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# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Pheasant Season Opens Saturday

Pheasant season will soon be here, and the Stratford Chamber of Commerce is still accepting land leases. The price per acre for CRP Grass and Corn stubble is \$.35. The price per acre for milo stubble or unharvested dryland milo will be \$.70. The Chamber is expecting 65 hunters for opening weekend, and would like to provide quality hunting land for these "Tourists". If you have land and would like to participate, please contact Paula at The Chamber Office, located in the City Hall Building or call-366-2260. Income from this leasing option could produce a nice "Christmas Bonus"!

## Fire Dept. To Give Away DVD Player

The Stratford Fire Department is giving away a Apex DVD Player on Saturday, December 8th at the Pheasant Hunters Breakfast. All proceeds will go towards the building fund. Only 200 tickets will be sold. You do not have to be present to win.

## Residential Christmas Lighting Contest Details

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will hold its residential Christmas Lighting Contest, December 15, 2001. If you would like to have your house considered in the contest, please contact the Chamber office and have your name added to the list. All homes in Town will be considered. Judging will begin at dark. The winning homes will be staked with award ribbons. Pictures will also appear in the Stratford Star. Call the Chamber office and have your home entered (366-2260).

Lion's Club Annual Pheasant Hunters Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 8th at The County Barn. We will start serving at 6 a.m.. Come enjoy a great breakfast



## Christmas Parade

Dean Hauser in Fire Truck driving Santa Claus in the Christmas Parade held last Wednesday, November 28th.

## Santa Claus Letters

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 20, 2001. 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 Thursday, December 14th, 2001 at 3:00 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.

## Elks Advance To State Quarterfinals



Shown above, 2001 Stratford Elks with their Regional trophy they won after beating Iraan 47-21 on Friday, December 7th. Way To Go Elks!!

Iraan faced Stratford for the 3rd consecutive year and struck out again! The Elks rolled past the Braves 47-21 to capture the Regional win on Friday, November 30, 2001. The Elks now advance to the Class 1A State Quarterfinals and will face Petersburg at 7:30 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium on Friday, December 7th.

Adam Bell completed 10 of 15 passes for 174 yards and four touchdowns. Bell also led the Elks with 111 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns. Carlos Jacquez followed with 50 yards on 10 carries and Javier Licon added 43

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## Cimarron Feeders Celebrates Safety Achievement

Cimarron Feeders, a division of Contibeeff LLC, recently completed two years with no lost time accidents. Cimarron Feeders is a 67,000 head feedyard located in the south part of Cimarron County, Oklahoma that has 58 employees. All employees and their families were recognized with a prime rib dinner and an award of appreciation. Steve Hayes, General Manager, and Matt Buyers, Assistant General Manager credit the employees for achieving this accomplishment. The commitment to safety is an important part of Cimarron Feeders business practices. Cimarron Feeders strives to create a safe working environment that enables all employees to return home to their families in good health every day.



## McMahan Furniture Building To Sell

The McMahan Furniture Store building located at 514 North Third will be sold at a public auction at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 1, 2002. The 4,800 square foot furniture store building was constructed in 1946 by the late H.L. McMahan and Les Parker. H.L. "Curley" McMahan owned and operated the furniture store for 37 years. Jeanette McMahan Gillis, Curley's youngest daughter, stated, "Over the past several years efforts have been made to sell the store. However, because clear title to the building could not be established the store could not be sold!" Alma Lee McMahan, one half owner of the store was advised by her attorney that the Sherman County District Court has ruled that the property cannot be partitioned and ordered the building to be sold to the highest bidder. The building will be open for inspection by prospective buyers from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, Friday, December 28 and Saturday, December 29, 2001, according to Marty McMahan Bain. Jeanette suggested interested buyers read the legal notice that is appearing in the Stratford Star for more details.

## Project Christmas Card Time Again

Have you taken your check for Sherman County Library to the First State Bank? It's time for Project Christmas Card to benefit the library.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club is again sponsoring this project along with The Stratford Star. With a donation that would cover the cost of cards, stamps, time, your name will be placed in the Star Christmas edition.

Deadline is Monday, Dec. 17, noon.

Do it today before you forget!

## Crimestoppers Needs Your Help

Sherman County Crimestoppers is searching for the person or persons responsible for the burglary that occurred after dark on Nov. 2, 2001 at Brown's Meat Locker. Crimestoppers will pay a reward of up to \$1,000.00 if the information is used in the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible. Please leave a message on the Crimestoppers machine at 366-TIPS or contact the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police at 366-3051.

## Shop At Home For The Holidays With Frosty The Dough-Man

This year the Retail Merchant Committee has agreed to sponsor a computer give away to the person who spends the most amount of money at the participating businesses. The contest will be held from November 28th-December 31st. The way to enter is to go to any of the sponsoring businesses or the Chamber of Commerce office and pick up a card. The business will then mark off the dollar amount that is spent in their store. When the card is full, turn the card in and get a new one and start over until the Christmas season shopping is done. There will be flyers in the windows of the sponsoring businesses that State Sponsorship. Remember the more you buy the better your chance of winning. Thus far the sponsoring businesses are: Brooks Motor, The Elk Pharmacy, Ellie's Gifts and Bakery, The General Store, Thriftway, Brooks Video, XIT Communications, Let's Make Arrangements, A&I Parts, and Main Street Crafters Mall.

Bird Seed Central and Duckwalls.

Any other businesses wishing to participate please contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at 366-2260 or the SCDC Office at 366-2897. All businesses and sponsors are welcome!

Rules of the contest are as follows:

1. The card holder must sign the card before dollar amounts can be marked off.
2. No card will be accepted if the name has been marked out.
3. All cards must be turned in by Dec. 31st.

## Farmers Announces Filing of Endorsement to HOA Policy

Los Angeles, CA (Nov. 17, 2001) Late last week, Farmers announced its intention to non-renew the Texas HOB policy and offer its homeowners customers the Texas HOA policy. To ensure its policyholders have the benefit of expanded coverage with the HOA policy with the Texas Department of Insurance. In addition to coverage provided under the basic HOA policy, the endorsement will provide for limited water coverage, falling of trees or limbs, weight of ice, snow, or sleet, collapse of a building, and breakage of glass.

This endorsement will enable Farmers to provide a homeowners policy to its Texas customers that is similar to the homeowners policy that Farmers offers in other 40 states that it does business in. Farmers personnel have already been in contact with the Staff of the Texas Department of Insurance to discuss the endorsement and Farmers looks forward to working with the TDI for an expeditious approval of the endorsement.

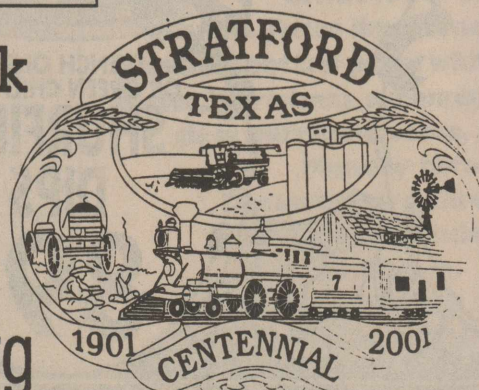
Farmers Insurance Group of Companies includes the nation's third-largest home and auto insurers. Headquartered in Los Angeles and doing business in 41 states, Farmers provides home, auto, business, life insurance and financial services to more than 10 million households through 17,000 exclusive and independent agents and district managers. For more information about Farmers, visit the company's website at [www.farmers.com](http://www.farmers.com)

## Need A Gift Idea?

Need a gift for your husband, father, son, or cousin? Why not give that "Special" person a Stratford Centennial Belt Buckle? The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will have a special 10% off for both buckles through the month of December. The buckle selections are either total pewter, or a pewter/brass combination. The Buckles Commemorate the History of Sherman County and of Stratford. This Buckle would make a great gift and would help share our Texas Heritage. Buckles may be purchased at the Chamber Office, located in the City Hall Building. For more information. Please contact Paula at the Office 366-2260.

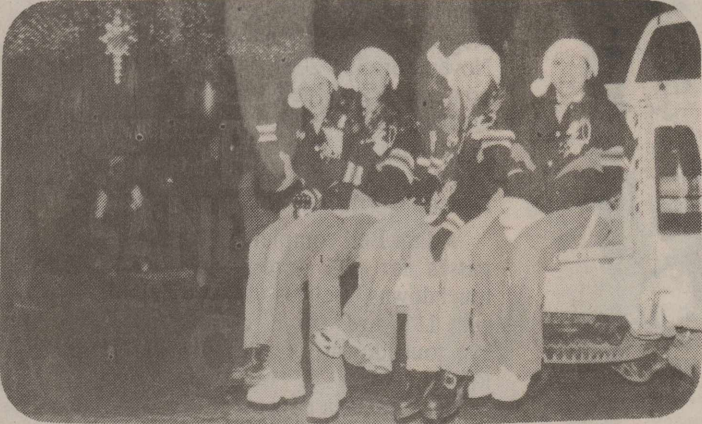
Good Luck Elks

Beat Petersburg

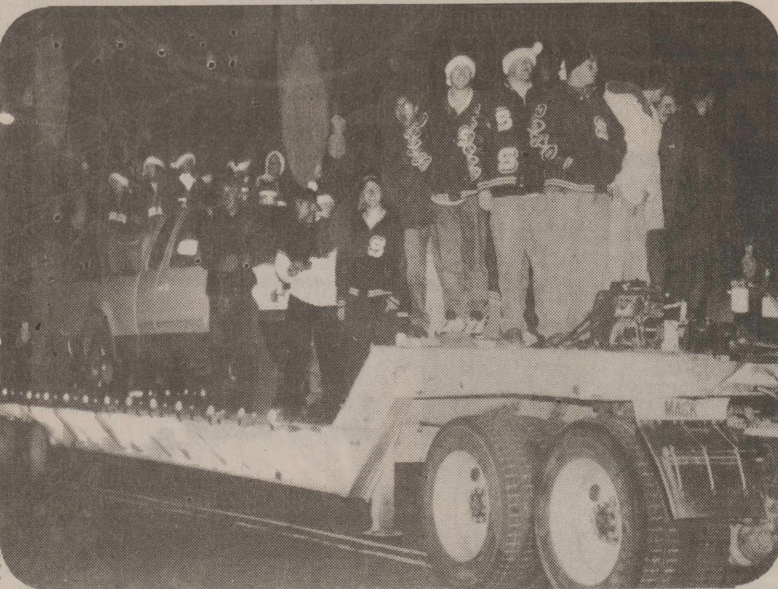




The Annual Christmas Parade was held last Wednesday, November 28, 2001. Shown above is the float by Jimmy and Ineta Chesher.



JV Cheerleaders also rode in the parade Wednesday.



Stratford Elk Football players and Varsity Cheerleaders had their place in the parade Wednesday, November 28th.

### Kerrick Elevator Broken Into

The Cargill Elevator and other buildings at Kerrick were broken into over the weekend. Office equipment and tools, etc. was stolen. It is under investigation at presstime.

**A & I Parts**

## Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Dec. 6-16 "Noises Off" Comedy  
Amarillo Little Theatre MainStage 806-366-9991
- Dec. 7-9 Lone Star Ballet "Nutcracker"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2463
- Dec. 11 "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane" 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mary Allen Elementary
- Dec. 14 Terry Rothermich, Concert Pianist  
Dalhart LaRita Theatre 224-5646
- Dec. 14-17 Paramount Terrace Christian Church "Christmas Pageant"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-353-6615
- Dec. 13-15 "Always Patsy Cline" Dinner Theatre  
Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space 806-366-9991
- Dec. 18 Sounds of the Season Concert  
Amarillo Youth Choir  
Civic Center Auditorium 806-372-1100
- Dec. 20 Christmas Eve and Other Stories- Trans-Liberian Orchestra  
Amarillo Civic Center 806-378-3096

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### Scot News

By Jack Gore

This week's activities include Bingo Thursday, Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. then on Saturday, Dec. 8th will be the 2nd Annual Christmas party. Bring fingerfood, gag gifts and a desire to have lots o fun.

Bring a friend or prospective Scot member.

The rest of the month will be used for getting ready for Christmas and end of year report for January 2002.

### 4th Grade Christmas Musical

"Christmas On Candy Cane Lane"  
Tuesday, Dec. 11  
7:00 p.m.  
Mary Allen Cafetorium  
Please Come

**Duckwalls**

**Main Street Crafters Mall**

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## Ragsdales Celebrate "40"

Thanksgiving holiday guests in the Robert Ragsdale home were: Jerry and Charlene Dyess of Graham; Rhett and Tracy Ragsdale and sons, Reid and Ryan of Canyon; and Richard Ragsdale.

In addition to celebrating Thanksgiving, they also joined Robert and Sonja in celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. Their children brought a small 2-tiered wedding cake topped with a 40th anniversary Precious Moments figurine for the occasion. Robert and Sonja were married Thanksgiving Day 1961 in Floydada, Texas. Dropping in later were Jo and Dick Davenport.

## December 15th TRI STAR AUCTIONS Consignment Auction

Starts at 10 a.m. - Sat., December 15th

Lunch Served

Bring items 12, 13, 14th from 9 a.m. - ?

to Sherman County Barn

Pick-up Available

Phone 366-3059 or 753-6752

Ron Hurt - LIC # 10224

Sell Items for Cash or Buy Items for Christmas

## STRATFORD HEALTH NEWS

"Cyclone" is a fairly well-known dieting powder which claims to produce weight loss of 10 lbs. in the first 48 hrs. of use. Just how this weight loss will occur chemically and so rapidly is only vaguely set forth. Upon examining the label carefully, large amounts of caffeine and senna are in the ingredients among other herbals and cathartics which are to be taken three times a day for two days a month. The caffeine is a methylxanthine which functions as a diuretic causing excessive urination. The senna is a sennoside laxative causing diarrhea if given in large enough doses. Thus the weight is lost essentially thru large amounts of fluid reduction in the body, a process which can also cause large electrolyte imbalance and dehydration.

Recently we have encountered three causes of Cyclone dieting use which resulted in vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, mental status changes, upper extremity and perioral numbness, and severe dehydration. The electrolyte irregularities resulted in potassium depletion which can cause life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. Two of these cases required hospitalization because of dehydration, weakness, and cardiac arrhythmias.

Cyclone should be absolutely avoided and considered an unsafe method of weight reduction. Large drug store chains are recalling their inventories.

55% of the adult US population is overweight or obese according to a recent JAMA article and the National Institute of Health. The definition of overweight is a BMI (body mass index) of 25 or greater and obesity is a BMI of 30 or greater. BMI is calculated as weight in pounds over height in inches squared times 703. For example, a weight of 185 lbs. in a person 6' 2" would result in a BMI of 23.75. Certainly there are a multiplicity of different weight loss products and programs on the market, but studies show that successful programs involve above all else serious lifestyle and behavior changes. Moreover, there are only two drugs for obesity currently on the market approved by the FDA for long-term use: sibutramine (Meridia) and orlistat (Xenical). Be sure to consult your physician for help and suggestions when contemplating a weight loss regimen and avoid quick fix programs with exaggerated claims which may threaten your health.

Dr. Perry Bassett

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BAKE RITE 42 OZ.  
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BUY 12 GALLONS OF FRESH ALLSUP'S MILK...  
GET ONE FREE!

**SHURFINE 2 LBS. POWDERED SUGAR**  
**99¢**

**COKE DIET COKE SPRITE**  
6 PK. / 3 LTR.  
**\$1.49 \$1.69**

**SHURFINE 16 OZ. MARGARINE QUARTERS**  
**59¢**

**LANA'S PORK EGG ROLLS**  
**2 \$1.29**  
FOR

**SHURFINE 8 OZ. SOUR CREAM**  
**79¢**

**FRENCH ONION OR GREEN CHILI 8 OZ. SHURFINE DIPS**  
**89¢**

**PLAINS QUART EGG NOG**  
**\$1.99**

**MICHIGAN SCOTCH PINE CHRISTMAS TREES**  
**\$15.99**

# City Council Minutes

Stratford City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 11, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: George Harding, Craig Bell and Blake Confer.

Also present were: LaRita Butler, Interim City Administrator; Don Nicholson, Jon King, City Attorney and Paula Nusz.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the minutes of the September 13, September 17 and September 20, 2001 minutes with corrections, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Hire and set salary for City Administrator. Craig Bell motioned to hire Don Nicholson as City Administrator of \$32,500; George Harding seconded, with Blake Confer opposing, motion dies.

Hire and set salary for City Administrator and Chief of Police were both tabled until next meeting.

Paula Nusz spoke to the council concerning the S.P.I.R.I.T. luncheon on October 27, 2001 in Dalhart.

Garold McDaniel arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Discussion to place concerning a possible tax abatement of a New Hotel prospect in Stratford. The consensus of the council was to allow the abatement for the requested period of time. More details later to come.

Discussion took place concerning Office McDaniel's resignation. Craig Bell motioned to accept his resignation with regrets. Garold McDaniel spoke to the council concerning his job. Motion dies due to lack of second.

Joe Zak arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Council spoke concerning Officer McDaniel and the job he is doing for the City of Stratford.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:43 p.m. under section 551.074 to discuss personnel.

Council reconvened out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. with no action taken.

Craig Bell motioned to approve the Stratford Grain bill, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor; motion carried with Joe Zak abstaining.

Craig Bell motioned to approve all other bills, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Joe Zak, motioned to approve the financial statement, Blake Confer seconded, all in favor motion carried.

LaRita Butler reported on the status of the 1st street lift station and gave the report on the 1st street ground storage.

Mayor Brown questioned on the status of the booster pumps.

LaRita also reported on the status of the Water Looping project. Cost overruns for the project were also discussed.

Cemetery Board would like to meet at City Hall on October 18, 2001 if the council approves. The consensus the council was to was to allow the board to meet at City Hall on the 18th.

Ken Forthman reported on the irrigation system at the South Sewer Plant. If the city wishes to do the irrigation system a major permit will be requested. TNRC failed to provide the City this information before some of the materials for the irrigation system were purchased. An evaporating system was then discussed.

Ken also questioned on the sanitary control easement on the entire city's water wells.

Ken gave the report on the backflow devices.

Mayor Brown asked Ken if the trucks filling up at the fire hydrants have relocated within the City. Ken stated he did have the trucks relocate.

Garold McDaniel gave the department's report.

There will be a Special meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2001. The November 8, 2001 regular meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Paula Nusz questioned on the outcome of the meeting Mayor Brown and Kristine Olsen had with David Swinford.

The meeting for the Main Street Project to be held has been postponed until November.

Half Cent Sales Tax Board appointments are due this month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Stratford City Council met in Special Session Monday, October 15, 2001 at 12:00 p.m. with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members present: Craig Bell, Marcus Lavake, George Harding and Joe Zak.

Also present were: LaRita Butler, City Clerk; Dwight Brandt of Brandt Engineering, Mike Peters and Chris Sharp both of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, and Don Nicholson.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Craig Bell motioned to hire Don Nicholson as City Administrator with yearly salary of \$32,500, and also \$1,500 moving expenses, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.

Joe Zak motioned to hire Randall Agan as Chief of Police with a yearly salary of \$31,000, George Harding seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Nominations to the 2002-2003 Appraisal District Board moved on agenda.

Dwight Brandt with Brandt Engineering, Mike Peters and Chris Sharp both of Panhandle Regional Planning Commission were present to discuss the status of the Water Looping Project. Plans were shown to the council and routing suggestions were discussed. The State of Texas will not give the City of Stratford an easement to lay the water lines on their property; therefore, the project has been delayed. Rerouting this water line will be the next project Dwight will contact the property owners in question. Once this is established the project can move forward.

Craig Bell motioned to nominate David Cross, Bill Boren and Ken Forthman to the 2002-2003 Appraisal District Board; George Harding seconded, all in favor motion carried, meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

## TxDOT Main Street Enhancement Project

Stratford Main Street Enhancement Project was presented to the Texas Transportation Commission Thursday, November 29th.

Speaking to the Commission on the City's behalf were Representative David Swinford and Mayor David Brown. Representative Warren Chisum was represented by his aid Derek Seale and Senator Teel Bivins sent a letter to the Commission supporting the Stratford Main Street Project. Accompanying Mayor Brown were Kristine Olsen with the Sherman County Economic Development Committee and Gaynelle Riffe, Chamber of Commerce Transportation Chairman.

The 2001 program call for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program had 315 nominations qualifying for funding. Sixty projects from the 25 Districts were accepted on the short list and the other projects had the opportunity to present their nomination to the Transportation Commission to be considered for the remainder of the discretionary funds. One project was accepted from the Amarillo District, which was Amarillo Rails to Trails.

Thursday was a CIRCUS. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. with the sing-up for speakers to be at 7:00 a.m. Each project was allowed one speaker for 3 minutes. There were 123 speakers to sign up. Mayor Brown signed at 7:15 and was number 45. (Some people arrived to wait for the building to open at 5:00 a.m.). Texas Legislators had the opportunity to speak for any length of time supporting their constituents project beginning at 8:30 a.m. Rep. David Swinford made the trip to Austin just to support the Stratford Main Street Project. Mayor Brown spoke to the Commission at 2:00 p.m. following a 30 min. lunch break. The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Other presenters from the Amarillo District were Pampa, Borger, Wellington, Childress and Canadian. (Canadian had approximately 20 persons including 6 children, in Canadian Tee Shirts, with fold-out pictures and signs for their project.)

Stratford presented each of the Commissioners with a packet including letters from Representatives Warren Chisum and David Swinford, City of Stratford, Sherman County Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and many very important letters from Stratford School Students.

I am hopeful that one other project will be selected from the Amarillo District and I am hopeful it will be Stratford Main Street. The decision will be made by the Transportation Commission January 31, 2002.

## Night Of Nativity

Come and join the Church of the Nazarene in Guymon, Oklahoma, when it presents the panhandle tradition of the Night of Nativity. The Christmas story comes alive with traditional costumes and live animals with the seven scenes presented two evenings beginning at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The nativity will allow families to remain in their cars and drive by each scene. Pastor Terry Armstrong invites everyone to the Guymon Church of the Nazarene located 24th and Sunset to enjoy the living drive-thru nativity presented Saturday, December 15th and Sunday, December 16th.

## Kerrick News

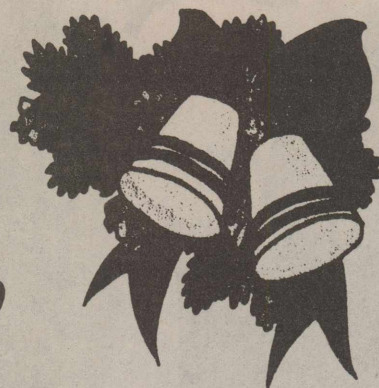
By Marylou McDaniel

Jo June McDaniel, accompanied by grandson Nicholas, went to the Depot Museum open house Sunday. Mary McDaniel also went to the Museum event.

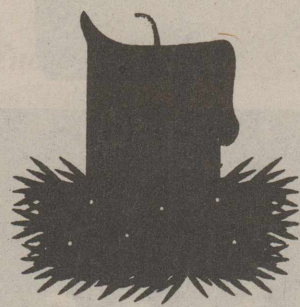
Florencia Eslinger is recovering nicely from recent surgery. She hopes to be released to return to work next week.

Kerrick Secret Pal party is Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Barbara Schoonover's. Trisha Schoonover and new Pal, Machele Daniel, are co-hosting. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Barbara Schoonover and Elaine Horne of Conlen made the Tour of Homes together Sunday in Stratford.



Stratford ISD  
Board of Trustees  
invites the patrons of  
Stratford Independent School District  
to the Open House/Dedication  
of their New Buildings  
Sunday, December 16th  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Refreshments will be served



### First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor  
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 morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15.  
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

James Washburn

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

### La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &  
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos  
Susninos Durante El Servicio.

## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### God Stooping Down

A manger is a feeding trough for cattle. Would a mother worthy of the name put a newborn baby in an animal's feedbox? This is the depth to which the Son of God was willing to stoop in order bring about salvation. The Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, left the side of His Father to lay in a manger. He left behind the perfection, sinless purity, and glorious light of heaven. He entered a world marked by war, fallen in sin, and dark with the sting of death. He emptied Himself (of His divine prerogatives), taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:7). He entered the world with little notice. Bethlehem was teeming with people seeking to register for a census ordered by the Roman emperor. Mary and Joseph found shelter in a stable. "And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). An angel explained Mary's pregnancy to Joseph and gave the baby His name. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). So it was that Jesus Christ stooped to meet our need.

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Ellie's 396-2092  
Stratford Star 396-5885  
Walter Lasley & Sons, INC  
753-4411

Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer  
Pastor Roberto Frescas  
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

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

THE General Store

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Bird Seed Central

Elk Pharmacy

Brooks Motor

15 Years, 4500 Babies In Dumas

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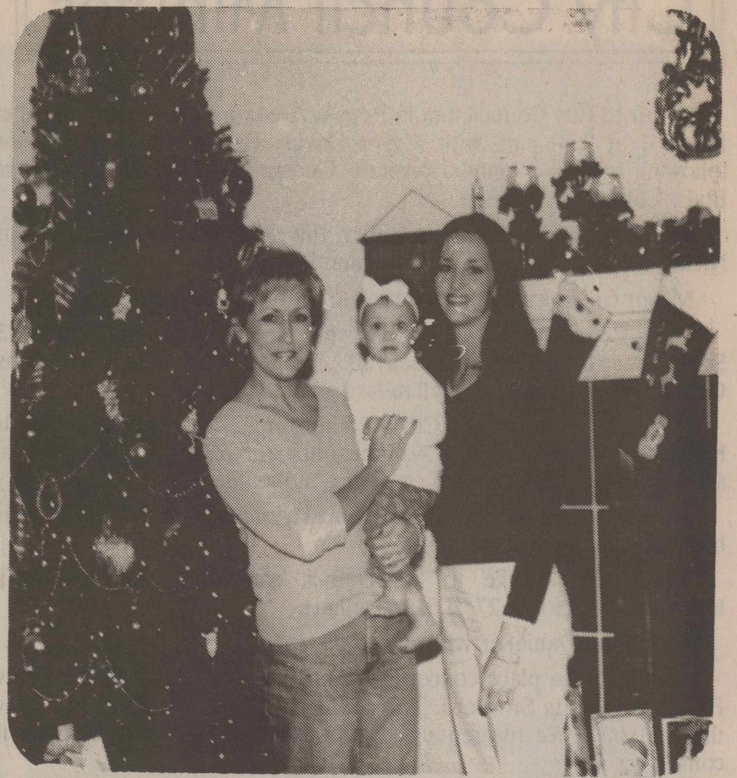
# Nu Beta Holiday Parade Of Homes Held



A shower honoring Jackie and Kristi Larence was held Sunday in the home of LeRayne Donelson. Shown above left to right is Destiny Johnson holding Stephanie Johnson, Doris Larence, Cindy Larence, Kristi Larence, Diane Bryan and Jeanie Bryan.



Susan Wheeler at her home at 1109 N. Chestnut



Tami King, granddaughter Shaylee and Jessica Audrain at 305 Kay Avenue.



More Parade participants



Martha Ellison at her home at 409 S. Fulton



Jode Lasley at Mr. & Mrs. Hal Bennetts home at 512 N. Pearl



First State Bank Car



Chili Cook-Off

## TRTA Holds Meeting

TRTA meeting took place on November 15, 2001. Reports from the District TRTA were given. Discussion of Dues and reports. Mrs. Layman, chairman read a letter describing on how the money received from dues would be divided among State, District and Local. IT was mentioned that on pay dues, it would be deducted from retirement checks by the State of Texas.

Entertainment was provided by Dalhart Elementary Kindergarten students of Mrs. Neese. There was a total of 16 children. The highlight of the meeting were the children. Mrs. Amyx directed the children in singing Thanksgiving songs. Several were action songs. The children wore Indian costumes. Following the musical entertainment, the meeting was called to order. Rev. Dan Fultz, pastor of the Presbyterian Church was introduced. He gave the invocation. He gave thanks for all the dedicated teachers. He asked the teachers and students to be blessed. He asked for America to be blessed for all the crisis. Following was the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Nelda Askey secretary read the minutes of the September and October meeting. The minutes were approved. Mrs. Awanda Morris, Treasurer gave a brief financial report. Mrs. Lois Gosset and Mrs. Layman checked membership of members of the TRTA District XVI. Reports on the convention held in Amarillo November 1, was given by Nelda Askey, Margarette Green and Mary Joe Ondracek.

Two deceased members were honored, June Garrison from Dalhart, TX and Lucille Hall of Textline.

Toys and stuffed animals will be donated to Edna's Light. It was discussed whether to donate to the Christmas Basket but not action taken.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the Hostesses Geneva Layman, Shirley Hendricks, others but not present were Georgia Hoque, J.L. Bliss, Manuel Martinez and Pat Loftin.

The next TRTA meeting will be on Feb. 21, 2002 at the XIT Museum in Dalhart, TX.



Kaci McBryde at her home at 1208 N.W. 1st

## Main Street Christmas Party

Monday, December 10th

Come See What Each Business Has To Offer & Check Out Their Specials!!

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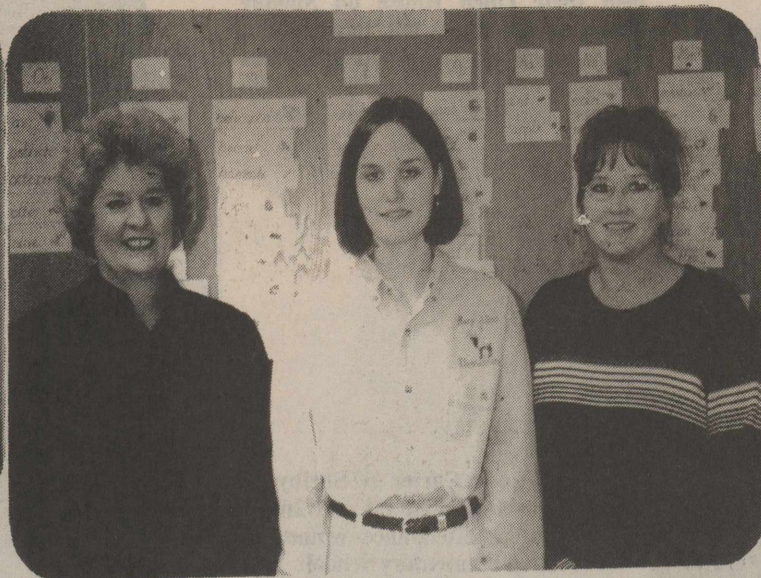
(open 2-5 p.m. - pick-up your new calendar)



## "WHO IS WHO" AT MARY ALLEN ELEMENTERY



Pre-K: Verlie Norris, Marylou Maldonado



Kindergarten: Patty Brown, Darlene Walker, Christy Burr



1st Grade: Linda Haynes, Kathy Switzer, Yvonne Pittman



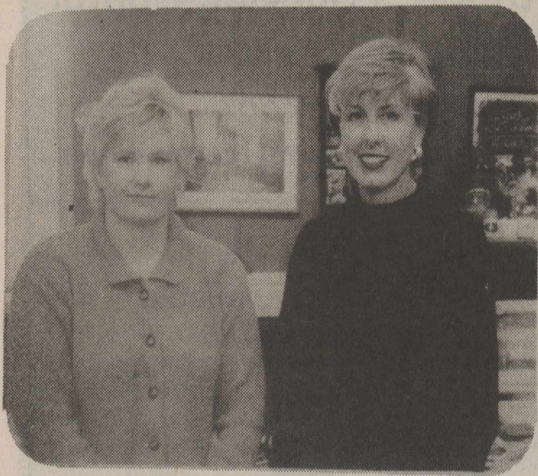
2nd Grade: Tanya Thiessen, Daina Rouse, Judy Drake



3rd Grade: Tina Duke, Shanda Davis, Desine Garza



4th Grade: Stacy Metcalf, Susan Wheeler, Brenda Bell (substitute for Kaci McIryde out on maternity leave).



Kendra Mungia, Secretary; Mary Pat Williams, Principal



Librarian, Gail Hunsaker, Kathy Hart, Keener



Migrant Coordinator: Elida Gonzales, Aid, Maria Keener



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More Mary Allen Faculty Next Edition.



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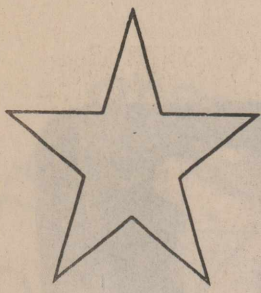
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For Sale: 1994 Lockwood Sprinkler - non wire alignment, 8 tower. 4 Moline irrigation motors 396-2125. 8-2-11n

Opportunity - Donation \$50.00 per tree to City of Stratford for Tree Trimming at City Park and Cemetery. 12-6-11c

Rentals available at THE General Store. Appliance dolly, sheetrock jack, and cement mixer. 4-12-11n

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THE General Store has T-fal, deep fryers, and we have Gizmo. 11-29-c

For Sale: 1998 2 Door Dodge Neon, red, 5-speed with \$56,000 highway miles, excellent cond., one owner. \$6350 OBO. Call 806-366-3404. 10-11-11n

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## Check Out These Web Sites:

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Synvisc (hylan G-F 20) treatment for osteoarthritis at [www.synvisc.com](http://www.synvisc.com).  
Pep Boys at [www.pepboys.com](http://www.pepboys.com).  
Fluidmaster at [www.fluidmaster.com](http://www.fluidmaster.com).  
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The national Know Your Red Blood Cell Count! campaign at [www.PROCRIT.com](http://www.PROCRIT.com).  
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For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 bath, large utility room, central heat/air, storm windows, large fenced backyard, close to school. 903 N. Maple. Call 366-3019 evenings. 6-14-11n

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House for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, central heat/air, close to schools. Corner of 8th & N. Fulton. Call 396-2403 evenings. 10-11-11n

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## Help Wanted

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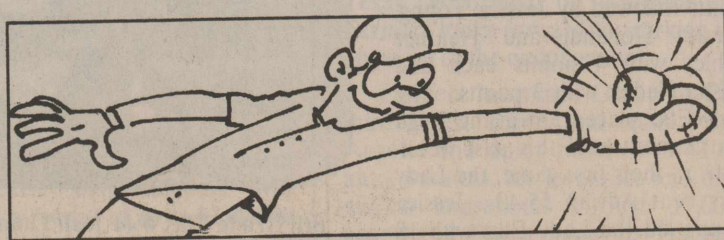
1. Two Houses For One Price - 514 N. 8th and 719 N. Pearl - \$49,500. Both are two bedrooms, 1 bath.  
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Steve Garvey of the San Diego Padres became the first first baseman to finish the season with a fielding average of 1.000 in 1984.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF RECEIVER SALE

Date: November 16, 2001  
Court Order

Date: November 16, 2001

Court: District Court of Sherman County, Texas  
Cause Number: 4409

Parties: ALMA LEE McMAHEN, Plaintiff v. J.A. WHITTENBURG, Trustee of the Trust created in the Will of JEANIE P. WHITTENBURG, W.L. PRICE, PATRICIA PRICE ROBERTSON INVESTMENTS, LTD., ROBERT NOLAN COYLE, RICHARD PRICE COYLE, WILLIAM SEAN COYLE, LAVAHUE WELLMAN JOHNSON, the Unknown Heirs of LAVAHUE WELLMAN JOHNSON, FLOYD H. WELLMAN, the Unknown Heirs of FLOYD H. WELLMAN, GLADYS WELLMAN STEPHENS, the Unknown Heirs of GLADYS WELLMAN STEPHENS, TESSIE WELLMAN DARNELL, and the Unknown Heirs of TESSIE WELLMAN DARNELL

Property: Lot 17 and the west five feet of Lot 18, Block 64, Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas and of all possessory interest therein.

Date of Sale of Property: January 1, 2002

Earliest Time of Sale of Property: 10:00 a.m.

Place of Sale of Property: Court house door of the Sherman County, Texas Court house, Stratford, Texas.

The District court in the above cause issued an order to sell the above property as the property cannot be divided in kind. The Sheriff of Sherman County was appointed as receiver to sell the property by public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the place and date specified. The sale will begin at the earliest time stated above or within 3 hours after that time.

Sherman County Texas Sheriff  
Jack Haile, Sheriff, as Receiver

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## Cards of Thanks

Stratford ISD would like to thank Bain Tire for donating tires for the Spirit Bell trailer.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Christmas Parade. Thanks to the First Baptist Church children's choir for providing seasonal music before the parade from in front of First State Bank, Rev. Mike Talley and Terri Teig were the announcers for the parade. We had 12 entries. The parade was led by vehicles from the Stratford Police Department and the Sherman County Sheriff's Department. The Girl Scouts carried the flags and marched dressed as "Girl Scout Cookies". The School was represented by the varsity football team, varsity cheerleaders, and the JV cheerleaders. Floats were presented by Jim & Ineta Chesher, Stratford Grain Company, and the Stratford Chamber-Women's Division. The "Patriotic Candy cane". First State Bank's entry. "The Giant Candy cane" - City of Stratford - recycling division, and Bain Tire were the vehicle entries. The parade ended with the EMS and the Stratford Fire Department Transporting Santa Claus. Santa then met with the children on the porch of the Depot Museum. KGYN Radio of Guyton, OK did a live broadcast of the parade. Thanks to Elies for the use of her phone line and electricity. Thanks to the Lollipop Junction for their "Chili Cook-off". Many people were brought to main street for this activity thanks to the merchants for having their businesses decorated for the holiday. Everything was beautiful and the people were friendly-a true scene of the Stratford Community.

## Football

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yards on 17 carries and one touchdown and one 2-point conversion play.

Michael McAlister caught 5 passes for 95 yards and two touchdowns followed by Isaac Chabolla with 53 yards on 2 catches and two touchdowns. Nick Ashley added 3 extra point kicks for the Elks.

The Elks defense was led by Skyler Walden with 13 tackles and Wes Kimball with 11 tackles. Craig Moore added 8 tackles for the Elks followed by Nick Ashley, Javier Licon, and Jaret Pemberton with 6 tackles each. Also contributing on the Elks defense were Carlos Jacquez, Adam Reed, Jason Ashley, Adam Bell, Clint Adams, Wesley Hunsaker, Michael McAlister & Cass Melton. Wes Kimball and Craig Moore also came up with a quarterback sack each. Skyler Walden, Javier Licon, and Michael McAlister each had an interception for the night.

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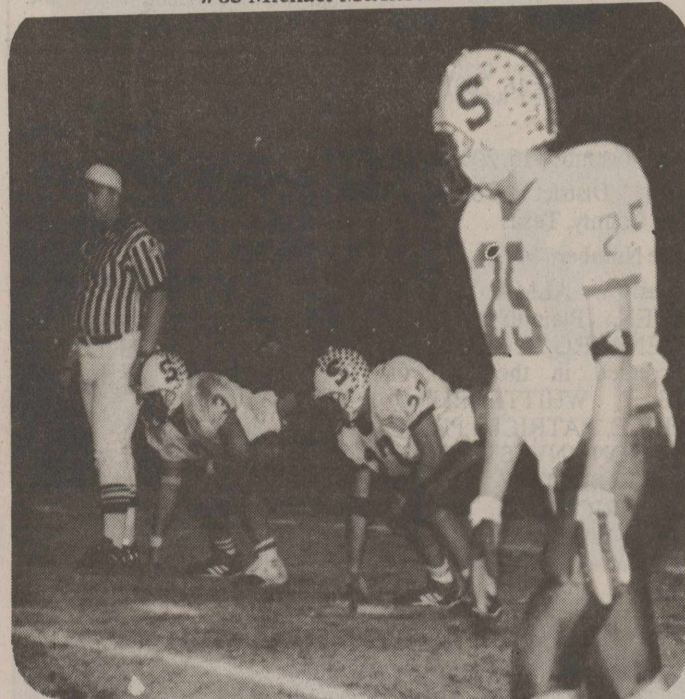
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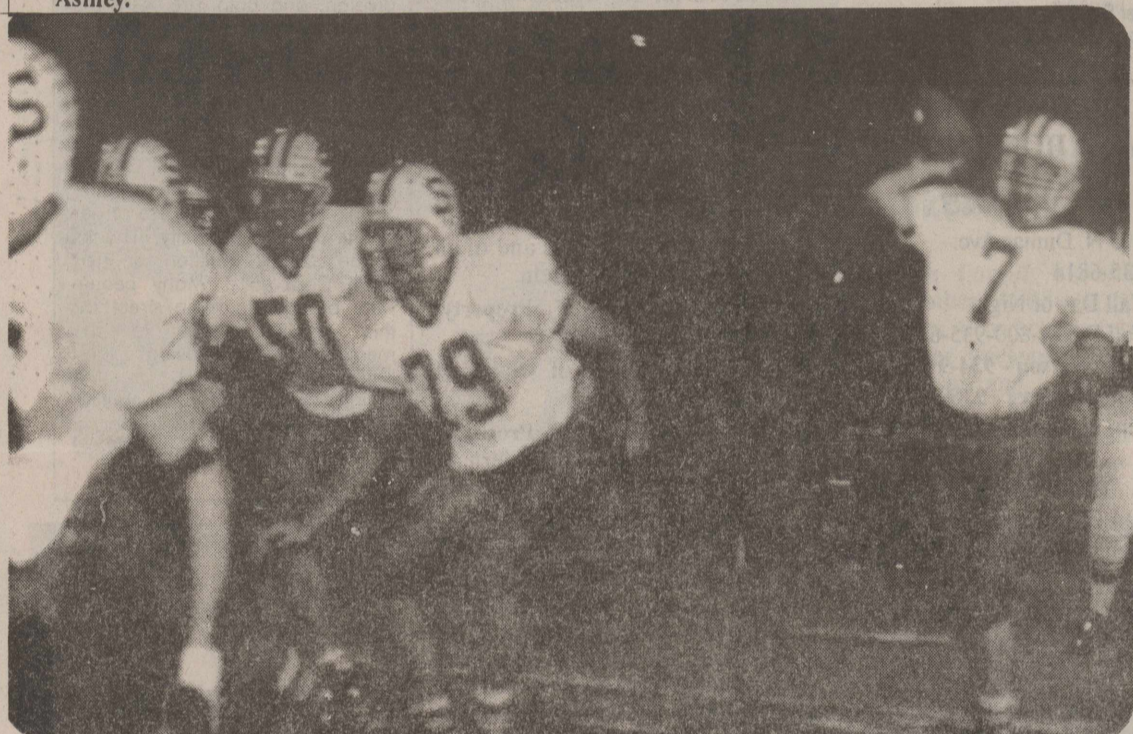
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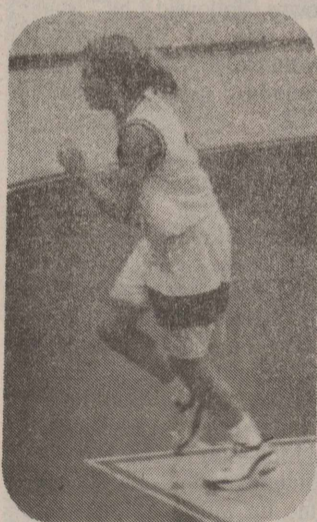
#83 Michael McAlister



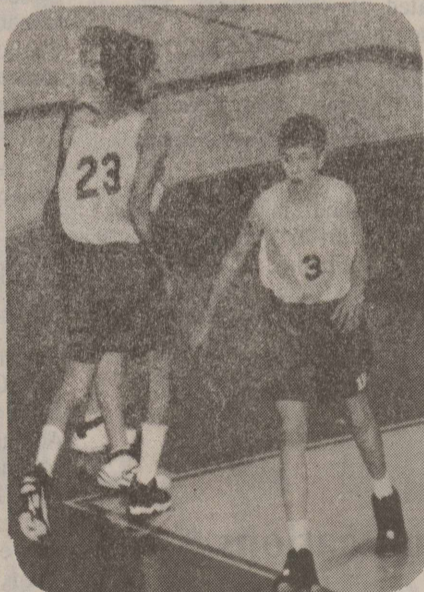
#3 Javier Licon, #27 Wesley Hunsaker, and #25 Jason Ashley.



Stratford Elks #50 Skyler Walden, and #79 Adam Reed block while quarterback #7 Adam Bell looks for the pass.



J.V. Lady Elk Brittany Hudson



Shown at left: 8th grade Elks #23 Johnny Gonzalez and #3 Case Crabtree.

The 8th Grade Lady Elks beat Booker 37-12 on Monday, November 26, 2001. Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Allison Baskin with 8 points. Gina Mattocks, Heather Robertson, and Katelyn Reed added 4 points each followed by Chelsi Thiessen with 3 points and Cassi Garza with 2 points.

The 8th Grade Elks lost 24-37 to Booker on Monday, November 26, 2001. Brady Bell was high point with 11 points followed by Gustavo Rosales and Johnny Gonzalez with 5 points each, Case Crabtree with 2 points and Josh Lanning with 1 point.

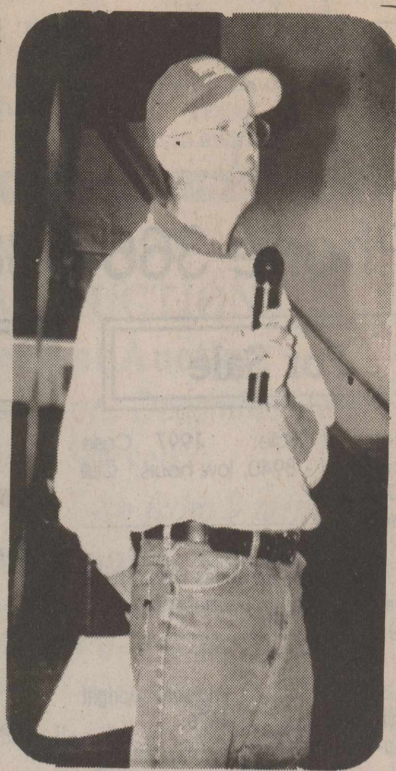
The 9th Grade Lady Elks beat Spearman 26-3 on Monday, November 26th. Lindsay Stein led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Tiffany Knight and Kayla Robertson with 6 points each and Jamie Valenzuela with 4 points.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 42-48 to Dumas on Tuesday, November 27th. Robin Daniels led the Lady Elks with 14 points followed by Deidre Tarver with 11 points and Tiffany Duke with 8 points. Alicia Adams added 3 points for the Lady Elks followed by Amber Larence, Veronica Ortega, and Brittany Hudson with 2 points each.

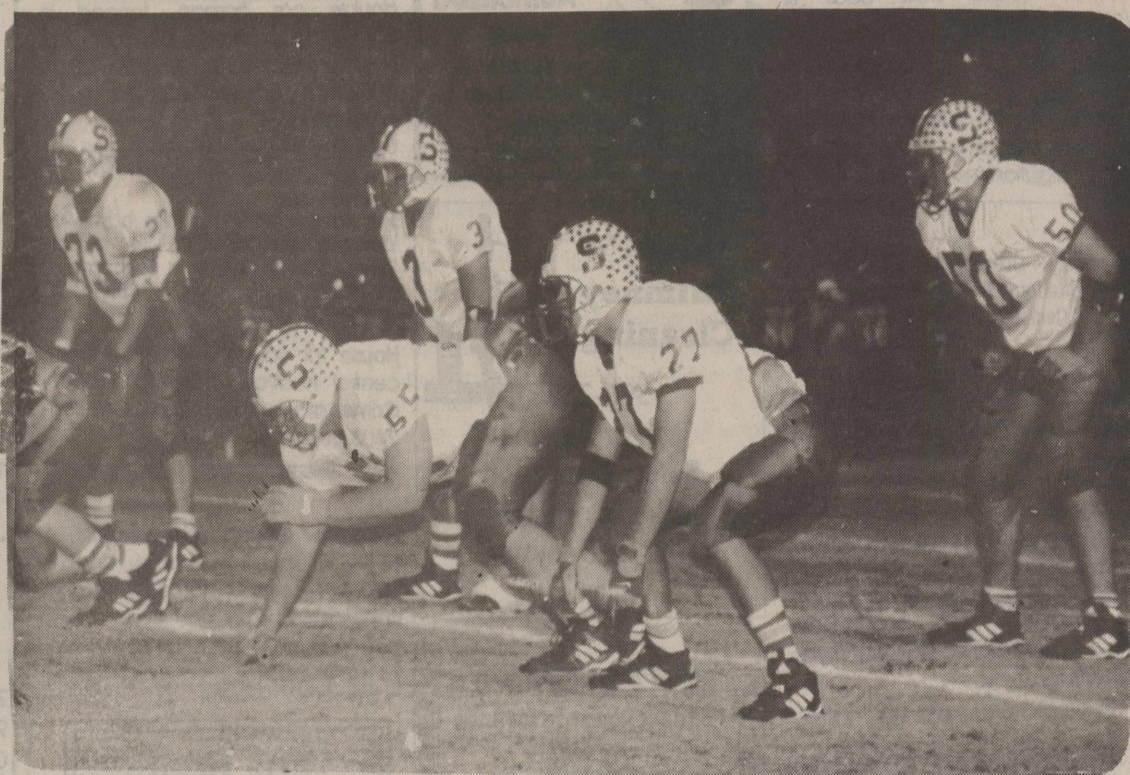
The Varsity Lady Elks beat Dumas 42-36 on Tuesday, November 27th. Amie Witcher led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Carly Mathews with 10 points. Ashley Brown scored 5 points followed by Jessica Young, Candra Holland, and Heather Ashley with 4 points each and Alisha Sladek with 3 points. The Lady Elks placed 3rd in the Vega Tournament held this past weekend. In their first game, the Lady Elks beat Adrian 55-40. Jessica Young led the Lady Elks with 18 points followed by Candra Holland with 12 points, Heather Ashley with 7 points, Carly Mathews and Amie Witcher with 6 points each. Adding 2 points each were Ashley Brown, Erin Ashley, and Alisha Sladek. In their 2nd game, they lost 30-47 to Happy. Ashley Brown led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by Candra Holland with 8 points, and Jessica Young with 5 points. Erin Ashley, Carly Mathews, and Heather Ashley added 2 points each and Amie Witcher added 1 point. In their final game, the Lady Elks beat Sunray 43-40 for 3rd place. The Lady Elks were led by Ashley Brown with 13 points and Jessica Young with 10 points. Carly Mathews added 8 points followed by Amie Witcher with 6 points, Alisha Sladek with 3 points, and Heather Ashley with 2 points.



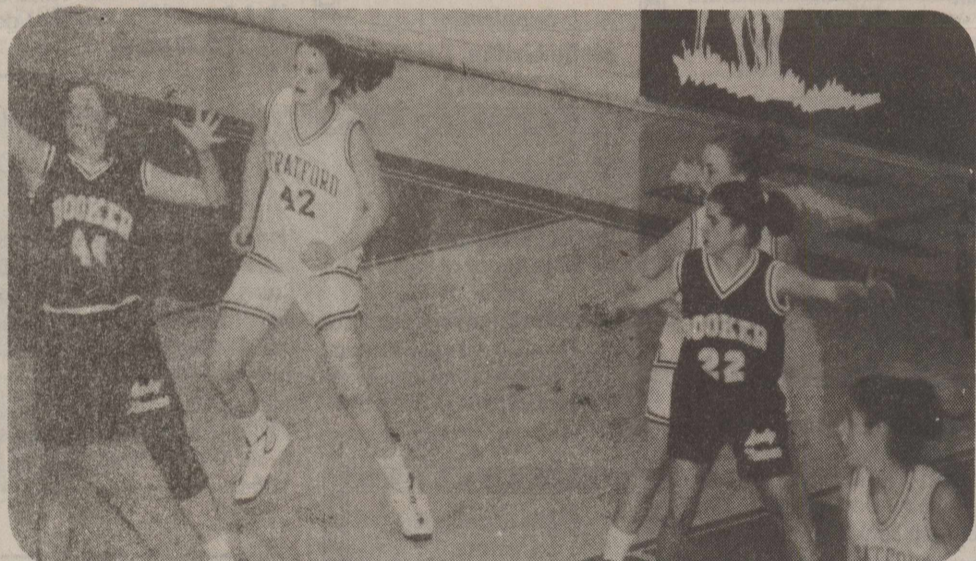
Shown above: Standing from left: Varsity Cheerleaders - Marca Ewers, Valerie Valenzuela, Erin Ashley, Carly Mathews, Candra Holland, Sarah Talley, and Mika Willborn. J.V. Cheerleaders kneeling from left: RoAnn Lopez, Lindsay Stein, Brittany Hudson, Heather Seiler, and Jamie Valenzuela.



Jody Taylor gave the pep talk.



Stratford Elks #33 Carlos Jacquez, #3 Javier Licon, #55 Wes Kimball, #27 Wesley Hunsaker, and #50 Skyler Walden.



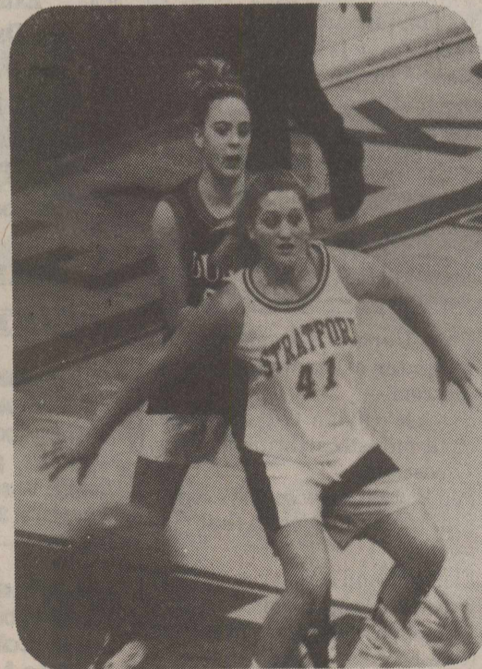
8th Grade Lady Elks from left: Allison Baskin, Haley Buckles, and Yadira Ortega.



8th Grade Elks #44 Josh Lanning, #34 Brady Bell, #22 Gustavo Rosales, and Johnny Gonzales.



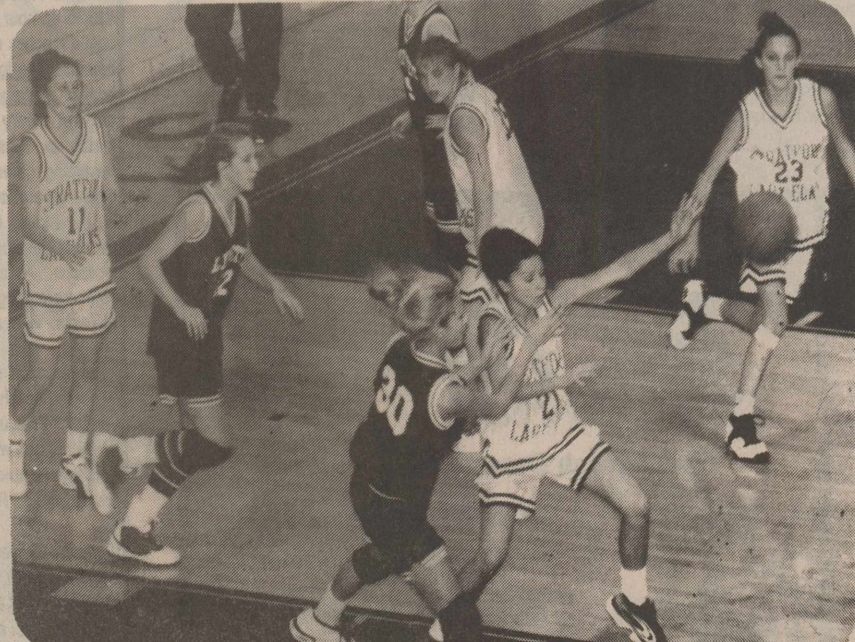
Lady Elk Jessica Young



J.V. Lady Elk Deidre Tarver



Lady Elk Ashley Brown



9th Grade Lady Elks from left: Lindsay Stein, April Kautz, Jamie Valenzuela, and Cassie Harbour.

## Let's Make Arrangements