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Prayer Quilt Ladies

Representing the Prayer Quilt Ladies, Jeanne Bell, Billye Zak and D Lynn Reed are shown receiving a \$500 check from the Community Thrift Store. For approximately 14 years, a group of ladies in our community have made quilts for people who are in need of special prayers. Each quilt is sewn together by this group, then individuals involved in churches or other organizations are given the opportunity to pray for the recipient and "tie a knot" in the finishing phase of the quilt, signifying each prayer for the person receiving the Prayer Quilt. These ladies have funded each quilt except for three donations given to them during the 14 years. Sue Hudson commented "Being one of the individuals who has received a Prayer Quilt, I know just how special they are and how special the Prayer Quilt Ladies are". Those mentioned that have been involved in this group were Janice Sladek, Betty Carter, Jeanne Bell, Billye Zak, Janet Reinart, Brenda Brownlee, and D Lynn Reed. There are others who have participated; we just didn't get all the names. Thank you to a very special, caring and giving group of ladies!!

Blue Friday

On Friday, September 4, 2015 all Law Enforcement Agency's stopped at 11 a.m. to have a minute of silence & prayer to remember all law enforcement officers that have been killed and especially Sheriff Deputy Darren H. Goforth of Houston who was recently killed. Friday was wear blue today to honor all law officers. Stratford Sheriff's office, Police Department and EMTs, Fire Dept. Highway Patrol etc. were at the intersection of 54/287 to honor the fallen officer. I am always proud to live in Stratford and Texas but extremely proud of our community. Please support your local law enforcement; they are there to protect each and every one of us, every day. We do not tell them enough. Thanks guys, you will always be in our prayers.



Deadline to Enroll in Key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Approaches

Producers have Until Sept. 30 to Sign Up for ARC/PLC and MPP-Dairy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3, 2015 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Sept. 30 to enroll in several key Farm Bill safety net programs - Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy).

"These programs provide important risk protection for farm and dairy operations, so it is important not to miss the deadline for enrollment," said Dolcini. "Producers already have elected ARC or PLC, so now is the time to sign the contract and enroll for the 2014 and 2015 crop years. I also remind dairy operations to enroll for coverage in 2016. Just \$100 covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin, and with incremental premiums, up to an \$8 margin can be covered."

ARC and PLC programs trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to enroll in ARC or PLC. Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. The elections for each farm stay in place through 2018, but ownership and shares can be adjusted through the annual enrollment. For additional program information, visit

MPP-Dairy offers protection to producers when the difference between the milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Participating dairy farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a \$100 administrative fee each year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year. MPPDairy payments are based on an operation's historical production, which will increase by 2.61 percent in 2016, if the operation participated in 2015, providing a stronger safety net. More than half of the nation's dairy producers are enrolled in the program. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy

For more program information, contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>

These risk management programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic investments made in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has progressively implemented each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Beginning Tai Chi Classes

A beginners/senior Tai Chi class will be offered at the Sherman County Public Library for two days a week from September 14th - October 22nd. CeceYelek will be leading the class beginning on Monday, September 14th at 6-7 p.m. Class schedule will be twice a week on Mondays at 6-7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9-10 a.m. and it is not necessary that you attend all the classes. Recent medical studies from Emory University confirm that just 20 minutes a day of Tai Chi can dramatically improve your coordination and balance, which for the elderly, can significantly cut the risk of falls. Classes are FREE! For more information, please call the library at 366-2200.

Busy Summer for Library

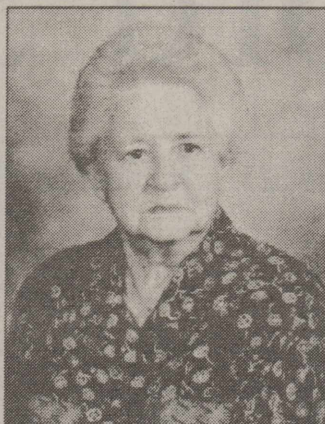
WOW! What a summer the library has had! This summer the library was fortunate to receive a grant from the Texas Commission of the Arts to provide a storyteller, Sue Krentz from Belverde, Texas, to visit our library. The summer reading programs in July were led by Erin Gerrond with the assistance of several volunteers. Nine "Movie Madness" afternoons provided entertainment for 229 children. The library has entertained, educated, and helped citizens apply for jobs for the months of June-August. The total people visiting the library were 7,467 and needless to say we were busy. Thanks to all who volunteered their time, the children who were respectful to the employees, and the community's continued support.

"Whale of a sale Friday & Saturday Sept. 11 and 12

The Imagination Station will be holding their "Whale of a Sale" on September 11 and 12. Sneak a peek is Friday, September 11 from 4-6 p.m. Whale of a sale Saturday the 12th from 8-noon. Modern Woodmen is providing a matching grant up to \$2500. Come by and buy some treasures or just donate. Special items are large lot of yarn, 6 upholstered chairs, table & 6 caster chairs, entertainment center, queen bed, decorator pillows (some new), a special section for new items and very nice decorator items.

**Band Boosters
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Obituaries



Nettie Mae Isham Harding
December 11, 1914 September 2, 2015

Nettie Mae (Isham) Harding, 100 of Stratford, passed away on Wednesday- September 2, 2015. Due to her wishes there will be no service. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Nettie was born December 11, 1914, to Lora and Hillery Isham in Texico, New Mexico., The family homesteaded in Oklahoma. She grew up in Clinton, Oklahoma and attended Clinton Business College. She married Wayne Harding in 1934 and they had three children. JoWayne Summerour, Dalhart, Texas, George Harding, Stratford, Texas and Lorelei Funk, Dalhart. Nettie and Wayne made their home in Stratford. Nettie and Irene Wakefield started the library for Stratford in a spare room in the Courthouse and it has grown to be a wonderful institution for the town. She loved playing bridge and reading, scrabble and working crossword puzzles. She always was very knowledgeable about what was happening locally and worldwide in the news. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Stratford and Dalhart. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, and two sisters, Mable Hawkins, and Virgie Biddy.

She is survived by three children, six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren and one sister, Esta Phipps of Oklahoma City.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Sherman County Public Library in Stratford, Texas 79084.

Good Luck Elks Beat Fritch

**Homecoming 2015,
Friday, September 11th
Elks vs Fritch
Come out and support
our Elks**

**Andy Crocker to present
program at Scot Hall
Monday, Sept. 14th**

Andy Crocker of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be in Stratford to speak on "Medicare Preventative health Screenings and Other benefits to which you are entitled as well as preventing Medicare Waste, Fraud and Abuse". The program will be held at SCOT Hall on Monday, September 14th at 2:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by SCOT and The Sherman County AgriLife Extension Service. For more information contact Jill Killian, Sherman County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Science at 806-366-2081

**Please Remember
Friday, Sept. 11,
(9-1-1)
We will never forget**

September 18 Deadline for Lollipop Orders

September 18 will be the last day to place an order for the Deli International Frozen Food Sale sponsored by Lollipop Junction.

A variety of pizzas, flatbread pizza, garlic breadsticks, cheese bread, assortment of cookie dough, cinnamon rolls, sweet breads, pies, pastries, and main dishes will be offered. Many of these items can be ordered in bulk quantities.

Sale brochures are available from Lollipop Junction board members, staff, families of children enrolled at Lollipop Junction, and at the child day care center. To place an order, contact Lollipop board members, Valarie Naugle 366-2862, Martha Duncan, 366-5557, Christina Brown 366-3001, Brent Reed 753-7584, Koreley Whittington 432-693-6224, or Susie Spurlock 396-2864. In addition, individuals may contact Lollipop Junction, telephone 366-5886 or view sale brochure at Stratford Grain office.

Orders may be placed anytime through September 18th. Payment is expected at time of order. Orders will be available for pickup on the first full week of October.

Proceeds from the food sales will benefit the nonprofit childcare center operations. The center cares for 46 children and offers activities that promote physical and emotional development and assist in helping children prepare for formal education. Families who utilize or have utilized the services of Lollipop Junction represent employees of several businesses including Stratford ISD, Duncan Chevrolet, A&I Parts, Coldwater Manor, City of Stratford, Sherman County, Sherman County Appraisal District, Stratford Feedyard, Stratford Grain, First State Bank, Happy State Bank, and Old Biddy Café.

To learn more about Lollipop Junction and its programs and activities, visit the center at 210 N. Main.

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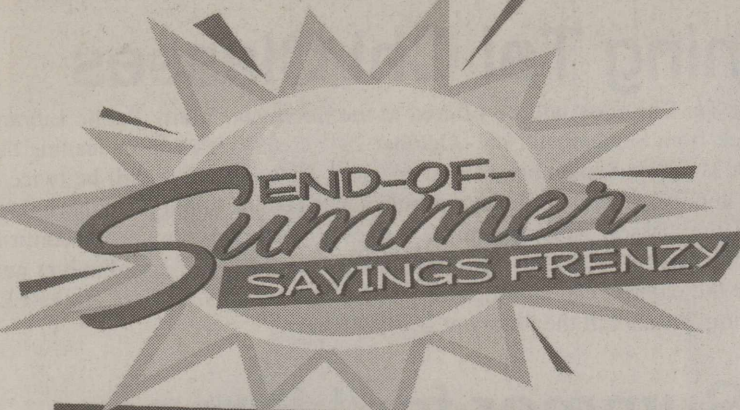
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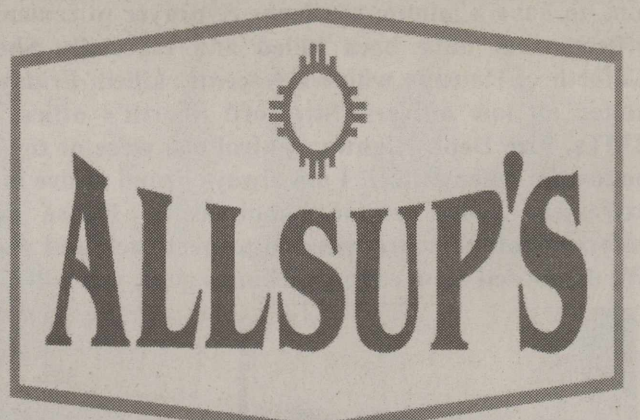
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Thanks-Marty

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Marcelle Celebrates "95"

Marcelle Sutton was honored with a 95th Birthday Party on Sunday, August 30 at First Christian Church. The celebration was hosted by her family. She enjoyed the many folks who stopped by to wish her a happy day and got lots of cards. Refreshments were served. Happy birthday Marcelle. You are a classy young lady!

Good Luck Elks



Dog Days of August at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

The heat of summer has arrived at Dalhart, but the Legacy residents are still going strong. XIT Celebration started the month off with a bang. From a visit with the Directors, queen contestants, Queen and Little Mr. & Miss to eating great BBQ, Legacy residents participated in a wide array of events.

The monthly birthday party was held on August 14. Sweet Treat Lemonade cake and Golden Glow Fruit punch were served. The program was a discussion of famous left-handed people. International Left handed day was Aug. 13. The monthly Dutch-treat lunch was at the Sugar Shack. Six residents had a great lunch on August 18th. The monthly outing on August 4 was attending the XIT Melodrama dress rehearsal. Three residents enjoyed the play. Challenge topics this month were: Pinkerton National Detective Agency and Pluto - Planet or Not. The monthly movie selection was Annie starring Carol Burnett.

The summer Bible study was completed Wednesday, August 26. Following the study session, participants brought salads and shared a salad luncheon. Legacy residents had a preparation time on Tuesday to prepare their contribution: Cornbread salad and Snickers salad. The study of the book James provided many thought provoking ideas and provided for lively discussion. Thanks to the ladies of the Missionary Guild at the First Christian Church for participating with the Legacy residents.

Quail Run apartments had their monthly pot-luck supper on August 11. Legacy staff and one resident participated in this event. Legacy staff and one resident participated in Dalhart Sr. Citizens lunch on August 25. The First Baptist Church youth came to visit on Saturday, August 22. They brought stuffed animals to each resident.

September has National Assisted Living Week celebrated on September 13-19. The national theme is Nourishing Life - Mind, Body and Spirit. Many exciting activities are planned for this special weeklong celebration.

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 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 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. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 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 Oracion 6 p.m.
Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
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St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

Church of Christ
Iglesia De Cristo
Raymond Glendinning
Juan Campos
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.

Heritage Bible Baptist
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302 S. Main
For more info-call 396-2212
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Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Explanatory Statements for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the

exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 75)

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "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 who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 52)

SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 73)

HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 22)

SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve

and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

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**Bryan Clift
announced as NEO's
2015 Outstanding
Young Alumnus
award recipient**

Officials at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (NEO) announced Bryan Clift as this year's Outstanding Young Alumnus. The award recognizes alumni under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their profession and community. Clift will be formally honored during the Alumni Awards luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 26, at noon in the Calcagno Family Ballroom. All alumni and friends of the college are invited to attend. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under.

To purchase a ticket or for more information, please contact the NEO Development Foundation office at 918-540-6115. NEO's homecoming festivities Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. This year's homecoming theme is "NEO Superheroes in Disguise." Clift is a 1997 graduate of Tishomingo High School and an alum of NEO. He received his associate's degree in applied science from the college in 1999. While a student at NEO, he majored in agriculture and was a member of the NEO baseball team. Clift said he credits NEO not only as the first step of his collegiate education, but the place where he met his wife, Jana. The couple now has three daughters, Kaytly, 11; Morgan, 9; and Ellie, 6.

After graduating from NEO, Clift continued his education at Oklahoma State University where he earned a bachelor's degree. He then relocated to Amarillo, Texas, acquired his Texas realtors license and began a career in the land brokerage business. In 2012, Clift and his family moved to Stratford, Texas to manage a 400-acre irrigated farm. In addition to the farm, Clift manages one of 11 branch offices for Clift Land Brokers.

Although devoted to his family and career, Clift is also active in his community. He has volunteered for various boards including: the Texas Wheat Board, Stratford ISD School Board, Sherman County Development Committee, Sherman County Advocates for Ag and oversees the Stratford Youth Sports program.

Additionally, Clift recently completed a two-year commitment with the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leaders. The elite program creates Texas leaders to help ensure effective understanding and encourage positive action on key issues, theories, policy and economics that will advance the agriculture industry.

"As a young professional, Bryan has been very successful in his career as a farm and ranch broker and active in his community," said Executive Director of the NEO Development Foundation, Jennifer Hesse. "Bryan was a standout athlete and student at NEO and has now put his education to good use. He serves as a great example to other young NEO alumni."

**A Medical Benefit Account
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As Extension Program Specialist III - Gerontology and Health, Andy Crocker's focus is to support education and outreach regarding the health and well-being of the aging population in the State of Texas. His main role is to support the County Extension Agents for Family and Consumer Sciences in their outreach efforts to older adults, caregivers and the professionals who serve them.

Since joining AgriLife Extension in 2003, Mr. Crocker has worked to develop resources to help older adults improve their health literacy through communication with their health provider and better medication management; navigate the Internet and access reliable health information; and provide information and referral to grandparents rearing their grandchildren. He has also developed trainings for health professionals, Adult Protective Services caseworkers and other professionals on Alzheimer's disease, end-of-life decision-making and maintaining independence, among others.

Mr. Crocker is the author of a six-lesson series intended to help older adults improve their memories through use of memory strategies, proper nutrition and medication management. He also serves as a leader for the national extension initiative in the Family Caregiving Community of Practice, Child and Family Learning Network and Military Families Learning Network - Military Caregiving. A popular conference speaker, Mr. Crocker is frequently sought to provide training to professionals and/or information to the public at conferences within Texas and throughout the nation. To-date, he has sought and received over \$1.44M in competitive grant funding, including more than \$892,000 as Principal Investigator.

Mr. Crocker serves on a number of boards throughout the State of Texas including the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and the Texas KinCare Taskforce. He is a past recipient of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Superior Service Award and a two-time recipient of the Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' Specialist Award for Distinguished Achievement.

Mr. Crocker earned a B.A. in Biology (2001) and an M.S. in Gerontology (2002) from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Doric Theatre to Rise from Ashes

Almost 35 years ago, the single screen at the Doric Theatre in Elkhart, Kansas went dark. In 2016, the Doric theater will come alive again with the Magic of Hollywood and live theater performances by the Morton County Community Theatre group.

Built in 1918, the Doric Theatre provided a venue for live Vaudeville performances and silent movies. Mitchell Theatres purchased the property from the theater group last Friday. "Our county has struggled a bit lately but we are going to pull through it together," stated Brian Mitchell, "so what better way to show our confidence in the future, than to reopen our local theater."

Although showing movies will be the primary goal, Mitchell Theatres and the Morton County Theatre group will work together to make the venue a nice place to view live theater. Additional lighting, sound and a staging area will all be considered in the remodel process.

Single movie screens in small towns are referred to as "Weekenders" in the movie business. They typically only operate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Film companies do not provide first run product to Weekenders, but they show movies that have been released for 3 or 4 weeks. The movies will change every weekend. On weekends when the Morton County Community Group has performances, there will be no movie shown.

"As most people realize, small town theaters lose money or are lucky to break even, even when run with volunteers. The movie business has been very good to our family, so what better way to give back to our community," stated Kenny Mitchell.

"However, this will not be your typical small-town single-screen theater," Brian Mitchell laughed. Remodel plans include stadium seating with high back rocker seats, 7.1 digital surround sound and extra wide row spacing. Other plans may include a lounge area where patrons can enjoy a glass of wine or a beer before the movie. "We may also work with local restaurants to provide additional food options, sort of a scaled down version of an Alamo Drafthouse or Studio Movie Grill," Mitchell said. "There is not a lot of excess space but we will make the most of what is there. We have lots of ideas, so it will be fun to see which ones will ultimately work out."

The Doric Theatre remodel will take place in conjunction with adding a ninth screen to Mitchell Theatres Sequoyah 8 in Garden City, Kansas. Both projects are targeted for completion in spring or early summer of 2016.

When completed, Mitchell Theatres will own and operate 102 screens in 14 locations across Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico & Oklahoma. Mitchell Theatres is currently the 44th largest theater circuit in the nation, with its corporate headquarters located in Elkhart, Kansas.

Mitchell Theaters

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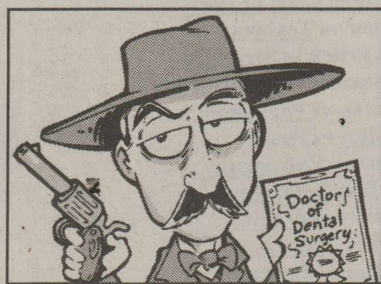
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The gambler and gun fighter John Henry "Doc" Holliday received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in 1872.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 5:05 p.m. at the Stratford City Hall. The City of Stratford is in the process of developing and considering, for submission, a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for improvements of the City's recreational facilities. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input about the potential park plan and grant application and to hear citizen comments relating to the future development of parks and recreational activities in Stratford. The City invites all interested citizens to attend the public hearing. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Kathy Rendon, City Secretary, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084. For directions to the public hearing, please call 806-366-5581. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the City at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.

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

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, care, visits, food and concern shown our family in the passing of Jack. A special thanks to Pastor Steve Ulrey, Lem Russell and the ladies of the First United Methodist Church for the super job they did taking care of our family for lunch. There are many others we would like to thank but we know we would miss some if we try to name all names. Just know we appreciate you all for the kindness shown our family.

The family of Jack Slover

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)

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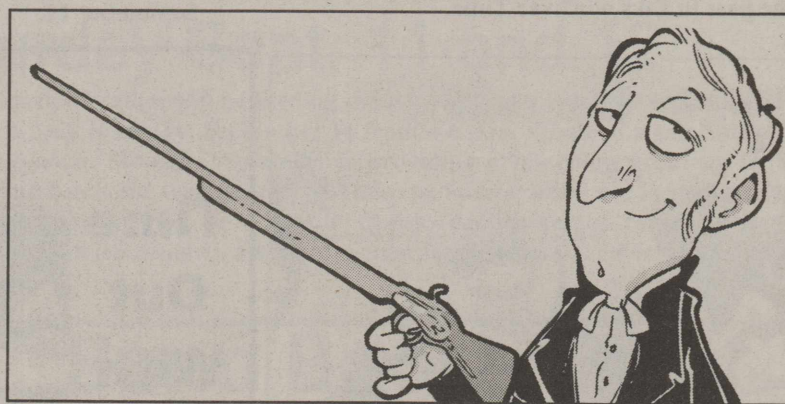
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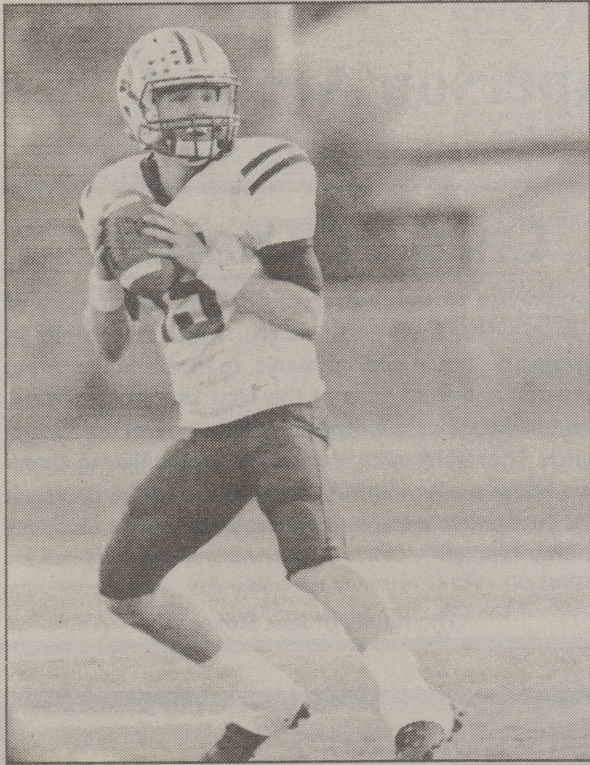


In 1798, Eli Whitney secured a U.S. government contract for \$134,000 to produce 10,000 muskets for the Army.



A favorite for snacks, s'mores and piecrust, the graham cracker was developed in 1829 by the Rev. Sylvester Graham. The true graham cracker is made with graham flour, which is a coarsely ground wheat flour.

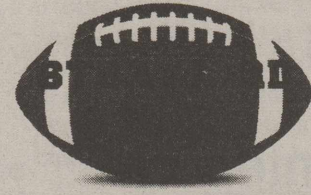
"Friday Night Lights"



Stratford Elk quarterback #15 Jack McBryde looks for a receiver down field in the Elks 73-0 win over Tulia.



Stratford Elk #44 Blake Griffin breaks free from Tulia defender in the Elks win over Tulia.



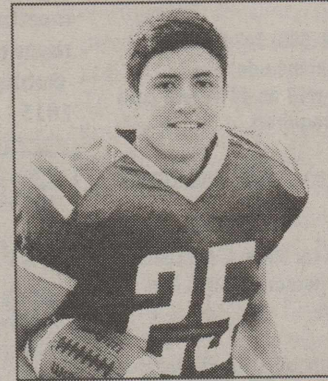
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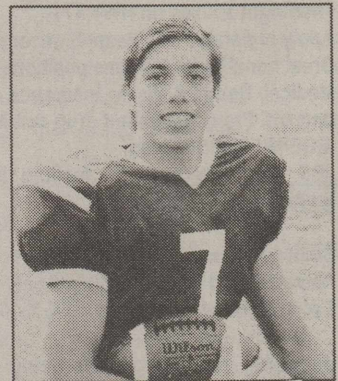
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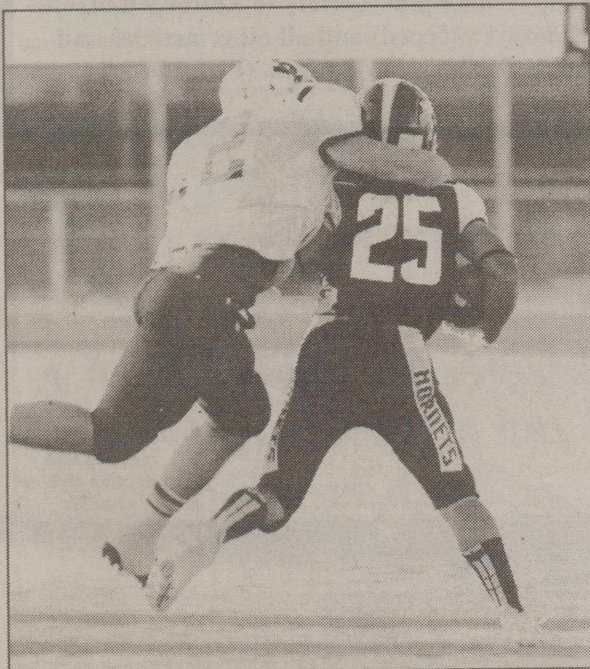
Blake Griffin



Andy Reyes



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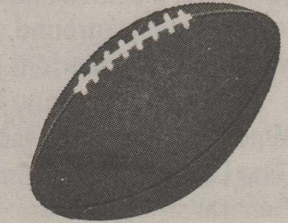
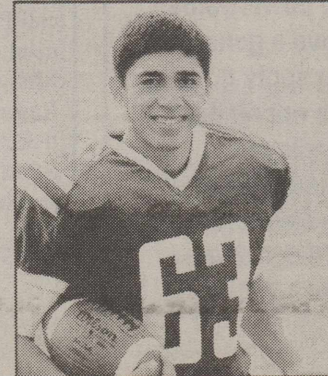
Stratford Elk #52 Tanner Stone brings down Tulia player on the run.

The Stratford Elk ran over Tulia 73-0 on Friday, September 4, 2015.

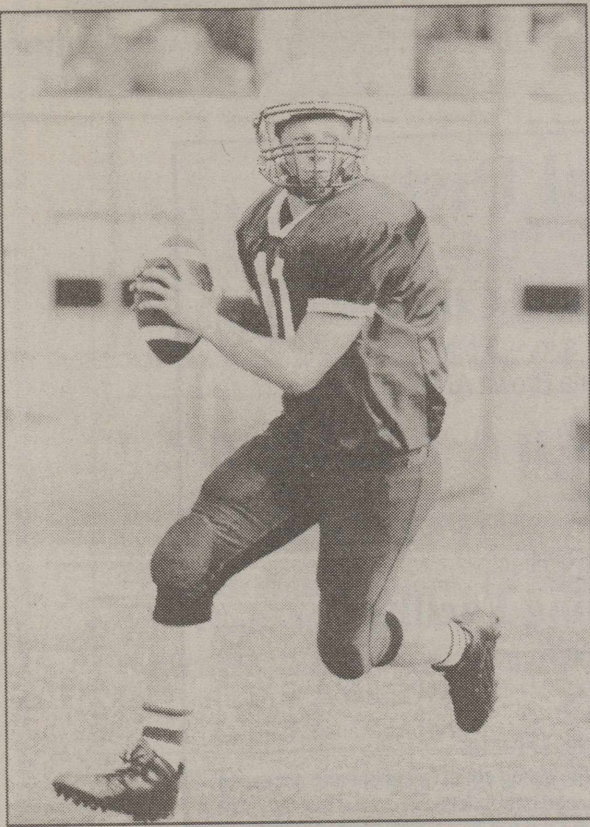
Jack McBryde completed 7 or passes for 109 yards and one touchdown. Ty Hess caught 3 passes for 71 yards and one touchdown. Gage Brooks carried the ball for 112 yards on 5 carries and scored one touchdown followed by Blake Griffin with 106 yards on 8 carries and scored 3 touchdowns. Kevin Hernandez carried the ball for 100 yards on 11 carries and scored 3 touchdowns. Also scoring for the Elks was Fernando Jacquez. Joaquin Gutierrez scored 8 PATs for the Elks.

Tanner Stone led the defense with 9 tackles followed by Andy Reyes with 8 tackles.

Players of The Week: Offensive Line – Tanner Stone; Offensive Back – Blake Griffin; Defensive Line – Andy Reyes; Defensive Back – Fernando Jacquez and Special Teams – Erasmo Ibarra.



Erasmo Ibarra



J.V. Elk quarterback #11 Kade McBryde looks for the pass in Elks win over Tulia.



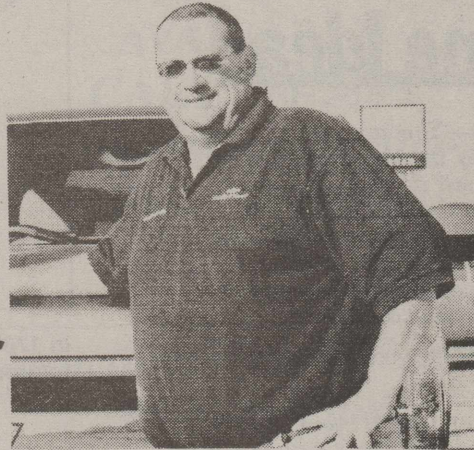
2015 Homecoming queen candidates from left Alexie Wright, Yadhira Chavoya, Samantha Gonzalez, Chesney Rendon, and Nicolle Law. The queen will be crowned at the Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday, September 11.



Sergio Guerrero #7 picks up some yards on the carry in the Elks 58-0 win over Tulia.

**Good
Luck
Elks**

**Time
Out
With
Roger**



OK BM I was wrong, Good enough? Friday night the Stratford Elks went to Tulia and put a whooping on them, 73-Egg! Stats tell the tale-total yards ELKS 511, Tulia 74-Keep it up! This week is the big homecoming, against a longtime Rival, Fritch Eagles! Better known as the Fritch Frogs! Get a Frog! All week will be homecoming activities, so have fun! Now ELKS you have to focus because the frogs will come in here hungry! So let's all meet at the Stadium a little before 7 p.m. and root the mighty Elks on! Game starts at 7 p.m. Sept. 11! We sure need a rain but thank you Lord for Everything! Once An Elk always An Elk!
Roger Malon Allen

Week two Winner Keri Walden

Ronald Brooks class of 1968
Gruver vs Texhoma
Sanford Fritch vs Stratford
El Paso Montwood vs Amarillo high
Spearman vs Panhandle
Valley vs happy
Sundown vs Abernathy
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Roger Allen Class of 1981
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