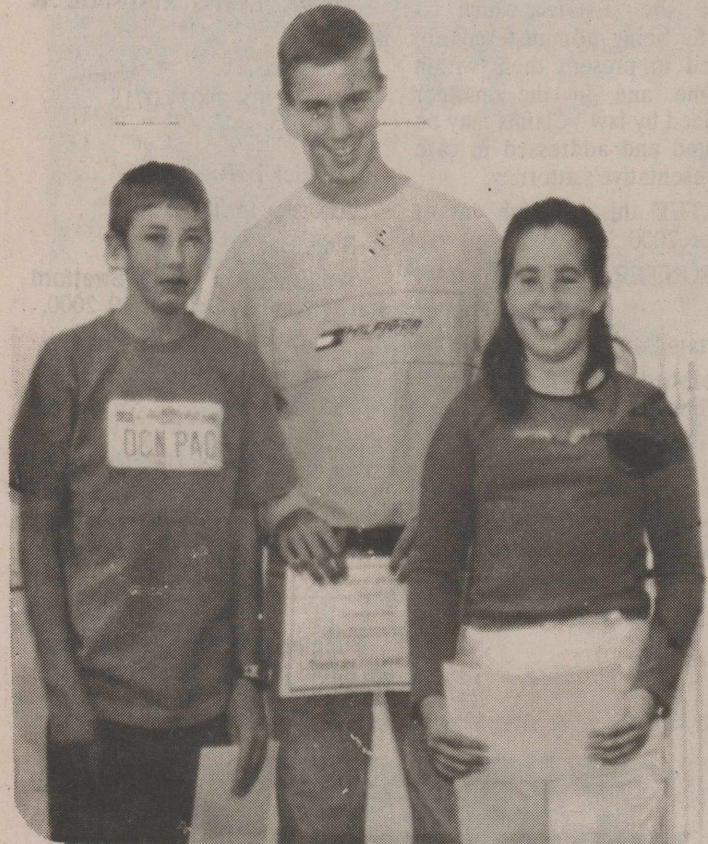


THE STRATFORD STAR

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Stratford Lion's Club presented these three individuals with a certificate of appreciation for helping with the barbecue during the Sherman County Fair & Jamboree. They are from left: Case Crabtree, Tyler Haynes, and Juliana Taliaferro.

Annual Christmas In November- Nov. 2

The annual Christmas In November will be Thursday, November 2, 2000. CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS is the theme for the day which will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

Programs and demonstrations will focus on creating holiday decorations and activities to celebrate Christmas with an old fashion charm.

The traditional Turkey Dinner will be served with advance tickets on sale now. Ticket prices are \$6.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or the County Extension Office.

Persons who would like to rent booth space for the Holiday Showcase are asked to contact the County Extension Office at (806) 366-2122 or Marylou McDaniel at (806-727-4755) for details. Deadline for booth rental is October 27th.

Mark your calendar now for this day of holiday inspiration.

Stratford Receives Certificate of Recognition For Project

The Texas Downtown Association has recognized Stratford Texas for our efforts to revitalize downtown. The Sherman County Development committee, submitted our Roxy Park Project for an Award from the Texas Downtown Association. The Development Committee maintains membership with DA who promotes and supports all downtowns and Main Street's across Texas. Stratford did not receive the award that was applied for, but did however receive a Certificate of Recognition for our project. The certificate will be on display at the Elk Pharmacy for anyone who would like to see it. We would like to thank the community for all your support and help on this project. And would like to especially thank Debbie and Gayland. They put lots of time and effort in the development of this project and have also worked hard to keep the park looking beautiful. Congratulations for your success.

TxDOT To Hold Public Hearing

Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing concerning the Enhancement of Main Street to replace curbs, gutters, sidewalks; repair brick streets; address drainage; and enhance street lighting (underground wiring). The public hearing will held in the Stratford High School Cafeteria, Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

A public hearing will also be held concerning the widening of Hwy 287 from Hwy. 54 north to Purnell.

Public interest is very important in these two upgrades to our community.

Elk Fans

Prospectus Study Club will continue to sell the blue and white pom-poms and spirit clappers at all home games. The pom-poms are \$2.00 apiece and the clappers are \$4.50 each. Please support the Elks and the city park playground renovation by purchasing one of these items. Your help in improving our city park is greatly appreciated!

SPIRIT Hwy 54 Conference, Alamogordo Nov. 9-11

Hwy. 54 Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation, "SPIRIT" will hold their Conference in Alamogordo, NM, November 9-11. The Conference will begin Thursday, Nov. 9 with Registration, Reception and a Tour of International Space Hall of Fame-IMAX Show. Friday, Nov. 10, Conference at the Alamogordo Civic Center with program from each of the 4 states from state officials. After lunch hosted by Alamogordo Business a tour of Holloman Air Force Base viewing the Stealth Fighter Saturday, Nov. 11 Tour of White Sands National Monument and Eagle Ranch Pistachio Farms. The Conference Hotel is The White Sands Inn 1-800-255-5061. The Oasis Mobil Home Park 505-439-4200 before October 10, 2000. For more information please call Stratford Chamber of Commerce of The City of Stratford.

Note: Stratford needs a good representation. Gaynelle Riffe will not be able to attend. Please consider a wonderful 3 day inexpensive vacation in Alamogordo. Call the Stratford Chamber of Commerce of The City of Alamogordo, John Van Doren or Teresa Guterrez at 505-439-4200 for more information.

Spaghetti Supper October 27th

Good homemade food, followed by exciting Elk football, is being offered by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club on Friday, Oct. 27, 5 to 7 p.m. at Stratford High School Cafeteria. The club is working for new playground equipment at Pendleton City Park. Their goal is \$2500.

A spaghetti supper featuring homemade meat sauce, salad with homemade dressings, garlic bread, homemade desserts, tea, all for \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. Did you notice the HOMEMADE?

If one is inclined to made a donation above the asking, it will gladly be accepted!

4-H & FFA Sheep & Goat Validation Day
October 18th, 2000
 Time: 3:39 till 7:16
 Livestock Barn
 All signatures required for entry forms will be completed

Elks Defeat Kress

By Lori Wilhelm

The Elks played Kress this week with a 49 to 7 victory, and still remain undefeated this Friday they play Boys Ranch there at 7:30. Good luck.

Big Blue Band To March At UIL Saturday

The Big Blue Band will be performing their Marching Contest Routine for the public on Thursday, October 19, 2000 at the half-time of the 7th grade boys game. The games start at 5:00 p.m. so please arrive shortly thereafter so as not to miss the performance.

The Big Blue Band will march at UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 21, 2000 at Dick Bivins Stadium at 11:20 a.m. Please try to be there by 11:00 a.m. so as not to miss the performance.

GOOD LUCK BIG BLUE BAND!!!!

Mexican Dinner Nov. 5, 2000

Coming St. Joseph's Mexican Dinner November 5, 2000.

City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday September 14, 2000 at 7:00 a.m. at Rendon's Headquarters with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present; Ken Forthman, Marcus Lavake, Randy Williams, Blake Confer, and Craig Bell.

Also present Ric Walton, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jim Dewees, Chief of Police.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Ken Forthman motioned to approve the 2000-2001 fiscal year budget, Randy Williams seconded, Craig Bell opposed, and motion carried with Blake Confer abstaining.

Randy Williams motion to adopt the City's 2000-2001 tax rate at .83716, Craig Bell seconded, all in favor, motion carried, with Blake Confer abstaining.

LaRita Butler, Notary Public, administered the oath of office to new alderman, Blake Confer.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the General Store bill, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried, with Randy Williams abstaining.

Randy Williams motioned to approve all other bills; Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor motion carried.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the financial statement, Marcus Lavake seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tree line on Highway 54 was discussed. The trees are damaged by the heat, but are still alive. The current drip system for the trees

was discussed.

Trees obstructing traffic signs was discussed.

Overflow of the water tower was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RICHARD WALTON
DAVID BROWN,
MAYOR
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF STRATFORD

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday September 14, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Ken Forthman, Randy Williams, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Ric Walton, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Jon King, City Attorney; Jim Dewees, Chief of Police; Karen Metzger, PRPC; Gaynelle Riffe, Cheryl Luther, TXDOT; Kevin Glovier, GAE Engineering, Lee Moore and Ed Hopkins with Gaskill, Pharis, & Pharis.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Randy Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2000 meeting, with changes, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Randy Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2000 minutes, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Cheryl Luther was present to discuss the Main Street enhancement project. Cheryl spoke on previous projects done in the area. Funding for the project is 80% Federal and 20% Local, this is not a grant it is a cost reimbursement. The City will pay

any cost overruns. Approximate cost for the streetscape project is \$1.8-\$2 million, this does not include moving the water main from the center of Main Street to the alley. Construction on the project will begin 1 year after awarded. Once the funding is received, there is a three (3) year time period in which to complete the project. This project would be from the existing Railroad Tracks, North, to Fourth (4th) Street and does include lighting, curbs and gutters, and a storm sewer. Pattern Concrete or brick would be an option for the street. Drainage on Main Street was discussed. This whole project must be done at some time and \$.80 on the dollar will not always be available. Council discussed the next step should be a meeting with the citizens of Stratford, a tentative meeting is set for October 24, 2000.

Lee Moore and Ed Hopkins were present and gave the council a brief history on the Accounting Firm, Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis. The firm currently employees 10 CPAs. Lee and Ed gave a brief explanation on the type of auditing the company does. Gaskill, Pharis & Pharis have never done the City of Stratford's audit. Ken Forthman motioned to engage Gaskill, Pharis, & Pharis for the 1999-2000 fiscal year audit, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Karen Metzger with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission was present to discuss and consider the Texas Community Development Program Grant. The following was present and voted as followed:

1) October 10, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. proposals will be opened at Stratford City hall.
 2) Consider a resolution designating the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Secretary to act as authorized signatories for the purposes of the Fiscal Year 2000 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant #720801 and designating the City administrator as the Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative for the purpose of the grant. Ken Forthman motioned to approve the resolution, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
 3) Consider proclamation designating October 2000 as Fair

Housing Month in the City of Stratford. Randy Williams motioned to approve, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, and motion carried.
 4) Consider and adopt a local opportunity plan, appoint a Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity Standards Officer, appoint a Labor Standards Officer, and adopt Complaint procedures for the purpose of the TDCP grant. Randy Williams motioned to approve, Ken Forthman seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
 5) Consider and adopt a resolution prohibiting the use of excessive force in non-violent civil rights demonstrations and providing penalties for violations thereof. Ken Forthman motioned to approve, Randy Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Consider awarding bid for wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Kevin Glovier was present to discuss the upgrade. Kevin recommends Apex Construction for the job. Ric Walton plans to file for a six- (6) month extension due to the September 20, 2000 deadline. Randy Williams motioned to appoint Apex Construction as the Engineering Firm to do the upgrade, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss course of action concerning the Tax Abatement with Iowa Vet Supply. Jon King questioned on the extent of the tax abatement. Jon discussed the policy on the abatement. The consensus of the council is for Jon to proceed with help on the tax abatement for Iowa Vet Supply. Jon will obtain whatever paperwork is needed for the abatement.

Consider amending ordinance 271 (livestock ordinance). Jon King read aloud to the council the current

amendments. (1) Fine was changed from \$2000 to \$500, addition of a \$10 application fee, and citizen would have six (6) months to obtain the permit. Automatic renewal yearly with no complaints was discussed. Randy Williams motioned to approve the amended ordinance with changes, Ken Forthman seconded all in favor, and motion carried. First reading.

Council adjourned into executive session under section 551.074 to discuss litigation at 9:47 p.m.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 9:53 p.m. with no action taken.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ric Walton asked LaRita Butler to explain the changes made to the City of Stratford's vacation policy.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Jim Dewees states he has no report at this time.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Fire hydrant on 6th and Pine Street is leaking due to the hydrant being stripped.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES October 10, 2000

The Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 12:00 Noon with Mayor David Brown presiding. The following councilmembers were present: Ken Forthman; Randy Williams; Marcus Lavake; and Blake Confer.

COUNCIL MINUTES October 10, 2000

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FOOTBALL CORRECTION
Thursday - October 19, 2000
Boys Ranch - Here - 7/8/JV 5:00 p m
Friday - October 20, 2000
Boys Ranch - There - 7:30 p.m.
GO ELKS!!!

Timis Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, readers, citizens, This fifty six degree Fahrenheit overcast Monday October 16, 2000.

Public Hearing meeting about widening Highway 287 North from Railroad to Purnell an upgrading of Main street we find it hard to visual and suggest that readers carefully consider what TxDOT is trying to tell us.

As we consider the local calendar Christmas in November is of community interest. Thursday, November 2, 2000 advance tickets are \$6.00, \$7.00 at the door; Remember the coming St. Joseph Mexican Dinner Nov. 5, 2000. We call your attention to the SPIRIT Convention to be held Nov. 9-11, 2000 for details, use your Star of Oct. 12, 2000 page 1.

The Birthday party that Betty Lee Brown sponsored honoring her husband Baskin Brown Oct. 15, 2000 was well attended by a happy number. One incident that drew some Merry attention was that Baskin in his early life was a owner of a goat. Timi remarked that she never knew what happened to the goat several people had different contacts with the goat one of which was an encounter between Mrs. Ola Reynold Stipe our housekeeper after which she made the statement either "the goat goes or she did! The subject the goat was sent to the Baskin ranch and we never knew what happen to it. Tommie Frank Baskin III was a youngster at the ranch at that time and supplied the information that the goat ate some poisoned grain that had been prepared to kill prairie dogs and our curiosity was satisfied.

Many other happenings were supplied Maurine Reeder Plunk recalled Baskin was the only cousin while there were ten or more girl cousins to vie for his attention.

His wife related that when they were married, Baskins good shoes had been left at the air base. Betty's brother Robert Lee loaned Baskin some shoes; her mother-Bessie Thorpe Lee loaned Betty five dollars, Betty remarked I did not marry him for his money.

Another wit remarked "neither did he marry you for your money."

That remark was followed by hearty laughter from all.

A prayer call for Joe Childs and family came this morning.

In closing Tidbits today we remind our peers that to pat shoulders an spread luv u the world go round.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Ten people checked out the colors in New Mexico last Monday. We went 500 miles in 12 hours, (that's moving on).

This week will be Bingo 7 p.m. Thursday.

Also there are lots of people in Scot that have birthdays in Oct, so be at the Birthday party Thursday to find out who all has a birthday.

Board meeting and luncheon next week.

Don't forget the tacky party at our next luncheon. Judges will be there to award prizes for the best dressed.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Klinton Keener and Michael Keener celebrated their recent birthdays at their grandparent's, Linda & Poe Keener. Among those attending were Nita Taylor and Buck Weaver.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover spent a recent weekend at their Folsom, NM home.

NEW BABY

Jacy and Dasan, nearly 6 and 4, welcomed a new baby sister. Tala Bly was born Oct. 1 at Woodward, OK. She weighed 6 lbs. 6.4 oz and was 19 inches. Parents are Duane and Stephanie Gillenwaters of Moreland, OK.

Grandparents are Bill & Donna Gillenwaters of Kerrick, Don & Reia Lenhart of Freedom, OK.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended the wedding of Tina Tolleson and Wade Blakely at Elkhart, KS., on Saturday.

Geneva Wells, Griggs, celebrated her birthday Sunday at the Stratford home of son, Terry Wells. Also hosting was her daughter Joyce of Griggs. Brenda Taylor, Littleton, CO., came for the party. From Kerrick were Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden, Nita Taylor.

Brenda Taylor, Littleton, CO., spent Oct. 15-18 in Kerrick.

The Hamptons are still following Parker Wells as he plays football for Southwestern College at Winfield, KS. He plays on the JV team and sometimes on the speciality team for Varsity. Oct. 9 Ralph & Minnie went to Winfield for the game. Also attending were Roger & Nora Wells, and grandmother Dorless.

Last Monday Ralph James & Annette drove to Bethany, OK., to see Parker play again.

Mike & Merilee McDaniel took Marylou out for supper on her Oct. 10 birthday.

Flatt Accepted

Wyverne L. Flatt has been accepted by The National Registry of Who's Who as a Life Member. The acceptance of Mr. Flatt as a Life Member is in recognition of exemplary service, both to community and to profession.

The National Registry of Who's Who is a highly recognized biographical publication for professionals. The responsibility of choosing only people of significant accomplishment is taken very seriously by The National Registry of Who's Who.

The joke loses everything when the joker laughs himself.
—Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller

Card of Thanks

The chuckwagon and trail ride committee of the Stratford Fair would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make this extra event during the Stratford Jamboree such a fun and memorable event. So many schedules were adjusted to fit this special event, and we hope it was worth all the changes. The tours of the old Coldwater town site and grave yard, along with the Buffalo Shoot, chuckwagon supper and breakfast and trail ride in to Stratford was enjoyed by many. There were many people who worked many long hours organizing, donating their time, money and knowledge for this to all come together. A few of those are the committee: Les Dodson, David Cross, Ted Allen, Jimmy Helmuth, Jack Haile, Gail Allen, Barbara Chumley, Andrea Zimmer, Paula Nusz. Those that put in time, money and hard work just because they are such good people: George & Marilyn Harkins, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Bill & Selma Pendleton, Millie Hacker, Barbara Haile, Les Worsham, James Nusz & the Scout Troop, Daniel Nusz, Wilma Larsen & Lisa Guest (who ran the horse Play Day), Stratford Chamber of Commerce, Stratford EMT. There were many individuals and businesses around Stratford that always come through when asked for donations - thank you for always being so generous. And, last but certainly not least, Jimmy Gillenwaters for helping clean up at the grave yard and for his wonderful storytelling, after being given 10 minutes notice and doing it with such a flair. All told, it was a memorable weekend and we certainly appreciate everyone's help.

Thanks again,
Chuckwagon Committee

SCOT Birthday Party
Thursday, October 19th
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
SCOT Hall
Happy Birthday:
Geneva, Baskin, Olene,
Bernice, Winnie, Alice,
R.J., Arthur, Martha,
Elmer and Elsie

First Assembly of God
Rev. Dean Williamson
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
First Christian

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
St. Joseph Catholic
Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday Liturgies: Sat. Evening - 7 p.m. (Bi-lingual)
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:30 p.m.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:25 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
Mike Talley
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
Stephen Schwenke
302 S. Main - 806-376-4553 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
Bro. Jerry Stewart
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
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

It never yet did hurt to lay down
likelihoods and forms of hope.
—William Shakespeare,
Henry IV, Part 2

Vote
Sandy Tillery
for
County Commissioner
Precinct No. 1
November 7, 2000

Pd. Pol. Adv. Paid for by Sandy Tillery, Rt. 2, Box 10, Stratford, TX 79084

Mary Allen Elementary News

By Mary Pat Williams

The most important skill your child will ever learn is to read. We at MAE, are committed to just that. Your child is exposed and taught various reading strategies from kindergarten through 4th grade. Research has shown that all of us do not learn in the same way nor at the same rate some of us are visual learners, and auditory learners, kinesthetic (tactile) learners, or a combination of the various styles. It is our job at MAE to present reading in all the learning styles so every child will be successful in reading. We have a strong phonics program in kindergarten through second grade, a good basal reading series that is used kindergarten through fourth grade, various computer reading programs and individualized reading through Accelerated Reader. We have an excellent elementary library with approximately 5500 books of various levels, and difficulty, approximately 150 books checked out each school day. There is an old saying in education, "in grades kindergarten through third grade a child learns to read, and grades four on up a child reads to learn". Our ultimate goal is for all children at MAE to use reading for learning and enjoyment.

There are many things you as a parent can do to ensure that your child learns to read.

*Read to your child. For younger children point to the words as you read. Let the child hold the book and turn the pages. Point to the picture and talk about them. Older children love to be read to, also.

*When your child reads to you, ask him or her questions about the selection. Who, what, where, when and how are good questions to ask.

*Make sure your child knows your value reading and it is important in your life. Let your children see you reading.

Together we will see that your child becomes a good reader

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Covenant Love

Convenants are agreements. Sometimes they are one way streets. When you buy property, you agree to applicable convenants. This may mean you cannot build a store, drill a well, put up a fence, or sell water from a stream on the property. God's arrangement with us is a covenant. First, God loves His people. "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers" (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). Second, God desires the response of love from His people. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Third, God gives His people a way to display their love. "He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments" (Deuteronomy 4:13). When we come to God through Jesus Christ, we agree to the covenant. We trust the death of Christ as the only adequate payment for our sins, mistakes and errors. "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many" (Mark 14:24). We also follow Jesus. "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

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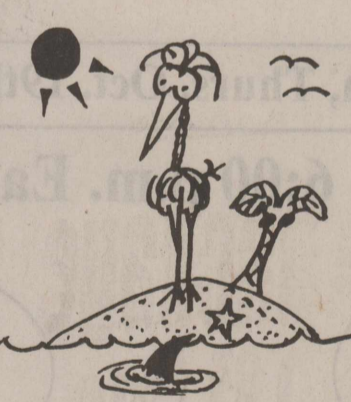
Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer
Pastor Roberto Frescas
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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Texhoma Volunteer Fire Dept.
HAUNTED HOUSE
at the Old Lumber Yard in Texhoma
Thurs. Oct. 26th, Fri. Oct. 27th,
Sat. Oct. 28th & Tues. Oct. 31st
7:00 p.m. - ? each night!
Admission - \$3.00

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
Sponsored by GFWC/Prospectus Club
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
5-7 P.M. AT THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
Adults - \$5.00 Children under 12 - \$2.00
Proceeds will go for new
City Park Playground Equipment

LOST for whom to VOTE for?

CHOOSE
STEVE PEMBERTON
County Commissioner
Precinct 1
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Steve Pemberton, P.O. BX 1141, Stratford, TX 79084

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be hosting a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to U.S. 287 within the city limits of Stratford. The limits of this project are from the Junction of U.S. 54, North to Purnell Street in Stratford. Also included in the meeting will be a discussion on the proposed Main Street Enhancement Project. This meeting is intended to seek the input of all interested parties who wish to comment about the project.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. It will be located at the Stratford High School. 503 North 8th Street, Stratford, Texas. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria.

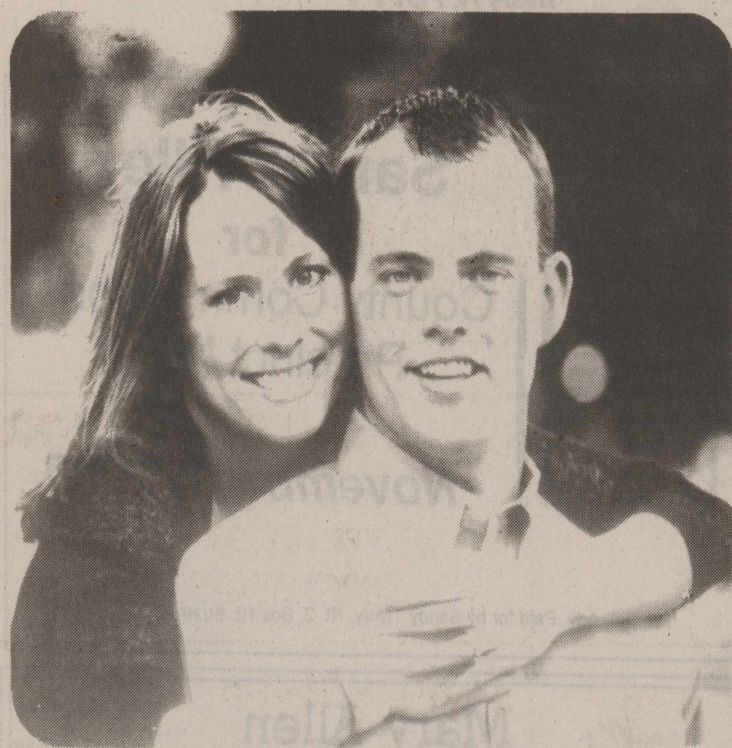
The Dumas Area Office is working on the preliminary project plans. If anyone has a concern before the meeting in regard to the project, they may contact the Area Engineer, Kenneth Corse, P.E., at 806-934-1122.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. If anyone interested in attending the meeting has special communication or accommodation needs, please contact Cheryl Luther, the District Environmental Coordinator at 806-356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

You may submit verbal or written comments regarding this project at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may also be submitted to the District Office at P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas 79105. Comments must be received no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.

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Engagement Announced

Joe & Cinda Shuping of Stratford, TX would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lea to Jeremy Wethington. Jeremy is the son of Bernie & Lou Wethington of Tullia and the grandson of Jimmie Schulte of Nazareth. Lea is employed at Underwood Law Firm and plans to graduate from WT in May 2000 with her Masters Degree. Jeremy plans to graduate from WT in May 2001 with a Finance Degree and is currently employed at Damian Wilhelm. The couple have planned a December 16, 2000 wedding in Canyon, Texas.

All great art is the work of the whole living creature, body and soul, and chiefly of the soul.
—John Ruskin

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FFA Officers For 2000-2001

Stratford FFA Officers for 2000-2001 school year are from left: Will Homfeld - Treasurer; Shell McCarver - Secretary; Thea James - Vice-President; Justin Wright - President; Jarrett Ricketson - Reporter; and Nicholas Artho - Sentinel.

Roybal's Poem To Receive Award

Editors Note: This was brought in by Manuel Roybal and taken from the Guymon Daily Herald written by Pamela French - staff writer.

"You'll be honored", words many would like to hear but few hear them during their life time. Manuel Roybal of Guymon, Okla., could hear them for the second time on October 27 through the 29th at the Reno Hilton in Reno, Nevada.

Roybal's poem "Young Love" has been selected to receive the Prometheus 'Muse of Fire' Trophy and a special medallion handcrafted for this occasion only, the Manuel Roybal 2000 Poet of the Year Medallion.

Poets from all over the world will be in attendance, including Dr. Kenneth Fan, the Republic of China's poet laureate and the most famous living poet in the world today.

Dr. Fan will be the Grand Marshal of the Famous Poets Parade that he will walk in. Fan has asked Roybal to write a special poem of peace to release "on the wings of Pegasus", during the Famous Poets for Peace Balloonathon where the new poems will be set free to take a message of love to the world.

Hundreds of balloons will be released at once, making a rainbow of poetry in the sky.

Roybal has also been named 1992 "Golden Poet", 1993 "Ruby Poet", 1994 and 1996 "Diamond Poet", 1995 Nominee for "Poet of the Year" and 1998 "Diamond Homer Trophy." Roybal has authored several poems throughout his lifetime and he still loves writing. The poem featured at the Famous Poets Society convention is as follows:

YOUNG LOVE

She put her young arms around me
As her lips caressed my face.
She whispered softly in my ear
And my heart began to race.

She said, 'you know I love you
And I'll try to understand.
That you will never be just mine
For you're a married man'

I gazed into her love-filled eyes
And my heart did skip a beat.
I knew this lovely woman - child
Had swept me off my feet.

My mind went racing, wildly.
As I thought, 'This love's not bad.'
And then she whispered sweetly,
'Good-night, I love you Dad.'

By Manuel Roybal Jr.
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Program To Offer Entertaining Ideas

Ideas for decorating, entertaining, and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 3" program to be presented by area Family and Consumer Sciences Agents Thursday, October 26, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo.

The program will be presented twice on the 26th with the first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for the program are now available for \$8.00 each from local Extension offices throughout the Panhandle. Advance ticket sales will end at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25th. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 26th at a cost of \$10.00 per person.

Carol Ritchie, host of the cable television program "Cookin with Carol", will present a lively and educational demonstration of holiday food ideas with an Australian flair. She will also offer ideas for decorating a holiday table, insights into latest cooking trends, and tips inspired from her trips "down under". Through her weekly TV shows and classes, Ritchie teaches basic cooking techniques including classic food preparation, ideas for the quick-cook and heart-healthy fundamentals. A resident of Arlington, she has traveled extensively, featuring her cooking skills at live events throughout Texas and the Midwest. Ritchie has appeared on PBS, the TV Food Network, CBS's Saturday Morning Show, the PAX cable network and a variety of local talk shows.

In addition to Ritchie's presentation, 19 Family Consumer Sciences Extension Agents from the Panhandle District will display tables of prepared foods, decorating motifs and entertaining notions. Party ideas for all seasons will be featured, including Election Celebrations, Autumn Harvest, Christmas and New Year's, Beach Parties, Mother's Day, The Outdoorsman's Birthday, Easter, St. Patrick's Day and more. Guest will have the opportunity to sample a variety of main dishes, desserts, and appetizers. A packet of instructions, illustrations, and recipes will be given to each "Celebrate" guest.

The "Celebrate 3" program is sponsored by the Panhandle District Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Proceeds from the event help to fund scholarships and enhance educational programming to improve the quality of life for Panhandle citizens.

For further information, Call Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent at 366-2122.

Educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Manuel Roybal

TRTA To Meet Thursday Oct. 19th

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church. The church is located at the corner of Eighth Street and Denver Avenue.

If the reader has wondered what is meant by an alternative school, now is the time to come and hear Curtis Abla, who directs the alternative school in the Dalhart school system. He will discuss it's purposes, organization, and goals. Questions will be answered. The alternative school in Dalhart also serves the Texline school system. Marjorie Bolwhann will entertain the group with her accordion

music. There will be a short business meeting conducted by Geneva Layman, president. Vera Hancock will give a report on health care. Committee reports and report on proposed legislation will also be given. Members will also hear about the district meeting to be held in November. The TRTA welcomes retired teachers, aides, cooks, custodians, administrators, secretaries, nurses, bus drivers, from all the local school systems. Refreshments will be served by Shirley Hendricks, Debbie Horn, Bertie Hall, Marguerite Green and Portia Dees.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** denotes new listing

- Oct. 21 A Barber and Vivaldi Sandwich (Violin) Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8762
- Oct. 27-28 ALT Academy "The Bridge to Terebithia" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-365-9991
- Nov 1 "Moody Blues" Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-4297
- Nov. 3 Randel Chamber Orchestra St. Paul United Methodist Church 806-376-8782
- Nov. 5 Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-4297
- Nov. 9-12*** "Diary of Ann Frank" 8:00 p.m. Sun. Mat. 2:00 Guymon Community Theatre (580)338-0019
- Nov. 9-11 "Midsummer Night's Dream" 16-18 WT A&M Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799
- Nov. 18 Ode to Joy Amarillo Civic Chorus, Lubbock Chorale, W. T. A&M Chorus Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8762
- Nov. 18 "The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band" Lubbock Gem Theatre, Claude 806-226-5409

SHERMAN COUNTY SWCD FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Year 2000

	State Fund	Trust Fund
Balance, Sept 1, 1999	\$ 3,198.11	\$ 8,490.43
Revenue		
State Grants & Reimbursements	\$ 14,339.93	
Contributions		\$ 25,244.13
Total Revenue	\$ 17,538.04	\$ 33,734.56
Expenditures		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 9,823.76	
General Administration	\$ 6,942.63	\$ 9,302.41
Promotion & Education		\$ 3,446.23
Material for Resale		\$ 8,932.98
Total Expenditures	\$ 16,766.39	\$ 21,681.62
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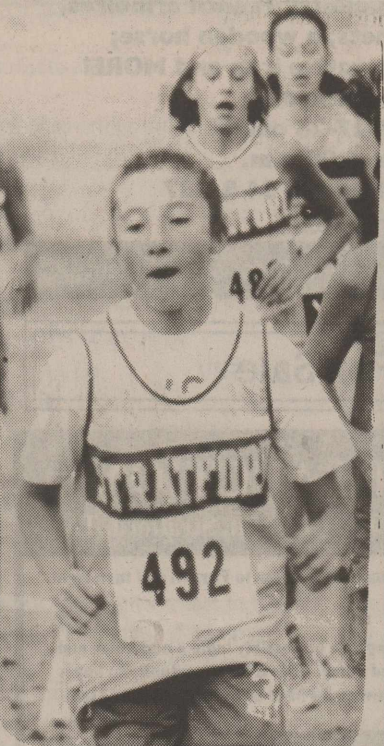
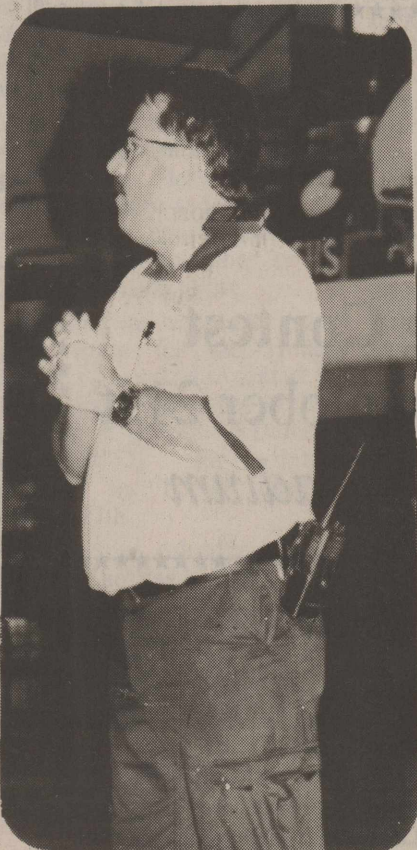
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West Texas Stampede Cross Country Meet was held Saturday, October 14, 2000. Results were as follows:

J.H. - Team 3rd (19 teams J.V. & Jr. High Div. - 154 runners).

Jamie Valenzuela - 10th, Yadira Ortega - 11th, Ramie Stewart - 15th, Jaime Wilhelm - 27th, Raquel Henderson - 30th, Cynthia Ruedas - 64th, Haide Gardea - 67th, Brittany Hudson - 69th, Brenda Saldrías - 87th, Johanna Ewers - 93rd, Yolanda Aguilar - 102nd, Cassie Garza - 104th.

J.V. - Team 11th. Amie Witcher - 47th, Darcy Garza - 65th, Amber Larance - 72nd, RoAnn Lopez - 80th, Alicia Adams - 107th, Robin Daniels - 111th, Heather Seiler - 113th, Janet Witcher - 150th.

Varsity placed 5th. Carly Mathews - 8th, Veronica Ortega - 23rd, Jessica Young - 29th, Alisha Sladek - 35th, Erin Ashley - 44th, Heather Ashley - 45th, Candra Holland - 46th.

J.V. Boys - Adam Witcher - 29th, Michael Claypool - 43rd.

Good Luck Cross Country Team Members at District Meet in White Deer on Monday, October 23rd. High School will run at 10:00 a.m. and Junior High at 3:00 p.m.

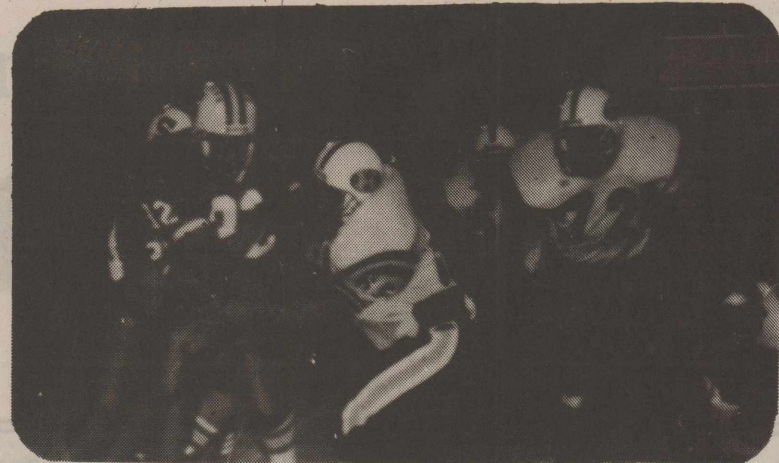
Elks Win First District Game

The Stratford Elks kicked off their first district game with a win over Kress 49-7. The Elks are now 6-0 overall and 1-0 in District.

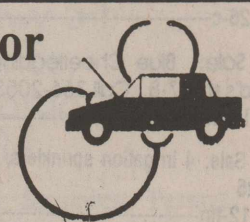
Adam Bell threw the ball for 247 yards on 14 of 20 passing and three touchdowns. Sid Resendes led the Elks in rushing yards with 110 yards on 12 carries followed by Adam Bell with 107 yards on 17 carries. Corey Naugle led the Elks in receptions with 130 yards on 7 receptions followed by Javier Licon with 66 yards on 4 receptions. Scoring for the Elks were Javier Licon with 3 touchdowns followed by Sid Resendes with 2 touchdowns, and Corey Naugle with 1 touchdown and Jason Ashley scored a touchdown for the Elks on a interception. Nick Ashley added 5 extra point kicks and Adam Bell added 2 points on a extra point run. The Elks stacked up 506 total yards on offense while Kress was

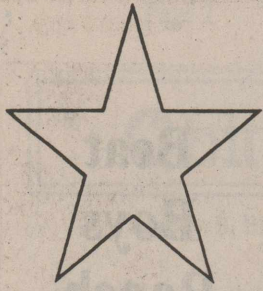
held to 143 yards. Javier Licon led the Elks defensively with 8 tackles - 6 solo and 2 assists followed by Skyler Walden with 6 tackles 1 solo and 5 assists. Adam Bell followed with 5 tackles - 3 solo and 2 assists. Adding 4 tackles each for the night were Nick Ashley, Wes Kimball, Corey Naugle, and Sid Resendes. Also contributing on defense for the Elks were Gilbert Gutierrez, Michael McAlister, Dalton Sladek, Jason Ashley, Wes Hunsaker, Dylan Everett, Carlos Jacquez, Craig Moore, and Adam Reed. Nick Ashley and Craig Moore also had one quarterback sack each for the night. Michael McAlister and Jason Ashley had one interception each for the night.

The Elks will play Boys Ranch there on Friday, October 20th at 7:30 p.m. GOOD LUCK ELKS!



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