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Interim Director (right) Ann Johnson familiarizes Kathy Allen, new SCDC Executive Director, with some of the projects going on in Sherman County.

Allen Named New SCDC Executive Director

During the past two weeks there have been tours around the county to look at different projects. A trip up and down Main Street and to the courthouse to meet new people and greet some she already knew. Kathy Allen is the new Executive Director of the Sherman County Development and Ann Johnson, Interim Director has been busy catching her up on ongoing projects.

Kathy came here from Amarillo where she was an administrative assistance for school superintendents. Even though she came to Stratford from the city, Kathy was raised in the small town of Dimmitt and appreciates the quieter "hometown atmosphere". She and her husband Lynn, a Stratford native, are glad to bet back to the rural lifestyle offered here.

Pantry Meeting Sept. 23rd

There will be a Pantry Meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2004 at the XIT Building at 7 p.m.

Main Street Enhancement Project Walk October 5th

The Main Street Enhancement Project will have a walk through with TxDOT, Mark Tomlinson, District Engineer; Cheryl Luther, Planning and Design; Randy Hochstein, Area Engineer, Tuesday, October 5 beginning at the City Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Lollipop Junction Annual Hamburger Feed Coming Soon

Lollipop Junction will be having their annual hamburger feed Friday October 8th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Sherman County Barn. Come eat before going to the football game. Stratford vs. Gruver.

Pep Club Selling Blankets

Pep Club is selling Elk and Lady Elk blankets. Perfect for football season! Call Jessica Wheeler @ 366-3324 or contact a pep club member to order.

Spirit Camp Participants

If your daughter participated in Spirit Camp this summer she will also get to cheer at the football game on Friday, Sept. 24. The girls will need to wear their spirit camp T-shirt or a cheer uniform and will cheer until half time. Please have your daughter at the game at 7:20. Call 366-3324 if you have any questions.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

SCDC Needs Information

Sherman County Development continues to update their files and request help from the readers of the Stratford Star.

A few weeks ago the Sherman County Development Committee requested information about property for lease, rent and/or for sale within the community of Sherman County.

There are empty commercial spaces located throughout the city of Stratford that, if listed with the SCDC, could possibly be matched/or offered to inquiries which the SCDC receives through its contacts from organizations with clients searching for sites in which to locate or relocate. These inquiries usually have a limited time frame in which to respond, and the SCDC needs the property information immediately. The SCDC needs information about structure construction, square footage, location, office space, and price range.

The SCDC also receives inquiries about houses for sale, and for rent, and would like to assist both the property owner and the persons who are inquiring in a timely manner.

Please contact:
Sherman County Development
301 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 652
Stratford, Texas 79084
806-366-2897
scdc@xit.net

Sherman County Development is open Monday-Friday 8:00 until 12:00 a.m., 1:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Good Luck Elks



Hank the Cowdog author John Erickson was at the Mary Allen and Middle Schools on Tuesday, September 14th. His "Hank the Cowdog Concert" performance in Stratford was made possible through the Stratford Education Foundation.

Hank the Cow Dog Visits Stratford Schools

On Tuesday, September 14, 145 students and 15 teachers at Mary Allen Elementary, and 122 students at the Middle School were treated to a special presentation by nationally known author John Erickson as he introduced Hank the Cow Dog to his audience.

When asked the importance of bringing Hank to school children Mr. Erickson replied, "As I remember myself as a 5th or 6th grade student I would have appreciated the author of books speaking to me. I want students to realize that we can produce culture in places like Perryton and Stratford and I want them to feel pride in knowing that the stories I write about come from people in the panhandle."

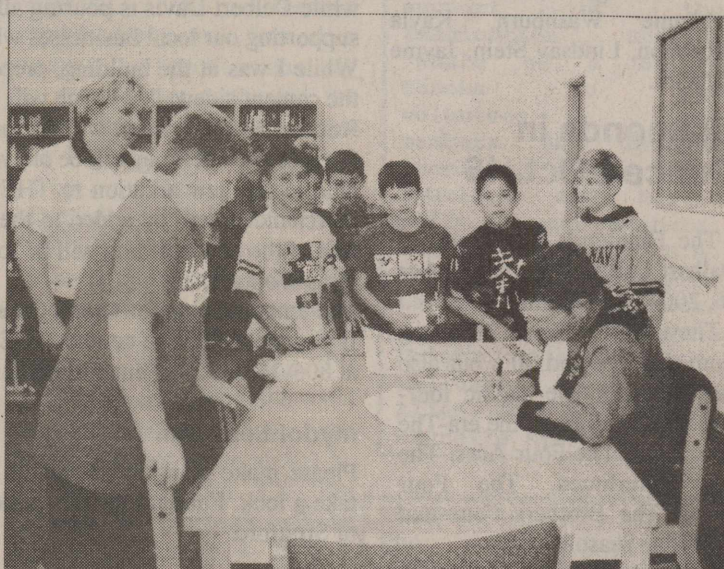
Mr. Erickson's presentation was made possible by a grant funded by the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. The

grand application was written by Shanda Davis, Kaci McBryde, Lynda Hauser, Nita Hudson and Shannon Stewart. Mrs. Davis stated "What an opportunity for our students to meet a nationally recognized author that lives in the Texas Panhandle". Mrs. McBryde added: The Mary Allen students thoroughly enjoyed meeting John Erickson and hearing his presentation. Thank you to the Stratford Education Foundation for this privilege." Mrs. Hauser, "Our Middle Schools students were all smiles before, during and after Mr. Erickson's visit. They especially enjoyed the last song of his presentation, and they were excited to be "up close" to Hank's creator. Thanks to the Stratford Education Foundation for making this possible".

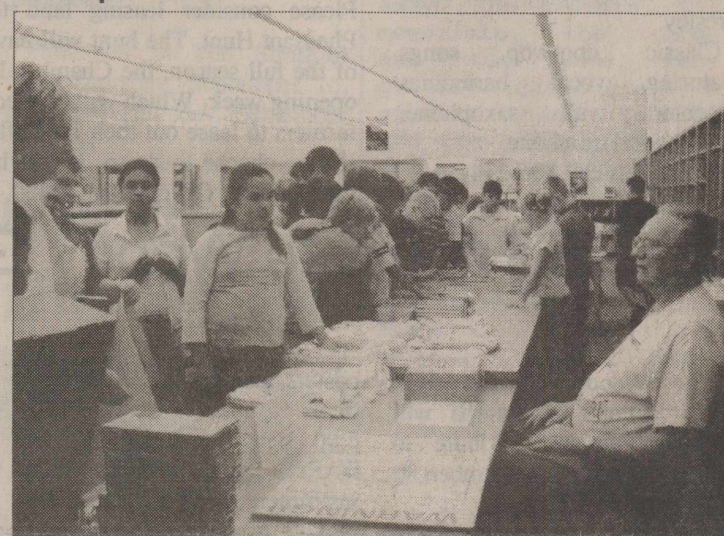
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THE General Store Making Changes

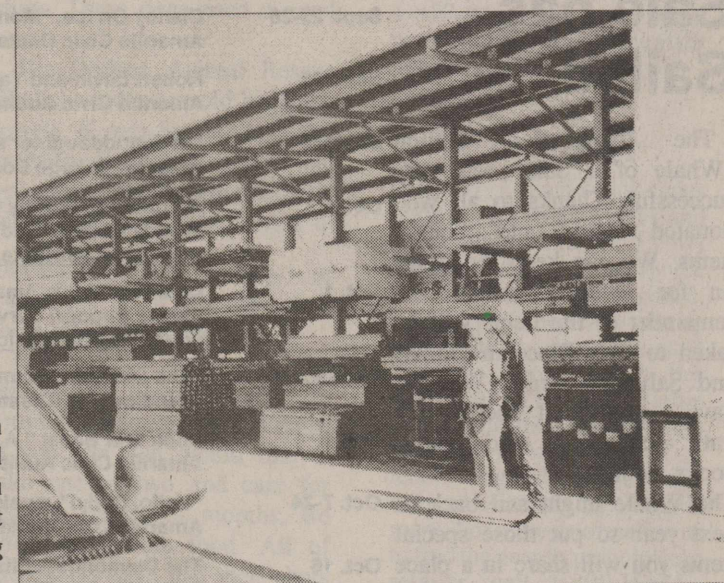
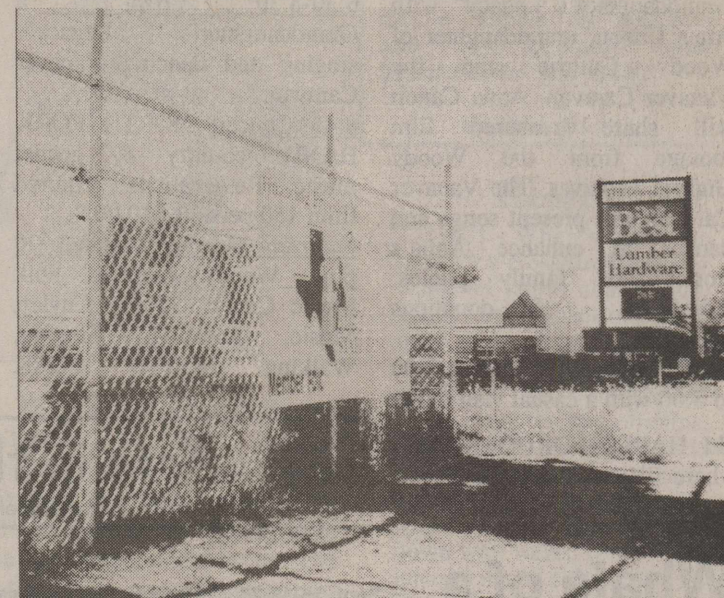
Shown at right and above pictures of what's going on at THE General Store. New building going up and now all of the finishing touches to be done. If you have not seen the activity going on, take a moment and drive by and see the new addition. Looking forward to the Grand Opening.



John Erickson also autographed books and shirts the students purchased.



Students were able to purchase Hank the Cowdog shirts, books, CD's and much more on Tuesday, September 14th.



Football Pics on line at www.joetaylorphotos.com

Three Students Charged

Three students from Dalhart were charged with Class B misdemeanors after painting the Stratford Elk in front of the school and the sidewalk. The damage was found around 6 a.m. on Thursday morning. Superintendent Jim Taliaferro helps with the cleanup on Thursday morning.



Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Congratulations! 2004 Yearbook Staff

The 2004 edition of "The Elk" has been chosen as a Yearbook Yearbook semi-finalist. Of the more than 8,000 yearbooks that Taylor Publishing prints, each year less than ten percent of them are chosen to be semi-finalists for Yearbook Yearbook.

A panel of judges from across the nation selects finalists to be published in our prestigious design annual. Books are chosen to be semi-finalists from the overall look of the book. Pages will now be nominated by the advisor and final selections will be made in December. The 2004 Elk staff consisted of Advisor-Tami King, Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, Kayla Robertson, Lindsay Stein, Jayme Wilhelm.

Diamonds in Concert Oct. 16

The Diamonds in Concert at Dalhart LaRita Theatre October 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

They will perform their hits from the 50's and 60's but also pay tribute to the classic four-part vocal groups of the era-The Four Lads, The Four Aces, The Four Freshmen, The Four Preps, The Brothers Four and The Four Seasons.

They also honor the great solo artists in Rock 'n Roll Bobby Darin, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.

Classic doo-wop songs featuring vocal harmonies accented with saxophone, trumpet and trombone.

For tickets call 806-244-5646.

A Tribute to Woody Guthrie

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa will present Pampa's "Tribute to Woody Guthrie" September 30 thru October 2.

Thursday, Sept. 30 will begin in the Amarillo College Concert Hall Theatre with "A Granddaughter's Legacy" with Anna Canon, granddaughter of Woody Guthrie and the Vanaver Caravan. Anna Canon will share treasured film footage from the Woody Guthrie Archives. The Vanaver Caravan will present songs and dances to enhance Anna's stories and family photos. Admission free-donations welcome.

Friday, October 1 begins 3:00 to 5:00 with a casual visit to the

old HARRIS DRUG STORE where Woody Guthrie began his musical journey. View

ATTENTION GRAND OPENING DATE CHANGED

The date for The Cleaning Station Grand Opening has been changed. Keri & Bob Harris will be having the Grand Opening on October 1, 2004. Keri says due to shipping equipment delays the date had to be changed. Please make plans to attend the Grand Opening.

THE GENERAL STORE

Hopefully most of you have noticed the changes that have been occurring at THE General Store. Store owners, Ronnie and Zelda Pickens, are making some major transformations.

The new addition being added, is a Morton Building, with 6300 square feet. This will make a total of 13,600 square feet of building space for THE General Store.

Mungia's will be installing the heating and air-conditioning units, while Delbert Davis is pouring all of the concrete. The Pickens' are supporting our local businesses while enhancing their own.

While I was at the building, preparations were being made to pour the cement sidewalks, which will border the building on three sides. Ronnie said the floor will be poured next week. Also, the light fixtures and shelving will be arriving by the end of this month.

Due to the new addition to THE General Store, a wide variety of merchandise will be added to the already existing stock. The south half of the new building will be for pallet merchandise. Lumber will remain outside.

The tentative plan for Grand Opening will be the end of November. If you would like to contact THE General Store, you can call them at 806-366-5308 or email them at

mydoitbest.com

Please make plans to attend the Grand Opening and swing by to take a look. Funding for this project is through the First State Bank of Stratford.

FARMERS

Please consider leasing land to the Chamber for our annual Pheasant Hunt. The hunt will have some changes this year. Instead of the full season, the Chamber Board voted to change the hunt to opening week. Which will be December 4-11th. This will enable the farmers to lease out their land after the Chamber hunt is completed if they choose to do so. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber Office at 366-2260.

posters and Photos. Admission free.

5:00 p.m. Music at SOKES BARN, jam session bring instrument of choice and get to pickin' & grinnin'! 6:00 p.m. Cornbread-Beans-Hobo Stew Supper

6:30-8:30 p.m. "a Granddaughter's Legacy", singing and dancing Vanaver Caravan.

8:45 Concert NORTH FORK BAND, country & gospel music. Reservations required limit 150 persons \$10.00

Saturday, October 2 noon-3:00 p.m. Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler, Music, Dancing, Singing, Walking NORTH FORK

BAND & VANAVER CARAVAN plus anyone with guitar, harmonica, banjo autoharp, accordion. Bring your Lawn Chair, picnic lunch and a sense of fun and adventure. FREE.

7:00-9:00 p.m. MK Brown Civic Auditorium, Grand Finale "Pasture of Plenty" A Tribute to

Woody Guthrie by the VNAVER CARAVAN. Admission \$15.00. Information and reservations on line

www.pampastrIBUTE.org or phone 806-669-3241.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

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| Sept. 16-18-25 | "Beauty and the Beast" Children's Drama |
| Mat: 18-19-26 | Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019 |
| Sept. 23-26 | Disney On Ice, "Monsters, Inc." Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096 |
| Sept. 25 | Robert Levin and Ya-Fei Chuagn, pianist, Symphony Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 |
| Sept. 30 | "A Granddaughter's Legacy" Tribute to Woody Guthrie Amarillo College Concert Hall Theatre 22 & VanBuren |
| Oct. 1,2 | A Tribute to Woody Guthrie Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa TX www.pampastrIBUTE.org 806-669-3241 |
| Oct. 1 | Chamber Music Amarillo "Polk Street Jazz" 8:00 p.m. Family Support Services Loft Space 1001 S. Polk www.chambermusicamarillo.org 806-23603545 |
| Oct. 6,7,8,9 | "The Old Boy" Drama 7:30 Branding Iron Theatre, WTA&MU Canyon 806-651-2777 |
| Oct. 9 | Lone Star Ballet "A partnership with Russia" Amarillo Civic Auditorium |
| Oct. 7-24 | "Hello, Dolly!" musical Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991 |
| Oct. 16 | The Diamonds - Hits from 50's and 60's Dalhart LaRita Theatre tickets 806-244-5646 |

Letters to the Editor

September 15, 2004
Dear Editor:

We would like to thank Larry Norris & Jimmy Lanning for their quick response to our 4 year-old-son, Joshua (grandson of Gaynelle Oakley) Friday night after the September 10th football game. They were both professional and very good with Joshua and they are great at bandaging!

Mr. Norris and Mr. Lanning,

we sincerely thank you!!!!!! It made the situation a lot less stressful for Joshua and everyone else in the family.

Tony & Pat Goodnature

Good Luck Cross Country Girls

DID YOU KNOW !!!

The Stratford Laundry is no longer in service. That is right it is no longer there. I was notified and given 30 days to move my service to my local location in Boise City, OK (The West Side Laundry). If you would like for your clothes to be picked and delivered to a location of your choosing within a 10-mile radius of Stratford, give me a call on my toll free number. Remember we will continue the same great rates, and service you have come to enjoy. Give me a call today to set up your schedule. 1-800-547-2761 West Side Laundry.

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Whale of a Sale has Sailed

The Imagination Station "Whale of a Sale" was very successful. Thanks to all who donated items and bought items. We can keep the lights on for several months. The remainder of the items will be taken to Safe Place in Dumas and Salvation Army. We still have a very good sleeper sofa until next week and books, books, books.

The Whale might sail back in next year so put those special items you will share in a place or box.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Virgie Mathews celebrated her 93rd birthday with friends who stopped by Sunday the 12th. Daughter Marjory Munden furnished the cake.

Bill & Pat Boren went to Rio Rancho, N.M., recently to help son Joe Bill with an Over the Hill birthday. Kerry, Kelly Carlisle and sons, Kevin & Kole of Abernathy also went.

Joe & Judi Boren, Charles & Jean Beth Boren joined Bill & Pat for a trip to Lake City, CO. They made a stop at Monument Lake on the way.

Marylou & Patti McDaniel spent the weekend at Fred's Spread with Boots & Rene Avent of Stinnett.

Before school started, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters took their grandchildren to Wonderland Park in Amarillo and the Sunray Water Park. The grandchildren are Jacy, Dasan, Tala and Kylee.

Ralph Hampton is home and is improving.



7th grade students qualifying for the Duke University Talent Identification Program standing from left: Sunny Russell, Roy Allen, Eric Burton, Anthony Ruiz, Elias Terrazas, Kelsi Dennis, Channing Zieman. Kneeling from left, Janeth Reyes, Chrystal Thompson, and Shelby McDaniel.

Seventh Grade Students Qualify for the Duke University Talent Identification Program

Ten Stratford Junior High School students have met the qualification criteria for the Duke University Talent Identification Program, or the TIP program. This program is the largest of its kind in the nation and selects students from over 6,150 junior high and middle schools in the 16 state region. Students are identified based on their TAKS scores from the previous two years. After being identified, candidates are invited to complete the SAT or ACT college entrance exams. In addition to the testing experience, students will receive several publications as well as a certificate of merit for participating in the TIP program.

The goal of the TIP program is to motivate, enrich, and academically challenge some of our community's brightest young people.

Qualifying for the Duke TIP program this year are Roy Allen, son of Ted & Sheryl Allen; Eric Burton, son of Sherwin & Connie Burton; Kelsi Dennis, daughter of Linda Dennis; Shelby McDaniel, daughter of John & Terri McDaniel; Janeth Reyes, daughter of Gonzalo and Juana Reyes; Anthony Ruiz, son of Heriberto and Alicia Ruiz; Sunny Russell, daughter of Lem & Cindy Russell; Chrystal Thompson, daughter of Jessica Thompson & Alonso Ruiz; Elias Terrazas, son of Gustavo & Elida Gonzalez; and Channing Zieman, daughter of Ted & Deide Zieman.

For information of this or any other programs for the gifted and talented students at Stratford ISD, please contact Jessica Wheeler, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, at 366-3324.

Deadline to register to vote in the November elections is October 4th. You may register at the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office or the Sherman County Public Library during regular working hours

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If we could learn how to balance rest against effort, calmness against strain, quiet against turmoil, we would assure ourselves of joy in living and psychological health for life.
—Josephine Rathbone

WESTSIDE LAUNDRY
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Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

SCOT Luncheon is Thursday, and there will be a very special program, so everyone will want to be there! This could be very entertaining.

The tour of the Wheeler area was cancelled because of conflicts, but will be rescheduled. We will have more information later.

There are plans being made to take a group to see "Beauty and the Beast" at the Guymon Community theatre on Sunday, September 26, at 2 p.m. The bus will leave at 1:00 p.m. And, coming up on October 5th will be a meeting at the library, when Sandy Baskin will give a program about what the library has for seniors.

Mary Allen Safety Fair Wednesday

Mary Allen Elementary students grades K-4 will be participating in the Safety Fair on Wednesday, September 29th at the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings. Students will learn about fire safety in the home, water safety, safety at railroad crossings, bicycle safety, weather safety, and poison prevention.

The Sherman County Family Living Committee of the Sherman County Extension Program Council is coordinating the educational event in cooperation with Mary Allen Elementary Principal, Mary Pat Williams. Cooperative agencies participating are Stratford Fire Department, Stratford City Police, Union Pacific Railroad, National Weather Service, National Park Service, Texas Panhandle Poison Center, and the Sherman County office of Texas Cooperative Extension.

The fair objectives are to help elementary students become more aware of home safety hazards, students will learn proper safety procedures in the event of an emergency, and they will become familiar with community emergency response equipment and personnel.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Volunteers assisting with the fair will include employees of First State Bank, Farm Bureau Insurance, members of SCOT, Prospective Study Club and Texas Extension Education Association.

There's one word that describes baseball: "You never know."
—Joaquin Andujar

GIVE OUR SCHOOL A HELPING HAND!
CLIP BOX TOPS COUPONS



Save Your Box Tops For Education" and give Mary Allen Elementary a helping hand.

We are trying to win a \$1,000 by turning in the most boxtops by Oct. 31.

The Box Tops For Education program and United Supermarket are teaming up with General Mills to provide \$1,000 each to five schools that collect the most Box Tops coupons from now through Oct. 31.

We will only be competing against other schools with similar enrollment.

I will put a drop box at Thriftway or call me Ronda Mathews 366-2291 and I will pick up or give them a Mary Allen student.

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words.
—Phillips Brooks

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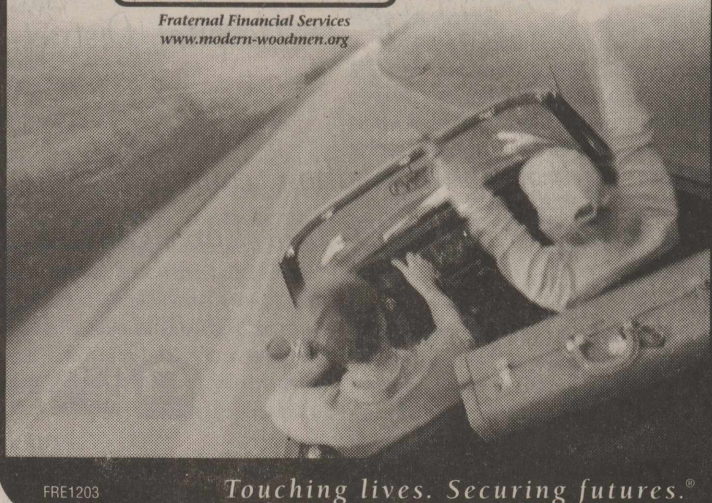
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

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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. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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The Life of the Gospel

There is no question about it. We all want a generous portion of the good things of this life. Of course we are most concerned about material things. We can, however, also add good health because without good health we cannot fully enjoy the material goodies of this life. We also strive to gain the respect, even the admiration of others. It feels good when we have excelled in a certain field and we are admired because of it. Unfortunately, most of us leave out one key element in our quest for the better life—Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God. You see you cannot ignore Jesus Christ and ultimately expect a good life. Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). This includes improving the quality of your life. Did you catch what I said? I mentioned the quality of your life. Without Christ you cannot really improve the quality of life. You might increase the quantity of things in your life. You might gain great wealth and you might even gain the admiration of many men and women. But the quality of your life may not change at all. In fact you may still experience a great lack of inner peace and contentment. This is why Christ came into the world. He said, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). He came into the world in order to change the quality of life experienced by people like you and me. He came to give you an abundance of love, joy, peace and contentment. There is nothing worse than sadness in the midst of plenty. But sadness there will be if you ignore Jesus Christ. Isn't it time for you to turn to Him and seek the abundance of life that comes thru Him?

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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



Fire Department Receives Donation

Stratford Fire Department received a donation of two MSA Ultralite II Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Mr. Joe Riddle of Lubbock, Texas, Loss Prevention Consultant and former volunteer fire fighter made the donation to the Stratford Fire Department.

Shown above from left to right Fire Chief Eddie Williams, Sandy Williams and Joe Riddle.

4-H Members Compete at Tri-State Fair in Amarillo

Several Sherman County 4-H Members competed at the Tri-State Fair this past weekend, September 25-26, 2004. Callie Hamilton exhibited her Hereford Heifer to First Place, Jacob Edmond, Kaleb Horsford, and Kyle Horsford each exhibited a barrow in the Swine Show. We were represented by four Livestock Judging Teams. The Jr. Teams consisted of: Team #1-Nick James, Trey Freeman, Savanna Pugh and Kyle Horsford, Team #2-Clayton Johnson, Corey Lomax, Trevor Christian and

Jordan Johnson. The Sr. Team consisted of: Team #1-Cody James, Kaleb Horsford, Derreck Nye, and Pete Dahl, Team #2 April Kautz, Derek Blain, Katelyn Blain and Federic Limas. Jr. Team #1 placed 6th overall and Jr. Team #2 placed 9th overall. Clayton Johnson was the 4th high Jr. Individual. Sr. Team #1 placed 6th overall and Sr. Team #2 placed 11th overall. Cody James was the 11th High Sr. Individual. Congratulations to all of the Tri-State Fair Participants and Good luck to those exhibiting this upcoming weekend.

See You

At the Pole

Shown at right- Many students participated in See You at the Pole held on Wednesday morning September 15th.



Happy State Bank Collecting Coats for Kids!

Happy State Bank wants to keep kids in Stratford warm and cozy this winter and you can help!

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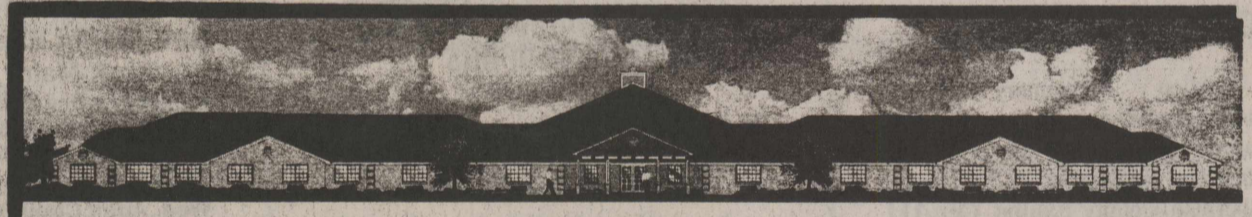


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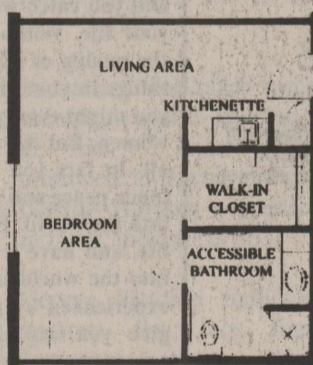
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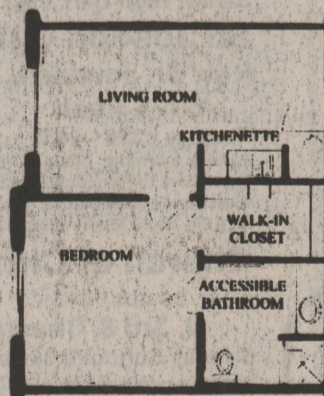
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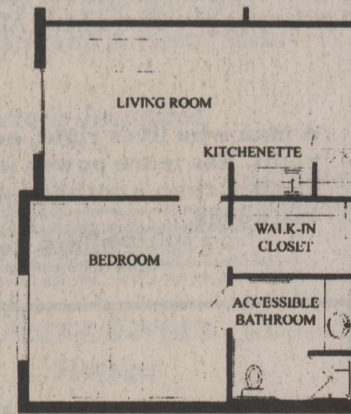
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LADY ELKS MAKE IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT THE 33RD ANNUAL AMARILLO INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET

The Top 7 girls and five Pack girls traveled to Thompson Park in Amarillo this past weekend to compete in the 33rd Amarillo Invitational. The Pack girls ran in the JV division at 1:30 p.m. and did an outstanding job representing the Lady Elk Athletic Program. These young ladies are running to better prepare themselves for the upcoming basketball season, so finishing 11th out of 17 teams is not bad at all. Allison Baskin medaled finishing 11th out of 145 runners by running a time of 15:19 on the slightly longer than 2-mile course. Candie Bell was the second runner to cross the line for the Lady Elks with a time of 18:07. Deidre Tarver ran a 19:45 and Gina Mattocks and Katelyn Reed were the 4th and 5th runners for the Lady Elks finishing with times of 22:01 and 23:04 respectively.

The Top 7 girls had their best overall performance to date by finishing 2nd out of 17 teams in the class A-AAA division. The Borger girls, ranked 8th in the state by the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas, finished 1st as a team with 42 points. The Stratford girls had 87 points followed by 3) Panhandle (121), 4) White Deer (175), 5) Shamrock (180), and 6) Claude (191). Five young ladies battled the heat, wind, tough course conditions and the competition to make a strong statement about where they are and where they are headed as district is just around the corner. Kristen Crabtree, Yadira Ortega and Brittany Hudson had outstanding performances this past Saturday

leaving the competition in their wake as they simply ran people down and out during the small school race. Kristen Crabtree was the 9th place medalist running a time of 13:56, Yadira Ortega was the 10th place medalist with a time of 13:59 and Brittany Hudson finished 11th in a time of 14:01. The "Three Amigos" as one coach said to Coach Hudson did an awesome job. Not to be out done, however, was Lucero Ortega who came in 26th with a time of 14:53 and just missing out on a medal. Whitney Reese, another outstanding freshman, finished 39th out of 116 runners completing the course in a time of 15:12. Congratulations to these young ladies for their outstanding performances this past weekend and for their 2nd place team finish in a tough field of competitors. Good luck to these young ladies as they travel to Lubbock this coming Saturday for the 29th Annual Lubbock Invitational.

On Saturday September 18th, the Jr. High Cross Country girls left at 6:15 for the 3rd Annual Follett Cross Country meet. The meet was held at the Darrouzett Golf Course.

At 9:00 a.m., the Jr. High Lady Elks lined up to run against 12 other teams, which made a total of 82 runners. The Lady Elks ran a very good race and placed 2nd with 76 points. Spearman finished 1st with 70 points.

Sierra Valenzuela finished the course with a time of 12:58 and Erika Duran finished with a time of 13:00 to medal 4th and 6th. Perla Rueda finished 19th with a time of 13:49, Janeth Reyes 21st - 14:01, Becky Rosales 26th - 14:29, Mabel Gardea 35th - 14:55, Alma Marquez 37th - 15:04, Mary Lou Maldonado 56th - 16:31, Angie Rosales 61st - 17:18, Perla Morales 62nd - 17:21.

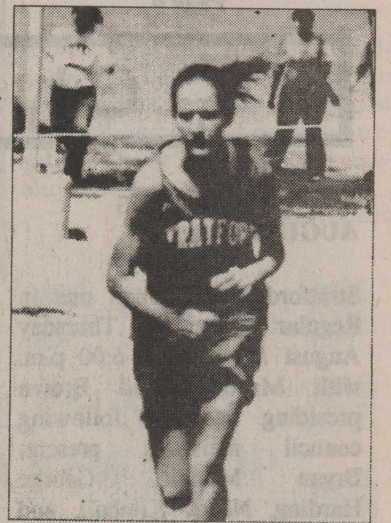
The Jr. High Lady Elks run again Oct. 2 at the Sunray Meet held at Cator Ranch in Sunray.



Cross Country Lady Elks from left, Kristen Crabtree, Yadira Ortega, and Brittany Hudson finished 9, 10, 11th respectively at the Amarillo meet this past Saturday. The team placed 2nd. Great Job Lady Elks!!



These five Lady Elks ran in the Cross Country meet held in Amarillo this past Saturday. All Lady Elks that run in the pack have to run one meet. Shown from left, Candie Bell, Deidre Tarver, Katelyn Reed, Gina Mattocks, Allison Baskin. This picture was taken before they ran!!



Cross Country Lady Elk Whitney Reese



Cross Country Lady Elk Lucero Ortega.

Gun Show Scheduled

G & S Promotions is sponsoring a Gun Show on Saturday October 2nd (9-5) and Sun Oct. 3rd (9-4). This is their 1st show ever to be held in Guymon, OK. The show will be held at the Texas County Fairgrounds. They will be featuring guns, knives, ammo, coins & jewelry, and are ready to Buy-Sell-Trade. Children under 12 get in FREE. For more information call 918-659-2201.

Good Luck Cross Country

Sherman Co. 4-H Horse Club

The Sherman Co. 4-H Horse Club invites you to be a part of an exciting year. There is open enrollment so you can join anytime but the sooner you join, the sooner you can participate in the fun. Just pick up an enrollment form at the Sherman Co. Extension Office. You do not have to have a horse to join, just a love of horses and a willingness to learn about them. Parents are welcome to come to meetings and help sponsor events!

Members will learn about horse nutrition, health, types of housing, the cost of owning a horse, different breeds, how to ride, and different events such as Western events, English events, and Halter class.

We will participate in several events which will include the Christmas Parade, the Stratford Days Parade, and several parades in nearby towns. We will also have the Playday in the summer and participate in the Memorial Day Ceremony and will send a team to the Quiz Bowl in February.

The Club has planned some interesting field trips this coming year, which include going to the AQHA Museum, a trail ride with a cookout and a Treasure Hunt.

There are other events and field trips in the works for next year going into next fall. We hope to see you at the next Horse Club meeting. We will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at 4 p.m. at the arena or at the County Barn. Please come be a part of our exciting year ahead.

A HORSE'S PRAYER

Give me food & drink; and care for me.
And when the day's work is done, shelter me.
Give me a clean bed and leave me not too small a place in the stable.
Talk to me, for your voice often takes the place of reins.
Be good to me and I shall serve you more gladly and love you.

-Rochester Mounted Police, NY

Santa Fe Trail Tour Boise City, Ok. Sat. Oct. 2

The Cimarron heritage Center will host its annual October Tour on Saturday, October 2nd. The tour will leave from the Heritage Center, N. Hwy 287 at 8 a.m. with registration at 7:30 a.m. Everyone will be organized into the fewest number of high clearance vehicles so plan on taking your vehicle or riding with someone. The tour is all-day and there will be some walking. Possible sites will include Trujillo springs, Wolf Mountain, Autograph Rock, Camp Nichols and maybe a few surprises.

The museum will offer a delicious sandwich lunch with potato salad, baked beans, chips, desserts and drinks for \$8.00 or you may bring your own lunch. The tour is free.

Reservations are needed, call the museum at 580-544-3479 or e-mail

Museum@ptsi.net

We need to know name, address phone number (in case we get a flood), number of persons, vehicle type (or if you need a rife) and lunch plans.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

—Mark Twain

It is a matter to gain the affection of a cat. He is a philosophical animal, tenacious of his own habits, fond of order and neatness, and disinclined to extravagant sentiment. He will be your friend, if he finds you worthy of friendship, but not your slave.

—Theophile Gautier

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Following are some quotes from teachers about Mr. Erickson.

"Mr. Erickson's performance brought the *Hank the Cowdog* characters to life for our students. Even my third grade son who doesn't like to read is excited about reading "Hank" books. Thank you Stratford Education Foundation for providing our students with this opportunity-Nita Hudson
How exciting it was for us to meet an author whose writing meets a high standard that parents can feel good about their kids reading.-Shannon Stewart.

Janeal Hands added that John Erickson's visit to Stratford Jr. High was a wonderful experience. The kids enjoyed visiting with John before his program. He personalized and autographed books and other *Hank the Cowdog* merchandise for the students. His program was a lot of fun. My student's already read *Hank the Cowdog* books but now EVERYONE wants one of his books.

Sloppy Joe Pizza

- Ingredients:**
1 pound ground beef
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1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
1 cup water
¾ cup frozen corn, thawed
1 (12-inch) Italian bread shell or prepared pizza crust
2 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese

- Directions:**
1. Brown ground beef in a large skillet. Drain fat. Stir in seasoning mix, tomato paste and water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in corn.
2. Preheat oven to 425° F. Place bread shell or pizza crust on baking sheet. Spoon beef mixture over top; sprinkle with cheese. Bake 10-12 minutes or until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with green onions, if desired. Cut into wedges.

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City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday August 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, George Harding, Nancy Kimball, and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department; Kathy Rendon, and Rob Elliott.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2004 Regular meeting with corrections, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mike Powers and Lorelyn Powers arrived at 6:05 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2004, and August 4, 2004 Special meeting with corrections, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Council reviewed the written report from the municipal court.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council reviewed the written report from the police department. Dwayne Dennis discussed some on-going activities. Dwayne also stated the City has been approved for a grant to purchase a new police car for the department.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean Hardman introduced attorney Rob Elliott from Dalhart.

Discussion took place regarding the East Sewer Plant and a high-pressure pump.

Max Smith has been here to look at repairs that need to be done to the lift station on North Purnell.

Bid on the 'pump house' was discussed. A new bid will have to be obtained; the one on file was outdated.

Property at 217 E. Texas was discussed.

Nan McWilliams has concern about the weeds at the cemetery. Discussion took place.

Earl Blair arrived at 6:15 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the placement of a trailer house on Block 47 Lots 17-20 (401 N. Grace). Lorelyn Powers has obtained all the required signatures. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the permit with the stipulation that the existing structure be removed within 6 months from the arrival date of the new home, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nominations for the TMLIEBP Board of Trustees were discussed. George Harding motioned to nominate Glen Metcalf, City Manager of Canyon, Texas; Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal IEBP, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council filled out a survey submitted by Consumers Company.

Discussion took place regarding building permit submitted for 116 S. Grace. No action taken.

Discussion took place regarding permit and structure fees. George Harding, Bryan Mungia, and Sean Hardman all met prior to the council meeting and reviewed fees from surrounding cities. Further discussion took place. No action taken.

Discussion took place regarding the condemnation of the property located at 217 E. Texas. Sean Hardman has reviewed the City code and the state statutes regarding property condemnation. Sean has spoken with the property owners and the owner wishes to repair the property. Sean will begin with the posting procedures.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of the software upgrade for City Hall. Nancy Kimball motioned to allow Sean to purchase the software upgrade, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

New computer system for City Hall was discussed. Council agreed to allow Sean to purchase the new system.

The discussion took place concerning the job description of the City Attorney; such as what's expected from him, fees, scheduling etc... Mayor Brown stated that all calls to the attorney should go through Sean with the exception of the Municipal Judge contacts. George Harding motioned to hire Rob Elliott as the new City Attorney, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:35 p.m. Council returned from recess at 7:38 p.m.

Council convened into executive session at 7:38 p.m. under section 551.072 deliberate regarding real property and under section 551.074 deliberation on the evaluation of the City Administrator.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. with no action taken.

Roger Mayfield arrived at 8:25 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding accounts payable and the price of fuel. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the bills, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the July financial statement, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council questioned if the City had many complaints regarding mosquitoes.

The status of the football signs will be placed on the next regular agenda.

The 2004-2005 budget was discussed. Next budget meeting will be August 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business, council adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

LaRita Butler
David Brown, Mayor
City Secretary

of Stratford

Learn to exhibit more patience than any other man you know.
—Harry J. Klingler

COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special session Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem George Harding presiding and the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, and Nan McWilliams.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem George Harding called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council tabled items A and B on the agenda.

Mayor Brown arrived at 7:47 a.m. Meeting was then taken over by Mayor Brown.

Council held budget workshop. Utility rates were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

LaRita Butler

David Brown, Mayor
City Secretary

of Stratford

COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nan McWilliams, Bryan Mungia, and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding Municipal Lease-Purchase Resolution for the software upgrade. George Harding motioned to approve the resolution, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ann Johnson arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Sherman County Development Committee is requesting \$5,000 from the City's current 2003-2004 budget. Discussion took place. George Harding motioned to approve the \$5,000 disbursement from the current budget, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Ann Johnson then thanked the council.

Council then held budget workshop. Longevity pay for employees was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

LaRita Butler

David Brown, Mayor
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At times, although one is perfectly right, one's legs tremble; at other times, although one is completely in the wrong, birds sing in one's soul.

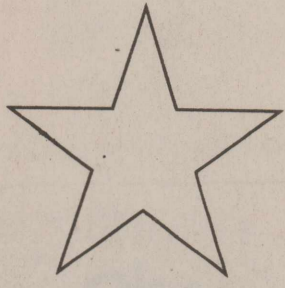
—Vasily V. Rozanov



Senior Car Wash

The Senior Car Wash was held on Saturday, September 18th. The seniors washed around 150 cars. Seniors shown from left at the car wash stopping long enough for their picture are 1/r: Brittany Hudson, Johnna Ewers, Kayla Robertson, Deidre Tarver, and Jayme Wilhelm.

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For Sale by owner: 3 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 baths, dining room, large living and utility rooms; 1 car garage w/shop; newly remodeled bathroom; new kitchen counter, cabinet, and dishwasher; carpet 2 years old. 1800 sq. feet (w/garage); vinyl siding, large 3-lot yard (90'x140'), 6' backyard picket fence w/ 3 gates, large storage building, backyard gym. \$39,900. 213 S. Fulton. Call (432) 586-6324 or (432) 940-6324. 7-29-tfn

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info. 7-31-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

Wanted

Wanted: Responsible Party to take on small monthly payments on High Definition Big Screen TV 1-800-398-3970. 9-30-p

Food

(NU) - California is famous for its luxurious coastlines and the mild weather that graces the state almost year-round. Californians are lucky enough to be able to celebrate outside all year long, so take advantage of the gorgeous surroundings by gathering your closest friends for a stylish evening of dining al fresco. Be sure to select a delicious wine to accompany the meal. Ecco Domani 2003 Pinot Grigio is a perfect wine for dining al fresco because of its crisp, fresh flavor.

Consumer

(NU) - The tedious tasks of writing out checks for bills and making constant trips to the post office to mail them could soon be a thing of the past, experts say. More and more Americans — about 30 million households, according to recent findings — are discovering the advantages of paying bills online. Web sites such as Paytrust.com, an online favorite with consumers and critics alike, provide online bill consolidation — giving you the ability to view, approve, pay and manage all your bills from a single source.

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl (we're moving to the farm). 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage, extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775. 4-22-tfn

For Sale: 4 -bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7th. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights. 7-22-tfn

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This 2 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath that has style. The office could serve as 3rd bedroom. Beautiful large living room and dining area. Extra room off of kitchen could serve many purposes such as hobby room or office. Hardwood floors, decorative wall paper. Home sits on a beautiful corner lot with sprinkler system, nice patio area and storage building in backyard. Hurry! \$78,900.

Buyers-You will fall in love with this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home! The home has been lovingly taken care of and is wonderfully decorated. The kitchen, dining and living room are all open. Large master suite. Master bathroom shower has a wall with beautiful glass blocks. The property also includes a superb shop which is 1152 sq. ft. and has 2 overhead garage doors. The shop also has heat & air and includes a 1/2 bath. Great patio. Near schools. \$98,500.

This charming home has been remodeled and sits on a 5 1/2 fenced lots. Attached 18'6"x24'8" workshop and 11'9"x12' storage building in backyard. Seller will furnish home warranty. \$79,900.

Super nice home has been recently refurbished with new floor coverings and paint. It has walk-in closets. \$33,000.

Well maintained home in nice neighborhood. This home has large kitchen with dining area and large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large living room. Two large bedrooms, with large walk-in closets, plus office with closet that could be third bedroom, two full baths and large utility room. Two car attached garage, sprinkler system, CHA, and large shop in fenced backyard. We are offering a one-year home warranty with this home. This is a must see home ready to move into, for more information call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560. 10-28-c

For Sale: 3-bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Lots of storage. New roof, new H/A/C, new kitchen countertops & cooktop. Extra large lot w/storage bldg. Great location, close to schools. 1206 N. Butler. 366-2070. 9-9-tfn

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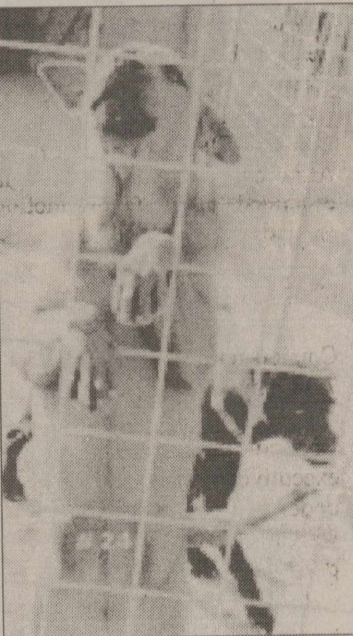
Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested vendors for a new four door midsize car. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. October 4, 2004. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304 or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on October 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs & Puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Good Luck Elks

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Cards of Thanks

Thank you community for your special support of the Imagination Station "Whale of a Sale". Thanks to the volunteer board members and LeRayne Donelson, Mary Ann Spurlock and Austin Riffe. Board members: George Harding, B.A. Donelson, Don Riffe, Laurie Spurlock, Jeanne Bell, Marsha Wright, Kim Crippen, Mellonee York, Kim Allen, Ann Johnson and Gaynelle Riffe.

Thanks to all of you who called, visited, and prayed for our loved one during his illness and his passing away. The flowers, the memorials, the cards and the food were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the EMS crew, Jimmy, Larry, and Michelle and to the Dumas ER staff which included Nora Wells. A special thanks also to those friends who supported us during the hospital and the hospice times. Thank you all.

The Richard Carter Family

A big thank you to everyone for all the visits, cards, food, flowers, telephone calls since my surgery and my return home. Stratfords the BEST.

Martha Mitts

Health

(NU) - When you hit the road for a cross-town drive or weekend jaunt, chances are you'll forget to pack one of the most important things of all: your lunch! When selecting snacks at the convenience store, forgo the bag of chips, candy bar or sweetened soda and look for healthier choices. Grab some pretzels or whole-wheat crackers. Wash the snack down with water, 100 percent juice, or nonfat or low-fat milk. For more tips, call the Weight-control Information Network at 1-877-946-4627 or visit www.niddk.nih.gov/health/nutrit/nutrit.htm.

Consumer

(NU) - From hot pink slides and faux fur stoles to pink and white pumps and vivid vinyl handbags, it seems that over the past four and a half decades, Barbie celebrated each year by simply adding another fun and fabulous accessory to her wardrobe. In honor of Barbie doll's milestone, look for the 45th Barbie Anniversary Collection of gift items, cards and keepsake ornaments by Hallmark. For more information or to find the nearest participating retailer, call 1-800-HALL-MARK or visit www.hallmark.com.

Business

(NU) - The challenges of today's global marketplace are forcing companies to look at doing things differently in order to get that extra edge over their competition. According to Makino, a global provider of advanced machining technology, companies doing things the same way they have always done are probably in a "recurring uniform trap" or "RUT," while the global market is passing them by. To learn how your company can utilize advanced machine technologies to stay out of a RUT, visit www.makino.com or call 1-800-552-3288.

Good Luck Elks

ELKS STOMP THE WOLVES

The Stratford Elks soared past Dalhart with a 34-6 victory on Friday, September 17th.

Josh King threw for 208 yards on 12 of 23 and three touchdowns. Tyler Haynes led in receptions with 75 yards on 2 catches and one touchdown. Josh Lanning followed with 34 yards on 3 catches and one touchdown and Travis Soto accumulated 34 yards on 1 reception and one touchdown.

Gustavo Rosales carried the ball for 68 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown followed by Josh Lanning with 50 yards on 3 carries and one touchdown. King carried the ball for 30 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown. Brady Bell scored two points on PAT and Cory Rendon added 2 points on PAT's.

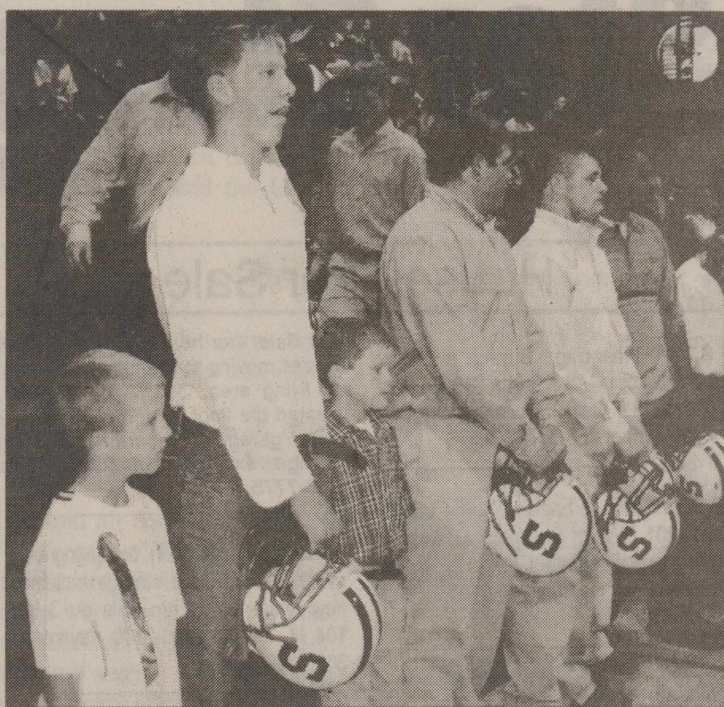
The Elks defense was led by Ryan McDaniel with 14 tackles followed by Travis Soto with 9 and Martin Beltran with 8 tackles. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Josh King, Mark Miller, Adam Gomez, Josh Lanning, Cory Rendon, Asbel Gomez, Gustavo Rosales, Kelby Smith, Rudolfo Portillo, Walter Spurlock, and Connor Vincent.

Players of the Week for their performance against Dalhart were Mark Miller - Offensive Line; Josh Lanning - Offensive Back; Rudy Portillo - Defensive Line; Josh King - Defensive Back; and Special Teams - Adam Gomez and Kelby Smith.

The Elks will face Tulia here on Friday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. Go Elks!



Josh King gave the pep talk on Friday, September 17.

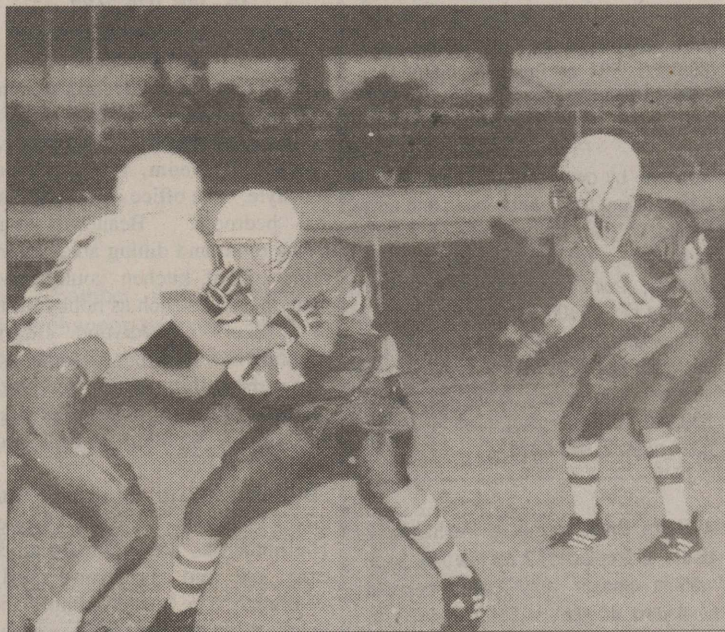


Every week two Mary Allen Students walk in with the football players. Shown with the Elks on Friday, September 17th from left, 1st grade student Jack McBryde and 2nd grade student Braiden Galla.

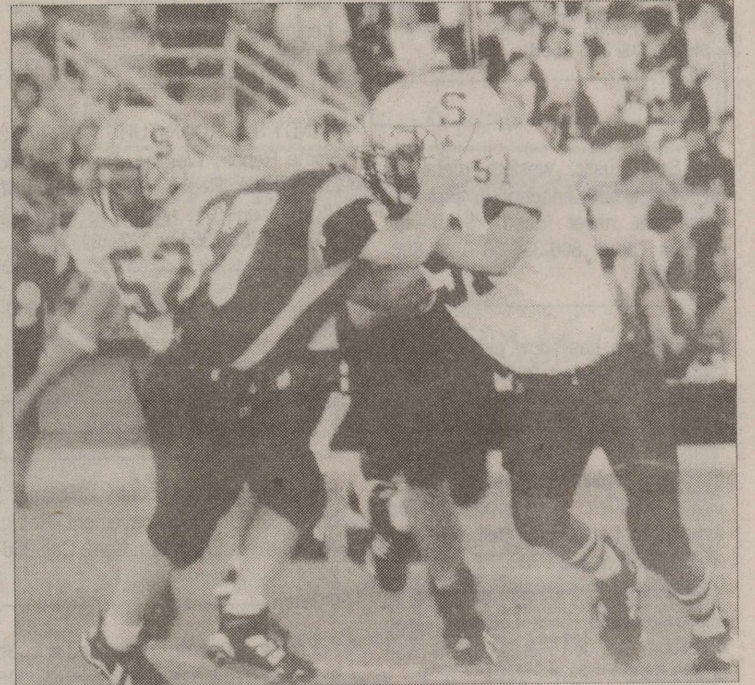


Stratford Elk #32 Gustavo Rosales carries the ball for the Elks in their win over Dalhart on Friday, September 17th.

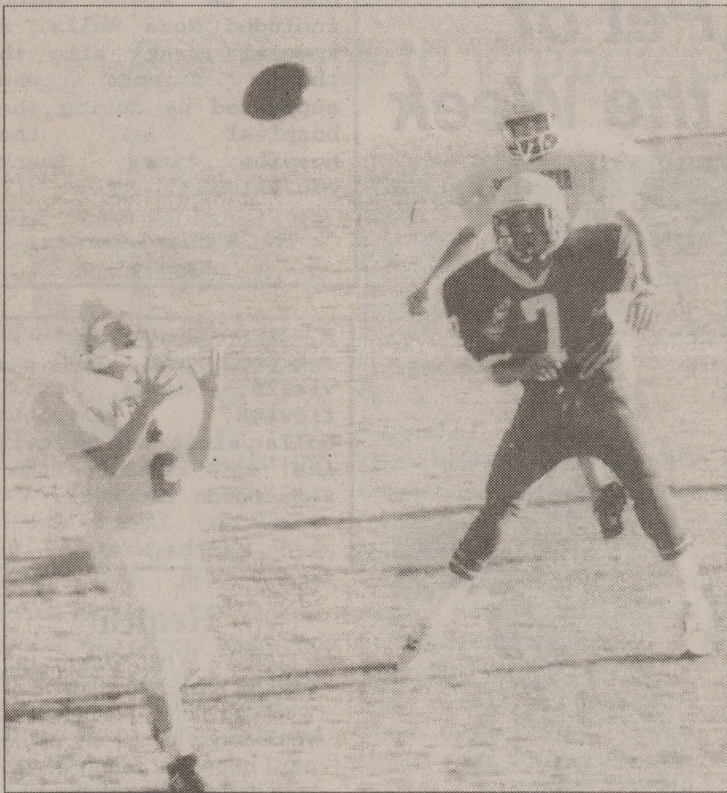
Good Luck Elks



J.V. Elks #27 Chad Smith and #40 Pablo Ibarra. The J.V. beat White Deer last Thursday, 12-0.



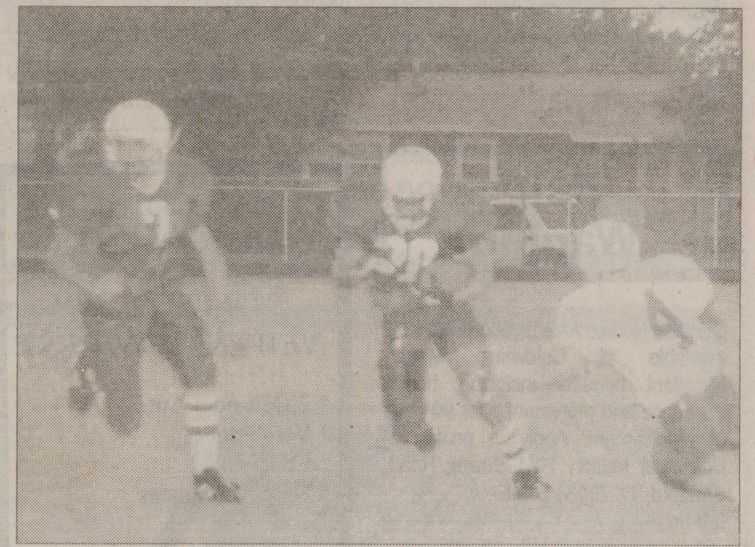
Stratford Elks #52 Ryan McDaniel and #51 Cory Rendon.



8th grade Elk #7 Kaleb Horsford.



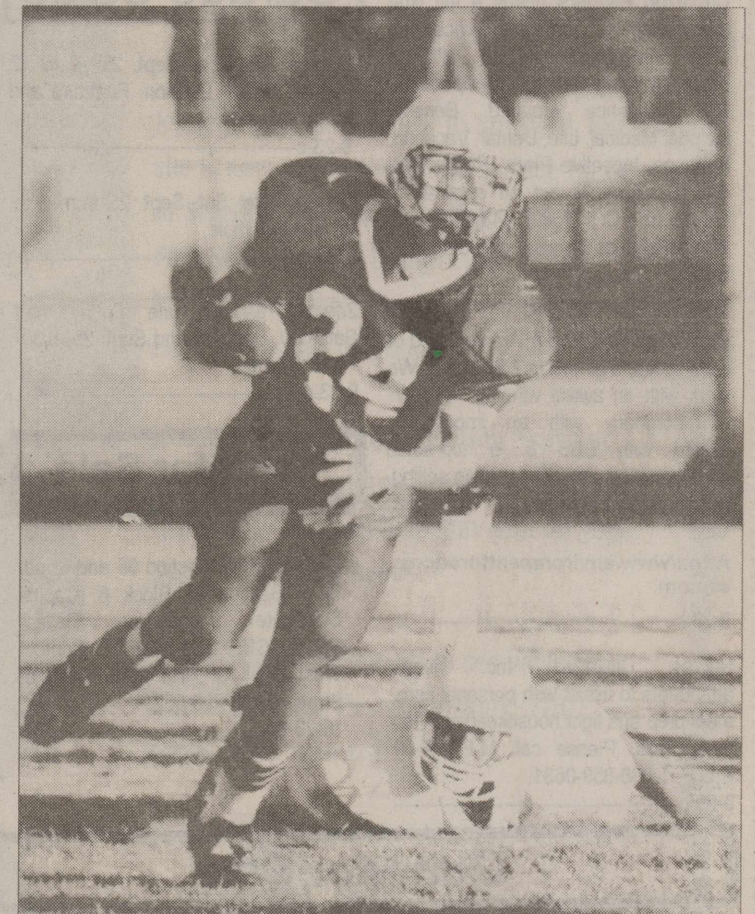
7th grade Elk #22 Blu Pruitt carries the ball. Also shown #20 Elias Terrazas.



#20 Jeffrey Frizzell carries the ball against White Deer. #7 is Hunter Buckles.

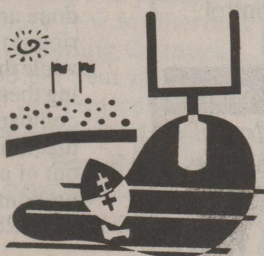


7th grade Elks beat White Deer on Thursday, September 16th. Quarterback #7 Klinton Keener gets ready for the play.



8th grade Elk #24 Derek Johnson carries the ball for the Elks in their win over White Deer.

Are you ready for some
Football??????



Good Luck Elks

