Wright completed 2 of 8 passes for 10 yards and Braiden Palmer completed 1 of 3 passes for 16 yards. Palmer carried the ball for 99 yards on 13 carries and scored one touchdown. Alex Chavoya picked up 24 yards on 12 carries and scored one



Kevin Hernandez picks up some yards on the carry for the 8th grade Elks on Thursday, September 29 as #71 Branson Palmer leads the way.



7th grade Elk Gage Brooks runs the ball in for a touchdown in their 6-0 win over West Texas.

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A ton of new \$20 bills would be worth about 19.6 million dollars.

7th grade Elk Russell Spurlock snaps the ball to quarterback Fernando Jacquez in their win over West Texas.

touchdown on a 90 yard kickoff return. Edgar Guerrero scored on a 75 yard kick-off return. Nicolas Eizmendi scored 2 PAT's for the Elks.

Leo Ibarra led the Elks defense with 14 tackles followed by Alex Chavoya, Justin Mungia and Brandon Moreno with 9 tackles each.

The Elks have an open week Oct. 5 and will kick-off district play against Boys Ranch there on Friday, October 14.



2011 Stratford Elk Football Schedules

Varsity Aug. 11 Aug. 12

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| Varsity | | | | |
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| Aug. 13 | Dalhart (scrimmage) | Here | 10:00 | |
| Aug. 19 | Wellington (scrimma | Here | 5:00 | |
| Aug. 26 | Bushland | Here | 7:30 | |
| Sept. 2 | Friona | There | 7:30 | |
| Sept. 9 | Sanford-Fritch | Here | 7:30 | |
| Sept. 16 | Texhoma (Homecoming) | | Here | 7:30 |
| Sept. 23 | OPEN | | | |
| Sept. 30 | Perryton | There | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 7 | OPEN | | | |
| Oct. 14 | Boys Ranch | There | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 21 | Canadian | Here | 7:30 | |
| Oct. 28 | Sunray | There | 7:30 | |
| Nov. 4 | West Texas | | Here | 7:30 |
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| Aug. 25 | Bushland | JV | Here | 6:30 |
| Sept. 1 | Friona | JV | Canyon | 6:30 |
| Sept. 8 | Sanford-Fritch | 7,8,JV | There | 5:00 |
| Sept. 15 | Spearman | 7,8,JV | There | 5:00 |
| Sept. 22 | | | | |
| Sept. 29 | Perryton | JV | Here | 7:30 |
| | West Texas | 7,8 | Here | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Panhandle | 7,8,JV | There | 5:00 |
| Oct. 13 | Boys Ranch | 7,8,JV | Here | 5:00 |
| Oct. 20 | Canadian | 7 | Here | 5:00 |
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| Oct. 27 | Sunray | 7,8,JV | Here | 5:00 |
| Nov. 3 | West Texas | 7,8,JV | There | . 5:00 |
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