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4-H Holding Coat Drive

Sherman County 4-H is continuing to collect coats for their One Day 4-H Community Service project. The Coat Drive will benefit kids in our area. 4-H members will collect gently used or new coats. Clean out your closets and find outgrown or unused coats that 4-H can pass on to others. All sizes of coats are needed not just children's sizes. If you would rather make a cash donation, the 4-H members can purchase a new coat. Your cash donations will be greatly appreciated as well. If you have a coat that needs a minor repair go ahead and donate those as well and 4-H clothing project members can make those repairs and pass the coats on. This project is part of One Day 4-H - a statewide community service day. When you have gathered your gently used or new coats that you would like the Sherman County 4-H Council members to pick up call the 4-H office (806-366-2081) or drop them off at the Extension office at the courthouse. We will also be collecting jackets, sweatshirts, gloves, and hats to help keep kids warm this winter. If you have any questions please call Jill at the Extension Office at 366-2081.



Lollipop Junction kiddos shown above and below 2016 Toddler Western Day and 2016 Pres-Midnight Madness

Good Luck Elks

LOLLIPOP NEWS

Do you know that Lollipop Junction has an average of 32 children daily who receive care at the nonprofit childcare center? Thirty-four families depend upon the services that Lollipop Junction provides so that they can be employed in our community.

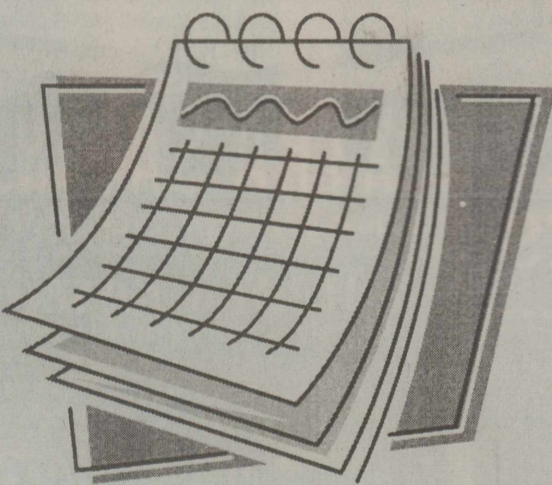
In order for parents to enjoy the lowest fees possible for childcare in Stratford, Lollipop conducts two fundraisers a year. Proceeds from these events are used to maintain the building, provide new toys and equipment for the children to use at the center, and train staff members in order to meet the developmental needs of children.

Zak's Cheese Sales and Pumpkin Rolls are being offered for sale on a pre-paid order basis from October 3-21. These food items will be delivered the week of November 14.

Zak's Cheese offers a variety of cheese, summer sausage, popcorn, and candy. The recipe just like Grandma's makes the pumpkin rolls—filled with cream cheese and pecans in a 10-inch roll. The pumpkin rolls sell for \$15.00 each.

To learn more about the fundraiser and to place an order, contact either Koreley Whittington at (432) 693-6224, Christina Brown at (806) 930-5762, Susie Spurlock at (806) 396-2864 or drop by the day care center located at 210 N. Main in Stratford.

Your support of Lollipop Junction will be greatly appreciated.

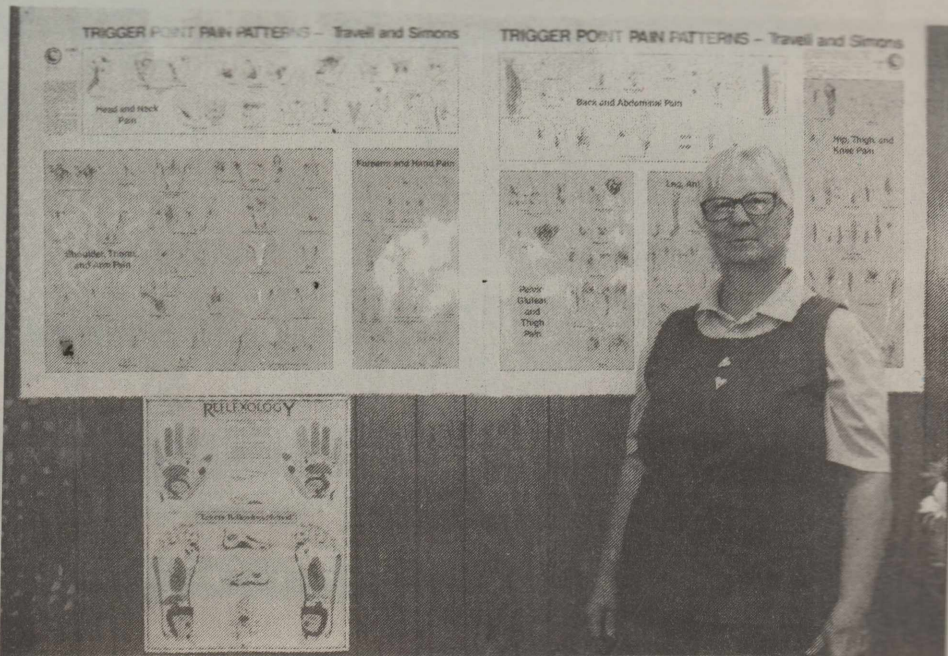


Business of the Month

Business of the month sponsored by SCDC and Stratford Star

Structured Touch Massage

Cece Green Yelek is the owner and operator of Structured Touch Massage. Cece is a Licensed Massage Therapist. She attended the Boulder School of Massage Therapy, practiced in Colorado from 1993-2005 Moved to Texas in 2005, and got her license to practice here in Texas in 2008. Cece also graduated BSMT in December 1993, Additional Schooling with Paul St. John in Neuromuscular Therapy (treatment work). Cece was born in Bronxville, New York on December 31, 1952. She is married to Dave Yelek, and they each have a daughter, Cece is Katie Green and grandson Brennan Lyman, Fort Collins, Colorado and Dave's daughter is Andrea and Dustin Glenn from Plainview, TX. Cece is a member of the Will James Society, American Morgan Horse Assn. (Former Board member). She loves having raised, owned and trained and breeds Morgan horses since 1962. She says she loves riding, driving and raising Morgans. She especially loves working with the folks in and around Sherman County. Cece's business address is XIT Building at 401 N. 3rd here in Stratford. Phone number she can be reached at for appointments is 806-290-3655. Thank you Cece for agreeing to be our first Business of the Month.



What's Happening- In Stratford

Annual Trunk or Treat
Monday Oct. 31, 2016
6-8 p.m. on Main Street

More info elsewhere in this week's issue

2nd Annual Breakfast Food Drive by XIT
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Storm Siren testing on
Wednesdays at 12 noon

Scot Hall Activities-
(listed elsewhere in paper)

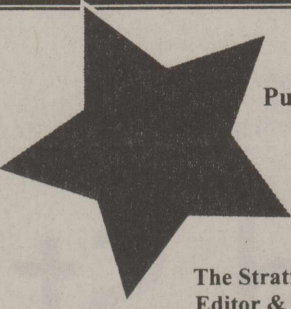
Stratford Elks to Play Sunray Friday
October 7, 2016 at Sam Bass Stadium
First District Game
Go Elks

Lollipop Junction
Annual Cheese Sales

Business Spotlight October 6th issue
of The Stratford Star
Structured Touch Massage
in this week's issue

Christmas Parade
Wednesday Nov. 30, 2016 @ 6 p.m. on
Main Street
More info in later issues

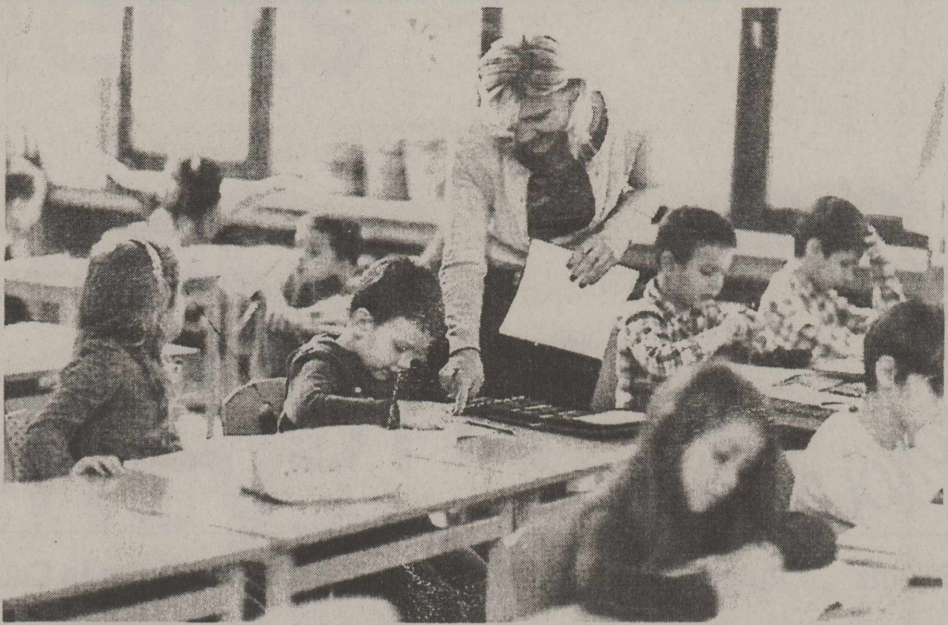
Clements Insurance Agency
Open House and Hamburger Feed
Monday, October 10, 2016
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 Thanks-Marty

SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES
 Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F
 Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-
 Mondays 1:30 p.m.
 Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F
 10:00 -10:30 a.m.
 Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 8:15-10:00 a.m.
 Monthly Luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
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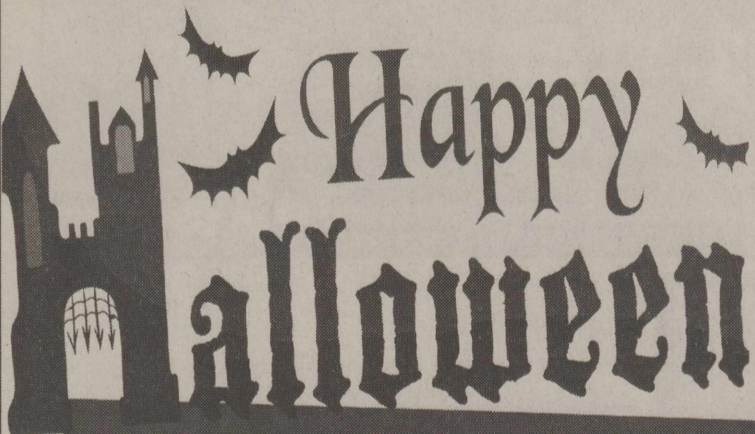
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Eta Alpha's 33rd Annual Arts & Crafts Bazaar is Saturday, October 29, 2016 in Boise City, OK At the Community Building on North Cimarron St.

A full day, shop early for Christmas, so many choices, Lunch available & gifts given away all day.

Two Door Prizes given away at 4:00 pm with proceeds going towards Boise City Recreation Foundation, specifically The Splash Pad.

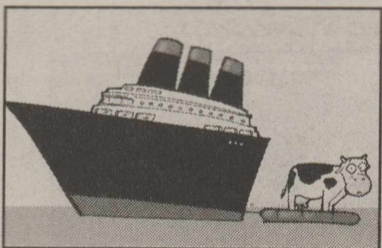
Open to ALL Artists, Craft persons & Commercial Exhibitors

If interested in obtaining a Booth call immediately-Call Frankie Robertson 580-544-2252 or 580-517-1943 if no answer leave a message & phone # Or call Ruby Gore 580-544-2447

Good Luck Elks Beat Sunray



Pan American World Airways started the use of nautical terms in connection with air travel. Words like "captain" and "steward" were used to attract customers who were accustomed to luxury ship travel. They also began dressing its crews in naval-style uniforms.



On July 4, 1840, HMS Britannia left Liverpool, England with a cow on board to supply fresh milk to the passengers on the 14-day transatlantic crossing.



Pumpkin decorating contest October 27th at Happy State Bank

Pumpkin artists of all ages are invited to bring their masterpieces to be judged in a pumpkin decorating contest at Happy State Bank.

Contestants can start bringing their decorated pumpkins to the Texas Room at Happy State Bank on October 25th. Judging will take place at noon on Thursday October 27th.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three pumpkin decorators in each division:

- Age 0 – Pre-K
- Kindergarten – 4th grade
- 5th grade – 12th grade
- Adult
- Commercial/Business

All entries will also be considered for the following categories:

- Most Beautiful
- Famous Character
- Most Frightening

Everyone is invited to come see the spooky, sparkly, strange and simply gorgeous pumpkins on display at Happy State Bank from October 25th to 27th.

Entries can be picked up after 3:00 PM on October 27th. And no later than Friday Oct. 28th

Please call Happy State Bank at 806-366-2265 with questions about the pumpkin decorating contest.



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
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.

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.

Heritage Bible Baptist
Pastor Mark Looney
302 S. Main

For more info-call 396-2212
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



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Domingo (Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11 a.m. Estudio
Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m.
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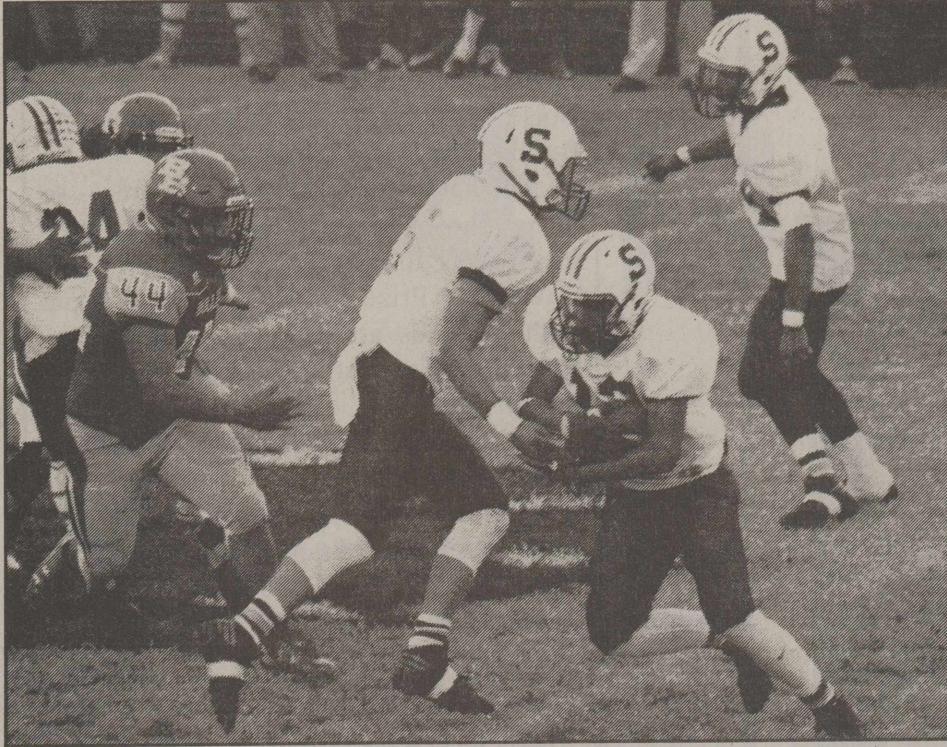
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Asambleas De Dios
Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela
806-366-3071
205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

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

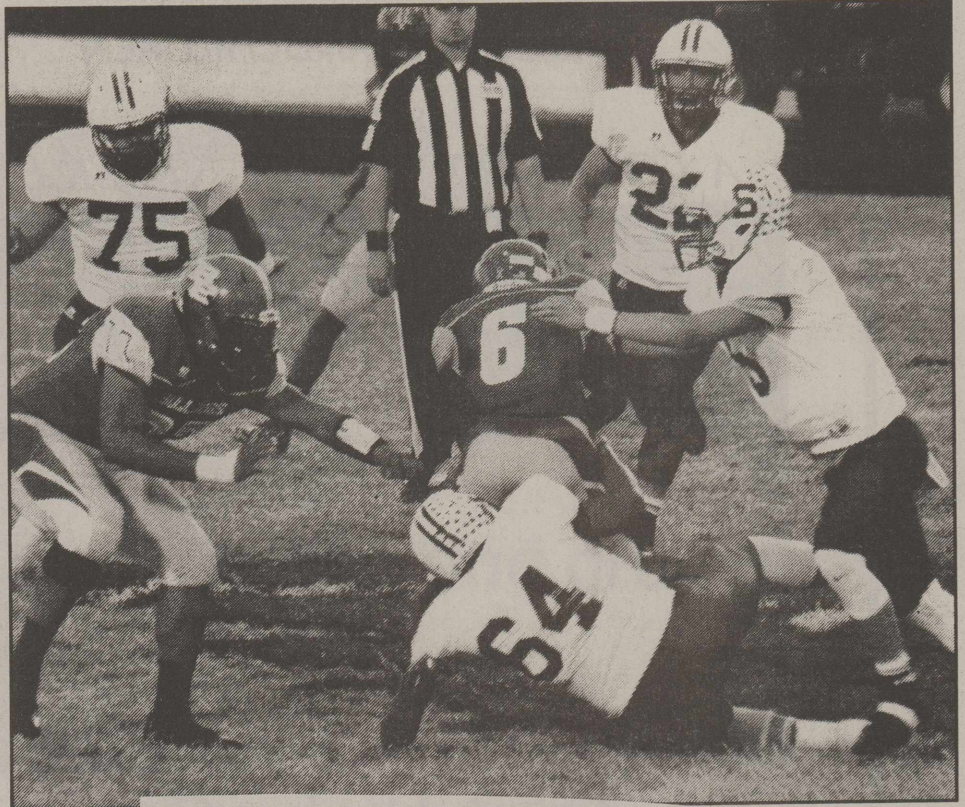
Church of Christ
Raymond Glendinning
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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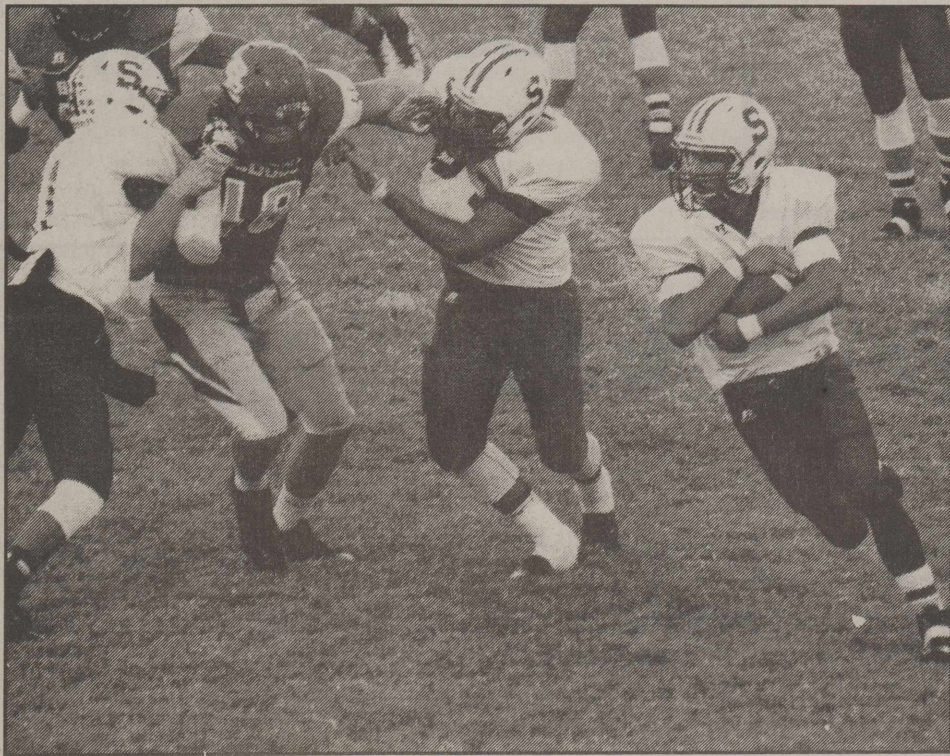
Football- Stratford Elk Style



Stratford Elk #5 Kade McBryde hands off to #13 Pedro Ortega in the Elks win over Borger.



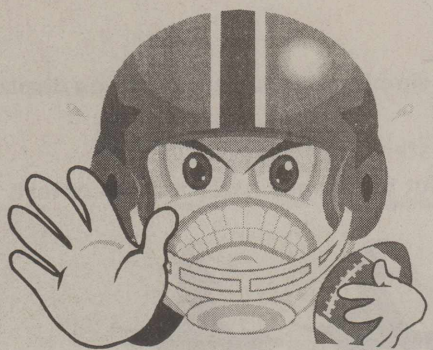
Stratford Elk defense #5 Kade McBryde and #64 Ruben Gonzalez bring down Borger player in Elks win Friday, September 20, 2016.



Stratford Elk Bronc Hodges #44 carries the ball for 26 yards on 7 carries in the Elks win over Borger.




Stratford Elk #24 Daniel DeCasas gains some yards on the carry in the Elks win over Borger and #64 Ruben Gonzalez runs with him.



Challenge

Danny Davis Class of 2000
 Sunray vs Stratford
 West Texas vs Panhandle
 Muleshoe vs Slaton
 Amarillo High vs Hereford
 Memphis vs Wellington
 Happy vs Nazareth
 Tennessee vs Texas A&M
 Texas Tech vs Kansas State
 SMU vs Tulsa
 Auburn vs Mississippi St.
 Maryland vs Penn St
 Georgia Tech vs Pittsburgh
 Washington vs Baltimore
 Atlanta vs Denver
 Tennessee vs Miami
 New York Jets vs Pittsburgh
 Philadelphia vs Detroit
 Chicago vs Indianapolis
 Tie breaker Cincinnati 7 vs Dallas 28

Roger won the challenge last week

I  Football



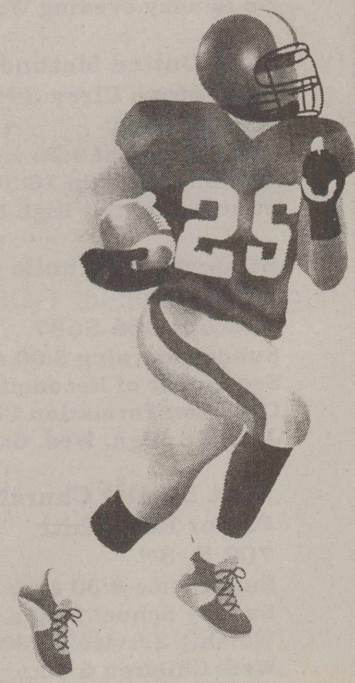
Stratford Elk #22 Gage Brooks picks up some yards on the carry in the Elks 26-14 win over Borger on Friday, September 30, 2016. Gage carried the ball for 87 yards and 1 touchdown.

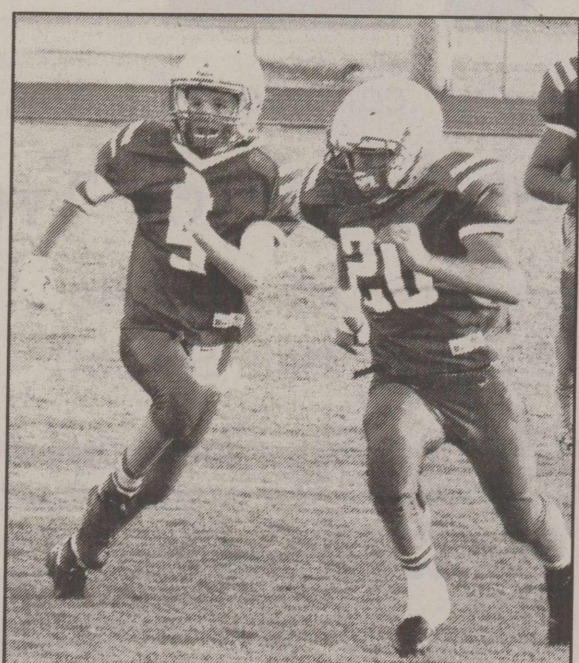


P.S. A person in this town would take football players like ours over Borger's athletes and beat them 87.6% of the time. P.S.S. Nuff said!!!!

Time Out With Rog!

This Friday we went to a town 5,000 times bigger than us and came back 5,000 times more winning!!!! And Mrs. Carter that's my word and I am sticking to it! Stratford played a hard fought battle against a very deep athletic team and showed them hitting is more important than running. They lost the first dog fight when their blow up dog blew into a barbed wire fence and lost an ear and a nose. Ruff Ruff! The Stratford Elks were in a tight 14-14 game with less than a minute and did what Stratford Elk football does>>> drove the animal control truck through the dog pound!! And what topped off the gravy train, a line3en scored a touchdown as the clock hit 0.00. Anyway, the announcer said the score didn't count because the clock already hit 0.00, he can stick it where the sun doesn't shine!!!! It counted, period!!!! We put the 2016 Borger Bulldog Homecoming in the Dog House, Now we are out of the dog pound and are back to the kitties. Now it gets real, district starts! Bring on the Sunray Bob kitties, our arch rivals since Moses parted the Red Sea. This field reporter knows Sunray is probably a little down from past years but they will be gunning for us with their full arsenal. To begin our quest for the Mountain top, it begins with the Sunray Bob kitties. I know there is harvesting going on and it's busy time of the year for our local economy but for 3 hours get to E.L. Sam Bess stadium. You know why? It's Sunray!!!! So grab your blanket, grab your jacket, I'll grab my snickers and come support our Stratford Elks. This reporters heart Bleeds Stratford Elk Blue! Go Elks! Let's pray for all who are sick and our national leaders. Once an Elk always an Elk.





J.V. Elk defense #5 Ty McBryde and #20 Andy Gutierrez close in on Borger player in the Elks win over Borger.



J.V. quarterback #3 Ty McBryde hands off to #12 Abraham Villegas.

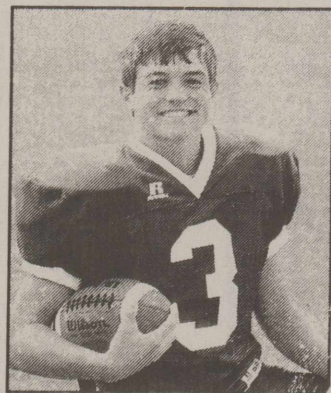


J.V. Elk quarterback #3 Walker McBryde sets the offense in motion in the Elks 20-14 win over Borger.

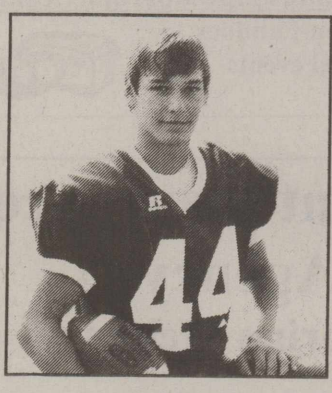


J.V. Elk #5 Ty McBryde catches a pass to score for the Elks in their 20-14 to win over Borger on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

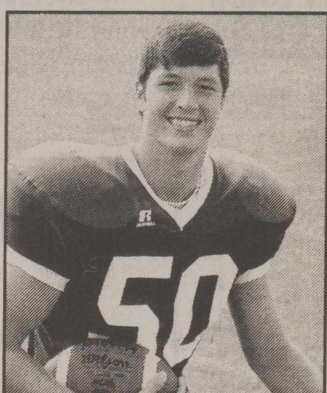
Players of the Week



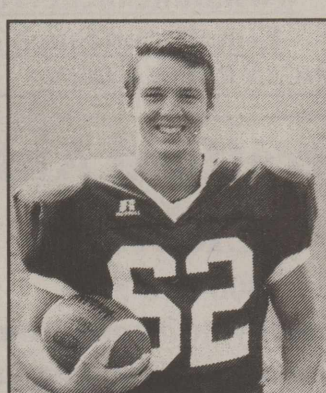
Shay Hess



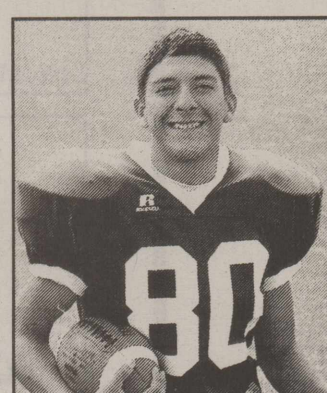
Bronc Hodges



Russell Spurlock

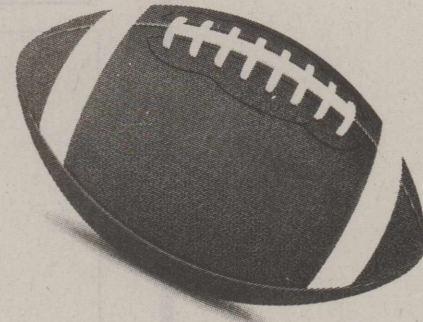


Zorro Daniels



Jaime Jacquez

Players of the Week are Offensive and Defensive Lineman-Russell Spurlock, Scout Team-Zorro Daniels, Offensive Back-Shay Hess Defensive Lineman-Jaime Jacquez and Special Team Bronc Hodges



Elks Slam Borger

By the Elk Express Class

The Elks wrote a page in their football history with a 26-12 last second(s) win over 4-A Borger Friday night.

If the one-yard winning touchdown run by Shay Hess in the last six-seconds of the game tied at 12 was not enough to cause pandemonium, a 25-yard fumble return by Russell Spurlock in the last play of the game was.

For nearly four quarters, the Elks and the Bulldogs duked it out, with the score knotted for most of the game..

Early Elk scoring came on a one-yard run by Daniel Decasas in the first quarter and a 27 yard run by Gage Brooks in the second quarter.

With the Elks mounting a mostly-ground attack, senior Gage Brooks carried 12 times for 87 yards, Hess 11 times for 74yards, Decasas 10 for 40, and Bronc Hodges 7 for 26. In the passing game, quarterback Kade McBryde completed 3 of 7 passes, the longest a 17 yard reception by Hess.

Defensively, Spurlock had two solo tackles and eight assists; Brooks - three solos and and six assists; McBryde - one sack, three solos and five assists; Hodges - one sack, three solos and four assists; and Hess -one solo and five assists.

On special teams, Hess had two punt returns for 38 yards and a 19 yard average, and Julio Duran, one kickbff return for 46 yards.

Brooks punted twice for 44 yards with a 22 yard average while Luis Mendoza had three kickoffs for 148 yards and a 5 yard average with Brooks having one kickoff fora 50 yard average. Brooks was 2 of4in PATS for the night.

Named as players of the week were Spurlock - offensive and defensive lineman, Hess - offensive back, Jaime Jacquez - defensive lineman, Hodges - special teams, and Zorro Daniels - scout team player.

The Elks will host Sunray Friday, October 7, in the first district game of the year. Other district foes are Panhandle, Fritch, West Texas, and Boys Ranch.

(The Elk Express is predicting (ahead of publication) that the Elks will and should be named Team of the Week by the Amarillo Globe News for their super play.)



Why Substitute Teaching Is A Smart Choice

(NAPS)—Some 50 million children attend school in America, taught by a little over 3 million full-time teachers, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Additionally, nearly 620,000 individuals work as substitute teachers and provide continuity in the classroom when the regular teacher is out for personal or professional reasons. In fact, it's estimated that students will spend one full year of their academic career with a substitute teacher by the time they graduate from high school. But you don't need to be a math professor to know that quality educators are in high demand.

Fortunately, this demand is also creating a rewarding and flexible employment option for job seekers interested in the education profession. Whether individuals are new to the classroom environment or are retired professionals, there are a number of advantages to being a substitute teacher.

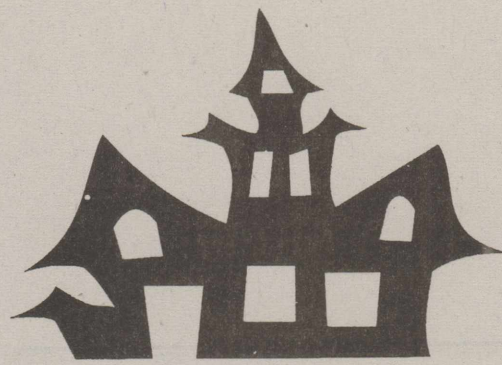
Why Work As A Substitute Teacher

- Substitutes can enjoy:
- A flexible work schedule
 - A good work-life balance
 - Access to training and development
 - Access to benefits
 - An opportunity to test the waters—that is, to try out teaching before committing to a full-time position
 - A chance to play an important role in the continued academic achievement of students
 - Having a stepping stone to full-time work and advancement opportunities.
- In addition, other benefits are available for substitute teachers who find employment through the staffing companies that more and more school districts turn to for running substitute teacher programs. For example, Kelly Educational Staffing® (KES®), the largest provider of substitute teachers nationwide, offers its employees:
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"Kelly Educational Staffing has been the employer of choice for nearly 50,000 substitute teachers across the United States who enjoy competitive pay, access to benefits, flexible work schedules and continued training," said Scott Apsey, vice president for Kelly Educational Staffing. "Not only are these individuals passionate about teaching, but they also enjoy the rewarding experience of making an impact in the continued academic achievement of students."

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Mark your calendars for the
Annual Trunk or Treat
Monday - Oct. 31, 2016
6-8 p.m. on Main Street!



You don't have to reserve a space - just show up!
Park where you want. First come, first serve!

**If you have questions*



Contact Kathy Allen @ 806.366.2897

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Observe constantly that all things take place by change, and accustom thyself to consider that the nature of the Universe loves nothing so much as to change the things which are, and to make new things like them.

—Marcus Aurelius

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COUNCIL MINUTES

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Public Hearings

The public hearings were held at 5:30 and 5:45 pm

- a. RE: submission of an application to the TX Dept of Agriculture for TCDP grant
This grant is being submitted to assist with water line replacement. Dustin Meyer with PRPC stated that the TDA grants is federally funded. He anticipates the City of Stratford will be competitive and should score well on this application. The City match would be approximately \$41,250, which is based on population size.
- b. RE: submission of a grant application to the Tx Parks and Wildlife Dept
This grant is being submitted to assist with funding for a swimming pool and walking park. The maximum funds available for this grant are \$75,000. The City match is the same amount as the awarded funds. It would be very helpful for the City to seek corporation sponsors to assist with funding. City Manager Tommy Bogart said that he has spoken to several businesses who stated they would commit to corporate sponsorship.

Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Kyle Sandvig, Ann Johnson, James Lutes, Greg Wright
Absent: None
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
City Manager: Tommy Bogart
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
Public Works: David Tollison
Police Chief: Randy Hooks
Municipal Court Judge: Darla Anderson

Others: Kathy Allen, Rowdy and Krystal Lermon, Ann Wells

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from regular meeting on July 26, 2016
- b. Accounts Payable for July 2016
- c. Financial Statement for July 2016
 - o Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council Business

- a. Discuss and consider action re: interlocal agreement with PRPC for application assistance for 2017/2018 TXCDBG program & associated administration consideration if funded
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Discuss and consider action re: resolution authorizing the submission of TCDP application to the Tx Dept of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Discuss and consider action re: request by Rowdy Lermon for a mobile home permit to be located at 219 N. Rose
 - Greg Wright motioned to approve, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Discuss and consider action re: agreement with Waste Harmonics for cardboard bale services
 - Pilot has their own compactor for baled cardboard. They are unable to find anyone would pick up the bales weekly. All of the companies require a 12 bale minimum for their services. They also do not have a storage facility. The contract has been reviewed and revised by the City Attorney. Waste Harmonics agreed to the changes and signed the contract. It is a 3-month contract to see if it is acceptable for both Pilot and the City. Joe Zak motioned to approve, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Discuss and consider action re: Order of Cancellation for November 2016 City election
 - There were no challengers to the incumbents for any of the Council positions. Ann Johnson motioned to approve, Kyle Sandvig seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. Swear in Mayor and (2) Councilmembers
 - This item will be tabled until after Election Day in November.
- g. Discuss and consider action re: motion to:
 - Schedule two dates and times for public hearings on proposed Ad Valorem tax rate
 - o Joe Zak motioned to set for September 8, 2016 at 6 pm and September 14, 2016 at 6 pm, Kyle Sandvig seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
 - Specify the desired rate and place a proposal to adopt the City's Ad Valorem tax rate at the City Council's regularly scheduled meeting for the month of September
 - o After some discussion, James Lutes motioned to set the desired rate at .910000, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Discuss and consider action re: set public hearing regarding abatement of property located at 419 N. Grace

- Joe Zak motioned to set for September 27, 2016 at the next regular Council meeting, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- i. Discuss and consider action re: TML ballot for the Board of Trustee election
 - James Lutes motioned to vote for Eddie Edwards, City Manager for the City of Borger, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- j. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring for position of City Manager
 - Council convened into executive session at 6:51 pm.
- k. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - Council reconvened into open session at 7:37 pm. James Lutes motioned to give the City Manager a raise of 3%, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- l. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring for position of Chief of Police
 - Council convened into executive session at 7:40 pm.
- m. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - Council reconvened into open session at 7:58 pm. Joe Zak motioned to give the Police Chief a \$5,000 pay raise, effective immediately, James Lutes seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- n. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring for position of Municipal Court Judge
 - Council convened into executive session at 8:00 pm.
- o. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - Council reconvened into open session at 8:18 pm. James Lutes motioned to give the Judge a \$5/hour pay increase, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Manager Report

- o The City Manager didn't have anything else to report that wasn't included in the public hearings for the grants submissions.

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no comments.

Items from the Council

- Joe Zak asked how much per ton for the crushed rock.
- Ann Johnson asked about zoning for the school's greenhouse.

Adjourn

- Ann Johnson motioned to adjourn at 8:23 pm, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.



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4-H WEEK

Time again to check your Medicare health and drug plans

By Bob Moos/Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Now's the time for Texans with Medicare to check their health and drug coverage for 2017.

Medicare's open enrollment period runs from Oct. 15 until Dec. 7.

Open enrollment is the best time to make sure your health and drug plans still meet your individual needs, especially if you've had any changes in your health.

By now insurers should have notified you of any adjustments in your health or drug coverage or any changes in your out-of-pocket costs for next year.

The average monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage plan will drop by \$1.19 to \$31.40, while the average monthly premium for a basic drug plan will inch up \$1.50 to \$34.

Medicare Advantage remains a strong alternative for people who prefer to receive care through a private insurer rather than through Medicare's original fee-for-service program.

Enrollment in the private Medicare Advantage plans is expected to grow by 1.2 million to 18.5 million people in 2017 - about 32 percent of Medicare beneficiaries.

Even if you've been satisfied with your health and drug coverage, you may benefit from reviewing all your options. Shopping around may save you money or improve your coverage.

Texans in Medicare's original fee-for-service program can choose from 23 drug plans with monthly premiums ranging from \$17 to \$170.50.

Look beyond premiums, though. The only way to determine the true cost of your drug coverage is to consider other factors like deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance.

Medicare's website - www.medicare.gov— has the best tool for helping you narrow your search for a new health or drug plan. Just click on "Find Health and Drug plans!"

After entering your ZIP code and the list of your prescriptions, you can use the "Medicare Plan Finder" tool to compare your coverage and out-of-pocket costs under different plans.

The quality of a health or drug plan's customer service should be considered, too. To help you identify the best and worst, the Plan Finder provides star ratings for each plan.

A gold star will show plans with the highest, five-star rating, while a warning icon will alert you to plans that have performed poorly for at least the past three years.

Besides using Medicare.gov, you can call Medicare's toll-free help line at 1-800-633-4227 or consult your "Medicare & You 2017 Handbook," which you have just received in the mail.

One-on-one benefits counseling is also available through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program. In Texas, you should call 1-800-252-9240.

Thanks to the health care law, you'll enjoy more savings on your prescriptions in 2017 once you land in the coverage gap, known as the "doughnut hole." You'll receive a 60 percent discount on your brand-name drugs and a 49 percent discount on your generic drugs while in the gap.

The doughnut hole begins once you and your drug plan have spent \$3,700 for your drugs.

If you're having difficulty affording your medications, you may qualify for extra help with your drug coverage premiums, deductibles and co-payments. The amount of help depends on your income and resources. But, generally, you'll pay no more than \$3.30 for generic drugs and \$8.25 for brand-name drugs.

Thirty-five percent of Texans with Medicare's drug coverage now get such a break.

To learn more about whether you qualify for extra help, visit or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

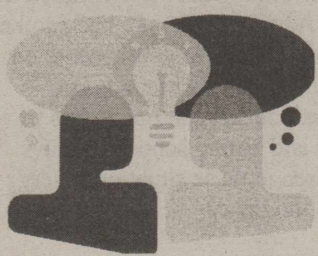
Again this fall and winter, many Americans younger than 65 will shop for health care policies for themselves and their families on the recently launched Health Insurance Marketplace. But the marketplace doesn't affect you, since you have your health insurance through Medicare.

Just as you've always done each fall, your attention should be focused on whether you'd like to make any changes in your Medicare health and drug plans.

There's no better time to check that coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on Jan. 1.

Good Luck Elks-Beat Sunray

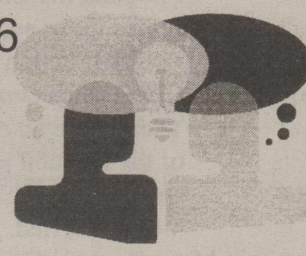
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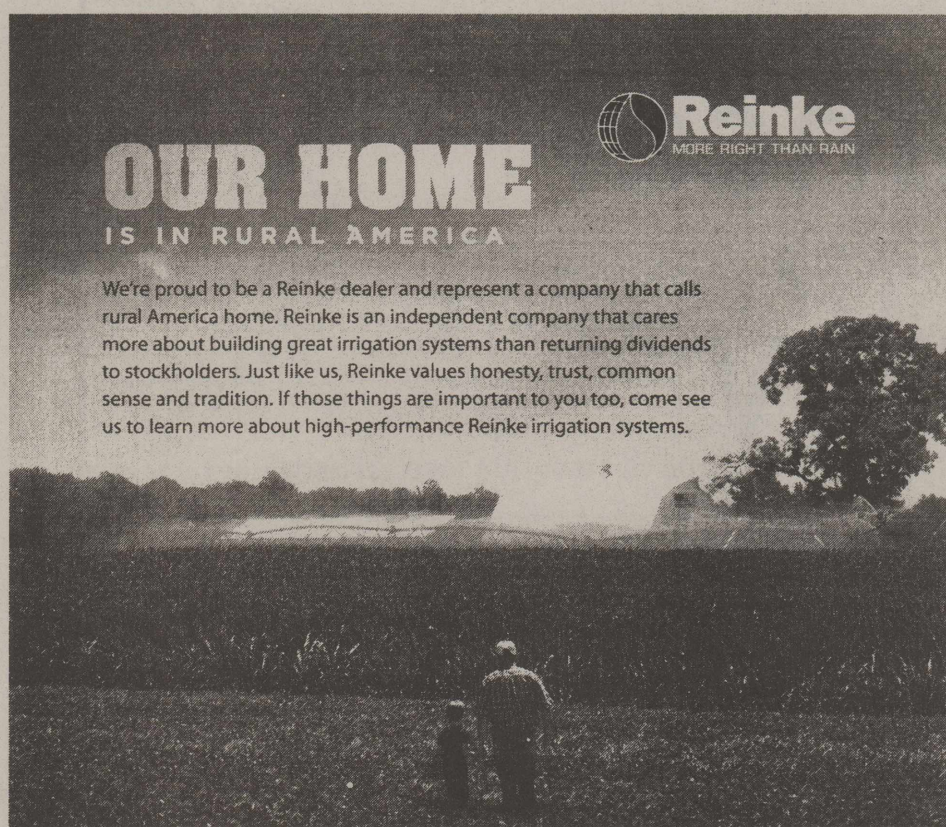
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XIT Communications is coordinating and kicking off its second-annual Rise & Shine Food Drive On October 1st! This year's food drive will once again focus on non-perishable breakfast food items, which will be collected and donated to several food pantries in the communities of Stratford, Dalhart, Texline and Vega. The breakfast food drive will continue through the end of November.

Last year, thanks to everyone who participated, XIT representatives collected and delivered more than 150 grocery totes of food to the following area food pantries: The Pantry of Stratford, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church, Dalhart Church of the Nazarene Food Bank, Texline Food Pantry and the Vega Food Pantry/UMC. The same pantries are participating in the upcoming drive. This year, with everyone's help, we would like to shatter last year's total!

Starting immediately, all XIT customers and community members alike, are invited to stop by any XIT location to pick up a "Rise & Shine" grocery tote. We invite you to fill the tote with non-perishable breakfast food items, and then drop the items off at any of our three office locations in Dalhart or Stratford. Whether you donate one item, several items or a whole tote full, the food will help feed those in our local communities who are struggling to put food on their tables. When you bring your donated food items into our office, we will give you a new reusable grocery tote to keep as our "Thank You" for helping to feed those in need! Breakfast food items needed include such things as boxed cereals, pancake and muffin mixes, gravy and biscuit mixes, powdered milk, coffee, hot chocolate, jam, peanut butter, cereal bars, Pop-Tarts, canned or dried fruit, maple syrup and fruit juices. Any food items donated will be graciously accepted. Monetary donations are also accepted for those who may not have time in their schedule to shop.

XIT would like to ask everyone in our local communities to join us in this effort to fill the hunger gaps that exist in our cities and neighborhoods. We need everyone to participate as much as they possibly can to make the breakfast food drive successful! We, at XIT, take this endeavor seriously, and hope you will assist us with our outreach efforts! Let's stomp out local hunger ... Together!

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