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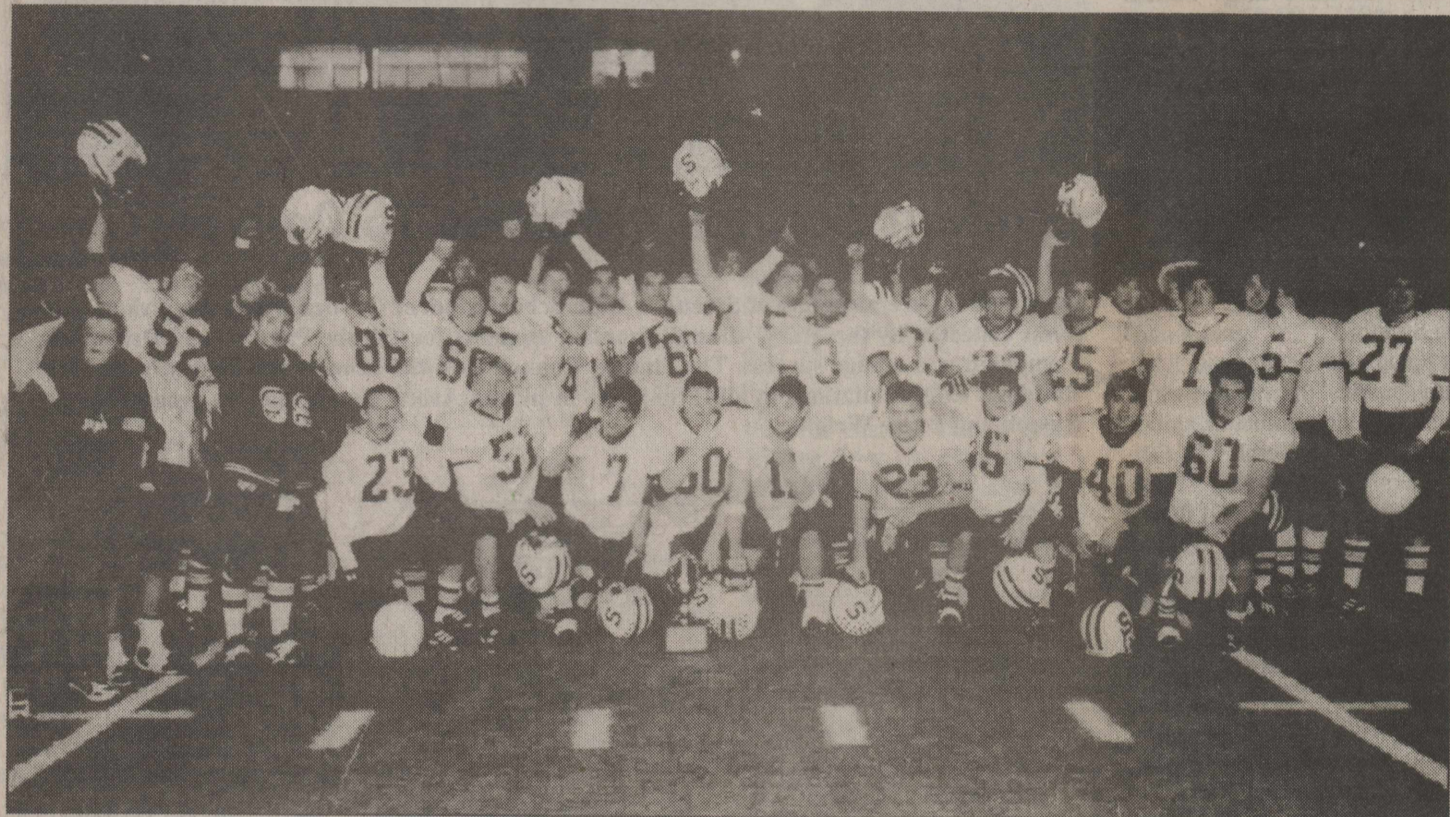
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CLASS 1A REGIONAL CHAMPS

Stratford Elks beat the McCamey Badgers 34-7 to capture the Class 1A Regional Championship on Friday, November 26, 2004 in Lubbock, TX at Lowrey Field. The Elks will now face the Sunray Bobcats on Friday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium for the Class 1A State Quarterfinals. CONGRATULATIONS ELKS AND LETS GET A BOBCAT!!!

Good Luck Elks



Superintendent, Jim Taliaferro, joins with XIT Wireless Board President, James Spurlock, and students from Stratford High School in celebration of the school's participation in the XIT Wireless School Rebate Program. Funds collected on behalf of XIT Wireless customers, who have selected Stratford school as their school of choice, will be donated to the Stratford ISD Education Foundation, Inc. as requested by school officials.

XIT Wireless Kicks off School Rebate Program...

XIT Wireless is proud to announce the rollout of its School Rebate Program. This program is in support of all the schools in XIT Wireless' 6-County Home Service Area. It is a means for XIT Wireless customers to earn cash for the school of their choice and raise funds for those special school projects that might not otherwise be covered by the School's budget. There is no charge to the participating school and no additional charge to the customer. XIT Wireless will pay a percentage of each participating customer's monthly wireless plan charge to the school of his or her choice. Current XIT customers, as well as new customers, may participate in the School Rebate Program as long as they are active XIT Wireless customers who are subscribed to a qualified rate plan. The participating schools will receive a cash rebate check quarterly from XIT Wireless for all XIT Customers who have selected the school by signing the membership form and identifying the school of choice.

To date, thirty-seven schools in XIT's wireless service area have agreed to participate in the School Rebate Program. XIT has provided the schools with sign-up forms. These forms are being sent home with students from each of the schools. Forms are also available at each of XIT Wireless' Customer Care Centers in Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas and Hereford. Completed forms may be returned to the school or directly to your local XIT Customer Care Center. XIT Wireless will review and go through an approval process on each form to ensure that the customer is signed up on a qualified rate plan. Once this occurs, the participating customer's account will be input to the billing system in order for proper credit to be assigned for the selected school.

XIT Wireless, formerly XIT Cellular, has been providing wireless service to the residents in its licensed six-county service area since June of 1990. In the near future, XIT will be rolling out its new GSM technology and will be covering its 6-county service area with 30 towers. GSM is a wireless technology that allows delivery of high quality digital voice services, and 'always on' high capacity data services.

Join XIT Wireless today in supporting our local schools through the XIT School Rebate Program.

Sherman County 3rd Annual Agriculture Conference

Sherman County Agriculture/IPM Committee will be hosting their 3rd Annual Agriculture Conference on December 6, 2004 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. Registration and booth exhibits will begin at 8:30 a.m. The conference speakers will cover issues affecting local agriculture, producers in crops, livestock, wildlife management, economics, and IPM. Three CEU's will be offered for Pesticide applicators in Drift Minimization, Laws and Regulations, and General for one hour each. Local businesses are sponsoring a free BBQ lunch. For more information, please contact Leslie Neve, Sherman County CEA-Ag at (806) 366-3764.

Harvest Lunch To Be Held

Harvest Lunch to be held at Scot Hall on Saturday, December 4th, 2004 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Scot Hall is located at 513 E. Third Street in Stratford. This is being hosted by Sherman County Older Texans (Some of the best cooks in Texas).

This is open to all and Hunters welcome. There will be a free will donation.

The meal will consist of pork, chops, beans, cole slaw and dessert.

Christmas Parade Wed. Dec. 1-6:00 p.m. Main Street

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Christmas Parade down Main Street on Wednesday, December 1. The Parade will gather between 7th and 8th on Main Street at 5:30 p.m. to proceed down Main Street at 6:00 p.m. to the Museum. Santa will be on the Fire Truck and will be returned to the Chamber office for visits. Everyone is invited to participate in the parade with a float or car with music of "The Sounds of Christmas".

Santa Visits at the Chamber of Commerce Office
Children's Make & Take Ornaments (free) Imagination Station after the parade.
Open House at the MUSEUM serving Wassail
Imagination Station Stew & Corn Bread \$5.00 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Imagination Station Christmas Stew & Cornbread, Wednesday, December 1 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Rain, Snow or Shine. Stew, Cornbread, dessert and drink. \$5.00 Italian Exhibit on display

Donation to Angel Tree Fund to be Given by Stratford Big Blue Band

The Stratford High School Band has announced that the profit generated from the basketball concession stand when SHS plays Channing on December 7, 2004 will be donated to the Angel Tree Project at the First State Bank of Stratford. Band director Randy Hunsaker said the students of the band want to give back to the community during the holidays and this seemed to be a good way to do it. Mary Cross, vice president and bank manager of First State Bank of Stratford, said that this is another great example of people in Stratford working for the good of the entire community. She also stated that she is proud of the band for their efforts to help those less fortunate. So come on out to the gym on December 7, enjoy a Band Burger, support Angel Tree, and enjoy some good basketball.

Coldwater Manor Friends to Meet

Coldwater Manor Friends will meet on Monday, December 6, 2004 at Coldwater Manor at 10 a.m.

Christmas Parade December 1st

Stratford Main Street will be filled with the "Sounds of Christmas" Wednesday, December 1, Christmas Parade. Floats and Cars with Lights and Christmas Music are encouraged to gather between 7th and 8th Main Street for the beginning of the Holiday Season. Santa will be riding the Fire Truck and will be at the Chamber of Commerce Office after the parade for visits.

Annual Meeting to Highlight Assisted Living Facility

"Assisted Living Facility for the Elderly" will be addressed by Shannon Taliaferro, President, Stratford Hospital District and Lorie Vincent, Executive Director of the High Grounds of Texas. The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 7 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford at 11:45 a.m.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2004 year will be highlighted. Volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also. In addition, those in attendance will receive a sneak peek of educational programs planned for 2005. All interested residents are invited to attend this informative meeting. Lunch will be served for a free will donation. Residents who are interested in attending are asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 by December 6th so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Pheasant Hunters Breakfast Dec. 4th

The Stratford Lions Club Annual Pheasant Hunters breakfast will be Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 6 a.m. at Sherman County Barn. \$5.00. See you there.

Imagination Station Stew & Cornbread Supper Dec. 1

Imagination Station Stew and Cornbread supper Wednesday, December 1 5:00-7:00 p.m. Christmas Parade Day,

Project Christmas Card

Don't forget "Project Christmas Card" sponsored by the Prospectus Study Club. Donations are to be brought to the **SHERMAN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**. Donors will have their Christmas greetings published in the December 22nd edition of the Stratford Star and names will also be added to a large card displayed in the entryway of the library. For more information please contact Sandy at the library, 366-2200.

Santa Claus on Display at Museum

Mr. Santa Claus has arrived at the Sherman County Depot Museum. He is the featured attraction for the coming Christmas Season. In fact, there are many in our display.

They are large and small, many from different countries, hand-made, and commercial. Plan to make the Museum a part of your December 1st activities. Open House will begin at 5:30 p.m. in connection with the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. Refreshments will be served.

Good Luck Elks

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

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

Obits



Inez L. Britten
1922-2004

Inez L. Britten, 82, of Stratford, died Monday, November 22, 2004 in Amarillo. Prayer Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 26, 2004 at Boxwell Brothers at Stratford, 311 N. Main. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27th at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Groom with Rev. Johnson Vadakumchery, pastor at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

Inez was born on September 11, 1922 in Maysville, OK to Mabel Clara and Aubrey Lonzo Ford. She married Wilford Mat Britten on March 4, 1943 in Borger, Texas. They lived in Groom, Electric City, and Kerrick, Texas before moving to Stratford in 1963. She worked at the Elk Pharmacy, the Ranger Motel and the Stratford Schools cafeteria system before retiring in 1986. Since retirement she's crocheted many Afghans, and thoroughly enjoyed her family and friends activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1979, a baby son, Aubrey Carl in 1944 and a granddaughter, Belinda Britten in 2001.

Inez and long time friend, Betty Henry decorated many seasonal cookies and many wedding and all occasional cakes. The last cake she made was a wedding cake for her granddaughter, Paula in 2001.

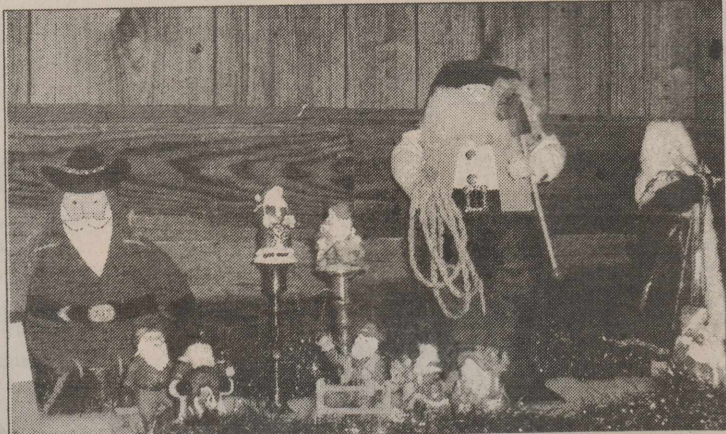
She is survived by two sons, James Robert Britten and his wife Carolyn of Amarillo, TX and Charles Edward Britten and his wife Janetta of Alto, NM; one brother, Pete Ford of Fritch; one sister, Helen Beulher of

Sandy, UT; three grandchildren, Richard Britten and Danyal Jones, both of Amarillo, and Paula Cummings of Hereford, one great grandson, Xavier Jones of Amarillo; and many nieces.

Viewing was held from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 26, 2004 and from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Boxwell Brothers at Stratford.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to Olivia Angels in care of BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Beat Sunray



Depot Museum Santa Exhibit

Our Santa Claus exhibit this year was made possible by many friends of the Depot Museum. Steve Pemberton brought in the life size sculptured Santas, and Stephanie Helton loaned us a beautiful stained glass Santa. We have Santas from around the world loaned by Gaynelle Oakley and Gaynelle Riffe. Kristyn Altman Gonzales from Amarillo loaned us a sampling of her extensive collection of unique Santas. We have large Santas from Shirley Plunk, Pat Hartman and Teresa Wells. We have ethnic Santas from Lynda Hauser, Dorothy Haile, Oline Caraway, Millie Hacker and Helen Taylor. We have antique Santas from Marty Bain and Marcelle Sutton, and we have animated Santas from Pat Johnson and Ann Wells.

We will have Open House Wed. Dec. 1 in conjunction with the Christmas Parade starting at 5:30 p.m. Please come by to see our Santa Exhibit and have some Hot Coffee or Wassail.

Dear Readers,

Sherman County Crimestoppers

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with five felony crimes. In the early morning hours on Wednesday, November 17th five churches in Stratford were burglarized. The Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, and Methodist Churches were all victims.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept. at 366-3051.

The Stratford 3rd, 6th grades and Texhoma-Girl Scouts and ESL tours made the two years gathering the Italian Exhibit worthwhile. Several SCOT members came after their Thanksgiving Dinner and those attending the Exhibit Dinner appreciated. Ineta Chesher entertained the dinner guests with Italian Music played on her Italian Accordion and that was special. Tour Guides helping with the exhibit were Laurie Spurlock, Mary Beth Spurlock Tallent, Ann Wells, Kathy Altman, Barbara Chumley, Marsha Wright, Jeanne Bell. Talented George Harding helped with the set up and fashioned the Matterhorn. What will be the next Exhibit? The Week of the Young Child in April for sure.

The Computer Lab has been open in October and November on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and only one person has used the facility so-the Lab will be closed until January unless there is a need. It is available for special classes call Gayle Harding 366-2206 or Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303.

I still think the Imagination Station is a good idea and I appreciate those who are supporting it with their time, interest and financial support.

Gaynelle Riffe

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Student Council Prepares To Deliver

Shown above are members of Stratford High School Student Council filling the pickup with items collected by the Mary Allen Elementary students for Fill the Pantry Food Drive. The Campaign was a huge success. The Student Council took the items to the Pantry in the XIT Building. Congratulations to all!!! Standing in pickup Asbell Gomez and on ground Rustin Russell and Bryce Wright.

Speech Team Travels To Canyon

The Stratford High School Speech team traveled to Canyon to the Guy Yates Invitational Speech Tournament. There were 34 teams at this meet. Most of the teams were from 5! And 4! Schools. Jordan Taylor placed 1st in Novice Debate. The other team members were Heather Robertson-Prose Impromptu; Rocio Molina-Prose; Jordan Taylor-Debate; Staci Hays-Poetry, Impromptu. Novice Extemp; Yessenia Jaques-Duet Acting; Raquel Henderson-Duet Activity; Evan Haile-Prose, Poetry; Ashley Duschl-Novice Extemp. Impromptu; Ryan Pendergras Novice Extemp, Impromptu; Tenda Maivald-Novice Extemp. Impromptu; Shiloh Dickenson-Poetry.

The team did a great job and are getting ready for the next tournament in January.

Go Elks Beat Sunray

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News**
By Marylou
McDaniel

There will be a Christmas Luncheon Sunday, Dec. 19th 1 p.m. Annette and Minnie Hampton will fix stew, chili, chicken & dumplings. Bring something to go along with that.

Then on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m. Santa is to arrive. Children and adults are invited to participate in the program.

Thanksgiving guests with Marylou McDaniel were Duane & Thelma Smith, Dumas, Patti McDaniel, Denver, and Mike McDaniel. Friday, all but Duane went to Lubbock to attend the football game and see Thelma's son Scott and family, Patti, Mike Marylou and Cliff Abbott went to the game.

Secret Pals are to have their party at the Chicken House on Dec. 9. R.S.V.P. Marylou by noon Dec. 6. Pals may bring guests.

Heath, Kenna & Dempsey Collums, Peggy & Chandra Hawkins, Brandi and Lara Wells, Yolanda Aguilar were gone a week to Houston, Mississippi for Thanksgiving. They went to Memphis to see the Elvis Presley home and museum. Also the home of author John Grisham.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner together at Virgie Mathews' were Mary and Dudley Hill, Geneva & Joyce Wells, Dr. Gary Matthew's & Marjory Munden.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover hosted Thanksgiving dinner for Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rese Schoonover, Mike, Shelby, Hunter & Noah Schoonover of Folsom, NM, Keith, Marsha, Brandon Holingshead of Guymon.

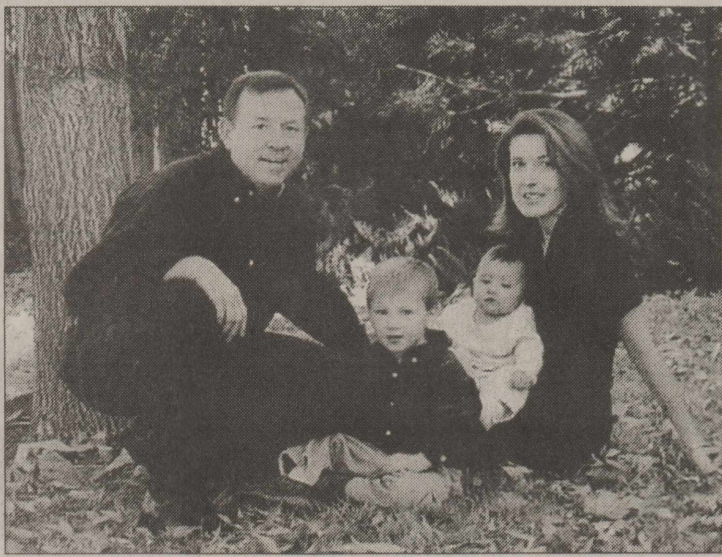
Kaiden & Kylee Gillenwaters spent Thanksgiving holiday with their grandparents Bill and Donna.

**New York Best Sellers
At the Sherman County
Public Library**

1. The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
2. London Bridges by James Patterson
3. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
5. Hour Game by David Baldacci
6. Metrol Girl by Janet Evanovich
8. The Christmas Thief by Mary Higgins Clark
9. Echoes by Danielle Steel
12. A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg
16. The Dark Tower by Stephen King
18. Northern Lights by Nora Roberts
19. Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke

**Good Luck
Elks**

**Beat
Sunray**



New Addition!!!!

Ron, Eileen and Benjamin Pulliam are blessed to announce a new addition to their family, MacKinzie LaRae Pulliam. MacKinzie was born on March 7, 2004 and her adoption by Rob and Eileen was finalized on Saturday, November 20th in Albuquerque as part of New Mexico's recognition of National Adoption Day. Please welcome MacKinzie to her new Mom, Dad and brother, as well as her PaPa and NaNa Pulliam, Uncle Jock, Other PaPa (JO), and all her new extended family.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Dec. 2-12 "Arsenic and Old Lace (Comedy)"
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9891
- Dec. 3,4,9-12 "The Boys Next Door" 7:30 12-3:00
Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
- Dec. 3-5 "Nuns crackers"
10-12 Guymon Community Theatre
- Dec. 4 Renaissance Holiday Feast 6:30 p.m.
West Texas A&M U. Dining Hall 651-2394
- Dec. 9 Trans-Siberian Orchestra 7:30 p.m.
Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096
- Dec. 10-11-12 "Nutcracker" Lone Star Ballet
Amarillo Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 11 "Sounds of the Season" Dinner Theatre
Dalhart LaRita Theatre 244-5646

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

First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
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Emotional Involvement With God

An article in one of our local papers told about a fellow who wrote his master's thesis on the stress experienced by teenage athletes. This school psychologist concluded that teenage athletics is a religion. It's true! The passion for the game! The cheerleaders stirring the crowd to an emotional frenzy! As the clock ticks down the final seconds, the two teams go into overtime! We rarely criticize such emotional involvement except when there is emotion with God! After all we don't want to be radical! Getting excited about basketball is only natural. But why get all excited about God? Why get emotionally involved with Jesus Christ? The point is this: If you are going to participate in a religion, you had better get involved in true religion rather than false religion. Now basketball is not innately evil. It is a game. Basketball is not a god nor are basketball games religious services. But to treat them as such is to engage in false worship. Better that you should engage in true worship of the God of the Bible! Better that you should become emotionally involved with Jesus Christ. The First of the Ten Commandments says, "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). False worship is sin. Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for sin due to people like you and me. When you turn from false worship, you must turn to Christ. When you turn to Christ, you must trust in the sacrifice of Christ as the only payment for your sins of false worship. Quite frankly, you must become emotionally involved with Christ. You see, true faith is a matter of heart. It involves your mind, your will and your emotions.

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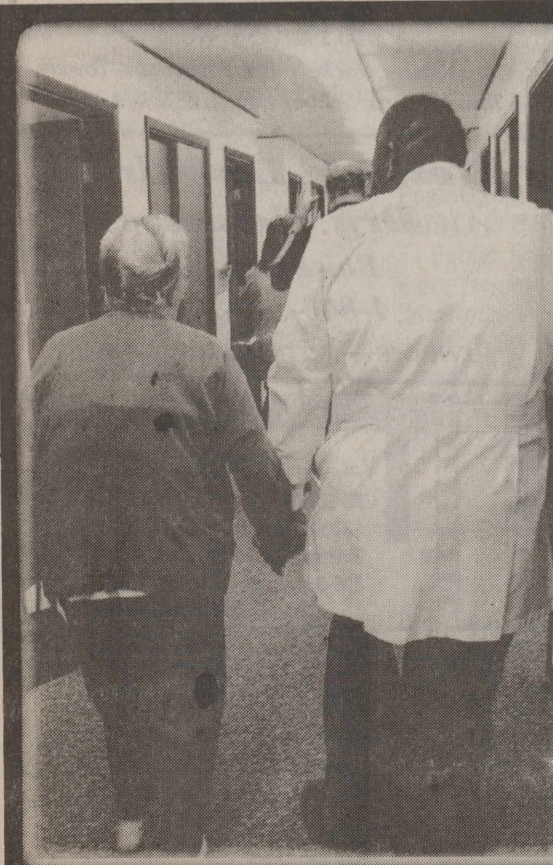
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UIL Results

Stratford Mary Allen Elementary UIL 2004-2005

2nd Grade Ready Writing, Coach Laurie Gilliland Tyler Rouse, Bethany Everett; Desinya Garza alt. Madison Mungia.

2nd Grade Storytelling-Daina Rouse, coach Tyler Rouse Landry Davis 5th place Joseph Templeton and alt. Taylor Wright.

3rd Grade Ready Writing-coach Tina Duke 1st place Brooklyn Palmer 2nd place Emily York and 4th place Mary Ann Spurlock Alt. Mazie Vincent.

3rd Grade Storytelling-Judy Drake team consisted of Elena Rueda, Kathy Brooks, Madeline Drake and Ben Gilliland

3rd Grade Spelling-coach Yvonne Pittman-2nd place Mary Ann Spurlock and

participating Mazie Vincent and Brooklyn Palmer. Alt. Ben Gilliland

4th Grade Spelling-coach Susan Wheeler 2nd place M'Lynn Wells- 6th place Zachary Farney Participating Haydee Rojas and alt. Karen Lozoya

4th Grade Creative Writing-Coach Ronda Mathews-1st place Grayson Gonzalez, participating Alex Asher, Haydee Rojas and Alt. Zachary Farney.

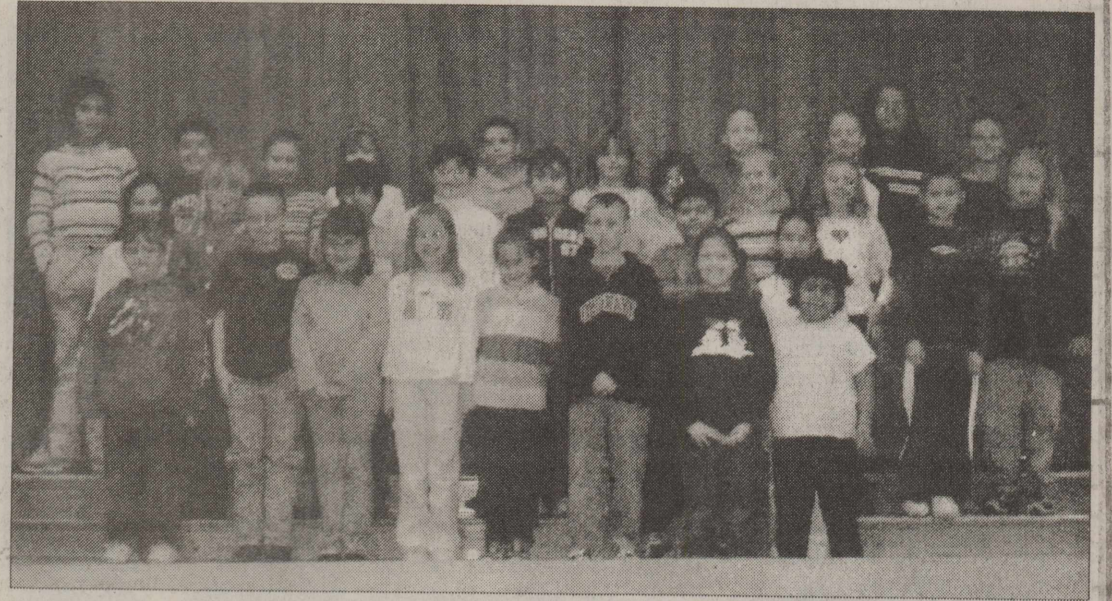
4th Grade Number Sense-coach Desine Garza Participating Haydee Rojas, Elizabeth Reyes, Zachary Farney and Alt. Itzel Salcido.

4th Grade Oral Reading-Kaci McBryde 4th place Christian Confer, 5th place M'Lynn Wells also Kaylee Mungia and Alt. Haydee Rojas.

4th Grade Art Team Stacy Metcalf-1st place team consisted of Tera Harris, M'Lynn Wells, Meghan Brooks and Alex Asher.

4th Grade Music Memory Team Belinda Hamilton won 1st place team consisted of Grayson Gonzalez, Meghan Brooks, Alex Asher, Tera Harris, Haydee Rojas and Alt. Ethan Shields

3rd Grade Music Memory Team belinda Hamilton won 4th place team consisted of Kathy Brooks, Carlos Trejo, Victor Castro, Sterling Audrain, Marisela Tapia. Alt. Ricky Garay.



2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade UIL

Stratford Elementary 1st in UIL

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5th & 6th Grade UIL



7th & 8th Grade UIL

Junior High 2004 UIL Results

5th Dictionary Skills
3rd- Mark Hand
5th Perla Reta

6th Dictionary Skills
1st- Tiffany Hughes

7th Dictionary Skills
3rd-Anthony Ruiz

8th Dictionary Skills
3rd-Deborah Molina
5th-Sinead Everett

5th Listening
1st-Haden Long
1st-Chance Walker

6th Listening
1st-Tiffany Hughes
4th-Matthew Chaffee

7th Listening
2nd-Janeth Reyes
3rd-Elias Terrazas

8th Listening
5th-Kaleb Horsford

5th Maps, Graphs & Charts
2nd-Mark Hand
2nd-Ransom Lermom
2nd-Chance Walker

6th Maps, Graphs & Charts
1st-Tiffany Hughes
3rd-Chris Hart

7th Maps, Graphs & Charts
4th-Anthony Ruiz
6th-Janeth Reyes

8th Maps, Graphs & Charts
1st-Brooke Barnard
3rd-Deborah Molina
4th-Clayton Johnson

5th Number Sense
4th-Perla Reta
5th-Ransom Lermom

6th Number Sense
1st-Kyle Horsford
3rd-Chris Hart

7th Number Sense
2nd-Eric Burton
3rd-Sunny Russell

8th Number Sense
1st-Brooke Barnard
3rd-Becky Rosales
5th-Margarita Rocha

5th Ready Writing
3rd-Marcos Garza

6th Ready Writing
4th-Heidi Brooks

8th Ready Writing
4th-Jennie Spurlock

6th Spelling
2nd-Tyler Wright
5th-Kimberly Melton

7th Spelling
4th-Sunny Russell
5th-Luke Haile

8th Spelling
1st-Miranda Mayeux
2nd-Deborah Molina

Science I
1st-Luke Haile
3rd-Sunny Russell
6th-Chrystal Thompson

Science II
5th-Sinead Everett

6th Mathematics
1st-Kyle Horsford
5th-Chris Hart

7th Mathematics
2nd-Janeth Reyes
4th-Kelsi Dennis
5th-Luis Mendoza

8th Mathematics
1st-Brooke Barnard
6th-Manuel Chavoya

5th Art
1st-Ransom Lermom
1st-Marcos Garza
1st-Braidon Palmer
1st-Perla Reta

6th Music Memory
4th-Miranda Olivas
4th-Taylor Melton
4th-Heidi Brooks
4th-Maribel Morales
4th-Brianda Chavoya

6th Oral Reading
5th-Lindi Confer

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3rd-Brooke Barnard
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City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday September 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nan McWilliams, Nancy Kimball, Bryan Mungia, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department; Roger Mayfield, Stratford Police Department; Kathy Rendon, Eddie Williams, Stratford Fire Chief; Kim Crippen, Sherman County Judge; and Robbie Elliott.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the August 12th Regular Meeting and the August 18th & 25th Special meetings, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bryan Mungia motioned to accept the resignation of council member Eric Werner, with regrets, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Kim Crippen was present to discuss the Sherman County Library funding. Council agreed to send the annual funding amount of \$1,500 directly to the County instead of the Library Board.

Chad Brazell with Rural Waste Management was not present, tabled until October meeting.

Wesley Spurlock arrived at 6:09 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

A written report for the council was available in the packets for review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

A written report for the council was available in the packets for review.

Discussion took place concerning citations issued. Wesley Spurlock spoke regarding procedures on the children. Further discussion took place.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sean reported on the expenses for the recycling baler repairs.

Sean discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public hearing to be held September 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. The city will be applying for a ground storage tank.

Discussion also took place regarding a vehicle for the police department. Sean will work out the details with the vehicle purchases for the police department.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Wesley Spurlock was present to request a livestock permit for 1105 Beaver Rd.

Discussion took place regarding the permit application. Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the livestock permit, Blake Confer, seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to vote for Glen Metcalf for the TML IEBP Board of Trustees, George Harding seconded, all in favor motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing regarding the 2004-2005 City of Stratford budget began at 7:11 p.m.; Discussion took place regarding the budget. Mayor Brown asked for any public comment and there was none. There being no further discussion public hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the City of Stratford 2004-2005 Budget as follows:

General Fund - \$687,240.00
Utility Fund - \$809,720.00
Cemetery Fund - \$16,113.00

George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 8E regarding the City of Stratford's tax rate, tabled until September 23, 2004 Special meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the rate fees for the City of Stratford. Item tabled

until September 15, 2004 Special meeting.

Items 8G regarding amendment to ordinance 980921 and item 8H regarding amendment to sewer ordinance were tabled until the September 15, 2004 Special meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the State Championship signs. The city will build the signs and the school will be responsible for the lettering and painting of the signs. The city will also erect the signs. Council agreed to let Sean Hardman take care of other details.

Interlocal agreement with the City of Dumas regarding Fire Protection was discussed. Eddie Williams, Fire Chief, was present to discussion his views of the agreement. There were a few clarification issues and Sean will contact the City of Dumas on such issues. No action taken, item tabled until issues can be clarified.

Reinstatement of the Chief of Police title was discussed. Previously this title was taken away due to problems within the department. After further discussion George Harding motioned to reinstate the title/position of Chief of Police, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the resolution regarding the Criminal Justice Grant for a police vehicle, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Item 8M regarding City of Stratford Capitalization Policy for the City of Stratford was tabled until September 15, 2004 Special meeting.

The status of the City Codification process was discussed. The Code should be available sometime in January 2005.

Policy for request of City of Stratford's community development funds was discussed. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the policy with changes, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the City of Stratford's participation in the Panhandle Water Planning Group, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the accounts payable, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the August financial statement, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

George Harding questioned the status on the Purnell street (north) lift station and questioned the bid on the pump house. The north lift station will not be repaired in the current fiscal year and the city will have to obtain another bid on the pump house.

Special meeting dates are September 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. and September 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. with the following council members present: Bryan Mungia, and George Harding.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; Colby Waters, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; and Justin Scarth, Brandt Engineering.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing began at 5:00 p.m. regarding the City of Stratford's submission of TCDP grant. Colby Waters spoke on the project. The City will be applying for a 200,000-gallon capacity ground storage tank.

Mayor Brown arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Nancy Kimball arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Nan McWilliams arrived at 5:22 p.m.

There being no further public comment, public hearing adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the rate fee schedule

for the City of Stratford. The fee schedule will be posted at City Hall. George Harding motioned to approve the rate fees for the City of Stratford, Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the amendment to Ordinance 980921, Water Ordinance. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the amendment in accordance with the new rate fees, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the amendment to the Sewer Ordinance. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the amendment in accordance with the new rate fees, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Interlocal agreement with City of Dumas regarding Fire Protection was tabled until more information can be gathered.

Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the Capitalization Policy for the City of Stratford, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

George Harding was concerned with the inventory for the City. No further discussion.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Nan McWilliams, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; and May Fedric.

CALL TO ORDER

Council discussed building permit application for 311 N. Pearl, Stratford, Texas. May Fedric, applicant, was also present for any discussion. Council stated there had been concerns on the shape of the building to be placed at this location. Mrs. Fedric handed each council member a packet containing information on the building to be placed at 311 N. Pearl. The information also included pricing on painting the building as well, which is to be done prior to movement of the building.

Council questioned the location of the storage building and the legal description.

Brad Williams and Jesse Daniels arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor Brown stated that a previous administrator had set a policy without authorization from the city council, by allowing this storage building to be placed at the residence at 601 S. Fulton.

Pictures of storage buildings in the surrounding area of 311 N. Pearl was passed around to the council, which had been taken by Mrs. Fedric.

Mrs. Fedric stated that the height of the storage building was 8 feet, which is the same height as her fence. Bryan Mungia questioned the set back of the building.

The zoning for 311 N. Pearl is currently 'B' zone.

The question was asked whether the structure in concern was a 'building' or a 'storage container'. There was also concern regarding the size of the structure. Mrs. Fedric stated it was not the same size as a railroad car.

Nancy Kimball stated she felt like Mrs. Fedric was making every effort to make this building presentable, the reason this was brought to the council was there was controversy regarding the placement of the building.

The building is to be painted when the rainy weather slows down. Council would like to table this issued until the building can be painted and further review can be made. Item tabled until October 14, 2004 Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. unless there is to be a special meeting before then.

George Harding motioned to approve the City of Stratford's tax rate at \$.85/\$100 value, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

There was concern on the weeds on South Fulton.

Police Department response time was also discussed.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Nancy Kimball, Blake Confer, and Bryan Mungia.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, Utility Billing Clerk; Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department; Rob Elliott, City Attorney; Chad Brazell, Rural Waste Management; Mike Peters, PRPC; Kathy Allen, SCDC; Cindy Jackson, Municipal Judge; Sandy Williams, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Mae Fedric. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2004 Regular Meeting. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2004 Special Meeting with changes. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

George Harding motioned to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2004 Special Meeting with spelling correction. Bryan Mungia seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Mayor skipped to Item 7B. Discussion took place. Nancy motioned to approve the Resolution submitted for grant funding for a ground storage tank and to appoint Sean Hardman, City Administrator, as the City's Executive Officer. Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor skipped to Item 3A. Chad Brazell with Rural Waste Management was present. He asked for any discussion regarding the trash service. The Mayor had questions concerning tires in the dumpster. Chad stated the City is billed for those. If there is an abundance, the City needs to request a roll-off.

Overall, the current service and routine is good.

Sandy Williams was present to discuss Emergency Management. Discussion took place regarding a class for first responders. She commended George Harding on his attendance of an exercise on radiation.

Kathy Allen was present to discuss the formation of a task force for strategic planning for Sherman County. A Facilitator will hold a meeting in either November or December. Discussion took place. She will submit further information as it becomes available.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Rob Elliot, City Attorney, has reviewed the permit application for 311 N. Pearl. His recommendation is approval of the permit. Mae Fedric stated her appreciation of the police department for their assistance concerning a personal matter.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Judge Cindy Jackson was present to give her report. She is requesting to repeal the Security Fund and replace it with a Technology Fund. An ordinance will be needed for this.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No verbal report was given. Officer Dwayne Dennis submitted his report in writing and was included in Council packets. Discussion took place.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Sean Hardman reports on the tour of

Main Street - good ideas were presented from TXDOT. The first priority is the streets and drainage. The next step will be to meet with Main Street Business owners. The cost of the Main Street project: 80% is to be paid by the grant, 5% grant has been paid by the Sales Tax Board, and the City will be responsible for the remaining 15%. The waste water treatment plan needs immediate repair. J & L Maintenance is checking for a gear box problem. The ponds need to be lined. Discussion took place.

Sean states the Supervisor position in the Utility Department was offered and declined by an employee.

The old Fire Department is being cleaned out for winter storage of some equipment.

Item 7C regarding Capital Improvement Project Fund was tabled.

George Harding nominated Jimmy Chester and Chet Everett for appointment to the Sherman County Appraisal District Board. Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the 2004 Tax Rolls as presented. George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place. Bryan Mungia motioned to approve the Accounts Payable/Bills except for C & D Body Shop. Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Agenda items for next month will be discussion of the Christmas holiday days off for the City employees and also to set the date and time for the Christmas party.

Discussion took place regarding weeds around town. Distribution of money for the new mow - 50% parks, 50% cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday October 28, 2004 at 12:00 noon with Mayor Pro-Tern George Harding presiding and the following council members present: Nan McWilliams and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were: LaRita Butler, City Secretary; and Dwayne Dennis, Stratford Police Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tern George Harding called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of USED police car for the Police Department. Nancy Kimball motioned to allow Sean Hardman the authorization to purchase the used police car. Nan McWilliams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2004

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at 12:00 noon with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nan McWilliams and George Harding.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator; LaRita Butler, City Secretary; and Jesus Mariscal, Recycling Foreman.

Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting was postponed until 5:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Nan McWilliams, George Harding, and Blake Confer.

Also present were: Sean Hardman, City Administrator and LaRita Butler, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the FY 2005 Regional Solid Waste Grant Application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. There are two grants with this application one grant is for a New Building at the

Three Teams From Stratford Compete in WRCA World Championship Jr. Ranch Rodeo

Three teams from Stratford competed in the WRCA World Championship Jr. Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, November 13, in Amarillo. There were a total of 38 teams competing in four events for the title of World Champion. These events were: Pony Express, Cow Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Branding. There are three different divisions of competition: Pee-Wee, Jr and Sr. divisions. The "Cowboys" competed in the Pee-Wee division and placed 2nd. Members of this team are: Preston Burr, Rett Schoonover, Brady Cross and Kade McBryde, they were coached by David Cross. The "Texans" competed in the Jr. division and won first place for the second year and received a belt buckle. Members of this team are: Braden Hudson, Justin Mungia, Chance Walker and Reed Schoonover coach Chad Walker. The Painted "L" also competed from Stratford in the Jr. division and placed 3rd. Members include: Rowdy Lerman, Ransom Lerman, Edgar Guerrero, and Tanner Wright coached by Ray Lerman. Congratulations boys you all did a great job!!



Rett Schoonover, Brady Cross, Kade McBryde, Preston Burr



Braden Hudson, Reed Schoonover, Justin Mungia, Chance Walker.

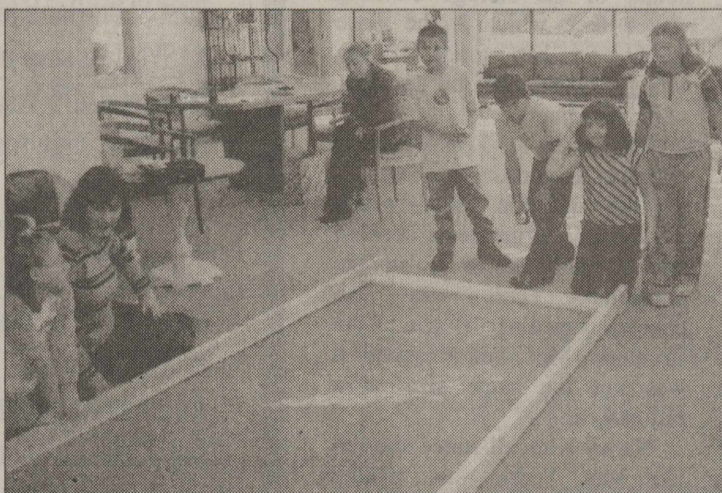
Congratulations To All Three Teams-You did Great- Pat yourself on the back, you deserve it!

Girl Scouts Alumni Brunch Planned

Girl Scouts-Five Star Council is striving to reunite alumni by hosting a holiday brunch for all who were members as young girls or adults. The brunch will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Girl Scout office, 6011 W. 45th in Amarillo at a cost of \$10. Reservations are due by Monday, December 6, 2004 by calling 806-356-0096. Many unique gift items will be available at the council shop, which will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. that day.



Rowdy Lerman, Ransom Lerman, Tanner Wright and Edgar Guerrero



Imagination Station Italian Exhibit

Stratford 3rd Graders playing the Italian Bocce Game during tour of the Imagination Station, Italian Exhibit. Mary Beth Spurlock Tallent and daughter McKenna helped with the exhibit Monday, November 22.

Barbara Chumley touring Italy with 6th grade at the Imagination Station Italy Exhibit.

WTAMU Keeps Promise to Students from Stratford

Recycle Center and the other is for a Vertical Baler for recycle materials. George Harding motioned to approve both resolution #80 & #81 Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

The dog problem was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Canyon, Texas-West Texas A&M University has kept its promise to three students from Stratford.

Each student received \$1,000 through WTAMU's Top Quarter Scholarship Graduate.

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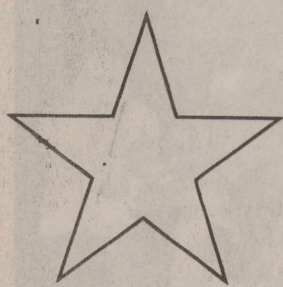
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 Melissa Tijerina, a freshman-undeclared major.
 Twyla Young, a freshman-undeclared major.

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Certified Nurses Aide positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance and retirement after 90 days of employment. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX 79084 E.O.E. 6-3-tfn

Do you want to work at the fastest growing business in town. The General Store is looking for help. 11-4-c

Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

Lost & Found

REWARD
Lost 2 dogs
A chocolate lab answers to Bo White Boxer Puppy with brown spots
Answers to Freckles
Call Mike @ 366-5935 or Kandie @ 366-3652

To Give Away

To give away-2 male house cats-neutered & declawed-needs good homeowner passed away call 396-2487 after 5:00 p.m. or leave message 12-2-c

Health

(NU) - Thousands of lives are being spared thanks to a revolutionary therapy that has proven to be effective in the fight against cancer. According to doctors at the Proton Therapy Center at Loma Linda University Medical Center in southern California, proton-beam therapy offers cancer patients a considerable advantage over radical surgery or other forms of radiation treatment. They believe this therapy is the most precise and most advanced form of radiation treatment available. Plus, the procedure is noninvasive and produces fewer side effects. For more information, go to www.proton-therapy.org or call 1-800-PROTONS.

Beat Sunray

Services

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I will do little handwork jobs for the elderly at a reasonable cost. Call Dick Bachman 366-7679. 8-19-tfn

I will baby-sit in my home, at night. Call 366-2586 Linda. NEED a 3-year-old to stay at my home DAYTIME. Call Linda 366-2586 12-2-p

For Rent

For Rent: 3 Bdrm house and 3 Bdrm trailer house. Call 366-5318 11-18-tfn

FOR RENT...Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806)396-5541. 11-27-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-tfn

1 bdrm and 2 bdrm houses for rent. Call 396-2125 10-14-tfn

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753-6540 after 4:30 p.m. or leave message

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

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

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Houses For Sale

OPEN HOUSE
2-4 P.M. SUNDAY DEC. 5
300 N. WALL
PRICE REDUCED

For Sale: 4 -bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7th. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights. 7-22-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. 9-25-tfn

Must see! Beautiful home on 1 acre. 2,100 sq. ft. 4 yr. Old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan w/lg kitchen: Call Johnny @ (806)366-3584 or Brian @ (559)947-3272. 4-1-tfn

House for Sale: 611 N. 3rd-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1900 sq. ft., steel siding, 1 payment per year of \$8000 for 6 years. Call 366-7664 or 753-6677. 10-28-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

Bad Credit OK-will Finance a 3 Bedroom, 1 bath Central heat and air, fireplace. 2-car garage. 620 N. Pearl. Call Clint at 806-670-6359. 12-9-c

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

PRICE REDUCED
300 N. WALL
\$86,000.00

Owners need to sell this really nice home on large lot. This 2 Br., 2 bath home, office, could be 3rd bedroom, with 2 car garage, sprinkler system and much more could be yours for nothing down. Sellers willing to pay some or all the down payment and closing cost, for a qualified buyer. This is a great deal! For more info. Call 806-570-5716 or 806-655-2560 ask for Toni. 11-25-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 4/23 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

Good Luck Elks Don't Lose Sleep Over Choosing a Bed for Your Child

NewsUSA

(NU) - Today, a kid's bed just isn't a kid's bed unless it doubles as a writing desk, a playhouse or even a race car. While trendy youth sleep systems are gaining popularity with parents, a growing concern has developed among sleep experts.

In an effort to cut costs, for example, many children's bed manufacturers opt to outfit their fun-shaped creations with foam pads instead of a sturdy, innerspring mattress.

How do you know what's best for your child? Sleep experts from the American Innerspring Manufacturers, a nonprofit organization, recommend the following guidelines to help parents find the best bed for their kids.

• **Consider a bed that your child can use for years.** A recent bedding publication revealed that more and more parents are selecting full-sized or even queen-sized beds for their children who have outgrown a crib. It's no surprise. Not only does a larger bed provide the comfort and support kids need, it makes good financial sense. After all, how many teenagers will

want to sleep in a bed shaped like a ladybug?

• **Make sure the mattress has springs.** Parents who decide to purchase a smaller-sized youth bed should make sure the bed comes with—or can accommodate—an innerspring mattress.

• **Hand-me-down beds can be a treat, but hand-me-down mattresses can be a disaster.** A hand-me-down bed can be a great tool in the transition out of the crib. The idea of sleeping in the same "big kid bed" that a cousin or sibling used can be part of the excitement. But make sure the mattress is new. Worn-out mattresses can lose the ability to provide proper support and sound sleep for growing children.

Parents interested in more information about sleep surfaces can find fact sheets and catalogs of free literature at www.aiminfo.org.

Parents can also call 1-800-TUCK-ME-IN to request free literature, including AIM's free toddler storybook "Sleepy Creeper," or the organization's pocket-sized "Ten Tips for Buying a Mattress."

HOLIDAY

Experience Senior Power This Holiday Season

'All in the Family' Gift Bridges Generation Gap, Teaches Seniors Computer Skills

NewsUSA

(NU) - You won't find it on Fifth Avenue, at the Galleria, on Rodeo Drive or in a suburban shopping mall. You can't eat it, wear it or smell it.

But you can experience it. ExperienceSeniorPower.com, that is: the computer learning program the Associated Press says "links generations, rather than divides them."

ExperienceSeniorPower.com's newest offering, ESP@ Home, is this year's hottest holiday gift for senior citizens and it could land you in the "Holiday Gift Hall of Fame."

ESP@ Home helps seniors master computers, dive headfirst into the Internet and get the health and social services they need—right in the comfort and safety of their own homes, with the help of grandkids, nieces and nephews.

Thousands of seniors have signed on from coast to coast.

"We are the only national program that teaches seniors computer skills and the joys of cyberspace by pairing them with young people," said Tony Fama, founder and president of the five-year-old Internet education program.

For only \$49.99 a year, seniors get online access, a 180-page large-print workbook and links to more than 850 discounted products (mostly home health care

items). Sign up by December 31 and you get a free family portrait from JCPenney.

With ESP@ Home, seniors surf the Net, create online autobiographies and photo albums, take part in cyber chats about politics and health care, and stay in touch with relatives and friends.

Wadia Bajoka is a 71-year-old Iraqi immigrant living outside of Detroit who never went near a computer until two months ago. Now she works on the ESP@ Home curriculum with her 17-year-old granddaughter, and plays computer solitaire.

World War II veteran John Granieri, 82, of San Antonio scanned family photos and posted his autobiography online with the help of his 25-year-old granddaughter.

"What better way to show grandma and grandpa you care than to give them the gift of computer literacy and the sense of freedom and adventure it brings?" Fama said.

Recent studies prove that computer use among people 65 and older jumped nearly 50 percent in the past four years. ESP@ Home is perfect for this burgeoning population of "cyber seniors."

To visit this unique holiday gift, visit www.experienceseniorpower.com and click on ESP@ Home.

HOLIDAY

Five Tips for Smart Holiday Shipping

NewsUSA

(NU) - The holidays are quickly approaching and with that comes shopping—and shipping.

If you are among the thousands who have friends and family in far-off places, either spread out around the country or overseas, you need to get a head start because shipping those gifts takes some planning. Wondering whether or not your gift has reached its intended destination is something that you do not want to be doing during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Pak Mail, with locations nationwide offering a variety of packing and shipping services, has some key recommendations to help take some of the stress out of shipping holiday gifts. With these tips, you can ensure that your gifts make it to their destinations on time and intact.

• **Ship early.** This is the one point that cannot be stressed enough. In order for you to feel confident that your package will arrive on time, make sure to pay attention to the guidelines listed with the major shippers—the U.S. Postal Service, UPS and FedEx. The dates fluctuate from year to year, so it is always best to double-check. Do not wait until the last day.

If you are unsure about a specific shipping guideline or deadline, consult your local Pak Mail Center. Knowing this information in advance will help you get your packages out as quickly as possible.

• **Make note of any shipping**



This season, make sure your holiday shipping goes without a hitch.

restrictions. Ask ahead of time about any rules regarding what types of items may or may not be shipped, packing guidelines and size and weight requirements to avoid surprises at the counter. Pak Mail centers enforce no size or weight restrictions; they ship anything, anywhere.

• **Consolidate your packages.** Shipping one 20-pound box costs less than shipping two 10-pound boxes. It also means that there is only one package to track.

• **Enclose extra address labels inside of the package itself.** This is an added precaution in case things go awry and the package is damaged.

• **If possible, ship to a business address.** This will ensure someone will be there to receive the package.

Shipping packages during the holidays should be all about time, convenience and peace of mind.

For additional information on shipping your gifts safely this holiday season, log on to www.pakmail.com or call 1-800-778-6665.

Auto Care

(NU) - Don't let your holiday travels be interrupted by a roadside breakdown. Mechanical failure in the wintertime can be deadly, so it's important to have your vehicle checked out thoroughly at a trusted shop before cold weather sets in. One of the best ways to find a repair shop is to look for one with the blue and white National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) sign. ASE is dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. For more information, visit www.ase.com.

Health

(NU) - The curtain is rising on the new U.S. dietary guidelines and it looks like fresh produce, fish and whole grains are going to be center stage. Jennifer Grossman, the director of the Dole Nutrition Institute, believes that if the rest of the recommendations follow such a promising preview, the new guidelines will be a step toward combating obesity and related ailments such as cancer. Data from the National Weight Control Registry suggests that the winning strategy for long-term weight loss is a low-fat diet rich in fruits and vegetables.

Holiday Entertaining

Throwing A Holiday Block Party

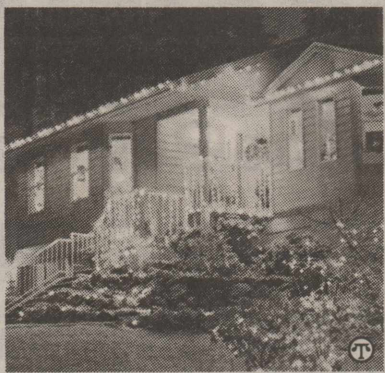
(NAPS)—You don't need to be a gifted entertainer to spread holiday cheer. That's the word from entertainment gurus such as Kassie Jones, Vice President of Holiday Merchandising for the TV shopping network HSN and hsn.com, who says, "Sharing the spirit of the holidays can be easy—in fact, entire blocks can get involved."

Party planners say holiday block parties have become a popular way for people to turn their streets from "Bah Humbug Boulevard" into "Winter Wonder-Lane." They offer these tips:

- **Start Early**—Begin on a Saturday morning and deliver cookies to your neighbors. Include a note instructing them to bring their favorite broken ornament, a liquid libation of choice and a musical instrument to your house at 7 p.m.

- **Party Prep**—Pique your neighbors' interests by beginning your party preparations early in the day and continuing throughout the afternoon. Place outdoor ornaments—such as the Bouncing Santa and Snowmen Yard Ornaments that can be found on hsn.com—in the front yard. For added attention, offer a bowl of holiday punch to would-be guests passing by.

- **Setting Up**—Place chairs, a table, ice chests and a fire pit in the yard for everyone to see (if it's



Holiday block parties can help spread cheer in a neighborhood.

too cold, move the party to the garage). You may also want to provide musical instruments, along with the words to classic holiday songs for sing-alongs later in the evening. Set up a table with decorating items such as tapestry candles, garland and craft glue for your guests to transform their broken ornaments into homemade holiday candleholders or wreaths.

According to Ms. Jones, "Getting into the holiday spirit can be contagious. Once you start the yuletide festivities, the spirit will spread like wildfire." For more ideas, tune in to HSN and hsn.com, where holiday décor and gift-giving items are available throughout the holiday season.

Welcome Hunters
St. Joseph's CYO Youth Club
Enchilada Dinner
Saturday, Dec. 4th
St. Joseph Parish Hall
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
All Pheasant Hunters Invited
Meal comes with drink & dessert
Free will donation

Stratford Hospital District Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting October 14th, 2004

Stratford hospital District Board of Directors met for the regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The officers and Directors present were: Shannon Taliaferro, President; Ronnie Brooks, Vice-President; Wayne Smith, Director; Larry Drake, Director.

President Shannon Taliaferro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present Jimmy Lanning representing the Stratford Emergency Medical Service, Kandie Galla representing Coldwater Manor and the Stratford Hospital District, Chassidy Town representing Nursing Department, Joann Cobos & Janice Vaughn representing Activity Department, Debbie Rivas, representing Housekeeping & Laundry Department, Ana Montes representing Dietary Department, Miguel Rosales representing Maintenance Department, Kathy Allen guest, BA Donelson guest, Karen Pulliam guest.

The floor was open to any community comments there were none.

Kathy Allen from the Sherman County Development committee presented a presentation on the Community planning forum; she also invited all the board members to the Community Planning Forum luncheon.

Kandie Galla read the minutes from the previous meeting; the minutes were tabled until Dr. Bassett could confirm the VA rate.

President Shannon explained to all the Department Heads the importance of the budget and that all Department Heads were going to attend all the board meetings until further notice.

Chassidy Town presented the budget for the Nursing

Department for the previous three months to the board and answered any questions that the board might have had concerning her invoices.

Debbie Rivas presented the budget for the Housekeeping

and Laundry Departments for the previous three months to the board and answered any questions that the board might have had concerning her invoices.

Ana Montes presented the budget for the Dietary Department for the previous three months to the board and answered any questions that the board might have had concerning her invoices.

Miguel Rosales presented the budget for the Maintenance Department for the previous three months to the board and answered any questions that the board might have had concerning his invoices.

Dr. Bassett arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Jimmy Lanning made a presentation on the Emergency Medical Service about the new equipment that they are going to have to have. Jimmy Lanning read a letter from a patient thanking the Stratford Emergency Medical Service for a great job they did for their family. Jimmy Lanning reported 21 runs for September.

Jimmy Lanning presented the financial report for the Stratford Emergency Medical Service. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay the payable as presented, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, and motion carried 4/0.

Jimmy Lanning made a presentation on Compensation for Emergency Medical Service Volunteers. President Shannon Taliaferro entertained a motion; Larry Drake made a motion to accept the proposal on pay scale, Ronnie Brooks seconded

the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Dr. Bassett presented the financial report for the Stratford Family Medical Clinic. Dr. Bassett confirmed the VA rate. Dr. Bassett discussed the problem with collections and gave some suggestions on collecting. Dr. Bassett discussed how many patients that can be seen in a day. Wayne Smith made a motion to pay Stratford Family Medical

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Took a short recess at 9:05. Meeting reconvened at 9:20.

Kandie Galla presented the financial report for Coldwater Manor. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Coldwater Manors payables as presented, Larry Drake seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Karen Pulliam made some suggestions regarding the new software and stated that she would like to continue to help the office with corrections that need to be made in the old system and then help transfer to the new system.

Kandie Galla presented the lease for the new washer to the board. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to accept the lease as presented, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Kandie Galla presented the financial report for the Stratford Hospital District. Ronnie Brooks made a motion to pay Stratford Hospital Districts payables as presented, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

President Shannon Taliaferro suggested a board walk through until the Administrator returns, discussion on what days they will walk through the facility and at what time they think would work for each other.

Shannon Taliaferro stated that she could do Mondays, Wayne Smith stated that he would do Tuesdays, Ronnie Brooks stated that he would do Wednesdays, Larry Drake stated that he would do Thursdays and they decided that Betty Brown would do Fridays, Shannon Taliaferro entertained a motion.

Ronnie Brooks made a motion for board supervision due to the absence of the Administrator, no action was taken, Wayne Smith seconded the motion, motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m. Minutes approved by President Shannon Taliaferro.

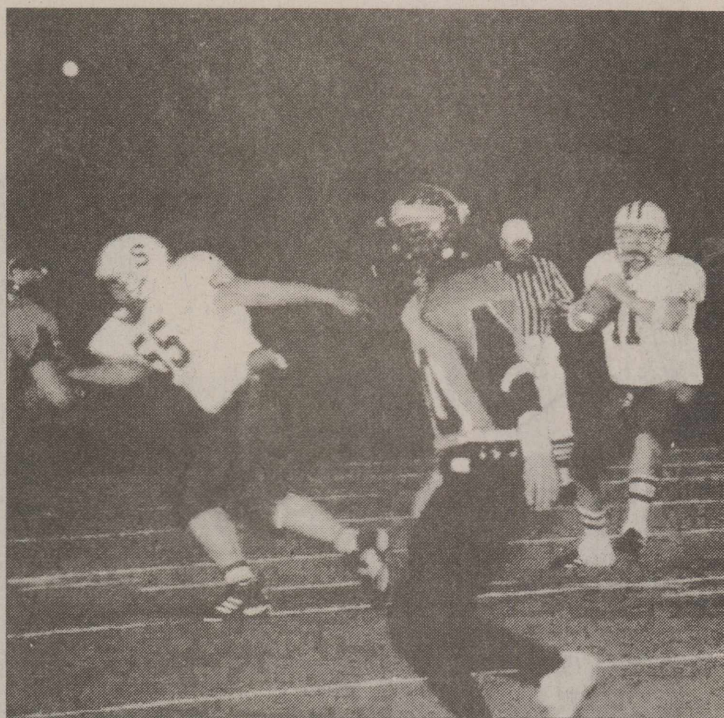
Elks Take Regional Championship

The Stratford Elks advance to the Class A state quarterfinals after beating the McCamey Badgers 34-7 to capture the Regional win on Friday, November 26, 2004. The Elks will play Sunray on Friday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium.

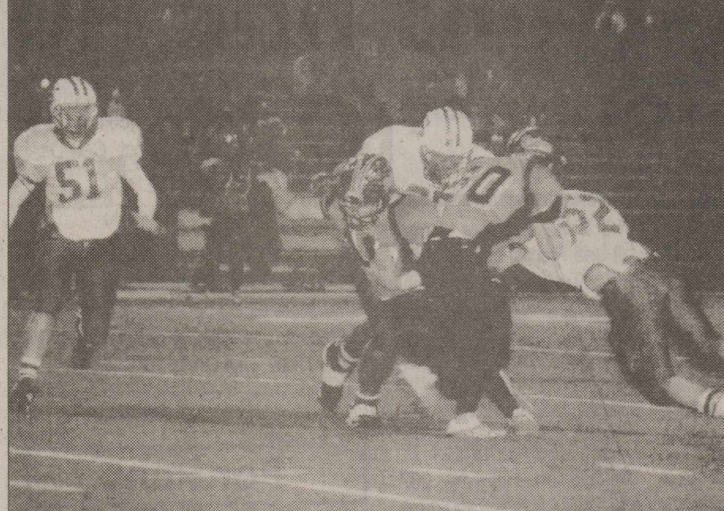
The Elks tough defense was led by Martin Beltran who had 7 tackles followed by Cory Rendon and Ryan McDaniel with 6 tackles each. Beltran and Connor Vincent each had quarterback sacks and Travis Soto and Tyler Haynes each had an interception. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Asbel Gomez, Brady Bell, Mark Miller, Rudy Portillo, Luis Trejo, Josh Lanning, Travis Soto, Trent Boyd, Steven Rueda, and Jeffrey Frizzell.

Josh King completed 7 of 13 passes for 104 yards and one touchdown. Tony Ruiz carried the ball for 126 yards on 25 carries and two touchdowns followed by Josh King with 73 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns. Chris Ortega led in receptions with 39 yards on 2 catches followed by Tony Ruiz with 22 yards on 1 reception and Tyler Haynes with 21 yards on 1 reception for a touchdown.

Players for the week - The Elk Team. GO ELKS GET A BOBCAT.



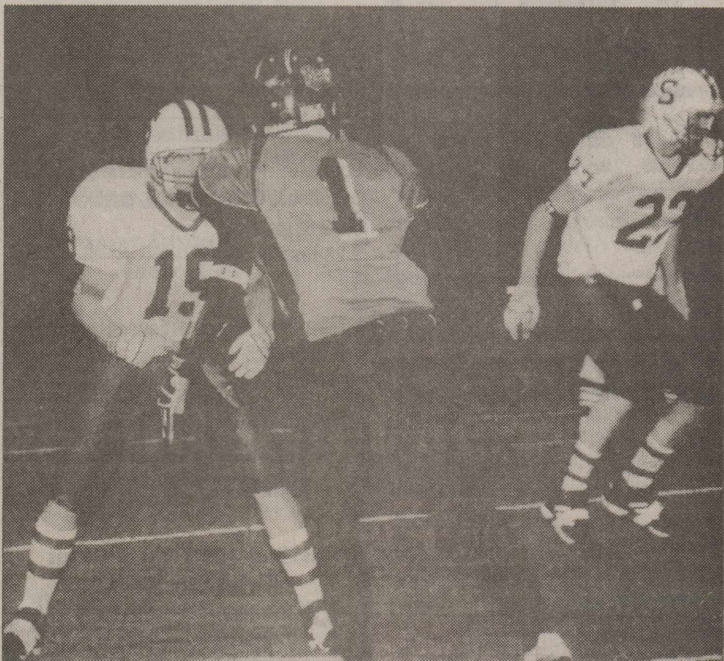
Stratford Elk #11 Josh King looks to pass while #55 Mark Miller blocks against McCamey.



Stratford Elks #77 Rudy Portillo and #52 Ryan McDaniel tackle a McCamey Badger. #51 Cory Rendon is also shown coming to assist.

*Stratford vs
Sunray Friday,
December 3,
2004 at 7:30
p.m. at
Kimbrough
Stadium in
Canyon*

Skin a Cat



#19 Case Crabtree and #23 Tyler Haynes defend against McCamey.

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