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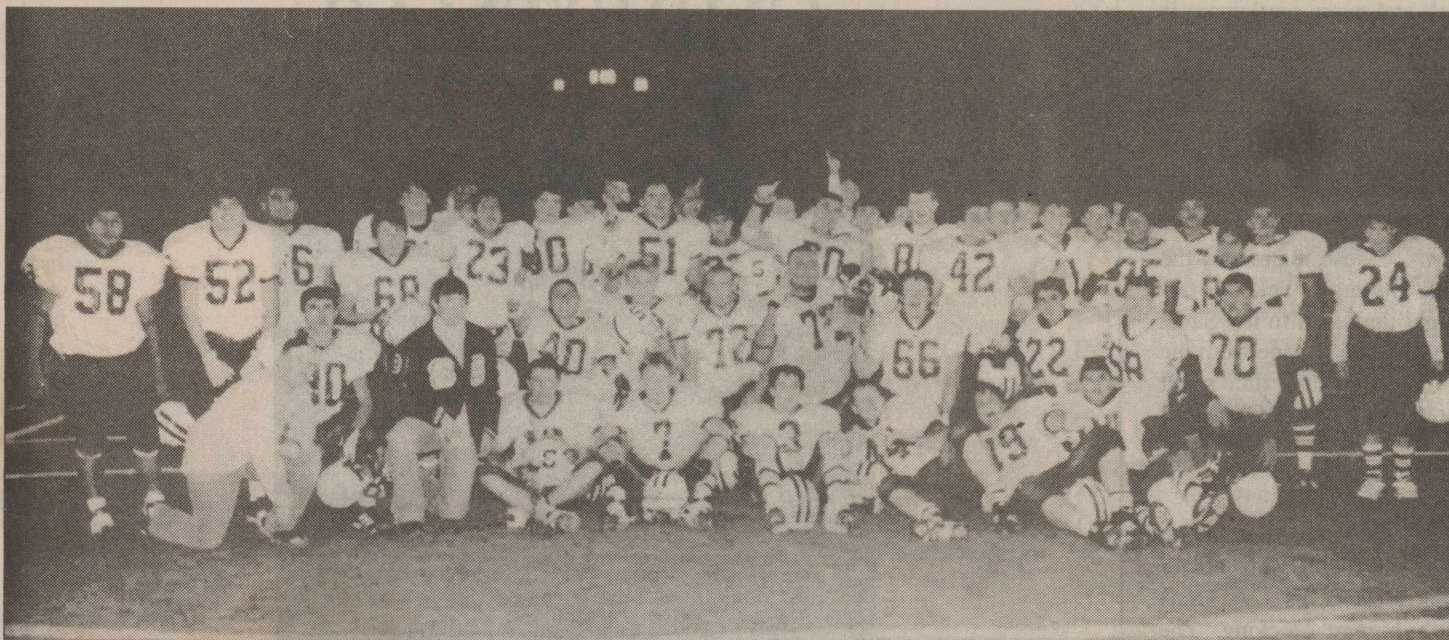
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Stratford Elks Quarter-Final Champs

The Stratford Elks captured the Quarterfinal trophy with a 35-14 win over Quanah on Friday, December 2, 2005. The Elks will Face Windthorst at 6:00 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX on Saturday, December 10th for the State Semi-Finals. CONGRATULATIONS ELKS - GO GET 'EM!



Children Visit Santa

Shown above after the Christmas Parade is Kelsey Pickens sitting on Santa's Lap.

GOOD LUCK ELKS

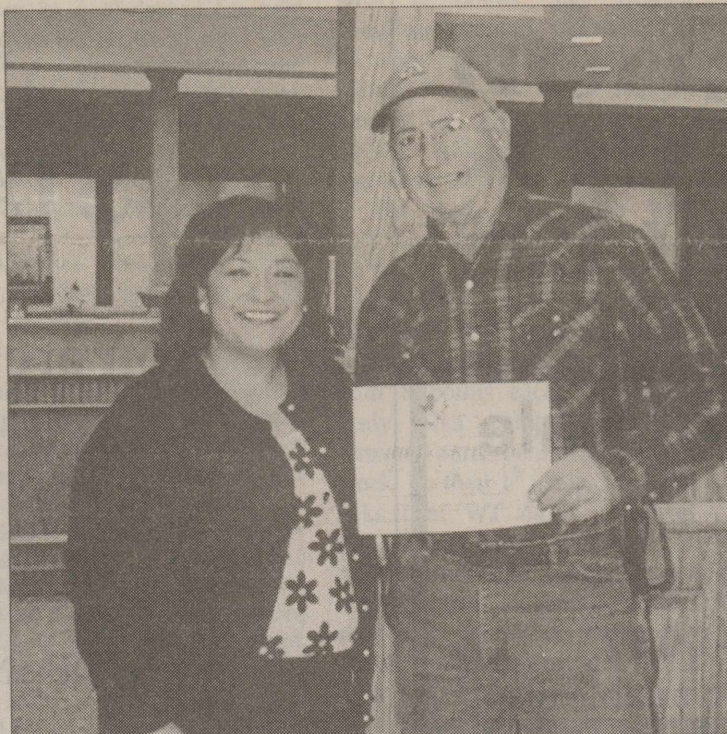
Open House To Be Held Dec. 13

The Happy State Bank in Stratford will be holding their Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

C.R.A.S.H. Meeting To Be Held

C.R.A.S.H. (Community Responders and Self Help) meeting on December 8, 2005, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station. New members are encouraged.

Prayer & Praise
Service Thursdays
@ 7:00 p.m.
First United
Methodist Church



Mayrene Aduddell presents Jimmy Chesher-who won a \$50.00 Gift Certificate at First State Bank's Open House.

ANNUAL MEETING TO HIGHLIGHT VOLUNTEER'S INVESTMENT

By Susie Spurlock

"Invest in Volunteers, Extension's Superior Team" will be addressed by Donna Brauchi, Texas Cooperative Extension District Extension Administrator of Amarillo. The meeting will be held Thursday, December 8 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford at 11:45 a.m.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2005 year will be highlighted. Volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also. In addition, those in attendance will receive a sneak peek of educational programs planned for 2006.

All interested residents are invited to attend this informative meeting. Lunch will be served. Residents who are interested in attending are as asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 by December 5th so that adequate arrangements can be made.

Saturday's game will
be broadcast on
XITV Channel 80
and on Channel 79
also on 96.3 FM
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internet at
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SALVATION ARMY SUPPORTS STRATFORD

SALVATION ARMY SUPPORTS Stratford Texas. The Salvation Army in Stratford will be observing Christmas again by raising more money this year in order to meet the pressing needs of hurting people in our community. There will be a kettle out at Thriftway this year if you would like to leave your donations.

The Salvation Army is so closely associated with the Christmas season; many people don't know that in reality the work of The Salvation Army continues year round. In more than 115 countries, in all 50 US States, and in every county in Texas, The Salvation Army continues its mission of service to those in need.

Even in the smaller towns, such as Stratford The Salvation Army often meets the needs of families, children and individuals. In

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BA Donelson is shown above with Cindy Larence after presenting Cindy with her award at the IBAT GALA on Wednesday, November 30, 2005.

Stratford Banker Honored for "Making a Difference"

Cindy Larence Receives New Independent Bankers Association Award

Cindy Larence has been with First State Bank of Stratford for more than 20 years, growing within the organization while touching the lives of all those around her—both in the workplace and throughout the community. The accolades she has earned from her superiors and among the citizens of Stratford is the reason that Cindy has been chosen to receive the first annual "Making a Difference" Award presented by the Independent Bankers

Association of Texas (IBAT).

Although the selection process brought forth many well-deserving nominees from the state's community banking members, the work and public service Cindy has provided stand out for the prestigious honor. "Cindy shows nothing less than integrity and true character to her customers, her fellow employees and her community," Loan Review Officer Karen Perrin of First State Bank said in her nominating letter. "Her attitude and unselfishness challenge us all to be better citizens," Chairman of the Board B.A. Donelson echoed in his recommending letter.

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First State Bank Open House Winners: Dean Hauser with Mrs. John McAlister- who won a dessert & Cindy Larence.



Lynz McCracken with Joyce Harkins who won the Turkey at First State Bank's Open House Held Wednesday, November 16, 2005.

Obits

Eldon Udell Black

SAN ANGELO - Eldon Udell Black, 76, died Tuesday, Nov 8, 2005, in Houston.

Services were held at 4 p.m. November 12th in Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Terry Rothermich of Memorial Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Midland officiating. Arrangements were by the Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Eldon Black was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Spearman to Walter Joseph and Myrtle Black. He spent most of his childhood in Dalhart. He received his undergraduate degree in music in 1953 at the University of North Texas and his Master of Music Education there in 1954, when he came to San Angelo College as Professor of Vocal Music. In 1970, he temporarily left San Angelo for Austin to obtain his Doctorate in Musical Arts in Vocal Performance and then returned to Angelo State University in 1973, where he remained until his retirement in 2003. His uniquely long tenure at ASU made him "senior professor" of the university.

Dr. Black was a member of Texas Association of College Teachers, Music Teachers National Association, Texas Music Teachers Association and National Association of Teachers of Singing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Joseph Black; his mother, Myrtle Black; and two brothers, W.J. "Dub" Black and Charles Otis Black.

Survivors include a sister, Doris Arlene and Stanley Pleyer; other family, Hazel Black, Glen

and Jamie Black, David and Luanne Black, Sarah, Matthew and Andrew, Gloria and Keith McDaniel, Kevin, Kenneth and Kathryn, Chris Black, Tara and James, Karen and Alan Watkins, Janet and Wesley Richins, Clay, Sean, Evan, Alec and Levi; his pets, Max and Maverick; and numerous friends, colleagues and students.

The family suggests memorials be to Eldon U. Black Vocal Scholarship Fund, ASU Station No. 11023, San Angelo, TX 76909.

LARRY WIBBING

DUMAS — Larry Wibbing, 61, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005, in Emory.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2005 in Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery.

Mr. Wibbing was born Sept. 21, 1944, in Fort Smith, Ark. He lived in Dumas from 1946 to 1983, and in Emory for the past five years. He graduated from Dumas High School in 1963. When he retired he had driven a truck for 27 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, H.A. Wibbing, in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Kendel Wibbing of Austin; his mother, Sammie Wibbing of Dumas; and two sisters, Shirley Stansell of Floydada and Nancy Oakley of Stratford.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association- P.O. Box 15186, Austin, TX 78761

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Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Christmas Parade

The parade was lead by Stratford's Law Enforcement, followed by CeCe Yelek, of Green Tree Ranch, in her horse drawn buggy adorned with lights. Also included in the parade were, Stratford Grain, with their sleigh and reindeers, lighting up the streets. Relay for life, the Stratford Cheerleaders, Imagination Station, with George Harding all tangled up in lights. The Happy State Bank's Bug and the First State Bank's P.T. Cruiser, The Farm Bureau Queen, Calli Hamilton, and the West Texas. Gas truck all lit up. Stratford's very own Regional Champion Football Team, motorcycles, mini chopper, and even a combine, driven by Shawn Meidinger. Stratford's volunteer Fire department, Stratford's recycling truck, Kelsie Keener, Tory Rawls, and Shannon Maiwald walking their dog. A special thanks to the High School Band for their performance of Christmas music. The music set the mood for Christmas and for the arrival of our very special guest, Mr. & Mrs. Clause. Mr. & Mrs. Clause arrived in a horse drawn carriage, driven by Ann Wells and Lynn Alien. The carriage used courtesy of B.A. Donelson. The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all participants of the Christmas Parade. Each and every participant is responsible for the success of the parade. The lights and floats were just what Santa ordered. Also a special thanks to the Chamber Members responsible for putting the parade together, Shannon Sellers, and Parade Chairperson, Jolie Asher, Dick Bachman, and Billy Elliott, parade announcer.

Santa's Visit

Directly following the parade, Santa and Mrs. Clause stopped by the Chamber office. Children lined up out side waiting to spend a few minutes with the jolly fellow. Each child got their turn to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and received a candy cane from the Mrs. A special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Clause for their time spent with the children in Stratford, on such a cold night. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

The Worlds Biggest Stocking

The Chamber has the Worlds Biggest Stocking hanging in the office. Tickets cost \$1.00 a piece and 6 for \$5.00, and 12 for \$10.00. This week the Stocking will hang at West Texas. Gas. Don't miss this opportunity to win the world's biggest stocking. The winner will be announced December 23, 2005.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Christmas Lighting Contest will be December 14, 2005, starting at dusk. So everyone please have your lights on. Prizes

will be given for first, second, and third places.

Pheasant Hunters

For the next few weeks, Stratford will be hosting pheasant hunters from all around. Please give them a warm Stratford welcome and thank them for supporting our community. Hopefully they will return next year.



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Salvation Army Cont. from page 1

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People.

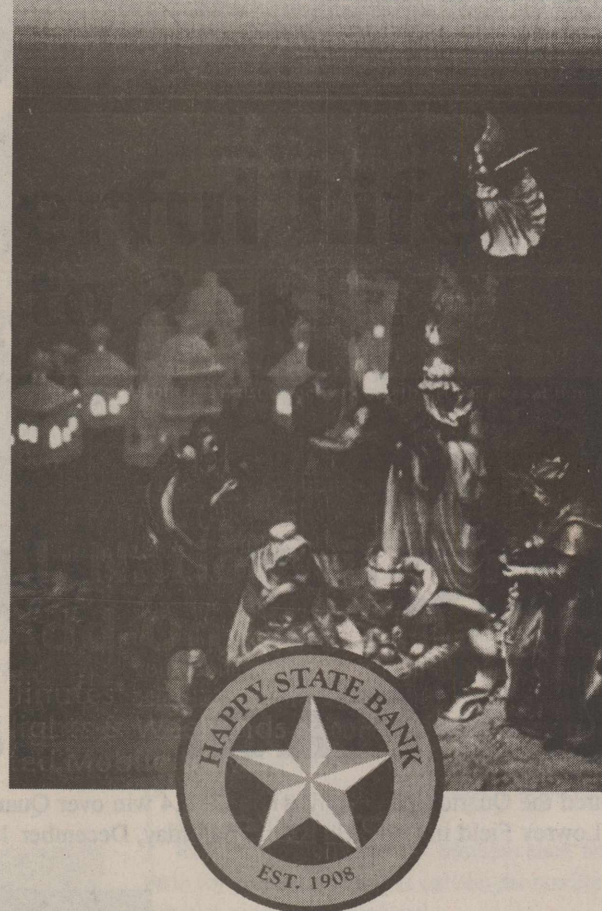
The service unit chairman is Tina Duke and the treasurer is Laura Smith. If you have not received a pre-addressed donation envelope and would like to make a donation you can take your donation to Laura Smith at The First State Bank, 302 N. Main, here in Stratford or your donation can be mailed to The Salvation Army of Stratford, Attn: Laura Smith, PO Box 393, Stratford, TX. 79084. Donations can also be made on-line by visiting

For more information call Dan Wright, regional service unit director, at 214-274-0538.

Christmas—that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

—Augusta E. Rundel

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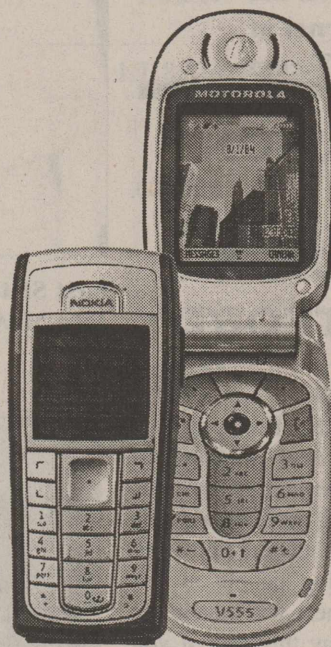
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Commissioner Don Bowers has announced that crossbars and lights will be installed at the main railroad crossing at Kerrick! Traffic will be detoured to the stateline crossing while the work is being done.

Secret Pal Party is this Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Griggs Chicken House.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters went to the Gillenwaters-Price December Birthday Party Saturday at Buffalo, OK. There were 40 attending.

Several from Kerrick attended the children's Christmas program at the Methodist Church. Rett Schoonover was one of the 19 choir members.

Pat Boren was co-hostess with Bobbie Strong for the Stratford Red Hat Christmas Party Dec. 1. Pat attended the Boise City Red Hat Party that Bonnie Borth was hostess for. About 50 were there. Pat won the jar of candy by guessing 259 and there were 257 pieces.

Watch for Christmas Party/program date!

Scot Talk

By Mary Hill

Happy Holidays, everyone!

Those at SCOT Hall have been busy recently, and it has certainly paid off! Our harvest luncheon was a huge success, with the largest attendance ever. We sincerely thank all those who helped with the luncheon; those who donated the pork chops, those who donated other food—anyone who helped in any way. And, we especially thank all those who attended. They are the really important ones. Happy hunting to all the hunters!

There are a few activities still on the agenda for this month. This Friday, December 7, at 6 p.m. There will be the Christmas party, combined with game night. Those attending should bring finger food and a small gift.

Then, the 15th is bingo night, starting at 7 p.m.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Births

Anthony & Kristyn Gonzales announce the birth of their son Jasper Zayne HR Altman Gonzales on November 14, 2005. Jasper totaled 7 lbs. ½ ounce and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kathie Altman and the late Ken Altman of Stratford.

Paternal Grandparents are Maxine Gonzales and the late HR Gonzales of Amarillo. And Maria Bustos of Topeka, Kansas.

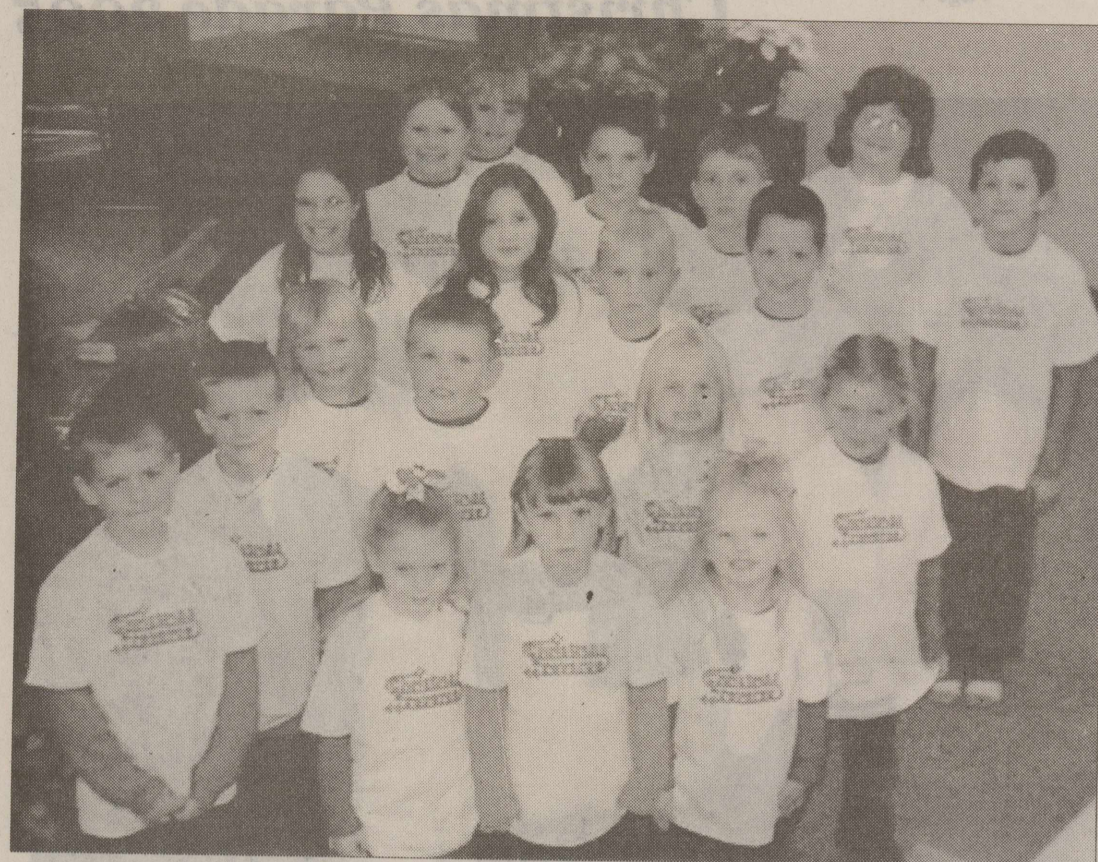
Jasper is also welcomed by Many extended family members and friends. We are glad to finally have him here.

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

—W.T. Ellis

For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home.

—W.J. Ronald Tucker



"Christmas In Reverse" Given by First United Methodist Children's Choir

The Children's Choir from the First United Methodist Church held their annual Christmas program titled "Christmas in Reverse". The program was enjoyed by all on Sunday night, December 4th. The program was coordinated by Ronna Riffe, with assistance from Lauri Spurlock, Kaci McBryde and Gene Weinette. The children in the choir were: Cole Sellers, Mazie Vincent, Mary Ann Spurlock, Ben Gilliland, Hunter Everett, Rett Schoonover, Bethany Everett, AJ Riffe, Ashton Sellers, Rae Leigh Willborn, Russell Spurlock, Tristan Weinette, Maddie Brown, Bret Barnard, Kade McBryde, Carlee Metcalf, Katelin Berry, Cambri Cummings, and Kenlee McBryde. The children had an outstanding performance!

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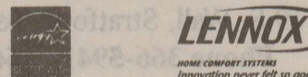
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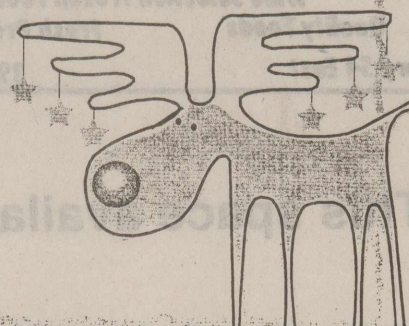
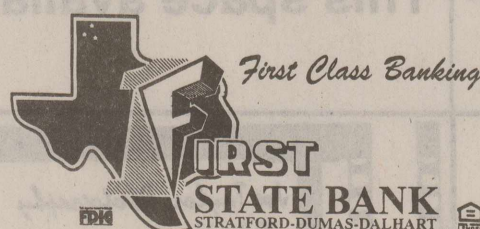
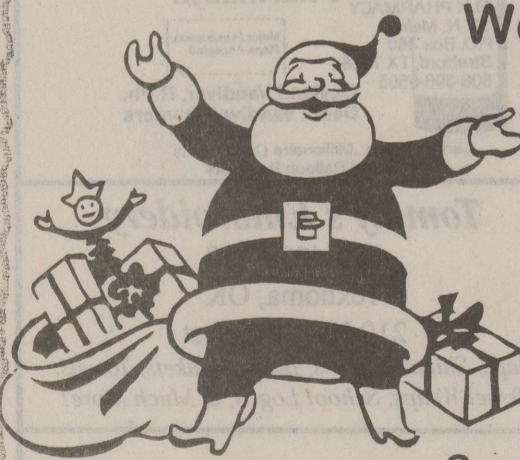
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Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)

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

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Morning Worship 10:30 am

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Christmas Parade 2005



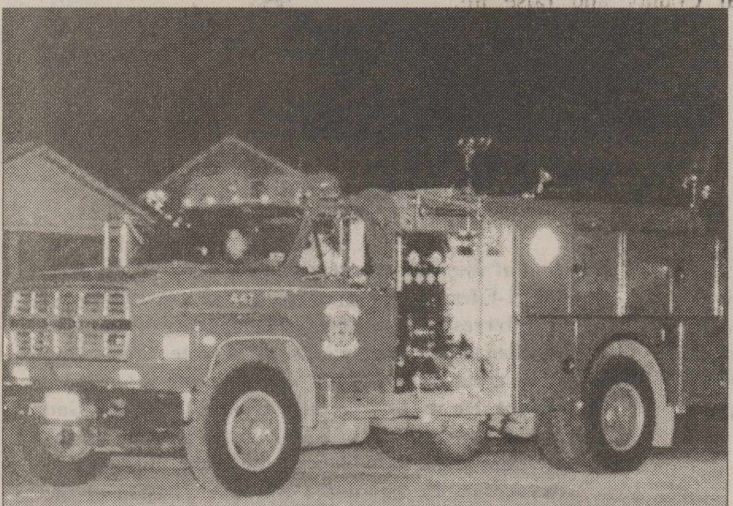
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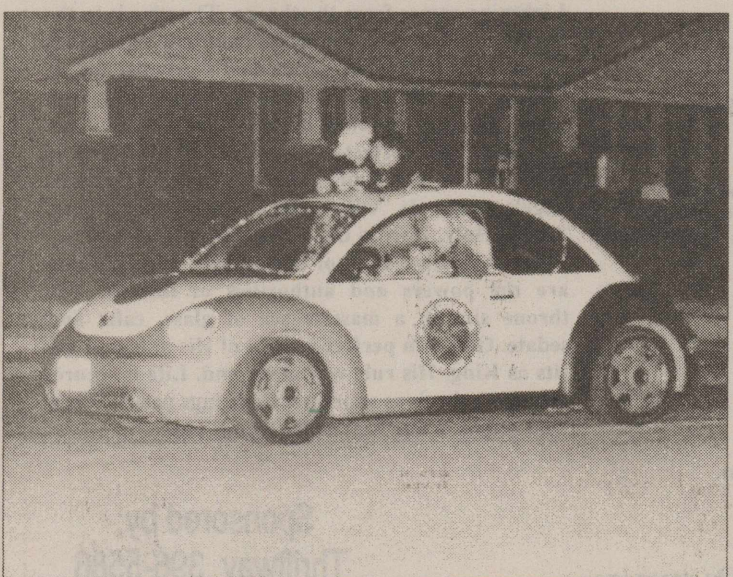
The Stratford Elk Football Team rode in the parade.



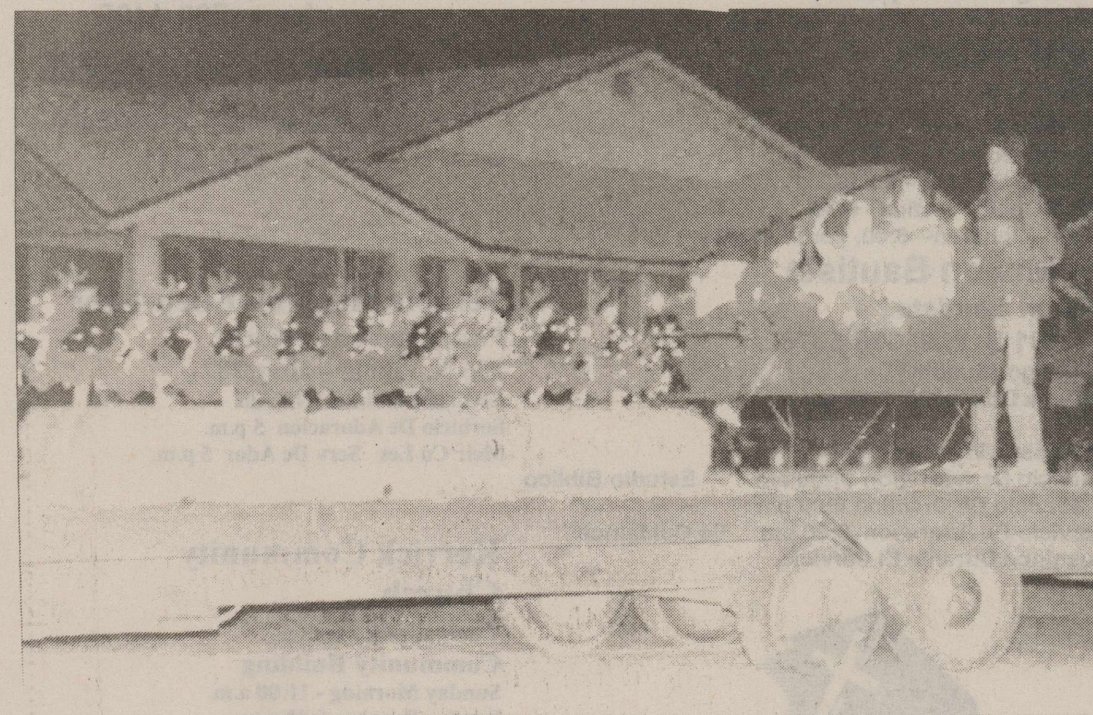
Combine in Parade



Fire Truck in Parade



Happy State Bank car in Christmas Parade



Christmas Parade had a good turnout of entries and spectators.

Craft Bazaar Held Friday

The Life skills class at Stratford Jr. High held a craft bazaar on Friday, Dec. 2nd. School staff was invited to shop for hand made Christmas gifts. The items for sale included bracelets, Christmas pins, and tree ornaments. The students crafting the items and conducting the sale (shown at right) were Tyler Pickens, Stephanie Molina, and Brian Zinck. Not shown Raul Reta.



Shown at left are just 3 of the shoppers at the Life skills Class on Friday, Nita Hudson, Kaci McBryde and Janie Navarette.

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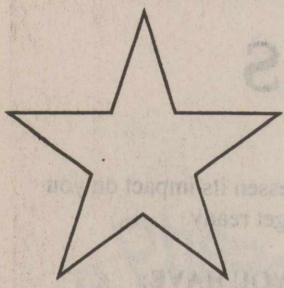
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For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585. 4-1-tfn

For Great Holiday Gifts visit Red Door Salon at 217 N. Main. 12-8-c-05-6x's

For Sale:
1-1999 Suburban
1-2001 Pickup
1-2002 Pickup
1-2003 Pickup
2-2004 Pickups
Call Billy Bell at 366-2576.
10-27-tfn

Help Wanted

Help Wanted-Counter Salesperson needed at A&I Parts. Contact Jerry Ewers at 366-5592 or 753-7593. 12-1-tfn

Land for Sale

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

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

House for Rent-2 Bdrm at 609 N. Grace. Call 366-2008 for more information. 5-12-tfn

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

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

Houses for Sale

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 108 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division. 9-22-tfn

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. Call 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner. 4/23 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof 4 yr. old, New H/A; Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270. 9-22-tfn

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678. 6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569. 7-14-tfn

House for Sale: 605 S. Main. Will consider Trade. Call 396-2569. 12-8-c-05-6x's

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677. 7-28-tfn

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

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Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line recently replaced. \$55,000

Basketball

The 7th Grade Lady Elks beat White Deer 26-8 on Monday, November 28th. Kimberly Melton was high point with 10 points followed by Rubi Rueda with 8 points and Kelsie Keener with 5 points.

The 7th grade Elks beat Gruver 41-13 on Monday, November 21st. Kyle Horsford led the Elks with 21 points followed by Tyler Wright with 9 points. On Monday, Nov. 28th, they beat White Deer 32-23. Kyle Horsford was high point with 12 points followed by Bryce Cummings with 6 points. Michael Ortega, Trevor Christian, and Tyler Wright added 4 points each and Matt Correll finished with 2 points.

The 8th grade Lady Elks lost 23-24 to White Deer on Nov. 28th. Channing Zieman was high point with 7 points followed by Chelby Ellis, Angie Rosales, and Kelsi Dennis with 4 points each.

The 8th grade boys lost to Gruver 43-33 on Mon. Nov. 21st. Luis Ortega was high point with 11 points followed by Blu Pruitt with 6 points and Braden Hamilton with 5 points. On Monday, Nov. 28th, they beat White Deer 30-18. Klinton Keener was high point with 13 points followed by Braden Hamilton with 10 points.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Highland Park 56-18, on Nov. 29th. April Peregrino led the Lady Elks with 21 points followed by Whitney Garza, Jordan Confer and Rhia Everett with 8 points each. The J.V. Lady Elks competed in the Gruver Tournament held this past week. In their 1st game, the Lady Elks beat WT 41-17. Sinead Everett was high point with 13 points followed by Jordan Confer with 8 points. In their 2nd game, they lost 30-37 to Panhandle. April Peregrino was high point with 11 points followed by Rhia

Everett with 6 points. In their 3rd game, they beat Sanford Fritch 52-12. April Peregrino was high point with 15 points followed by Rhia Everett with 14 points. In their final game, the Lady Elks beat White Deer 37-16. Jordan Confer led the Lady Elks in this game with 18 points followed by Kelsey Stein with 6 points.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611
Paula Everett-966-5445
Ken Forthman-366-2586
Patsy Harland-827-7568
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728

Jesse Resendes-366-3134

Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

Austin Hotline
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CONFIDENTIAL

Lathem Chosen as Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher

WACO—Doug Lathem of Dalhart was named winner of Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest here at the state's largest farm organization's 72nd annual convention.

Lathem and his wife, Carol, grow seed milo, corn, cotton, wheat and cattle near Dalhart in Hartley County, and were chosen over two other finalists in the competition.

The annual event honors the young leaders of agriculture and recognizes and rewards the hard work and determination needed to succeed when starting out in the challenging business of agriculture.

Lathem, who didn't grow up on a farm or ranch, has found his career in agriculture challenging, and intensely rewarding.

"I had some people tell me I couldn't make it, and I had some people that told me I could, and we just tried to focus on and surround ourselves with those people that said we could," he said. "We got in it, made it, and it's been very good."

Jay Davis of Grandview and Korvan Kreusler of New Braunfels were chosen as runners-up.

Davis and his wife, Laura, have a diversified operation near Grandview in Johnson County that features wheat, oats, corn, hay and a cattle operation.

Kreusler and his wife, Jill, farm and ranch near New Braunfels in Comal County and raise milo, corn, cattle, sheep and goats.

As winner, Lathem received the following prizes: Title to a 2006

Dodge Ram 3/4 ton 4x4 Quad Cab pickup with a Cummins diesel engine, courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company; 150 hours use of a Case IH tractor (winner selects from a 40 PTO horsepower up to 155 PTO horsepower tractor two-wheel drive or MFD front wheel drive assist), courtesy of Case IH; \$500 cash award, courtesy of Dodge Trucks; plaque and belt buckle representative of the award; and transportation, two nights lodging and meals to the Texas Farm Bureau State Convention. He and his wife will also represent Texas in the American Farm Bureau Achievement Award competition in Nashville, Tenn., in January.

As runners-up, the Davises and Kreuslers received the following: Complimentary use of a 2006 3/4-ton Dodge 4x4 Quad Cab pickup from December 2005 through November 2006, courtesy of Dodge; a new pair of Justin Boots, compliments of Justin Brands, Inc.; plaque and belt buckle representative of the award; and transportation, two nights lodging and meals to the Texas Farm Bureau Convention.

Other district winners in the annual contest included the following: Eddie and Heather Griffs of Lubbock County; Trey and Ronda Thompson of Knox County; Jeffery and Robin Hunnicutt of Franklin County; Philip and Jennifer Glass of Tom Green County; Jason and Kyla Dieterich of Falls County; Barrett and Debra Franz of Matagorda

County; and Wesley and Lisa Theuret of Karnes County.

Beat Windthorst

NOV DECEMBER 2005



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Football Playoff Game Dates, Times and Sites - To Be Announced				1 VG @ Fritch Tournament	2 Stratford vs Ochsens Kimberly Stadium 7:30 PM	3 VG @ Fritch Tournament
Christmas Holidays - December 23 - January 2						
4 HIS All Region Trophy @ Panhandle	5 7th & 8th vs Surrey (OT) 6:00 PM	6 JVG, JVB, VG, VB vs Channing (T) 4:00 PM	7	8 4th Grade Musical 7:00 PM M&E Cafeteria	9 VG, VB vs Tulsa (H) 6:00 PM	10 ACT Test 8:00AM - HIS Cafeteria
JVG, JVB @ Spearman Tournament						
Credit By Exam - High School						
11	12 7th & 8th Bey & Gies vs Bomar (H) 4:00 PM	13	14 End of 1st Semester	15 Band Christmas Concert 7:00 PM	16 JVG, JVB, VG, VB vs Tulsa (H) 4:00 PM	17
18	19 JVG, VG vs Perryton (H) 5:00 PM	20	21 Together Work Day	22	23	24
Christmas Holidays						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
VG @ Caprock Classic - Lubbock						
VG @ State Tournament						
Christmas Holidays						

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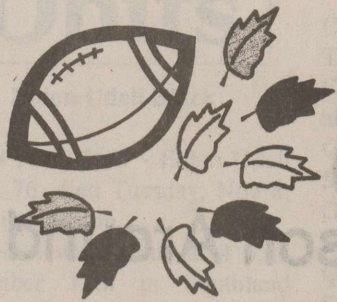
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Good Luck Elks



Elks Beat Quanaah In QuarterFinals

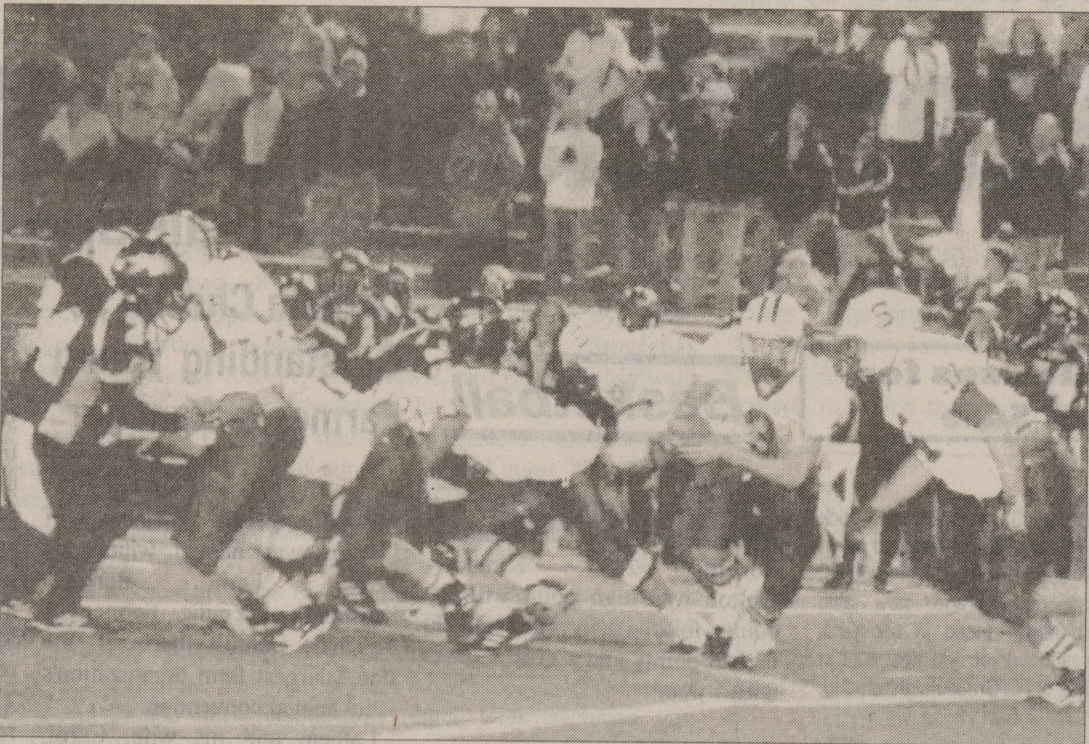
The Stratford Elks beat the Quanaah Indians 35-14 to capture the State Quarterfinal trophy on Friday, December 2, 2005.

On offense, the offensive line of Connor Vincent, Brandon Davis, Gilbert Reta, Martin Beltran, and Rudy Portillo did a great job of blocking. Hunter Buckles completed 5 of 11 passes for 60 yards. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 122 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown followed by Hunter Buckles with 11 carries for 100 yards. Brady Bell racked up 55 yards on 11 carries and 4 touchdowns. Pablo Ibarra caught the ball for 25 yards on 2 catches followed by Case Crabtree with 15 yards on 1 reception. Jonathan Licon scored 5 PATs for the Elks.

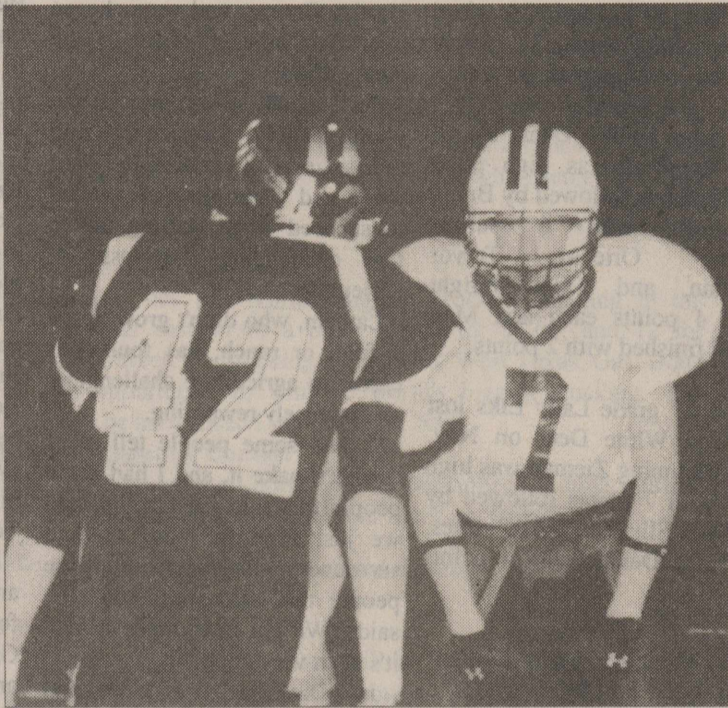
Steven Rueda led the Elks defense with 11 tackles followed by Jonathan Licon with 10 tackles and Brady Bell with 9 tackles. Brady Bell, Sandro Gomez, Rudy Portillo, Pablo Ibarra and Jonathan Licon each had a quarterback sack. Jeffrey Frizzell had one fumble recovery for the Elks and a blocked punt. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Craig Kautz, Joey Reta, Andrew Correll, Brant Cummings, Case Crabtree, Gilbert Reta, Hunter Buckles, Julio Ramirez and Scott Hudson. Players of The Week – The Elk Team.

The Elks will play Windthorst at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 for the State Semi-Final. Go Elks – Beat Windthorst – All the Way to State!!!

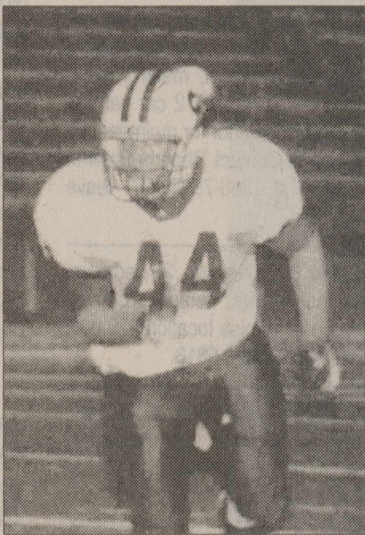
Football-Elk Style



Stratford Elks beat Quanaah to win Quarterfinals!!

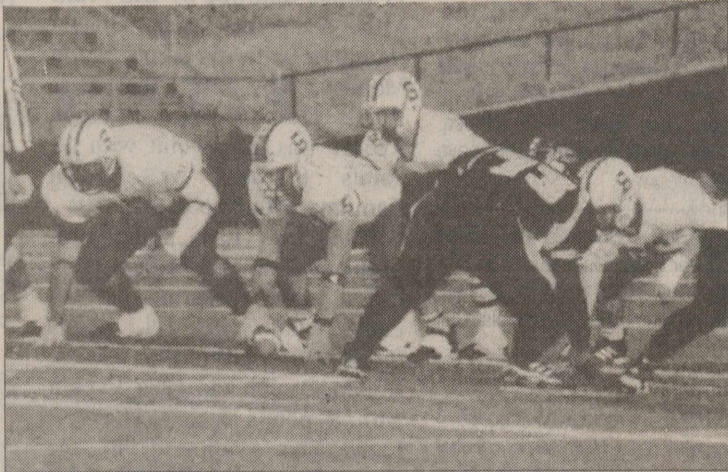


Stratford Elk #7 Brant Cummings



Stratford Elk #44 Brady Bell

Good Luck Elks



Stratford Elks on Offense #77 Rudy Portillo, #51 Gilbert Reta, #3 Hunter Buckles, and #66 Connor Vincent. Great Job Offensive Line!!!

I wish we could put up some of
the Christmas spirit in jars and
open a jar of it every month.
—Harlan Miller

For the spirit of Christmas ful-
fills the greatest hunger of
mankind.
—Loring A. Schuler

STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION

TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

	General Fund	Major Special Revenue-Texas Reading First	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,576,974	\$ -	\$ 11,625	\$ 1,588,599
State Program Revenues	141,550	-	23,354	164,904
Federal Program Revenues	-	170,018	173,071	343,089
Total Revenues	1,718,524	170,018	208,050	2,096,592
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	602,916	153,108	100,551	856,575
Instructional Resources & Media Services	11,588	-	210	11,798
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	9,350	6,196	10,702	26,248
Instructional Leadership	-	5,000	10,768	15,768
School Leadership	69,593	5,714	1,056	76,363
Health Services	916	-	-	916
Student (Pupil) Transportation	42,227	-	594	42,821
Food Services	-	-	102,376	102,376
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,488	-	-	1,488
General Administration	166,081	-	211	166,292
Plant Maintenance and Operations	131,414	-	690	132,104
Data Processing Services	10,675	-	-	10,675
Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	6,284	-	-	6,284
Intergovernmental:				
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	238,049	-	-	238,049
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	31,151	-	-	31,151
Total Expenditures	1,321,732	170,018	227,158	1,718,908
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	396,792	-	(19,108)	377,684
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	2,637	-	21,745	24,382
Transfers Out (Use)	(21,745)	-	(2,637)	(24,382)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(19,108)	-	19,108	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	377,684	-	-	377,684
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	340,888	-	-	340,888
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 718,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 718,572

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY RULES

How to stay safe this winter.
Preparation for cold and severe winter can lessen its impact on you and your family. Here are some tips to help get ready.

AT HOME OR WORK MAKE SURE YOU HAVE:

- 1 a working flashlight
- 2 radio, or TV tuned to weather information
- 3 extra food, water, medicine, and baby items
- 4 first aid supplies
- 5 heating fuel (propane, kerosene, fuel oil, etc...)
- 6 emergency heating source
- 7 fire extinguisher and smoke detector

IN CARS AND TRUCKS:

- 1 fully check and winterize your vehicle
- 2 keep your gas tank near full
- 3 try not to travel alone
- 4 let a friend or relative know your timetable for travel
- 5 carry a **WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT** which contains:
 - o blankets/sleeping bags
 - o flashlight with extra batteries
 - o knife
 - o high calorie, non-perishable food
 - o a smaller can and water-proof matches to melt snow for drinking water
 - o sand or cat litter
 - o shovel
 - o windshield scraper
 - o tool kit

- o tow rope
- o jumper cables
- o water container
- o compass
- o road maps

ON THE FARM:

- 1 Move animals to sheltered areas
- 2 Haul extra feed to nearby feeding areas
- 3 Have a water supply available (most animal deaths in winter storms are from dehydration)

IF CAUGHT OUTSIDE:

- 1 Find a dry shelter. Cover all exposed parts of the body.
 - 2 If shelter is not available:
 - o Prepare a lean-to, wind break, or snow-cave for protection from the wind,
 - o Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Place rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect heat,
 - o Do not eat snow. It will lower your body temperature. Melt it first.
- ### IF STRANDED IN A CAR OR TRUCK:
- 1 Stay in your car or truck!
 - 2 Run the motor about ten minutes each hour. Open the windows a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked.
 - 3 Make yourself visible to rescuers:
 - o Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine
 - o Tie a colored cloth to your antenna or door
 - o Raise the hood after the snow stops falling
 - 4 Exercise to keep blood circulating and to keep warm

AT HOME OR IN A BUILDING:

Stay inside!

- 1 If there is no heat:
 - o Close off unneeded rooms
 - o Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors
 - o Cover windows at night
 - o Eat and drink. Food provides the body with energy and heat. Fluids prevent dehydration.
 - o Wear layers of loose-fitting, light-weight, warm clothing.



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

After studying the Navajo Code Talkers, the high school and eighth grade ESL classes, used the same method as the Navajos of World War II to devise a code based on their own native language of Spanish. Then the classes exchanged coded messages and translated them into English.

Mrs. Glass's classes (that's a mouthful!) always have neat things going on. Her Biology classes are making Cell Cycle poster by using manipulatives to build models of the stages of cell division. The Anatomy classes are working with boxes of bones (disarticulated skeleton) to learn the bone markings in order to prepare for their field trip to the Texas Tech Gross Anatomy Lab (I think that means they get to see cadavers!). The Environmental Systems class is simulating predator-prey relationships with game pieces, and then they are graphing the interpreted results.

Luke Haile was selected as first chair tuba for All Region Band. Kelsie Dennis was selected as alternate for clarinet. Eighth grade students have an AR book test due on December 7th for English class. All seventh and eighth grade English students will be studying "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens the week before the Christmas break.

The fifth and sixth grade toured the Presidents exhibit at the Imagination Station Thursday. There was a lot of information about each President—some we knew and some new things. We thank Laurie Spurlock, Gaynelle Riffe, and Gayl Harding for being our guides. They really know their stuff. The funniest thing we learned was that one

President skinny-dipped in the Potomac and had his clothes stolen. Can you imagine trying to get back to the White House? Fifth graders are now studying the 13 Colonies and we'll soon be learning about the American Revolution. Sixth graders are studying parts of Asia. They also made the ornaments that show historical and geographical information for our class Christmas tree. Mrs. Swain teaches 5th and 6th grade Social Studies.

Mrs. Seward's 7th Grade Reading: We should be finishing the novel Tangerine this week. 8th Grade Technology Applications: We are working on word processing skills. We are learning the different forms of letters, (business, personal, etc.) how to construct and organize a table, and how to create cover pages and title pages.

High School All Region Band tryouts were held Monday. Varsity and JV girls and Junior High basketball are going strong.

The lucky 5th graders will travel to Amarillo Friday to see the "Nutcracker". This has become an annual event for them.

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading class is reading Wrinkle in Time. The students are doing well with their AR points. Ransom Leron, as the leader, has well over 100 points.

Juniors received their Senior rings Tuesday. That's always exciting.

Have a good week!

Good Luck Elks