

Stratford Elks Capture Regional Championship

The Stratford Elks capture the 2A Division I Regional Championship with a 48-12 win over Post on Friday, December 1, 2017 in Amarillo at Dick Bivins. The Elks will face Panhandle for the Quarter Final round of play offs on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Dumas, TX at Dumas Demon Stadium. Congratulations and Go Elks!!

Project Christmas Card Set to Begin

Project Christmas Card is a project benefitting the Sherman County Public Library being sponsored by The Stratford Star this year. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford Area you are asked to make a donation to the library, estimate how much it costs for the cards and stamps, add little extra and bring your donation to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Names of donors will be placed on a full page Christmas Card printed in the December 21, 2017, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." Previous years' donations have purchased e-books, computers, large print books, audio books and shelving. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area if not the state, so let's help continue to support it. The deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 8, 2017. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

Don't forget your Santa Letters. Deadline is Thursday, December 7, 2017. No letters will be printed in Santa Edition if after 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th.


Notice

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST) at 7:00 PM, December 12, 2017 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system. Published in The Stratford Star on Thursday, December 7, 2017

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion here in Stratford would ask that anyone in the community that has a relative in the Armed Forces to please let us know. We need this information to keep our local list and contacts up-to-date. This information will be used for any solicitation purposes whatsoever! Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Points of contact are: Robert McGinnis-396-2212 or Claude Fedric-753-6754
The American Legion
Howard Norvell Green Post 262
Stratford, TX 79084

Join us for "Sip & Shop" at Main Street Essentials
Saturday - Dec. 9th from noon until after the Reindeer Dash

Come by & try our Grinch  Margaritas
And check out the Specials!!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!

CHRISTMAS PARADE 2017



Another parade is over and we'd like to thank everyone who helped make it happen. It's never just 1 or 2 people, it takes many volunteers to make this possible. Let's say THANK YOU to all of these people:
Cece Yelek and City Police Chief Randy Hooks & City of Stratford Police Officers,
Sheriff Ted Allen, Penny Gilbert & Sherman County Deputies,
Fire Chief Danny Davis & the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept for delivering the "Big Guy"!
Imagination Station for loaning the sound system again,
Pastor Tim Boyer for doing a great job of announcing!
Katherine Nusz & the BIG BLUE BAND,
Biddy's on Main (for hosting Santa Claus),
A huge thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to town!
Parade entries who helped light up the night including the *Stratford Elk Football Team, Lady Elks Basketball Team and the Stratford High School Cheerleaders!*
Spectators, we appreciate you because without you we wouldn't have a parade!
Imagination Station for holding their Soup Supper the same night, it added another fun activity on Main St.
Sherman County Development

If you see any of these people tell them what a great job they did!!

"Oklahoma" Dec. 1-10

Guymon community Theatre will present the musical "Oklahoma" honoring Oklahoma 110 years of statehood, directed by Kasey Russell
February 9-17 "The Shadow Box" directed by Michael Patterson May production
Monty Python's "5pamalot" For more information and reservations contact answering machine 580-338-0019

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The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

Obituary

Ronald Wayne Larance
February 13, 1961-December 4, 2017

Ronald Wayne Larance, 56, of Amarillo died Monday, December 4, 2017 in Amarillo. Memorial Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, December 9, 2017 in Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 South Osage, in Amarillo with Rev. Darrell Burton, officiating.

Cremation & Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Ronald was born February 13, 1961 in Stamford to Ray & Doris Harndt Larance. He had been a resident of Amarillo most of his life. He married Chandra Lee Robinson on January 1, 2010 in Clarendon. He was a truck driver and loved truck driving. He also built model trucks for the Make A Wish Foundation. He loved his family, was a simple man, and loved visiting Wyoming every year.

Survivors include his wife, Chandra Larance of Amarillo; his parents, Ray & Doris Larance of Amarillo; 2 daughters, Destiny Johnson of Nebraska and Jennifer Larance of Amarillo; 2 step sons, Michael McFarland and wife Ashley of Frisco and Cody Holman of Clarendon; a step daughter, Marissa Fulcher and husband Roper of Muleshoe; a brother, W.R. Larance and wife Cindy of Stratford; a sister, Lowella Felty and husband Mike of Amarillo; and 11 grandchildren.

**Good Luck Elks
Beat Panhandle**

NOV. 11 - DEC. 11, 2017

FILING PERIOD OPEN TO SIGN UP TO RUN FOR COUNTY OFFICES

If you're interested contact your County Chairpersons:

Democrat County Chairman is Millie Hacker @ 806.366.5310

Republican County Chairman is Susie Spurlock @ 806.753.7214

Reindeer Dash December 9

December 9 the first Reindeer Dash will be held in Stratford sponsored by Lollipop Junction.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the evening will offer something for everyone-- fun run, hayride, and photos with Santa's Elf all beginning at the Star located in downtown Stratford.

Beginning at the Star, the hayride and 5K fun run will go the Stratford High School, before taking a turn to Chestnut Street and on to Purnell Street. At Purnell Street, the ride will travel to NW 2nd Street, Kay Avenue, and wind through the neighborhood located between Mary Allen Elementary and the High School before returning to the downtown Star. Entry for the race is \$25.00, Hayride is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child ages 10 and under.

Hot chocolate, cookies, and selfie photos are priceless and will be available at the Star and in the entrance of First State Bank where the Race Winners and Christmas Lighting contest winner will be named.

The Christmas Lighting contest is open to all homeowners in Stratford regardless of location. Contest entry fee is \$25.00 with the winner to be awarded a \$500.00 prize!! Don't delay, as the entry for the lighting contest is December 1st. Entry forms can be found on Lollipop Junction Facebook page or at Lollipop Junction.

For more information about the Reindeer Dash, hayride, photos, and Christmas Lighting contest, contact Koreley Whittington at 432-693-6224 or email at koreley.holubec@gmail.com.

Reindeer Dash proceeds will be used toward the renovation of the newly acquired building to expand services to families in Stratford. Lollipop Junction is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and appreciates all donations for this expansion project.

**Stratford Christmas
Angels**



The Stratford Christmas Angels are on the Christmas Tree down at Main Street Essentials. Please go down and pick up your Angel/Angels today. If you don't have time to shop, that's ok, please think about donating to the Angel Tree Fund. You can leave your donation at Main Street Essentials, First State Bank or give it to Angela Harbour. Thank you for shopping or donating to the Christmas Angels.

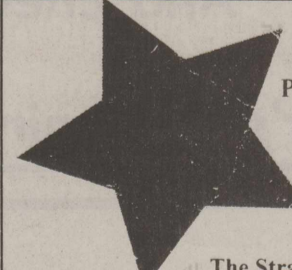
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Thanks-Marty



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Christmas Open House

Join us for refreshments and sign up to win one of two \$50 giftcards

December 14th
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pictures with Santa
Come get your picture with Santa from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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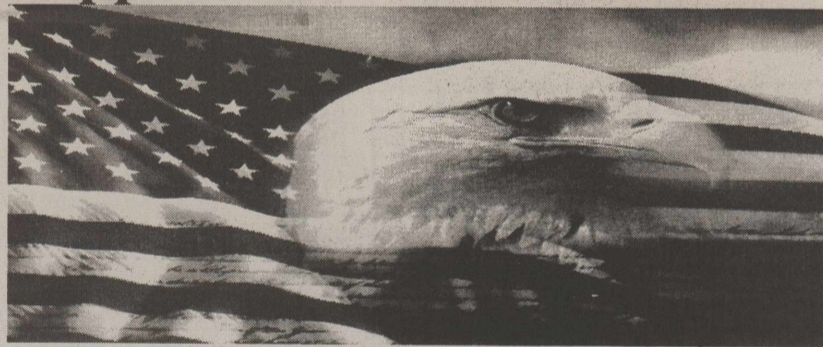
Vietnam "Wall" in Amarillo Dec. 6-10th

The Wall will be located by the gazebo in John Stiff Memorial Park entrance between Coulter and Bell on 45th. It will be completely assembled by 4:00 p.m. and will be guarded 24 hours. Opening ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m. on the 7th, visitor escorts will assist in finding a name on the wall. On Friday Dec. 8 between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. any organization, family or group will be allowed to place their own personal wreath. (Wreath not to exceed 18" in diameter). Grounds are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m. 6 through 9. Closing will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 10 with visitor hours ending at 2:00 p.m. for breakdown. For more information call 806-674-0495.

NOTICE of Public Sale - Published in the Stratford Star December 7 and December 14, 2017. Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held by competitive bid at 10:30 a.m. On December 19, 2017, to satisfy landlord's lien on the property stored at Stratford Rentals, LLC Storage Unit #B at 102 S. Main Street, Stratford, Texas 79084. No viewing of items prior to the auction. Items will be sold to the highest bidder and items may be sold individually, or as a group of items, or as a whole unit. Cash only, No checks accepted. All purchased goods are sold "AS IS" and must be removed by 1:00 p.m. on the date of the sale. Property being sold includes some or all of the following: furniture, household items, tools, clothes, books, lawn equipment, appliances and miscellaneous items. #B Ken Srader.

We're saying Thank You

to local servicemen & women and their families. We'll start early Saturday, Dec. 23rd at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn cooking for these well deserved people in Sherman County. If you know someone that's serving their country & have family here, contact Lynn Allen @ 753-7979 or Tim Hudson @ 753-7799. Donations are also welcome, there's always a need for meat, wood, charcoal or cash to buy supplies. They take care of us, let's show our appreciation & take care of them.



Thanks for your support!

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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

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

First United Methodist
Rev. Damon Stalvey
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
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Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

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Thrift Stores Gives \$10K

Yes, it's true, the Community Thrift Store presented eleven non-profit and emergency service organizations \$10,000.00 this past week. Folks, that's lots of items sold ranging in price between 25 cents and 10 dollars!

Organizations receiving gifts were Christmas Angel, Military Family Fund, Lollipop Junction, CASA, Imagination Station, Stratford Cemetery Association, Depot Museum, and SCOT. Stratford Volunteer Fire Department, EMT, and Baptist Food Ministry also received gifts.

The Thrift Store makes Stratford a better community because of:

- Betty Chamberlain answering God's call to help those less fortunate
- Volunteers who manage the store
- Individuals and companies who support the store with their donations and purchases
- Profits support numerous non-profit organizations or service groups to fulfill their mission of improving Stratford's quality of life
- \$76,205.00 has been given back to Stratford since 2013

A heartfelt Thank you to everyone who makes this project successful. The Thrift Store wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and God's Blessings for a prosperous 2018.



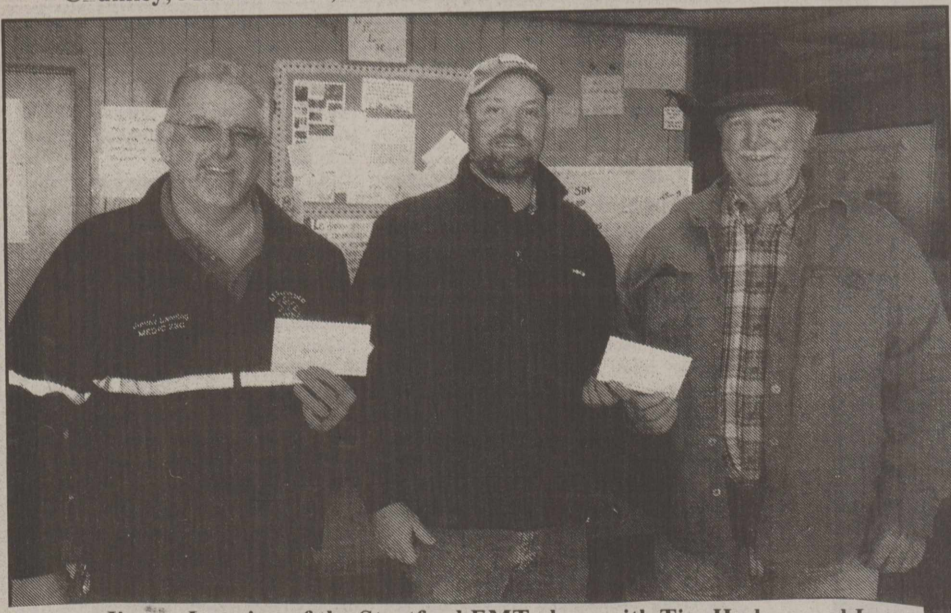
Childcare Center to receive their gift from the Thrift Store were Erika Duran Gonzales, Korelev Whittington, Tracy Hicks, Macy Begley, and Randy Hooks.



Stratford Volunteer Fire Department successfully prevented a major fire Saturday and celebrated with a gift from the Thrift Store.



SCOT Board Members proudly accept their gift from the Thrift Store at their annual Harvest Luncheon. Margaret Reed, Linda Spurlock, Ann Johnson, Lura Zimmerman, Sonja Ragsdale, Barbara Chumley, Martha Mitts, and Terri Beth Carter were present for this presentation.



Jimmy Lanning of the Stratford EMT along with Tim Hudson and Lynn Allen representing the Military Family Fund were two of eleven groups receiving gifts from the Thrift Store.



Kay Mires, Martha Ellison, Danna Hess, Amber Keiper of the Baptist Food Ministry was presented a donation from the Thrift Store represented by Doreen Harrison.



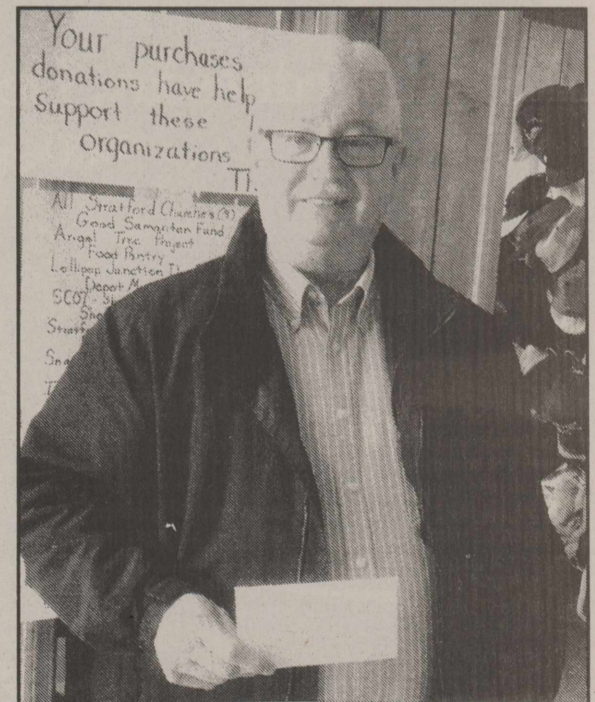
Laurie Spurlock representing the Imagination Station and Shelly Gonzalez a customer of the Thrift Store celebrated the store's mission of helping individuals and Stratford civic groups last week.



ViAnn Reed accepted a gift on behalf of CASA from Dorene Harrison, one of the many volunteers who staff the Thrift Store.



Dorene Harrison presented Karen Perrin of the Depot Museum a gift from the Thrift Store.



The Thrift Store presented a gift to the Stratford Cemetery Association represented by Wayne Smith.



Sonja Ragsdale, Barbara Chumley, and Linda Spurlock Thrift Store volunteers proudly share with a gift with Stratford Christmas Angel coordinator, Angela Harbour.

What's Happening- In Stratford

Deadlines for Christmas ads and Santa Letters to be printed in the Christmas Edition of The Stratford Star is Thursday, December 7th, 2017. Thank you!!!

Soup Supper 6-8 p.m. on November 29th (in conjunction with the Christmas Parade) \$5) Person

Breakfast with Santa-December 9th @ 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance from Stratford Grain starting November 20th

Dear Santa Claus Letters Deadline is Thursday, December 7, 2017. No letters will be printed in Santa Edition if after 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th.

Stratford Star Christmas Edition is Thursday, December 21, 2017. No Stratford Star paper on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

Project Christmas Card deadline is Thursday, Friday, December 8th, 2017.

Good Luck Elks Beat Panhandle

SCOT Monthly Activities

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

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes
Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
(covered dish Luncheon)

PLANNING AHEAD

HELPFUL HINTS FROM EXPERTS

Five Steps To Plan For Dealing With Diminished Capacity And Illness

(NAPS)—Aging can change many things in a person's life, including the ability to manage one's own money. That sobering reality is behind the creation of a new resource, "Planning for Diminished Capacity and Illness," issued by the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). These organizations offer this key tip for how to prepare for your financial future: Hope for the best but plan for the worst.

The Problem

"Diminished financial capacity" generally refers to a decline in a person's ability to manage assets to serve his or her best interests. When people of any age lose the capability to manage their finances, they may also become more vulnerable to investment fraud and other forms of financial abuse.

What You Can Do

These five steps can help you prepare. **Step 1:** Organize your important financial documents. Store them in a safe, easily accessible location. Give copies to trusted loved ones or let them know where to find them. When it comes to bank and brokerage statements and account information, make a list of your accounts with account numbers. Keep a separate list of online bank and brokerage passwords and PINs, and keep both lists in a safe place. List the locations of your safe-deposit boxes and their keys. Keep your mortgage and credit information, insurance policies, retirement benefits and Social Security information easily accessible.

Step 2: If you work with a financial professional, give that person emergency contact information in case he or she can't reach you or suspects something is wrong. Discuss what you would consider to be an emergency and specify when your financial professional may contact someone on your behalf.

Step 3: Consider creating a durable financial power of attorney. A financial power of attorney gives someone the legal authority to make financial decisions for you if you cannot. That person is called your agent. A financial power of attorney differs from a health care power of attorney, which covers only health care decisions.

After signing a durable financial power of attorney, you can still manage



your money and property as long as you have the ability to make decisions. Since you're essentially giving financial decision-making authority to your agent, it's critical he or she be someone you trust.

Step 4: Keep things up to date. If something changes (for example, you open a new account), keep your information as current as possible. Your trusted contact may also change over time. Keep your financial professionals informed of changes regarding who has authority to review your account or whom they should contact in an emergency.

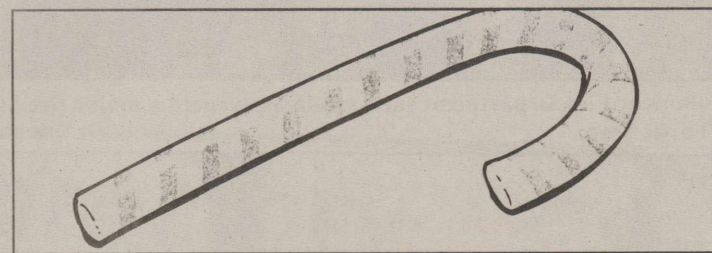
Step 5: Speak up if something goes wrong. If you ever think someone is taking advantage of you or that you've been the victim of a fraud, speak up. Sadly, sometimes even family members, financial professionals and other people they think they can trust commit financial crimes. If this happens to you or your loved one, you're not alone—and the sooner you let someone know about it, the better chance there is of putting an end to it.

Learn More

If you have questions or concerns about issues with brokerage accounts and investments, call the FINRA Securities Helpline for Seniors toll-free at (844) 574-3577. You may submit a formal complaint to FINRA about a financial professional or firm at www.finra.org/complaint or call (301) 590-6500.

If you have an issue with a consumer financial product (such as a mortgage or credit card), submit a complaint to the CFPB. Visit www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint or call (855) 411-2372.

To learn more about how to protect your money, visit the FINRA Foundation's website: www.SaveandInvest.org.



Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided to have the ends bent to depict a shepherd's crook. It wasn't until the 20th century that candy canes got their red stripes.

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Christmas Open House

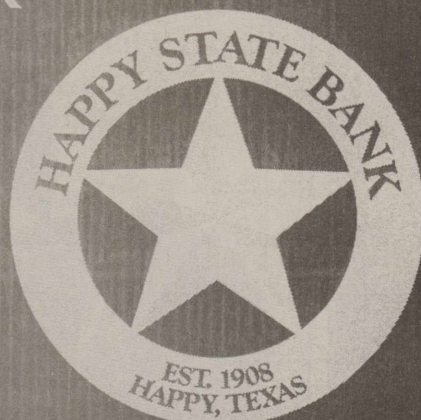
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9:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

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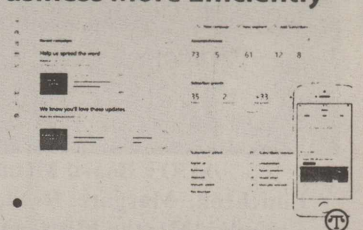
(NAPS)—Big news for many of America's businesses: An easier way to manage your customer relationships and build your business has arrived in a single online solution. Microsoft has introduced four new apps in its Office 365 service that streamline marketing and customer relationships:

- Microsoft Listings: An easy way to publish your business information on top sites such as Facebook, Google, Bing and Yelp. A web dashboard lets you easily monitor ratings and reviews, and when you update your business profile, the changes automatically populate across those top sites.

- Microsoft Bookings: A quick and easy alternative to scheduling appointments by phone. A customizable public webpage lets your customers find available times and book appointments 24/7. You get a private calendar for managing your schedule, with automatic confirmations and reminders.

- Microsoft Connections: A simple-to-use email marketing service that makes it easy to connect with your most loyal customers and find new ones. It lets you create professional-looking email marketing campaigns with pre-designed templates for newsletters, announcements or customer referrals and provides simple ways for people to join your mailing list.

- Microsoft Invoicing: A new way to create professional invoices and get paid fast. It works with PayPal, so you can accept credit and debit cards online while a connector to QuickBooks lets



New apps can make running a business easier, more efficient and perhaps more profitable.

you sync customer and catalog data and transfer invoicing information to your accountant.

To manage it all, there's the Office 365 Business center, a central place to view the health of your business by tracking key business metrics like total outstanding invoices, email subscribers, social engagement, total appointments booked and so on. Because the new business apps are built to work together, a contact in one is automatically recognized in another, so you don't have to input data multiple times. You have full control over who inside your business gets access to which apps and related information.

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To learn more, go to <https://aka.ms/officebizapps>.

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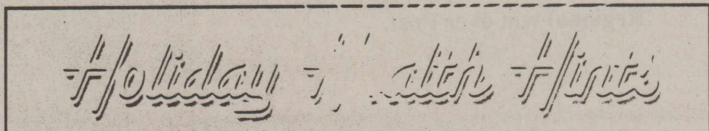


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Have A Deliciously Healthy Holiday Season

(NAPS)—A delicious holiday season can be healthy, too. One key: Find small, simple ways to incorporate more nutritious foods, without losing the flavors you love. Blueberries can help.

"Blueberries are a small, tasty package with big health benefits," advised registered dietitian and spokesperson for the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council Patricia Bannan. "They're sweet, tart and delicious but, at only 80 calories per cup, they make a nutritious addition to a holiday dish or an easy, on-the-go snack. Just rinse and go. Blueberries are also an excellent source of vitamin C, which can give the immune system a boost."

Blueberries are low in sodium with virtually no fat. They're a good source of dietary fiber (3.6 grams per serving), which aids digestion, keep you feeling fuller longer, and help you resist some of those tempting seasonal treats.

Blueberries complement different flavors and cuisines and add depth to sweet and savory dishes alike. For a festive twist, add them to favorite holiday recipes such as this:

Blueberry Ginger Jam-Filled Scones

Makes 16, 3-inch scones

Blueberry Ginger Jam:

- 3/4 cups fresh (or frozen) blueberries
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 3-inch piece fresh ginger (about 2 tablespoons finely grated)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Scones:

- 3/4 cup toasted pecans, ground into flour
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole-grain spelt flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar, plus 1 tablespoon for topping
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup cold low-fat buttermilk
- 1/4 cup cold unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 cup cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 egg, for egg wash

To a medium saucepan, add 2 cups of blueberries and maple syrup and cook over medium-high heat. Grate the ginger into the mixture. Cook for 8 minutes, letting the mixture come to a light boil. Once the fruit has cooked down and the jam has thickened, add the remaining 1 1/2 cups blueberries and stir in the lemon juice. Remove from



Blueberries can add a burst of flavor and a lot of nutrition to your day, during the holidays and at any time.

heat and transfer to a bowl. Chill covered in refrigerator until ready to use.

In a large bowl, whisk the ground pecans, flours, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the buttermilk and applesauce and whisk until smooth. Set aside. Add the cubed butter to the dry mixture. Using your hands, gently rub the butter into the flour until pea-sized pieces form. Pour half of the wet mixture over the dry mixture and gently combine, incorporating more of the wet mixture with the second addition. Pat the dough to quickly flatten and then gather it back into a mound and repeat. After two or three repetitions, the dough should be well formed. Form each scone by packing 4 tablespoons of dough, spoonful by spoonful, to form 16 balls. Transfer to two large plates. Dip the back of a 1-tablespoon measuring spoon in flour and press into each ball to form a well for the jam. Scoop 2 heaping tablespoons of the jam into each well. Freeze the prepared scones for at least two hours before baking to let the pastries set.

Preheat the oven to 375° F and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. For the egg wash, beat an egg with a splash of water in a small bowl and set aside. Remove the scones from the freezer and evenly space them over the sheet pans, at least 2 inches apart. Brush the outer rims of the dough with the egg wash and sprinkle with the remaining tablespoon of sugar. Bake from frozen until cooked and lightly browned, about 30 minutes.

Learn More
Find other great recipes at www.blueberrycouncil.org.

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is to triumph over old age.

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

Those who agree with us may not be right, but we admire their astuteness.

—Cullen Hightower

America's greatest strength, and its greatest weakness, is our belief in second chances, our belief that we can always start over, that things can be made better.

—Anthony Walton

Americans will put up with anything provided it doesn't block traffic.

—Dan Rather

The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

COUNCIL MINUTES November 1, 2017

Stratford City Council met in regular session with Mayor Reed presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Greg Wright, Kyle Sandvig, Ann Johnson
 Absent Council: None
 City Manager: Tommy Bogart
 City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
 Police Chief: Randy Hooks
 Public Works Supv: David Tollison

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 am and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Minutes from regular meeting on September 26, 2017
- b. Budget Amendments
- c. Accounts Payable for September 2017
- d. Financial Statements for September 2017
 - o Ann Johnson motioned to approve as presented, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council Business

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING** on the adoption of the Sherman County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - o Public hearing opened at 6:33 am. CM Tommy Bogart explained at the adoption of the plan allows for requests of federal funds in the event of a disaster. The public hearing closed at 6:36 am.
- b. Discuss and consider action re: **RESOLUTION NO. 11-01-2017R** adopting the 2017 updated Sherman County Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - o Joe Zak motioned to approve, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Discuss and consider action re: Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing
 - o The City Attorney is reviewing for correct verbiage. Ann Johnson motioned to table, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Discuss and consider action re: Policy for body worn cameras
 - o This will be added to the police department policy and procedures policy. Ann Johnson motioned to present, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring for position of Public Works
 - o Council convened into executive session at 6:41 pm.
- f. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - o Council reconvened into open session at 7:06 pm. Joe Zak motioned to approve the hiring of Tracie Bogart for the Recycle Department, Ann Johnson seconded, Greg Wright opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.
- g. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, dismissal or hiring re: Chief Randy Hooks
 - o Chief Hooks that the executive session is not necessary. The City of Texline doesn't have a chief. Randy was offering to assist them on his own time and use his personal vehicle.
- h. Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - o Council did not convene into executive session. No motions were made.
- i. Discuss and consider action re: grazing the Price Land
 - o Joe Zak motioned to deny any requests for grazing, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

City Manager Report

- Building permit has been updated
- Well #1 went down. City will invest in new equipment for Well #1 instead of Well #3 due to the unexpected failure of Well #1. City is considering legal action against Xcel Energy for their claim denial.
- Staff reports from the Police Department and Public Works Department.
- Roll-offs expense is down in cost considerably
- Will look at scheduling sealcoating

Citizen Comment Period

- Kathy Allen reported that she has been in contact with the property owner of the DQ building, who is not the same person as the DQ franchise owner. She will be meeting with the property owner and his lawyers next week.

Items from the Council

- Ann Johnson commented concerning possible winter repairs for Fulton, Pearl and Spruce streets.

Adjourn

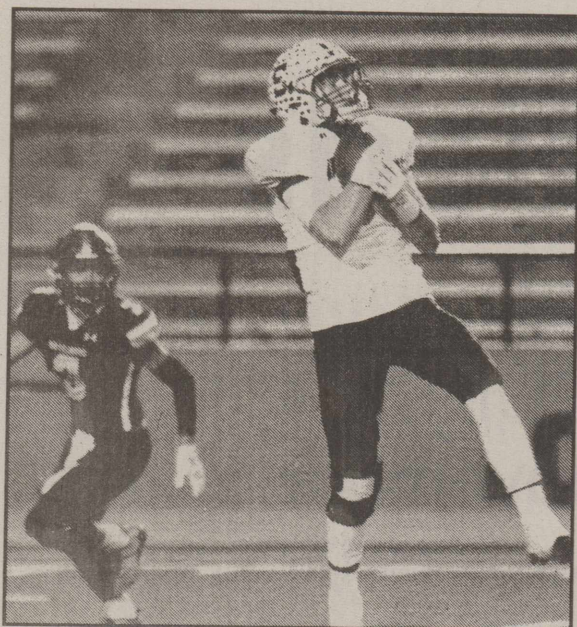
- Ann Johnson motioned to adjourn at 7:19 am, Greg Wright seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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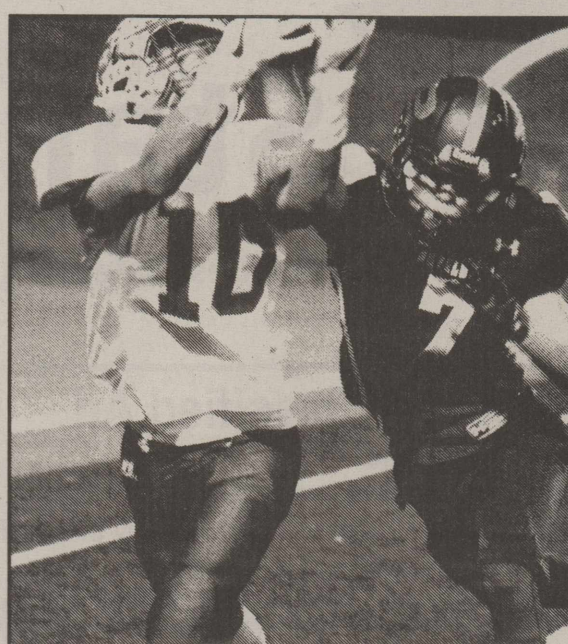
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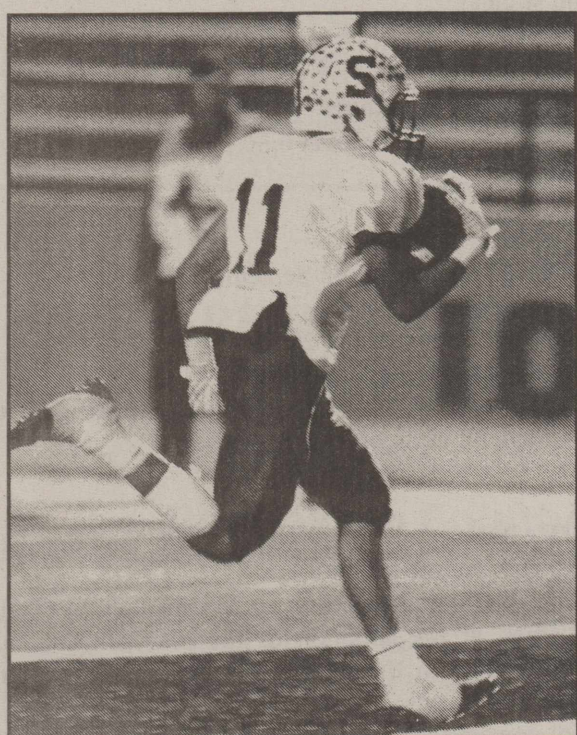
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Stratford Elk #35 Colten Lanning catches a long pass from McBryde to set the Elks up for a touchdown.

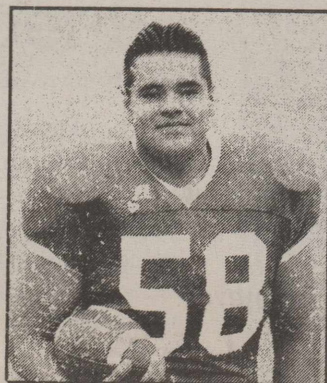


Sergio Guerrero #10 for the Elks catches the 2 point conversion pass from McBryde in the Elks Regional win over Post.

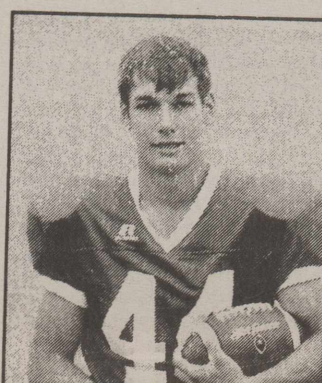


Stratford Elk #11 Iuden Romero scores on the run in the Elks 48-12 Regional win over Post.

Players of the Week
 Offensive Line- Carlos Gonzalez
 Offensive Back- Bronc Hodges
 Defensive line- Pedro Ortega
 Defensive Back- Daniel DeCasas & Shay Hess
 Special teams – Noah Harris
 Scout – Alberto Guerrero



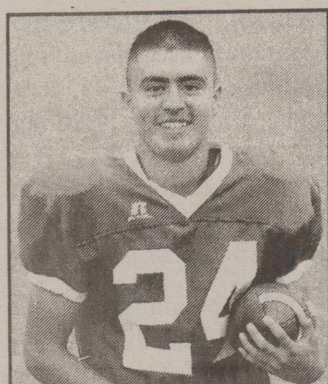
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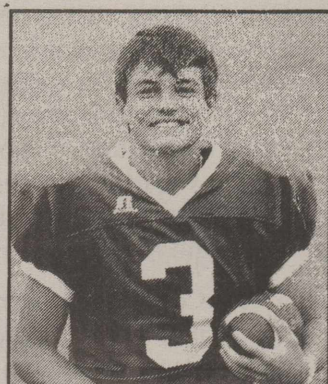
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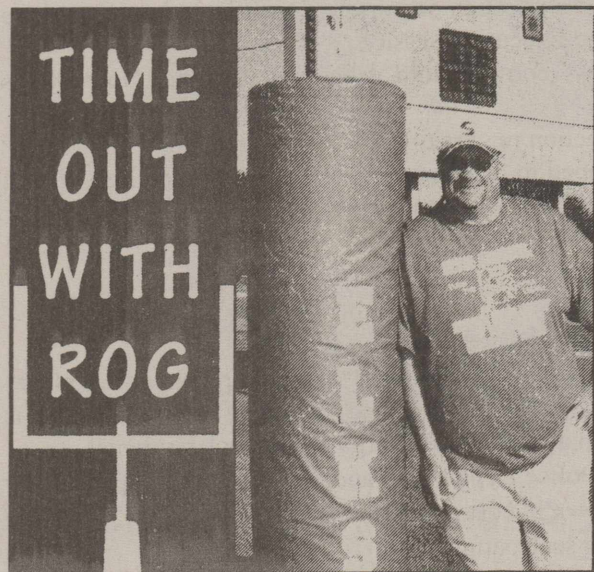
Albert Guerrero

Last week's challenge won by Roger Allen
Challenge

- Skyler Walden, Stratford
 Graduate of 2002
 Panhandle vs Stratford
 Crawford vs Mart
 Clarendon vs Wellington
 Albany vs Muenster
 Childress vs Canadian
 Bushland vs Graham
 Happy vs Border County
 Valley vs Balmorhea
 Detroit vs Tampa Bay
 Oakland vs Kansas City
 Green Bay vs Cleveland
 Dallas vs NY Giants
 New Orleans vs Atlanta
 San Francisco vs Houston
 Chicago vs Cincinnati
 Tie Breaker Navy 31 Army 24

Good Luck Elks

- Roger Allen Class of 1981
 Panhandle vs Stratford
 Crawford vs Mart
 Clarendon vs Wellington
 Albany vs Muenster
 Childress vs Canadian
 Bushland vs Graham
 Happy vs Border County
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Time Out with Rog!

One year ago at this time, we had a bad taste in our mouth, but the polarity has been reversed! In the regional round of the state playoffs the Stratford Elks made a statement bigger than the U. S. Debt, 48-12!!!! This game was so far the Stratford Elks most complete game. Even though the Elks punted for the first time in a long time, we also blocked one which washes both out. We used 8 running backs and around here we call the shift work. We have our own Allsup crew! Jimmy Hoffa would be proud. Our air arsenal was more crisp and efficient than North Korea, take that Kim Jong Un. It was such a professional win even Bill Snyder attended the game, oh wait never mind, my staff just informed me it was Kenton Kimball. Now it's time for Panhandle!!! This week in the State Quarterfinals we play a district foe that will be out for revenge. The last meeting with the Panthers was a hard fought overtime win for the Elks and this field reporter blew out his knee in the stands. People there isn't many times you get to watch a State Quarterfinals game 34 miles away from your couch. Get off your couch go to El Rancho eat, then go the game. C'mon Man! Our Lady Elks with a 7-3 record playing against teams the size of Delaware will be there with their propane bottles full of rocks and ball bearings. Let's all pray for our President and our country. Once an Elk always an Elk.

Roger Malon Allen-Class of 1981

P.S. Noah has a size 16 foot
 P.S.S. Trivia Question 3A: What was the score the last time the Elks and Panthers met in Dumas during the playoffs? Answer to follow.
 P.S.S.S. Shay has a size 8 foot; two of Shay's feet equals one of Noah's.
 P.S.S.S.S. Answer to trivia Question 3A: 60-14 Elks
 P.S.S.S.S.S. Dilly Dilly !!!!