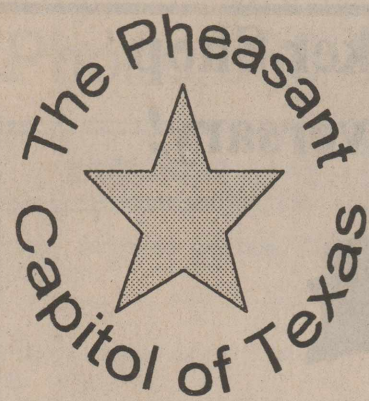


# ELKS QUARTER-FINAL CHAMPS 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!!!!



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**Editors Note: Correction-**  
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sadler will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 2 to 4 at San Jacinto Baptist church, in Amarillo, Texas.

## 4th Grade Musical

The fourth grade at Mary Allen Elementary, under the direction of Belinda Hamilton, will present the musical *Surfin' Santa*, Monday night at 7:00 p.m., in the HS Auditorium. Santa is dreaming of a .....warm Christmas! Come and see how Santa, Mrs. Claus and the whole North Pole gang see that everyone gets their Christmas. The main characters are played by Chandler Lutes, Chandra Hawkins, Brady Booth, Servando Torres, Justin Lanning and Angel Resendes. If you can't come Monday night, come to the dress rehearsal Monday morning at 10:00 in the Auditorium. We want to invite each and everyone of you to this fun event. MAE would also like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!

## Project Christmas Card

It's Project Christmas Card time! Do it today or tomorrow! This is the 38th year for supporting Sherman County Library with a Christmas donation. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star ask that you donate to the Library what you would spend in sending cards locally. Add up the cost of cards, stamps, time and take the donation to The First State Bank.

You can always add a little more, too!

Your name will be placed on a big Christmas card in The Stratford Star Christmas edition, wishing all your friends a "Merry Christmas".

The local library is one of the best in the State. Help keep it that way.

Deadline is 12 noon, Monday, December 18, 2000.

## Go Elks

### Lighting Contest To Be Held

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Lighting Contest will be held Monday, December 18th. Judging will begin at 7 p.m. If you want your house or someone else's to be judged, please call the Chamber office at 366-2260.

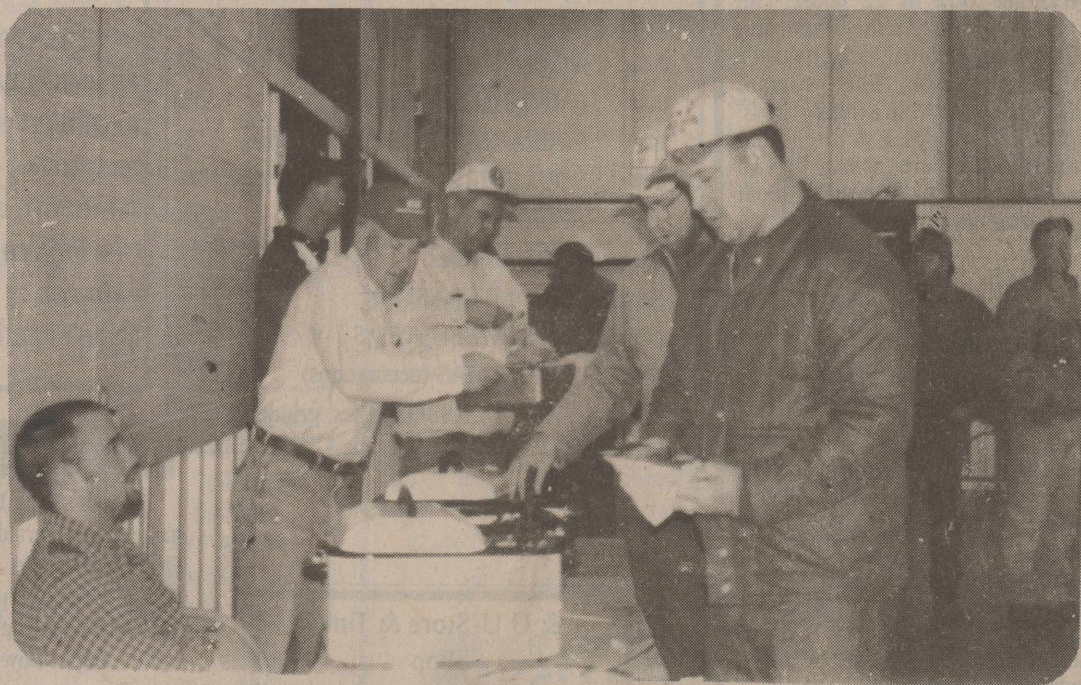
### Book Opening At Library

The 2001 Centennial Committee invites everyone to enjoy the first look at *God, Grass and Grit III*. The books will be there for you to take home as well as the pictures you submitted. Extra copies of the book can be purchased for \$45 each.

The reception and book preview will be from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Library, Saturday, December 16.

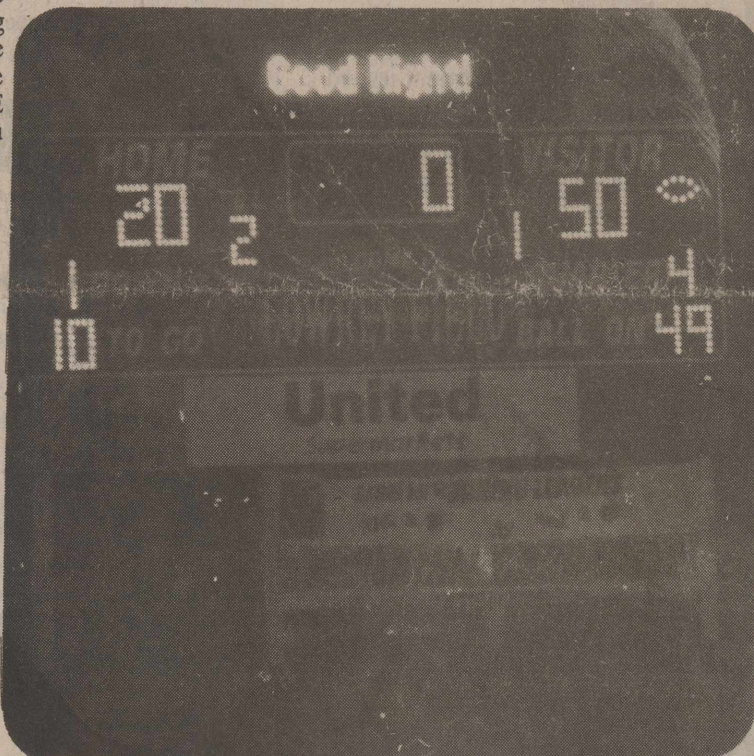
Refreshments will be served. Marillyn Albert Harkins has done a stupendous job of editing this new book. She will be there for the book signing, so don't forget to come.

2001 Centennial Committee  
Selma Pendleton, Reporter



## Pheasant Season Opened Saturday

A good crowd was on hand for the Saturday morning Lions Club breakfast held at the County Barn. There were lots of folks in for opening day of Pheasant season which will run through Sunday, December 24, 2000.



## ELKS QUARTERFINAL CHAMPS!!!



## Donation Presented

Kenton Kimball, far right, representing First Texas Federal Land Bank Association presented a donation to the Sherman County 4-H Scholarship Fund recently. Accepting the donation was Jesse Resendes, second from left, president of the Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association, Josh Kautz, far left, president of Sherman County 4-H Council, and Brad Reed, third from left vice-president of Sherman County 4-H Council. Sherman County 4-H Gold Star Recipients are awarded a \$1000 scholarship upon graduation from high school for post high school studies.

## Body Found In Truck At Texhoma

On December 8, 2000 at about 5 p.m. Texhoma Police Chief Jim Tanquary was contacted and asked to check a semi tractor trailer west of Red Devil Fuel. Chief Tanquary discovered the body of the driver Mitchell Stribling, 46 of Henderson, TN, driver for East West Motor

Freight of Tennessee in the cab. Chief Tanquary summoned Sherman Co. Sheriff Jack Haile and Justice of the Peace Kimberly Crippen. J.P. Crippen ordered an autopsy and the body was transported to Lubbock. The truck was carrying plumbing supplies from Tennessee to Denver, CO.



## Bonfire Held For The Stratford Elks

Stratford Elk Football Seniors lit the Bonfire on Thursday, December 7th. Shown from left lighting the bonfire: McLain Pool, Johnny Larance, Corey Naugle, Gilbert Gutierrez (hidden), and Rene Vital. Senior not pictured: Sid Resendes. In background Dylan Everett and Adam Bell.



It's that time again-when Santa begins expecting letters from boys and girls listing their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus has once again chosen the Star as the official area drop-off point for letters to him. Children are welcome to bring their letters to the Star office at 309 N. Main and place them in our special Santa Mailbox. They can also be mailed to Santa Letters, c/o of The Stratford Star, P.O. Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084. Santa's Mailbox is also at Mary Allen Elementary if you would like to mail your letter there.

The STAR will print all the letters it receives in its annual Christmas edition, which comes out December 21, 2000. We also forward all letters with the help of some of Santa's elves, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas Eve.

But remember, all letters must be received at the Star office by Friday, December 15, 2000 at 3 p.m. and the sooner we have them, the better. Letters received after that date will not have time to reach the North Pole.

Don't forget to put your first and last name on the letter so that Santa is sure to know who you are.

## Obits

Russell Albert

Brady, TX. Russell Albert, 61 of Brady was killed in a one vehicle accident near Brady on Sunday, December 10, 2000.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Brady on Thursday, December 14, 2000.

More details in next weeks edition.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Marty,

We would like to take this means to thank everyone, including THE STRATFORD STAR, who has supported the effort in completing the county history, God, Grass and Grit III.

Plans were to have the book available the first of December. Due to publisher delays, it will be this weekend. The schedule is very tight. The publisher will ship for arrival Friday, with the scheduled reception and book release slated for Saturday afternoon. Since so many will be out of town in order to attend the Stratford Elks ballgame, a second opportunity has been planned.

If you are unable to attend the reception at the library on Saturday and pick up your books(s), they will be available Monday, December 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Real Estate Office. We will have available, at cost, mailing envelopes for the books, as a help to those who need them.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, or on Monday and hope you are pleased with the results of everyone's efforts.

Marillyn Harkins  
On behalf of the Book Committee

Dear Editor:

Though I saw few people I knew it was a pleasure to attend the two recent football games played here in Lubbock the past two weeks. The Stratford Elks played magnificently on both sides of the ball with resolute determination, and their sportsmanship and discipline were exemplary. Both they and their coaching staff are to be congratulated highly.

Stratford has every right to be most proud of these boys and their coaches as Champions of Region 1, and I'm sure the community will be most pleased to give them its maximum support as they continue their quest for the State Championship.

Sincerely,  
William (Stanley) Ullom, MC,  
Lubbock, Texas 79416

### Bah, Stomach Bug! Don't Let Foodborne Illness Spoil Your Holiday Fun

(NAPS)—As people gather to eat, drink and be merry during the holidays, the risk of foodborne illness can increase. Many cooks unwittingly contaminate the food they prepare through unsafe food handling practices. Whether you are the host of a holiday party or a guest, follow these food safety tips provided by the Georgia-Pacific Health Smart Institute to help avoid sickness during this most festive time of year:

- Wipe buffets, countertops and tables with paper towels like Sparkle® before setting them. Dishcloths can actually spread germs.
- On buffets, keep hot foods at 140°F or higher and cold foods at 40°F or lower.
- At parties, don't eat food that looks or smells "funny," or has obviously been sitting out for a long time.
- Use separate cutting boards for meat, produce and bread, and wash them between each use. Then dry them off with paper towels like Sparkle® to help wipe off residual germs.
- Defrost meat in the refrigerator rather than at room temperature and line a container with paper towels to absorb juices.
- Use a meat thermometer to ensure thorough cooking of meat and poultry.

For more information about food safety, call toll free 1-877-GP-CLEAN or log on to www.gphealthsmart.com.

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* denotes new listing

- Dec. 14 **Big Blue Band Christmas Concert**  
Stratford High School
- Dec. 8-10\* **"Scrooge" Musical**  
14-16\*\*\*  
Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- Dec. 16-16, 17, 18 **Christmas Pageant - Paramount Terrace Christian Church**  
7:30 p.m. Matt. 16, 17 3:00 p.m.  
Amarillo Civic Center Free, must have ticket 806-363-6616
- Jan 13 **Tony Bennett**  
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 18-28 **"Ain't Misbehavin' "Musical (Touring Production)**  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan. 20 **COPLAND & 2001 Trumpet**  
Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782

### Daniels To Receive Degree

Solon Webster Daniels, Stratford, Texas, BS, funeral service, is among 1,325 graduates who will receive degrees on Saturday, December 16th, 2000, at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma.

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), founded in 1890, is located on a 210-acre campus in Edmond, a northern suburb of Oklahoma City. Fall 2000 enrollment exceeded 14,000 students. UCO is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor's and master's degree granting institution.

The Fall graduates include 1,120 being granted bachelor's degrees and 205 master's degrees.

### Lunch & Learn To Meet Thursday

Lunch and Learn Extension Club will meet Thursday, December 14th at 12 noon. The group will meet at the Extension Office and lunch will be served for \$3.00 per person. The program will be on Christmas Joys. Individuals who plan to attend the noon meeting are asked to call 366-2122 so that adequate meal arrangements can be made.

### Younger Texans To Meet Thursday

Younger Texans 4-H Club will meet Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the county Exhibit Building in Stratford. This is a change from 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Clayton Johnson, Tell Lowe, and Kaleb Horsford. For more information call the County Extension Office at 366-2122.

## Go Elks Beat Collinsville Go Elks

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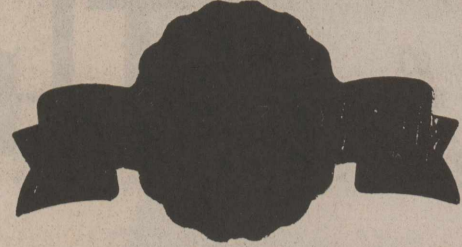
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## Beat Collinsville,

### T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop Celebrates 20th Anniversary!



1. Jan.	BOOKS (crafts, printing, fabrics)	33%
2. Feb.	PICTURE FRAMES	25%
3. Mar.	WOOD (kits)	33%
4. Apr.	PAINTS (stains, thinners)	25%
5. May	FINE ARTS (oil, paints, mediums)	25%
6. June	SOUVENIRS	10%
7. July	SPORTS (cards, items)	10%
8. Aug.	YARD (needles)	25%
9. Sept.	NEEDLE CRAFTS	25%
10. Oct.	HALLOWEEN ITEMS	25%
11. Nov.	CHRISTMAS (decorations)	25%
12. Dec.	STAIN GLASS (supplies, grinders)	25%

#### FREE STORAGE UNIT

NEW RENTERS TO RECEIVE ONE MONTH FREE FOR EACH MONTH THEY PAY FOR AT REGULAR PRICE DURING JANUARY, 2001. PREVIOUS RENTERS WHO ARE PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2000, TO RECEIVE ONE MONTH RENT FREE FOR EACH MONTH PAID FOR IN JANUARY, 2001. BOTH LIMITED TO 2001 AND SAME SIZE UNIT

#### Sports & Entertainment

In Sports, the big talk of the year was the baseball strike which started on June 12th and lasted seven weeks. The L.A. Dodgers defeated the N.Y. Yankees to win the World Series. The Stanley Cup was won by the New York Islanders, the NBA title went to the Boston Celtics, and the Super Bowl was won by the Oakland Raiders.

Popular tunes this year were Kim Carnes' *Bette Davis Eyes*, Manhattan Transfer's *Boy From New York City*, and Al Jarreau's *Breaking Away*.

It was a big year for films. The soon to become classic *Chariots of Fire*, won Best Picture of the year. Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn received Best Actor and Actress for the movie *On Golden Pond*.

In a proud statement issued from T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop announced that 2001 is the 20th Anniversary of the founding of their business. The company was started back in 1981, the same year that the Space Shuttle, "Columbia," made its first flight. "Columbia" was the first reusable spacecraft. It orbited the earth 36 times during the 54 hour and 22 minute flight.

#### IMPORTANT EVENTS OF 1981

- Air traffic controllers go on strike
- Joe Louis, the longest reigning champ, dies at 87
- We were playing "Trivial Pursuit"
- T & O U-Store & Tinker Shop started its first year in business



## SANTA IS COMING TO FIRST STATE BANK

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**Timis Tidbits**  
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, readers, citizens this calm twenty two degree Fahrenheit snowy Monday morning Dec. 11, 2000.

We want to add our blessings and an appreciation to Marylou McDaniels for her many years of service as photographer of Santa and children at First State Bank.

We also want to report that Patty Watson and Hazel Brown Martin will soon be living together at Buckner after Patty sells her home.

For Christmas this year Charles, Patty's son will be making Hazels and Patrys holiday season by taking them on a trip twenty five miles to a bed and breakfast.

Other interesting Christmas events taking place for Betty Rae Browns brother Robert Lee has given her and Baskin as gifts as Beautiful Bird house that he made out of wood, and wooded replica of the metal animal that Rex Palmer made that is off of Highway 287 going to Boise City. Timi and Lorelyn are invited to spend their Christmas holiday with Betty & Baskin.

We have no report from the Methodist hour.

New guest at Coldwater Manor Opal Bryant, Mary Peach Smith, Tom Thompson, Lew Bruni-these are from Stratford these guest have chosen Coldwater Manor to relief other family members and friends from the responsibility of caring for them.

So in the same attitude we remind our peers that spreading love still makes the world go around.

**Go Elks  
All The  
Way To  
State**

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

Several homes in Kerrick are decorated for the Christmas season. If one is driving by, check the homes of Nita Taylor, Ted Irbeck, Juan Zamudio, Brady Schoonover, Marylou McDaniel.

Among those enjoying the Methodist Church children's cantata,

"www.ChristmasOnline.com", were Brady & Trisha Schoonover, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Nita Taylor, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Mike & Marylou McDaniel. It was because Reed & Rett, Clinton & Kelsie, Merilee were their "stars".

Florencia Eslinger has returned from a month's stay in Alaska. She was a guest of Mary Kay Dedisee, former Kerrick resident. Mary Kay has recently moved from Barrow, Alaska to Homer, Alaska. Florencia said that it rained nearly every day. She took her long-haired Chihuahua, Precious, with her. Said she had to keep an eye on her because the eagles, of which there are many, thought Precious was something for lunch!

Bill & Pat Boren met Leo & Elaine Horne, Conlen, at Amarillo Gun Show and had lunch together Sunday.

Cargill gave a luncheon Thursday for their customers. Bill Gillenwaters was cook. About 40 were introduced to a new contract and manager, Eric Cobb.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters took granddaughter Kylee with them Thursday as they did business in Elk City, visited with Bill's sister and brother in Fort Supply. Saturday was Gillenwaters/Price reunion at Buffalo.

The Leonard Hawkins family have been hosting four pheasant hunters.

Stopping for a brief visit with Jo June McDaniel Monday were Penny & Linda Whitson, Clayton and Linda Kaye Swagerty of Phoenix. Linda Kaye was flying home later in the day.

Wasn't Monday morning a winter wonderland?



Colette Moorhouse, Nu Beta Sorority is shown above presenting Laurie Spurlock, representing Prospectus Study Club a check for their donation for the New Playground equipment.

**Donation Given**

Prospectus Study Club and the City of Stratford have now ordered the new playground equipment for Pendleton Park. The equipment will be shipped in March of 2001 and hopefully will be put up soon after it arrives-weather permitting. We want to thank the following:

- Stratford Area Foundation for providing matching funds
- Amarillo Area Foundation for a \$5,000.00 grant
- Nu Beta Sorority for their sizable donation
- Christian Youth Foundation for selling eggs to raise money

**Beat  
Collinsville**

Also we want to extend a big thank you to all of the wonderful citizens of Stratford who bought pom-poms, clappers and attended the spaghetti supper-all which benefited this project. We really felt that the park was in dire need of some new safer equipment, but what we did not realize was how quickly this project would come together. We really appreciate everyone chipping in their time, energy and money to make it so successful in such a short amount of time. Prospectus Study Club is still accepting donations for this project. Any added monies will go toward extra play items for the kids. The City will soon be getting a final drawing of the main playground component-please stop by and see what the new equipment will look like.



**Couple Honored**

Gary Wooley and Andrea Zimmer were honored with a Pre-Nuptials Couples Party Thursday, December 7th at the home of John & Nina Lavake. Shown above is Gary and Andrea who will be united in marriage on Saturday, February 24, 2001.

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**First Assembly of God**

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

**First Christian**

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

**First United Methodist**

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

**St. Joseph Catholic**

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

**Church of Christ**

Mike Talley  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist**

Stephen Schwenke  
302 S. Main - 806-376-4553 lv. message  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**

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

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401 S. Wall 396-5376  
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**WHY?**

As we near the annual celebration remembering the birth of Jesus Christ, we may ask why He came. The Bible is clear. Christ came into the world to save sinners. Hmmm. What is a sinner? A sinner is a person who violates God's standards for living. For example, the Sixth of God's Ten Commandments says, "You shall not commit murder" (Exodus 20:13). Positively, we must do all we can to preserve life. We must also not destroy others with angry words. Christ interprets the Commandment like this. "I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court" (Matthew 5:22). Violation of this standard is sin. Those who violate the standard in heart or deed are sinners. Sinners deserve punishment. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Enter Jesus Christ. He is God. He is man. He is the God-man. As a man, He dies in the place of men and women to pay for their sins. As God, He perfectly satisfies the demands of God's justice. Is this believable? Should we accept this idea and embrace it as our own? The Biblical answer is once again clear. "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all" (1 Timothy 1:15).

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Community Building  
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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## Playground Equipment Ordered



An angel ornament and Christmas tree magnet were made by members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club when they met Dec. 6 at Sherman County Library. Jean Everett and Jenelle Brock assisted the members, some of whom are not too "crafty". Oline Caraway, Arts coordinator, introduced the program. Roll call was answered to "My favorite Christmas tree ornament".

Business was conducted by Laurie Spurlock, president-elect. It was reported that playground equipment for Pendleton Park had been ordered.

Everyone was reminded to contribute to Project Christmas Card.

Members are to bring items for M.D. Anderson at the January 3 meeting. Items of soap, shampoo may also be taken to meeting for Missions Janice Sladek goes on.

Hostesses were Tiffany Confer and Linda Swain. Members present were LaVell Haggard, Mattie Baskin, Dorothy Haile, Marylou McDaniel, Margaret Reed, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Oline Caraway, Patti Vincent, Ann Johnson, Jimmie Pronger, Liz Sanders, Marty Bain, Sonja Kendrick, Linda Haynes, Laurie Spurlock.



Jean Everett shows Oline Caraway and Dorothy Haile how to make a Christmas tree ornament at GFWC Prospectus Study Club's Art program Dec. 6.

## Wiley Honored At Shower

A Wedding Shower was held at Tami Kings home December 10 in honor of Leah and Garrett Wiley. Shown above left to right Betty Wiley, Celia Tidmore, Barbara Wiley, Leah Wiley, Ann Bryson, Shanna Carnes, and Brooke Carnes.

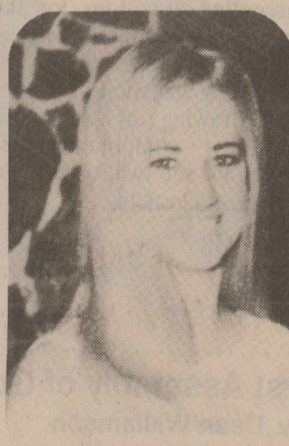
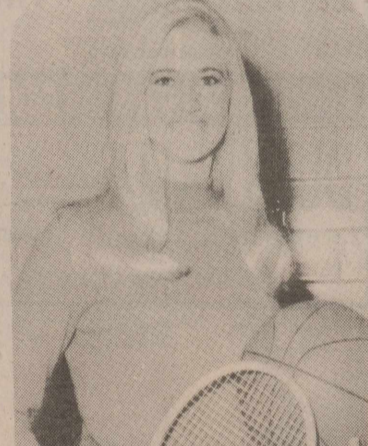
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Thank you for all the cards, visits, food, thoughts & prayers you extended to us in our recent loss. Thank you also to all the special ones who drove Mary back and forth for treatments.

God Bless You  
The Mary Weiland Family

The Holiday 2000 Parade of Homes was a great success. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chesher, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dettle, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Engelbrecht, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug McBryde for graciously agreeing to open their beautiful homes. Thanks to Marty and Shari for taking the pictures and thanks to the community for supporting the event. We feel it's a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas Season.

Happy Holidays,  
Nu Beta Sorority

I want to thank all the people who were so helpful in putting together the bonfire. I want to thank the city for giving us permission to have the bonfire, the fire department for volunteering to be on hand, Jimmy Lanning and city police for supervising the snake dance. I want to thank Mr. Hunsaker and the band for playing in the dark for us, Mrs. Young for helping me cover all the details, and Mr. Haynes and Mr. Taliaferro for having faith in us that we could do this safely & successfully. I want to especially thank several people from the community for their help in donating and loading & unloading wood, bringing trailers and their continual support of the Elks - John Ashley, Ricky & D'Lynn Reed, Phillip Walden, Billy Bell, Roy & Valerie McAlister, Mike Brownlee, Mr. Taliaferro, Ben Tom, Trew & Gayla James. We're behind you all the way to state GO ELKS!

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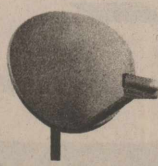
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# The Stratford Star Wishes The Stratford Elks and Coaching Staff Good Luck Saturday

Italian calligrapher Ludovico degli Arrighi created the first penmanship manual for popular use, La operina da imparare di scrivere littera cancellaresca, in 1522.



Shown above George Bonds (Sherman County Farm Bureau President) and Gracie Fierro (Membership Secretary).

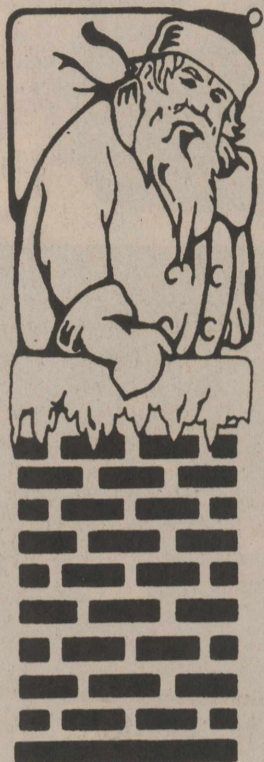
## Farm Bureau Receives Award

Farm Bureau like any organization, appreciates and depends upon its membership. The dues that Farm Bureau members pay are a good value, because they provide a very broad range of benefits. The Directors and President of Sherman County Farm Bureau are extremely proud to have been awarded the Highest Renewal Percentage in District I at the Annual State Convention held November 26-28, 2000 in Arlington, Texas. This is the 8th time that Sherman County

Farm Bureau has received this award. This indicates that members are pleased with the services provided by the Sherman County Farm Bureau office staff.

The Sherman County Farm Bureau membership secretary is Gracie Fierro. We are especially proud of Gracie because she provides bilingual help to our people who need it.

We are deeply appreciative to all our Farm Bureau members for their continued membership support.



## GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Unlocking The Secret To Shopping For Men

(NAPS)—Does the man in your life have a wish list? Even if he does, chances are he may not share it with you. Left in the dark as the holiday approaches and the shopping frenzy begins, you may want to start thinking early about a gift that will let him know that you care.

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- Most guys are flattered when you show an interest in how they look and enjoy receiving gifts that show you want them to look their best. If you're looking for an easy-to-find stocking stuffer that will help you get closer, give him MACH3 from Gillette—it will give him the closest shave. He—and you—will feel the difference.

## New Ordinance Effective January 1, 2001

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK, SWINE, FOWL, DOMESTIC AND BARNYARD ANIMALS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING, HOWEVER, FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP LIVESTOCK IF THERE IS NO ADVERSE EFFECT TO THE CITIZENS OF STRATFORD; PROVIDING FOR SIX-MONTH EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR EXISTING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 271; AND DECLARING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City of Stratford has been advised of and received complaints concerning the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

Whereas, the city of Stratford is vitally interested in providing all of its citizens with the freedom from odor, dust and noise sometimes occurring from the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the city limits; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest and welfare to prohibit or regulate the keeping of livestock and other farm animals within the City of Stratford;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Except as provided below, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep or maintain any livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal, except common pets, within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to keep or maintain livestock, swine, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animals within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford may seek a permit from the City Council of the City of Stratford. Each permit sought must be coupled with the written consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within a 200 foot radius of the place where such livestock will be kept.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Stratford, upon application, coupled with the necessary signatures, may allow and issue a permit allowing the animals specified above to be kept within the Stratford city limits if it determines there will be no adverse effect to any citizen within the City.

SECTION 4. There shall be a \$10.00 annual fee, per permit, renewable each year from the date of issue. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of renewal, permit will be revoked and animals removed by the owner and a new permit shall be obtained.

SECTION 5. It shall be rebuttably presumed that there will be no adverse effect to any citizens within the City if the consent of at least one adult resident of each residence within the radius specified above is obtained and furnished with the application for the permit.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation keeping or maintaining any livestock, fowl, or domestic or barnyard animal within the corporate limits of the City of Stratford, Texas on the effective date of this ordinance, for a period of six (6) months from the date of the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Even after a permit has been validly issued, upon an objection to the keeping of any of the animals specified above within the city limits, the City Council may, upon a determination that any holder or a valid permit is adversely affecting the health or welfare of the citizens of the City, require rectification of the adverse effect within a time specified by the Council or the permit shall be revoked.

SECTION 8. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not to exceed \$500.00 upon conviction thereof.

SECTION 9. Upon passage of this ordinance Ordinance number 271 is hereby repealed as of this ordinance's effective date.

SECTION 10. To provide ample time to the residents of the City of Stratford to receive of the implementation of this ordinance this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2001.

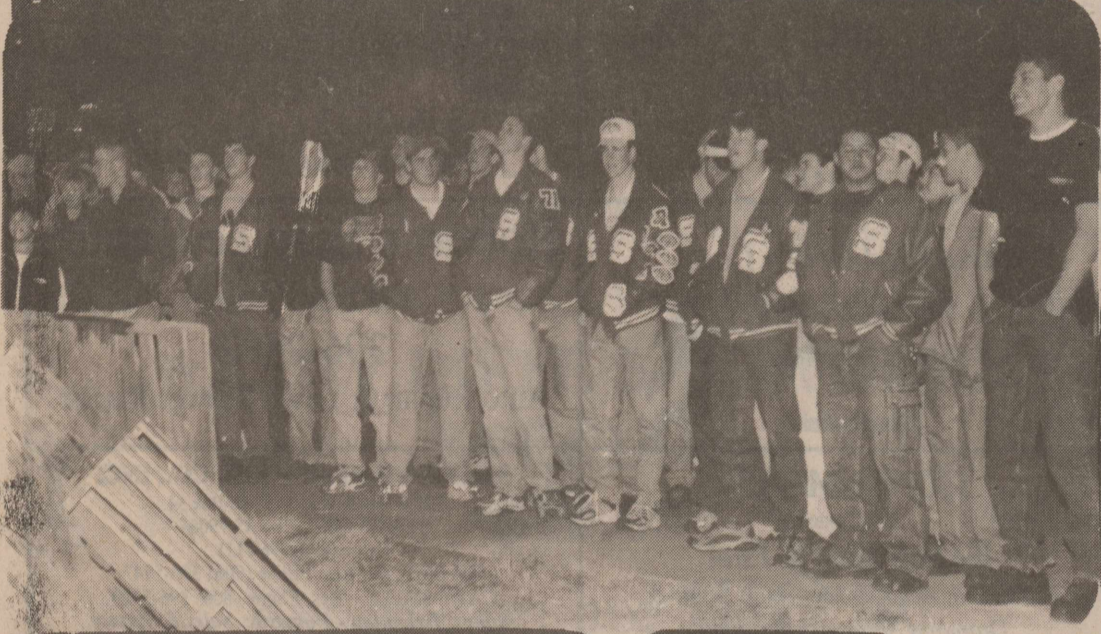
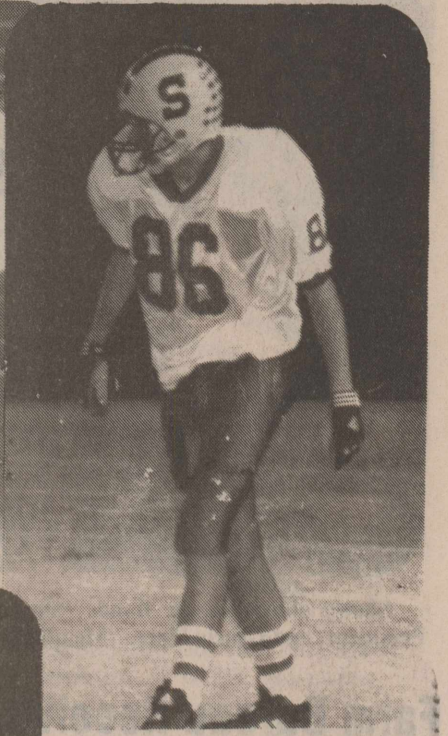
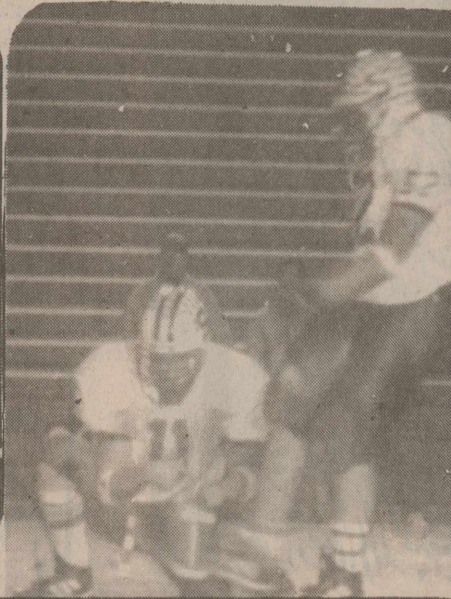
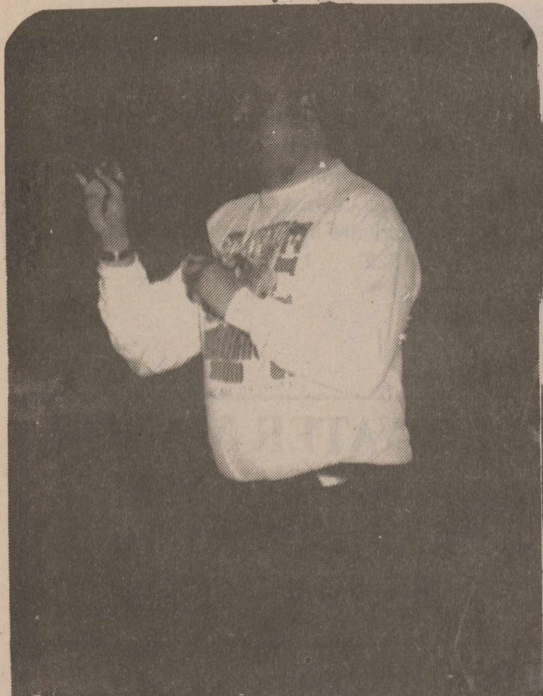
PASSED and APPROVED this 9th day of November, 2000.

The City of Stratford, Texas by: David Brown, Mayor.

ATTEST: Richard Walton, City Administrator

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# Elks On A Roll!!!!



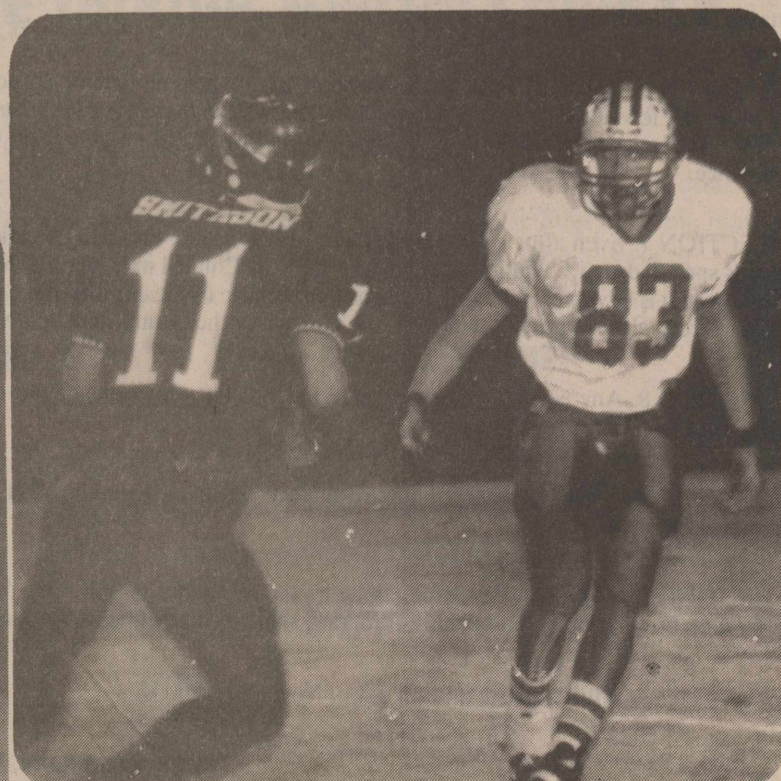
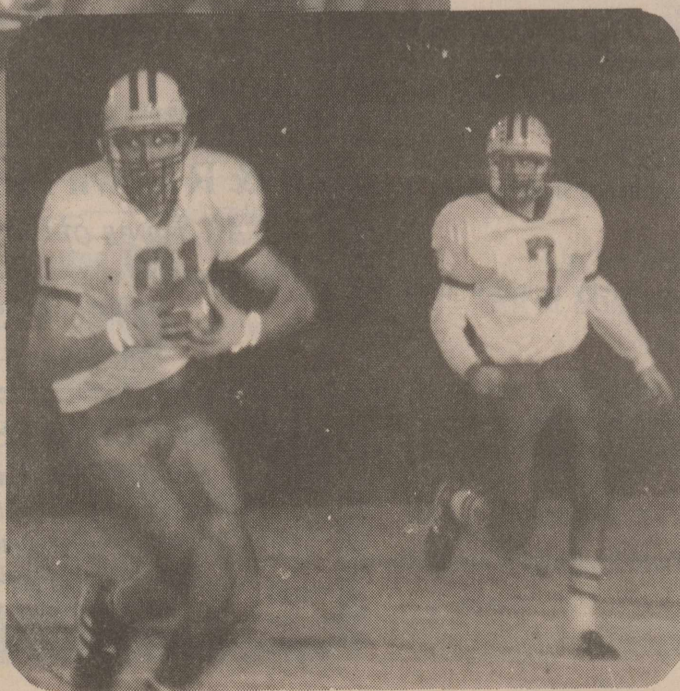
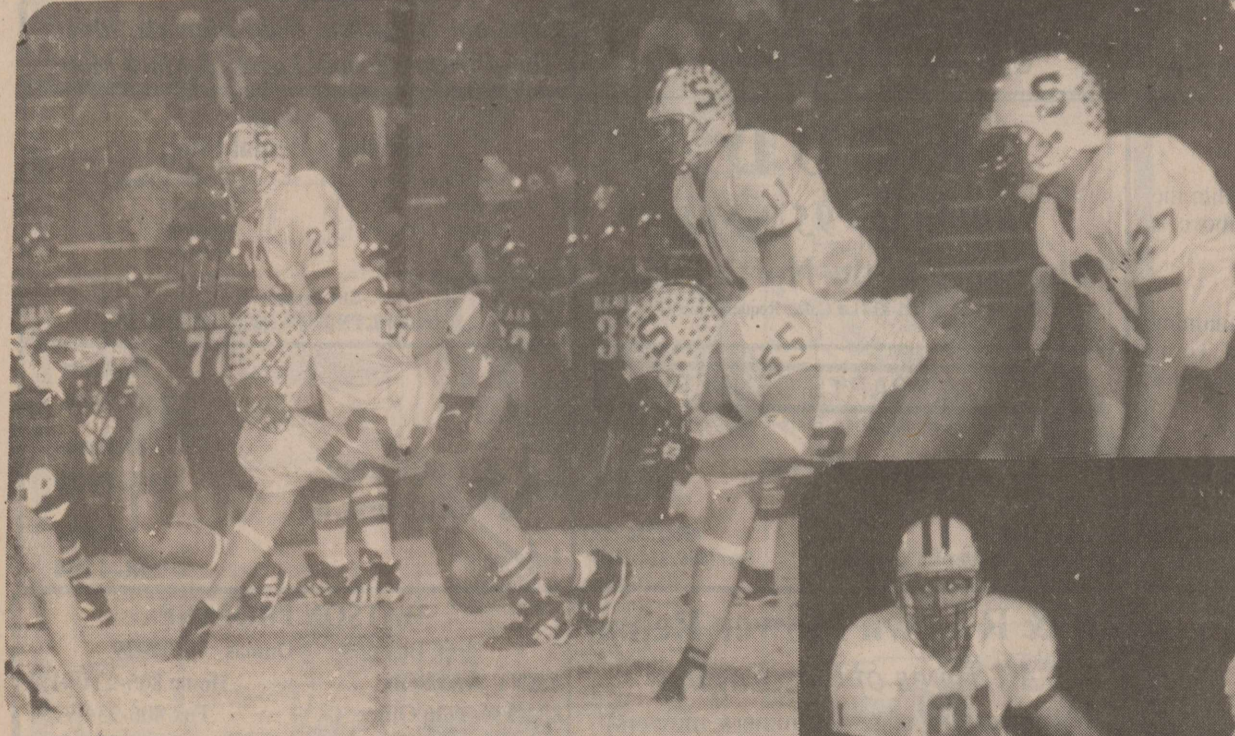
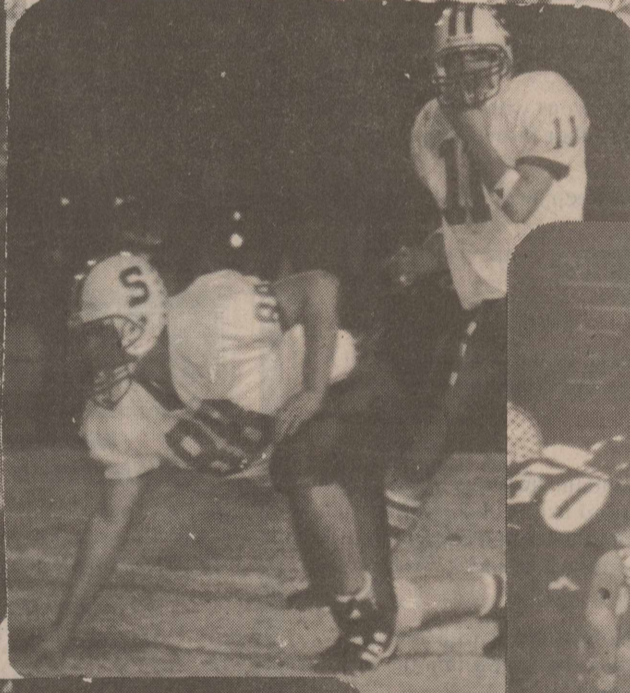
## Elks 14-0

Stratford Elks roll over Iraan for the Quarterfinal win 50-20 on Friday, December 8th at Lubbock's Lowrey Field. The Elks hold a 14-0 record for the season. The Elks accumulated 441 offensive yards for the big win.

Sid Resendes carried the ball for 198 yards on 45 carries and two touchdowns and 2 extra point runs followed by Adam Bell with 116 yards on 16 carries and 3 touchdowns and 1 extra point run. Bell also passed the ball for 124 yards on 9 of 12 and 1 touchdown. Michael McAlister captured 65 yards on 2 receptions and 1 touchdown for the Elks. Rene Vital also captured two points for the Elks on a extra point pass.

Iraan also took a beating from the Elks defense. Racking up 7 tackles each for the Elks were Jaret Pemberton and Skyler Walden followed by Wes Kimball and Corey Naugle. Iraan's quarterback saw no mercy from the Elks' defense. Wes Kimball sacked the quarterback 3 times, Craig Moore 2 times, Corey Naugle, Adam Reed, and Gilbert Gutierrez each had 1 quarterback sack. Also contributing on the Elks defense were Javier Licon, Jason Ashley, Adam Bell, Nick Ashley, Wes Hunsaker, Michael McAlister, Dylan Everett, Carlos Jacquez, and Johnny Larance.

The Elks will face the Collinsville Pirates at the State Semi-finals in Sweetwater at the Mustang Bowl on Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. GO ELKS - BEAT THE PIRATES - ALL THE WAY TO STATE!!!! WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY!!!



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The Stratford Star  
Wishes The Stratford Elks  
GOOD LUCK  
BEAT COLLINSVILLE  
ALL THE WAY TO STATE!!  
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# Basketball Action Shots!!



The 7th Grade Lady Elks beat Vega 42-16 on Monday, December 4th. Allison Baskin led the Lady Elks with 11 points followed by Yadira Ortega and Katelyn Reed with 8 points each. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Ramie Stewart with 6 points, Maida Fierro with 4 points, Chelsi Thiessen and Gina Mattocks with 2 points each, and Cheyenne Ziemann with 1 point.

The 7th grade Elks lost 23-40 to Vega on Monday, December 4th. Brady Bell was high point with 9 points followed by Gustavo Rosales with 8 points, Josh Lanning with 4 points and Case Crabtree with 2 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Vega 26-18 on Monday, December 4th. Deidre Tarver led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Katy Bench with 4

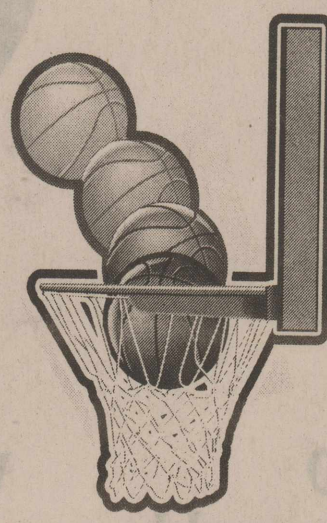
points, Jamie Valenzuela and Tiffany Knight with 3 points each, and Brittany Hudson with 2 points.

The 8th grade Elks beat Vega 29-14 on Monday, December 4th. Josh King and Chris Ortega led the Elks with 7 points each followed by Asbell Gomez and Tyler Haynes with 6 points each, and Adam Gomez with 3 points.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost to Dumas 33-40 on Tuesday, December 5th. Tiffany Duke led the Lady Elks with 11 points followed by Alisha Sladek with 7 points. Erin Ashley and Robin Daniels followed with 5 points each. Also scoring were Amber Larance with 3 points, and Veronica Ortega with 2 points. On Thursday, December 7th, the J.V. Lady Elks beat Pampa 27-14 in the Dumas Tournament.

Alisha Sladek led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Erin Ashley with 8 points. Tiffany Duke added 4 points followed by Robin Daniels with 3 points and RoAnn Lopez with 2 points.

The Lady Elks beat Dumas 57-49 in overtime on Tuesday, December 5th. Jessica Young and Carly Mathews led the Lady Elks with 13 points each followed by Thea James with 11 points and Kara Brownlee with 8 points. Also scoring for the Lady Elks were Ashley Brown with 4 points, Candra Holland and Heather Ashley with 3 points each, and Amie Witcher with 2 points.



## 71st ANNUAL STRATFORD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

DATE	TIME	HOME TEAM	VISITOR TEAM	GENDER
DEC. 28	2:30	DUMAS	VEGA	GIRLS
	4:00	DUMAS	VEGA	BOYS
	5:30	STRATFORD	SUNRAY	GIRLS
	7:00	STRATFORD	SUNRAY	BOYS
DEC. 29	2:30	SUNRAY	DUMAS	GIRLS
	4:00	SUNRAY	DUMAS	BOYS
	5:30	STRATFORD	VEGA	GIRLS
	7:00	STRATFORD	VEGA	BOYS
DEC. 30	2:30	VEGA	SUNRAY	GIRLS
	4:00	VEGA	SUNRAY	BOYS
	5:30	STRATFORD	DUMAS	GIRLS
	7:00	STRATFORD	DUMAS	BOYS

**TIE BREAKERS:**  
1) HEAD TO HEAD  
2) FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED  
3) COIN TOSS

**\*\* HOME TEAM LISTED FIRST WEAR LIGHT UNIFORM**

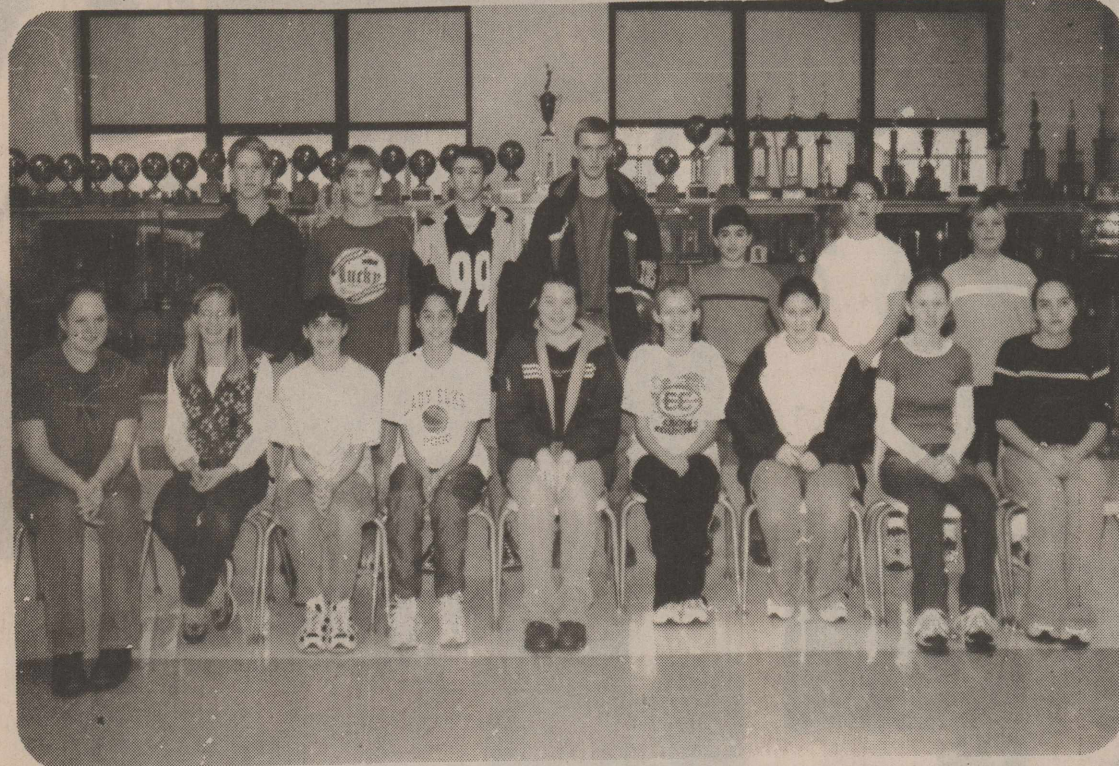


Shown above, second graders wait in the library for their Oral Reading event at the UIL Academic Meet held in Stratford on Tuesday, December 5th. Results on Pg. 9.

# All-Region Band



High School All-Region Band: Seated from left: Trisha Teig, Briah McClellan, Amie Witcher, Janet Witcher, Veronica Ortega, Amber Larance, and Twyla Young. Standing from left: Adam Witcher, Matthew Taliaferro, Brian Booth, Bill Walker, Beau Brown, and Wes Hunsaker.



Jr. High All-Region Band: Seated from left: Kayce Allen, Brandi Chaffee, Cassie Garza, Yadira Ortega, Tiffany Knight, Jayme Wilhelm, Ashley Renzelman, Kayla Willard, and Amy Woods. Standing from left: Cory Rendon, Ryan McDaniel, Josh King, Tyler Haynes, Travis Soto, Jessie Daniels, and Richie Melton.

High School All Region Band- Janet Witcher-Flute 1st. Chair Symphonic Band (Qualified for State).

Twyla young-Flute-12th Chair Concert Band

Amie Witcher-Clarinet-10th Chair Symphonic Band

Amber Larance-Clarinet-17th Chair Concert Band

Veronica Ortega-Clarinet-18th Chair Concert Band

Wesley Hunsaker-Trumpet-3rd Chair Symphonic Band (Qualified For State)

Matthew Taliaferro-Trumpet-6th Chair Concert Band

Bill Walker-Trumpet-9th Chair concert Band

Trisha Teig-French Horn-5th Chair Concert Band

Adam Witcher-Trombone-10th Chair Symphonic Band

Briah McClellan-Trombone-1st Chair Concert Band

Beau Brown-Baritone-1st Chair Symphonic Band (Qualified for State).

Brian Booth-Tuba-5th Chair Concert Band

(Qualified For State)-these students placed high enough in their sections to be eligible to participate in the next level of competition which is the AREA TRYOUTS held in Sundown, Texas on January 6, 2001.

All of the above students competed against A, AA, and AAA high school students out of Region I.

The following SHS students made chairs in the all-region band: Ashley Renzelman-1st chair flute

Jayme Wilhelm-8th chair clarinet

Cassie Garza- 11th Chair Clarinet

Tiffany Knight-2nd Chair bass clarinet

Kayla Willard-4th chair alto sax

Yadira Ortega-1st alternate alto sax

Amy Woods-1st chair tenor sax

Brandi Chaffee-2nd chair tenor sax

Kayce Allen-2nd chair cornet

Ryan McDaniel-5th chair cornet  
Tyler Haynes-5th chair trombone  
Travis Soto-8th chair trombone  
Jesse Daniels-2nd chair baritone  
Richie Melton-5th chair baritone  
Josh King-1st chair tuba  
Cory Rendon-2nd chair snare drum

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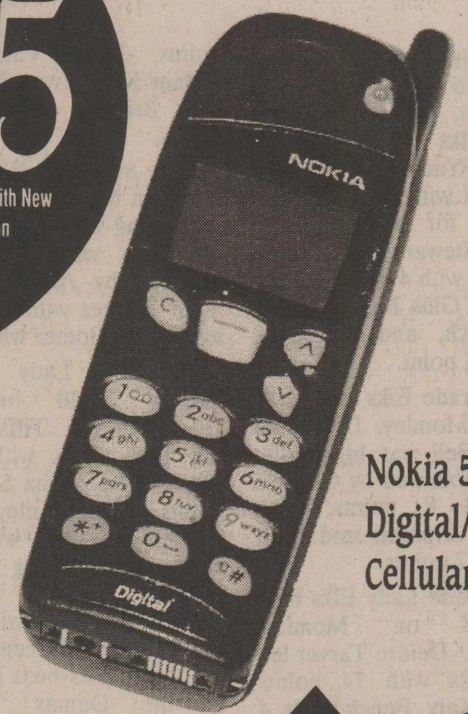


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# Open Houses Held



Sherman County Depot Museum held their Open House on Sunday, December 3rd. Shown above board members from left, Pat Johnson, Rolene Arkon, and Clovia Talley.



THE General Store held an Open House on Friday, December 8th. Shown above THE General Store crew from left: Heather Hansen, Mary Carter, Ricky Pickens, Glen Nusz, Wanda Woolsey, Zelda & Ronnie Pickens.



Great Lengths Salon hosted an Open House on Friday, December 8th. Shown from left, Cynthia Henley and Barbara Wiley.



Kathy Melton serves some hot cider to Marty Robertson at Thriftway's Open House on Friday, December 8th.



Allen-Tarver Agency held their Open House on Friday also. Shown from left: Diane Coaly, Patty Melton, and Carolyn Tarver.



Stratford Family Medical Clinic held an Open House on Sunday, December 10, 2000. Shown above from left, the staff at the clinic, Yvette Seaton LVN, Brenda Long - Office Manager, Sharon McCarver, Sharon Watts RN, John Schmidt P.A., Lisa Ramos, and Dr. Perry Bassett, M.D.

## Nu Beta Tour Of Homes Held



Nu Beta Sorority Annual Tour of Homes was held on Sunday, December 3, 2000. The home of Jimmy and Ineta Chesher was one of the homes on the tour. Shown above, Ineta Chesher.



These ladies enjoyed touring the home of Steve and Barbara Dettle on Sunday, December 3rd. Shown from left, Mary Riffe, Joan Bell, Helen Taylor, LeRayne Donelson, and Sharon Wilson.



The country home of Ronnie and Marihoward Engelbrecht was one of the beautiful homes on the tour Sunday, December 3, 2000. Shown above, Marihoward Engelbrecht.



The home of Doug and Joyce McBryde was on the tour. Shown above, Nu Beta Sorority member Lori Christian at the home of the McBryde's.

## GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Is Your Loved One In A Nursing Home?

(NAPS)—It's gift-giving season again, and time to start thinking about what to buy for the special people in our lives. If you have a family member or friend in a nursing home, you may be wondering what would be an appropriate gift. Just as you would with others on your list, consider gifts that match his or her hobbies, interests and needs. Remember the nursing home is their home, so you will want to consider activities or items that help them feel comfortable and secure.

Nursing home leader **Beverly Healthcare** suggests the following holiday gifts:

- Room Decorations—Framed pictures, prayers or quotes, books, pretty quilts, blankets or pillows that make a room more home-like and comfortable. Non-poisonous plants also make good gifts. They brighten up a room, and give your loved one something to care for. Also, a calendar with special dates and upcoming events, such as grandchildren's birthdays, children's anniversaries and graduations, along with a selection of cards and stamps will help your loved one celebrate special occasions.

- Toiletries—Even seemingly simple gifts such as talcum powder, lotion, a toothbrush or toothpaste can significantly contribute to a resident's comfort and well being. Because the texture of skin changes with age, you will want to check with nursing home staff to make sure such gifts are appropriate. Gift certificates to the nursing home's beauty salon for a haircut or manicure are especially appreciated. To make it more special, you can give yourself a gift and join your loved one at the salon.

- Entertainment—Sometimes nursing home residents are not able to attend special family events



such as graduation, anniversary or birthday parties. Videotape the event so your loved one can see the festivities and feel as though he or she is an important part of the family. Watch it together so you can relive the festivities, too. Books and music are also popular. If your loved one has vision problems, make a date to visit weekly and read to him or her.

- Clothing—Gifts that help your loved one feel warm and cozy during the winter months can be especially welcome. Cardigan sweaters, sweat suits, hand knitted booties or slippers and lap blankets are just a few warming gift ideas. And, don't forget to pick up cheerful sweaters, sweatshirts and socks depicting fun holiday scenes.

Above all, **Beverly Healthcare** wants to remind you that sometimes the simplest gifts are the most appreciated. If your loved one is mobile, take him or her for an outing to a favorite restaurant, plan a visit to church or synagogue for services, or invite their friends to the nursing home for a special lunch. And of course, visiting your loved one in a nursing home is often the best gift.

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