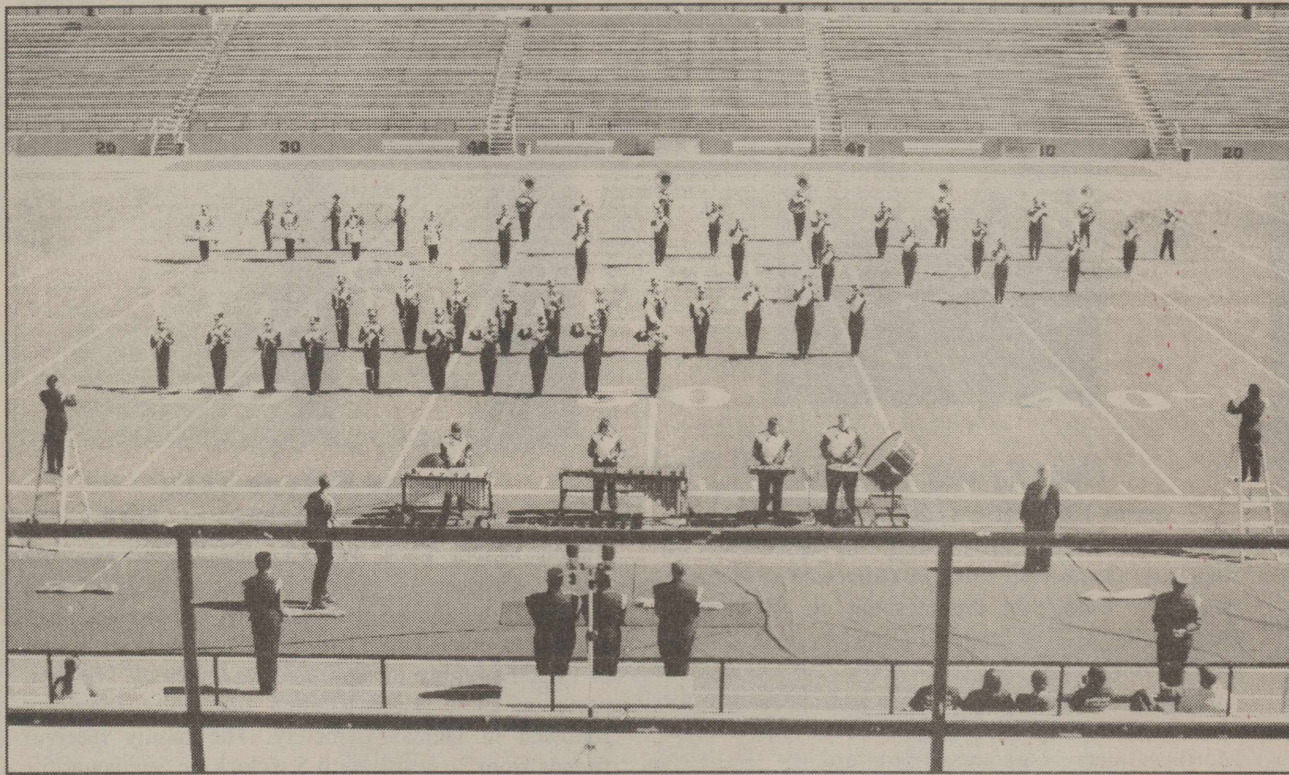


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## Congrats Big Blue Band & Good Luck

The SHS Big Blue Band competed at the UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and received a Division 1 1 2 rating and will now compete at the UIL Area Marching Contest this Saturday, October 24, 2015 at Dick Bivins Stadium. They will be marching at 2 p.m. Congratulations and Good Luck!

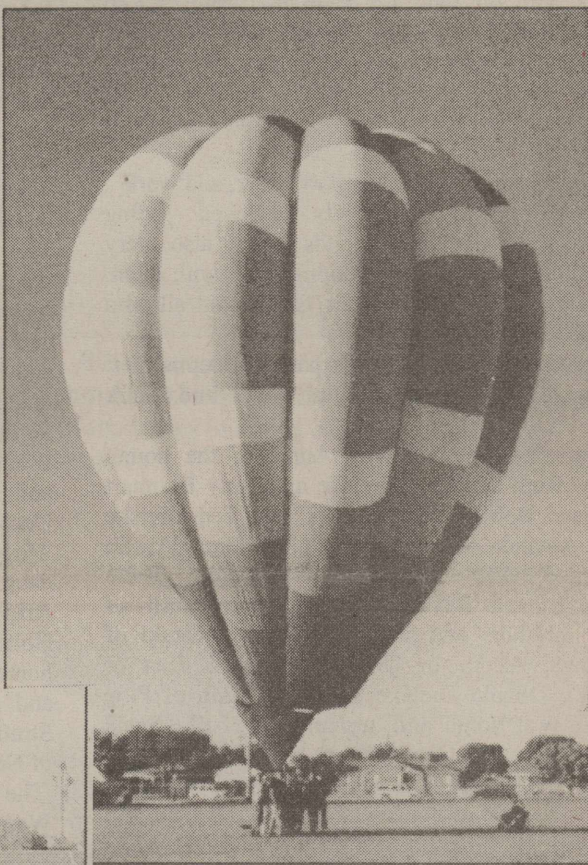
## Hot Air Balloon Pilot shares his Uplifting Story with Stratford ISD

Michael Glen, a.k.a. The Rolling Pilot, visited Stratford ISD on Wednesday October 14th courtesy of Stratford Grain and Happy State Bank. Michael shared his inspirational story about not accepting "can't" as an end to your dreams.

As the world's first paraplegic hot air balloon pilot, Michael explained how he did not accept "no" as an answer to his goal of becoming a balloon pilot but instead he educated himself on the rules and regulations and worked to change them. Ultimately, Michael not only achieved his dream of becoming a pilot but he paved the way for other paraplegic balloon pilots.

-Stratford ISD students were thrilled by the hot air balloon, and watched in awe as it gently lifted Michael and Mr. Seward from the football field and floated away.

Visit [www.rollingpilot.com](http://www.rollingpilot.com) to learn more about Michael's uplifting story.



Good  
Luck  
Elks

**Stratford High School  
Senior Class Fall Festival  
October 31, 2015**  
**Mexican pile-On Supper 5:00-7:00**  
 Buy tickets from a senior or at the door. All tickets \$7  
 Children under 5 are free.  
 Coronation, Senior Skit, and auction of football, basketballs, and fire pit 7:00 p.m.  
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## Up, Up and Away

A Hot Air Balloon and crew of Michael Glenn shared with the Stratford School students the adventure of inflating a Hot Air Balloon and then Flying it Away, Down Main Street with Middle School Principal, Clint Seward. Michael Glenn, a paraplegic, spoke to the students about rising above the adversity of an automobile accident and accomplishing a dream through hard work and tenacity. He is the first paraplegic to receive a license to pilot a hot air balloon.

This project has been in the works for about 3 years and we waited for the perfect day and as Mr. Glenn stated "This balloon wants to fly today" and they did.

This adventure was accomplished by the school making arrangements for the students to attend, providing help from the Ag department and Chris Riffe installing the Imagination Station remote microphone in the stadium PA system.

## Pumpkin decorating contest October 28<sup>th</sup> at Happy State Bank

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

Contestants can start bringing their decorated pumpkins to the Texas Room at Happy State Bank on October 26th. Judging will take place at noon on Wednesday October 28th.

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

- Age 0 - Pre-K
- Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Adult
- Commercial/Business

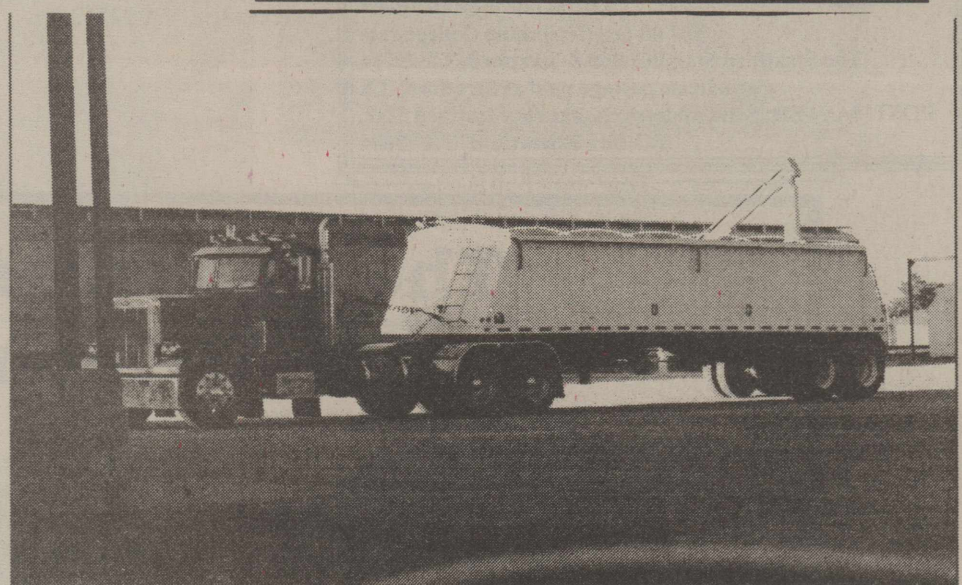
All entries will also be considered for the following categories:

- Critters & Creatures
- Most Beautiful
- Famous Characters
- Fabulously Frightening

Everyone is invited to come see the spooky, sparkly, strange and simply gorgeous pumpkins on display at Happy State Bank from October 26th to 28th.

Entries can be picked up after 3:00 PM on October 28th.

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



## Rains helped harvest this year for local Farmers

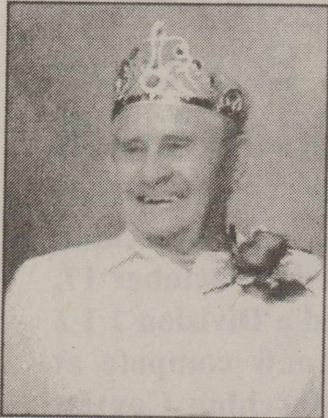
According to Andy Riffe of Stratford Grain, harvest is about 60-70 percent completed. Yields have been really good because of the beneficial rains. Andy commented that he thinks the Milo will be good this year also, depending on freeze, etc. Always a big thanks to the Good Lord up above!

**STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION  
THERE ARE 3 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR A  
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HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD**

**Eddie Metcalf, Marsha Wright &  
Cece Yelek**

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who will be on the Board**

# OBITUARIES



**John B. McAlister**

**June 21, 1924 - October 14, 2015**

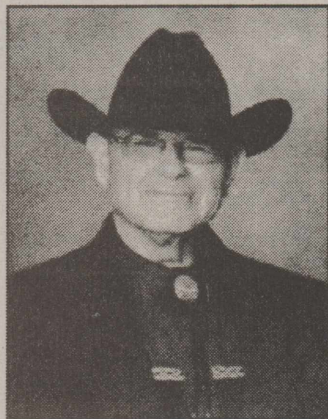
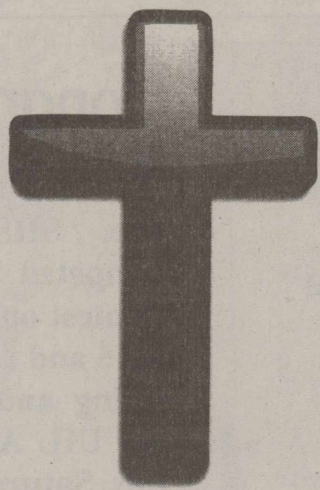
John B. McAlister, 91 of Stratford, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. A Graveside Service was held in Stratford Cemetery on Saturday, October 17, 2015 with Steve Baskin, deacon at First Baptist Church, officiating. The family received friends from 5 to 7 o'clock in the evening on Friday October 16, 2015 at the funeral home. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

John was born on June 21, 1924 to Wilford H. and Trannie McAlister in Venus, TX. John honorably served his country during WW II and on August 4, 1951 he married the love of his life, Billie Jo Leonard, in Alvarado, TX. They were happily married for over 64 years. John called Stratford home since 1964 and did what he enjoyed most, being a mechanic. He loved his Model A cars, the mountains and most of all his family. He was a member of First Baptist Church and will be missed by all.

He is preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

John is survived by his wife: Billie Jo of the home; two daughters: Belinda Gail and husband Kenneth of Apache Junction, AZ and Benita Kay Keener and husband Grant of Weston, CO; one son: Roy McAlister and wife Valerie of Stratford; six grandchildren: Misty, Scott, Brant, Michael, Noel and Marcus; one great grandchild: Hannah and one sister: Patsy Jackson of Venus, TX.

The family suggest memorials be to The Stratford Area Foundation.



**Carl Ernest Dretske**

**June 12, 1946 - October 15, 2015**

Carl Ernest Dretske, 69 of Stratford, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2015. A Graveside service was held at 9 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Stratford Cemetery. A Memorial Service followed at 11 o'clock at St. Paul Lutheran in Texhoma with Pastor John Wackier, pastor of the church, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

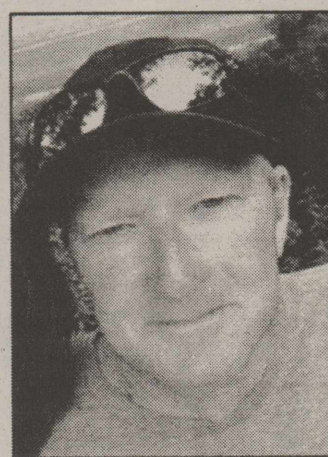
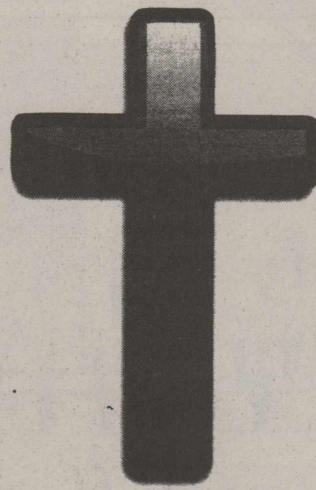
Carl was born on June 12, 1946 in Berlin, WI to Arnold and Ruth (Kretzmann) Dretske. He had been a resident of Stratford for over 38 years. Carl married Anna May Thrasher on June 17, 1967 in Poysippi, WI and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Texhoma.

Carl had many interests; he loved to tinker, and work on old cars, but especially enjoyed riding motorcycles. Family and friends were also very important to Carl; he loved spending time with them. Carl will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; stepmother: Della Dretske two brothers: Jim Cutts and Mark Dretske

Carl is survived by his wife Anna, of the home; daughters: Ruth and Carl Dretske and Amy Barnhart and husband Bob all of Amarillo; son: Ted Dretske and wife Amanda of Stratford; grandchildren: Austin Everest and wife Shelby, Tyler Everest, Katie Barnhart, Rihana Reynero, Zariah Everest all of Amarillo; brothers and sisters: Dorothy Jodarski of Youngstown, AZ, Victor Dretske and wife Jean of Berlin, WI, Donald Dretske and wife Donn of Pine River, WI, Val Sonju and husband Al of FL, Susie Cutts of Berlin, WI, George Cutts and wife Karen of Wautoma, WI, Glenn Cutts and wife Diane of Ripon, WI, Mary Becker of Berlin, WI, John Dretske and wife Amy of Bloomington MN; brother-in-laws: Mike Stumpner and wife Donna of Weyauwega, WI and Fred Thrasher and wife Jackie of Mobeetie, TX; sister-in-laws: Roberta Sampson of Enid, OK, Betty Cutts of Omro, WI, and Pat Thompson of Wild Rose WI.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Paul Lutheran, PO Box 465, Texhoma, OK or American Cancer Society, 403 Pear, Dumas, TX 79029, or American Diabetes Association, PO Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.



**Jimmy Wayne Eads**

**June 21, 1966 - October 16, 2015**

Jimmy Wayne Eads, 49 of Dumas, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2015. Funeral were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Bible Baptist Church with Rev. Damon Akins, pastor of First Assembly of God, and Rev. Johnny Widener, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Dumas Cemetery. The family receives friends from 3 o'clock until 5 o'clock on Sunday at the funeral home. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Jimmy was born on June 21, 1966 in Dumas to Jerry and Barbara (Little) Eads. He grew up in Dumas and was a graduate of Dumas High School. He had been employed at Valero as a supervisor where he had worked for over 20 years. Jimmy was united in marriage to LaRita Jeffries on July 14, 2007 in Kyle, TX

Jimmy played baseball in his younger years and most recently coached little league baseball. He loved old cars and also enjoyed duck hunting with his friends. He and LaRita were very active in Go RUCK where they made numerous friends. Jimmy will be missed by his family and many dear friends.

Jimmy is preceded in death by his grandparents: Pete and Jamie Eads and Everett and Louise Little; and Uncles Jim Eads, Charles Little, and Dale Little.

He is survived by his wife LaRita of the home; daughters: Jessika Eads of the home and Jordyn Eads of Arkansas; son: Jake Eads of Arkansas; step-sons: Holton Butler of Colorado and Taylon Crippen of the home; parents: Jerry and Barbara Eads of Dumas; father and mother in law: Roger and Susie Jeffries of Stratford; brother in law Robert Jeffries and wife Joana of New Braunfels, TX and many close and dear friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



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## 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

5<sup>th</sup> & 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

6<sup>th</sup> & Pearl  
Rectory 366-5687  
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.  
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

Pastor Ron Whitt  
702 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

### Heritage Bible Baptist

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

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Domingo (Sunday)  
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Miercoles (Wednesday)

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Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m.  
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806-366-3071

205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

### Kerrick Community

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

### Church of Christ

Raymond Glendinning  
N. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
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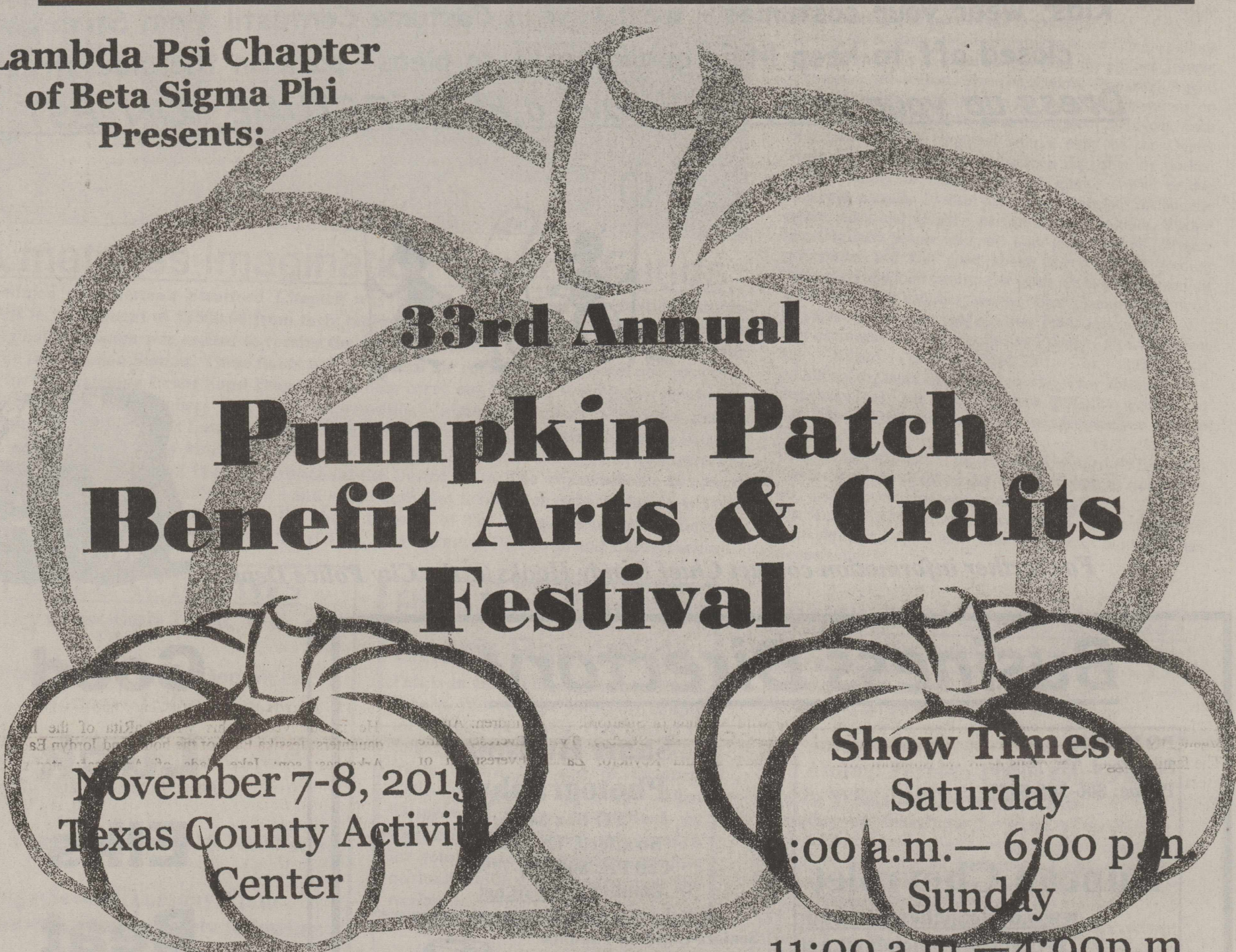


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**The Stratford Star would like to Congratulate the Lady Elks Cross Country winning district and to the Big Blue Band. - Good luck band at Area on Saturday, October 24-will march at 2 p.m.at Dick Bivins**

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**Good Luck Elks**

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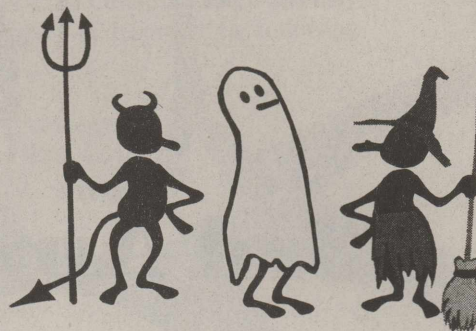


# TRUNK OR TREAT

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

Kids, wear your costumes - we'll have a Costume Contest!! Main Street will be closed off to keep little goblins safe so please park on the side streets.

Dress up your pets, we'll have a PET COSTUME CONTEST TOO!!



For further information contact Chief Randy Hooks @ the City Police Dept.

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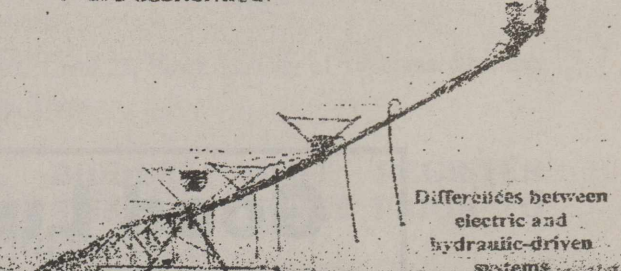
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Modern Woodmen of America's Stratford Chapter was excited to give The Imagination Station matching funds in the amount of \$2500.60 from their recent "Whale of a Sale" garage sale fundraiser (and The Imagination Station was excited to receive the matching funds). Thanks to the community for supporting The Imagination Station! These funds will go toward air conditioner expenses and program expenses. "With the Matching Grant Fund Program, we help carry out Modern Woodmen's mission to improve quality of life for members and their communities - annually Modern Woodmen makes donations totaling \$5 million" says Laurie Spurlock, Chapter Activities Coordinator. Founded in 1883 as a fraternal benefit society, today Modern Woodmen of America offers financial services and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United State. The organization's Stratford chapter provides a number of volunteer service and social activities for local members. Shown is Walt Berry, local MWA representative, presenting the check to some of The Imagination Station Board - Kathy Melton, Yvonne Pittman, Gaynelle Rife, Terri Teig, Nita Barnard, Don Riffe and Cindy Jackson.

### SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-  
Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F  
10:00-10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Bingo-Second Tuesday 7 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Immediately following  
noon luncheon

Monthly Luncheon-fourth Thursday-  
12:00 noon (covered dish luncheon)

### Pop-Tart drive for Snack Pak 4 Kids

Fall is in the air and that means it is time to re-stock the Pop-Tart supply for Snack Pak 4 kids. Our goal is to collect 1,885 packages of the sweet treats before the end of October. Collection points are Mary Allen Elementary, Happy State Bank or First State Bank. Thank you so much for your support in making sure that no local child goes hungry over the weekend.

Good  
Luck  
Elks

## Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School Just Weeks Away!!

Mark your calendars now to join us for food and fun at the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School, which will be presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This event will be held Thursday, November 12th, at the Sherman County Barn. The doors will open early so participants can visit exhibits and vendors. If you would like more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Jill Killian, County Extension Agent for Sherman County, at 806-366-2081 or email at [jill.killian@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jill.killian@ag.tamu.edu).

Our demonstration recipes are cost effective, easy to prepare, and fit into a healthy meal plan. In today's fast-paced lifestyle, nutrition and exercise don't have to be on the back burner. Dinner Tonight is designed to help busy families enjoy healthy and delicious meals, and we even provide fitness tips to help people become more active. Samples of recipes will be available for tasting by the entire audience as well as tasting with some of the food vendors.

During the cooking school, everyone will see demonstrations of quick and easy-to-make recipes from the Dinner Tonight Cookbook. Jill Killian, Sherman County Extension Agent, and others will be conducting the food demonstrations on stage. Door prizes will be given throughout the event. Each participant will be provided with a copy of the Dinner Tonight Cookbook in the registration bags that are packed with a variety of items from our sponsors. The unique cookbook contains 10 meal plans, and all recipes include the entrée, sides, and dessert - perfect for busy families. We are targeting busy people who still want to make time for meal preparation and feel good about what they are feeding themselves and their family. Our goals are to promote family mealtime, teach families healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques, and promote Texas agriculture.

For additional information, contact County Extension Agent Jill Killian at 806-366-2081 or email at [jill.killian@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jill.killian@ag.tamu.edu). You can also view recorded food demonstrations on our Dinner Tonight website at <http://healthyliving.tamu.edu>, with recipes that are easy to download.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

## Do you want Goose Bumps?

The Imagination Station will give them to you at their annual Haunted House, Thursday, October 29, 6:00 to 8:00. The trip to see the -Dummy, Jack O-Lantern, and Clown will cost \$3.00 per person but "Don't go in the Basement!"

## 18th Annual Ports-to-Plains Conference held in Williston, North Dakota

"Navigating the Future" was the theme of the Ports to Plains Alliance Conference, bringing together small and large towns to focus on transportation and economic development. The conference was held in Williston, North Dakota (Bakken Oil Basin) October 6-8.

The Ports to Plains Alliance is a community driven advocacy group made up of residents from 10 U.S. states between Mexico and Canada.

The goal is to develop a 4 lane divided highway system to compliment the north/south Internet System and improve safety and economic development through the agriculture and energy heartland.

The Ports to Plains Alliance is made up of Ports to Plains, Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, Eastern Alberta and Mexico working together in a united way, speaking with a louder voice to improve transportation which in turn advances economic development.

The 19th Annual Conference will be held in San Angelo, Texas September 13-16, 2016

## Pursuit of Happiness: What is Love? Part Four

"Love the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength" and "Love thy neighbor as yourself!" "All the Law and all the Prophets hang on these two commandments." With these words, Jesus silenced the religiosity of the Pharisees, a prominent religious sect of his day. They went away stunned because they planned to trap him in a lengthy debate of which Jewish law was greatest. Romans 13:8-10 explains how loving God and others sums up all the law:

"... for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Verse 10 explicitly explains that your actions reveal the condition of your heart. If you deceive, betray, envy, kill, or harm your neighbor, obviously you do love him. In Matthew 5:17 Jesus clearly admonished his listeners that he did not come in opposition to the teachings of Moses nor planned to erase one period or comma from the writings of the Prophets concerning him. To those seeking to place him in opposition to the earlier prophets, he wanted there to be no misunderstanding that he came to bring to fruition their prophecies regarding himself.

Christ came to release us from the ritual binds of the Mosaic Law, grant us grace to cover our sins and give us the Holy Spirit for guidance away from sin. Romans 10:4 states Christ is the end of the law, Galatians 3:23-25 adds the law was our guardian until Christ came, and Ephesians 2:15 explains Christ abolished ritual commandments of the Mosaic law. However, his commandments to love him and love others remains the same in both the Old and New Testament. Although grace replaces ritual cleansing, in Matthew 22 and Mark 12 it's crystal clear that God's commandments for Christians to love himself and others continues. Through filling our hearts with love, we worship him by keeping our hearts pure. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8 KJV)

If I am loving God with all of my heart, mind, soul, strength, I am a changed and continuously changing person. My heart's desire to love God above all else is the foundation for my gradual metamorphosis from selfish to selfless. This spiritual growth is spurred by situations where I sometimes take a mental step back and demonstrate a willingness to say "you first" to another person. It's a simple concept, but it's not easy. Although I desire to please God, often my ego looms tall, blocking the sunlight of the Holy Spirit which nourishes my growth. Whenever I slip and fall into that "me first" attitude, I refuse to accept defeat, I must press on toward that mark. My Heavenly Father promises to give me the desires of my heart--loving him with heart, soul, mind, strength, and loving my neighbor as myself. The anticipation of one day reaching this perfection in Christ, fills my soul with unrestrained hope and happiness.

Meditation: Am I maturing in Christ? John 16:13 1 Corinthians 13 Psalms 37:5 Psalms 103:1-5

Feedback Welcome: [joniahhyssop@gmail.com](mailto:joniahhyssop@gmail.com)



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

YES!!! I want to adopt a child for: **Stratford ISD**

\_\_\_ 1 year- \$133 (number of children \_\_\_)  
\_\_\_ 1 month-\$14 (number of children \_\_\_)  
\_\_\_ 1 week- \$3.50 (number of children \_\_\_)  
\_\_\_ other- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

School you are sponsoring \_\_\_\_\_

Checks are payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in memo line of your check.

Snack Pak 4 Kids  
701 Park Place Ave  
Amarillo, TX 79101  
806-337-5252

## Texas Panhandle Volunteer Drivers Needed to Transport Cancer Patients to Treatment

AMARILLO, TEXAS, October 21, 2015 — Getting to and from medical treatments is one of the greatest concerns cancer patients face during treatment. To ensure patients get to those much-needed treatments, the American Cancer Society provides free rides through its Road To Recovery® program.

The Society is currently looking for volunteer drivers in all communities of the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle so that all patients have transportation when they need it. An estimated 1,350 Texas Panhandle residents will learn that they have cancer this year; however getting to their scheduled treatment may be a challenge.

"One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need anywhere from 20 to 30 trips to treatment in six weeks," said Meagan Crawford, Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator for the American Cancer Society. "A patient receiving chemotherapy might report for treatment weekly for up to a year. In many cases, a patient is driven to hospitals or clinics by relatives or friends, but even these patients must occasionally seek alternative transportation. That's where the Road To Recovery program comes in."

"The program not only helps patients, but is also rewarding for the volunteer. Several of our drivers have volunteered for a number of years," added Jason McCoy, Senior Market Manager of Community Engagement for the Amarillo American Cancer Society.

For additional information about the Road To Recovery program or to volunteer, call 806-353-4307 in Amarillo or the call center at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit cancer.org. Visit the ACS Amarillo Facebook page and follow them at Amarillo\_acs.

### About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers saving lives and fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society's efforts have contributed to a 20 percent decline in cancer death rates in the U.S. since 1991, and a 50 percent drop in smoking rates. Thanks in part to our progress nearly 14 million Americans who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will celebrate more birthdays this year. We're finding cures as the nation's largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and

continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org/fight.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing for a requested zoning variance for 1207 Beaver Road. The public hearing will be conducted on October 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the City Hall council chambers located at 518 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

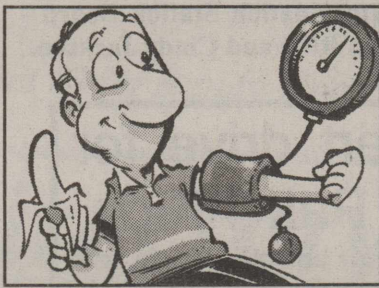
### ESTATE OF SUSAN C. SLOAN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of SUSAN C. SLOAN, Deceased, were issued to CLAUDE WILBUR SLOAN, JR. on October 12, 2015, in Cause No. 2245 pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present same within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "CLAUDE WILBUR SLOAN, JR., Executor of the Estate of SUSAN C. SLOAN, Deceased and may be presented to the attorney of record at the following address:

Jennifer C. Vermillion, Attorney  
VERMILLION LAW FIRM, LLC  
7616 LBJ Frwy Ste. 120  
Dallas, Texas 75251

Signed this 20th day of October, 2015  
/s/Jennifer C. Vermillion  
Jennifer C. Vermillion

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It's said that snacking on potassium-rich bananas can help beat high blood pressure. The reason for this is that the potassium speeds up the rate at which salt is excreted from your body.

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 29th day of September 2015, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:30 P.M. on the 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

### Cause No. 4751 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS CAHORS VIVIAN MRS.

TRACT 3:.001786 Royalty Interest in the Buckles -C- #1, Lease No. 1220, RRC No. 27332, located in Section 417, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas  
TRACT 4: .000893 Royalty Interest in Buckles -B- #1, Lease No. 1200, RRC No. 27331, located in Section 452, Block IT, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

### Cause No. 4764 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS BARKER MARION H.

TRACT 1: .000456 Royalty Interest in the Huber et al #1, Lease No. 3060, Alternate Lease No. 305000, RRC No. 28113, located in Section 85, Block 3T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas  
TRACT 4:.000438 Royalty Interest in the Davis #1A, Lease No. 9260, RRC No. 27528, located in Section 6, Block 2-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas  
TRACT 6:.000596 Royalty Interest in the Huber et al #85 Lease No. 30662, Alternate Lease No. 321002, RRC NO.246093 located in Section 85 Block 3-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

### Cause No. 4776 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS LIPSEY SHARON L

TRACT 1:.031239 RI IN THE LANGSTON -A- #1 LEASE LOCATED IN SEC 347 BLK IT T&NO SURVEY, SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, RRC LEASE NO 27342 LOCATED IN DISTRICT 10  
TRACT 2:.031239 RI IN THE LANGSTON A#2347 LEASE LOCATED IN SEC 347 BLK 1T T &NO SURVEY, SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

### Cause No. 5017 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS MORRIS CONNIE

TRACT 1: .007813 Royalty Interest in the McKenzie #2, Lease No. 30229, RRC No. 162131, located in Section 375, Block 1-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas  
TRACT 2:.004689 Royalty Interest in the Cluck 110 #1, Lease No. 30488, RRC No. 192832, located in Section 110, Block 1-C, GH&H Survey, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 3:.006836 Royalty Interest in the Ennis-Lacy #2377, Lease No. 30636, RRC No. 244483, located in Section 377, Block 1-T, T&NO A-378 Survey, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 4:.007812 Royalty Interest in the McKenzie #3, Lease No. 30648, RRC No. 244466, located in Section 375, Block 1-T, T&NO A-377, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 5:.007813 Royalty Interest in the Williams #1, Lease No. 180, RRC No. 27296, located in Section 34, Block 1 -T, T&NO A-593 Survey, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 6:.006836 Royalty Interest in the Ennis #1, Lease No. 6200, RRC No. 27857, located in Section 377, Block 1-T, T&NO 1-378 Survey, Sherman County, Texas

### Cause No. 5094 STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS HUEY PEARL SUSAN

TRACT 1: .001157 Royalty Interest in the Vau #1, Lease No. 12360, RRC No. 27773, located in Section 32, Block 3-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

TRACT 2:.001157 Royalty Interest in the Vau #1, Lease No. 12340, RRC No. 27772, located in Section 29, Block 3-T, T&NO Survey, Sherman County, Texas

### Cause No. 5142 TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS KITTLE PHILLIP & STEPHANIE

Lots 20,21 and 22, Block 11, City of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas

### ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE.

Levied on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS DAY OF October 1, 2015  
Sheriff, SHERMAN County, Texas  
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## Good Luck Cross Country

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\*Employee Bonus Available  
Competitive Wages  
APPLY NOW  
Call General Manager  
(806) 202-7492  
10-22-tfn for 4 issues

Cimarron Feeders is accepting applications for the following positions:

-Mechanic  
-Mill Laborer  
17 miles S Keyes, OK on HWY 171  
15 miles N of Stratford, TX on HWY 287  
Then right 5 miles on HWY 171  
Apply in person: M-F 8a.m-3p.m. or call (580) 543-6383  
Great benefits for full-time positions that include:  
Medical, Dental & Vision insurance as well as 401K and paid time off. Pre-employment drug screen required.  
EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled  
JBS Five Rivers Cattle feeding is an equal opportunity Employer 10-1-tfn

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

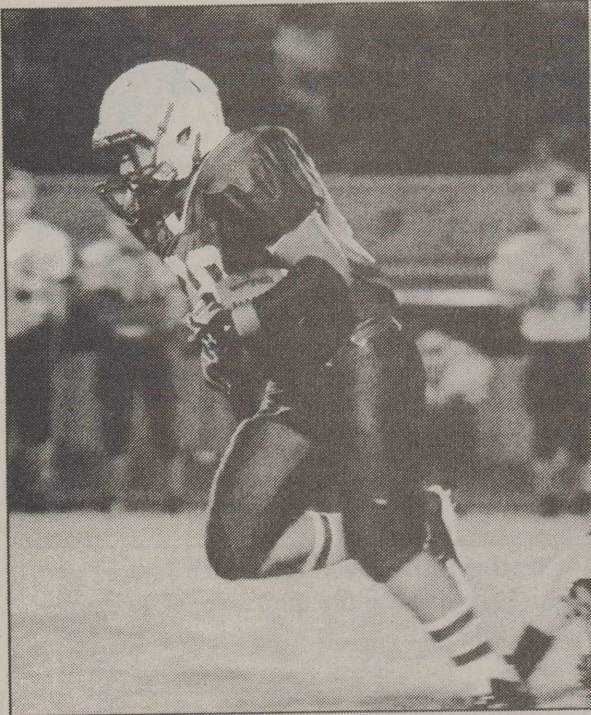
## For Rent

Office Space-305 N. Main, across from bank. Call 806-570-0441 (7-30-tfn)

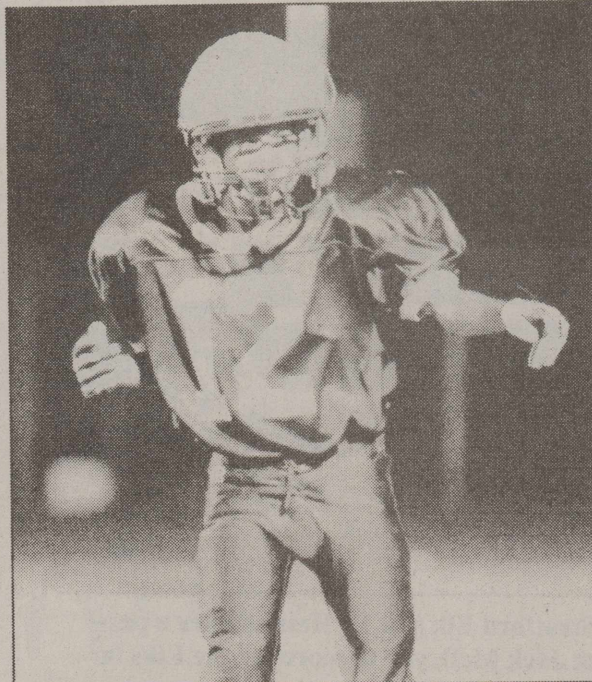
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A final comfort that is small, but not cold: The heart is the only broken instrument that works.  
—T.E. Kalem

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## Thursday Night Football games



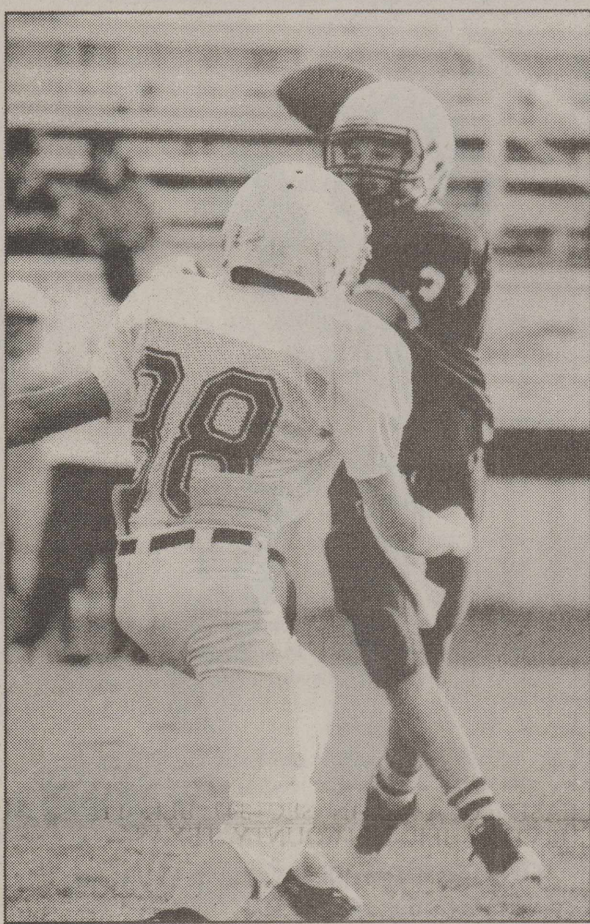
J.V. Elk Luis Mendoza breaks free of Panhandle defense to score for the Elks.



Justin Duran #12 gets set for the play in the J.V. Elks win over Panhandle on Thursday, October 15, 2015.



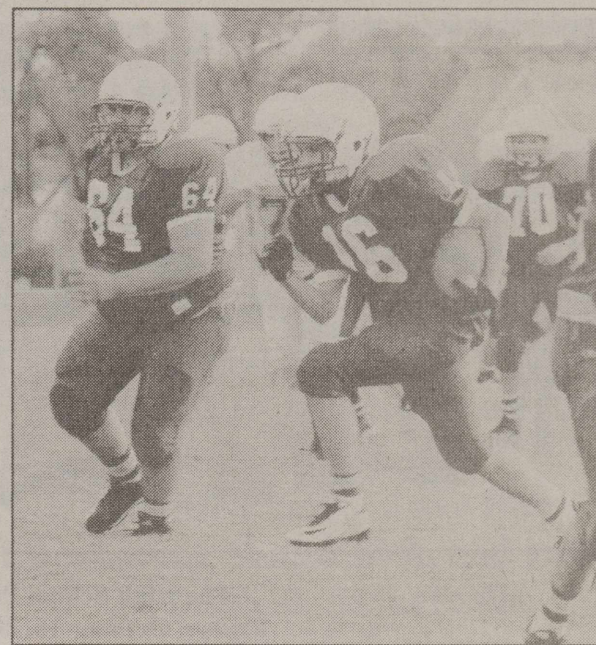
Junior High Cheerleaders Kenlee McBryde, Annahi Ruiz, Lilia Traylor, Toni Lopez, Ashton Lavake, Lashala Anderton, Rese Schoonover, Kori Salas, and Emma Franklin held their pink out pep rally on Thursday, October 15, 2015.



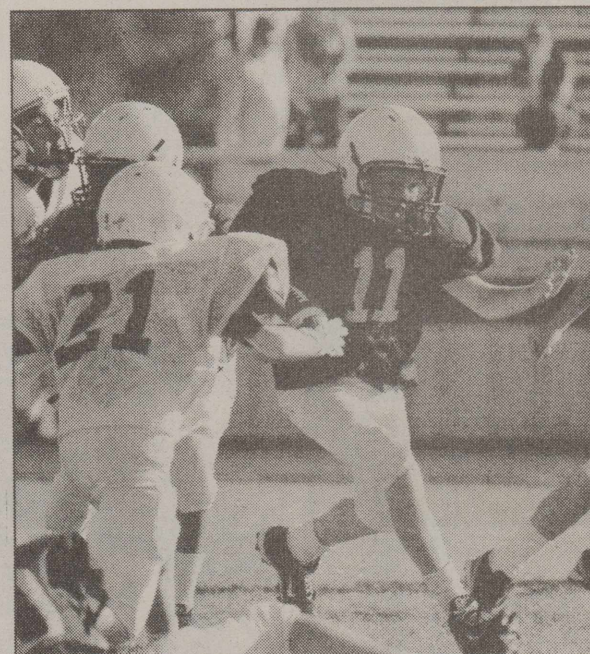
8th grade Quarterback Walker McBryde looks for the pass to his brother Ty McBryde in the Elks win over Panhandle.



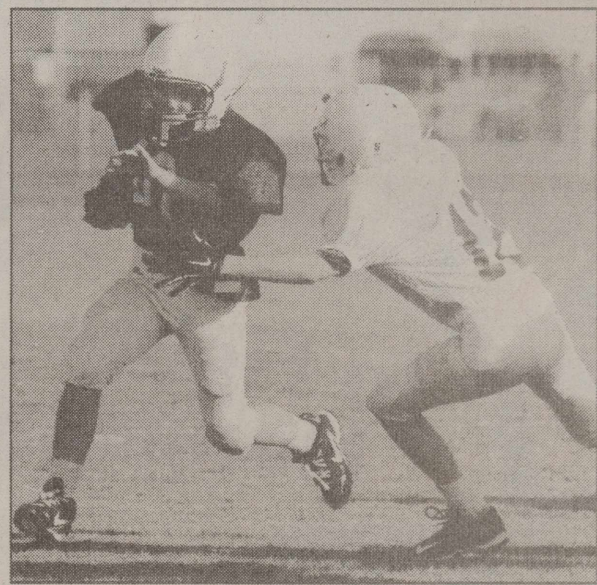
8th grade Elk Ty McBryde catches pass from Walker McBryde and gains some yards before being brought down by Panhandle defender.



8th grade Elk Abraham Villegas breaks free to pick up some yards as #64 Alex Fierro prepares to block in the Elks win over Panhandle on Thursday, October 15, 2015.



7th grade quarterback #11 Trever Bell picks up some yards for the Elks on the carry.



7th grade Elk Tyler Stone gains some yards on the carry for the Elks.

Stratford No. 8-Ranked rushed for 378 yards beating Panhandle 61-35. It is the third time for the Stratford Elks who have hit the 60 point mark. They are now 7-0 and 2-0 in District 1-2A Division 1. Stratford never punted during the game, scoring on every possession with quarterback Jack McBryde being the difference, racking up 173 yards with five touchdowns. The Elks will face the Canadian Wildcats, probably the biggest game of the Elks schedule this year. Canadian is 8-0, 2-0 with both teams being unbeaten. See you at Sam Bass Stadium on Friday night. Good Luck Elks!

Scoring for the Elks Jack McBryde-18 pts. Blake Griffin-12, 6 points each were Shay Hess, Ty Hess, John McBroom and Gage Brooks.-Tanner Stone had 5 and Fernando Jacquez 2.

Tackles were Fernando Jacquez with 6 Kade McBryde with 4 Andy Reyes with 3 Tanner Stone with 2 and one each were Ty Hess, Blake Griffin and Parker Hanna

Players of the Week Offensive line-Erasmo Ibarra; Offensive Back-Jack McBryde; Defensive Line-Kade McBryde; Defensive Back-Blake Griffin; Special teams-Tanner Stone and Scout Team-Angel Guerra and Blake Rios

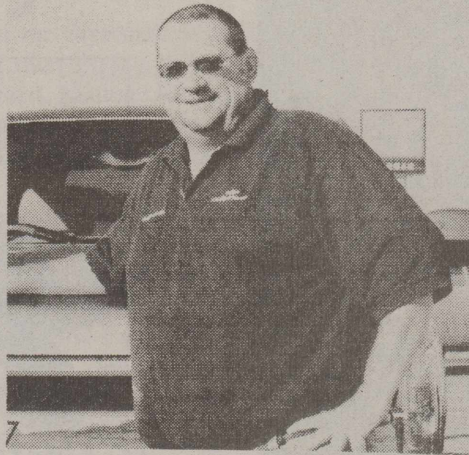
### Challenge

Winner of last week Steve Ulrey

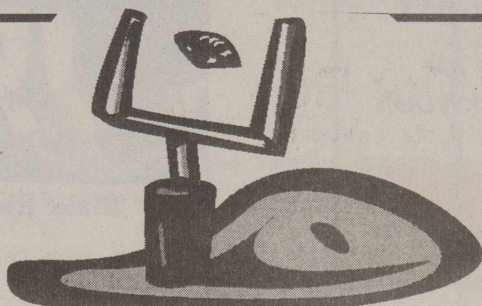
Travis Melton-Class of 1988  
Canadian vs Stratford  
Hale Center vs Abernathy  
Petersburg vs Valley  
Amarillo High vs Lubbock-Monterey  
Borger vs Levelland  
Vega vs Farwell  
Perryton vs Iowa Park  
Texas Tech vs OU  
Kansas St. vs Texas  
Texas A&M vs Ole Miss  
Florida St. vs Georgia Tech  
Auburn vs Arkansas  
North Texas vs Marshall  
New Orleans vs Indianapolis  
Pittsburg vs Kansas City  
Seattle vs San Francisco  
Cleveland vs St. Louis  
Minnesota vs Detroit  
Oakland vs San Diego  
Tie Breaker Dallas 10 vs NY Giants 28

Roger Allen Class of 1981  
Canadian vs Stratford  
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Minnesota vs Detroit  
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**Good Luck  
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Beat  
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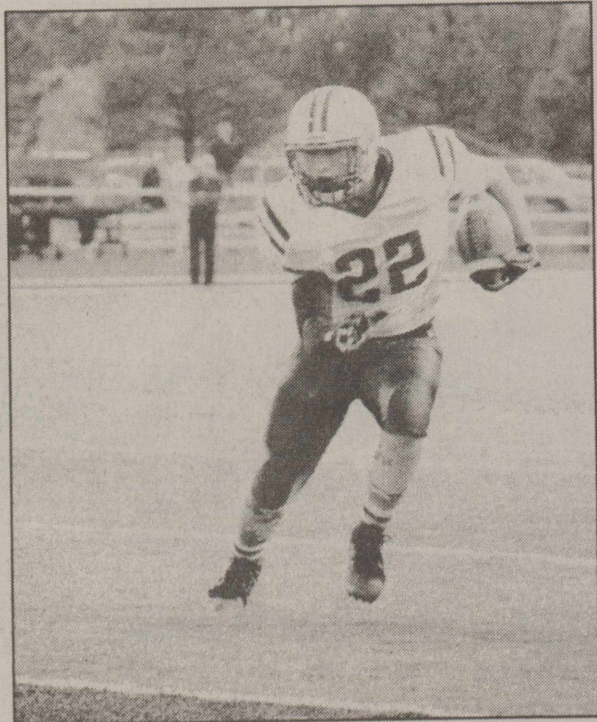


Panhandle Panthers field is like no other... 5 yards of green then 5 yards of mustard-brown. No wonder they couldn't run the ball. The Stratford Elks came out with a 61-35 road victory. That victory sets up the game of the year but I will get to that game in a moment. But the Stratford Elks could run on the mustard!!! Great district road victory. I like your effort. And it all leads to this seek. Canadian Wildcats, the price of the Panhandle. The Canadian Wildcats come into Sam Bass Stadium number 1 in the state and number 1 in Amarillo Globe News Hearts. The Canadian Wildcats have a well-oiled machine but this reporter thinks the Stratford Elks will cut the oil line!!!! So everybody get off your cell phones, combine and couch and meet me at Sam Bass Stadium at 7 o'clock on Friday Night. I want loudness. I want enthusiasm. And I want grit. The outcome of this game does not determine the season but it sure will make it sweet with a big victory!! If you are in in McDonald in Borger, Texas, there is a door that says emergency exit, do not open it. A siren will go off, ask BM he knows!!!! Let's all remember to pray for Kathy Carpenter. Once an Elk always an Elk.

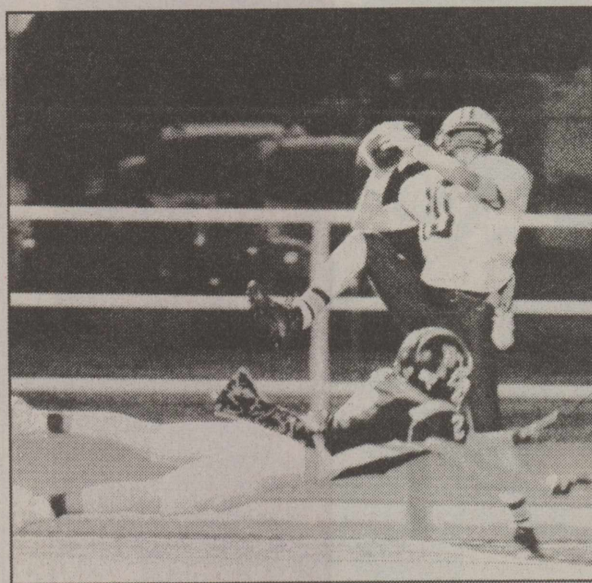
Roger Malon Allen  
Class of 1981

P.S. The third district game is just as important as the first and second district game because it is the third district game.

# "Friday Night Lights"



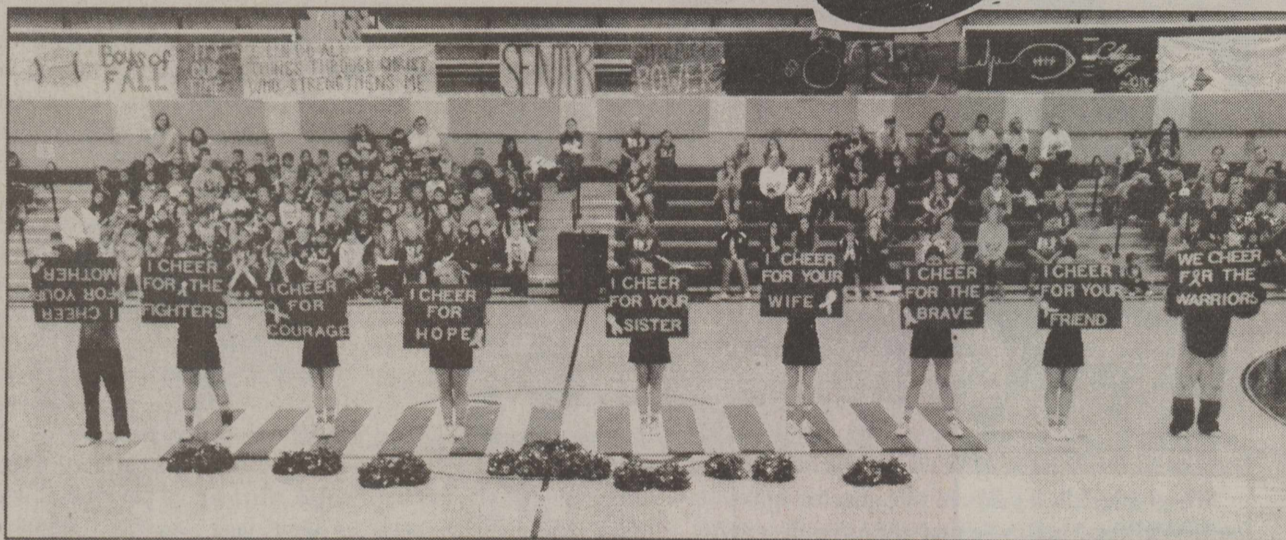
Gage Brooks #22 scores for the Elks in their 61-35 District win against Panhandle.



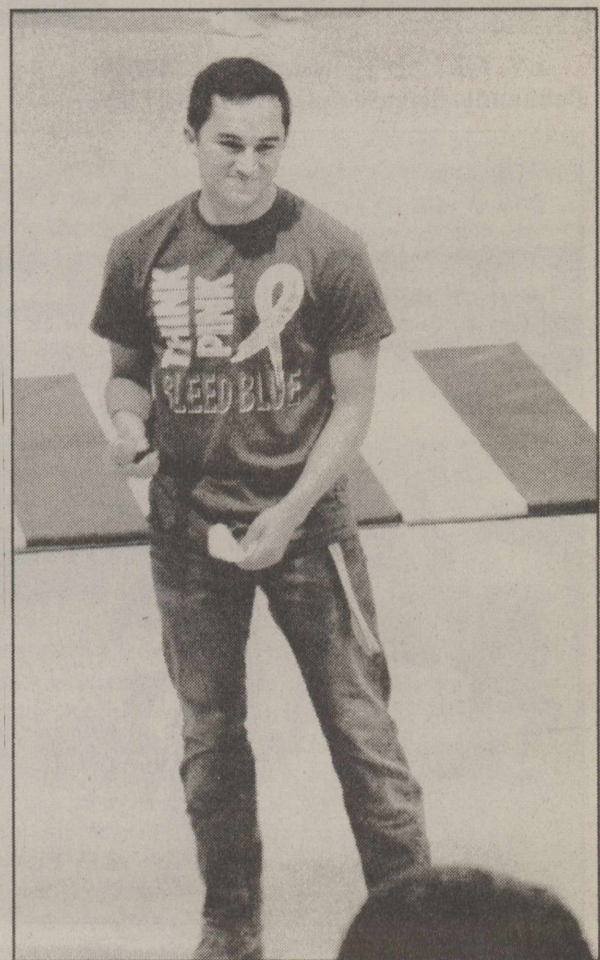
Stratford Elk #10 Ty Hess catches a pass from Jack McBryde to score for the Elks in their District win over Panhandle.



Stratford Elk quarterback #15 Jack McBryde scores on the quarterback keeper for the Elks.



The High School Pink Pep Rally was held Friday, October 16, 2015 with the SHS Cheerleaders providing a special performance.



Orlando Mayorga gave the pep talk on Friday, October 16, 2015.

**Rise and Shine**

To Fight Hunger...

**XIT** Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Communications

**Breakfast Food Drive**  
 October 1 - November 30

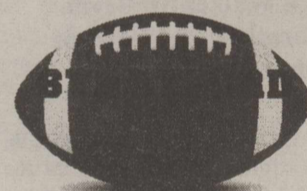
Breakfast items will support the following area food pantries:  
 The Pantry of Stratford, Texline Food Pantry, The Food Pantry at Lincoln Street Baptist Church, Dalhart Church of the Nazarene Food Bank and Vega Food Pantry/UMC  
 Monetary donations welcome!

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

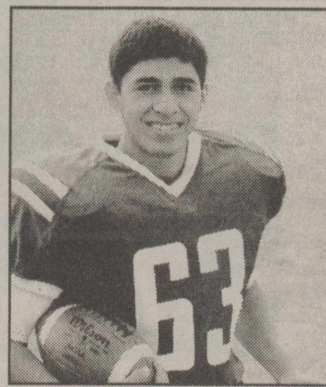
KEEP the tote bag for yourself as our Thank you!

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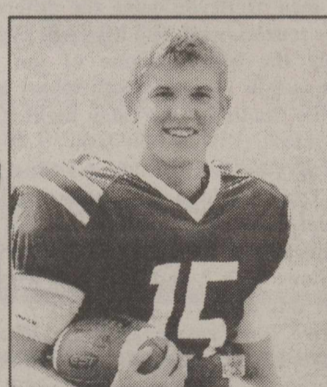
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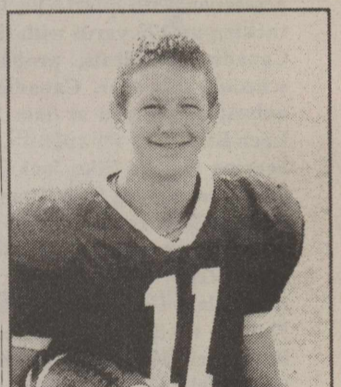
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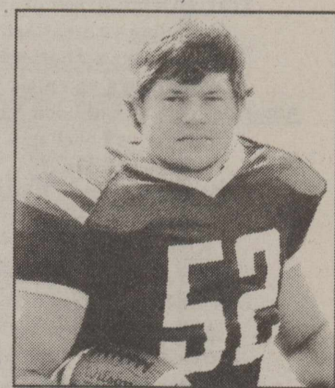
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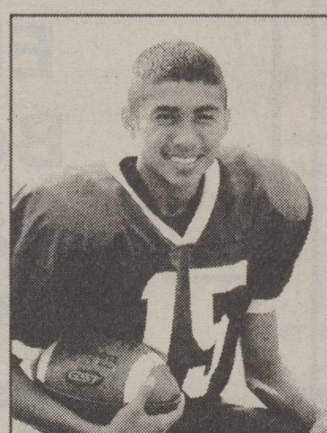
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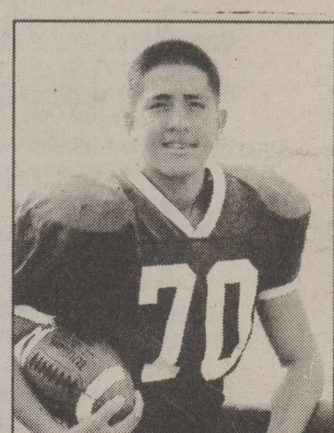
Blake Griffin



Tanner Stone



Blake Rios



Angel Guerra