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Stratford vs. Cisco
Saturday,
December 16th
2:00 p.m.
Lowery Field-
Lubbock
Ticket Prices
\$7.00 adults
\$5.00 Students
We are the visitors

Elks Advance to State Semi-Finals

The Stratford Elks won the State Quarterfinal game against Idalou 19-17 on Friday, December 8, 2006. The Elks will now advance to the State Semi-finals this Saturday December 16, 2 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock, TX where the Elks will take on the Cisco Lobos.

Hunter Buckles completed 3 of 4 passes for 28 yards and carried the ball for 82 yards on 17 carries.

Jonathan Licon carried the ball for 131 yards on 25 carries and Craig Kautz followed with 85 yards on 18 carries and scored the Elks 3 touchdowns. Licon also scored one PAT.

Joey Reta caught the ball for 18 yards on 2 receptions and Craig Kautz had 10 yards on one catch.

The Elks defense was led by Craig Kautz with 10 tackles followed by Steven Rueda with 9 tackles. Julio Ramirez, Michael Frizzell, and Sandro Gomez each had 5 tackles for the night. Also contributing to the Elks defense were James Smith, Jonathan Licon, Pablo Ibarra, Scott Hudson, Alex Martinez, Brant Cummings, Gilbert Reta, Joey Reta, Martin Beltran and Adrian Vargas.

GOOD LUCK ELKS - BEAT CISCO!!!

Elk Send-off
Saturday
Morning
Dec. 16th
6:30 a.m.
Go get 'em

Elks-Quarterfinal Champs

The Elks beat Idalou on Friday, December 8, 2006 to capture the State Quarterfinal Trophy. The Elks will play the Cisco Lobos on Saturday, December 16, 2:00 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock for State Semi-Finals. **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STRATFORD ELKS AND THEIR COACHES! BEAT CISCO!!**

Winners Announced

The First State Bank recently held their Thanksgiving Open House. Winners were J.E. Brannan (20 lb. Turkey) and Michelle Lutes (\$50.00 gift card). Congratulations to the winners.

Elks In Action To Perform

The Elks in Action participants will perform at halftime of the Varsity girl's basketball game on Tuesday, January 16th and Tuesday, January 30th. Participants get in to the ball game free, but all spectators must pay. Thanks!

Old Yearbooks For Sale

Old Yearbooks for sale from the 70's to 05's for \$25.00. Please call Jennifer Wells at 806-366-3347 to ask if we have the yearbook you need.

EQIP SIGN-UP

An EQIP sign-up has begun. EQIP is a program the NRCS utilizes to cost share conservation practices on farms and ranches. Sign-up will continue through December 15, 2006.

Call the NRCS office at 396-5517 ext. 3 for an appointment. Cost share is available for water facilities, grass seeding, cross fencing, windbreaks, irrigation pipeline, and sprinkler upgrades to LPIC or LEPA systems. New sprinklers are available to convert row water to sprinkler. Drip irrigation is also available to convert from row water to drip irrigation.

Keep conservation a top priority. If it is good for conservation, it is good for the farm and ranch.

Lions Club Collecting Used Eye Glasses

As a service project for the community the Stratford Lions Club continues to collect used eye glasses. The glasses you donate can be recycled and given to children and others that can not afford them. If you would like to help those in need, please see any Lion's Club member or bring them by the Happy State Bank.

Project Christmas Card

Project Christmas Card deadline is noon on December 18th. Donations may be made at First State Bank of Stratford or Sherman County Public Library.

LIGHTING CONTEST

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest again this year. Have your lights up by December 9th so they can be judged. Christmas lights make our town attractive to both home town people and out of town people. We want Stratford to look bright and alive this season. So "Lighten Up" its Christmas. Thanks, Stratford chamber of Commerce

Alexander Receives Award

Imma Jeanne Lasley Alexander was in Washington, D.C. last week where she was awarded National Social Studies Supervisor. She is the Social Studies Supervisor of Wichita Falls, Texas ISD. She was Teacher of The Year twice, Teacher of her district, President of The Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association, and last year was awarded Texas Social Studies Supervisor.

Imma Jeanne is the daughter of the late Gerald Lasley and Christine Lasley Claughton who resided in the Wilco Community southeast of Dalhart. She attended school at Hartley, College at TCU and graduated from NE Missouri University with honors.

Pep Rally Friday Dec. 15 3:10 p.m. High School Gym

Downed Transmission Line Causes Texhoma Outage

HOOKER, Okla. (December 11, 2006) - Tri-County Electric Cooperative announced today that a downed transmission line northeast of Stratford, Texas, on Highway 54 owned by Xcel Energy that supplies electricity to Tri-County Electric caused power problems in Texhoma, Okla., and Texhoma, Texas, just before 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006. Approximately 530 accounts were affected by the outage. All but about five accounts were back on by 11:30 p.m., and power was restored to the remaining accounts at approximately 9 a.m. Friday.

"When Tri-County Electric was notified about the problem with the Xcel Energy transmission line, we immediately dispatched our line technicians," said Tri-County Electric Manager of Customer Service Roy Smothermon. "Using a technique called 'backfeeding,' our crew was able to restore electricity to the area by temporarily drawing power from another part of our system. Due to the location of a transmission switch in Texhoma, about four or five accounts did not have power restored until Xcel Energy repaired its transmission line on Friday morning. Once that repair was made, we returned our system to its normal operating configuration."

*We are proud of our Elks
You are a Class Act
Good Luck
Beat Cisco*



Santa Letters deadline to The Stratford Star is Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Open House

Doak Crabtree-visiting with Margie Bryson



Happy State Bank of Stratford held their Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 5th. Shown at right are Geneva Bell, Elsie Pickens and Maria Guerrero enjoying the delicious refreshments





ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

OBITS

MELISSA KAY HAGGARD

WICHITA FALLS — Melissa Kay Haggard, 45, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006.

Memorial services were at 4 p.m. Friday in Lamar Baptist Church in Wichita Falls with the Rev. Terry Bowman officiating.

Melissa Kay Haggard, 45, of Wichita Falls began her journey with the Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006.

Melissa was born Jan. 4, 1961, in Dumas to Clifford and Alice Ellison. She was raised in Stratford, and resided in Wichita Falls the past 13 years. She was a devoted Christian wife, mother and grandmother. She was employed as office manager for Dr. Tom Curran, DDS. She was a member of Lamar Baptist Church where she served on various committees and helped in the nursery and children's Sunday school.

She married Eddie Haggard on June 30, 1979, in Stratford. They had two beautiful children, Chaundra McWhorter of Tokyo and Brenton Haggard of Graham. She was a second mother to Eddie's daughter, Michele Swart of Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Alice Ellison; and a sister, Vicki Murphey.

Survivors include her husband, Eddie Haggard; a daughter, Chaundra McWhorter and husband Chris; a son, Brenton Haggard; a step-daughter Michele Swart of Stratford; a brother, Floyd "Butch" Ellison of Stratford; a sister, Terry Ellison of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Wichita Falls or KMOC Christian Radio.

The Square House Museum in Panhandle brought a Native American trunk for the 4th grade class. The trunk contained animal hides that the Native Americans used and clothing that they wore. The 4th graders learned many interesting details about the culture of the Kiowa Indians.

The Third Grade had a visit from the Carson County Squarehouse Museum. They brought in an educational trunk on Pioneers and shared all kind of information about the Pioneer days. The students got to see old pictures, dress up as pioneer children and learn very interesting things about what it would have been like to live back then. It was a great presentation. Kindergarten also was visited by the same people with Christmas Around the World.

5th grade students are learning about erosion and weathering. We made sedimentary rocks and then did investigations on these rocks by using erosion and weathering techniques. 6th grade students have just completed their planet travel brochures. Need a vacation??? Come by and take a look at these students' creative pamphlets. Parents and friends—as you are cleaning out your kitchen cabinets and you come across mixing bowls and wooden spoons, pots and pans that you no longer use—would you consider donating them to our science class?? We are always in need of used kitchen supplies.

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading class has been studying story elements using fractured fairy tales. This week the students will write their own fractured fairy tale.

The Junior High faculty was treated with a lovely come-and-go Christmas part at Clint and Cindy Seward's house on Wednesday. Lots of food and fellowship were enjoyed. Thanks, guys!

The Big Blue Band Christmas concert is Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Come and enjoy spirited music!

The juniors had their ring ceremony last Monday. High school final exams will be December 18-20. Can you believe we're almost finished with the first semester?

Our JV Lady Elks and Lady Elks play Sunray here Friday at 5:00 and 6:30 respectively. Our Elks play Cisco Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock at 2:00 p.m. The pep rally will be Friday at 3:10 p.m.

Quote of the week: "All of the so called 'Secrets of Success' will not work unless you do." Unknown

Good Luck Elks Beat Cisco

Bobbie Strong will be giving
One Stroke Painting Class
On Sat. Dec. 16th at
Longs Ben Franklin from
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
(2 hour class)

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GET'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
HARRISON WALDEN
Harrison is a member of the Elk football and basketball teams. He has also competed for the Elk track team. Harrison is also involved in FFA showing pigs. For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com

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HOME

Wasted Energy — Wasted Dollars

NewsUSA

(NU) - Do you live in an energy sieve?

Houses that are leaky squander your cool air in summer and waste warmth in winter, driving up your energy bills needlessly. By eliminating energy leaks you can start saving energy dollars. In summer or winter, your home's cooling or heating system has a direct impact on your utility bill. Healthy, well-serviced systems have lower energy bills than comparable systems with poor installation and slipshod maintenance. Even an older unit can save energy dollars if you take a few simple energy-saving steps.

Once a heating or cooling system is properly installed, it will function in the way in which it was intended. But if the rest of your home wastes energy, you won't see savings you expect, and comfort will fall through the cracks while your energy bill is unnecessarily high.

All homes should breathe, but if air flows freely around closed

doors and windows, you live in an energy sieve. Consider these energy saving tips from NATE:

- Close the chimney flue when your fireplace is not in use.
- Install a programmable thermostat — to make your home comfortable when you're at home, not when you're at work.
- Install storm doors for winter.
- Use your dishwasher's air dry cycle year-round.
- Install weather stripping and caulking to stop leaks and reduce drafts.
- Replace filters regularly — if air can't move, your system slowly suffocates.
- Have your home's heating and cooling system serviced by a NATE-certified technician seasonally to identify little problems before they become big ones. NATE technicians know heating and cooling. Find a contractor with NATE-certified technicians at www.natex.org.

Crafts

(NU) - Which hot new crafting trend got its start in the late stone age? It's felting, a process in which the fibers of two or more materials are combined without the use of needle, thread or adhesive. Today, a new kind of home machine is giving crafters a quick and easy way to do a process called "needle felting," or "needle punching." The Xpression needle punch machine from the Janome Sewing Machine Co. looks a lot like a regular home sewing machine, but instead of one sewing needle, it has five felting needles with special barbs along each edge. More information on the Xpression is available at www.janome.com.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Recently listened to an audio book, "The Worst of Hard Times" by Timothy Eagan. It is about the dirty thirties, covering Dalhart & Dallam County, Boise City in Cimarron County, and Clayton in Union County. The reader pronounces Boise City like Boise, Idaho! Many names were recognized. I recommend that one listen to it or read the book.

Patti McDaniel Aurora, CO, called her mother and brother from the San Diego - Denver football game Sunday. She was there visiting with a cousin.

Bill & Pat Boren went to Ft. Worth last week where they joined Charles & Jean Boren in attending a concert by The Irish Tenors. As soon as they got home, Bill went to Albuquerque to see grandsons Will & Brice play their last basketball game. (They do things differently in New Mexico)

Jo June McDaniel attended the Red Hat Christmas party at the Chicken House last week. Also she and Donna & Bill Gillenwaters attended the community Cantata Sunday night at the Stratford Baptist Church.

Are you interested in being a Secret Pal? Contact Donna Gillenwaters, Pat Boren or Marylou McDaniel by Dec. 14.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters attended the Gillenwaters-Price birthday reunion Saturday at Buffalo, OK. Jimmy & Duane's families were among the 35 attending.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover recently had an exciting trip to Branson, MO. They went to five shows in five days, but the best was attending the new Titanic Museum. Barbara had a relative who was on the ship and survived, Marie Grice Young. They met the author of a book about it and he and the museum people were excited to meet Barbara!

DISTRICT 4-H FOOD SHOW RESULTS

One hundred twenty-one 4-H'ers from the top 21 counties in Texas gathered at Highland Park High School in Amarillo for the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show December 2, 2006. Each participant earned the privilege of competing at the district level by placing first in county food show.

Youth prepared a dish, served it to a panel of adult judges, and answered questions in an interview format. 4-H'ers were asked about preparation skills needed to make their dish, food safety concerns involving the preparation and storage of their dish, the key nutrients in the product as well as their community services and leadership activities in the foods and nutrition project. Food Show participants representing Sherman County were Mary Ann Spurlock, Mazie Vincent, Garrett Ely, Desinya Garza, Landry Davis, Catheryn Griffin, Rhyann Burton, and Eric Burton.

Top four Junior medalists (ages 9-10) from Sherman County were Mary Ann Spurlock in the Main Dish category and Desinya Garza in the Nutritious Snacks category.

Top four Intermediate medalist (ages 11-13) from Sherman County was Rhyann Burton in the Fruits and Vegetable category.

Eric Burton placed 2nd in the Senior Breads and Cereals division. He will be the alternate to the state Food Show to be held in June during Texas 4-H Roundup. Senior contestant's ages are 14-19 years old.

Sponsors of the Panhandle Food Show included Arrowhead Mills of Hereford, Texas Extension Education Association, and Texas Cooperative Extension.

4-H is a national youth program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

**Good
Luck Elks**

Letters To The Editor

Sherri Sladek
P.O. Box 774
Stratford TX 79084

Dear Editor

I was in attendance at the football game this past Friday night at Kimbrough stadium. Way to go and congratulations to all of the Stratford Elks, coach Metcalf and his outstanding staff, and the cheerleaders and The Big Blue Band. What a game it was! You Elks played your heart out, and it was apparent that you guys just wanted the win so much. However, while you were winners in the game, you were also winners in the arena of sportsmanship. I just had to comment about a scene that touched me at the end of the game. When the team went to the center of the field to receive the trophy, Hunter Buckles walked to the sideline after shaking hands with the opposing team, and assisted Martin Beltran to the center of the field. Martin leaned on Hunter as they slowly made their way to the center of the field. What a show of class from this young man. That scene is representative of the way things should be, putting others needs before your own, sacrificing for the good of others, and working together as a team. Elks, thank you for representing our community, for making us proud of your play and your conduct.

Dear Editor
To All Stratford and
Sherman County Residents

The Pantry Board would sincerely like to thank each of you for recent contributions to the various food drives held in our community. With your help, we are prepared for the winter season.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain a little about The Pantry. When the need arises, we provide food and non-perishable items to residents of Stratford and Sherman County.

Members of The Pantry consist of volunteers from local churches. When The Pantry is low on different items, we ask these volunteers to let the need be known to church members. The volunteers bring the items to The Pantry to be distributed to families in need.

Monetary donations made to The Pantry are used to purchase perishable items such as produce and dairy products that are unable to store at The Pantry.

We would like to commend Mary Allen Elementary faculty, students, and parents for a successful food drive. The total number of items donated was 1,834—over riding their goal of 1,000 items.

A special "thank you" to SHS Student Council, for delivering the donated food from MAE to The Pantry.

Again, thank you to everyone that has supported The Pantry throughout 2006 and especially to those that continue to serve as volunteers in our community.

Here's wishing you a wonderful holiday season—May you always be blessed with plenty to eat.

Sincerely,
The Pantry Board

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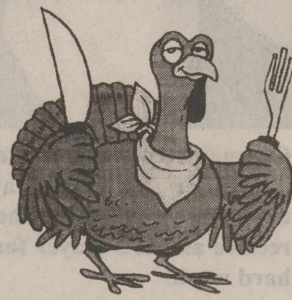
(NU) - Internet banking, through institutions such as NetBank, can be convenient when it comes to planning a trip. For example, travelers within the continental U.S. can make deposits to their NetBank accounts through any of the 4,100 UPS store locations. Or if you have a transaction pending and aren't going to be near a computer, Internet banks can often send an alert to your mobile phone or Personal Digital Assistant to let you know if an important deposit posted or debit cleared. For more information, visit www.netbank.com.

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Food

(NU) - Looking for new and creative ways to get your kids to eat healthier after-school snacks? Try opening a jar of pickles. "Pickles are a fun, easy and most importantly, tasty and healthy snack that kids and parents love," said Jeff Tuttle, chief marketing officer for M.A. Gedney Company, producer and marketer of the Del Monte line of pickles. Now offering the world's first line of USDA-certified organic pickles, Del Monte products are available in supermarkets and retail outlets. For kid-friendly recipes, visit www.delmontepickle.com.



We're cooking turkeys Dec. 21st!

We're getting ready to cook for the relatives of men and women serving in the Armed Forces. If you have someone in the military, email your name & address to lallen6423@aol.com or call 753-7979. If you'd like to help cook, deliver the food or donate the meat, contact Lynn Allen at the email or phone number above. We'll be glad to help you out by cooking your holiday turkey or brisket; bring it to us Thursday, Dec. 21st at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn on Beaver Road. No charge!



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Study Club Holds Meeting Dec. 6th

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Dec. 6 at the Library with Cindy Jackson, president, conducting the business. Plans were completed for the scholarship fund raising spaghetti dinner held Dec. 10.

All were encouraged to donate to Project Christmas Card.

Two new members were welcomed to the club, Connie Oquin and Jill Killian.

An interesting history of Texas Federation was given by Margaret Reed who is Club Federation Counselor.

Club members are to turn in 10 recipes each by Jan. 3 meeting for a planned new cookbook

Members attending were Cindy Jackson, Laurie Spurlock, Margaret Reed, Patti Vincent, Shorty Albert, Oline Caraway, Fat Hartman, Mattie Baskin, Joyce Hart, Marylou McDaniel, Sandy Baskin, D'Lynn Reed, Ann Johnson, Connie Oquin, Jill Killian, Joyce Ann Lasley, Michelle Lutes. AD of the above plus Marty Bain, Barbara Haile, Linda Swain worked at the Spaghetti dinner.

First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main

Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Aleksey Kowalski
6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 9:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Service - Wed. Thurs. Fri. - 6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald
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.

Heritage Bible Baptist

Pastor Rick Carter

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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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Pastor Billy Chambers

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Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. - Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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Miercoles (Wednesday)
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Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
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Estudio Biblico

Se Cuidamos



Consumer

(NU) - About 13 million children in the United States are overweight, but do you know how to tell if your child is one of them? The standard for screening for possible weight problems is the body mass index, also called BMI. BMI-for-age is determined by comparing weight and height against a growth chart that takes age and sex into account. Created by the National Institutes of Health, the "We Can!" program (Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition) recommends that parents ask their primary care provider or pediatrician to regularly determine their child's BMI-for-age to track changes that could signal excessive weight gain. For a free "We Can!" parents' handbook and other tools, including BMI-for-age growth charts, visit <http://wecan.nhlbi.nih.gov> or call 866-35-WE CAN.

Come One, Come All.
We would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Open Communion will be available from 5-5:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. We are located at 520 N. Main. Have a Blessed Christmas as we celebrate Christ's birth!

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

CHRISTMAS IS GOD'S SON

The Bible says, "When the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son" (Galatians 4:4). The God spoken of here is the Creator, the One who made everything out of nothing in the space of six days. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

The Son spoken of is the One who existed eternally with the Father (John 1:1). He is the only One who is by nature the Son of God (John 1:14). Others are adopted sons and daughters. This Son is a divine and supernatural person who is Himself God. This divine Son of God was sent from God the Father. He therefore left the presence of God, which is in heaven, a place "not of this creation" (Hebrews 9:11). He came "into the world" (John 3:17).

Finally, this same Son of God was sent forth by God to perform a specific task. He came "to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). He came to die on a cross to give His life in payment for the sins of people like you and me.

Think about it. Can you celebrate Christmas without this view of God and His Son? To celebrate the birth of Jesus, you must worship the Creator. We must celebrate God sending His supernatural Son into the world as the God-man.

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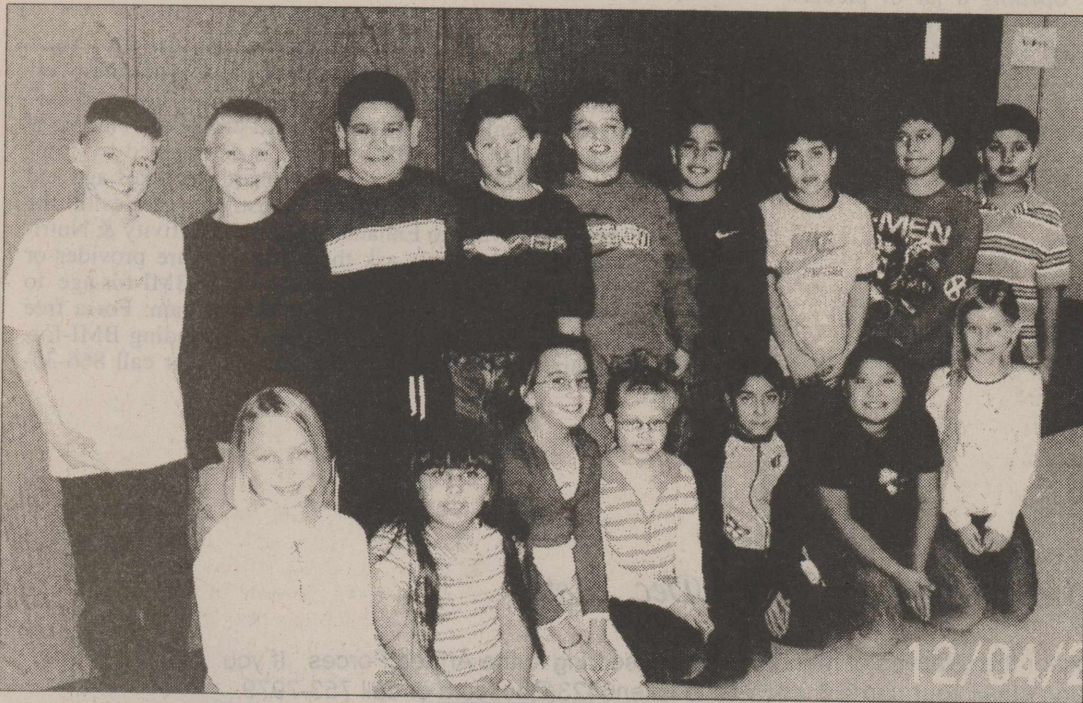
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Kerrick Community

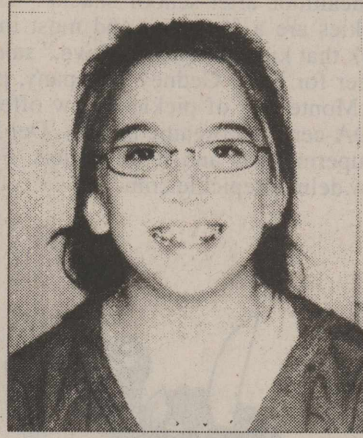
Church

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

Math-a-thon held



Shown above are 3rd grade students who raised money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital Math-a-thon. The students raised \$1223.06. Thanks to all of you who donated to this worthy cause.



Chesney Rendon was the top fundraiser for the Math-a-thon. She raised \$205. She will receive an MP3 player for her hard work!

Gift Subscriptions Made Easy

(NAPS)—Even if you don't have a gift for holiday shopping, there are ways to please the most hard-to-buy-for people on your list.

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City Council Minutes

COUNCIL MINUTES November 9, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Jolie Asher, Ernie Maiwald, Blake Confer, Connie Oquin and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; George Harding, City Planner; Eddie Williams, Fire Chief.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council convened into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. in accordance with the Government Code:Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Administrator.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:18 p.m.

Nancy Kimball motioned to accept the resignation of City Administrator Sean Hardman with regret, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

A decision by the State regarding the water lines is still pending.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES October 19, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session, Thursday, October 19, 2006, with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Ernie Maiwald, Blake Confer and Nancy Kimball. Councilmembers absent were Jolie Asher and Connie Oquin.

Also present were Sean Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Officer Larry Penfold; Cindy Jackson, Municipal Court Judge; Pat Bernard, SCDC; Eddie Williams, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Blake Confer motioned to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2006 Regular Meeting as presented, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

Doak Crabtree was unable to be

present to give the monthly City of Stratford Investment Review. The handout was distributed by Sean Hardman.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Officer Larry Penfold reported for the month of August:

- * 72 citations, 81 calls for service
- * Working on a scooter safety course which will have statewide recognition
- * Bought two new weapons for the third car
- * Applications for Chief of Police are still being accepted
- * Unit 402 is in the shop for repairs

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

Municipal Court Report was in Council packets and reviewed by Judge Cindy Jackson.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- * Copies of current City budget were distributed to Council
- * Currently trying to rid the Collection Station of all tires
- * Engineers are still progressing with regards to the Sewer project
- * No response yet on the CDBG grant
- * Still have not received all easements
- * Sean Hardman, David Brown, and Gaynelle Riffe submitted all available information regarding water
- Lines to the State in Amarillo and are anticipating a response within a couple of weeks
- * Sean will attend TML
- * Fire Department is currently looking for a vehicle to replace their suburban

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the September budget amendments, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the accounts payable, excluding XIT, Nancy Kimball seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Executive order by Mayor David Brown to approve the XIT payable as no quorum is present for this motion.

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

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the 2006 tax roll in the amount of \$52,283,905, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Blake Confer motioned to nominate Pat Bernard and Jolie Asher to serve on the Sherman

County Appraisal District Board, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Pat Bernard representing SCDC was present to discuss purchasing land of approximately 20 acres on the east side of the City. Discussion took place on obtaining information on the bidding process and time frame for accepting sealed bids. The engineers should be contacted and consulted before starting this process. There was also

discussion on re-zoning of City property along Highway 54 for retail only.

Nancy Kimball motioned to distribute the funds budgeted for Sherman County Development as requested, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding posting signs for the one-way street and also publishing the notice in the paper. Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance #061019 making the 100 Block of South Maple a one-way street for traffic driving north to south and the one block portion of South 1st between Highway 287 and South Maple a one-way street for traffic driving west to east, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance #061019(2) which repeals Ordinance #237, relating to the price charged for a sewer tap, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding junked/abandoned vehicles, Ordinance #184. This item was tabled. Council wants to change Section 8 to include a \$500 fine.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve Resolution #06-10-19 entering into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for Overlay and Utility Adjustments, Ernie Maiwald seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Council took a short break at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding compensation for training. This item was tabled.

Nancy Kimball motioned to approve the policy change for sewer back-ups, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried. All employees need to be informed of this change.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. in accordance with Government Code:Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief of Police.

Consumer

(NU) - We all want to connect with the ones we love, but with our busy lives it can be hard to find the time and energy to create meaningful ways to stay close. For example, to encourage your overcommitted friend to unwind, give her the "Note to Self: Stop Volunteering for Stuff" mug from Hallmark Gold Crown Stores. Or when your kids are going to your mom's for the weekend, send them with a "What Happens at Grandma's Stays at Grandma's" pillow. For more tips from 20-year Hallmark Cards veteran Lee Franklin, log on to www.hallmark.com/experts.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:43 p.m.

Per Sean Hardman, Officer Larry Penfold is awarded the position of Chief of Police.

Ernie Maiwald motioned to nominate BA Donelson, Sean Hardman, and Chris Riffe to serve on the board for the Stratford Sales Tax Corporation, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

- * Possibility of pending litigation
- * Discussion concerning animal control

* Discussion concerning the burned house on Main Street. The owners have a November 1, 2006

Deadline. Sean needs to proceed with arrangements for demolition.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES October 31, 2006

Stratford City Council met in Special Session, Tuesday, October 31, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Jolie Asher, Ernie Maiwald, Blake Confer, Connie Oquin and Nancy Kimball.

Also present were Sean

Hardman, City Administrator; Kathy Rendon, City Secretary; Kathy Allen, SCDC

CALL TO ORDER

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the appointment of two members for a feasibility committee for research concerning a mobile home park. Two members each will be appointed from SCDC, the County, and the City. Nancy Kimball motioned to nominate Ernie Maiwald and Connie Oquin, Jolie Asher seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

More clean-up letters need to be sent.

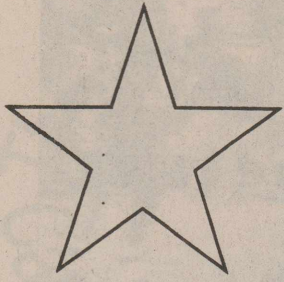
ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

There were no items from the Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Used tire sale: Duncan Chevrolet-366-5557. 7-28-tn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585 4-1-tn

For Sale: Whirlpool Kitchen APPLIANCES 30" Free-Standing Stove with self cleaning oven. Ceramic cook top. 26" Built-in self cleaning, delayed baking timer, oven, under counter dishwasher, 30" Hood type microwave. All appliances are white. Also for sale-Light fixtures, antique bras and clear glass. Ceiling fan. Call Joyce McBryde at 366-5688 for an appointment. 12-14-c

Queen Mattress & box spring \$100.00 like new call 366-2451. 12-14-c

For Rent

2 Bedroom House for Rent: 609 N. Grace-Call 303-618-0060. 12-7-tn

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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tn

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

Services

Looking for dependable adult. Must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma or equivalent. Must love children. Hours may vary. Come by Lollipop Junction for application. 9-14-tn

Help Wanted

Pen rider, feed mill personal, general maintenance & cattle processor needed. Apply in Person. Dean Cluck Feedyard-105 Dean Cluck Avenue, Gruver, TX 9-14-tn

Good Luck Elks

Houses for Sale

For Sale by Owner: 619 N. Grace, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large corner lot. Great starter house, priced to sell. Appointment only: 366-5330-leave message. 9-28-tn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401. 5-5-tn

For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple, 1404 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, or 2 big bdrms, and office, 1 bath, large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575. 4-20-tn

OWNER WILL FINANCE

Bad Credit no Problem-910 N. Maple, 3 Bdrm, 2 bath. Good Condition. Call Joe 806-336-1740 or Milton 806-790-0827. 1-4-c

Farms & Ranches for Sale

SHERMAN COUNTY SECTIONS- three sections, 3 phase electricity, two nice homes and landscaping, Quonset barn, irr. wells, sprinklers, 3 miles hwy front, +caliche-WILL DIVIDE!

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PLEASURE/CATTLEMAN'S DELIGHT-NW of GRUVER-80 acres +/-, nice 4,000+/-sq. ft. brick home, metal roof, fireplace, two car garage, irr. well, 1/4 mile sprinkler, quonset barn, pipe-rail pens, covered working area.

HWY. 152 BETWEEN STINNETT & DUMAS-767 acres +/-, 4,000 sq ft +/-home & a 1,700 sq ft +/-home, beautiful homes and landscaping, large metal barn with office, irr. wells, sprinkler, strong water, hwy front +caliche road-CONSIDER DIVIDING!

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Approx. 640.7 acres of land, 1/old abandoned house & Quonset barn- \$640,700.00

Approx. 640.7 acres of land- \$961,050.00

All acreage has irrigation equipment. All crops and farm equipment will be retained by seller. Seller will sell CRP land.

1202 N. 5th-\$116,900.00-4/1.75 home. Recently updated. Living Room w/fireplace. Den, Kitchen, wet bar. Mud room. Sewing Room 12 x 15 Corrugated Storage Building, extra lot 501 N. Poplar-\$45,000.00-Lobby area, 3 offices, 2 baths, shop w/10x12 overhead door. Cinder block building. Call Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 for more details. 9-21-c

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This property is located on Dalhart highway with paved access to highway 287. 80'X 80' Shop, 3 rest rooms. Office. 2 bedrooms above office with kitchen and bath. \$140,000

Call today to see this 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. There are several pine trees on the property with drip systems for watering. 30X70 Shop with extra thick concrete floor. Morton horse barn 60X48. \$180,000

MAKE YOUR DOLLARS COUNT! Call today to see this 3 bdrm, 1.75 bath. Cinder block construction stucco, and good insulation. Has small house in back. Large garage-shop. \$41,000

THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1947 sq. ft home. This home has lots of storage & built-ins. C H&A, and a fireplace. Covered patio, 10x12 yard barn, with lots of updates. Call today to make an appointment. Price Reduced \$82,000

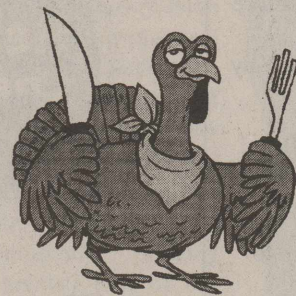
SHOP IN BACKYARD! Nice 3 bdrm, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Price Reduced \$43,000

VERY NICE 3 bdrm, 1.75 bath brick Austin Stone house on corner lot with side garage entry. Has flip-out Thermane windows, storage building with large fenced backyard, fireplace and large kitchen. Price Reduced \$60,000

For Rent or For Sale: 2-story, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced yard, large car port, close to school. 816 N. Maple. Call 366-7664 or 753-6677. 9-21-tn

For Sale: Remodeled 1237 sq. ft. home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage with living area, 90' x 140' lot. 516 N. Poplar (806-249-6554) 12-21-c

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER- \$38,710. Owner motivated for quick sale! Bring all offers! 819 N. 2nd St., 2 story stucco house, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 5 lots on corner, has attached garage and 3 detached garages, basement. Call 806-930-8555 for appointment. 11-2-tn



OPEN LETTER TO THE CATTLE PRODUCERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING "DEADS" DUMPED IN RIGHTS OF WAY

It has come to the attention of the officials of Sherman County, Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that rendering companies have now begun to charge for the removal of carcasses of dead cattle. It had been the practice to drag the "deads" to the ditches, and in many cases the roadsides, so that the carcass would be handy for the "used cow" truck to pick up the carcass.

This practice is not acceptable unless the cattle producer intends to have the carcass picked up. Dragging the carcass to any highway, farm-to-market road, or county road, and leaving it is a violation of the solid waste disposal provisions of Texas, in addition to being against the law, the carcasses pose a traffic hazard, a health hazard, and makes for unsightly roadsides.

The purpose of this letter is to inform cattle producers that Sherman County officials will investigate complaints of cattle dumping, and take action to discourage the activity. Just be aware that cattle dumping on state and county rights of way is illegal, and there are misdemeanor and even felony sanctions to punish those responsible. Please also be aware that neither Sherman County nor TxDOT will remove these carcasses.

The officials of Sherman County and TxDOT are counting on your cooperation so that roadsides in our county remain clear, REMEMBER DUMPING DEAD CATTLE NEAR HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS IS ILLEGAL

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 free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Health

(NU) - More than 20 million Americans suffer from asthma, with 60 percent battling allergic asthma. Despite available treatments, many people have trouble controlling their condition. So medical researchers are conducting the EXTRA study to help evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational asthma drug in combination with standard treatments. To qualify for the study, men and women between the ages of 12 and 75 must have moderate to severe persistent allergic asthma that is inadequately controlled with standard treatments. To learn more about enrolling in this study, call 888-662-6728.

Consumer

(NU) - Hoping to tap into the considerable spending power of the growing U.S. Hispanic population, a Delaware-based company plans to roll out a new shopping channel expressly for a Spanish-speaking audience. Viva TeleCompras and its accompanying Web site, www.vivatelecompras.com, which are being developed by Home Shopping Latino Inc., will reach 7.9 million Hispanic homes — more than 85 percent of the Hispanic households in the U.S. The channel will offer jewelry, electronics and household items.

Man must sit in chair with mouth open for very long time before roast duck fly in.

—Chinese proverb

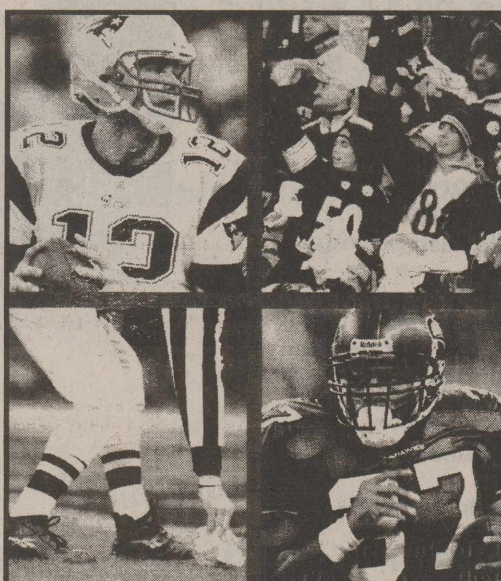
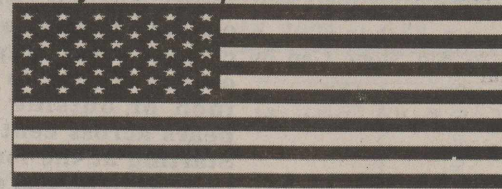
The greatest things are accomplished by individual people, not by committees or companies.

—Alfred A. Montapert

Elk Send-off
Saturday
Morning
Dec. 16th
6:30 a.m.
Go get 'em

We're cooking turkeys Dec. 21st!

We're getting ready to cook for the relatives of men and women serving in the Armed Forces. If you have someone in the military, email your name & address to lallen6423@aol.com or call 753-7979. If you'd like to help cook, deliver the food or donate the meat, contact Lynn Allen at the email or phone number above. We'll be glad to help you out by cooking your holiday turkey or brisket; bring it to us Thursday, Dec. 21st at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn on Beaver Road. No charge!



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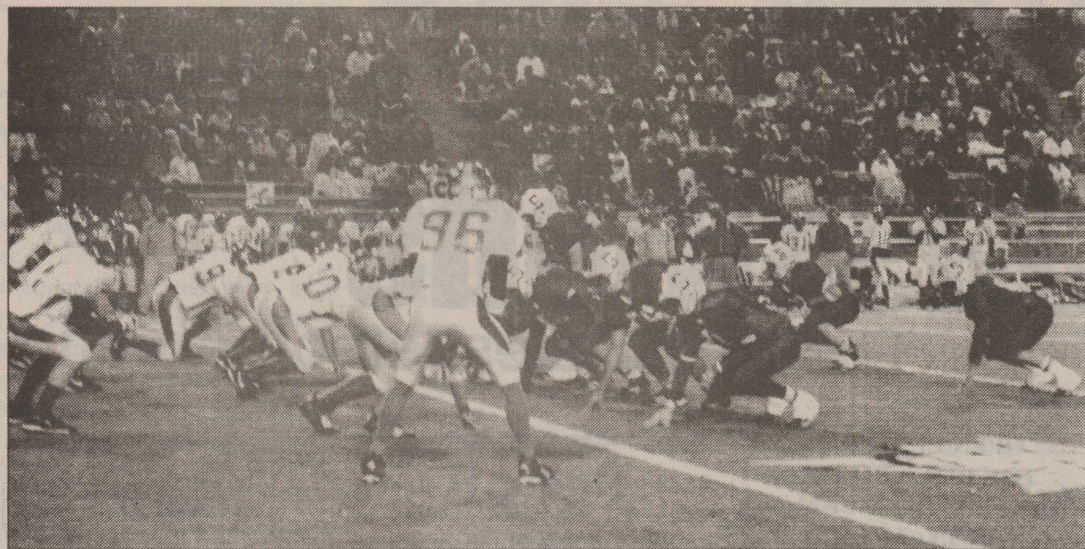
Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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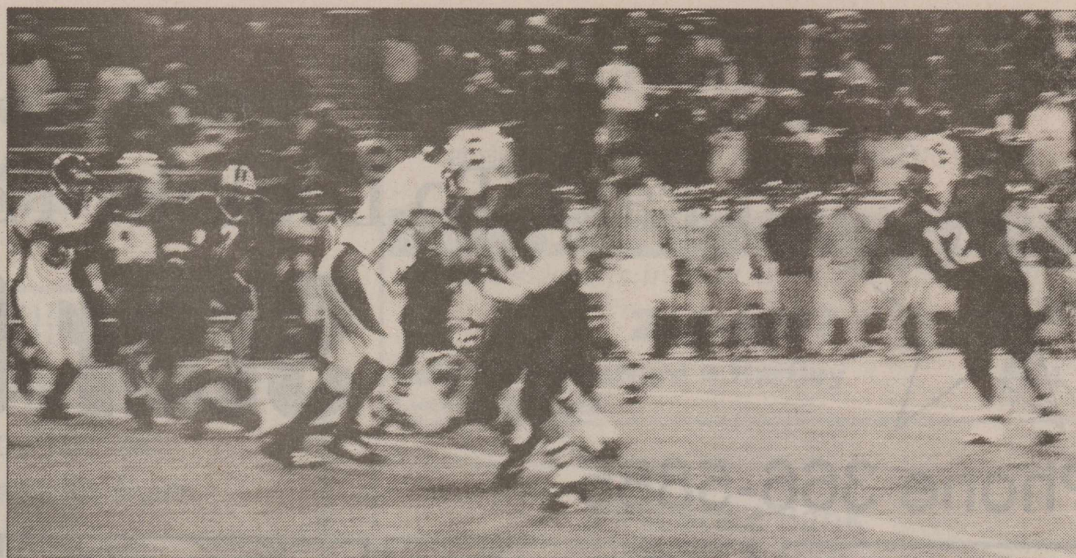
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12 More days until Christmas are you ready?

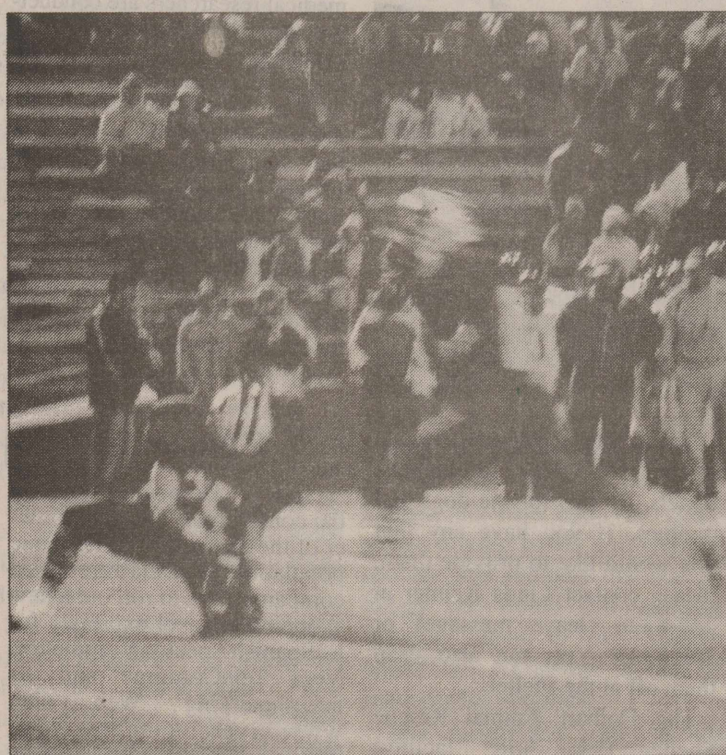


The Elks get set up on offense against Idalou. The Elks beat Idalou 19-17.



The Elks defense hold tough against Idalou.

Good Luck Elks Beat Cisco



Jonathan Licon kicks a PAT for the Elks. Scott Hudson is holder.

Basketball Results

The 7th grade Elks beat Sanford Fritch 45-21 on December 4, 2006. Braden Hudson led the Elks with 27 points followed by Marcos Garza with 6 points.

The 7th grade Lady Elks lost to Sanford Fritch 20-22 on Dec. 4th. Monica King was high point with 12 points and Tori Rouse and Perla Reta added 4 points each.

The 8th grade Elks beat Fritch 51-20. Kyle Horsford led the Elks with 23 points followed by Tyler Wright with 13 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Fritch 21-14. Kimberly Melton was high point with 11 points followed by Brianda Chavoya with 6 points.

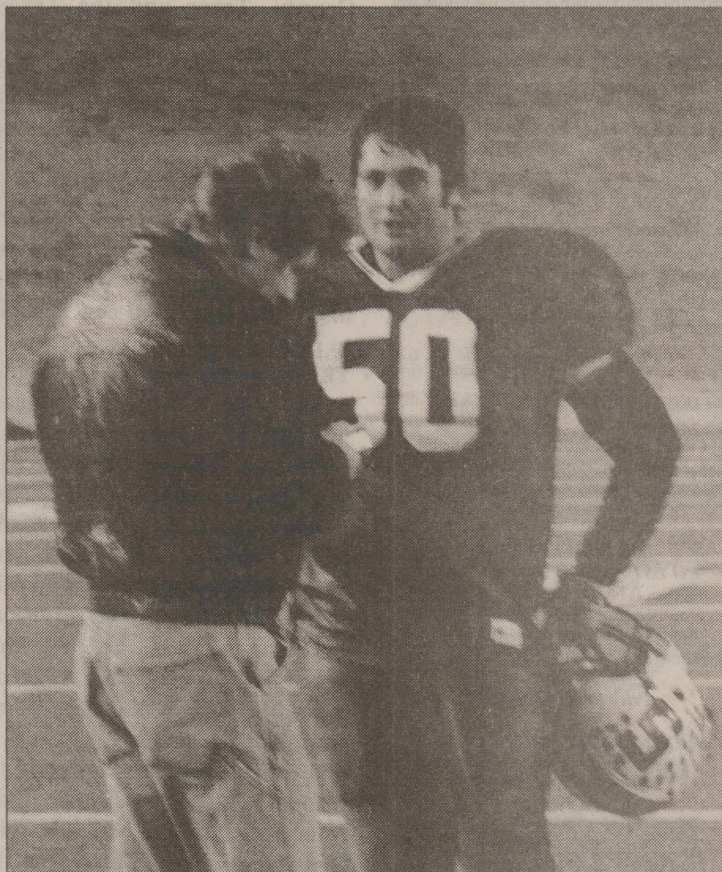
The J.V. Lady Elks beat Highland Park 52-19 on Nov. 28th. Sinead Everett was high point with 19 points followed by Yesenia Ibarra with 11 points. The J.V. Lady Elks competed in the Gruver Tournament held Nov. 30 - Dec. 2nd. In their 1st game, the Lady Elks lost to 18-30 to Sunray. Sinead Everett was high point with 8 and Yesenia Ibarra followed with 4 points. In the 2nd game of the tournament, they lost 21-28. Yesenia Ibarra was high point with 8 points followed by Sinead Everett with 5 points. In their final game, the Lady Elks beat Spearman 42-38. Yesenia Ibarra led the Lady Elks with 16 points followed by Sinead Everett with 13 points. On December 5th, the J.V. Lady Elks beat Perryton 44-30. Sinead Everett led with 17 points followed by Yesenia Ibarra with 10 points. On December 7 and 9th, the Lady Elks competed in the Spearman JV tournament. In their 1st game, they beat Arbor Christian 38-19 with Yesenia Ibarra and Sinead Everett being high point with 10 points each. In the 2nd game, they lost 16-26 to Panhandle. Yesenia Ibarra was high point with 8 points and Janeth Reyes and Sinead Everett added 3 points each. In their final game, they lost 22-23 to Spearman. Sinead Everett led with 9 points followed by Yesenia Ibarra and Darcy Rosales with 5 points each.

Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.
—Nathaniel Hawthorne

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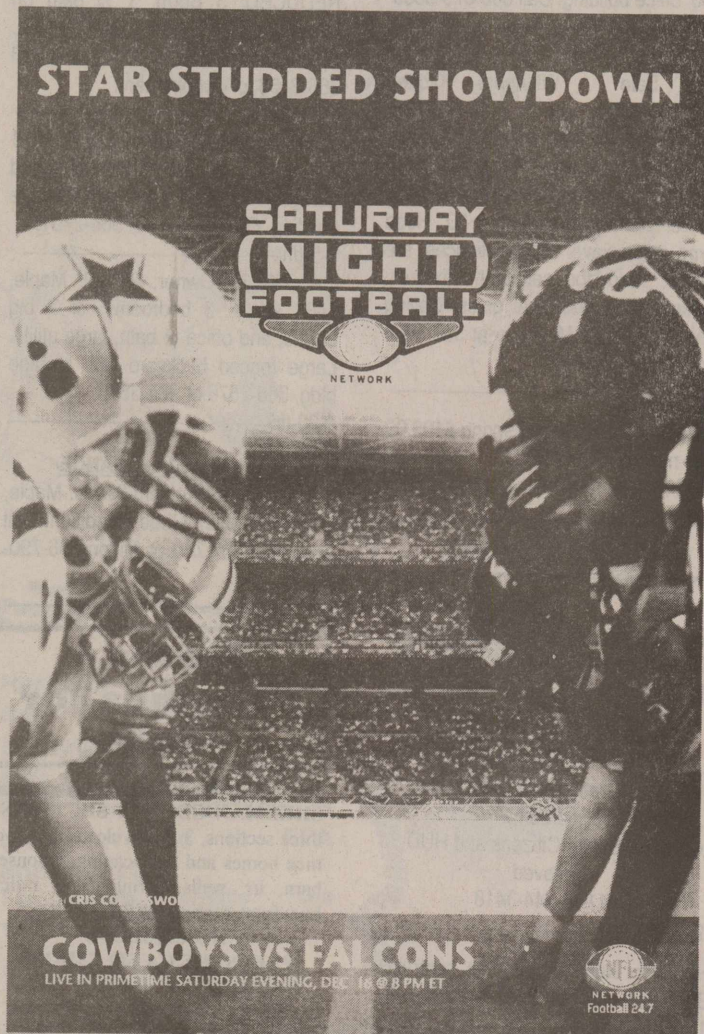


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PEAR STEAK ROLL-UP Makes 4 servings

- 2 oz. cream cheese
- 4 oz. crumbled blue cheese
- 3 cups packed arugula
- 1 1/2-lb. flank steak
- 1 15-oz. can Bartlett pears, drained
- 6-8 chives

Preheat broiler. Pound flank steak until thin, about 1/4 inch. Spread with cream cheese. Sprinkle with blue cheese. Press arugula on top of blue cheese, to within one inch of outside edge. Lay pears across center of meat. Starting at the long end, roll meat as tightly as possible. Tie securely with chives. Broil until desired doneness, about 8 minutes for 1 pound. Slice and serve hot.

GLAZED CARROTS, PEARS & CRANBERRIES Makes 6 Side Dish Servings

- 12 oz. fresh cranberries, washed and sorted
- 1 15-oz. can Bartlett pears, drained and juice reserved
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup pear juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 pound cooked carrots

In a small saucepan, combine cranberries, pear juice, sugar and lemon juice. Bring to boil and reduce to simmer for about 4 minutes until juice thickens. Fold in carrots and pears. For more delicious recipes, along with nutritional information, visit www.eatcannedpears.com.