





## Major Livestock Show Sign-Up For 4-H Members

There will be a sign-up night held November 25, 2002 for all 4-H members wishing to exhibit livestock projects in a major livestock show this year. The sign-up will be held at the extension office from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Members will be able to sign up for the following major livestock shows: Southwestern Livestock Show & Exposition, San Antonio Livestock Show, Houston Livestock Show, Sand Hills, and San Angelo Livestock Show. Entries require exhibitor's and parent's signatures, exhibitor social security numbers, and payment is required at this time. If this date and time is not convenient for you please contact Leslie Neve to make other arrangements PRIOR to the sign-up date. Entries will be sent on November 27 due to Thanksgiving so all entries have to be in the office by the 25th to ensure all information is correct and is received on time.

## Main Street Lighting

Just a friendly reminder to the businesses in Stratford, please have your holiday decorating and exterior lighting in place for the Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for Wed., December 4. The parade will bring many person to main street and beautifully decorated businesses will encourage shopping that night. If a business should need help installing their lights, please contact the high school and ask for help from the "America's Promise" Youth. These young adults did a great job last year, and this also teaches volunteerism.

## Scot News

By Jack Gore

This week will be the last board meeting for the year, on Tuesday.

Thursday will be our turkey luncheon. Thanks to the Prospectus Study club.

Saturday, October 23 will be our last dance for the year. Christmas party will be December 14th from 7 until 9 p.m. - finger foods, gifts and lots of fun.

Bingo will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, the 21st, NO birthday party in November this time.

## Tip Top Bucks

With the Holidays already upon us, many shoppers will be using their **TIP TOP BUCKS**. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to remind both the shopper and merchant to review the expiration date before redemption of these 'Bucks'. All **Tip Top Bucks** now have a printed expiration date on the back beneath the signature line. All bucks expire 6 months after the date of issuance. All **Tip Top Bucks** must be submitted (before expiration) to the chamber office with a statement. The chamber will then make a payment to the retail merchant. By shopping at home with **Tip Top Bucks**, Stratford's Merchants get the full advantage of the Holiday season. These bucks can be purchased at the Stratford Chamber Office and are issued in \$5.00 increments. Remember that **Tip Top Bucks** make great holiday gifts and bonuses! Contact the Chamber Office for more information (806-366-2260)

## Younger Texans 4-H Held Meeting Nov. 11th

On November 11th, there was a Younger Texans 4-H meeting held at the County Barn. Leslie Neve talked about showmanship and how to dress when you show.

Clothing and Textiles projects will begin in mid-January. The volunteer leaders will have a training in December. Leaders who would like to assist with the project are asked to contact Susie. The District food show will be held on December 14th.

Major Livestock Show sign-up night is on Monday, November 25.

The Hay ride and Caroling is on December 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you Brook Barnard and Nicole Davis for bringing refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2002.



## Imagination Station Opportunity Dec. 8, Pianist, Denise Parr-Scanlin

The Imagination Station and the Women's Council of WTAMU are sponsoring pianist, Denise Parr-Scanlin presenting a special afternoon of music, December 8, 2:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Ms. Parr-Scanlin is currently an instructor of Music at WTAMU and is completing work toward the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Texas. She received her Bachelor of Music and Master of Fine Arts Degrees from the University of Georgia where she was a student of pianist, Despy Karlas. While a student, she won the Georgia Music Teachers Association Collegiate Artist competition performed as a soloist with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. As a recipient of the Harriet Hale Woolley Scholarship, she studied piano in Paris with Yvonne Loriod-Messiaen.

She also studied with Nadia Boulanger at the American Conservatory of Music in Fontainebleau. Her performances include recitals at the Festival des Arcs, the Foundation des Estats-Unis and the American Church in Paris, the Tibor Varga Festival in Switzerland. She has been a guest artist with the Atlanta Woodwind Quintet, Collage Chamber Ensemble of Houston and the Randel Chamber Orchestra. For ten years Ms. Parr-Scanlin was a performing artist for Young Audiences of Houston, presenting programs to thousands of children in the schools.

In 2000, she recorded Sam Jones' "Sonata for Cello and Piano" with cellist Emmanuel Lopez on the Naxos Label. Mrs. Parr-Scanlin has taught on the music faculties of North Georgia College, Mercer University Atlanta and the Georgia Governor's Honors Program.

Ms. Parr-Scanlin's program on December 8 will be a special treat for the whole family.

## City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: BA Donelson, Joe Zak, Bryan Mungia, Blake Confer and George Harding.

Also present were: Don Nicholson, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Mike Batchelor, Stratford Police Department; Kathy Rendon, Records Clerk; Jon King, City Attorney; Kristine Olsen, Sherman County Development committee; Paulette Walls, Marty Robertson, Duane Robertson, Derra Neely, Mary Carter, Adell Jeffries, Carol Zimmer, Julieta Garza, JJ Williams, Karla Edmond, Beth Bench, Gayland Vandiver, Ken Forthman, Public Works Director; Paula Nusz, Daniel Nusz, Don Riffe, Eddie Williams, Fire Chief; Dave Browne, Gaynelle Riffe, Ricky Reed, Jim Taliaferro, and Dilip Patel.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2002 Special Meeting and the September 17, 2002 Regular meeting, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Numerous citizens were present to discuss water bills for previous month's consumption. Mayor Brown stated he did his own investigation, Mayor feels that the water went through the meter but the meters are not being read properly. The Citizens feel the meter is not being read at all. Duane Robertson felt that no meter reads accurate. Mayor then asked the citizens for a solution. Duane Robertson stated that someone has to read the meters. Mary Carter spoke on her recent usage and the summer usage. Paulette Walls questioned if there was any explanation of what went wrong, there was no comment. Mary Carter stated that if the bills are estimated, "estimate" needs to be placed on the water bills. Discussion took place. Duane Robertson stated he would like to have his water meter changed out. Council let the citizens know that if an employee is not reading the water meters the employee will lose his/her job. Percentage increases were discussed. Mayor Brown continues to state there is a good possibility that the meters are not being read. LaRita Butler stated we can't blame the employees first, we must check all ends of the situation before any blame is placed. LaRita then stated a possible solution would be to pull a report from the computer

and look for the obvious. After the obvious is determined, adjust the bills to the previous year's consumption. Karla Edmond questioned on when did the city know there was a problem and why didn't the city notify the citizens of the numerous complaints. Don Nicholson questioned Ken Forthman if any of the meters had been checked, and Ken stated he has not used

the meter tester in 3 months. BA Donelson alternative was to start checking the meters for accuracy. Following steps could be taken

- 1) Check meter for accuracy
- 2) Check for any over-reads
- 3) Test the meters with meter tester.

JJ Williams asked the council if the water-looping project could have affected this problem. Bryan Mungia questioned on how long would it take one employee to read the water meters for the entire City of Stratford. Currently it takes approximately 3 days for three employees to read meters for the City of Stratford. Ken Forthman stated he is to have demonstration on electronic meter on October 29, 2002, this would have a more accurate reading for the meters and would also cut down on the time used to read the meters. BA stated he agreed with LaRita regarding the employees and suggested three-step process if the problems is to arise again.

- 1) Review the problem
- 2) Read meters on consistent days each month.
- 3) Test meters.

If the city is in error than a refund will be issued. Citizens are still upset with answer given from the council regarding the high water bills.

Gaynelle Riffe was present to discuss the Main Street Enhancement Project for the City of Stratford. Total project is \$1.9 million. The City's portion is approximately \$450,000. The Department of Transportation cost for engineering start up is approximately \$90,000. Council formed a committee. Gayland Vandiver was present on behalf of the Main Street Enhancement project Committee. Gayland states that determination is needed for this project. Total estimated expense for the City for this project is approximately \$783,000.00 Don Riffe was also present to encourage the Council to go forward with the Main Street Project. It would increase City beautification. David Browne was present on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Chamber of

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- Nov. 20-23 "The Life of Henry the Fifth" 7:30 Branding Iron Theatre, WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Nov. 21-23 "How I Learned to Drive" 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:30 Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- Nov. 22-24 "A Christmas Carol" Children's Theatre School Amarillo College 806-371-5353
- Nov. 23 Amarillo Symphony, William Preucil, Violin Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Nov. 24 Holidays Concert Choirs and Orchestra WTAMU Mary Moody Recital Hall 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4-7 "A Winter's Tale" Amarillo College 806-371-5359
- Dec. 5 Christmas Concert- Choir, Chamber, Wind Ensemble 7:00p.m. Oklahoma Panhandle State U. 580-349-2611
- Dec. 5-15 "My Way" Tribute to Frank Sinatra Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Dec. 8-\*\*\*\* The Imagination Station presents Denise Parr-Scanlin, Pianist First United Methodist Church Stratford 2:30 p.m.
- Dec. 13-15\*\*\* "Nutcracker" Lone Star Ballet Fri. 8:00 Sat. 3:00-8:00 Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096  
[www.panhandletickets.com](http://www.panhandletickets.com) Sun. 2:00-6:00
- Dec. 14\*\*\*\*\* Christmas with pianist Derenda Jackson Kelly and Friends Dinner Theatre at LaRita Theatre in Dalhart 244-5646
- Dec. 19\*\*\*\* Tans Siberian Orchestra Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-376-3096  
[www.panhandletickets.com](http://www.panhandletickets.com)
- Dec. 20-23\*\*\* Christmas Pageant (Paramount Terrace Christian Church) Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-353-6615

## Legal Notice

Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) 2003 model tandem drive diesel motor grader for Precinct #1. Bids should be sealed and have "Bid Request" written on the outside of the envelope. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Judge's Office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 366-2021, or those interested may contact Sandy Tillery at his residence at 806-727-4340.

Bids should be mailed to the County Judge at P.O. Box 165, Stratford and will be received up to 9:00 a.m., December 9, 2002, at which time they will be opened and considered. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Sandy Tillery  
Commissioner Pct. #1  
Sherman County, Texas  
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## Good Luck Elks

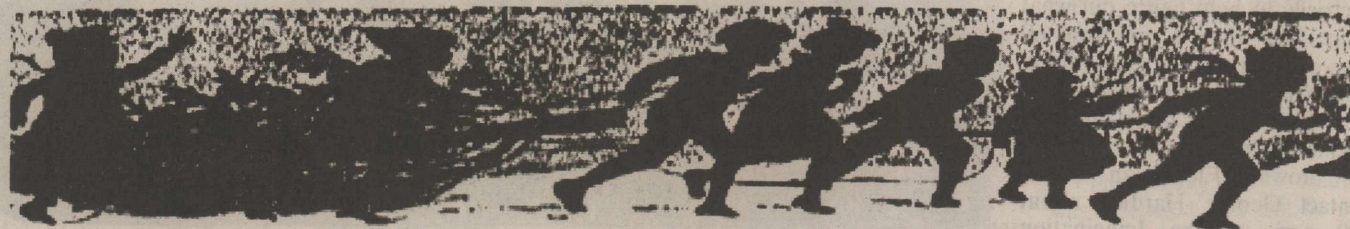


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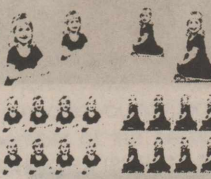
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# Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel



Reception held in Del Rio, Wednesday, November 12; L/R Back Row; Tommy Raper, Dumas, PTP Board; Sid Cauthorn, Del Rio, PTP Vice-Chairman; Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford, PTP Board, and Don Riffe; Front row; Mayor of Acuna, Jose Eduardo Ramon and wife, Diana; Mayor of Del Rio, Dora Alcalá and husband Al.

Thanksgiving Supper is Saturday night, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Local persons may check list at post office to see what to bring. If not listed what to bring, bring a dish of your choice.

Remember, since we no longer have the fundraising Chuck Wagon, donations will be welcomed at the supper.

Caleb & Hannah spent several days with the Hampton family. They are the children of Chris and Lindsey Craig of Lubbock.

Arriving just in time for the birth of Lara Jane were several from Mississippi. Peggy Hawkins sister, Susie & Vick Holliday and friend Debbie Slone of Houlka. Also here is Bob Collums, father of Heath Collums. He is visiting visiting with Heath, Kenna and their baby, Dempsey.

Lara Jane is the brand new daughter of Brandi & Roger Wells.

Sunday Terry & Barbara Schoonover were in Carmen, OK., for the funeral of his aunt, Irene Sims. Terry was a pallbearer.

### City Council

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Council convened into executive session at 10:57 p.m. under executive session under section 551.071 to discuss litigation.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 11:05 p.m. with no action taken.

Fuel bids had been received and were discussed, but no action taken.

Joe Zak motion to approve the bills and the financial statement, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

### Beat Springlake-Earth

## Ports-to-Plains Annual Meeting Nov. 13-14 in Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico

The Ports-to-Plains Transportation Corridor held its Annual Meeting in the Southern Region, at Del Rio and Acuna, Mexico. A reception on Wednesday, prior to the meeting, was hosted by Del Rio City Council. The day long annual meeting hosted by Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico on Thursday, November 13 presented speakers from U.S., as well as Mexico. Earphones for translations were provided to attendees.

Guests were welcomed to the Monarch Butterfly Corridor by Municipal Presidente de Acuna, Coahuila, Jose Eduardo Ramon and Mayor of Del Rio, Dora Alcalá. Presentations were made by Coahuila, Secretary of

Transportation, Jorge Viesca Martinez; Randy Neugebauer, PTP Chairman on the History of PTP and Director of Development Coahuila, Ignacio Diego Munoz reporting a work force of over 32,000 in the Maguila Industry however, textile manufacturing has been lost recently to China. Other presenters were Ing. Juan Carlos Espinosa Rescala reporting the need for another larger and updated International Bridge between Acua and Del Rio and Maquila Association President, Ms. Carmen Vega stressing the importance of better transportation to deliver "Just in Time" goods to the United States.

Jack Schendorf consultant from Washington DC reported on

the Federal Legislative Plan of Action which has changed considerably since the elections with the House and the Senate controlled by the Republican Party and the announcement of the retirement of Larry Combest. He also reported on the Reauthorization of TEA-21 Transportation Plan 2003=2009 funding to be less due partly to Home Land Security and less gasoline tax collected by the States. The charge was to be actively involved with the political representatives on both sides of the border.

The annual meeting concluded with a Board Meeting in Del Rio on Friday, Nov. 14.

## Breast Cancer Screening To Be Held

The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell in Stratford on December 10, 2002.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam

each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Had I learned to fiddle, I should have done nothing else.  
—Samuel Johnson

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## Community Issues To Be Reviewed

Issues identified by Sherman County residents in the Texas Community Futures Forum (TCFF) open and focus forum meetings will be reviewed at the Sherman County Extension Program Council Annual Meeting. The meeting will be Monday, December 2 in the Sherman County Exhibit Building located in Stratford beginning at 7:00 p.m.

opportunity to review the issues identified and critique educational efforts conducted to address the issues. In addition, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2002 year will be highlighted along with volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also.

County residents met during the spring of 1999 to identify the most pressing issues facing Sherman County for the time period of 2000-2003. These issues have served as the foundation for educational programs and activities conducted by the Sherman County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension

All interested residents are invited to attend this informative meeting. A light supper will be served. Residents who are interested in attending are asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, participants of the TCFF meetings will be given an

Extension educational programs served people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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—Sir Richard Steele

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## Good Luck Elks

### First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor  
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Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
No Sunday Evening Worship  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

### First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

### St. Joseph Catholic

6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-8th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Church of Christ

Larry Evans  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist

James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

### First Baptist

Brent Farney  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m..  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

### La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

### Miercoles (Wednesday)

Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &  
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos  
Susninno Durante El Servicio.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### God's Gracious Gift

A man drives through the window of a restaurant and then begins killing the people in that restaurant. Another man kills his fellow employees in a post office. The discussion around coffee involves gun control. Take the guns out of the hands of these people and you will solve the problem. It is true that taking the guns out of the hands of such people will reduce mass slaughter. But it will not solve the problem. The root problem is really the hearts of men and women. Why do people kill and murder and destroy? They have a real heart problem. Listen to what Jesus says, "From within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deed of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, price and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). Note that Jesus says murder comes out of the heart! This is born out by the fact that 75 to 80 percent of those who go to prison return to their old ways. Once they have murdered, they will likely murder gain. And there is only one real solution. There must be a radical change of heart. And this means a new heart. But there is only one source for such a new heart. A new heart is God's gracious gift. Listen, "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances" (Ezekiel 36:26-27). You see, the reason a new heart is the solution to the problem of murder is that a new heart leads people to follow God's command "You shall not commit murder" (Exodus 20:13).

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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
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Kerrick Community Church  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday





### Baby Shower Held

Kaleb Gentry Lyon, son of Toby and Jennifer Lynn of Lubbock, TX was honored with a baby shower in the home of Lisa Crabtree on Saturday, November 9, 2002. Shown from left, Linda Haynes, Mandi Haynes, Jennifer holding Kaleb, Joy Haynes, and Pat Wynn.



### Adams Honored

Lori Adams, bride-elect of Clint Page of Red Oak, TX was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Debbi Vandiver on Saturday, November 9, 2002. Shown from left, Francie Scheffe, Cathy Phelan, Becky Adams, Lori Adams, and Alicia Adams.

### Births

Lara Jane Wells arrived Nov. 16, 2002 at Guymon, OK. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz and was 19 inches.

Proud parents are Roger and Brandi Wells of Stratford.

Grandparents are Ross Wells of Stratford, Dorless Wells of Amarillo, Leonard and Peggy Hawkins of Kerrick.

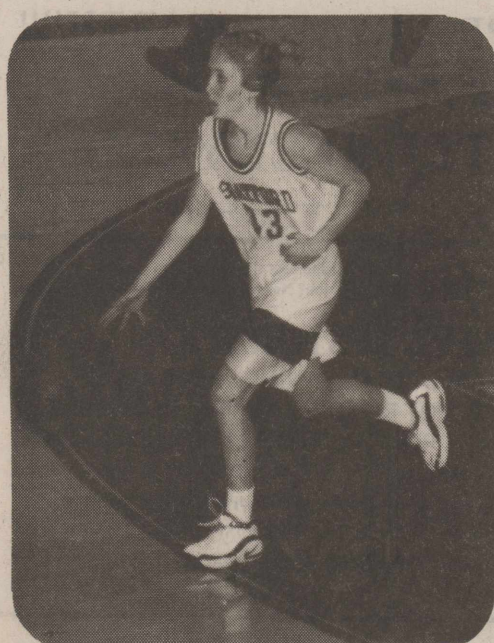
Great grandparents are Maylene Rish of Houston, MS., Barbara and Leroy Judd, Stratford. Mabel Rogers, Amarillo, is a special adoptive great grandmother.

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Try to reason about love and you will lose your reason.

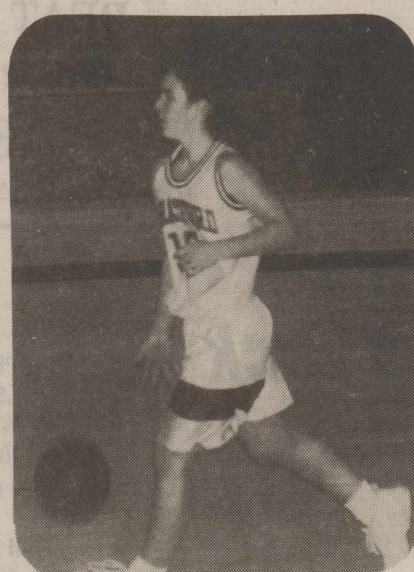
—French proverb

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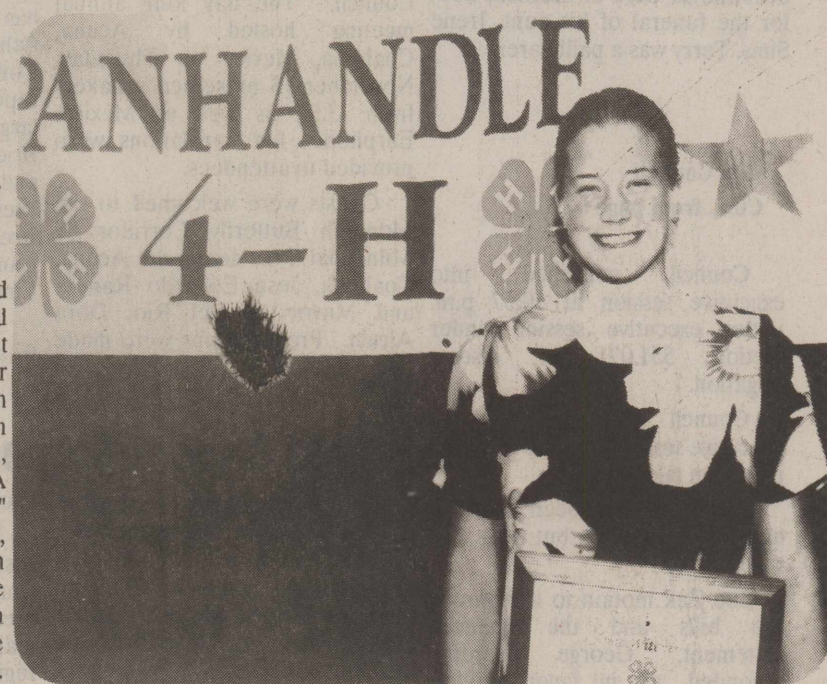
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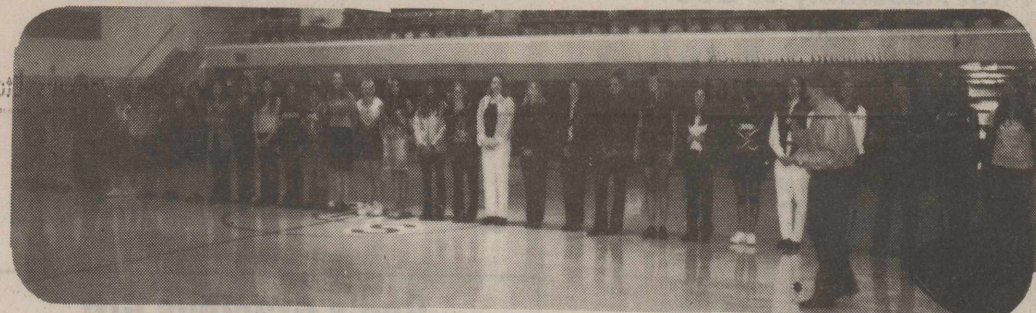
Chelsi Thiessen

### 4-H Gold Star Winners Honored

Sherman County 4-H Gold Star recipients, Amie Witcher and Carson Buckles were honored at the Panhandle district Gold Star Banquet Saturday, November 9th at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The banquet theme, "The Power Of Youth, A Centennial 4-H Celebration" celebrated 100 years of 4-H, nationally. Attending from Sherman County were Amie Witcher, Anna Witcher, Autumn Witcher, Leslie Neve, Jennie Spurlock, and Susie Spurlock. Banquet sponsors were the rural electric cooperatives that served the Texas Panhandle region.



Amie Witcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Witcher was recognized at the Texas Panhandle district 45th annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet held in Canyon recently. Carson Buckles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Buckles was also recognized, but unable to attend.



Coach Gilliland introduced this year's Lady Elk basketball players and managers at the Pep Rally on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.



Deidre Tarver

### Lady Elk Shots!



Amie Witcher



J.V. Lady Elks #35 Heather Seiler, #13 Haley Buckles, #45 Katelyn Reed, and Gina Martoaks.

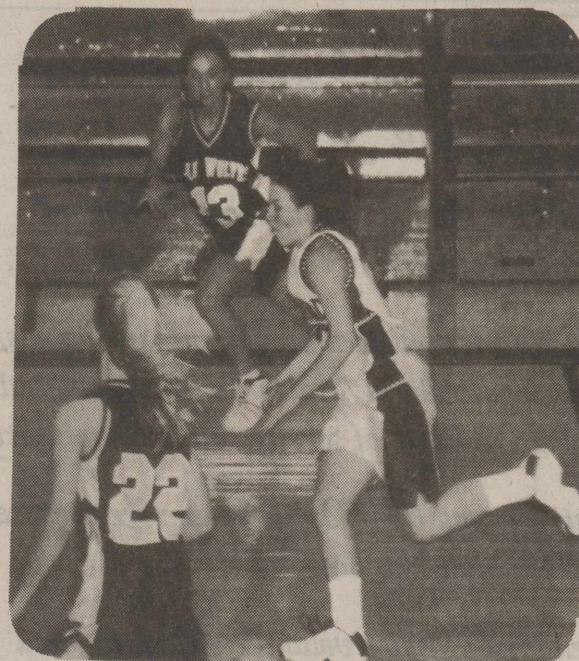
### Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Elks won their first game of the season against White Deer 26-13 on Monday, November 14th. Ivy Valenzuela and Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks with 6 points each followed by Kristen Crabtree and April Peregrino with 4 points each. Scoring 2 points each were Kelsey Stein, Yesinia Ivarra and Cassie Beasley.

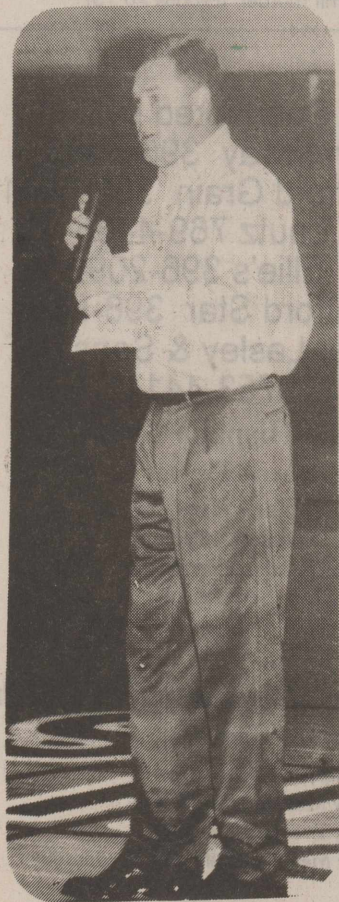
The 8th Grade Lady Elks also won their first game of the season with a 40-26 win over White Deer on November 14th. Shadley Audrain led the Lady Elks with 16 points followed by Rhia Everett and Candie Bell with 6 points each and Crystal Peregrino with 4 points. Merilee McDaniel, Juliana Taliaferro, Krista Reta and Kayla Melton added 2 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost their first game of the season 35-38 to Dalhart on Tuesday, November 12th. Katelyn Reed led the Lady Elks with 13 points followed by Brittany Hudson with 6 points and Katy Bench with 5 points. Chelsi Thiessen and Tiffany Knight each scored 4 points each followed by Cheyenne Zicman with 2 points and Haley Buckles with 1 point.

The Varsity Lady Elks also lost their first game of the season 38-39 to Dalhart on Tuesday, November 12th. Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 15 points followed by Erin Ashley with 9 points and Amie Witcher with 7 points. Deidre Tarver added 4 points followed by Amber Larance, Tiffany Duke, and Allison Baskin with 1 point each.



Amber Larance, center



Coach Gilliland

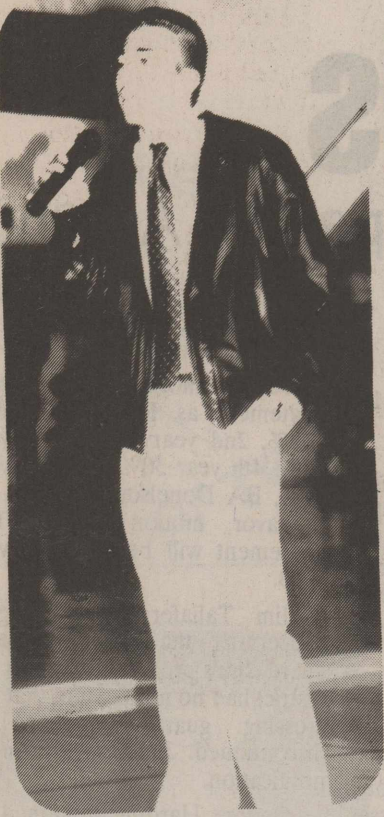


Lady Elk #25 Erin Ashley, #21 Amber Larance and in back Yadira Ortega.



Kayla Robertson





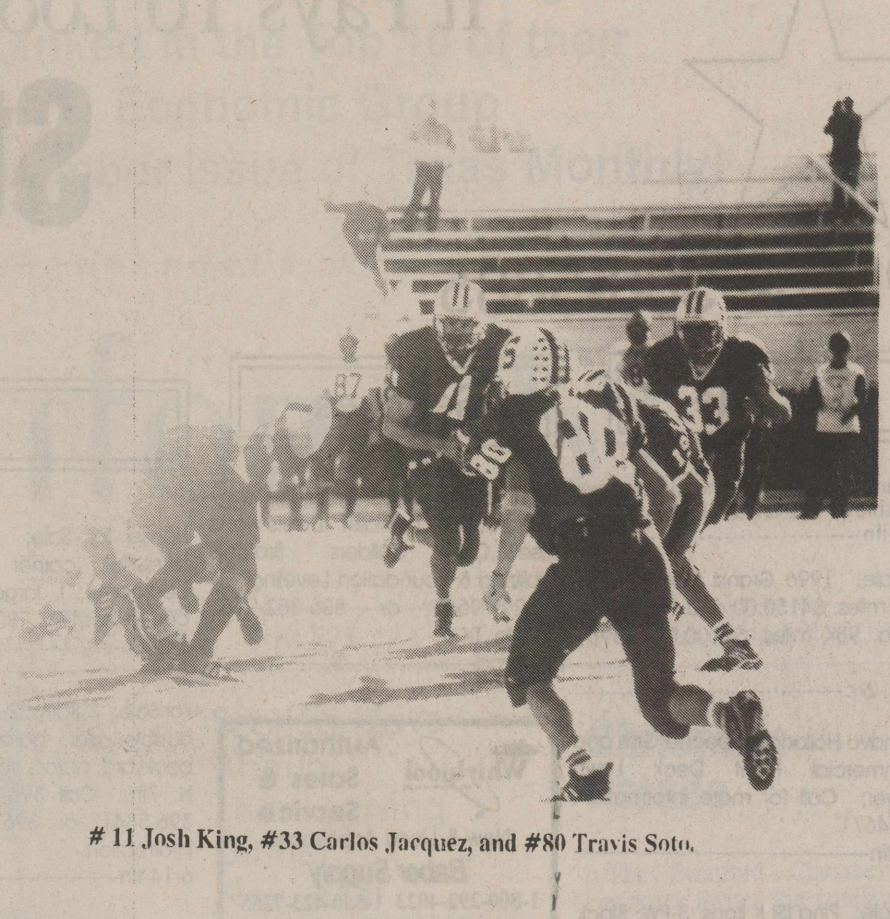
Rafael Rueda gave the Pep Talk on Friday, November 8th.



The Seniors sang the School Song at the Pep Rally held on Friday, November 8th.



Stratford Elk #19 Deuton Crabtree.



# 11 Josh King, #33 Carlos Jacquez, and #80 Travis Soto.



#33 Carlos Jacquez carries the ball for the Elks against Vega.

Johnny Appleseed (whose real name was Jonathan Chapman) was an American pioneer who planted large numbers of apple trees along the frontier in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

### Honor Roll

The Thriftway Trotters team took top honors for walking the most miles in the Walk Across Texas exercise program sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension. Team members recognized at the celebration held October 29 were Kathy Melton, Marie Melton, Terri McDaniel, Billye Zak, Hazel Vanlandingham, Jamie Shepard, Carolyn Kimbrough, and Veronica Maldonado.

The Happy Hoofers team members Joyce McBryde, Doris Parsons, Sue Hudson, Barbara Dettle, Kim Crippen, Henry & Dorene Harrison, and John & Suzanne Ashley captured second place.

Six walking teams and one biking team participated in the program and collectively walked 4887 miles. Kathy Melton was recognized as the individual who walked the most miles 220.5; Ann Wells walked 195.5 and Kathy Switzer walked 167 miles during the eight week time period.

Four teams reached the goal of South Padre Island distance of 864 miles. Teams recognized for achieving this goal were Thriftway Trotters, Happy Hoofers, Beautie and the Beast, and Mary Allen Milers.

Other participants who participated in Walk Across Texas included: Michelle Lutes, Margaret Bell, Brenda Johnson, Becky Asher, Kathy Pollack, Daina Rouse, Susie Spurlock, Steve Johnson, Desine Garza, Kathy Altman, Darlene Walker, Christy Burr, Yvonne Pittman, Linda Sue Brotherton, Jennifer DeAnda, Sylvia Soto, Mary Lou Maldonado, Patricia Villegas, Kathy Hart, Carl Dretske, Stacy Maldonado, Betty Fesler, Penny Boyd, Arnita Lane, Brittany Hudson, Marty Robertson, Shari Hudson, Duane Robertson, Annette Hampton, Kristine Olsen and Duane Pittman.

Congratulations to these Walk Across Texas program participants. The exercise weight management program will return in late spring of 2003.



The first woman to hold the office of Chief of Protocol in the U.S. Department of State was former child star Shirley Temple Black in 1976.

### Walk Across Texas Results

Honor Roll for 2nd six weeks for 3rd grade is Sergio Acevedo, Rhyon Burton, Marcos Garza, Ransom Lerman, Jennifer Lunz, Tori McGinnis, Winter Melton, Justin Mungia, Braiden Palmer, Perla Reta, Jared Saloga, Layne Sims, Gabriel Tarango, Chance Walker, Autumn Witcher, Julie York.

4th Grade-Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Trevor Christian, Lindsay Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Bryce Cummings, Keavan Eldridge, Christopher Hart, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kelsei Keener, Kimberly Melton, Miranda Olivas, Michael Ortega, Kimberly Ricks, Rubi Rueda, Byron Saloga, Tyler Wright.

Stratford Junior High "A" Honor Roll 2nd Six weeks 5th grade-Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Jonathan Knight, Janeth Reyes, Sunny Russell, Thomas Serna, Lyndsi Thiessen, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann

6th grade-Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Anne Brooks, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Jayton Lawrence, Deborah Molina

7th Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Whitney Reese, Michael Reinart, Joanna Rosales, Kelsey Stein

8th Candie Bell, Brant Cummings, Tiffni Drake, Rhia Everett, Ryan Ewers, Victor Garay, Evan Haile, Shadley Hawkins, Daniel Hays, Landan Luna, Alex Marquez, Merilee McDaniel, Crystal Peregrino, Eric Riffe, Juliana Taliaferro, Harrison Walden.

### Cards of Thanks

Thank you to Jerry Lasley of J & L Maintenance for the work on the flag pole.

Sherman County Depot Museum

Dear Friends and Family, Thank you for all the cards and letter of congratulations and best wishes on our "50th" anniversary. I look in the mirror and think, Who is that old woman? Then I look at Jack, and I think, well, I just think!

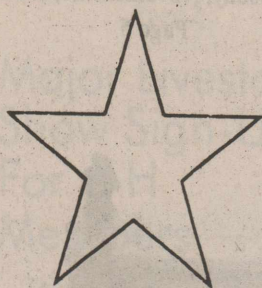
We are so blessed Jack & Sisty Vincent

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU. Words cannot fully express our feeling toward all the people that felt our sorrow in the death of our mom, Leona H. Kelp. Mother was such a wonderful lady and will surely be missed by so many people. She touched so many lives while here on earth and know that her presence will be known in heaven as well. Between all the prayers, hugs, food, cards, flowers and plants that were extended it was almost overwhelming. However, one again, the people of Stratford have shown their loving nature. We have all been blessed by being associated with you over the years and for this, we are thankful and humble. Stratford has given us so many wonderful memories, and memories are one thing that can never be taken away. A special thank you has to go to Mark Metzger. He stayed with us at the hospital during mother's last hours. She thought so much of Mark and we know the love was mutual. There are so many other people to thank that we're afraid we'll forget someone, so PLEASE, PLEASE just know how much you are appreciated and loved. Just one other thing, we would really like to give special recognition to "Let's Make Arrangements" Floral and Gift Shop. They gave special effort to getting mother's favorite flowers in for the service. This meant so much to us and know mother would definitely agree. Again, no words can fully express the love and feeling we have for each of you that loved our mom as much as us. She was quite a lady and left us with a wonderful legacy.

Leona's loving family, (Bill Kelp, Serena Kelp Roark and families)

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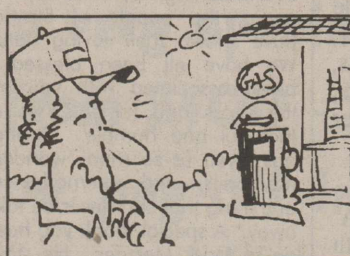
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The first gas pump was made by Sylvanus F. Bowser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and delivered to local storekeeper Jake Gumper on September 5, 1885.



President-elect Zachary Taylor refused to take his oath of office on the designated inauguration day, March 4, 1849, because it was a Sunday. He was sworn in the next day, leaving David R. Atchison, president pro tempore of the Senate, as acting President for the day.

## City Council Cont. from page 2

Commerce regarding the Main Street Enhancement project. He states that improvements are needed on Main Street and is in favor of the project. Kristine Olsen states that the Main Street Enhancement Project would extend and improve the life of business downtown. It would also provide improvement for all citizens-not just Main Street vendors. Paula Nusz states the Main Street Enhancement Project would make a better impact on all people-not just travelers. It would enhance the quality of businesses. Mayor Brown states that David Swinford represented Stratford well, on his own behalf, to obtain current funding for the Main Street Enhancement Project.

Gaynelle Riffe states that the Main Street Enhancement Project would cover four (4) blocks: storm sewer, gutters, sidewalk, and the street. The street lighting and pedestrian lighting to the school is optional. She also states a street will not be built over a water line. Any overruns on the project expense are to be funded by the City. The Project must be started within one year of funding and must be completed within three (3) years. There is some flexibility in the cost to prevent overrun. \$97,000 is needed to start the Project. Possibility of Certificates of Obligation could be a funding source with a 20-year payback period.

B.A. Donelson questions bottom-line cost. He questions the possibility of a loan from the Sales Tax Corporation-to be paid back at a later date-for beginning funds, contingent on their approval.

Blake Confer motioned for funding to be designation with a limit of \$800,000, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

main Street Committee will submit an application to the Sales Tax Committee.

Sales Tax Board member will determine if qualification are met with money request.

Eddie Williams was present to update the City Council on the Fire Department activities and his duties as Fire Chief and the time the position requires. Discussion took place. Activities currently are as follows:

- 1) Reports are made and kept for five years
- 2) Worker's Comp activity report for each fireman
- 3) Inventory upkeep
- 4) New fire station is still currently in process

Eddie Currently has 275 hours toward his fire Marshall certificate. The City currently goes by the state fire codes. Arsenic investigator must be a certified peace officer and a Fire investigator finds the cause of the fire and presents it to the insurance. Eddie stated he still needs 80 hours for certified Fire Marshall, this would allow him to do the fire investigating.

Jim Taliaferro was present to voice his concern on the City's wish to do away with the school crossing guard. Discussion took place, no action can be taken due to item not placed on the agenda.

## Public Hearing Re: Tax Abatement Lots 6 thru 10, Blk 83 Original Town of Stratford

Public hearing began at 9:30 p.m. No one was present to protest the abatement. Steps for abatement are as follows:

- 1) City must pass a resolution renewing the abatement policy.
- 2) City must designate reinvestment zone.
- 3) City must clarify the terms of the abatement.

Jon King questioned the council on what terms the City wishes to give in the abatement. The City could give the abatement for six years with the abatement percentage as follows: the first 3 years would be at 00%, 4th year 75%, 5th year 50%, and 6th year 25%. This abatement is based on the improvements to the project.

Joe Zak motioned to approve the resolution, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motion to designate lots 6-10, blk 83 original town of

Stratford as the reinvestment zone, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak motion to give a 5 year abatement as follows: 1st year 100%, 2nd year 100%, 3rd year 75%, 4th year 50%, and 5th year 25%. BA Donelson seconded all in favor, motion carried. The abatement will begin January 1, 2003.

Jim Taliaferro spoke again concerning the school crossing guard. Jim's problems was that the district had no notification that the crossing guard was to be discontinued. Jim asks for more notification.

George Harding motioned to place the school crossing guard back on the payroll, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Question was brought up concerning no crossing guard at the crossing at Highway 287.

Council apologized to Jim Taliaferro and the School Board for pulling the crossing guard with no warning.

BA Donelson motioned to approve the 2002 Tax Rolls, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

LaRita Butler spoke to the council regarding office space in City Hall. LaRita stated that the city is running out of space to store records, which must be kept for several years. The vault is currently full and the city has just completed a another year which will place more records in the vault. Also the current Municipal Judge is no longer an in-house judge and is currently working out of a corner in the Council Chambers. The police department is overloaded with file cabinets and no room for anything else. LaRita is asking the council do something regarding space. The city has purchased the building next door to the est of city hall but must work needs to be done. Council feels this is not an issues and wishes to do nothing at this time.

LaRita Butler spoke on purchases made through City Hall. LaRita would like for the council to set a price on the purchases they wish to go before the city council before being purchased. Council consensus was anything over \$4,000 must come before the council for pre-approval.

Question was asked as to how does the city keep up with the cemetery contract labor's hours. The contract labor employee submits the amount of money the city owes for the work done at the cemetery. Payment is then submitted once a month, usually at the end of the month.

BA Donelson questioned the pay raise for Eddie Williams. Discussion took place.

Salaries for the employees were discussed. Suggestions were made from Don Nicholson to the City Council. Don recommended that all employees receive a 3% raise.

BA Donelson motioned not to accept the raises as presented, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Council then asked for another recommendation from the department heads to be presented at the next regular council meeting.

BA stated than any raises given to employees would be retroactive to October 2, 2002.

Bryan Mungia questioned if the equipment to be purchased on the equipment list presented at the budget meetings was in the current budget. LaRita stated yes it was, the line items are split.

Mayor Brown asked the council if they had any questions regarding the City Administrator's report or the public Works Director's report. There were none.

Ken Forthman recommended a policy change regarding the on-call employees.

The 90-day police committee was discussed and will be placed on the next regular agenda.

The Police department on-call will be paid out exactly as the utility on-call pay.

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