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XIT Communications Kicks Off Rise & Shine Breakfast Food Drive

Representatives from XIT Communications have announced its Rise & Shine to Fight Hunger Campaign. The campaign will include the collection of non-perishable breakfast food items.

Beginning October 1st, and continuing through the end of November, area residents can participate in the breakfast food drive. Residents can come by any XIT office in Dalhart or Stratford to pick up a reusable grocery tote. Place any non-perishable breakfast food items in the tote. Bring the filled tote back to XIT Communications to drop off the items. All food items collected will be donated to the following area food pantries: The Pantry of Stratford, Texline Food Pantry, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church, Dalhart Church of the Nazarene Food Bank and the Vega Food Pantry/UMC. In addition to the great feeling you will have knowing you are helping those in need, we have a bonus incentive for your participation when you present your filled tote at XIT Communications, you will be given another reusable grocery tote as a gift for XIT to be used however you see fit.

Sadly, many families are struggling in our local areas to keep food on the table. Many organizations, like XIT, are trying to help fill the hunger gap that continues to exist across the area. Breakfast food items seem to be among the most needed ... so XIT is focusing specifically on these items for this food drive. You know what they say, "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!"

Suggested non-perishable breakfast food items include oatmeal, whole-grain cereals, Cream of Wheat, grits, pancake and muffin mixes, granola and cereal bars, syrup, jellies/jams, coffee, hot chocolate, Pop-Tarts, powdered milk, fruit juice packs and canned or dried fruits. The list goes on and on.

Whether you donate one item ... a few ... or a whole tote full ... ALL ITEMS are welcomed and appreciated!

We hope you will join XIT for this special and much needed effort! We are fortunate to live in communities with such wonderful and caring people! Join XIT in helping to do our part for those in need. If the Rise & Shine Breakfast Food Drive is a success, XIT Communications may consider making it an annual event.



"Every Child Needs A Hero....And Children Need Super Heroes!"

Super Heroes of all sizes joined the CASA 69 SUPER HEROS 5k and "hit the road" on Saturday, September 12th which was a little brisk that morning. 48 balloons were released; one for each of our CASA symbolizing their high hopes of being a normal kid who just wants and needs a safe and permanent forever home.

The event was kicked off by Beth Moore, Board President at the First State Bank in Dalhart along with the staff, the Board of Directors and volunteers. Jesse Tones from KXIT was present and provided music and information about how to volunteer with CASA 69 and the event.

Everyone enjoyed the event. Our CASA kids will benefit and we appreciate all of our supporters: First State Bank, Union Pacific, Hilmar Cheese, Valero, Pete & Susie Rempel, UFCW Local 540, Rick & JoeAnn Moore, Ralston Show Pigs, Bragg & Davison, Brian K. Alver, DDS, AJ & Rebecca Siebert, Beth Moore, Top of Texas Real Estate, Fly Farms, Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis, LLP, CSS Potato Farms, LLC, First National Bank, Westco Rental, Designs & More, SPC - Dalhart, Bowers Prescription and Leroy & LuAnn Schaffner.

Trophies were presented to:

- 1st Men's Division - Ed Craighead
- 2nd Men's Division - Vincent Surace
- 1st Female's Division - Amanda Sandvahl
- 2nd Female's Division - Shanna Hass
- 1st Boy's Division - James Atha
- OVERALL MALE - Ed Craighead
- OVERALL FEMALE - Amanda Sandvahl

Imagine That

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Imagination Station met their fund raising match for Modern Woodman due to several extra donations to the Whale of a Sale. The Imagination Station still has some very nice chairs-rockers and swivel entertainment cabinet. Some items we will save for the next sale while others will go to the Thrift Store, Goodwill, and other not for profits. We will be ready to receive your treasures for next year in February. Thank you for helping keep the lights on. (Not to mention the heat and air)

Did you buy a Sharper Image Waffle Iron at the Whale of a Sale? We have the other parts-grill & griddle for you.

The next event: Spook House Goose Bumps October 29; Fall November exhibit "President? and Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 5.

Agency Assist

On Wednesday September the 23rd Officer Richard Coborn assisted Deputy Estrada in a traffic stop south of Stratford on U.S. 287, after obtaining a consent to search from the driver a useable amount of marijuana was located, the officers also located \$38,000.00 in cash. The driver and passenger were taken into custody and booked into the Sherman County Jail.

Student Council are selling Pink Out Shirts

Student Council will be selling Pink Out shirts this year. Orders will be due October 6 by 3:45. Order forms will be available in the campus offices or contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Order forms will also be sent home with the students. The Pink Out pep rally will be October 16. All proceeds will be donated to the cheerleaders for their donation to breast cancer awareness.

Up, Up, Up and Away In a Hot Air Balloon

Wednesday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. A Hot Air Balloon will inflate (wind permitting) in Stratford on the Football field.

Michael Glen, the first and only paraplegic hot air balloon pilot will show the Stratford school children his hot air balloon. His message is "anything's possible". Michael is raising funds to build a hot air balloon that will allow anyone with any disability to ride in a hot air balloon. Happy State Bank and Stratford Grain Co are the sponsors for this special program. More about Michael www.rollingpilot.com

The Public is invited to share this special adventure. Seating in the North Side stands. Wednesday just after the Albuquerque Balloon Festival and just before the week-end Balloon Glow and launch in Amarillo,

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Deadline to order is October 25th

Heritage Bible Baptist Church Roundup Sunday

October 18, 2015

302 South Main Street in Stratford - Special Speaker Pastor Jerald Chadwick

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to come and be with us. If you're looking for a church like it used to be, that sings the old hymns and preaches as it is from the Word of God, we would love to have you come and be with us. Potluck & Bar-B-Q after the AM service.

Services start Sunday School 10:00 / Am Worship Service at 11:00 & for this special day our Pm Service will be at 2:00 in the afternoon.



Obituaries



Bertha Blake

December 29, 1932-September 25, 2015

Dalhart, TX
Bertha Blake, 82, died Friday, September 25, 2015 in Canyon, TX
Services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 28, 2015 at— Spiritual Life Center - the Pastor Leon Laney officiating.

Bertha Eddie Mitchell was born December 29, 1932 in Canadian, OK (now Eufala) to John Odell Mitchell, Sr. and Edna Alma (Powell) Mitchell. Bertha married Gene Lockhart in Clayton, NM on March 5, 1949. She worked for the Moore, Sherman, Dallam and Hartley County Draft Board from the 1950 to 1962- and in that time she walked many family members and friends to the bus station to send them off to basic training. Mr. Lockhart died in 1980. On June 1, 1975 she married Norvell Blake in Dalhart, TX, he died in 2002. Bertha worked as a seamstress, food service supervisor for several nursing homes and was a loving mother, grandmother, great and great-great grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Gene Lockhart and Norvell Blake, her brothers; Jackie Paul Mitchell, Jerral Lee Mitchell, Jimmy Ray Mitchell and a son Joe Ray Lockhart.

Survivors include her daughters Cyndie and her husband Don Bell of Albuquerque, NM, Peggy Teague of Brady, TX, Debbie and her husband Mike Smithberger of Canyon, TX, a son; John and his wife Shirley Lockhart of Clarendon, TX, stepson Willie and his wife Deanne Blake of Stratford, TX.

17 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren + one on the way... and 3 great-great grandchildren + one on the way. Her sister Betty Fletcher and brothers Johnny Mitchell and Jerry Mitchell.

Letter to The Editor

SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear Editor

I am so sad.
Our knowledgeable and professional Sheriff, Joe Powell is leaving Stratford for a better paying position. He was truly interested in promoting Sherman County and making it a safer place. I did not know that the County Sheriff salary is less and, has fewer benefits, than the City Police Chief. I am so sorry to see this quality professional leave our county. It is very much like preachers in a small town. They are either young or inexperienced, working their way up or sometimes experienced and/or looking to retire.

Gaynelle Riffe
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Stratford, Texas
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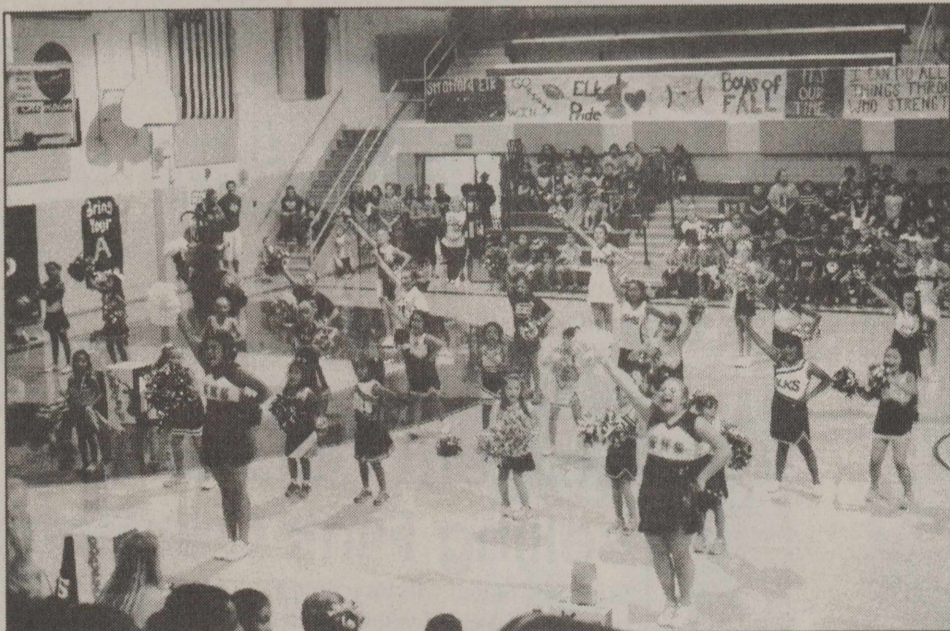
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What's Happening- In Stratford

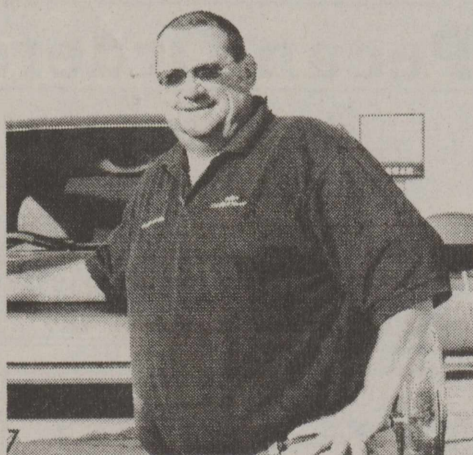
Story Time at the Sherman County Library
Wednesdays in October from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Call Library at 366-2200 for more details.

Tai Chi at the Sherman County Library Mondays in October at 6:00-7:00 & Thursday mornings at 9:00-10:00 a.m.



Cheerleading at the Pep Rally on Friday, September 25 were the girls who attended SHS Cheer Camp in August. They also cheered at the game on Friday night until Halftime.

Time out with Rog:



Friday Night was like Lithuania beating Germany in World War II. Little bitty town beating the big area. We played all out Commando football. Totally let the boys know that football is alive and well in Sherman County. Go back to Potter County!! We played forceful football at the front of football. We played great defense with explosive offense. Football is a contact sport, not a newspaper sport, take that Amarillo Globe News!!! This week we go to the Land of Enchantment, Clayton, New Mexico. Who knows what kind of rules they have over in New Mexico? Can you ever wear socks over there??? This reporter will be taken to the game by Kaci!!!! So get on your bus, or your car, on your truck and let's go to Clayton. So let's all meet at the Ekland have some Yellow jacket sandwiches and have a good time! Thank you Lord for the rain, we have received and everything you have given us. Once an Elk always an Elk.

Roger Malon Allen-Class of '81

Claude Fedric winner of last week

Jeanne Bell-Class of 1977
Stratford vs Clayton, NM
Plainview vs Hereford
Borger vs Lubbock High
Morton vs Bovina
Amarillo High vs Abilene Cooper
Bushland vs Levelland
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New York Giants vs Buffalo
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Philadelphia vs Washington
Oakland vs Chicago
Tie Breaker Dallas 7 vs New Orleans 21

Good Luck Elks

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Alabama vs Georgia
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New York Giants vs Buffalo
Kansas City vs Cincinnati
Philadelphia vs Washington
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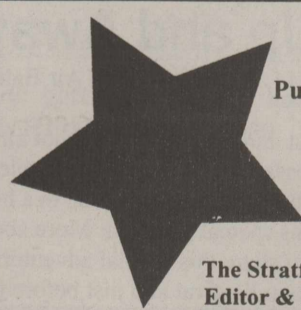
LaRita Theatre Presents

The Fantasticks" musical WTAMU performers
October 3, 2015 at 7:00 LaRita Theatre in Dalhart, TX
Tickets \$10.00 for reservations call 806-244-5646 Dalhart Chamber of Commerce.
Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., WTAMU will present "Live Cinema" featuring The Legendary Charlie Chaplin in "The Gold Rush" Tickets \$10.00 or \$5.00 if purchased with a ticket for The Fantasticks

Coffee memorial Blood Center released the Results of the recent Blood Drive held in Stratford on Monday, September 21, 2015. There were 23 donations. Thanks Stratford for stepping up.

Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you



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Thanks-Marty



4-H Food Fight at Tri-State Fair

Top row L to R, 1st place No-Cook Snack Team-Lilia Trayler, Hannah Sims, Emma Franklin, Bryce Killian. Middle Row L to R, 1st place Cupcake Wars Team-Max Engelbrecht, Yessenia Valdez, James DeAnda, Front row L to R, 2nd place Veggie Head Team-Jon Mauck, Faith Tims, Francisco Ortega. This was the largest 4-H Food Fight at the Fair with over 200 entries.



Ashley honored with Wedding Shower September 26th

A Wedding Shower was held for Nick and Sheena Ashley on Saturday, September 26, 2015 in the home of Nancy Kimball. Shown above are Sheena Ashley and Nan Ashley.

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Crocker speaks to Scot Group

Andy Crocker, Texas A&M Agrilife Specialist speaks to SCOT Group on Monday, September 14.

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.
—William Arthur Ward

Ability may take you to the top but it takes character to keep you there.
—John Wooden

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

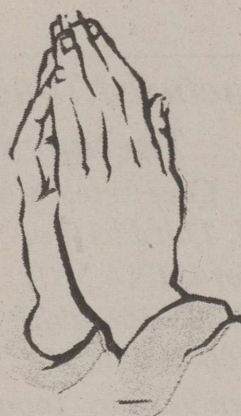
First Christian Church
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
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Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Heritage Bible Baptist
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



Lions Club Queen Candidates

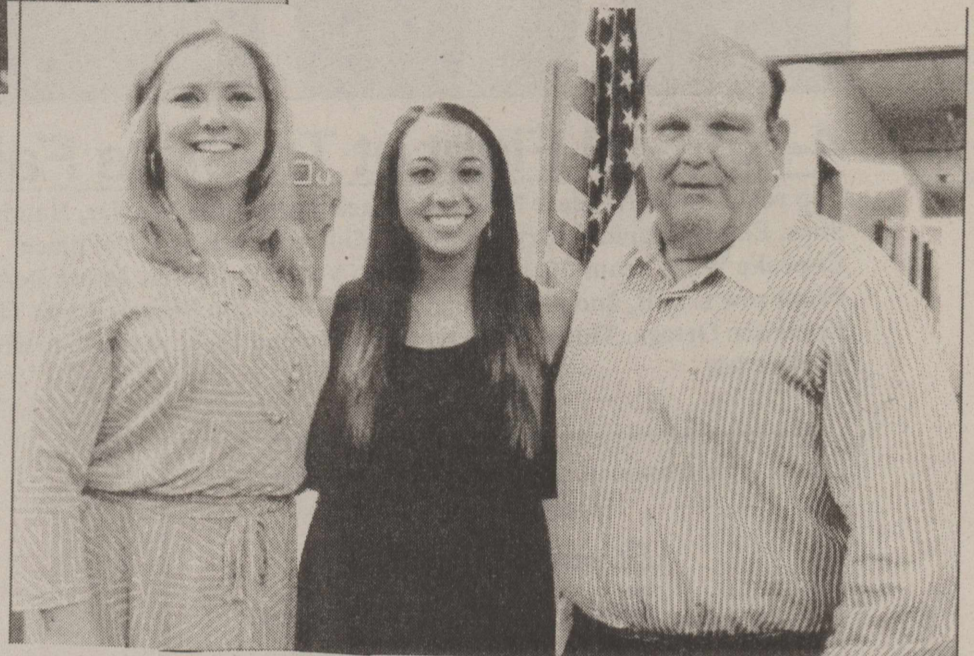
Candidates for Lions Club Queen this year were (L-R): Sidney Turner, Samantha Gonzalez, Chesney Rendon, Alexie Wright, Yadhira Chavoya, Danielle Ramos and Whitney Stone.

Lions Club Queen

Shown below is Lions Club Queen for 2015-2016 Chesney Rendon. Also shown are Trisha Keener, 1st Vice President and Jim Bob Brown, President of Stratford Lions Club. Congrats to Chesney.



Senior Car Wash Saturday, September 26th



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—Clint Murchison, Jr.

Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed.
—Abraham Lincoln

I paint forms as I think them, not as I see them.
—Pablo Picasso

I have stepped out upon this platform that I may see you and that you may see me, and in the arrangement I have the best of the bargain.
—Abraham Lincoln

From the Bird's Nest September, 2015 By Jerry Birdsong Superintendent Stratford ISD

Our school year is going well – hard to believe that the first six weeks ends this Friday. Our students and staff are on a roll in the classroom and outside the classroom.

Last week's rain was a blessing – my yard and the school yards were beginning to look a little thirsty. The weather forecasts are indicating a wet winter which should make it interesting when the temperatures start dropping. Deciding to have school or not to have school during ice/snow is probably the hardest decision that I get to make.

The weather made things a little difficult for the Big Blue Band. The author of the UIL Marching Contest music and drill was here last Tuesday and Wednesday as a clinician for the band. Tuesday was a beautiful evening and the band managed nearly two hours of intense work before it started lightning and Wednesday was a wash –literally. The regional marching contest will be October 17th at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. I am excited about the progress of our band under new leadership.

About 20 instructional employees participated recently in staff development provided by NWEA, the company that owns the MAPS assessment system that we are implementing this year. The assessment provides a plethora of information that this district will be able to utilize to improve remediation as well as the initial instruction. We have faced a learning curve in the implementation, along with NWEA's servers being hacked. In the long run, it will serve the district well.

The Elks will be traveling to New Mexico this week to face the defending NM state champion Clayton Yellowjackets. The Elks have been impressive throughout their non-district schedule. Our junior high and junior varsity athletes are getting better every week. I am looking forward to seeing great things from our football team during the district play and the playoffs.

Our September early morning board meeting went well. Our facilities continue to be a point of discussion. Over the past six or seven months it has been a constant item on our agenda. The board and administration have worked through many issues concerning assessment and needs when it comes to facilities. A facility assessment has been done that provided the board and administration information concerning our facilities that will impact future facility decision making. We have also prioritized building projects that we believe would benefit our students and community.

The Board's intention has been to present a bond election to the community perhaps in May of 2016. However, state statute does not require the county clerk (the county election official) to assist the district in conducting an election in May of 2016. At this time, the county clerk has indicated that she is not willing to help. This is a roadblock that will cause the board to adjust time tables on when we can go to the voters.

The school budget has been adopted for 2015-16. We continue to adopt deficit budgets – this is the sixth year in a row. Eventually, it will come to a point that our audit (actuals) will not be in the black, meaning fund balance will be needed to finish out the school year. We are still sound financially with a healthy fund balance, but this will not last forever. At some point if revenues remain frozen, hard questions will be asked of the community on whether to pass a tax increase (by election) or cut staff. The school finance trial has begun in the Texas Supreme Court. We hope for a win for the school districts by Christmas and then the legislature will be mandated to fix an inadequate and non-equitable funding system.

As Region 16's representative on the TEA Commissioner's Cabinet, I will be making a quick trip to Austin today. There are about 25 superintendents across the state that serve in this capacity. Being my first meeting, it will probably be a lot of listening and learning on my part. It will be interesting to hear how the commissioner responds to issues that face today's education.

Board elections will be November 3th. We have four candidates (Tres Hess, Brad McBryde, Dan Law and Jon Engelbrecht) vying for three full-term seats, while Bryan Clift and Don Reed will compete for an unexpired term. After 7+ years on the board, Michelle Lutes is stepping down from the board. I want to thank Michelle for her years of service to the students of Stratford.

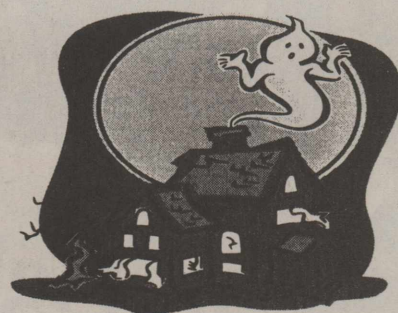
It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff, and students of Stratford ISD. Stratford ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. After completing graduation requirements, our kids have doors opened to them to pursue employment, military options or further their education. This is possible because of the excellent staff, along with the great support of the community. It is my pledge to you to continue this tradition of excellence.



TRUNK OR TREAT

ON THE "STAR" on Main St - Thurs, OCT 29th 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Coldwater Manor is taking applications for RN's, LVN, Dietary Assistant and Housekeeping. Apply in person. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. EOE 7-16-tfn

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the town of Stratford and all the loving caring people who live here. Thank you Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church and Becky Brooks for Wade's going away parties you all made him feel so special. Thank you to many of you who gave him gifts, cards, money, shirts, etc. But most of all the love and care you have shown him for all his life. Thank you to all the Stratford Elk coaches and players for making him feel a part of the Elk team, he so cherishes and loves. Thank you to the coach's wives that quilted his Stratford T-shirt quilt: he proudly displays in his new room in Amarillo that we all know so much time and love went into. Thank you to all of you who made time to get him to all the sporting events, he loves so much. Wade keeps asking us if Stratford is still his home and we told him Stratford will always be his home. Wade loves Stratford and each one of you! Thank each and every one of you for your compassion and love you have always given Wade.

Wade Plunk Family

Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.

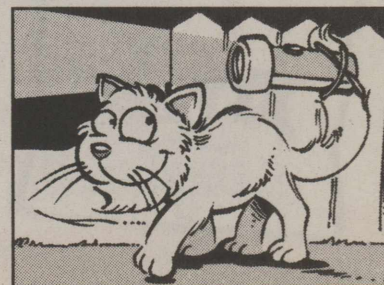
Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's

State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST) at 7:00 PM, October 13, 2015 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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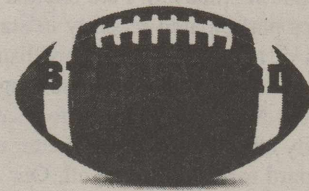
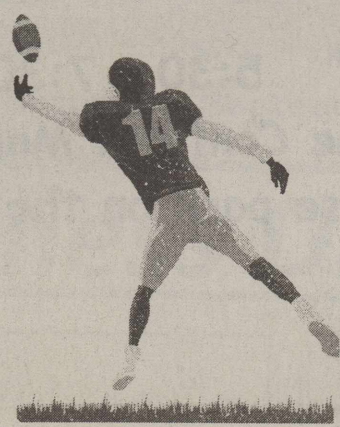
In the state of Colorado, a pet cat, if loose, must have a taillight.

—E. B. White

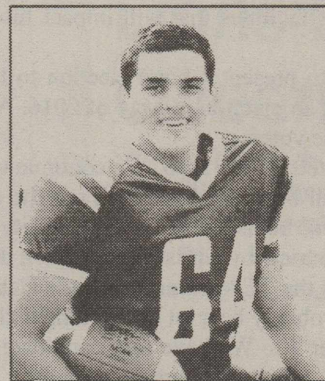
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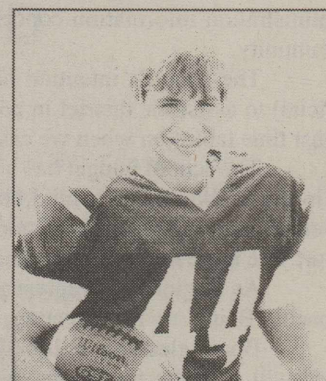
Gage Brooks-22 is shown carrying the ball for the Elks against Bushland on Friday, night Sept. 25th. Blocking was Kevin Hernandez -24.



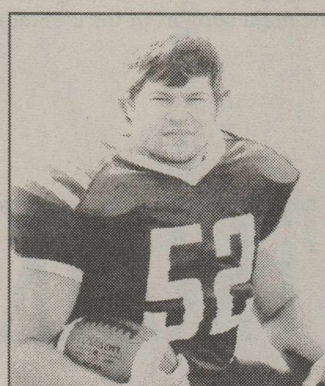
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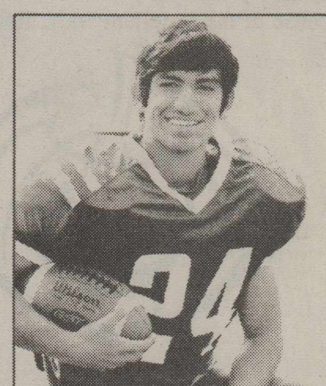
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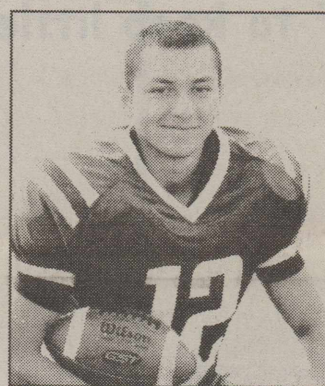
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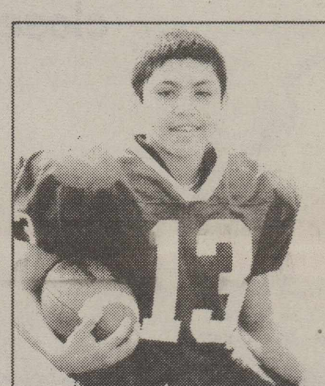
Tanner Stone



Kevin Hernandez



Joaquin Gutierrez



Pedro Ortega



Quarterback Jack McBryde getting ready to hand off the ball to Kevin Hernandez-24. Blocking was Russell Spurlock -50.

Rise and Shine

To Fight Hunger...

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Communications

Breakfast Food Drive
 October 1 - November 30

Breakfast items will support the following area food pantries:
 The Pantry of Stratford, Texline Food Pantry, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church, Dalhart Church of the Nazarene Food Bank and Vega Food Pantry/UMC
 Monetary donations welcome!

- Pick up a grocery tote from XIT
- Fill it with breakfast items (non-perishable)
- Bring the items to XIT

KEEP the tote bag for yourself as our Thank you!

DALHART:
 244-3355 • 1624 Tennessee Ave
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 366-3355 • 401 N 3rd St

The Stratford Elks beat the Bushland Falcons 44-19 on Friday, September 25, 2015 when the Elks hosted the Bushland Falcons. Scoring for the Elks were Gage Brooks with 3 Touchdowns and Fernando Jacquez with one. Juan Carlos Camberos had one. PAT was Joaquin with 6. Joaquin Gutierrez had 1 field goal.

On the Defensive side leading with tackles were Andy Reyes and Tanner Stone with 3 each. Ty Hess, Kevin Hernandez and Blake Griffin with two each. One tackle each were Gerardo Romero & Russell Spurlock. Ty Hess and Kevin Hernandez each had one interception.

Players of the week were Offensive Line- Ruben Gonzalez; Offensive Back-Blake Griffin; Defensive Line-Tanner Stone; Defensive Back-Kevin Hernandez; Special Teams-Joaquin Gutierrez and Scout Team was Pedro Ortega