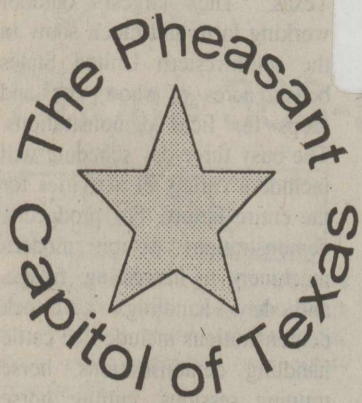


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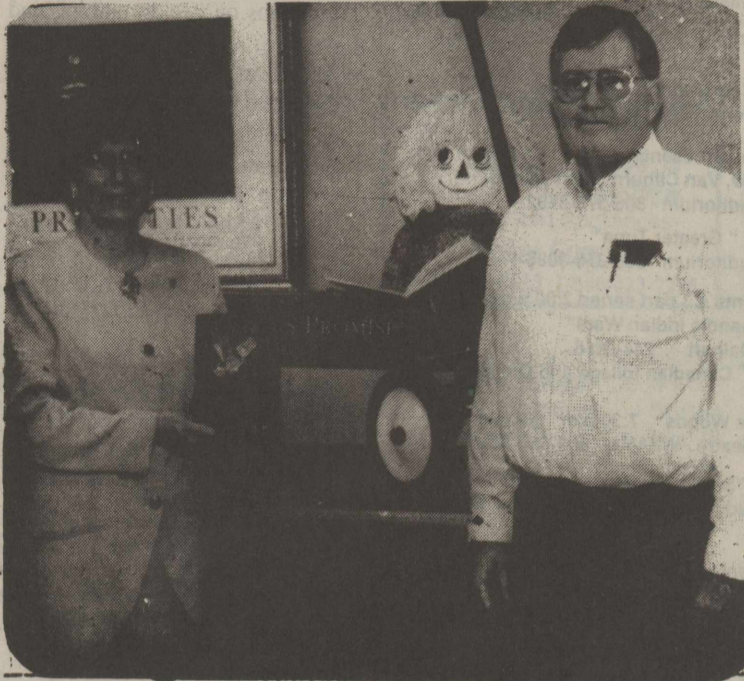
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Sherry Phelps and B.A. Donelson-First State Bank of Stratford recently were honored with a Community Service Award. Story below. Congratulations!

Stratford's First State Bank Wins Award

On Saturday September 21, 2002, Stratford's First State Bank was acknowledged at the Independent Bankers Association as one of the large market community service award winners. Their Bronze award is a result of the efforts of First State Bank to reward children for academic excellence through the America's Promise program. First State Bank has participated in the America's Promise program over the last four years. In that program they have been active with reading assistance, mentoring, reading program with the library and many other projects.

It is the mission of First State Bank to not only provide financial service and excellence but to be a key part in community activities such as America's Promise and its work with young people.

This is the second state wide award that Stratford's First State Bank has received this year. In June of this year they were cited by the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club for the state award as an Employer of Excellence. This honor is made possible by an excellent staff and outstanding customers.



See You At The Pole Held Wednesday

The community and Mary Allen and High School participated in See You At The Pole last Wednesday, September 18, 2002. Shown above, Mary Allen students and faculty enjoying doughnuts after their ceremony.

SPiRiT 54 celebrated September 18 in Alamogordo, NM, the opening of the 4 lane divided Highway U.S. 54 from Alamogordo to El Paso. (shown at right) L/R Ray Hettic and SPiRiT Chairman, Max Zimmerman, Liberal, KS; SPiRiT Treasurer, Roy Ehly, Guymon, Ok; New Mexico Transportation Director, Pete Rahn; Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford; Roy Gilyard, El Paso; Dr. Steven Easley, Alamogordo, New Mexico towns on 54 were visited and invited to attend the SPiRiT Conference to be held in Liberal, KS October 10-11.



Stratford FFA Places At Amarillo Contest

Stratford FFA places in the Agriculture Mechanics contest held by the Tri State Fair in Amarillo on September 14, 2002. Placing 1st in the livestock and horse trailer class, second in BBQ grills, and third place in the recreational class. Representing the Stratford FFA Chapter were Clint Adams and Zack Miller. The Students were present to discuss workmanship, skills displayed, practicality, and the design of the different projects.

Congratulations to the Stratford FFA Chapter for a job well done.

4-H Parent/Leaders Association To Meet

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, September 30, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office in Stratford.

Items of business to be discussed will include Evaluation of County Achievement Banquet, Enrollment Nights, Updates of plans for Fall and Winter projects and activities.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

Elks-Tahoka Ticket Prices On Thursday

The Tahoka ball-game ticket prices at Dick Bivins in Amarillo will be \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

Pantry Board To Meet Thursday, Sept. 26

The Pantry Board will have a meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the XIT building.



On Wednesday, September 11th the Stratford Girl Scouts held a Hero Ceremony at the City Park. This ceremony was for all the members of our local fire department, sheriff department, police department and EMT's. Shown above and far right are just a few of the folks that were in attendance. The Girl Scouts appreciate all the hard work these people do for our community.

What about the other fellow
Do you ever think of him
His path may be somewhat rougher
And his outlook rather grim

Do you show him sincere kindness
Or do you turn him away
Doing things to stem his efforts
Adding to his dismay

Do you freely give him courage
In the form of good advice
Or by underhanded methods
Merely tighten up the vise.

It is well to help a loser
To regain what he has lost
Even if you cannot do this
At least you can melt the frost

Life is rough, success is rougher
This we all know to be true
But is well to remember
The other guy might well be you.



Shown above left to right Joe Flores, Stratford Fire Chief Eddie Williams, and Leonda Fedric.

Stratford Fire Department Receives Check

The Stratford Fire Department received 6 checks totalling the amount of \$900.00 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the recent fire at the Country Club.

The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the

department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them.

The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Stratford Fire Department in their program.

"Kids For Epilepsy"

On Saturday, September 28th the first annual "Family Dine In Theater" event will be held. This event will include a spaghetti dinner catered by Texhoma Livestock Restaurant, hand roasted smores, a cotton candy machine, a movie on a 8' x 8' screen "featuring Scooby Doo" and popcorn. The event will be held in the Brady Meyer families backyard located at the end of Allison Street. The cost will be \$10 per person. All proceeds will benefit the High Plains Epilepsy (HPEA).

HPEA has been serving the Texas/Oklahoma Panhandle since 1972. It is a not-for-profit organization based in Amarillo. Clients from the Texhoma and surrounding areas benefit from the services provided. The services include neurological visits free of charge, lab work, EEG's and MRI's free of charge. Assistance with purchasing medications is provided on a short term basis. Approximately 1% of the population will be affected by seizures at some point in their lives. The money raised for this event will assist individuals in your community who have epilepsy and their families. Thank you for your support. For more information contact Stefanie Meyer at 580-423-3130.

Dear Parents,

Stratford High School will be open one night each week for student use. We began September 16, 2002. Students may come to school from 6:30 to 8:30 to use the library or seek instruction from the teachers on duty. There will be two or three teachers on duty each Monday to help students with homework or to help students prepare for upcoming exams. All students at times are in need of extra help or another explanation of complicated material. The high school staff believe this special time will benefit all students. Mr. Stewart will always be there to help students with Alg. II, pre-cal, calculus and math models. Ms. Hegglin will always be there to help students with Alg. I and geometry. The science teachers will alternate weeks.

The faculty at Stratford High School hopes parents will encourage their sons and daughters to take advantage of this special study time outside of the normal school day.

Sincerely,
Steve Haynes

Obits



Joe Mungia Jr

Joe Mungia Jr., age 76 died Monday, September 16, 2002 at San Angelo, Texas.

Services were held on Thursday, September 19, 2002 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford at 2:00 p.m. with Fr. John Rajentra officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery-Stratford under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Rosary was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mr. Mungia was born May 18, 1926 in Yorktown, Texas. He was a farmer. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford.

He married Lala Gonzales on October 22, 1948 in Columbus, Texas. He enjoyed fishing. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and caretaker. He had been a Stratford resident since 1970.

He was preceded in death by son, Danny Mungia in 1977.

Survivors include his wife-Lala of the home; One daughter Rosa Noriega of Sonora, Texas. Four sons: Johnny Mungia and Joe Mungia both of Stratford, Willie Mungia of Sonora, Texas and David Mungia of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Seven sisters: Eva Mungia Urias, Anita Mungia Gallardo, Adelfa Mungia Silva, Josie Mungia Cowan, Sandy Mungia Stewart all of Amarillo, Texas. Linda Mungia Hill of Hereford, and Julia Mungia Salinas of Edenburg, Texas. Four brothers: Adam Mungia, Felix Mungia both of Hereford, Robert Mungia of Temple, Texas and Herbert Mungia of Edenburg, Texas. 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Box 58, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Ada Lu Jenkins

Ada Lu Jenkins, age 80 died Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at the First United Methodist church in Clayton, with Rev. Bob Boyd, pastor and Rev. Billy Rammage, pastor First Baptist church in Clayton, officiating. Please visit hassfuneralhome.com to view the online obituary and leave a tribute.

Ada Lu was born on December 16, 1921 in Clayton, New Mexico, to J.B. Kimble and Clara (Sprinkle) Kimble. She was a lifelong resident of Clayton, New Mexico. Adu Lu graduated from Clayton High School in 1940 and attended Oklahoma State University for two years. She married E.C. "Hi" Jenkins on October 14, 1942 and he preceded her in death on September 25, 2000. Ada Lu was a member of the First United Methodist church in Clayton where she taught Sunday School and taught the Methodist Youth Fellowship for several years. She was also a member of the P.E.O. in Clayton. In addition to her husband, Ada Lu was also preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, J.B. Kimble, Jr.

She is survived by one daughter Barbara Wight and her husband Ken of Stratford, Texas. Two sons: Ron Jenkins and his wife Kay of Los Lunas, New Mexico and Dr. Michael Jenkins and his wife Pam of Clayton, New Mexico.

8 grandchildren: Trym Jenkins and Crystal of Los Lunas, New Mexico, Melissa Ramsey and her husband George of Los Lunas, New Mexico, Tricia Ann Cox and her husband Paul of Midland, Texas, Mark Jenkins and his wife Emily of Morgantown, West Virginia, Kathy Jenkins of San Diego, California, Kaci McBryde

and her husband Brad of Stratford, Texas, Kelly Wight of Friona, Texas and Keri Walden and her husband Nathaniel of Stratford, Texas.

11 great-grandchildren: Abby Ramsey, Halei Ramsey, Kylee Cox, Taylor Cox, Kade McBryde, Kenlee McBryde, Kyle Jenkins, Garrett Jenkins Mallory Jenkins Jaycee Joe Jenkins and Cameron Jenkins. One sister: Pat Denton and her husband Jim of Muldrow, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to the Clayton Senior Citizens Center, 19 E. Broadway, Clayton, NM 88415, The First United Methodist church of Clayton, 200 N. 5th Ave., Clayton, NM 88415 or to the Union County General Hospital, 301 Harding St., Clayton, N.M. 88415.

Raymond L. Martensen

Longmont, CO-Raymond L. Martensen of Longmont, CO, died Sept. 20, 2002 at Longmont United Hospital. He was 77.

Mr. Martensen was born Feb. 10, 1925 in Platte Center, NE to Arnold and Anna (Harms) Martensen. He married Gloralee Hayes in Greeley, CO., on May 9, 1981.

He served in the U.S. Navy 1945-46 and later was a farmer and a farm implement salesman.

Mr. Martensen lived in Stratford from 1963 to 1970. He moved from Phoenix, AZ to Longmont in 1998 and was a member of Rocky Mountain Christian Church. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Roger Martensen.

Surviving are his wife of Longmont; a son, Allen Martensen and his wife Barbara of Pensacola, FL; a daughter, Sharon Powell of Lakewood, CO.; two brothers, Eldon and Arvin; two sisters, Velma Shipley and Mildred Clements; five grandchildren, Sarah and Kristen Powell, Trudy, Morgan, Natilee Martensen.

Also two step-children, five step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, Sept. 23 at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel. Funeral service was 10 a.m. Sept. 23 at Rocky Mountain Christian Church. The Rev. Ed McQueen officiated. Interment followed at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Memorials may be sent to American Kidney Foundation or Boulder Community Hospital in care of Ahlberg Funeral Chapel, 326 Terry St., Longmont, CO 80501.



The impala is a swift, graceful antelope that can leap up to 30 feet in a single bound.

Letters To The Editor

Letters To The Editor Policy for Publication: All letters will be accepted provided they are not anonymous & a bona fide address is given. We will not print letters in the Star anonymous or name on file. Name will appear in paper. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the view of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

Dear Readers:

The rains have been great. The trees loved it, The grass loved it, the weeds have loved it and are growing. It is about time to clean up one last time for the fall.

The Daniels family cleaned up behind Brooks' and Naugle's buildings on Main Street and it looks great. Someone mowed the parkways on 3rd and Main by Brooks Video, Taylor Building and Jodie Lasley's Corner lot and I would like to thank you. After mowing and trimming Stratford Grain, Leo Vera and Sergio Anchondo trimmed behind the Taylor Building. Ann Johnson removed the jungle behind the Imagination Station. So Main Street is looking pretty good. The weeds need a little plucking and another sweep-up might be in order about November.

Now on to the Highway! That is what all the travelers see. Let's keep Stratford Beautiful.

Gaynelle Riffe

Teachers Attend Fall Workshop

Members of Gammi Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Society for Women Teachers recently attended the Fall Workshop held in Amarillo and hosted by the chapters of Area Eleven of the Society. New Incoming presidents of all chapters were given training for the next two years and included Kathie Altman of Stratford, incoming president of Gamma Xi Chapter. The Treasurers and Secretaries were also given special training and included Shirley Hendricks, Dalhart, and Treasurer of Gamma Xi chapter. All others attended the Program of Work sessions on program planning on Educational Subjects of interest for the next two years. Mary Jo Ondrack, Dalhart, member of the state Committee on world Fellowship conducted the booth exhibit for that committee. Also in attendance at the meeting were Gamma Xi members Sandra Kelso, Cynthia Ballard and Nelda Askey of Dalhart. Mrs. Askey is First Vice President of Gamma Xi. From Hartley were Margaret Ann Hornel and Mary Weatherford and from Dumas was Frances Holden.

Small Business Tax Workshop

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will host a small business Tax Workshop. This seminar will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2002. The location will be the "new" County Barn located on South McKee Avenue in Stratford. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately 2 hours.

Jimmy L. Hatley will lead the seminar; C.P.A. Tax Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service stationed in Amarillo. The IRS is trying to become more 'Customer Friendly' and Jimmy is the coordinator of the new office of Taxpayer Education and Communication. Jimmy

previously was a Tax auditor and has vast knowledge of the tax system and regulations.

The seminar will focus on the tax codes, regulations, and necessary preparations for the upcoming end-of-the-year tax reporting deadlines. After the seminar, Jimmy will be available to answer personal and specific business tax questions. All information shared during this session is confidential and will not be used against you for the collection of taxes.

All interested persons are invited to attend the free seminar. For more information, please contact the Stratford Chamber of Commerce office (366-2260).

Farmer-Stockman Show, Oct. 10-12

The tenth annual Farmer-Stockman Show is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 10-12 in Lubbock, Texas. The largest outdoor working farm and ranch show in the southwestern United States boasts acres of show site and crops for field demonstrations. The busy three-day schedule will include a variety of activities for the entire family. For producers, demonstrations exhibit modern machinery in harvesting, tillage, and hay handling. Livestock demonstrations include live cattle handling demonstrations, horse training sessions, cutting horse demonstrations, and current topic seminars. The popular Family Living area has expanded programs on health, quilting and country entertainment performances. Crafters are available for a unique shopping opportunity. The Farmer-Stockman Show is 1.5 miles east of Loop 289 on East 50th Street (Fm835) Show hours are 8 a.m.-6p.m. Daily, October 10, 11 and 12th. Call the show office for more details (806) 747-7134.

To remove fish odor from your hands, rinse them in fresh squeezed lemon juice or herb vinegar.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Sept. 26 "Lips" presented by Opportunity School Amarillo Civic Grand Plaza 806-372-5751
- Sept. 28 Amarillo Symphony presents Maxine Philippov, Van Cliburn Silver Award Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- Oct. 1 & 2*** Broadway Series "Greater Tuna" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Oct. 5 Bop Izzard Presents a 3 part series 2:00 p.m. "History of Panhandle Indian Wars" LaRita Theatre, Dalhart . 244-5645
- Oct. 19 Bus Tour Oct 19th Canadian foliage and Old Mobeetie
- Oct. 2-5, 6*** "A Clearing In The Woods" 7:30 p.m. [6:30 p.m.] Branding Iron Theatre WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Oct. 5**** Lone Star Ballet "Street Car Named Desire" 7:30 p.m. Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806) 378-3096 or 372-2463
- Oct. 6*** B. B. King Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Oct. 14*** Steven Curtis Chapman Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096

During the Middle Ages, bath houses in England were called stews and bathing was referred to as stewing.

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**Lollies
Line**
By Lorelyn Powers

On the first day of fall Monday, Sept. 23, 2002 our local temperature is 62 degree Fahrenheit.

The weather channel on TV says this summer we have had weird things happen-floods in south Texas, Fires in New Mexico and Colorado and Tornadoes doing lots of damage.

On Wednesday September 18, 2002 Stratford Citizens gathered at the Flag Pole at the High School and at Mary Allen Elementary. Then around five thirty the clouds were building up in the North and by 8 or 9 the area had a good rain which has made everything green and everyone happy.

Our Elks need our support as they play Tahoka, Friday, Sept. 26 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo at 7:30.

As the trees gently blow in the breeze remember to be gentle, kind and forging to one another.

City of Stratford
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Water usage are included as Appendices to this ordinance. Changes in rates and/or charges

Insofar as this Ordinance overlaps or amends any prior Ordinance of the City of Stratford, then this Ordinance shall supersede and amend such prior Ordinance should any section or sections of this ordinance be held to be void and without force and effect for any reason whatsoever by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portion of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect as though the void an unenforceable portion thereof, if any, had not been incorporated.

THIS ORDINANCE, WITH APPENDICES 'a' AND 'b', PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2001

APPENDIX 'A'

A. WATER TAP (CONNECTION) FEE The following charges shall be made by the City of Stratford for each and every water tap connection made to the City's water mains, lateral, or water supply system.

1. 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch Meter w/backflow device \$435.00
2. 1 inch Meter w/backflow loop \$625.00
3. 2 inch Meter w/backflow loop \$1050.00

APPENDIX 'B'

A. The monthly rate and charge for the first two thousand (2000) gallons of water used by Residential Customers is Nine Dollars (\$9.00)

B. The monthly rate and charge for customers whose services are outside the city limits of the City of Stratford and are provided water service by the City of Stratford will be 1 1/2 times the rate of the Customers within the city limits of the City of Stratford.

C. The monthly rate and charge for the first two thousand (222) gallons of water used by Commercial (non-residential) Customers is Nine Dollars (\$9.00).

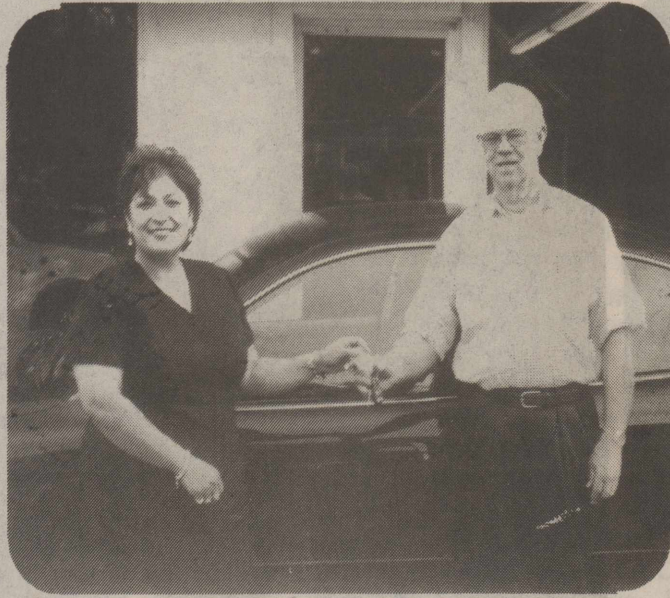
D. The monthly rate and charge for both Residential and Commercial Customers for each one thousand (1000) gallons of water used over and above the first two thousand (2000) gallons is Two Dollars (\$2.00).

E. The monthly rates and charges for water service for water delivered into water tank trucks or water wagons in the City of Stratford, Texas, is one Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per one thousand (1000) gallons, with no minimum charge.

F. The rate for water at the coin-operated facility (the old water tower) is Two Dollars (\$2.00) per one thousand (1000).

G. A reconnection fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) shall be assessed and collected prior to the reconnection of utility

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Aduddell Earns Use Of Car

Dallas-In honor of her achievements, Mayrene Aduddell, has recently earned the use of a Pontiac Grand-Am. Mrs. Aduddell of Conlen, TX took delivery of her car at Phil Like Motor Company. Phil Like, presented her with the keys. Independent Beauty Consultants earn the use of Mary Kay career cars through outstanding sales and team building. The automobile incentive program has been an important feature at Mary Kay for years. The U.S. Mary Kay Fleet, one of the largest commercial fleets of GM Passenger cars in the world, includes 10,000 career cars valued at more than \$150 million. Mrs. Aduddell began her career as an Independent Beauty Consultant in April of 2001 and as a direct result of sales and team building accomplishments, became a sales director in August 2002. As a sales director, she provides education, leadership and motivation to other beauty consultants. Approximately 800,000 women in 37 markets around the world have discovered the advantages of owning their own business: Financial independence, flexibility, career growth, dynamic and modern sales incentives, and an innovative product line.



Zak Works On Imagination Station

Imagination Station work: Joe Zak spraying fire retardant on the wood ceiling, rafters and walls with the help of Alex Alvaz. Next Imagination Station Meeting Thursday, Sept. 26 at noon, Brown Bag Lunch.

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will—his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.

—Albert Schweitzer

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Seawright Qualifies For State BMX Finals

Stratford resident (shown at left) Jon Seawright qualified for the State BMX finals held in DeSoto, Texas on August 24th & 25th. When all the dust settled, Jon was second in the state in 11-year-old-novice. He is now qualified for the Race of Champions and Grand National Finals to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Thanksgiving weekend. Jon is currently selling "Worlds Finest Chocolate" candy bars to help finance his trip and race expenses. Jon wishes to thank all the Stratford residents for their support and is happy to represent our community.

22nd Annual Festival Of Arts & Crafts

Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 22nd annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, December 7, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St. Hereford, Texas 79045 or call (806) 364-0774.

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First Assembly of God

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

First Christian

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

First United Methodist

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

St. Joseph Catholic

6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

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

First Baptist

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

La Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Not too long ago a fellow who wanted some help in talking to an atheist friend approached me. "It's funny," he said, "this fellow is an atheist but all he wants to talk about is God." One of the fascinating wonders of our world is the fact of religion. People simply cannot avoid it. We're innately religious. Even those who reject God continue to talk about Him. And there is good reason. It's the way God created us. The Bible says, "He has also put eternity in their hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). There is a sense of deity within us. There is a God consciousness present in us from birth. This being the case, men and women must act on this sense of the reality of God. On one side, they will suppress and reject the notion of God. But even in their rejection, they cannot escape Him. The rejection of God is really an affirmation he exists. On the other hand, men and women begin to seek God. This can be the beginning of a real relationship with Him. "He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). That's simple. To come to God, you must first believe He exists. That is, you accept the fact of His existence. You no longer suppress or reject the truth swelling up within you. And so you look for more. You seek a relationship with God. This means there are different levels of faith. Simple belief in the existence of God is one thing. Trust in Christ as the Savior of your soul is quite another. When you believe in the existence of God you have an intellectual faith. But when you come to God through faith in the sacrifice of Christ, you have saving faith. You become an adopted member of God's family.

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Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Births

Logan and Leslie Neve proudly announce the birth of their son, Logan Cade, born on September 14, 2002 at 7:46 p.m. Cade weighed 8 lbs. and 11.5 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are David and Kay Hager of Lueders and Wilson and Betty Neve of Abernathy.

Great-grandparents are Jenny Watts of Stamford and Ruby Wisdom of Abernathy. He was welcomed home by his proud cousins Kalcb and Kyle Horsford of Stratford.

Fall Fashion Show Oct. 12

It's Fall 2002 Luncheon and Style Show time! GFWC/Prospectus study Club will again follow their luncheon with fashions from Kay's Klassics and Creative Casuals, both of Dumas. Club members will be the models.

The event will be held Saturday October 12, 11:30 a.m. at Mary Allen Cafetorium. Tickets are a \$10.00 donation. Funds benefit the many projects of the club.

Ticket sales stop Oct. 10 and none will be sold at the door. All club members have tickets available.

O'Brien & Engelbrecht To Speak To Study Club

Betty Lou O'Brien and MariHoward Engelbrecht visited Antarctica recently. They will share their adventures at GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library.

Sonja Kendrick is International Affairs program coordinator.

Final plans will be made for the Luncheon and Style Show Oct. 12. Stratford will also be hosting the Top of Texas Fall Board meeting Oct. 26.

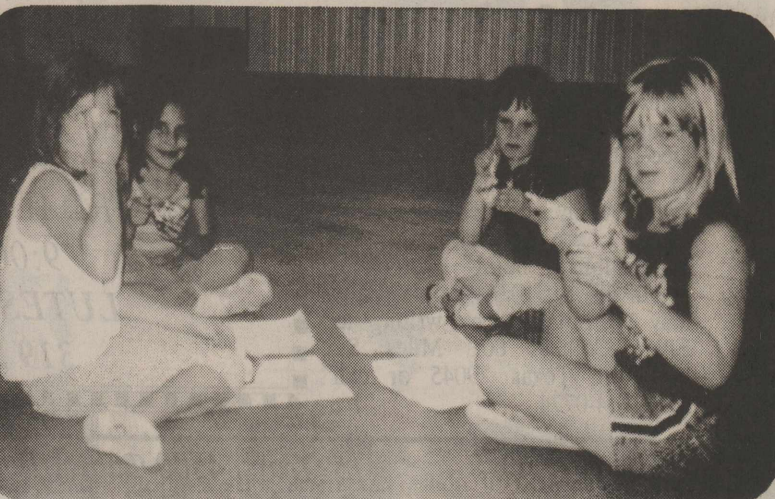


If you really want crystal clear ice cubes, boil the water first and let it cool before you freeze it.



Girl Scout Registration

Recently Stratford Girl Scouts held their Registration Event at the County Barn. The girls that signed up made sundaes and received a Girl Scout water bottle. Daisy Girl Scouts is for kindergarten girls and their leaders are Shanda Davis, Desine Garza and Shawnda Jackson. Brownie Girl Scouts are for girls in the first, second and third grade. Their leaders are: Diana Claypool and Mellonee York. Junior Girl Scouts is for girls in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade. Leaders for this group are: Lillian Blake and Maria Solano. If your daughter would like to join Girl Scouts, please call Mellonee York after 4 p.m. at 396-1043.



Eating sundaes at Girl Scout Registration left to right Mary Ann Spurlock, Britney Garza, Monica Knight & Emily York.

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when accomplished during normal business hours (8:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday thru Friday). A customer who has utility services disconnected/terminated on three (3) or fewer occasions in the preceding twelve (12) months, may have service reconnected as scribed in section G. of the original ordinance or after normal business hours and on weekends, may have a service reconnected by paying an After-hours Reconnect Fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) by or before 12:00 noon on the next regular business day.

The little old man was near death. His three sons sat in his room awaiting the inevitable end. While they were waiting they began to discuss funeral arrangements. The first son said, "We should have 10 cars for the funeral. That way, we'll take care of all the relatives and friends."

The second son said, "Let's just rent two cars and let our relatives follow in their own cars."

The third son suggested, "Why don't we just rent a station wagon, the three of us get in, and take the casket in beside us?"

At this point, the old man, hearing all this, raised himself from his bed.

"Boys," he muttered, "stop arguing. Just get me a pair of pants and I'll WALK to the cemetery."



NQB Captures 3rd Place

The Sherman County 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl (NQB) team captured 3rd place at the Panhandle District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest. Team members Eric Burton, Jennie Witcher, Jennie Spurlock, and Brooke Barnard were congratulated by R.C. Adams, Tri-State Fair Executive Director. Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a fun way to learn consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation and storage, basic nutrition, and how nutrition affects health. Connie Burton was the coach for the team assisted by Anna Witcher and Cindy Russell. Other 4-H'ers participating on the local level were Sunny Russell, Rhyann Burton, Autumn Witcher, and Roy Allen.

A Christian is:
In the home it is kindness;
In business it is honesty;
In society it is courtesy;
In work it is fairness;
Toward the unfortunate it is sympathy;
Toward the weak it is help;
Toward the wicked it is resistance;
Toward the strong it is trust;
Toward the penitent it is forgiveness;
Toward the successful it is congratulations;
And toward God it is reverence and obedience.

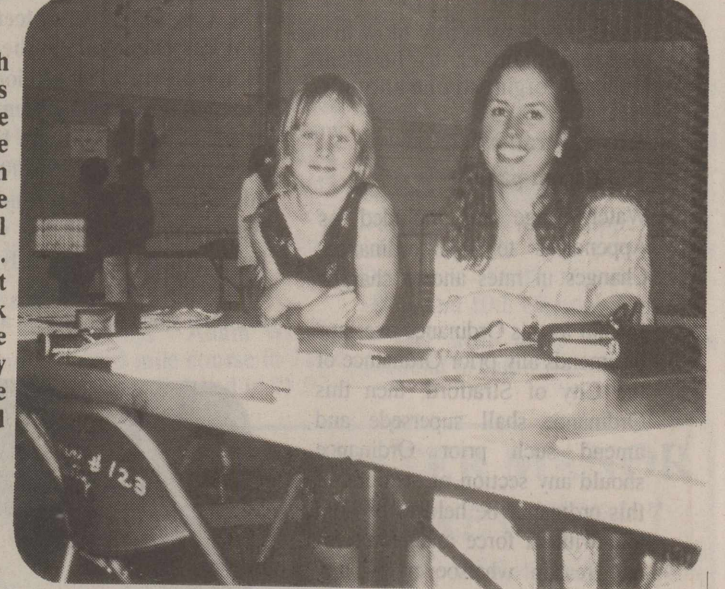


As early as 4000 B.C.E., citizens of Mohenjo-Daro in what is now Iraq had houses with private bathrooms and an underground sewage system.



A shower was held Sunday, September 15, 2002 in the home of LeRayne Donelson honoring Ashley Eady, bride elect of John James. Shown above left to right is Sami White, Cindy James, Ashley Eady, Gladys Arnold and Joan Palmer. Kaitlyn White in front.

On Monday, September 9th all of Stratford's Girl Scouts gathered together to make patriotic pins. These pins were made to give out in remembrance of 9-11 and to give to our local heroes. The Girl Scouts made over 1,000 pins. Pins were given out at Duckwall's, First State Bank and at Express Lane. Pins were also given to the Elementary teachers. Presenting pins to the teachers was M'Lyn Wells and her mother Jennifer.



Presenting pins to Terri Teig were Emily York, Casey Claypool and Julie York.



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Cross Country Action



Erin Ashley



Veronica Ortega



The Varsity Lady Elk Cross Country team placed 4th in Amarillo out of A, AA, and AAA. Way to Go!

The J.V. & Varsity Cross Country teams competed at Amarillo this past weekend, September 21, 2002. Individual & team results were as follows:

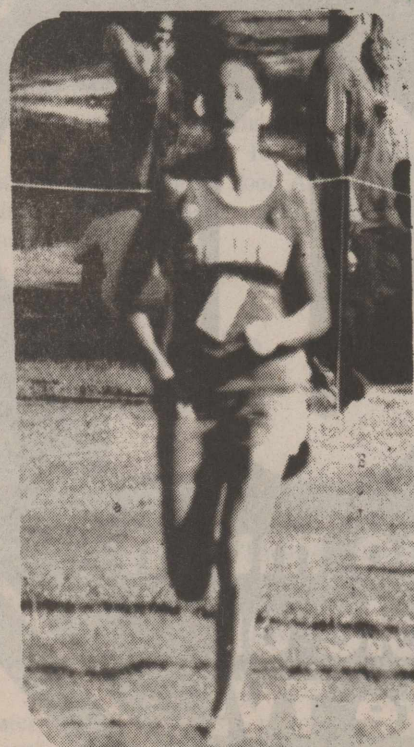
J.V. Girls - Out of 150 runners, Erin Ashley finished 25th with a time of 15:30, Racquel Henderson 57th with time of 16:21, and Crystal Rueda 105th with a time of 17:17.

Varsity Girls - Out of 17 runners, Yadira Ortega finished 11th with a time of 14:02, Brittany Hudson 30th with a time of 14:34, Jayme Wilhem 36th - 14:43, Allison Baskin 44th - 14:52, Veronica Ortega - 49th - 15:01, Amie Witcher 90th - 16:06, Haley Buckles - 91th - 16:07.

Varsity Boys - Adam Witcher finished the 3 mile course in 21:30 and Bill Walker finished in 21:50.

Following is the team standings with average times: 1st Borger - 14:04, 2nd Canyon - 14:06, 3rd Spearman - 14:31, 4th Stratford - 14:35, 5th Sunray - 14:36, 6th Dalhart - 14:45, 7th Happy - 14:44, 8th Nazareth - 14:52, 9th Shamrock - 15:00, 10th Perryton - 14:58, and 10th Claude - 15:02.

The next meet will be this weekend in Lubbock, TX.



Yadira Ortega



Raquel Henderson

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pickup and disposal fees and charges as well as Sewer Service fees and charges, as applicable.

C In addition to any regular water utilities service deposit or reconnect fees, the City of Stratford may charge an additional water utilities service deposit to any customer whose service was previously disconnected or terminated for lack of payment when due.

D The additional water utilities service deposit specified above shall be in an amount not to exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) times the highest bill incurred by the customer in the customer's last twelve months of service or portion thereof; or one-sixth (1/6) of the customer's total billing for the last twelve months of service, or portion thereof, whichever is greater.

E. In the event that any customer of water service furnished by the City of Stratford does not pay the rates and charges, plus any penalty, on or before the 20th day after payment is due, all City operated water service shall be terminated.

F. Any consumer of utility services furnished by the City, whose utility services have been disconnected or terminated for non-payment of rates and charges therefore, may have such utility services resumed by paying all rates, charges and penalties due by him/her to the city, and in addition thereto, a Reconnection Fee is hereby prescribed by the City Council.

G RECONNECTION FEE- For reconnect fees is included as Appendices to this Ordinance. Changes shall be facilitated by amending the applicable Appendix. Appendix 'B' shall define the Rates and Charges for Water Usage, to include Residential, Commercial,

Minimu. Thousand Gallon Rates and Re-Connect Fees. "Habitual Reconnects", defined as

customers of City provided utility services that have had service disconnected/terminated four (4) or more times in the preceding twelve (12) months, may only have service reconnected as described above/ "Non-habitual Reconnects", defined as customers whose City provided utility services have either not been disconnected/terminated, or have had City provided utility services disconnected/terminated on three (3) or fewer occasions the preceding twelve (12) months, may have service reconnected as described above or, after normal business hours and on weekends, may have service reconnected by paying After-hours Reconnect Fee (See Appendix 'B' for after hour reconnect fee). (In addition to all rates and charges specified in paragraph 'F' above.) If payment is not received by 12:00 noon on the next regular business day, City provided utility services will be disconnected again and an additional Reconnect Fee will be assessed and shall be paid prior to reconnection of utility services.

H "BAD CHECKS" If a check tendered as payment for utility service drawn against insufficient funds or a closed account, City provided utility services will be immediately disconnected and will remain so until the customer pays all rates, charges, penalties and reconnect fees with cash or money order. The City of Stratford reserves the right to verify with the bank or financial institution that funds are available to cover any check tendered for payment.

I RETURNED CHECK FEE Any check tendered as payment for utility service drawn against insufficient funds or a closed account, there will be a Twenty-five (\$25.00) Returned Check Fee charged to the customer presenting such check.

J CHECK APPEPTANCE Checks will not be accepted for payment of utility service if the customer has tendered check drawn against insufficient funds or a closed account on two (2) or more occasions in the preceding twelve (12) months. In addition, a returned (unpaid) check constitutes de facto non-payment of the account and will subject the customer to disconnection of service if the account remains unpaid as stipulated in paragraph E. Reconnection Fee and other charges, as applicable, as specified in paragraphs F, and G will apply.

K "THEFT OF SERVICE" Unauthorized and/or deliberate connection, reconnection or diversion of City Utility Service is a violation of Texas Penal Code, Chapter 31, Section 31.04. "Theft of Service, and may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

L FIRE HYDRANTS Only the Stratford Fire Department or other authorized entities may draw water from City Fire Hydrants. A back-flow prevention device (Reduced Pressure Zone) or air-gap is required.

M REFUNDS The City shall hold any deposit made to the City until the utility service for which the deposit was made shall be terminated. Upon termination of such service, customer shall be entitled to a refund of such deposit, less any amount that is due and owing to the city.

N .RATES AND CHARGES For Water Taps (connections) and shall be facilitated by amending the applicable Appendix. Appendix 'A' shall define the Rates and Charges for water connections including new meter, meter loop and backflow prevention device. Appendix 'B' shall define the Rates and Charges for Water Usage, to include Residential, Commercial, Minimum and Thousand Gallon Rates.

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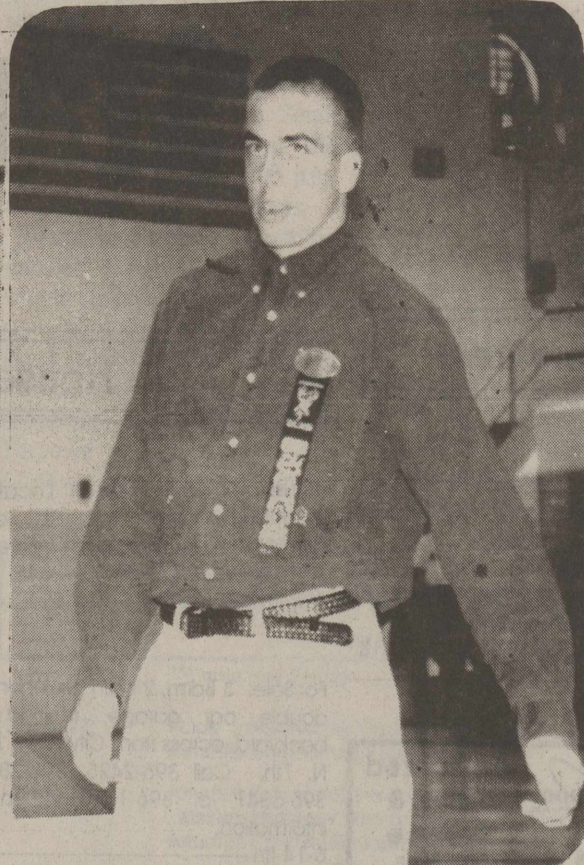
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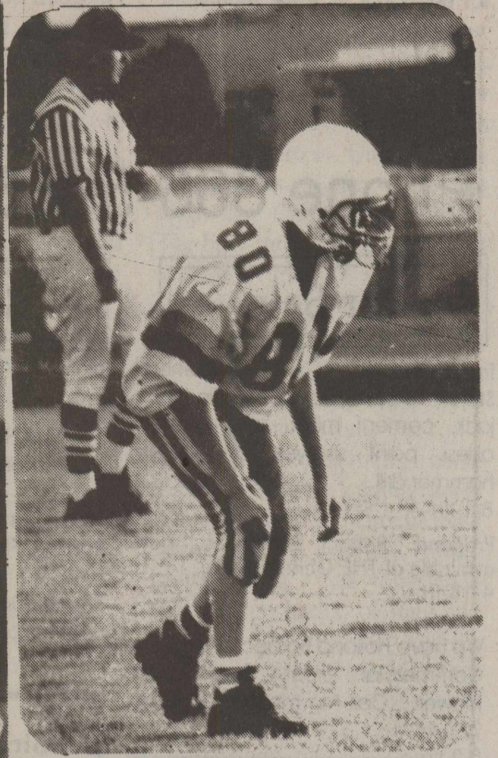
Stratford Elk Shots!!



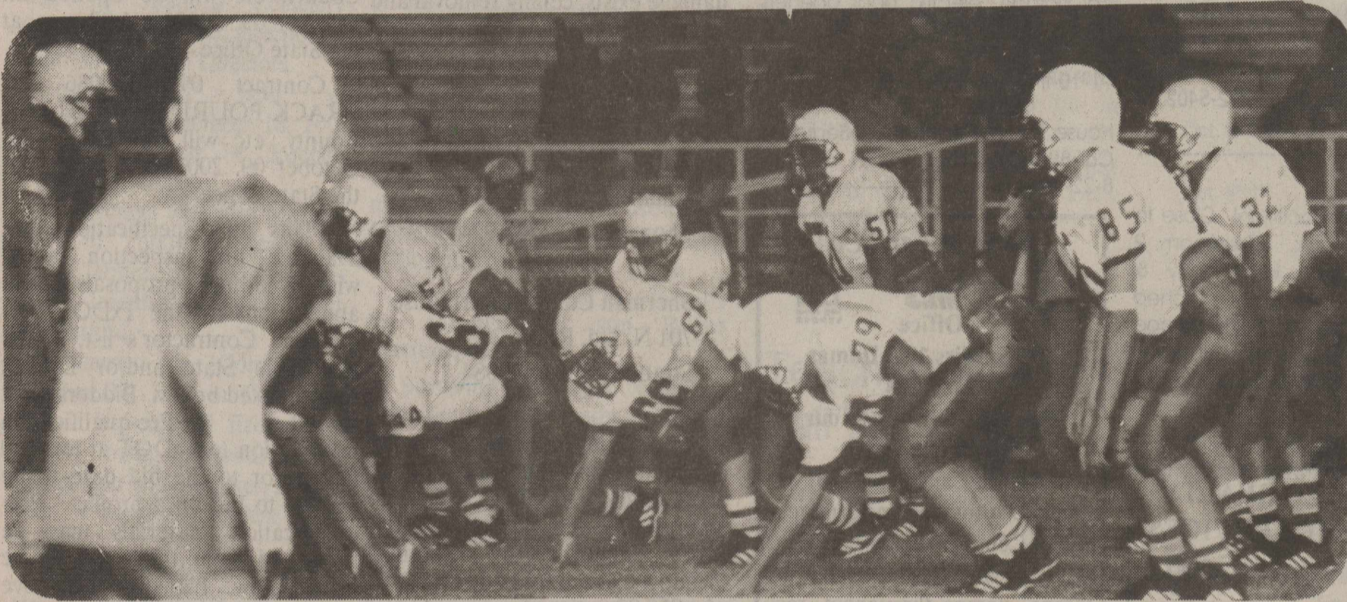
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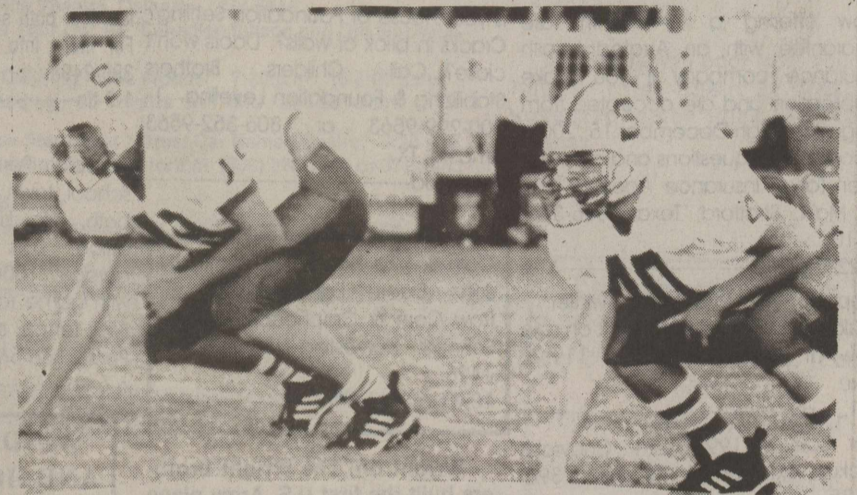
Denton Crabtree gave the pep talk on Friday, September 20th.



8th Grade Elk #80 Chad Smith.



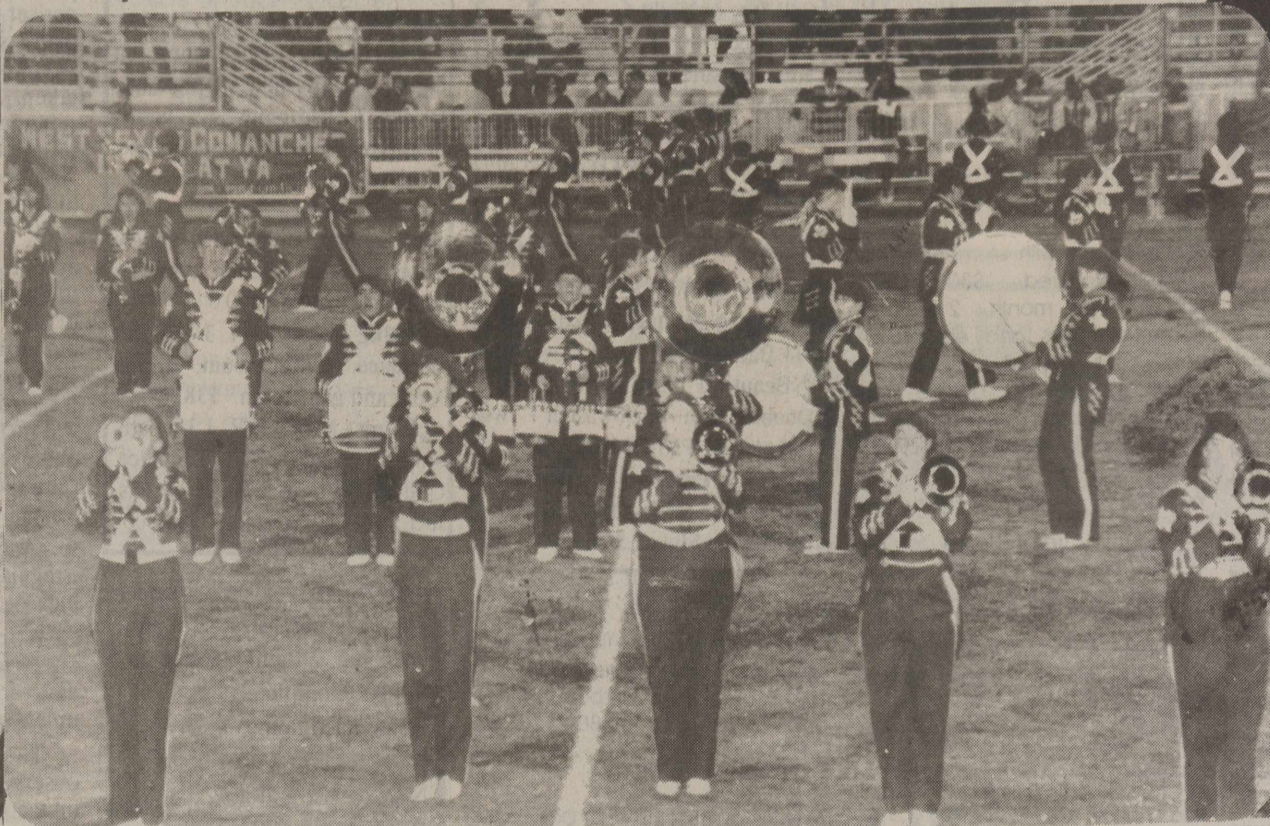
The J.V. Elks beat White Deer last Thursday, September 19th. Shown above, #52 Corey Rendon, #64 Manuel Maldonado, #66 Connor Vincent, #79 Brad Reed, #50 Asbel Gomez, #85 Jared Ewers, and #32 Gustavo Rosales.



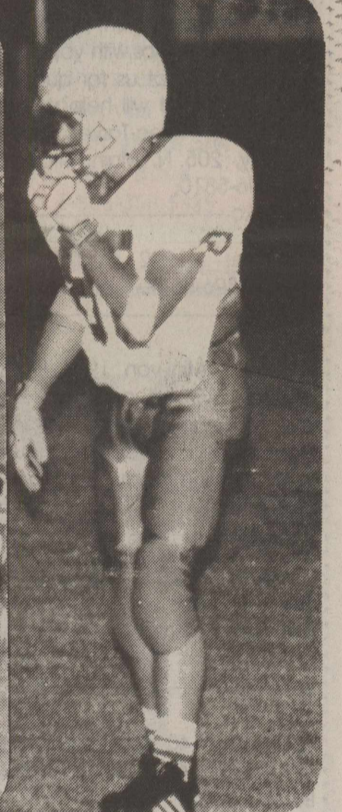
Stratford Elks #19 Denton Crabtree and #40 Chance Crowl.



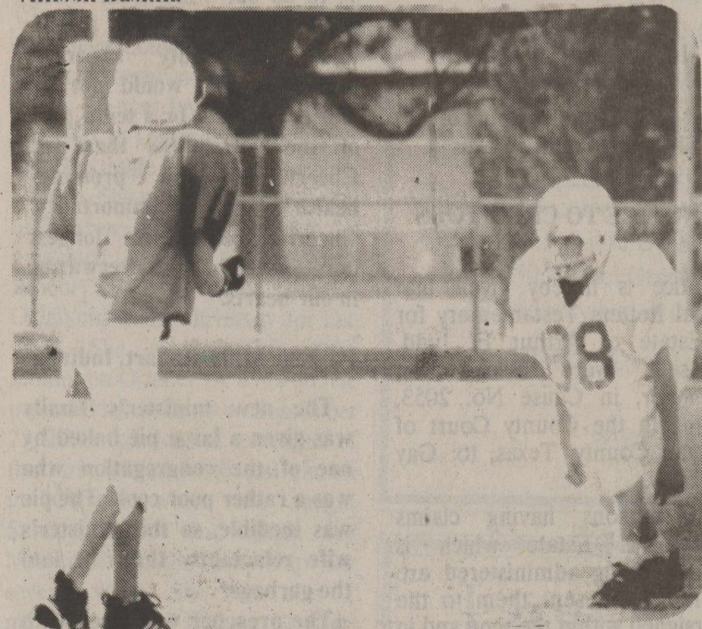
J.V. Cheerleaders - Bottom (l-r) Chelsea Christian and Chelsi Thiessen. Top, Gina Mattocks, Yadira Ortega, and Allison Baskin.



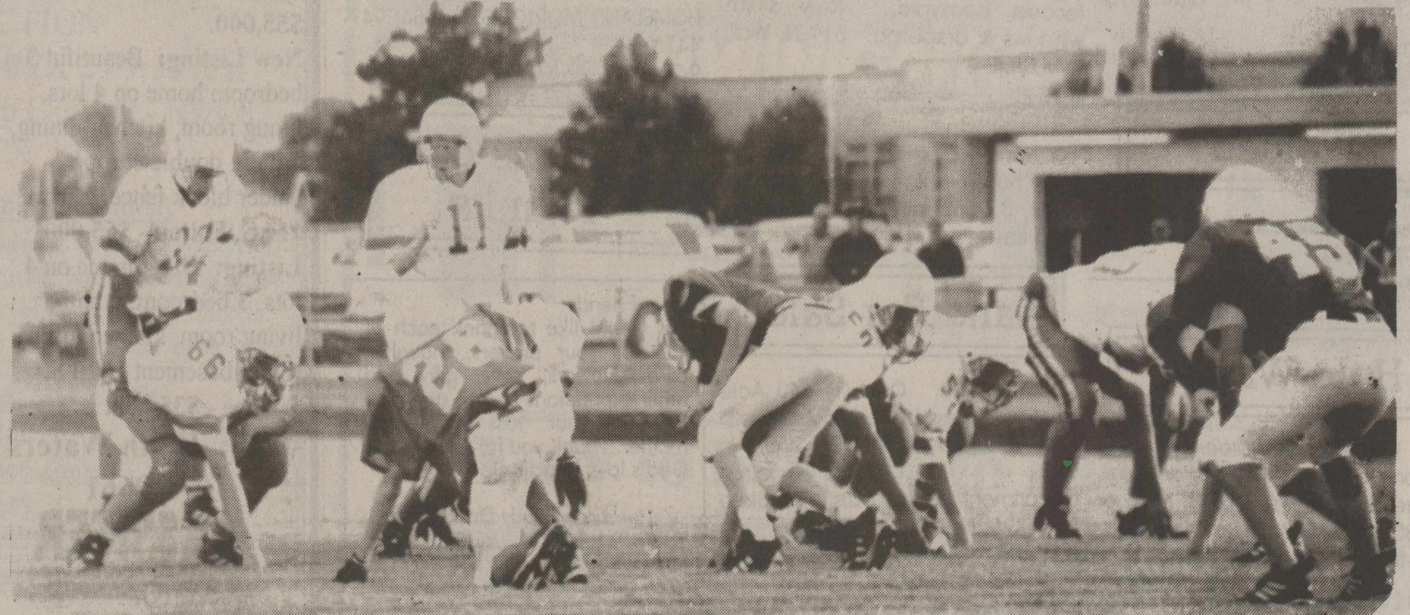
The Stratford Big Blue Band. The band will be marching at contest on October 19th.



J.V. Elk Travis Soto



7th Grade Elk #88 Dean Lunz.

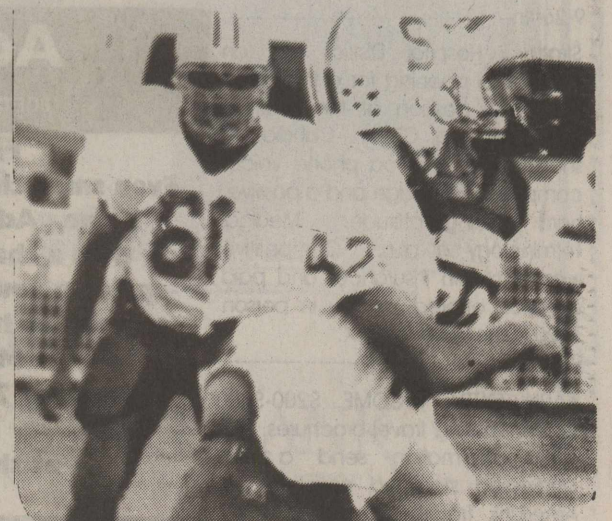


8th Grade Elks tied with White Deer 14-14 on Thursday, September 19th. Shown above, #22 Martin Beltran, #66 Harrison Walden, #11 Brant Cummings, #50 Gilbert Reta, and #52 Daniel Nusz.



7th Grade Elks lost to White Deer on Thursday, September 19th. #13 Alex Martinez, #74 Sandro Gomez, #51 James Smith, #67 Pablo Acevedo, and #27 Craig Kautz.

The Stratford Elks lost 46-20 to West Texas on Friday, September 20, 2002. The Elks will play Tahoka at Amarillo at Dick Bivins Stadium on Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m.
 At press time no stats were turned in.



Stratford Elks #66 Clint Adams, and #42 Cass Melton.