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Pet Of The Week



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

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

For more information or to mail Donations, please contact:

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Thank you

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Cheerleaders Have Extra T-Shirts

Varsity Cheerleaders have extra T-shirts (certain sizes). If interested call ViAnn Reed 366-3334.

Attention Readers

The Stratford Star has moved out of their present location at 309 N. Main. You may still call 366-5885 or Fax us at 366-5885 or E-Mail stardm@xit.net. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 8, Stratford, Texas 79084. Items can also be left at Allen-Tarver Insurance on Mondays 8:30 a.m. till 12 noon. Their address is 205 N. Main (next to Post Office). We will have a box there to leave items.

Effective immediately, items for The Stratford Star may also be left at Sherman County Library at 719 N. Main.

We will also pick up your ads, pictures and articles. Just call & leave a message. We will also come and take pictures of your events-just let us know.

Deadlines are still Mondays at 12 noon. You may also come to 805 Purnell or 1114 Putnam and leave articles in mail boxes if we are not at home.

Thank you for all your past support and we hope to continue to serve you in the future.

Hamburger Supper

Lollipop Junction will be having a Hamburger Supper on Friday, Oct. 10 at 5:30 p.m. (before Elks & Gruver Football game) at Sherman County Barn. \$5.00 a plate. Come eat with us.

SPIRIT/US 54 8th Annual Conference in Tucumcari, NM

By Gaynelle Riffe

The US Highway 54 Coalition known as SPIRIT (Southwest Passage Initiative for Retinal and interstate Transportation) held their 8th Annual Conference in Tucumcari Regional, NM October 2. The delegates were welcomed on Oct. 1 to the cities annual Air Show and were hosted with a reception that evening.

Thursday, October 2, the conference master of ceremonies, Texas Representative Joe Pickett introduced the Mayor of Tucumcari, Calvin Litchfield who welcomed the conference. (Note: Tucumcari, has a population of 6000. It has a community college that hosts a bronze/iron foundry and a dinosaur museum featuring bronze dinosaur's skeletons. Spectacular!) The Keynote Address was given by NM Representative Brian Moore. (The D-Texas Representative and the R-NM Representative will continue to have dialog concerning the two states).

Sylvia Grijalva, Federal Highway Planning Coordinator, reported on the new highway appropriation bill SAFETEA-2003 which has been postponed for 5 months. Two categories of funding related to US 54 are "Multi State Corridors" and "Borders and Corridors" Roy Gilyard, MPO for city of El Paso reported on "Highway 54-The International Connection" not only roads but rail connections to the border.

Ports-to-Plains President, Kevin Evans, discussed Corridor Development Strategies to enhance each of the corridors to make them a strong unit for the countries transportation. A report was given by the Department of Transportation of each state. (Texas seems to be lagging behind in the building projects of the 92 miles on US 54. We need more Texas wheels to squeak!).

A panel discussion "State and Federal Cooperation to continue what Ike started 50 years ago-filling the gaps" was moderated by Rep. Joe Pickett with panel members Lynn Ditto, representing Senator Jeff Bingaman, NM (Senator Bingaman has been the banner carrier for a bill to Designate US 54 as a High Priority Corridor and a bill to four lane heavily traveled rural 2 lane roads). Michael Jackson, representing Senator James Inhofe, OK (chairman for reauthorization of the Transportation-SAFETEA) and Roy Gilyard, El Paso MPO. At the closing luncheon with Keynote Speaker, Lynn Ditto with a message from



Sherman County Sheriff Jack Haile is shown above presenting Ardith with a plaque of appreciation for his years of dedication at work. Mr. and Mrs. Rolens were honored with a retirement reception on Sunday, September 28th at the First Assembly of God Church in Stratford. Ardith and Dorothy have moved to Camp Wood, Texas, but said they will be back to visit time to time. Good luck!!!!

Rolens Honored With Retirement Reception

Editors note: Irene Hughes who wrote it read This at Ardith Rolens Retirement Reception: We would like to share it with our readers.

We just wanted you to know how much we have appreciated your witness through the years. Everytime we have been in your presence, we were loved and appreciated. We were always warmly welcomed; you were always concerned about how life was treating us. For many years you have been totally devoted to the jail ministry. For that we honor you and know that you will be sorely missed in that arena. Since your charges go far and wide throughout the whole earth, you have not always known what good you have done. Heaven will be a great

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER MARKETPLACE

Texas Extension Education Association members of Sherman County remind readers that Friday, October 10 is the deadline for reserving a space for Christmas In November Marketplace. The marketplace will be held November 15 at the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings in Stratford.

For details, contact either Jean Everett at 806-966-5346 or Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122.

Lamb & Goat Validation To Be held October 22

The Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA will be conducting lamb and goat validation on October 22, 2003 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Livestock Building. If you plan to exhibit a lamb or goat project at the Sherman County Livestock Show they must be validated with a state validation tag or a Sherman County tag. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 for further information.

place to learn of all the wonderful changes that were made in prisoners' lives because of the love that you showed them in the Sherman County jail. You have not always understood the depth of your ministry; you have not always considered yourselves as commissioned by God. Since your ministry was different that most jail ministries, you many times just thought you had a job. You just lived right there with them! God has a different perspective than you do on what has been going on at the CourtHouse in Stratford. He wants to honor you today as faithful servants that are only changing fields. You may think you are retiring but God just thinks you are moving to another mission field. You are a dynamic couple that God is releasing into a new ministry in a new place. Your love and unconditional acceptance of people is a

great attribute that He can use wherever you are. Be blessed today as you have blessed many in the past. Ardith, you just thought that you always enjoyed greeting people, but God says that you have a greeter's anointing. When you shake hands you transfer the love of God to other people. God has given you that gift to bless His people. Dorothy, you thought you were just the lady behind the scenes. Your love for God's man and your acceptance of him helped make Ardith able to carry out the call on his life. Yes, Dorothy, you are very valuable; your contribution in this life was very valuable. You two are worthy of honor. You have fought a good fight; you have finished the race; you have kept the faith. But as long as you have life, God plans to use you for His glory. Get prepared. Buckle up. The journey is not over. The best is yet to come.

Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show Announces Extended Agreement

The Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show, a nineteen-year tradition around the Texas Panhandle, is pleased to announce a five-year agreement has been reached between the show and the Amarillo Civic Center, extending the show's run at the Amarillo civic Center through the year 2007.

With the completed expansion of the Amarillo Civic Center, the Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show has the opportunity to grow and expand.

"This year it's a whole new show," said John Hendel, Show Manager. "The expansion allows us to add 120 more booths, bringing the total up to 825 exhibits. These extra booths will be filled by at least 40 new companies, proving this is far from being the same Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show."

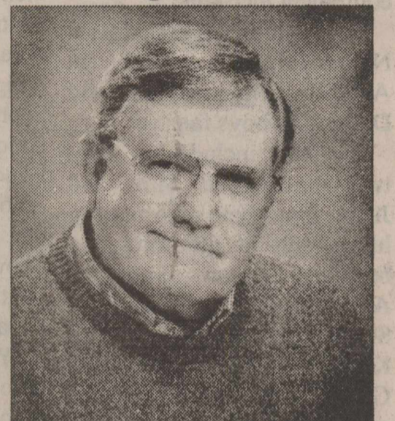
This year's show is December 2-4, 2003.

Additional meeting areas also means the educational seminars can grow and expand. All educational programs will be held in the Heritage Hall. The Texas Commodity Symposium will

take place on Wednesday, December 3 and the Panhandle Farm & Ranch Management Symposium will be held on Thursday, December 4. Details are still being completed but both symposiums focus on issues on facing Panhandle area producers.

"The Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show is one of our city's best events. The show's history and loyalty to our market is a great statement to the strength of the region's agricultural industry. And this year's expansion and extension is exactly what city planners had in mind when we expanded the Amarillo civic Center." Jerry Holt, executive director of the Amarillo Convention & Visitor Council said.

The 19th Amarillo Farm 7 Ranch Show, December 2-4, 2003, will feature over 825 exhibits with 370+ companies displaying the latest in agricultural products and services. This year's show expects to have more than 30,000 producers over the



B.A. Donelson

Donelson To Receive 7th Annual Bruning Award

The American Bankers Association (ABA) Center for Agricultural and Rural Banking will present its seventy-annual Bruning Award to Texas Banker and rancher BA Donelson for his commitment to agricultural banking.

Chairman of First State Bank, with offices in Stratford, Dumas and Dalhart, Texas, Donelson will receive the award during the ABA National Agricultural Bankers Conference November 9-12 in San Antonio. (For more on the conference, visit <http://www.aba.com/Press+Room>

Named after Nebraska agricultural banker Frank Bruning, the award recognizes the lifetime achievement of individuals who dedicate their careers to providing credit and financial guidance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural bankers.

"The greatest satisfaction that I've had is in the people; both the employees and customers that you get to know and work with," Donelson said. "I have customers who were young enough to walk under my desk when I first met them."

It's that dedication to the customers that has helped Donelson rise through the ranks at First State Bank-the only bank he has worked for since he was asked to join the company in 1967. In his 36 years of banking, he has held the positions of loan officer, trust officer, Executive Vice President and President.

Outside the bank's doors, he has also served as the chairman of independent Bankers Association of Texas, the agricultural chairman of the Texas Bankers Association, and a member of the American Bankers Association executive committees on government relations and community banks.

One of his "proudest moments" in banking occurred when First State Bank was named Employer of Excellence by the Texas Association of Business and Professional Women in 2002. Donelson is dedicated to seeing more women serving in executive positions at banks nationwide, and often speaks on the opportunities and hindrances women face in the banking industry.

Donelson is also extremely proud of his banks association with Colin Powell's America's Promise Program. As "A Bank of Promise," First State Bank has had the

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It is easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them. —Alfred Adler

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Obits

Roy Lee Sims

Roy Lee Sims, 49, of Amarillo died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, 2003 in Memorial park Funeral Home chapel of Memories, 6969 E. Interstate 40, with Glen Walton officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Sims was born August 8, 1954, in Tulia to Albert Ray and Beulah May Ringo Sims. He was an Army veteran and a heavy equipment mechanic.

He married Pam Franklin on November 21, 1992 in Amarillo. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jared Sims and Justin Sims, both of Amarillo; his parents of Stratford; two brothers, Jimmy Sims of Amarillo and Larry Sims of Stratford; two sisters, Alice King of Granbury and Mary Gifford of Savannah, GA; and a grandson, Justin Sean Sims of Stratford.

Laura Margaret Williams

Texhoma- Laura Margaret Williams, 91, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2003 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Texhoma, OK with the Rev. Paul Jackson officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Mrs. Williams married Virgil Williams on December 12, 1962, in Tucumcari, NM. They owned and operated the 54 Café in Texhoma for several years.

Survivors include six children, Beverly Jean Bennett of Pampa, Butch Rhoden of Texhoma, Clara Belle Linvick of Park Hills, OK., Peggy Coffman of Guymon, Buster Spradling of Mooreland, OK and Willis Frazier of Justin.

The family suggests memorials be to Texhoma Cemetery or the Coldwater Manor in care of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

Una Malissa Stanhope

Una Malissa Stanhope, 79, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, 2003 in Texhoma Cemetery with the Rev. Donnie Callaway officiating. Arrangements were by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stanhope was born August 6, 1924, in Jena, LA. She married William T. Stanhope on January 15, 1945, in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Survivors include a daughter, Tanya Stanhope of Texhoma; two sons, Bill Dean Stanhope and David C. Stanhope, both of Texhoma; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Texhoma Cemetery.

Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experiences.
-Cervantes

Sherman County 4-H Sponsors Scholarship

The Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association is proud to be the sponsor of the W.S. "Bill" Frizzell 4-H Memorial Scholarship. The organization honors county 4-H Gold Star winners with a renewable \$500 scholarship upon graduation from high school.

The organization has awarded the scholarship to county 4-H Gold Star winners since 1986. Upon graduation from high school, recipients are entitled to the scholarship upon registration to a college or vocational school to further their education.

The scholarship is funded by donations made by individuals as memorials or honorariums, and contributions by the sponsoring organization to meet its financial obligation. Annually, the Sherman County Texas Association of Extension Education contributes to the scholarship. In addition, during the Sherman County Livestock Show and Sale, floor prices of youth animal projects are donated.

Youth who have earned the scholarship since 1986 are C. B. Ingham, Wes Allison, Renne Allen, Trisha Tillery, Sammy Ellison, Jennifer Haynes, Buffy Ellison, Shane Sawyer, Wendy Allison, Kimberly Bouldin, Dean Hauser, Ryan Swain, T.D. Baskin, Janell Pronger, Kyle Ellison, Cassie Bell, Patrick Pronger, Amy Sladek, Carla Bell, Brock Swain, Roy McCracken, Josh Kautz, Trisha Teig, Carson Buckles, Amie Witcher, and April Kautz. These youth represent a \$19,500 educational commitment by the 4-H Parent-Leaders Association.

For more information about the scholarship or how individuals or businesses may contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences at 366-2122. Contributions to the scholarship is another example of "The Power of YOUTH" exhibited by 4-H'ers across our nation.

LaRita Dalhart Community Theatre Coming Attractions!!

"Woman in Black" a spooky mystery featuring two characters and a mystery woman in black will be performed at the LaRita, October 31, Nov. 1-2.

A November 11 Veterans Day Program will be presented at 7:30 featuring Marine Color Guard, "Forgiven Quartet" and speaker, Florene Watson, one of the few World War II women pilots known as WASP (Women's Airforce Service Pilots).

Whenever I draw a circle, I immediately want to step out of it.

---Buckminster Fuller

Celebrate 2003 To Be Held

Holiday ideas galore for decorating, entertaining, and gift giving will be highlighted at the "Celebrate 2003" program to be hosted by members of the Panhandle District county extension agents for family and consumer sciences.

That program is scheduled at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, on Tuesday, October 28th, at afternoon and evening sessions.

Afternoon registration begins at 1:00. The evening session, a repeat of the afternoon program, begins with registration at 6:00.

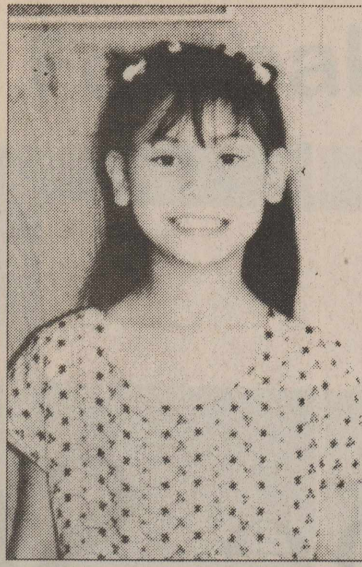
Rachelle Redd of Amarillo will be presenting, "From Trash to Treasure". Mrs. Redd will be showing program participants how to utilize items in their home that will help unclutter and provide gifts for a nominal cost.

And each of the Extension-Agents in the area will present their own holiday idea, ready for duplication, from the written instructions to be included in each participant packet.

In the adjoining classroom, the agents will each appoint a holiday table and serve a prepared recipe selected to enhance entertaining for special holiday occasions. A variety of recipes including main entrees, desserts, and appetizers will be available for tasting with the recipes for each to be included in the participant information packets.

Tickets purchased in advance from any county office in the Panhandle district will be \$8.00 each. On site admission is \$10.00.

In Stratford and Texhoma, tickets may be purchased at the Sherman County Extension Office, 701 N. Third Street,



Perfect Attendance

Eunice Avalos was chosen to go to Betty's for Mary Allen Perfect Attendance last week.

Life is a romantic business. It is painting a picture, not doing a sum; but you have to make the romance, and it will come to the question how much fire you have in your belly.
---Oliver Wendell Holmes

Stratford, telephone 366-2122.

The event 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 in the Panhandle area to improve quality of life.

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

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- Oct. 9-19 "Blithe Spirit" Comedy
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 9 Bill Cosby WT Homecoming
West Texas A&M U Event Center (Panhandle Tickets)
- Oct. 11 Lone Star Ballet "Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico"
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3098 or 372-2463
- Oct. 11 Harrington String Quartet-Pianist James Dick
WTAMU Moody Northern Hall 8:00 806-376-8782
- Oct. 1 George Carden Circus 1pm & 5pm.
Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Oct. 14 Guest Recital, Janis Potter, Marimba 8:00 p.m.
WTAMU Moody Northern Hall 806-651-2840
- Oct. 16 Choir Concert 8:00 p.m.
West Texas A&M University 806-651-2840
- Oct. 25*** Amarillo Symphony/ Monica Mancini, Pops
Tunes from Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Oct. 30-*** ALT Academy "Pocohantes" Thus-Sat 7:30 Sun. 2:30
Nov. 2 Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Oct. 31*** "Woman in Black" 8:00 p.m. Nov. 2 Matt 2:00
Nov. 1-2 LaRita, Dalhart Community Theatre
- Nov. 4-5*** "Lord of the Dance" Broadway show 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Nov. 11*** Veterans Program Florene Watson WW II (WASP)
Marine Color Gurad "Forgiven"
Dalhart LaRita Theatre 7:30p.m.

September TRTA Meeting Held

Scott Hand, assistant superintendent of Dalhart schools, presented a detailed, interesting, and informative talk to those attending the September meeting of the Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore Texas Retired Teachers Association. He explained the changes and proposed and enacted legislation affecting active and retired educators and auxiliary personnel.

The meeting was called to order by President Awanda Morris, who also gave the invocation. Kaci Frates, from Dalhart Junior High, presented a program of piano music. Miss Frates is a student of Mrs. Vicki Moore. This program included: Etude I, How Do I Love, and What A Wonderful world.

Lois Gossett gave the treasurer's report. New members Edna Keel, Margaret Adamson, Judi Traylor, and Eva Gaye Keck were welcomed. Nelda Askey read the minutes of the April meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostesses: Mary Jo Ondracek, Awanda Morris, Portia Dees and Edna Keel.

Mrs. Nancy Woods had prepared the yearbooks, and these were distributed. If a member did not receive their handbook, please call Mrs. Woods or receive it at the next meeting.

The meeting date for the Dallam Hartley Sherman Moore unit has been changed to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23. This was done so that members could attend the district meeting of TRTA on October 16 in Amarillo.

You Can View Football Pictures by Jody Taylor at
www.xit.net/taylor

ST. JOSEPH'S HALLOWEEN DANCE
Junior High--5th thru 8th
Sat. Oct. 11, 2003
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
at Parish Hall

The Annual Fall Carnival of the Plainview School
Will be
Saturday, October 11.
The Chili and Stew supper will begin at
5:30 p.m.
The doors open at 7:00 p.m. with a cake walk, fun walk, bingo, three door prizes, and many others.

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NOTICE

If you have a friend or loved one that is buried in the Stratford Cemetery and does not have a permanent marker-you can purchase a stone marker with the decedents name, date of birth and date of death engraved on the stone and set in place for \$45. If you are interested, please contact any member of the cemetery board.

Wayne L. Smith, Board President
Ann Johnson, Linda Spurlock, Becky Asher & George Harding, members

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Kathie Altman - 366-5611
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Jesse Resendes - 769-4454
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Austin Hotline 1-800-252-5400
ALL CALLS

There will be an information session on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003 at the J.W. Marriott (5150 Westheimer, Houston) at 7:00 p.m. Come & learn about curriculum, campus life & admissions for the upcoming Spring 2004 & Fall enrollment. PUBLIC INVITED

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Jo June McDaniel were among the many who attend the "fun" time 50th anniversary of BA and LeRayne Donelson.

Betty Fry, Texhoma, spent Sunday with Jo June McDaniel.

at Boren got tired of keeping her glass collectibles sparkling so she is having it auctioned off at Comanche, TX, Oct. 25. Helping her pack it up were Judy Reed of Comanche and Vicki Gore, Stratford and Laura Baker, Dalhart.

Pecan orders are due Oct. 10 to Jo June.



Cagle and Sonja Kendrick spoke about their trip to France when GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Oct. 1. They illustrated their talk with pictures and maps.

Kendricks Speak At Study Club

Cagle & Sonja Kendrick told about their trip this summer to France when GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Oct. 1 at the Library. They went to visit their son Craig and family. It was very hot in Paris, so the group left almost immediately for the north. They saw Omaha and Utah beaches and the huge cemetery, that the French keep up, of Americans who lost their lives there.

They also toured several of the chateaux on their return to Paris. They illustrated their presentation with slides. This was club's International Affairs Program.

Jimmie Pronger won the door prize of a jar of Haile's Barbeque Sauce. A thank you note from

Lindsey Stein was read. She attended the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership last spring.

Roll call was answered to "My favorite vacation spot."

Several guests were present to hear the Kendrick's presentation...Jana Pronger, Sonja Ragsdale, Dana Kendrick, lone Kendrick.

Others attending were Laurie Spurlock, LaVell Haggard, Mattie Baskin, D'Lynn Reed, Paula Everett, Linda Swain, Becky Adams, Liz Sanders, Ann Johnson, Marylou McDaniel, Marsha Wright, Dorothy Haile, Shorty Albert, Oline Caraway, Yvonne Pittman, Pat Hartman" Mary Woodford Wisdom, Barbara Chumley, Margaret Reed, Linda Haynes, Marty Bain, Patti Vincent.

Top of Texas District Fall Board Meeting, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, meets Saturday, Oct. 18, in Amarillo. It will be held at Amarillo College, West Campus-Nursing Building A. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. with call to order at 9:45 a.m. Meeting should be over by 3:00 p.m.

The meeting will spotlight the GFWC Home Life Department, Women's Health, with a full day of programs with an interactive presentation on Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases. Jacque Smith, RN, a Lifestar Flight Nurse, will speak.

TFWC President Bobbe Mitchell will give words of motivation and encouragement.

Registration fee is \$4.00, Luncheon \$10.00, total \$14.00.

Make checks to Top of Texas District, TFWC and send by Oct. 11, to Lyndi Shadbolt, president, 20 Eagle Pass, Canyon, TX. 79015. Or contact Margaret Reed.

October TRTA Meeting Announcement

The Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet October 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart.

There will be a report on the District 16 meeting held in Amarillo on October 16. There will be another announcement about this meeting and the program in a later issue of the paper.

Please call Mrs. Awanda Morris, president, if you wish to attend the District 16 meeting so transportation can be arranged.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 8:00 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

Father William A. Gorman
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 8:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Larry Evans
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 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninios Durante El Servicio.

Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over and showing it principally in one spot.
—Josh Billings

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Gillis Runs For Mayor of Lamar

Lamar, CO-Elwood Gillis, a well-known former state representative and retired business owner, has announced his candidacy for mayor.

Gillis, who has lived in the Lamar area for 40 years, is running against Deano Scranton, a City Council member who announced his candidacy recently. Both are looking to replace current Mayor Gene Cruikshank, who will not run for re-election in November.

"I've lived here for a long time and over the past 40 years, I have watched the

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15 Years, 4500 Babies In Dumas
Women's Health Center
Normal and high risk pregnancies
Gynecologic cancer screening
Breast cancer screening
Infertility and family planning
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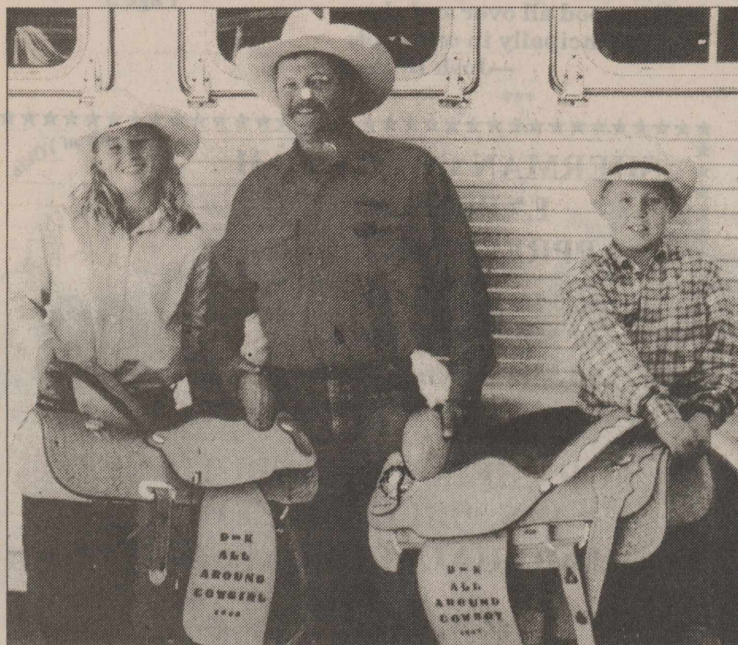
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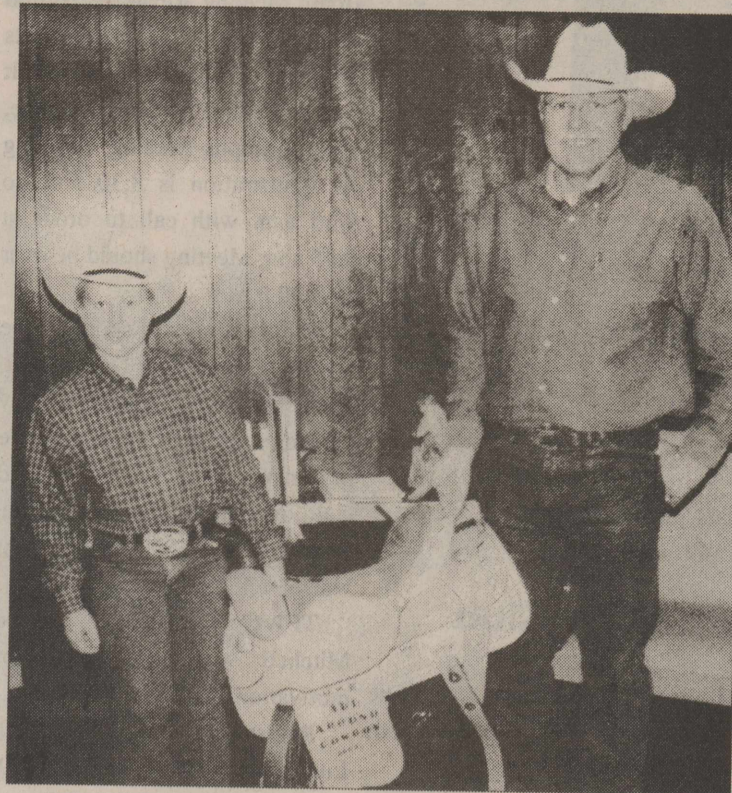
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Cassie Beasley, left and Haden Long, right pictured with Dennis Kraft recently won saddles for all-around cowgirl and cowboy in each of their own age groups in the D-K Rodeo Summer Series held in Garden City, KS.



Lasley Sponsors Haden Long

Walter Lasley, right sponsored Haden Long in the D-K Summer Series in Garden City, KS.



Bobby & Karla Edmond Sponsor Cassie Beasley

Bobby and Karla Edmond sponsored Cassie Beasley, center in the D-K Rodeo Summer Series in Garden City, KS.

HONOR ROLLS

Donelson
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opportunity to work one-on-one with the youth in our trade area.

Today, Donelson serves on the Sherman County Economic Development Board, the Stratford City Council, the Panhandle Water Planning Group, President of the Stratford Independent School District Education Foundation, and serves on the board of the four county Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. He also serves on the independent Bankers Association of Texas Education Committee and the independent Bankers Association of Texas Main Street Foundation.

Donelson says, as his career winds down, he hopes to give back to banking's future leaders by teaching and leading more seminars. "I don't think banking education is enough about people, the customer and the employees. "I'm not an X's and O's kind of guy. I am more interested in the people side of banking that the technical side."

This belief has helped Donelson start two community foundations. One, the Stratford Area Foundation, has provided funding for more than \$500,000 worth of community improvement projects for its 2,000 residents. The other, the Stratford Independent School District Education Foundation, was developed to provide supplemental funds for innovative teaching opportunities. In the last twelve months, local citizens have already contributed \$143,000.

"Donelson's career as an agricultural banker and as a leader of the banking industry stands as an example of the life-long work we celebrate with the Bruning Award," said John Blanchfield, director of the ABA Center for Agricultural and Rural Banking. "He has demonstrated a dedication to building the industry's future as well as supporting community efforts that enhance daily life."

Donelson is a graduate of Texas Tech University, the Oklahoma Intermediate School of Banking, the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking and the Harvard Senior Bank Officer School of Banking. He and his wife, LeRayne, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and have two daughters, three granddaughters, one grandson and one great-grandson. And, while the farm is now leaded out to a local farm family, the Donelson's continue to run the cattle themselves. "After a good day in the office," Donelson said, "I get to go home, get out in the country, and enjoy the farm and the cattle with LeRayne."

Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll 1st six weeks

Third grade-Treg Nordyke, Marco Torres, Monica Ramos, Danzig Herrera, Gabriela Reyes, Daina Morillon, Kaylee Harris, Karen Lozoya, Tanner Wright, Nicolas Lafuente, Kaylee Mungia, Colten Rendon, Victor Acevedo, Simsy Valdez, Alex Chavoya, Zakary Sims, Tera Imier-Harris, Christian Confer, Stephanie Jacquez, Alex Asher, Elizabeth Reyes, Meghan Brooks, Corey Sims, Haydee Rojas, Reed Schoonover, Zachary Farney, Grayson Gonzalez, M'Lynn Wells, Adrian Buenrostro.

Fourth grade-Chance Walker, Julie York, Jared Saloga, Gabriel Tarango, Marcos Garza, Justin Mungia, Ransom Lermon, Braiden Palmer, Braden Krob.

Stratford Middle School 1st Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

5th grade

Catheryn Arisano, Heidi Brooks, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsi Confer, Matthew Correll, Megan Crabtree, Bryce Cummings, Christopher Hart, Kyle Horsford, Kelsie Keener, Kimberly Melton, Taylor Melton, Rubi Rueda, Tyler Wright

6th grade

Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Luke Haile, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Sunny Russell, Lyndsi Thiessen, Chrystal Thompson, Jennie Witcher, Channing Ziemann.

7th grade

Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Miranda Mayeax, Deborah Molina, Angel Resendes, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales, Jon Seawright, Jennie Spurlock.

8th grade

Hunter Buckles, Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree, Ashley Duschl, Michael Frizzell, Samantha Hart, Craig Kautz, Hailey Long, Alex Martinez, April Peregrino, Michael Reinart, Yadira Rojas, Kelsey Stein, Ivy Valenzuela.

At the height of laughter, the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities.
—Jean Houston

The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet.
—James Oppenheim

Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form.
—Andre Maurois

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Spurlock & Russell Take Top Honors At Tri-State

Walter Spurlock and Sunny Russell, Sherman County 4-H members, claimed top honors at the Tri-State Fair held recently. Walter claimed 1st place in the 4-H Wheat Show for his involvement in the production and harvesting of wheat along with record keeping. Sunny won the 4-H Bake show with her loaf of Whole Wheat Bread. Both contests were sponsored by Texas Wheat Producers Association, Tri-State Fair, and Texas Cooperative Extension. Congratulations Sunny and Walter.

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Has Meeting In Dalhart

The Gamma Xi Chapter of the Delta kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dalhart Senior Citizens Center for the first meeting of the 2003-2004 school year with 12 members and one potential member in attendance. Present were, from Stratford-Kathie Altman, from Texline-Joe Beth Vigil and Syndi Kneller, from Dumas-Frances Holden and Beverly Hendrix and from Dalhart-Portia Dees, Mary Jo Ondracek, Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso, Rebecca Amyx, Cynthia Ballard.

The business meeting was called to order by President Kathie Altman. The collect with a choral response and mission statement were read together by the members present. This was followed by a welcome and introduction of the guest, Paula Everett from Stratford. Following the roll call, the group wished Mary Jo Ondracek a happy birthday and then expressed regrets in the death over the summer of a member, Eula Vick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report. Correspondence shared consisted of a thank you from the recipient of the grant-in-aid, Tiffany Duke. Ms. Duke is scheduled to meet with the group in the spring to share some of her educational journey. Additionally, Ms. Frances Holden of Dumas reported on letters over the summer from Mildred Bosler. Ms. Bosler is currently residing in a nursing home in Whitney, TX with her sister as her roommate. She is still playing the piano as members of the First Baptist Church of Whitney take her to the church for Sunday services.

Unfinished business included a ballot on new members, a report on the State Convention held in Waco June by President Altman and ms. Ondracek and the Southwest Regional Conference held in Scottsdale, AZ in July by Ms. Nelda Askey. The potential members were approved for membership. All welcomed her to the group. The State convention for 2004 will be held in Austin and the Regional Conference for 2005 will be held in San Antonio. The membership was encouraged to attend.

New business addressed a Professional Development Survey from the State convention planners brought by Ms. Altman. Ms. Cynthia Ballard shared information about two opportunities to assist in the education, particularly of the young women, in Afghanistan. The first was a request for money through the United Nations and UNICEF for Teacher Training in Afghanistan. The second was for the collection of school supplies as well as

gloves and winter hats to be sent through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Asst. Supt. had shared that information for Curriculum and Instruction for the Dalhart School District. Mrs. Carolline Methvin. The group decided to gather the supplies and bring them to the October 19th meeting.

Announcements were reminders by President Altman for members to provide her with tamped envelopes for the newsletter. Also, Ms. Sandra Kelso had previously shared information from Xcel Energy about a program of Classroom Connection. The program for this school year may be past the cutoff date, but members were encouraged to keep the information for next school year.

The business meeting adjourned with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. Ms. Holden "pitched" our singing which was lovely to hear.

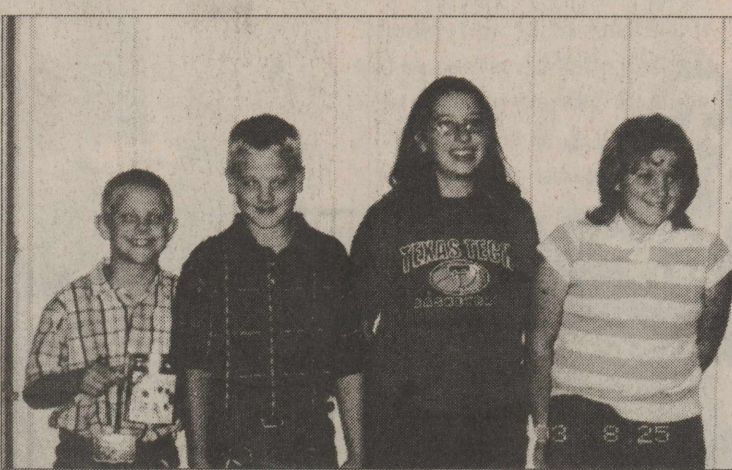
Following the meeting, members-new and old alike were provided orientation by Ms. Ondracek. President Altman stated that there would be some orientation at a meeting rather than the presentation. Ms. Ondracek revealed some of the memberships requirements and the motto, Delta Kappa Gamma never gives up! Many aspects of Delta Kappa Gamma come in threes such as the levels of membership-active, reserve and honorary and money- scholarships for members, fellowships for women training to be educators internationally who are not members and grants-in-aid provided to young women in this country training to be a teacher. Ms. Ondracek also shared about the membership key, the symbol of the red rose and the colors of red and gold. There are now over 300 chapters in Texas, where the society was founded May of 1929 as a secret society to protect the women involved. Each chapter engages in many levels of programs of work as well as providing educators an opportunity to meet together.

Ms. Askey presented the programs planned for the rest of the year which include new member initiation in October, a silent auction for scholarship in January, celebrating the local chapter birthday in February and the founding of the society in April.

Ms. Altman reminded members of the alternating Saturdays and Sundays for the rest of the meeting and stated the results of a ballot last spring to have all meetings this year in Dalhart at the Senior Citizens' Center.

Information was shared with all Programs of Work committee chairs in preparation for committee meetings possibly next

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Participants At Sherman County Bake Show
Participants of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show held August 25 were Rhyann Burton, Eric Burton, Jennie Spurlock and Sunny Russell.

Sunny Russell claimed first place in the 4-H Bake Show held Monday, August 25th. The competition dish for the annual event which promotes the number one commodity in the Texas Panhandle, wheat, was a loaf of Whole Wheat Bread. Sunny will represent Sherman County at the District 4-H Bake show during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Jennie Spurlock took second place honors and Eric Burton captured third place award with Rhyann Burton taking fourth place. Each winner received prizes that will encourage them to continue food preparation skill of baking.

Sponsors of the County 4-H Bake show were Stratford Grain, Collingwood Grain, Texhoma/Stratford, Texhoma Wheat Growers, Sunray Coop, West Texas Gas, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Each sponsor received a loaf of whole wheat bread as appreciation of their support.

Educational activities conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

For more information on how to participate in Sherman County 4-H contact Susie Spurlock or Leslie Neve at 366-2122.

4-H NEWS

The Sherman County 4-H Council met September 30, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Carson Buckles lead the opening ceremony. Kaleb Horsford gave his report for the Shooting Sports. Nathan White and Haden Long gave their report for the Horse Club. During the meeting plans were discussed for national 4-H Week and 4-H Roundup. The Achievement banquet and enrollment night was also reviewed. The next meeting will be held at the Sherman County Extension Office with the date and time to be announced at a later date.

Written by Sherman County 4-H Council Reporter Haden Long

A disciplined conscience is a man's best friend. It may not be his most amiable, but it is his most faithful monitor.
—Henry Ward Beecher

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meeting. members gathered there was discovered she also had a September birthday, so the group again sang in wishing her a happy birthday.

Around noon, the group along with a few husbands and a few children enjoyed an indoor picnic with drinks and desserts provided by the hostesses, the members from Dalhart.

Babysitting had been provided by Sarah Artho.

Conscience is the root of all true courage; if a man would be brave let him obey his conscience.
—James Freeman Clarke

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Cross Country Teams Dominate at Sunray



Varsity Lady Elks competed at the Sunray meet this past weekend and medaling individually were Haley Buckles, Brittany Hudson and Yadira Ortega. From left, Haley Buckles, Chelsi Thiessen, Erin Ashley, Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega and Shiloh Dickenson.



The Junior High Lady Elks teams placed 1st and third at the Sunray Meet held this past weekend and medaling individually were Sierra Valenzuela, Kristin Crabtree, Lucero Ortega, Yessinia Ibarra and Katrina Harkins. In front from left, Katrina Harkins, Mary Lou Maldonado, Becky Rosales, Kelsey Stein, Sierra Valenzuela, Ivy Valenzuela, and Brenda Ibarra. In back from left, Sinead Everett, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales, Lucero Ortega, April Peregrino, Whitney, and Yessinia Ibarra.



The J.V. Lady Elks placed 1st at the Sunray Meet and medaling individually were Allison Baskin, Merilee McDaniel, Alisha Sladek and Lindsay Stein. In front from left, Allison Baskin, Alisha Sladek, Merilee McDaniel, Amber Larance, Lindsay Stein, and Janette Carrera. In back from left, Heather Robertson, Katelyn Reed, Deidre Tarver, LaRissa Luna, Juliana Taliaferro, Cheyenne Ziemann, Kayla Robertson, Crystal Peregrino, Krista Reta, and Cristina Fierro.

COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 10, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday, July 10, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nancy Kimball, Bryan Mungia, George Harding and BA Donelson.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, City Administrator, Kathy Rendon, Utility Billing Clerk, Cindy Jackson, Municipal Judge and Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2003 meeting with changes. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There were no presentations to the Council.

Wayland Brown discussed the procedure for demolition of a house or building. At this time, the City Administrator is the current building inspector. Discussion took place with regard to the address of the property to be demolished and the current owner of said property to be specifically addressed in Council meetings so that it will be reflected in the minutes.

Discussion also took place on an ordinance for the City of Stratford regarding the proper disposal of appliances i.e. washers, dryers, etc. Currently, appliances are being placed outside residential buildings. This Ordinance will eliminate this problem.

Council expressed their appreciation on the response and support of the Citizens on the clean-up around town.

No one from the Council will be attending the TML Quarterly Meeting set for July 17, 2003 in Amarillo.

Bryan Mungia motioned to set the date and time for future Regular Council meetings for the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Cynthia Jackson, Municipal Judge was present to give her report for Municipal court. She updated the Council on scheduled training seminars and also updated the Council on current and pending business. Nancy Kimball

suggested the possibility of giving out addressed labels with a fine schedule for individuals who are given a citation by a City Police Officer. Cynthia thanked the Council for the opportunity to represent the City of Stratford as Municipal Judge.

Council would like for reports from the Police Department and Municipal Judge to be added to future agendas for regular meetings.

Dwayne Dennis was present to give the Police Report. He states that twenty (20) vehicles have been tagged, eighteen (18) have responded, two (2) have been given a 10-day notice and four (4) new vehicles have been tagged. The Mayor and Council thanked Dwayne for the Police Department's work and service. They also expressed appreciation for the Police Department uniforms.

BA Donelson submitted a list for long-range planning. He suggests the Council needs to prioritize for the budget process.

Future scheduled budget workshops will be: July 15th, 22nd and 29 and August 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Gaynelle Riffe arrived at 6:40 p.m. and left a list of dead trees around town which need to be cut down.

Discussion took place regarding the number of line items in the budget. Council would like for LaRita Butler, City Secretary, to call the auditors to find out if all the line items are necessary.

Bryan Mungia questioned on whether the City can work City inmates to get reimbursed for expenses paid for their incarceration time.

City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. city council reconvened out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. with no action taken.

BA Donelson motion to approve the bills, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the Financial Statements, BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2003

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session Thursday,

August 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, George Harding, Nancy Kimball and BA Donelson.

Also present were: Wayland Brown, city Administrator, Kathy Rendon, Utility Billing Clerk, Cindy Jackson, Municipal Judge, Gaynelle Riffe, Johnny Mungia, Teresa Edmond, Manny Villegas, Terri Teig, and Paula Nusz representing Chamber of Commerce and Dwayne Dennis, Police Department.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2003 Regular Meeting. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned for general consensus approval for the Special Budget Meetings on July 15th, July 23rd and 30th, 2003, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor skipped to 4 C

Approval for the animal permit for Teresa Edmond at 302 S. Spruce was tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Teresa was also present representing the Appraisal District. She presented information regarding delinquent tax collections. BA Donelson expressed appreciation to Teresa-she is doing a good job.

Johnny Mungia was present to get approval/disapproval for a mobile home park. The City Attorney stated that he needs permission from residents within 200' to move in trailers. BA Donelson motioned to approve the mobile home park, pending signatures from the residents being brought to the office, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Manuel Villegas was present to discuss trailers at his motel, which are parked on City right-of-way. Manny was requesting a permit to leave the trailers where they are. BA Donelson motioned to give Manny 60 days to come up with a plan, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Gaynelle Riffe was present and presented a map of the dead trees around town. She is questioning what the City can do to have these trees cut down and hauled off. She also

presented a list of gifts to the Stratford Cemetery. Acknowledgements need to be sent. Gaynelle also presented a paper on "Main Street Enhancement History". BA advises that a decision will be made regarding this project in mid-September.

Council recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

BA Donelson motioned to accept with regrets the resignation of David Davis as alderman. Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to appoint Wanda Riffe as replacement alderman. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned for the Cemetery Board to approach the City with three (3) recommendations for naming the main entrance road into the Stratford

Cemetery, BA Donelson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the open/close fee for cremation burial. BA Donelson motioned to set the fee at \$100, with an additional \$100 for a weekend or holiday burial. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

An ordinance was presented to the council regarding updated service credit/annuity increase for retirees of the City. Council requested that the City Attorney review this ordinance and report his opinion to the City Administrator. It will then be placed on next month's regular meeting agenda.

Discussion/action regarding the purchase of a used pickup for the Utility Department was tabled.

BA Donelson motion to approve the bills, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the Financial Statements, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Cindy Jackson, Municipal Judge was present to give her report. She states she has obtained her certification. Cindy also reported the State Comptroller must receive a written request for an audit. BA Donelson motioned for Wayland Brown to give final approval for the request, Nancy Kimball seconded, all

in favor, motion carried. Dwayne Dennis was present to give the report for the police department. He reported that Clint Rutledge has terminated his employment with the City. Dwayne requested all current copies of City ordinances so

the police department can enforce them. Dwayne would like for BA to "sign off" on pre-approval paperwork before any new officers are hired.

Council requested that a letter of acknowledgement needs to go in the paper and formal individual letters also need to be sent regarding gifts given to the Cemetery.

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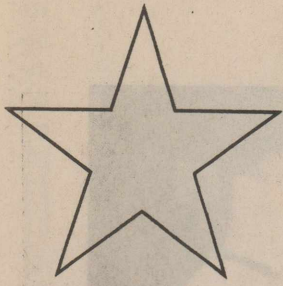
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Annual Chili & Stew Dinner & Bake Sale, First Christian Church, Sunday, October 26, 2003

Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church of Stratford will host their annual Chili & Stew Dinner on Sunday, October 26, 2003 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The all you can eat meal will include homemade chili, stew, beans, cornbread & dessert. The cost will be a free will donation. There will also be lots of homemade goodies for sale at the annual bake sale. Please come and join us for dinner. We're looking forward to the fun, food & fellowship.
10-9-3xc

Eta Alpha's 20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR, Saturday, October 25, Boise City, OK. Community Bldg. North Main. 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Call 580-544-3348 or 3486.
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Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Sat. Oct. 11, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 709 N. Maple. Lots of nice ladies & boys clothes, Rocky jeans, etc.
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Garage Sale: Sat. Oct. 11, 713 N. Grace, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture, knick knacks.
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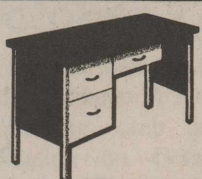
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Help Wanted

City of Stratford (pop. 1,991) is seeking candidates for City Manager. Stratford is a Type B municipality with an operating budge of approximately \$1.4 million, and a citywide tax base of \$42 million. Stratford currently has twelve full time employees and one part-time employee. The City owns and operates the municipal water and sewer system and provides waste disposal services. The City operates a police department with the Chief of Police reporting directly to the Manager. Three to five years of municipal management experience is preferred. Degree in public administration or equivalent experience desired. Strong interpersonal, communication, financial planning, budgeting, economic development, grant procurement skills required. Send resume with references and salary history and requirements to: Colby Waters, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, at (806) 372-3381 or email at cwaters@prpc.org.tx.us. Resumes accepted until November 15th 2003.
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Our mother's home at 712 N. Maple, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, central heat and air, 1 car garage, 2 metal storage sheds, chain linked fence, family room, close to school, built in oven and range, vinyl siding and new roof. For more info, call Marty 806-366-2053.
8-7-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.
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Super Nice home with all new floor coverings and paint. Walk-in closets. 2 bedrooms. 2 baths, carport. Low price of \$38,000.

Gillis
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During his tenure in the House, Gillis said that he served on several committees as vice chairman and chairman. "The last eight years of my tenure, I served

on the six-member budget-writing committee for the state," he said. He also served as vice chairman and chairman of the Joint Budget Committee.

Gillis said he wants to put what he considers a very "adequate infrastructure" to work for the citizens of today as well as the citizens of the future.

"What I am saying to folks around the city is that we need to be doing things for today's youth who are going to be tomorrow's citizens and to do that we have to have some long-range strategies," he said.

Gillis said that Lamar's infrastructure can take growth without adding a lot of cost. "Most of it (infrastructure) is already paid for, so we just need to put it to work for today's kids," Gillis said.

If elected, Gillis said, his first priority would be to continue with the existing council's idea of investing in the downtown area's drainage and to continue to improve streets in the city. According

4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info.
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For Sale or Lease: 1309 Division. Call Earl Griffin. 1-928-213-9868. To View- Ava Griffin 396-2593.
11-27-c

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.
7-10-tfn

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015.
8-21-tfn

Two Story home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large den with wood burning stove, dining room. All built in Kitchen with eating area, large service porch, large backyard, 3 storage areas and large fenced corner lot that goes with house. Close to schools and park. 615 N. Fulton, 806-396-2860.
9-11-tfn

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FABULOUS FALL FRENZY!
Now through October 15th save 15% on all furniture and rugs, and 30% on any funky fabric covered ottoman! Just one new piece can add pizzazz to your rooms. New merchandise arriving daily... don't miss out on our large selection of gift items. We also have this fall's must have jewelry—the initial bracelet. Stop by and see what's new... at the corner of Hwys 54 & 287 in Stratford, Texas now open every Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

to Gillis, the council has been putting extra money into those two projects.

Gillis said his background and experience provide a solid platform for serving the citizens of Lamar.

Mr. Gillis is the nephew of Lone Kendrick, son-in-law of Alma Lee McMahan and brother-in-law of Marty Bain, all of Stratford.

PRESERVING PUMPKINS

Spray-waxing your pumpkin could help it last until Halloween or even longer.

Like Christmas decorations, pumpkins are going on sale a little earlier this year.

That raises the odds for pumpkins not being completely mature when harvested which, in turn, reduces their shelf life. The kind of high 70's degree weather experienced in October doesn't help pumpkins' staying power, either...

AS pumpkins reach full maturity on vine, they develop a hard rind, "sealed" by a natural wax-like layer. So, if harvested too soon, they tend to shrivel and dry up, especially if kept warm and dry in someone's home or in an outdoor display.

Several commercial sprays are available that include a wax to prevent drying, plus a surface disinfectant to discourage rots and molds. Buyers can get much the same results, however by cleaning their pumpkin with kitchen spray, letting the surface dry, and then applying spray wax or something similar.

Farm Show Cont. from page 1

three-day periods. Show hours are 9 to 5 Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 to 4 on Thursday. Admission is free! Sponsors include High Plains Journal, KFDA News Channel 10, Texas Cooperative Extension, KGNC, and Texas Wheat Producers. For information on attending or exhibiting, please call 800-827-8007.

Spirit Cont. from page 1

Senator Bingamon, the Mayor Guymon, Oklahoma, Jess Nelson offered the invitation for the 9th annual conference to be hosted by the City of Guymon. (I do hope to have more Texas persons attending. State and Federal officials might wonder how important this corridor is when the conferences are not well attended. A one-man band makes noise but an orchestra makes music.)

Cross Country Cont. from page 6

16:05. Running for the Elks was Bill Walker. Bill finished the race with a time of 20:44 improving his time by over a minute.

Card of Thanks

Dear Stratford Family,
Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,
If so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us that day.
All of this that came from the heart
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Kathy Riffe and Family

We would like to thank all the kind people of Stratford for their outpouring of support during the illness and recent death of our mother/grandmother. Knowing that we are in the thoughts and prayers of such wonderful people helps sustain us during this difficult time. Your generous donations to various charities, the food and flowers are all deeply appreciated. We would like to extend a special thank you to Joyce Dodson, John and Sharon Wilson, Sharon Blain, and Bill Mires for all the special attention you gave Mom. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. May God richly bless you all!

Kennetha and Kevin Seawright,
Robert and Jon
Laura and Miles Smith
Chandler and Sabrina Smith,
Kaylee and Carter

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club wants to give thanks and appreciation to the following for their donations to help with the club's recent After Church Barbecue. Coronado Feeders, Lasley & Sons, Stratford Feedyards, Moormans, Brown's Meat Locker, Robert Spielman, Gregg Hudson, and Gary Pool.

If a pumpkin is immature, however, a surface-applied wax will do little to keep the pumpkin for an extended period.

"Let The Good Times Roll" Phase II Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Buick

Beginning Oct. 3, 2003, The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, opened the second phase of *Let the Good Times Roll*, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Buick. Taking a popular culture approach, *Let the Good Times Roll* will showcase a 1911 Buick Runabout, 1927 Seven-Passenger Buick Sedan and a 1953 Buick Skylark. Other vintage automobiles in the exhibit will include a 1910 Hupmobile, 1942 Chrysler Woody, 1930 Bantam, 1953 Olds Fiesta and a 1955 Cadillac DeVille. The 100th anniversary of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle will be highlighted with motorcycles dating from 1936 through 1963.

By examining the automobile and its place in American history *Let the Good Times Roll* allows visitors to make personal connections to significant events in American transportation history.

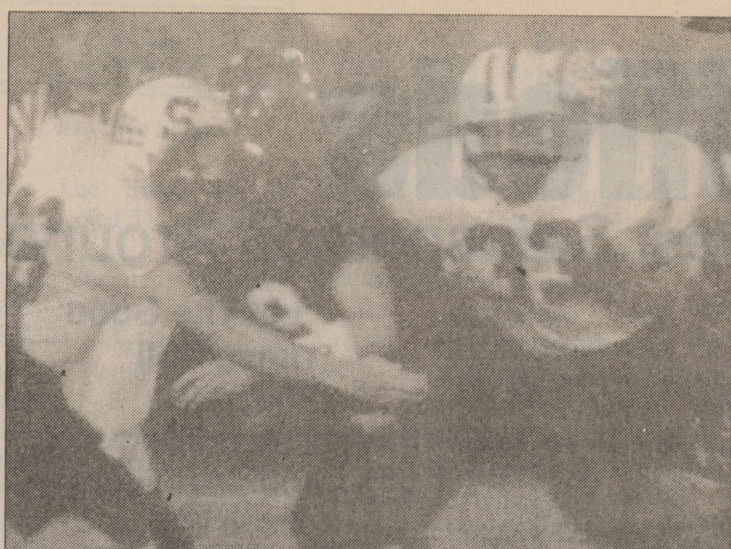
"Let the Good Times Roll" features an early car dealership, a picnic scene, a reconstructed motor court, a diner and a re-created drive-in movie theater. Another area of the exhibit will highlight Route 66, the "Mother Road" that ran from Chicago to Los Angeles, and some of the roadside icons that appeared to entertain and attract tourists. The exhibit features the "real" Harley-Earl and his contribution to automobile design, especially the Buick.

This phase of the exhibit will close April 18, 2004. Phase III of *Let the Good Times Roll* will open in May 2004.

LeRayne and I would like to just say thank you for the memories that you provided for us Saturday night on our anniversary. It took a great deal of help to pull it off and we would like to take this time to thank those involved even at the risk of leaving someone out. First of all, we had the kids from the school, Brad Reed, Chance Crowl, Carlos Jaquez, Adrian Jaquez, Brian Booth, Jason Roberts, Stephanie Washburn, Audrey Navarette, Ashton Robinson, and Mimi Ruiz. The guys did a great job helping with the parking and setting up and taking down of tables. The girls helped with the coffee and drinks. They all did a great job. Others involved were Missy Williams for organizing the serving, Mark Miller, Twila Young and Bailey Bryson. They provided the horses and flags for us. Thank you to Cindy Miller for getting the flags, the Riffes for providing tents, Ronnie Pickens for providing lumber for the tables, Joe Taylor for the photography, Mildred Wieck for the cake, and our families for helping set up and take down the tables and barrels. Thank you also to Will Ferguson for bringing his team. Thank you to MariHoward Engelbrecht, Nina Lavake, and Rolene Arkon for providing music during dinner, 4-Given for the mini concert, Greg and Marsha Wright for DJ'ing the dance and Debbie Ferguson for singing. And finally, Sam James who makes everything happen around our place. We are grateful to each and every one of them. Hopefully we did not leave someone out. We are especially grateful to those of you who chose to come and be with us and made a special time a special event for LeRayne and I.

Yours truly,
B.A. and LeRayne Donelson

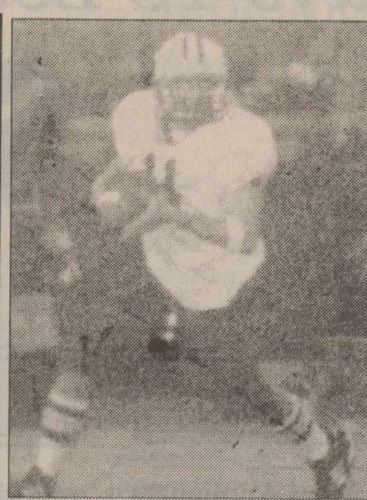
Stratford Elk Football Shots!



Stratford Elks left, #86 Carson Buckles and #33 Carlos Jacquez.



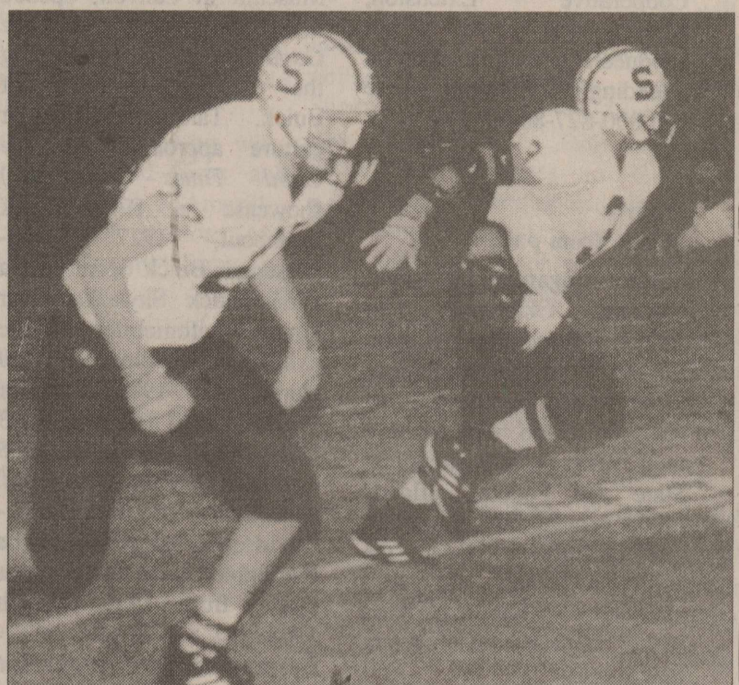
Stratford Elk #23 Tyler Haynes.



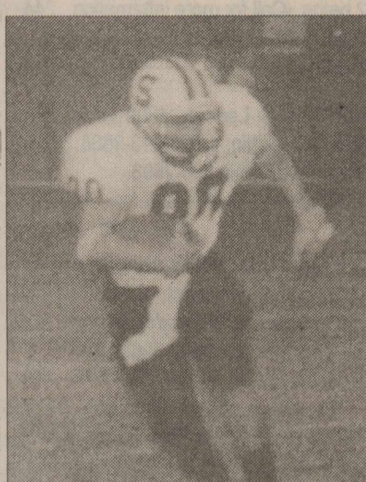
#11 Josh King



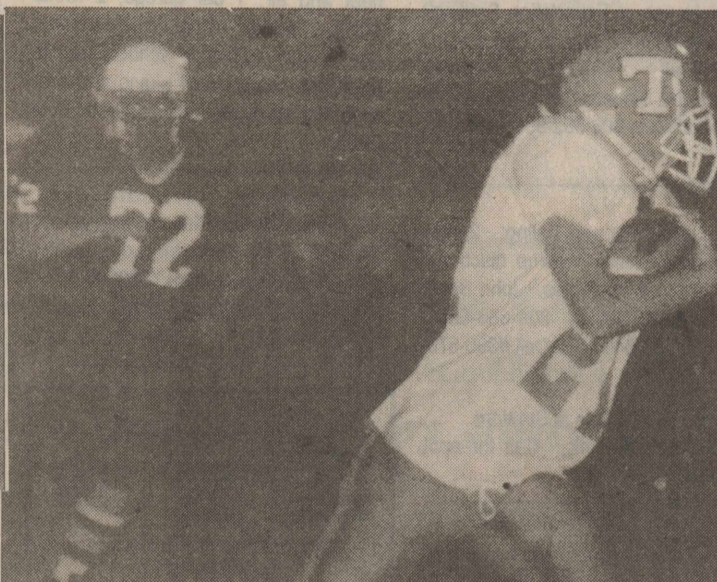
Adam Witcher gave the pep talk on Friday, October 3rd.



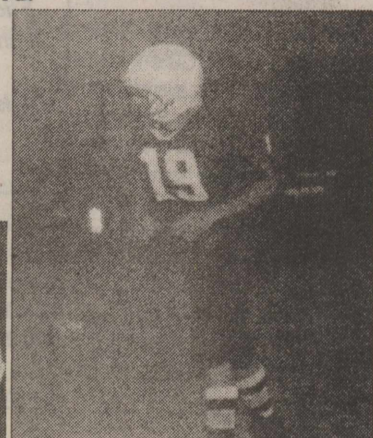
Stratford Elks from left, #23 Tyler Haynes and #3 Chris Ortega.



Stratford Elk #80 Travis Soto carries the ball for the Elks against Wheeler.



J.V. Elk #72 Caleb Brown going after Texhoma player on Monday, September 29th. The Elks beat Texhoma.



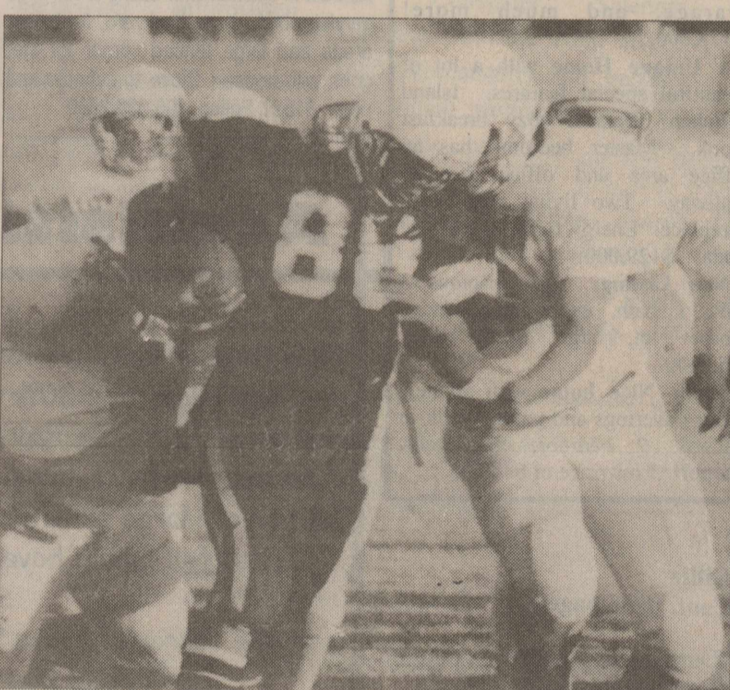
J.V. Elk #19 Case Crabtree



7th Grade Elk #19 Justin Lanning.



J.V. Elk #30 Jonathan Licon carries the ball for the Elks.



8th grade Elk #88 Julio Ramirez carries the ball for the Elks.



7th Grade Elk #32 Angel Resendes shown above in game against Boise City on Monday, September 29th.



8th Grade Elk #27 Craig Kautz carries the ball for the Elks.



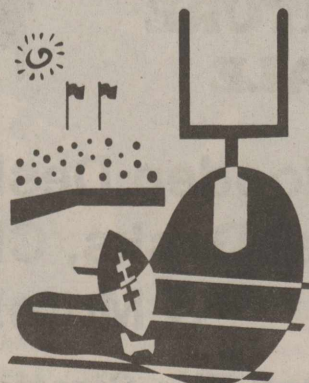
7th Grade Elks shown above, #83 Clayton Johnson, #22 Derek Johnson, and #67 Jorge Robles.



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THIS WEEK AGAINST
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The Stratford Elks beat Wheeler 46-14 on Friday, October 3rd. The Elks accumulated 382 offensive yards and held Wheeler to 139 yards.

Josh King completed 6 of 8 passes for 98 yards and 1 touchdown. Chance Crowl racked up 109 rushing yards on 11 carries followed by Carlos Jacquez with 89 yards and one touchdown and Josh King with 61 yards and three touchdowns.

Jason Ashley led in receptions with 60 yards on 2 catches followed by Tyler Haynes with 10 yards on 1 catch for a touchdown. Brady Bell also scored a touchdown on a 70 yard kickoff return for the Elks. Adrian Jacquez scored on a fumble recovery for the Elks. Scoring two PAT's for the Elks was Martin Beltran and scoring on a two point conversion was Carlos Jacquez.

Leading the Elks defensively was Jason Ashley with 15 tackles followed by Tyler Haynes with 14 tackles and one interception and Ryan McDaniel with 13 tackles. Brady Bell and Carlos Jacquez had 10 tackles for the night. Other Elks contributing on defense were Carson Buckles, Brad Reed, Martin Beltran, Asbel Gomez, Adrian Jacquez, Chris Ortega, Travis Soto, Manuel Maldonado, Mark Miller, Gus Rosales, Tony Ruiz, and Luis Trejo.

Come out and support the Elks in their first District Game this Friday against Gruver here at 7:30 p.m. Let's Go Elks!!!!