



The Fall Production Faith County under the direction of Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf was presented to the schools on October 25, 2011 and to the public that evening during their Fall Dessert Theatre. Cast and crew back row L/R:

**Remember to Vote
Tuesday, Nov. 8th**



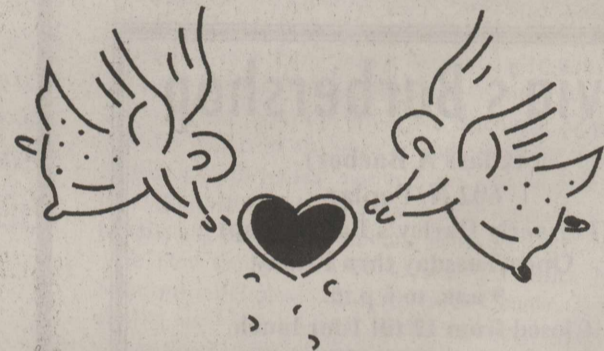
Powell speaks to citizens

Chief of Police Joe Powell spoke to some Sherman County residents in front of the Courthouse on Saturday, October 22, 2011 to inform folks that he was considering running for Sheriff of Sherman County. Sheriff Jack Haile will be retiring at the end of next year. Several citizens turned out to hear what he had to say and ask some questions. Look for Chief Powell to make an official announcement in the next few weeks.



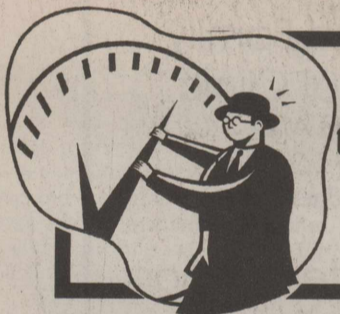
Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree Project is having a jean and coat drive. There are Christmas boxes located in all the churches and one in the hallway of XIT's building. The drive will go until mid November. Also the applications for Angels will be with the school's secretary and Main Street Essentials. Deadline to have applications in is November 14, 2011. Please return them back to the school, Main Street or mail them into PO Box 447, Stratford, TX 79084



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

Copy of
Constitutional
Amendments
Page 5



**Don't forget to
turn your clocks
back one hour
this weekend**

This Christmas Support Your Local
Tri-Corner Art Association
Saturday, November 19th
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sherman County Barn
Buy Local
Buy Handmade
Give something unique and special this year

**Remember to
Vote**

**St. Joseph's Church
would like to cordially
invite you for the
Annual Enchilada Dinner
Sunday, November 13th in
the Parish Hall from
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.
The plate for adults is
\$7.00 and Children \$5.00**

AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULES MEETING

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. Meeting time is 7:00 pm All Legionaires are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are a veteran and think you may be eligible for membership, or if you are just interested in the Legion, please contact Aaron Sheehan, Post Adjutant at 806-680-4513 or Robert Marr, Post Commander at 806-827-7414 or 580-817-0775.

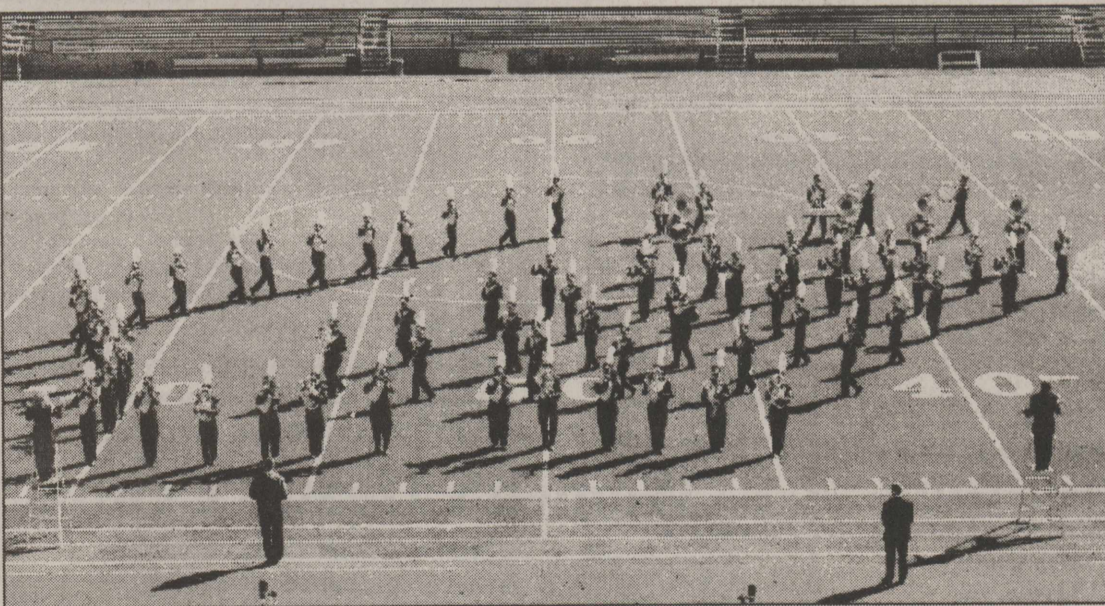
Red Hats Meeting

Red Hats will meet Thursday, November 3rd at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Bring a covered dish

Veterans' Day Program

Veteran's Day program presented by Stratford Student Council will be held on November 11 at the HS Gym at 10:00 a.m. to honor our veterans. The Public is invited to attend!

**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**



Band competes at Area round of UIL Marching contest

The Big Blue Band under the field direction of Sr. Perla Reta and Jr. M'Lynn Wells competed at the Area round of UIL Marching Contest at Dick Bivins Stadium on Saturday, October 29. The band marched in the morning and competed against 22 other bands in the Area and were invited back to march in the finals but did not advance to State. Great job band! Congratulations!

Story Time @ Your Library

Mondays
October 3, 17, 31 November 14th
Hours 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Special

(Wednesday thru Tuesday)
2 p.m. till closing

Clip this coupon for
2-Burgers, 2-fries-2-drinks
\$8.99

El Primo's

Call 806-366-3799
1120 E. Texas Hwy 54

FALL FESTIVAL

November 5, 2011
Stratford High School

Meal—5:30 to 7
Coronation & Skit—7 p.m.
Carnival Booths to follow in
Activity Gym until 10 p.m.

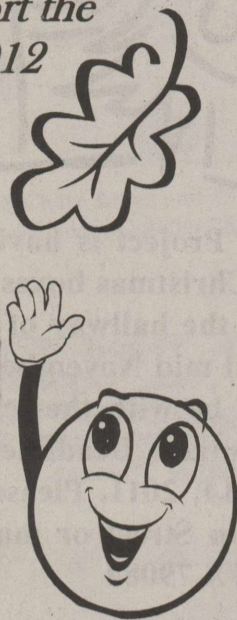
Mexican Pile-On Tickets:
\$6.00

*Come out and support the
Senior Class of 2012*

Imagine That at The Imagination Station.

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station is busy with Girl Scouts, "The Haunted Plantation"; Trunk or Treat" and the fall exhibit in November "Civil War" war between the States. The new awning will be installed soon, thanks to help in financing by the Stratford Area Foundation, the City Façade Grant and donations. The awning will be green in memory of the three beautiful trees that were sacrificed for the Main Street Project.

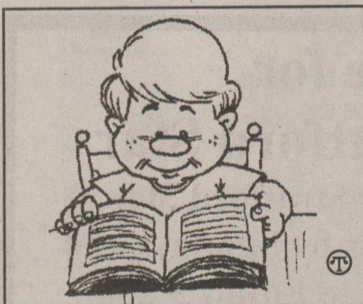


Silvia's Barbershop

(Class A Barber)
602 N. Poplar
(Formerly Harley's Barbershop)
Open Tuesday thru Friday
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed from 12 till 1 for lunch
Call 366-3078
Walk ins only
(No Appointments necessary)
*I would like to thank Harley for his many
years of service to our community.*

BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—A new book about the eye, "Evolution's Witness," written



by an ophthalmologist can enhance your reading, spark lively discussions and provide personal enjoyment. It's available at bookstores and on Amazon.com. For more information, visit www.evolutionswitness.com.



More economical!

Differences between electric and hydraulic-driven systems

Have you seen the ads that insist hydraulic-driven systems are the better way to irrigate? Make sure to read between the lines - and we don't mean the oil lines.

Fact is, Reinke's Electrogenerator and "Eliminator" electric-driven irrigation systems are, and have always been, among the safest, most reliable and most effective methods available to deliver water to your thirsty crops.

Reinke encourages you to "step up" to compare the electrical energy requirements of electric and hydraulic driven systems. You will be amazed by the savings you can have by going electric.

Reinke Dealer-Professionals are ready to share other eye-opening reasons why more and more producers are choosing Reinke irrigation systems.

Talk with a Reinke Dealer today.

TEXAS ELECTRIC CO.
Stratford, TX 79084
Charles & Chuck Harbour
301 N. Poplar
Office 806-396-2300

★ Main Street ★ Essentials ★

Open House
Monday November 7th
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Many new items to make your
holiday shopping easier
Fredericksburg Farms Samples
Door prizes

**PROSPECTUS
STUDY CLUB
FALL PARADE OF
HOMES & SILENT
AUCTION**

Saturday
November 5, 2011
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Cost \$10.00 a person
Purchase tickets at
First State Bank Lobby
October 31st to Nov. 4th
From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact any Prospectus Study Club
member-tickets may be purchased at
any home the day of the Parade.

Featured homes include
Home of Ineta Chesher
1207 Beaver Rd
Home of Kay Mires
1021 Purnell Ave.
Home of Joyce Hart
1101 Purnell Ave
Home of Leonda Fedric
1111 N. Putman St.

Silent Auction Display
Home of Michelle Lutes
119 Kay Ave

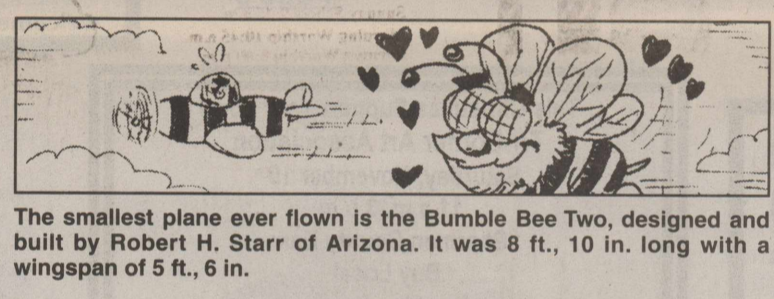
From the desk of Chief Powell

Police Department Statistics for the Month of October 2011

- 64 Citations / 35 Warnings / 31 Building Checks
- Kidnapping 1
 - Robbery 1
 - Assault 1
 - Disturbance 1
 - Stolen Vehicle 1
 - Burglary Home 1
 - Burglary Veh. 1
 - Theft 4
 - Build. Search 3
 - Vandalism 1
 - Crim. Misch. 3
 - Susp. Person 1
 - Accident 1
 - Gas Drive Off 1
 - Unlock Veh. 3
 - Impound Vehicle 1
 - Juvenile Call 1
 - Medical Assist 2
 - Fire Assist 1
 - Snake Call 1
 - Broken Gas Line 1
 - Fraud 1
 - Funeral Escort 2
 - Lost / Found 2
 - Power-Line Down 1
 - Irate Customer 1
 - Missing Child 2
 - Warrant Arrest 1
 - Animal Calls 10
 - Code Enforcement Issues - Numerous

Over the past few months, our number of "hits" on our Stratford Police Department website has increased tremendously! Thanks to those of you who are posting on our "Guest Book." I can't keep up with the number of citizens who continue to compliment the efforts of our agency. We would like to take the credit but we can't take it all. I contribute the positives of this department to several things. First and foremost, since taking over as YOUR Chief of Police, the citizens of this city have been overwhelmingly supportive and this is what has done the most for us. Secondly, our department believes in staying involved with the community. Our officers are professional, well trained, and use good judgment & common sense in their everyday decisions. Simple things like listening to the public, treating people like people and remaining "Firm but Fair," is what keeps our small department way above the others - and we are very proud of that. Thank You, Stratford. GO BIG BLUE !!!

YOUR CHIEF OF POLICE / YOUR POLICE
DEPARTMENT / Chief Joe Powell www.stratfordpd.com



The smallest plane ever flown is the Bumble Bee Two, designed and built by Robert H. Starr of Arizona. It was 8 ft., 10 in. long with a wingspan of 5 ft., 6 in.

Panhandle Grills

Holiday rebates now through November 30, 2011

- * \$50 back on a junior Grill
- * \$70 back on a Lil'Tex Elite Grill
- * \$90 back on a Texas Grill
- * Free cover with purchase of Deluxe Grill

Currently in-stock
Grills: Junior, Lil'Tex Classic, Lil'Tex Elite, Deluxe & Texas
Pellets: Mesquite & Hickory \$15/20# bag

Contact Bailey at 806-396-2284 or 806-543-3313

Stratford Hospital District

Elk Pharmacy
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
366-5505
Angie Hipp, RPh

**Stratford Family
Medical Clinic**
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
396-5583
Tommy Brian, ANP

**Coldwater Manor
Nursing Facility**
396-5568
Karl Punch, LNFA

Stratford EMS
9-1-1 or 396-2844
Jimmy Lanning, Director

"Proudly serving the medical needs of
Stratford and Sherman County."

STEVENSON & SONS
PEST CONTROL

Termite & Pest Control • Rat Control • Bird Control
Yard & Tree Spraying

Residential • Commercial • Farms • Ranches

"Professionals in Pest Control Technology"

249-4202 Jim Stevenson
Owner

Dalhart • Stratford • Hartley
Licensed and bonded

The Stratford Star
(USPS 523-108)
Published for over 100 years
805 Purnell
Stratford, TX 79084
Telephone: 806-366-5885
Fax: 806-366-5884
E-Mail: stardm@xit.net

The Stratford Star is published weekly
Editor & Publisher Martha Robertson
Advertising & Photographer Shari Hudson

Subscription rates
\$30.00 per year in Sherman & Adjoining counties
\$37.00 per year all others
\$25.00 per (9 months) College rate

The Stratford Star-PO Box 8-Stratford, TX 79084
Periodicals postage paid at Stratford, TX
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Stratford Star,
PO Box 8-Stratford, TX 79084

MITCHELL THEATRES

Northridge 8
Guymon, Ok
www.northridge8.com
580-338-3281

Southgate 6
Liberal, Kansas
www.southgate6.com
620-624-5573

Sequoyah 8
Garden City, Kansas
www.sequoyah8.com
620-275-2760

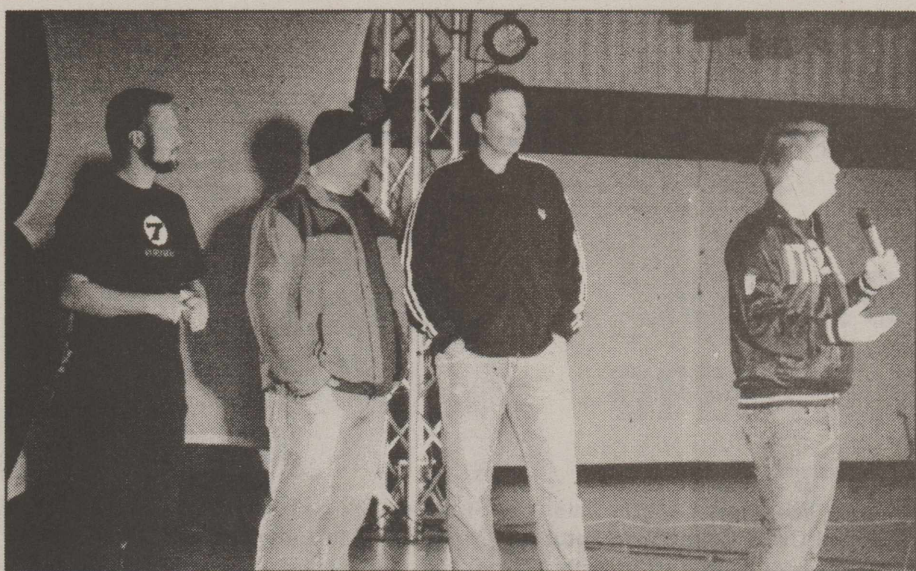
15 Years, 4500 Babies in Dumas

Women's Health Center

Normal and high risk pregnancies
Gynecologic cancer screening
Breast cancer screening
Infertility and family planning
Menopause and hormone problems

Dr. Turhan I. Baykan, M.D.
Specializing In
OBSTETRICS-GYNECOLOGY

110 S. Bliss Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday 8 a.m.-12 noon



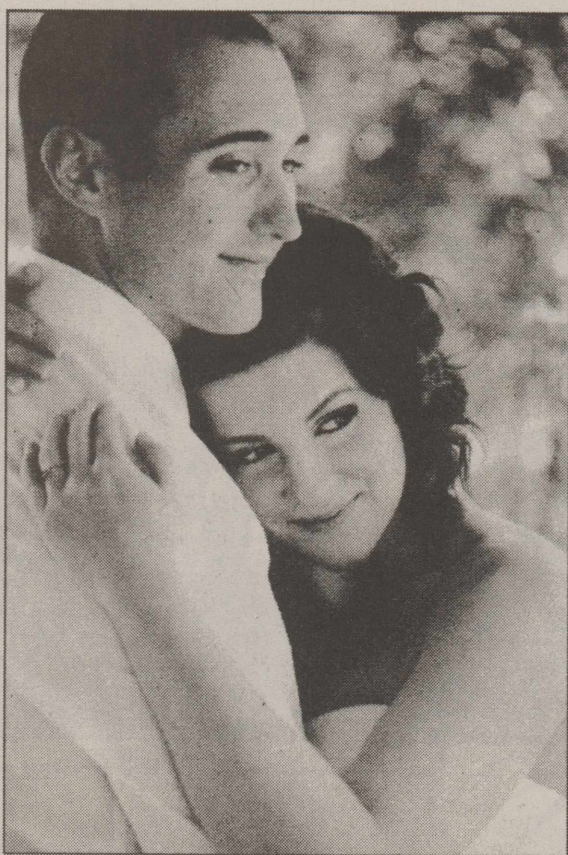
The Seven Project

Stratford ISD hosted "The Seven Project" on Tuesday, October 18 for grades 9-12 and 5-8. "The Seven Project" school assembly is a customized, multimedia event for America's schools. Some of the topics covered were abstinence, bullying, peer pressure, integrity, substance abuse and character. Different age groups experienced different topics for age appropriation. The students also enjoyed the Christian singing group S.O.G. that was in attendance for the assembly.



Lovorn honored with Baby Shower

A baby showering honoring Kelsey and Matt Lovorn was held on Saturday, October 22 in the home of Stacy Metcalf. From left, Lynn Lovorn, Sierra Lovorn, Kelsey, and Janet Villers.



Marriage Announced

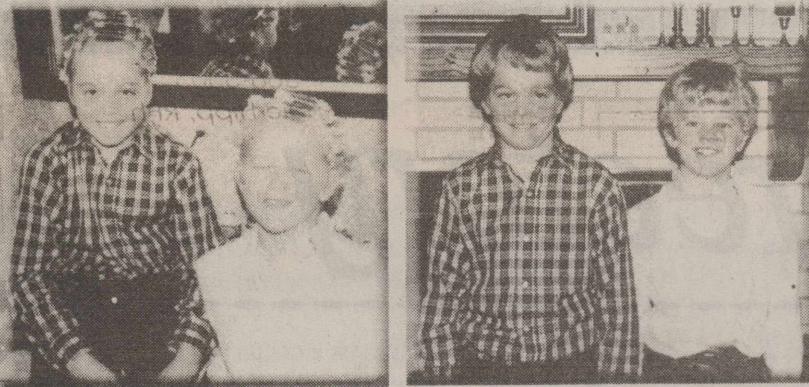
Corey Carter and Courtenay Sell were recently married on September 19th at Eastholme in the Rockies Bed & Breakfast. Courtenay is the daughter of Jan and Alan Shield and Stacy Sell. Corey is the son of Curtis and Mary Carter. Corey is currently in the military and deployed to South Korea. Courtenay, a recent graduate from the Milan Institute of Cosmetology will be living and working in Lubbock, Texas.

Price Speaks To Students

Jeff Price (shown at right) a Stratford Alumni came and spoke to the Stratford High School students on behalf of the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. This has been an ongoing event sponsored by the foundation to bring in alumni to speak on their success after graduating from SHS. The students enjoyed Jeff's humor and many of them realize that they can graduate from here and have great success.



From cute little "girls"



to grumpy old "men"



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY!!

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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
5th & 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.
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. Afternoon
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.

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 Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
Susinos 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.m.

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

Sponsored by
Stratford
Grain
396-5541
Lautz
769-5541
Walter Lasley &
Sons, Inc.
754-4411
Stratford Star
366-5885

The Lambda Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi presents:
**29th Annual
Pumpkin Patch Benefit
Arts & Crafts Festival**
Saturday and Sunday
November 5&6 2011
Texas County Activity Center
Guymon, Oklahoma
Show times:
Saturday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm



When you cross from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama Canal, you are heading in a southeasterly direction.



**YOUR PROPERTY TAXES JUST WENT UP.
OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?**

When local governments want to increase tax revenues, they are required to publish notices in the newspaper so that you will know. But that right to know could disappear.

Local governmental entities across the state want to hide their public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

What you don't know will affect you personally!

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

**KEEP
ON PUBLIC NOTICES**



The Stratford Star



Cross Country



Lady Elk Cross Country team and Stratford Elk Grayson Gonzalez advance to Regional Cross Country on Saturday, November 5 in Lubbock, TX. The Varsity girls finished 3rd in district with Nohemi Ruedas finishing in the top ten with a 6th place finish. Stratford Elk Grayson Gonzalez finished 3rd overall. L/R: Tashea Thies - Coach, Jacie Seward, Jackie Gonzalez, Noemi Franco, Nohemi Ruedas, Grayson Gonzalez, Erika Robles, Mazie Vincent, Mary Ann Spurlock and Ryan Tatum - Coach.



Cross Country

The Junior High boys Cross Country team won the district meet with Gerardo Romero finishing 1st overall. L/R: Francisco Barajas, Julio Duran, Johnny Rivas, Gerardo Romero, Orlando Mayorga and in back Andres Reyes.



Cross Country

The Junior High girls Cross Country team placed 2nd at the district meet and in the top ten were Samantha Gonzalez finishing 1st overall and Diana Franco finishing 5th overall. B/F-L/R: Kelsey Pickens, Lizeth Robles, Sidney Turner, Ella Godsey, Daniella Reyes, Augustina Eizmendi, Samantha Gonzalez, Danielle Ramos, Erika Ortega, Rubie Jimenez, Yadhira Chavoya, Stephanie Vasquez, Alexie Wright, and Diana Franco.



Business Directory

Vincent Insurance Agency

Sabrina Melton
 PO Box 739 Office: 806-396-2456
 Stratford, TX 79084 Home: 396-2512
 Email: vincins@xit.net

Great Lengths Salon



Walk-ins always welcomed

Melissa White
 (806) 396-5004

Stratford Auto Electric

119 S. Wall, Stratford, TX 79084
 Phone-366-5941 or 366-5857
 Alternators, starters, Altronic Repair
 Since 1964
 Roy McAlister

A & I Parts Center

Automotive and Industrial Parts
 201 N. 2nd Street-Stratford, TX 79084
 Tel: (806) 366-5592
 *Toll-free 800-624-5494
 Fax: (806) 366-2583^d

Stratford Grain Company

Stratford 396-5541
 Lautz 769-4485



4 North Main

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
 Call 366-5885

Structured Touch Massage Therapy Clinic

Cece Yelek, CMT, LMT
 301 N. Main St. or 719th Co. Rd P
 Stratford, TX Sunray, TX
 Office 806-366-ahhh (2444)
 Cell 806-290-3655
 9-5 M-F-Sat. by appt

Joe Taylor, Photography

PO Box 27
 1305 N. Chestnut



Stratford, TX 79084
 806-366-2459

Weddings, Portraits, etc

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
 CALL 366-5885

PO Box 510
 Stratford, TX 79084
 Phone: 806-366-5557

Duncan Chevrolet

www.duncanchevrolet.com
 E-mail-duncanch@xit.net
 AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

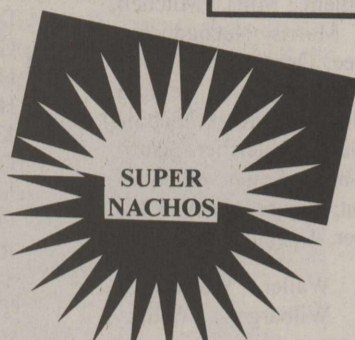
WALTER LASLEY &
 SONS INC.
 THE Feedyard
 Since 1953
 753-4411

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
 CALL 366-5885



NEW TO STRATFORD AND NOW OPEN....THE MIGHTY ELKS GRILL! BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN!!

*This week's special Wed. thru Wed
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
SMOTHERED BURRITO PLATTER with
chips & salsa and a 20 oz. drink \$4.99
Kid's Meal Deal is GRILLED CHEESE
SANDWICH and 16 oz. drink with crazy
straw-\$1.99*



Express Lane

119 E. Texas
Stratford, TX 79084
806-366-5602

Give us 30 minutes and we can serve
Churches, organizations and school events.
Call for more information

KRISPY KRUNCHY CHICKEN

We back the Stratford Elks!!!!

2011 Constitutional Amendments

Nov. 8th, 2011, Texans will have the chance to vote on 10 proposed amendments to the state's constitution.

PROPOSITION 1: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

PROPOSITION 2: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

PROPOSITION 3: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION 4: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

PROPOSITION 5: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into inter-local contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

PROPOSITION 6: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

PROPOSITION 7: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit Conservation and Reclamation Districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

PROPOSITION 8: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

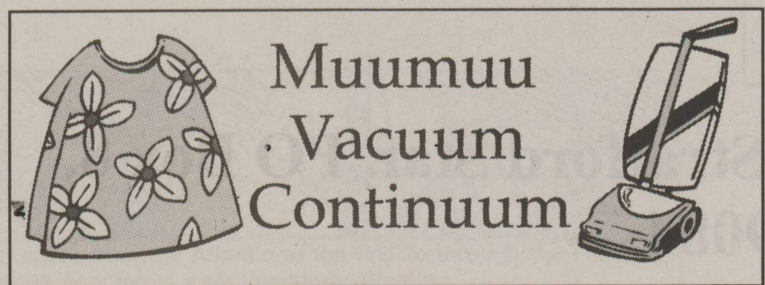
PROPOSITION 9: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

PROPOSITION 10: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

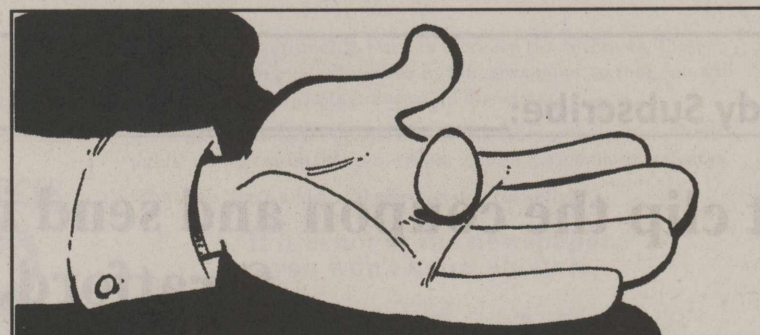
New York Times Best Sellers@Your Library

By Sandy Baskin, Librarian
Fiction

1. The Best of NA' by Nicholas Sparks
 2. The Christmas Wedding by James Patterson
 3. Bonnie by Iris Johansen
 4. The Affair by Lee Child
 5. The Tehran Initiative by Joel Rosenberg
 6. The Lady of the Rivers by Philippa Gregory
 7. The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
 8. A Dance with Dragons by George R. R. Martin
 9. The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman
 10. 1225 Christmas Tree Lane by Debbie Macomber
 11. Lethal by Sandra Brown
 12. Nightwoods by Charles Frazier
 13. Survivors by James Wesley Rawles
 14. Feast Day of Fools by James Lee Burke
 15. Heat Rises by Richard Castle
 16. Neverwinter by R. A. Salvatore
 17. The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson
 18. Kill me If You Can by James Patterson
 19. Son of Stone by Stuart Woods
 20. State of Wonder by Ann Patchett
 21. New York to Dallas by J.D. Robb
 22. Courageous by Randy Alcorn
 23. Only his by Susan Mallery
 24. 1105 Yakima Street by Debbie Macomber
- Non-Fiction
1. Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly
 2. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
 3. In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson
 4. A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard
 5. Rin Tin Tin by Susan Orlean
 6. Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard
 7. Bossypants by Tina Fey
 8. The Quest by Daniel Yergin
 9. Heaven is for Real by Todd Burpo
 10. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
 11. Moneyball by Michael Lewis
 12. Paula Deen's Southern Cooking Bible by Paula Deen
 13. Every Day a Friday by Joel Osteen
 14. Entreleadership by Dave Ramsey
 15. The Dukan Diet by Pierre Dukan
 16. Crazy Love by Francis Chan
- To check the availability of these items go to www.shermancountylibrary.org to search the catalog or call 366-2200



There are only three words in the English language with the letter combination "uu." Muumuu, vacuum and continuum.



The smallest bird egg is believed to be that of the Vervain Hummingbird, of Jamaica. It measures just 0.39 inches and weighs 0.0132 ounces.

USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign up for 2010 Crop Losses

(Stratford, TX) — October 24, 2011 - Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill today announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

"Producers across the state experienced several natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations," said Hemphill. "The SURE program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I strongly encourage producers with 2010 crop losses to contact the Sherman County FSA office to learn more about the program," she said.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster

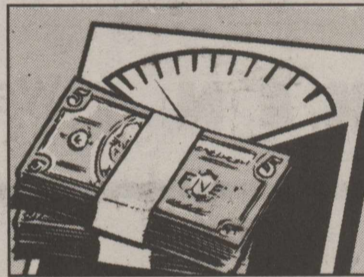
for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits, if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

The following counties received a disaster designation during 2010: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Hale, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Trion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, McCulloch, McLennan, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Menard, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Ochiltree, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Rains, Red River, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Robertson, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Saba, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sherman, Smith, Somervell, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Tarrant, Taylor, Terry, Titus, Tom Green, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Val Verde,

Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Willacy, Williamson, Wise, Wood and Young.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211 or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.



Every U.S. banknote, regardless of value, weighs one gram. That means 454 bills will equal one pound.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres - 92 Texas Counties are Eligible for the Fiscal Year 2012 Authorization

(Stratford, TX) — October 24, 2011 - Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca Hemphill today announced that in response to drought conditions, the Texas FSA State Committee authorized emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 92 Texas counties effective November 1, 2011, for the fiscal year (FY) 2012 winter/spring period. Emergency grazing for FY 2011 ends on October 31, 2011.

"The 2012 CRP emergency grazing period begins on November 1, 2011, and ends on January 29, 2012," said Hemphill. "CRP land previously hayed or grazed, either managed or emergency use, during the previous 12 months is excluded from the FY 2012 grazing authorization," she said.

The following Texas counties are approved for CRP emergency grazing approval for FY 2012: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Bosque, Briscoe, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Fannin, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Jones, Kenedy, Kent, King, Kinney, Kleberg, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, LaSalle, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Montague, Moore, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum.

The FY 2012 CRP emergency authorization permits grazing only. No haying of CRP acres is allowed at this time. Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction on the 2012 annual payment for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage.

The eligible CRP acreage is limited to the acreage located within the approved counties. Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under the emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate as determined by NRCS.

For more information on emergency grazing of CRP acres contact the Sherman County FSA office at 806-396-2211.

Good Luck Elks

September				October			
Day	HI	LOW	Precip	Day	HI	LOW	Precip
1	103	66		1	75	45	
2	98	66		2	88	49	
3	97	66		3	90	49	
4	89	60		4	88	55	
5	75	48		5	82	50	
6	80	47		6	72	53	0.07
7	89	53		7	83	57	
8	71	55	0.07	8	83	54	
9	79	54		9	68	43	
10	78	52		10	64	43	
11	82	52		11	74	44	
12	87	53		12	79	48	
13	96	58		13	73	40	
14	87	58	0.31	14	76	40	
15	69	52	0.40	15	71	42	
16	54	50	0.24	16	82	42	
17	80	54		17	70	43	
18	88	55		18	63	36	
19	80	54		19	60	35	
20	83	58		20	65	35	
21	77	51		21	70	37	
22	74	47	0.45	22	74	41	
23	72	47		23	76	41	
24	87	46		24	82	43	
25	94	53		25	84	44	
26	84	53		26	85	44	
27	84	53		27	46	32	0.02
28	81	54		28	47	27	
29	92	54		29	58	29	
30	78	46		30	72	34	
31				31	64	38	
Total	2488	1615	1.47	Total	2264	1313	0.09
Daily Avg	82.9	53.8		Daily Avg	73.0	42.4	
Avg Temp	68.4			Avg Temp	57.7		
Precip	1.47			Precip	0.09		

Attention New Subscribers And also our loyal subscribers Starting January 1, 2012 our rates will be going up

We are offering you a Fall deal until the end of the year December 31, 2011. All new subscribers-if you subscribe from Thursday October 20, 2011 until the end of the year

Rates are \$27.00 local and out of area \$34.00
(Usual rate \$30.00 and \$37.00)

We are also offering the same reduced rate to all our loyal subscribers (even if you have just paid or whenever you paid, you can get another additional year for paying for it now at the new reduced rate until December 31, 2011. After the first of the year, rates will be Local \$33.00 and out of area \$40.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

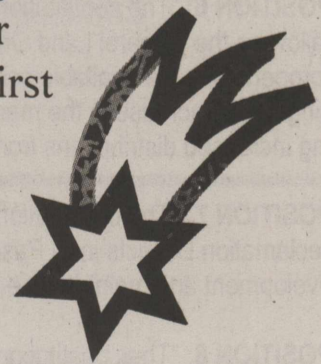
City, State & Zip _____

Local _____

Out of Area _____

New _____

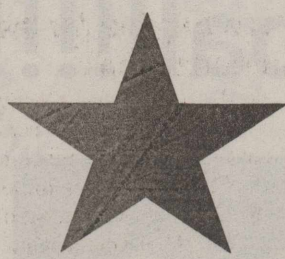
Already Subscribe: _____



We have appreciated your support for all of these years, and would like to offer a discount before we raise our rates after December 31st.

Just clip the coupon and send it to The Stratford Star, PO Box 8, Stratford, Texas 79084

Att: Subscription enclosed



It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

THE STRATFORD STAR
Thursday, November 3, 2011
Page 7

Phone 366-5885

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: 313 N. Pearl; 3bdr, 2 1/2 bth, cha, gas fp, 24 x 29 game/family rm, 2 c garage w/6 person ug shelter, Va approved assumable loan. 806-930-6920 10-27-tfn

HOME: LEASE TO OWN

Brand New 1900 sq. ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage in Texhoma, Texas, \$600 per month. Close to Elementary School. Contact Texhoma School at 806-827-7400 10-13-10-20-10-27

House for Sale-3 BR, 1 1/2 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.

For Rent

Help Wanted

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

First United Methodist Church is seeking a nursery worker to alternate Sunday's from 9 a.m.-noon and during certain church functions. Apply at church office-520 N. Main from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. \$15/hr. Background check will be done before hiring. Call with any questions-396-2178. 10-27-11-3

For Sale

Stainless Steel Frigidaire dishwasher for sale. 4 years old. \$150.00 Call 366-3224 10-20-Oct. 27th 11-3 11-10-p

Garage Sale

Garage Sale Saturday November 12th 1207 N.W. 2nd St. 8 a.m. until noon 11-3,11-10-p

HEALTH

A Medical Warning for Video Gamers

NewsUSA

(NU) - Video gamers who participate in marathon sessions may be putting their health at risk.

In May 2011, a 20-year-old video gamer from England died when a blood clot formed in his leg and moved to his lungs. The man often remained in the same position playing video games for 12 hours straight.

"Movement is essential for proper blood flow," said Anil Hingorani, MD, a member of the Society for Vascular Surgery. "Sitting in the same position for long periods of time - whether playing video games or cramped in a car or on an airplane - can result in pooling of the blood in the veins. Blood clots known as deep vein thromboses (DVT) can form."

The 2011 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics reveal that 300,000 to 600,000 Americans die each year from blood clots in the lungs. In 2003, 39-year-old NBC News reporter David Bloom died when a blood clot in his leg traveled to his lungs. The clot formed after weeks of driving around Baghdad in a cramped military tank.

"Stand up and stretch," advises Dr. Hingorani. "Walk around. Raise and lower your heels and toes. Tighten and release your leg muscles. This will help promote blood flow."

DVTs usually occur in persons who are sick and have had long hospital stays. The risk factors for DVTs include the following:



Sitting in one position for long stretches of time playing video games can increase the risk for blood clots.

- obesity
 - a history of heart attacks
 - strokes
 - congestive heart failure
 - inflammatory bowel disease
- Women who are pregnant, nursing or taking birth control pills are also at increased risk for DVTs.

Half of DVT patients do not experience the warning signs, which include:

- swelling
- tenderness
- leg pain
- a sensation of warmth
- skin that turns blue or red

Ultrasound tests can detect blood clots. Treatment options typically use anticoagulant medication.

For additional information about DVTs or other vascular health conditions, visit www.VascularWeb.org.

Education

(NU) - Organizations such as the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) are trying to raise graduation rates by presenting new ways to earn a degree quickly. With methods like Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and services such as LearningCounts.org, completing credits is more convenient for adult learners.

Hundreds of colleges and universities have used this system to award credit for other forms of learning, such as work experience, civic activity, corporate training and independent studies.

To learn more, go to www.learningcounts.org.

Education

(NU) - Online education is a great solution for working adults seeking an advanced degree. Online programs enable working adults to accommodate their busy schedules. However, despite the schedule flexibility, adult students still must prioritize their responsibilities and commitments.

Savitri Dixon-Saxon, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, associate dean of Walden University's School of Counseling and Social Service, offers a variety of tips for achieving balance, found at www.WaldenU.edu/studytips. Walden University has more than 60 online doctoral, master's and bachelor's degree programs.

Card of Thanks

To my Stratford friends and family
Thank you so much for the cards, the phone calls, the visits, great food and flowers that you sent. My mother loved this town and the people in it. She will be missed and now she is hand in hand with her Lord and my dad. I like to thank Gary Smith for the great service he held for my mother. Thanks to the ladies for the Church dinner for my family and friends. I like to thank my friends for helping me through this time especially Shari and Gregg for opening up their home for me I love you and God bless you all.

Roger Allen

The holidays are just around the corner and the elves at **Acquisitions** have been busy getting ready! We have lots of great new treasures so please join us for our **Holiday Open House!** We'll celebrate with in store specials and \$50 gift card drawings everyday during the week of **Nov. 7th thru Nov. 12th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Have some cider and a cookie and check out our new products made right here in Texas! So please be sure to stop by **at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, Texas** and see what's new. (Check us out on FACEBOOK...)



Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ESTELLA G. RENNER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ESTELLA G. RENNER, were issued on the 24TH day of October, 2011 in Cause No. 2185, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, as joint Independent Executors to:

BEVERLY K. JOHNSON
20552 East CR 160
Altus, Oklahoma 73521

THERESA ROSS
15166 FM 1290
Gruver, Texas 79040

The attorney representing such Estate is as follows:

William Hunter
Hunter & Oelke, PC
507 Denrock Ave.
P. O. Box 792
Dalhart, Texas 79022
Telephone (806) 244-5632
Telefax (806) 244-2863

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this the 24th day of October, 2011.

Hunter & Oelke, PC
By William Hunter
State Bar Card No. 10304000

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of ARCHIE B. WRIGHT, Deceased, No. 2,184 in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, Probate Matter: The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of ARCHIE B. WRIGHT, Deceased, by the Judge of the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 26th day of October, 2011, hereby notifies all persons indebted to this Estate to come forward and to make settlement, and those having claims against this Estate to present them to the Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

Gregory B. Wright
P.O. Box 1304
Stratford, Texas 79084

Gregory Wright, Independent Executor of the Estate of Archie B. Wright
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, November 3, 2011.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City of Stratford, Texas is accepting bids for the possible sale of the real property commonly known as the "East Sewer Plant" located at the northeast part of the City at 121 Airport Road, comprising approximately 2 acres, and described as Two (2) acre tract out of the southeast quarter (SE/4) of section number 165, Block 1-T, T&NO Ry. Co. Survey, Sherman County, TX.

Sealed bids should be submitted by 12:00 PM on, Wednesday, November 9, 2011 to, Kathy Rendon, City Secretary, 518 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas 79084. In order to be eligible to bid, all prospective bidders are required to obtain a copy of the "Notice of Bid Opening for Real Property" which contains detailed bidding instruction requirements. This can be requested at City Hall which is located at the above mentioned address. The City may award the bid that is determined to be the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, October 27, 2011 and Thursday, November 3, 2011

Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application General Permit Authorization No. TXG921221

Application. Reeder Cattle Company, 108 Port O Call, Amarillo, Texas 79118 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new beef cattle facility at 10,000 head in Sherman County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on July 18, 2011. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The new facility will be located 2.5 Miles North of Stratford on Highway 287, Sherman County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the unclassified in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the executive director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Sherman County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 701 North 3rd Street, Stafford, Texas 79084. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=36.395805&lng=102.139382&zoom=13&type=1>. The executive director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

Public Comment. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the executive director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is located. The executive director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

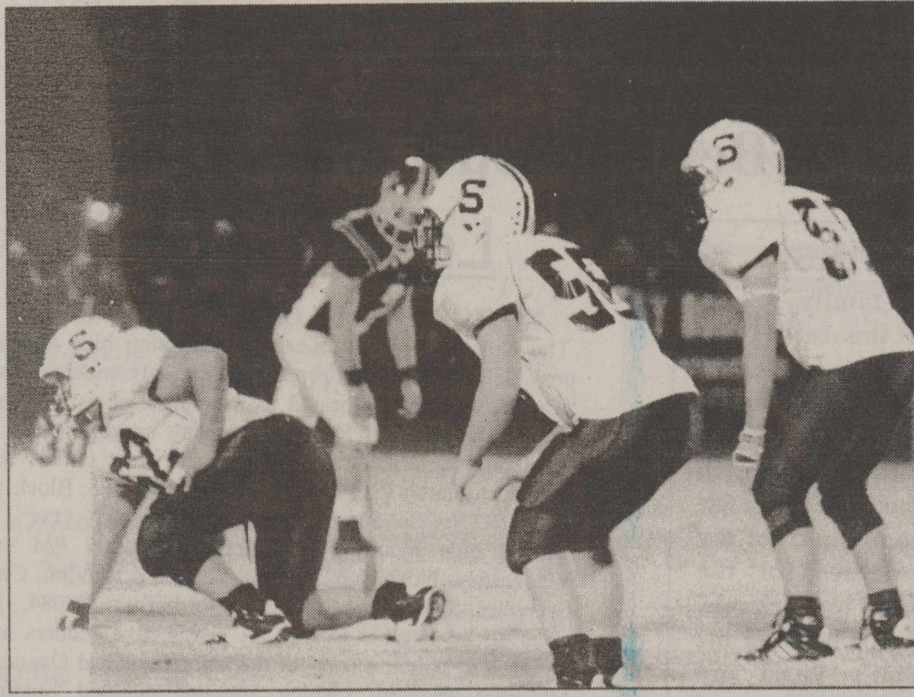
Information. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www10.tceq.state.tx.us/epic/ecomnts/>. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040 Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Issued: October 25, 2011

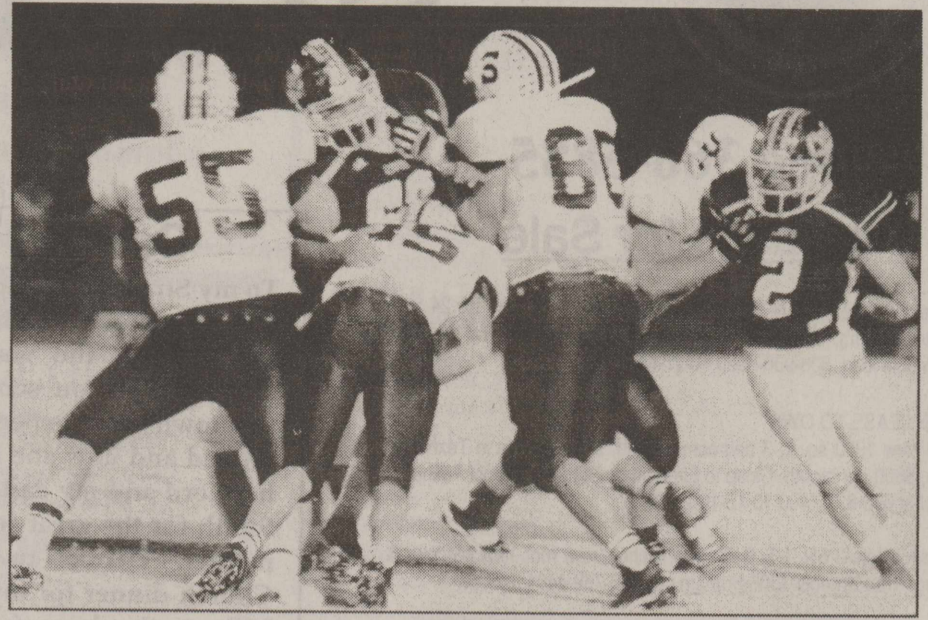
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, November 3, 2011.

Beat West Texas

Boys are back for some football!!!!



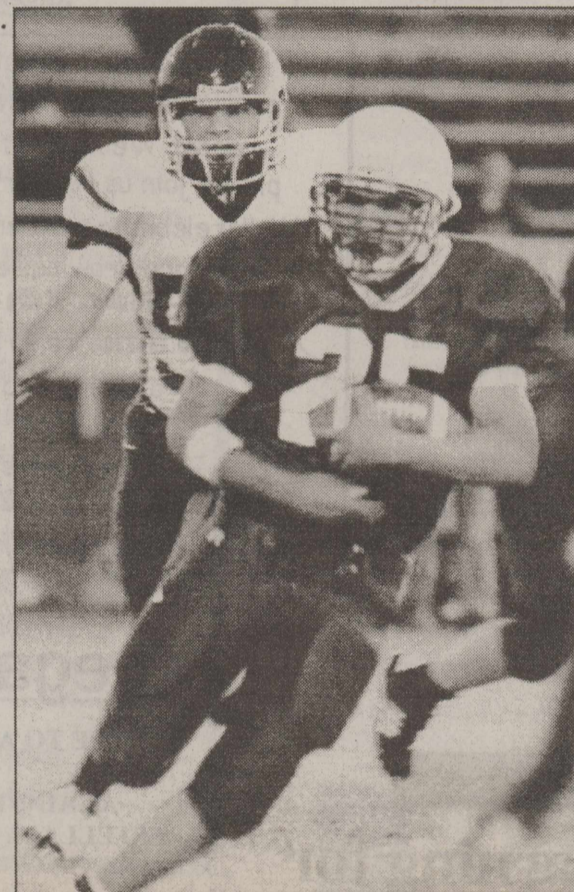
Stratford Elks #62 Leo Ibarra, #58 Chase Lutes and #50 Wyatt Smith get ready on defense in the Elks loss to Sunray on Friday, October 28.



Stratford Elks #55 Casey Lantelme and #60 Derek Vasquez block as #35 Alex Chavoya tries to break through on the carry.



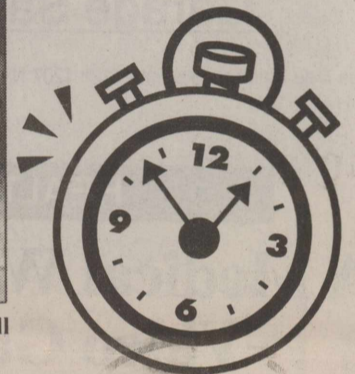
J.V. Elk Christian Martinez breaks loose from Sunray defender to score.



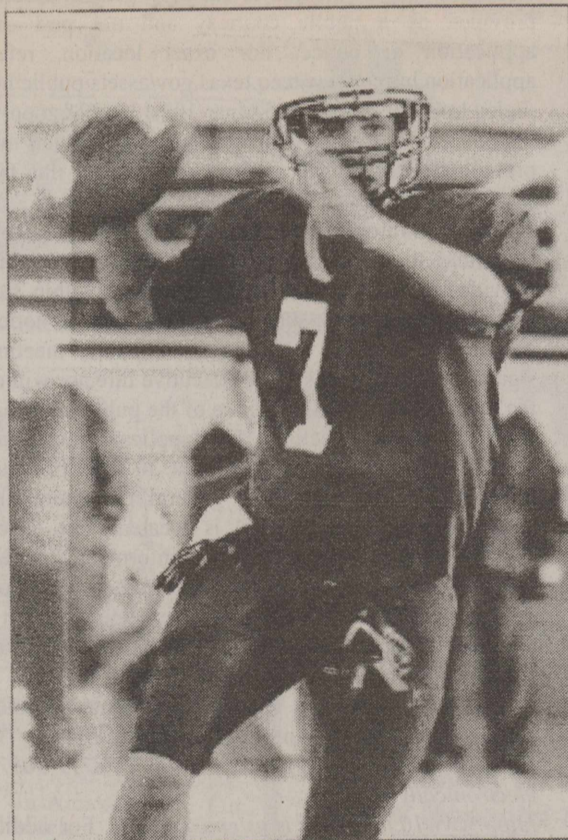
8th grade Elk Gerardo Romero carries the ball into the end zone for the touchdown!



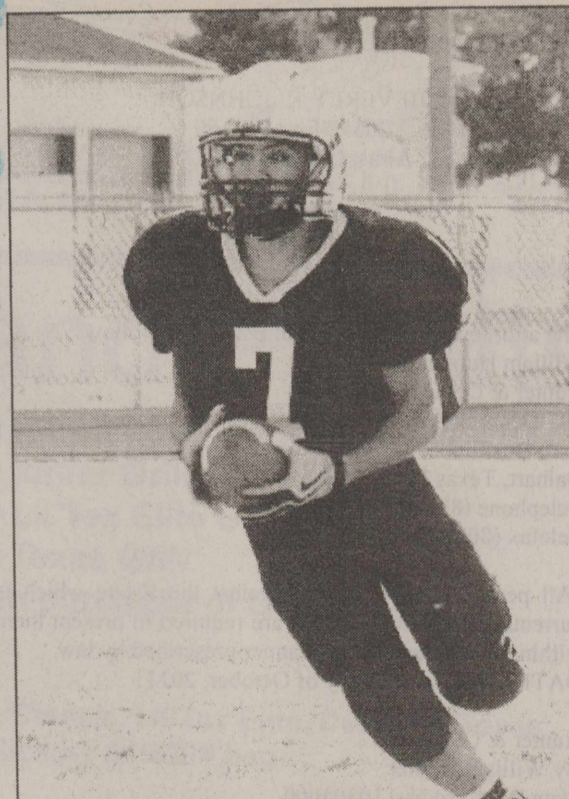
Jimmy Lanning gave the pep talk on Friday, October 28.



Remember to
 change your
 clocks this
 coming
 Weekend
 Fall
 backward



J.V. quarterback Sterling Audrain looks for the pass in the Elks big win over Sunray on Thursday, October 27.



8th grade quarterback Jack McBryde evades the Sunray defense in their big win on Thursday, October 27.

The Stratford Elks held the lead until the fourth quarter where they fell to the Sunray Bobcats 26-12.

Braiden Palmer completed 2 of 8 passes for 26 yards and carried the ball for 73 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Justin Mungia racked up 122 yards on 10 carries and scored one touchdown.

Justin Mungia led the defense with 10 tackles followed by Chase Lutes with 8.

The Elks will face West Texas here on Friday, November 4 and will need the win to advance out of district.

From Senator Kel Seliger To my friends and neighbors in Senate District 31:

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011, Texans will have the opportunity to vote on ten proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. These amendments are the result of measures enacted by the 82nd Legislature that call for a change to the State's constitution. From water to student loans to public school funding, this is a chance for every Texan to have a voice on these important issues that will have an impact on their lives and communities.

I would like to provide you with several online resources that present a complete and accurate explanation and analysis of each amendment. To see the ballot language for each amendment along with brief explanatory statement, www.votexas.org. For an unbiased and more detailed analysis of each amendment, including supporting and opposing opinions, I encourage you to visit the Texas Legislative Council website at www.tlc.state.tx.us/const_amends.htm.

Early voting began October 24 and runs through Friday, November 4th. Please contact your County Clerk or local Elections Office for information about voting locations in your community.

Copy of Amendments on page 5 if this week's edition. Remember to vote Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Cooking Ideas

(NAPS)—Karo syrup has long been an essential ingredient in perfect pecan and pumpkin pies. Light and dark corn syrups perform similarly in recipes and can usually be used interchangeably. For recipes and more information, visit www.karosyrup.com.

Batter can be better when made with Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil instead of butter, since it's cholesterol free and has only a third as much saturated fat. For recipes, cooking advice and information, go to www.pompeian.com and "Like" the company on Facebook.

Available year-round, mangos can give a refreshing twist to just about any dish. Mangos add a natural sweetness and provide more than 20 important nutrients, such as vitamins A and C, plus they're rich in fiber—all for just 100 calories per serving.



Le Cordon Bleu teaches the foundational techniques needed for students to apply their skills and passion to transform traditional cuisine at 16 campuses across the country. Learn more at www.chefs.edu.

Canola oil is a good source of omega-3 and monounsaturated fats but has zero cholesterol and trans fat. For recipes and information visit www.northerncanola.com.