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Notice

The senior class will not be selling mums and garter's as a fund raiser at homecoming this year. Homecoming items may be purchased individually from the several businesses selling them. Homecoming is September 19.

Seniors will be holding their annual car wash on Saturday, September 13.

Pet of The Week



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

This is a great program but we sure could use your help in making it better. Donations of food, towels, blankets and/or money are greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information or to mail Donations, please contact:

DIANE TRULL
1302 Conlen Ave.
Dalhart, TX 79022
244-3216

Thank you

Stratford Patriots Need Your Help

The Stratford Special Olympics team qualified in aquatics to go to state competition last weekend at Amarillo. We are going to have a garage sale Sept. 13th to help raise funds to go. If you have anything that you would donate for the cause it would be appreciated. The trip will cost \$1200.00 for rooms and meals. These athletes have worked hard and deserve the chance to participate at state. Clean out your garage and closets, we will come and get your donations just call Cindy Larance 396-5635 or Carol Zimmer 366-2109. If you would like to make a donation mail to Stratford Patriots PO Box 1085, Stratford, TX 79084. We are so proud of the Stratford Patriots and would be honored to represent Stratford at West Texas A&M.

The Stratford Star has had some requests for an up-to-date post office address book. So many names in the first edition have changed, because of moving, deaths, etc. If there is enough interest we will print another address book. If you are interested in including your name (there is no charge) please contact us at 366-5885 or fax us at 366-5885 or e-mail us at stardm@xit.net. Since there is so many changes we will NOT add pages, we will print all new books. \$5.00 for each copy. Thank you very much.

Removal of Dead Trees

Carter's Tree Service will be in Stratford to remove unsightly dead trees throughout the City. The City has contacted Carter's and has been given special rate of \$60.00 each for tree removal. Remember this is specifically for dead tree removal. If you wish to have a tree trimmed, you must contact Carter's on your own.

Please contact City Hall (806) 366-5581 if you wish to have your name placed on the tree removal list. The property owner will be responsible for all cost. Reminder, This special rate is only available through the city.

Powder Puff Football Game

Lollipop Junction will be having a Powder Puff Football game on Friday, September 26, 2003 (Elks Night Off) starting at 5:30 with a Hamburger Supper at 5:30 \$5.00 a plate and the game starting at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in playing on a team contact coaches Cheryl Galla at 366-3102 or Daina Rouse 366-7600.

SISD Holds Special Session

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Friday, August 29, 2003 in the High School library.

President Joe Reinart established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Steve Johnson, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Board members absent: Gareed McBryde and Ted Allen.

Guests present were: Dinah Horsford.

Jim Taliaferro led the invocation.

A 7:05 a.m., public hearing was held on the budget and tax rate.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to adopt the maintenance and operation budget by function as presented in the amount of \$4,870,107. Motion carried 5-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to adopt a tax rate for maintenance and operation of \$1.37. Motion carried 5-0.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to adopt the debt service budget (interest and sinking) by function as presented in the amount of \$235,353. Motion carried 5-0.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to adopt a tax rate of \$.007701 for interest and sinking. Motion carried 5-0. Joe Reinart read an ordinance confirming the tax rate set by the board at 1.4470.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the food service budget of \$224,450 which includes the summer school feeding program budget. Joe Reinart made the motion and Patti



On August 11, 2003 Sherman Co. Commissioner's Court voted unanimously to allow the monument for slain DPS Trooper Steve Booth to be moved to the Courthouse. On August 4th members of the Stratford Dept. of Transportation and DPS moved the monument to the front off the courthouse. Many thanks go to TxDOT employees David Davis, Ray Lermon, and Kiley Seaton and DPS troopers Randy Woodrum, Scott Wolery and Wayne Williams. Pictured L o R are Ray Lermon, Trooper Jamie Downs, Trooper Wayne Williams (Ret.), Sgt. Randy Woodrum, Deputy M.P. Garrison, Trooper Scott Wolery, Kiley Seaton and David Davis.



Pictured are Co. Judge Kimberly Crippen and Sgt. Randy Woodrum by Trooper Steve Booth monument.



Lawrence (Doc) Naugle - Look at that Smile and at right: Richard, Michael, Lawrence, Steven & Laurine - 4 Generations. See story below.

Vincent seconded to adopt the food service budget by function as presented in the amount of \$224,450. motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed the amendments to the 2002-2003 budget. Ricky Reed made the motion and Steve Johnson seconded to approve the amendments to the 2002-2003 budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the resolution to sell real estate with the board. Discussion was held. Joe Reinart made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resolution. Motion carried 3-2. Ricky Reed and Steve Johnson voted against the resolution.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the history of EIC Local to the board. Patti Vincent made the motion and Ricky Reed seconded to accept EIC (LOCAL) into the policy book. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

"Doc" Celebrates "95"

Lawrence, Doc, Naugle, former Stratford resident went for an airplane ride on his "95th" Birthday August 21, 2003 with his grandson Dr. Richard L. Jones in Richard's plane. Doc enjoyed the ride very much. Doc now resides at:

Life Care Center of Casper
4041 S. Poplar
Casper, WY 82601

He would love to hear from his friends from Stratford.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

BAND BOOSTERS HOMECOMING SUPPER

Friday, Sept. 19th

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Stew & Chili

Adults - \$5.00 Children - \$3.00



Doak Crabtree, left buys a chance at winning the cake the Stratford Patriots raffled off at the game on Friday night to help them go to State. Also shown Duane Plunk, Wade Plunk, Peggy Plunk and Linda McKinney.



Citizens of Stratford:

I would like to express my concern regarding various properties within the City which need specific attention. City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 181, 184 and 248 prohibit allowing any accumulations of rubbish, debris, trash or any other other objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary material to accumulate on any property within the corporate city limits of the city. Also, City of Stratford Ordinance numbers 164 and 248 require that all weeds and grass be kept mowed to prevent becoming unsightly and/or creating a fire hazard. This is especially important as we come into the Spring and Summer seasons. These ordinances also prohibit any other types of debris from being located on any real estate within the City of Stratford.

I would like to give all citizens the opportunity to take care of these matters on their own. However, effective May 1, 2003, should there be any properties which do not meet City codes, the property owner(s) will be notified per a certified letter. This letter will give the property owner(s) a deadline to bring the property up to code before further action is pursued, including recovery of any incurred costs.

I would like to encourage all citizens to help make Stratford a clean place to live and a tourist attraction for travelers passing through. If you have any questions regarding the disposal of any items, please feel free to stop by my office or call City Hall at 366-5581. I appreciate your immediate attention concerning these matters.

Sincerely,
Wayland Brown
City Administrator



These students won prizes for their creative writing work papers they did for Elva Trevino Hart. Shown from left, Cynthia Armendariz, 5th grade - \$10.00, Patrick Solano - \$25, and Crystal Rodriguez - 6th Grade - \$15.00.

Help us support our youth in school, if you are interested in putting your names on these support pages for the various pages, football, cross-country, band basketball UIL etc. Please call the Star 366-5885 or fax us at 366-3885 or E-mail stardm@xit.net for more information.

Obits

Norman Wayne Malcolm

Norman Wayne Malcolm, 83, died Wednesday, September 3, 2003 in Amarillo.

No services were scheduled. Arrangements for cremation by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

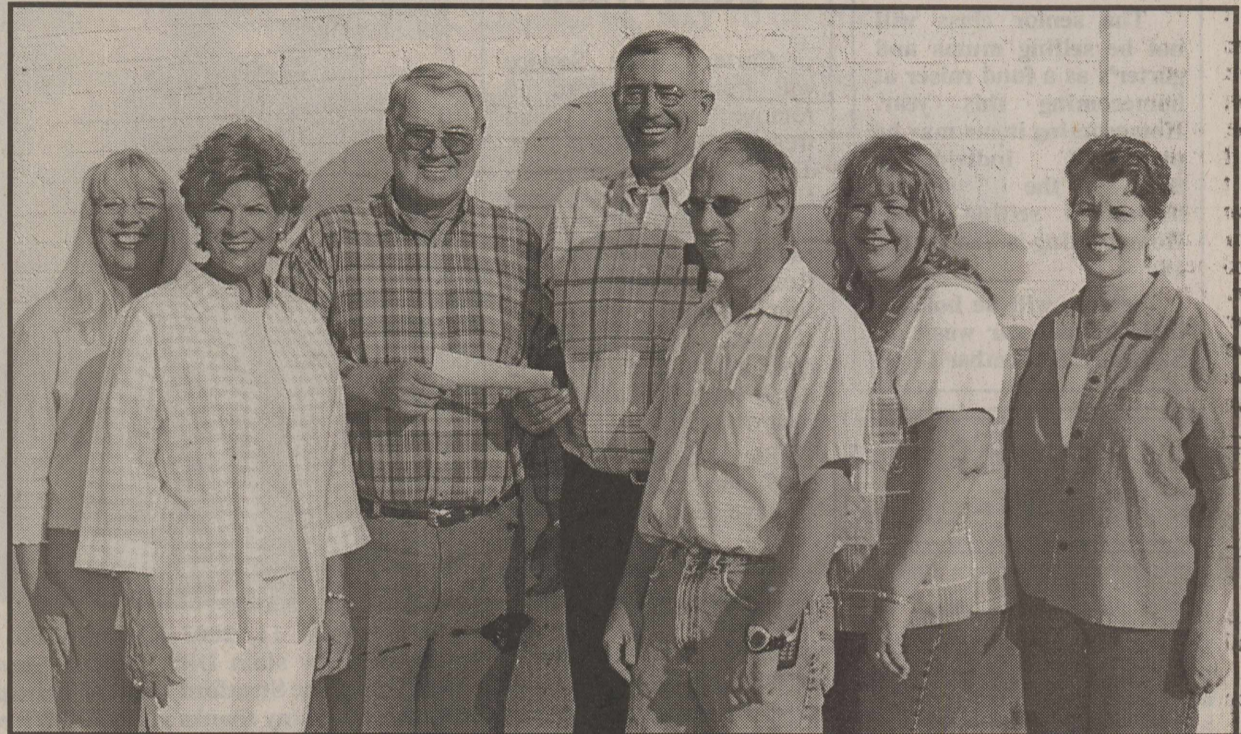
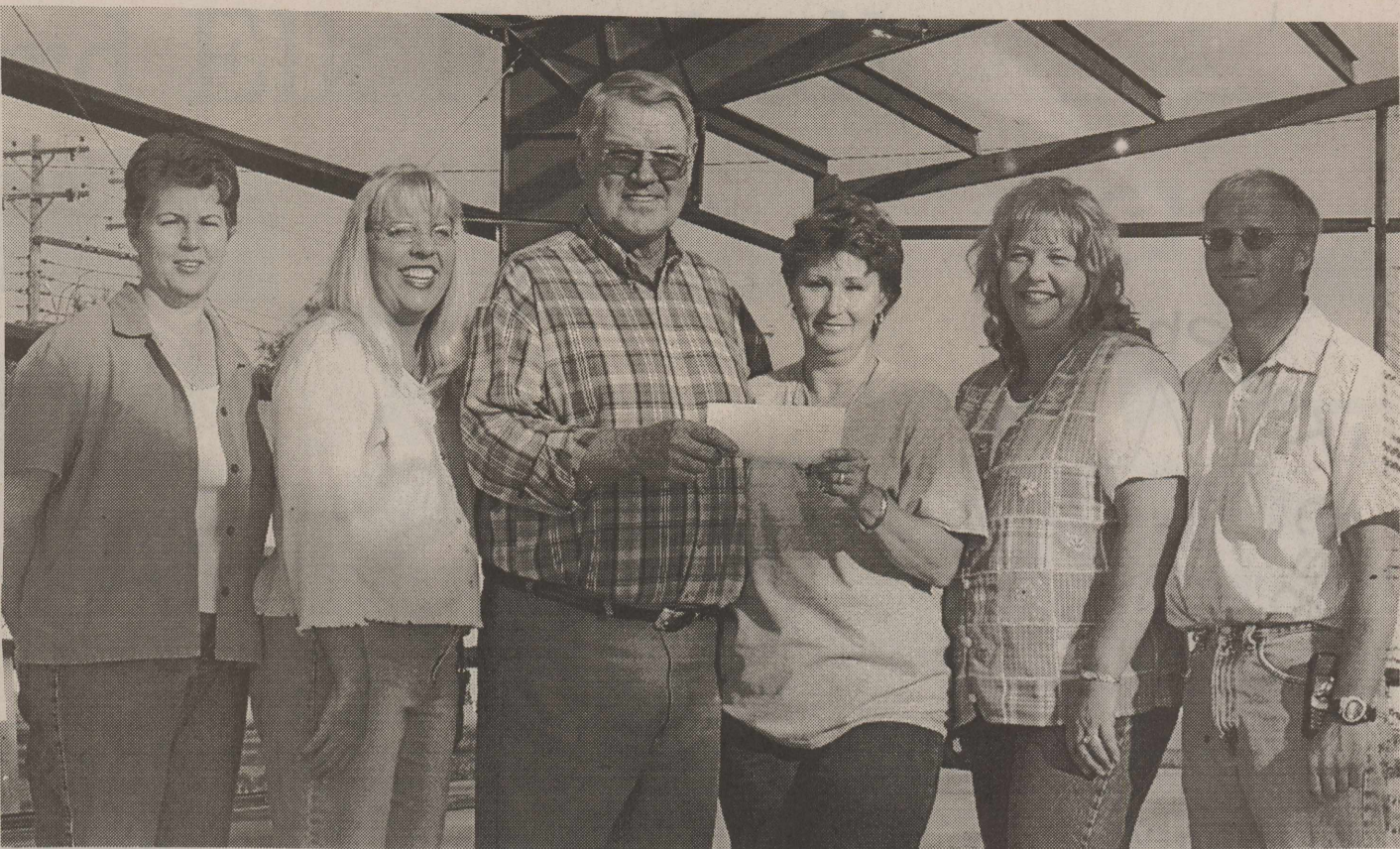
Mr. Malcolm was born November 29, 1919 in Boone County, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1942 to October 1945, during which time he received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star. He was a farmer.

He is survived by a special friend, Lola Mae King of Amarillo. Three daughters, Dr. Shirley Malcolm of Gold Hill, Oregon; Barbara Liston of Vandalia, Ohio; and Catherine Ellsworth of Topeka, Kansas. A son, John Richard Malcolm of Lodi, California. Two brothers, Raymond Malcolm of Hampton, Iowa and Dale Malcolm of Ames, Iowa. Nine grandchildren. Two great grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Humane Society of Amarillo or to Crown of Texas Hospice.

XIT Cellular, XIT Communications & XITy Donate to Stratford Fire Dept. XIT Communications Donates To Circle of Friends

XIT is proud to be a part of the Stratford community and the new fire station project. Pictured above at the new station construction site, James Spurlock, XIT Board President, presents Sandy Williams, representing the Stratford Fire Department, with a donation on behalf of XIT. Also pictured, (l-r) Cathy Taylor, XIT Accountant, Trena Howell, XIT Sales Representative, Rhonda Browne, XIT Customer Service Representative, and Jonathan Wyatt, XIT Repair Technician. Shown at right is XIT Communications is proud to be a supporter of the Circle of Friends Annual Golf Tournament benefiting area residents who require cancer treatment. The fund raiser was held August 23-24 at the Stratford Golf Course. Pictured at right, James Spurlock XIT Board President, presents Duane Pittman, representing the Circle of Friends, with a donation on behalf of XIT Communications. Also pictured, (l-r), Trena Howell, XIT Sales Representative, Yvonne Pittman, Circle of Friends, Jonathan Wyatt, XIT Repair Technician, Rhonda Browne, XIT Customer Service Representative, and Cathy Taylor, XIT Accountant.



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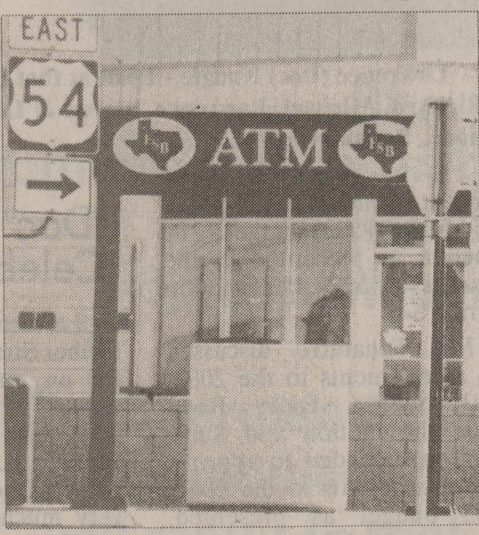
Basic Mums \$8.00 up to \$36.00	Basic Garters \$7.50 up to \$25.00
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Finger Mums Jr. Mums
Future Lil' Elk Garter Halo Head Mums Mom & Fan Mums

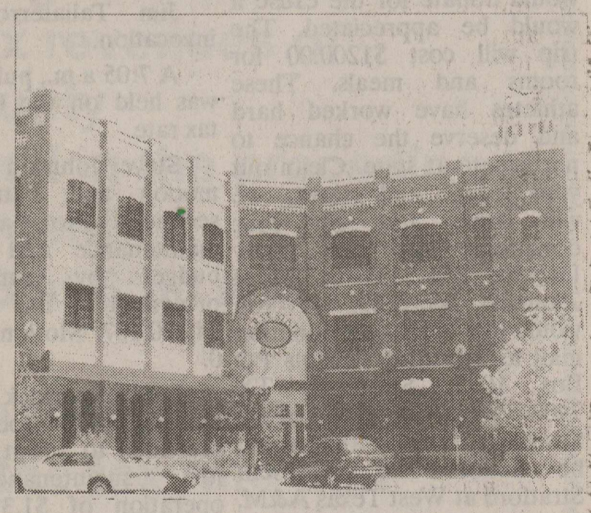
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ATTENTION: STRATFORD

Good things in life need to be shared.....



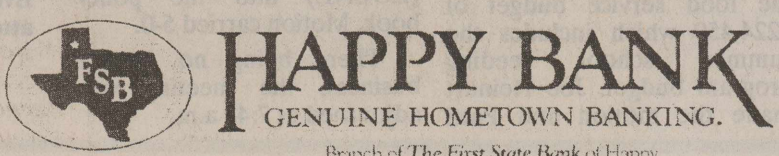
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To make this offer even better, we will include all of our ATM's in Amarillo and Canyon. This is a total of 17 ways the Happy Bank is making your life more convenient.

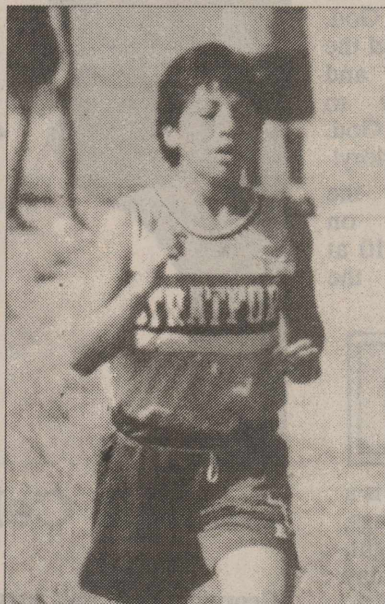


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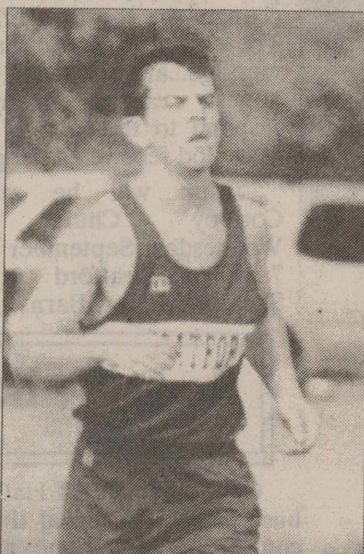
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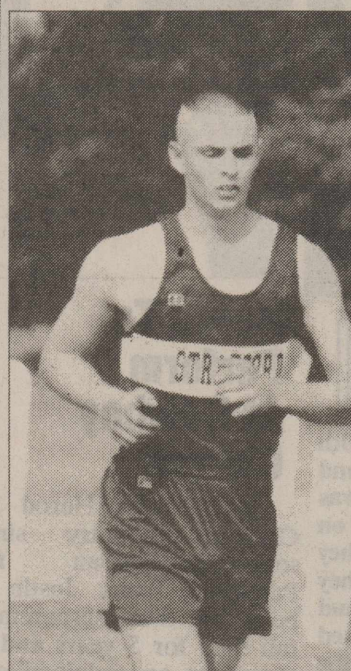
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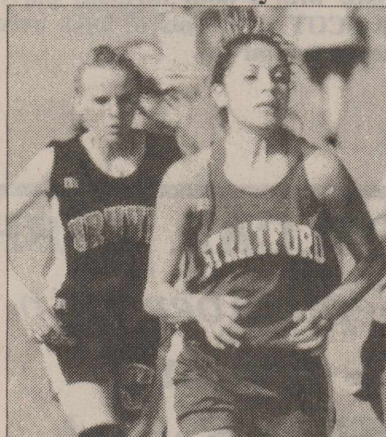
Jesse Daniels



Bill Walker



Yadira Ortega, left and Brittany Hudson



Jamie Valenzuela



Kristen Crabtree

The first Cross Country Meet was held this past weekend at Perryton (Wolf Creek Classic). The Varsity Lady Elks placed 9th as a team. Individual results were as follows for Varsity Girls & Boys and Jr. High.

Varsity Lady Elks: Yadira Ortega finished 21st with a time of 14:44.89, Brittany Hudson - 24th - 14:50.26; Jamie Valenzuela - 52nd - 15:41.72; Haley Buckles - 91st - 16:22.73; Erin Ashley - 101st - 16:32.56; Shilo Dickenson - 109th - 16:42.02 and Chelsi Thiessen - 160th - 19:13.60. Top 20 runners received medals.

Varsity Boys: Bill Walker - 70th - 22:07 and Jesse Daniels - 75th - 22:48.

At press time only J.H times were available: Sierra Valenzuela - 15:51; Kristen Crabtree - 16:00; Lucero Ortega - 16:15; Karen Guerrero - 16:33; Whitney Ricketson - 16:51; Kelsey Stein - 17:06; Becky Rosales - 17:16; Katrina Harkins - 17:20; Sinead Everett - 17:26; Ivy Valenzuela - 17:47; Brenda Ibarra - 17:55; Yesenia Ibarra - 18:42 and Darcy Rosales - 19:42.

The next meet is this Saturday at Tulia. GOOD LUCK!!!



Dr. Perry Bassett was the speaker at the first GFWC/Prospectus Study Club meeting held Wednesday, September 3rd. Coordinators for the event were Pat Hartman and Dorothy Haile.

Study Club News

The first meeting of the year for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club was Wed. Sept. 3 at Sherman County Library. "Women's Health Problems", especially menopause, was the topic of Dr. Perry Bassett. Coordinators were Dorothy Haile and Pat Hartman. Members answered roll call, "Do you get a yearly physical?"

Laurie Spurlock, president, conducted the business session. Oct. 18 is date for Top of Texas Fall Board in Borger. TFWC Fall Board is Sept. 28 at the County Exhibit Bldg. The brisket dinner will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See separate news item.

Thank you notes were read from Tommy Frank Baskin and Tiffany Duke for recent honors. On display were albums to be given the Old Timer King & Queen, T.F. Baskin and Shirley Plunk.

Three new members are Sandy Baskin, Vicki Gore and Paula Everett.

New yearbooks were distributed by Shorty Albert who also won the door prize.

Members present were Laurie Spurlock, Sonja Kendrick, Dorothy Haile, Linda Swain, Mattie Baskin, Pat Hartman, D'Lynn Reed, Linda Haynes, Margaret Reed, Shorty Albert, Patti Vincent, Marty Bain, LaVell Haggard, Marylou McDaniel, Sandy Baskin, Michelle Lutes.

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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

Sept. 13	Lone Star Legacy Celebration/Baxter Black & Dan Roberts Palo Duro Canyon Amphitheater 806-488-2227
Sept. 18-21	"Aaron Slick of Punkin' Crick" Guymon Community Theatre
Sept. 20	Amarillo Opera "The Merry Widow" Mary Jane Johnson Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-SING
Sept. 18-28	"Proof" Adult Drama Amarillo Little Theatre/Adventure Space 806-355-9991 www.amarillolittletheatre.org
Sept 27	Amarillo Symphony- Jennifer Frautschi, violin Civic Center Auditorium 8:00 p.m. 806-376-8782
Oct. 4-5***	League of Celtic Nations Festival Amarillo Tri-State Fair Rex Baxter 806-374-4243
Oct. 5***	Music of Italy- International Club & AC Fine Arts Amarillo College Concert Hall Theatre 3:00 p.m. 806-371-1721
Oct. 9-19***	"Blithe Spirit" Comedy Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
Oct. 9***	Bill Cosby WT Homecoming West Texas A&M U Event Center (Panhandle Tickets)

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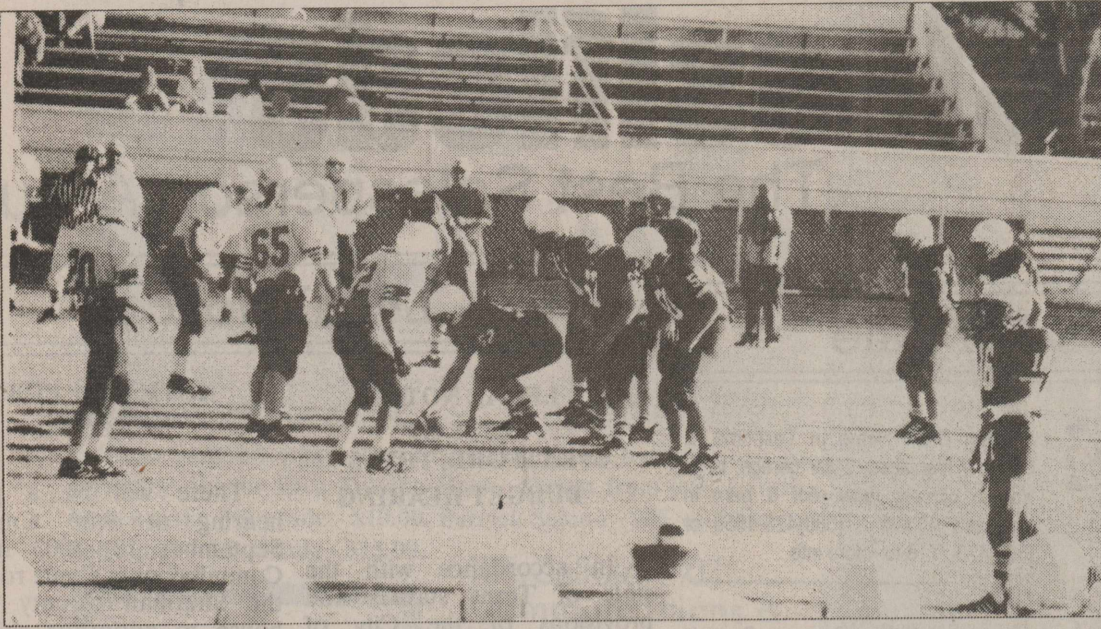
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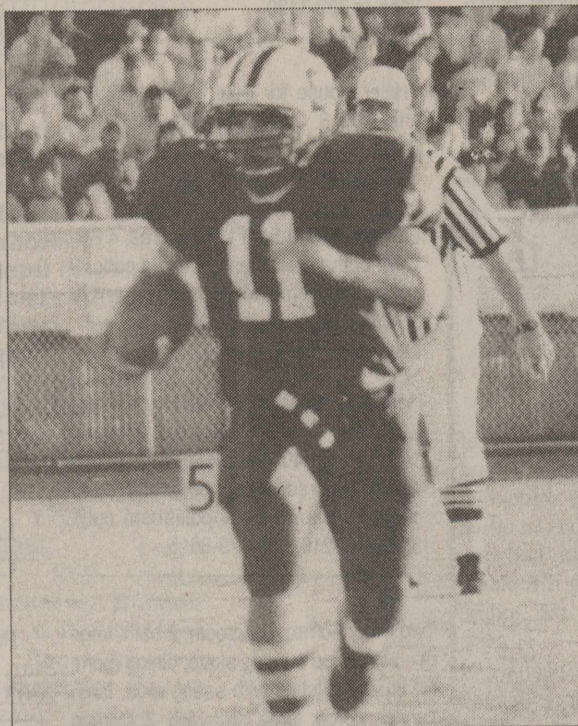
The J.V. Elks beat Gruver in their season opener on Thursday, September 4th.



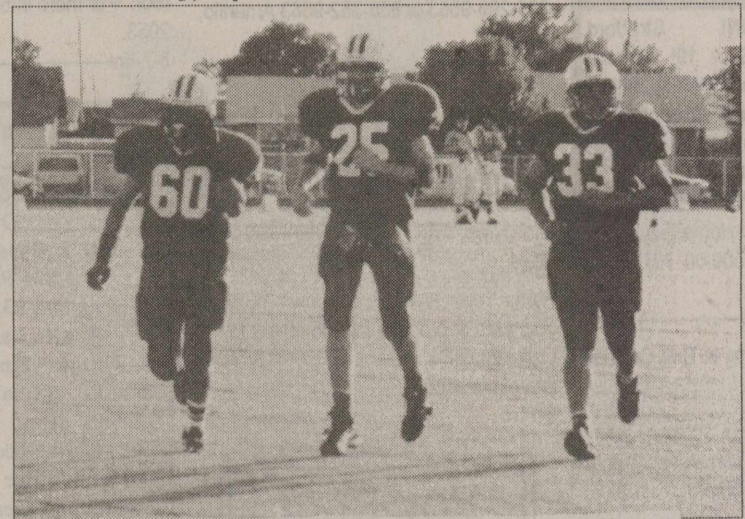
The Stratford Elks kicked off their season with a BIG win over Dalhart 40-0 on Friday, September 5th. WAY TO GO ELKS!!



#80 Travis Soto holds the ball for #25 Jason Ashley as he kicks the extra point for the Elks



#11 Josh King scores the first touchdown for the Elks.



Elk Captains - #60 Adrian Jacquez, #25 Jason Ashley and #33 Carlos Jacquez.

The Stratford Elks kicked off their season with a huge 40-0 victory over Dalhart. The Elks racked up 477 offensive yards and limited Dalhart to 182 yards.

Josh King completed 10 of 19 passes for 103 yards and one touchdown.

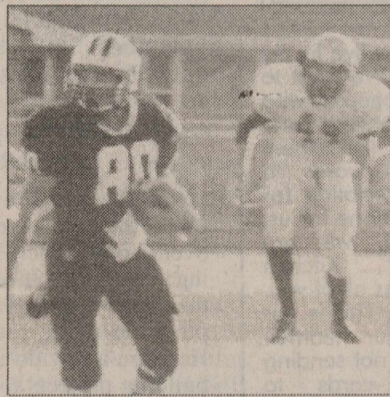
Carlos Jacquez led the Elks with 133 rushing yards on 16 carries and one touchdown followed by Josh King with 118 yards on 13 carries and three touchdowns and Chance Crowl with 90 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown.

Tyler Haynes caught the ball for 48 yards on 4 catches followed by Jason Ashley with 35 yards on 4 catches and one

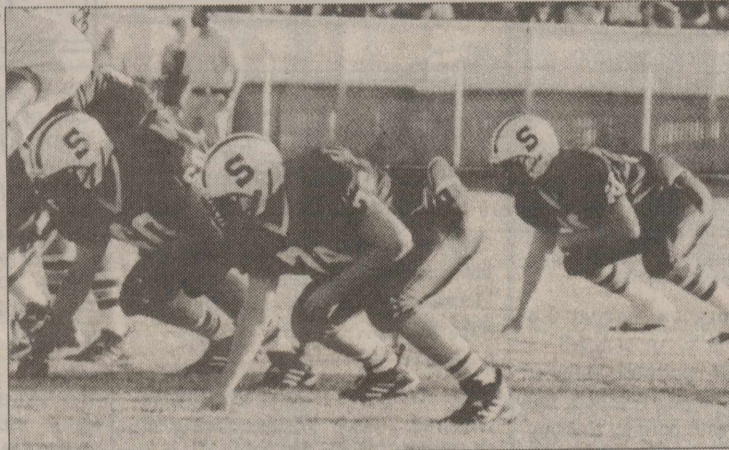
touchdown. Ashley also kicked 4 extra points for the Elks.

Defensively, Ryan McDaniel led the Elks with 13 tackles followed by Carlos Jacquez with 9 tackles and Tyler Haynes with 6 tackles. Brad Reed and Brady Bell had 5 tackles each. Ryan McDaniel, Carson Buckles, and Adrian Jacquez each had a quarterback sack for the night. Also contributing to the Elks strong defense were Jason Ashley, Mark Miller, Travis Soto, Martin Beltran, Cory Rendon, Jared Ewers, Josh King, and Tony Ruiz.

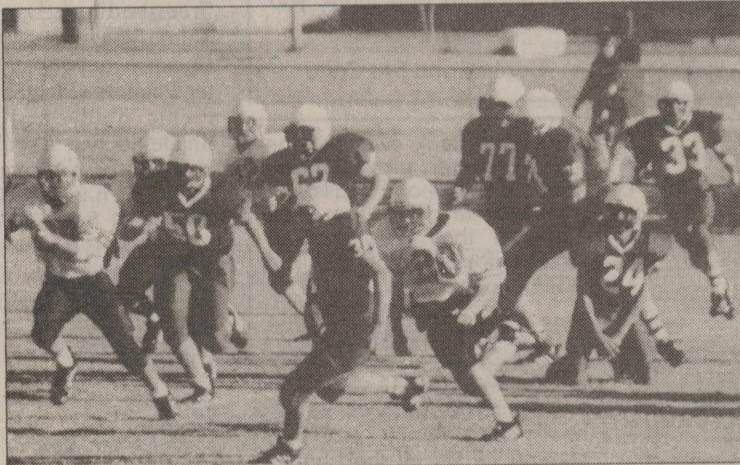
The Elks will face Spearman there on Friday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. GO GET'EM ELKS!!!



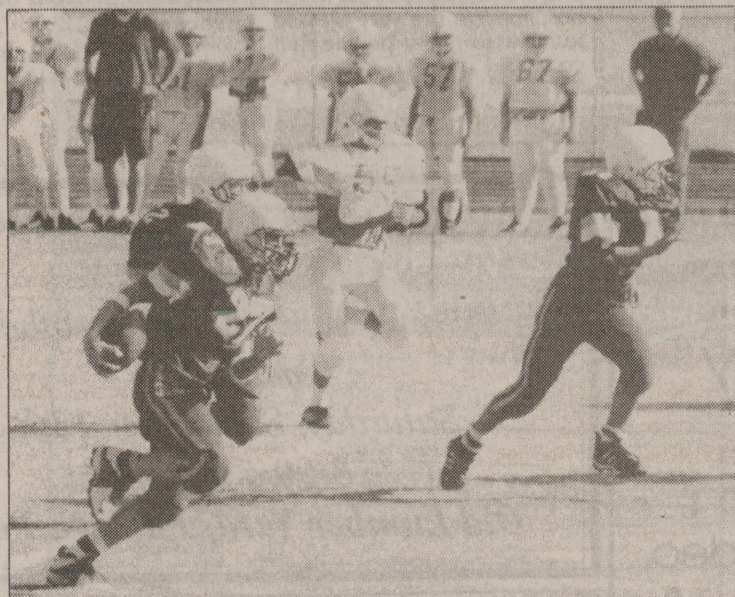
#80 Travis Soto



Stratford Elks #60 Adrian Jacquez, #79 Brad Reed and #40 Chance Crowl.



More J.V. football action.



The 8th grade won their season opener against Gruver on Thursday, Sept. 4th. Shown above #27 Craig Kautz breaks loose to score for the Elks.



More 8th grade football action.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Sherman County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Sherman County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7 percent on September 8, 2003 at 8:00 a.m.

The Sherman County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held

on September 18, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. in the Sherman County Courthouse.