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Game Time Scheduled

Coleman Bluecats vs. Stratford Elks - Lowrey Field Lubbock Texas Friday, December 1 - 7:30 PM Ticket Prices \$5.00 Adults \$3.00 Students. We will sit on the visitor side

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.

FCC Disciples Men Annual Calf Fry & Barbecue

First Christian Church Disciples Men Annual Calf Fry and Barbecue Sunday, Dec. 3rd starting at 11:30 a.m. Free will donation and everyone is welcome.

Children's Christmas Workshop 2006

The Amarillo Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Children's Christmas Workshop on Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to the Museum to enjoy making Christmas ornaments and cards in a festive holiday setting with music, refreshments and a visit from Santa too. Because attendance is limited, registration must be made in advance by calling the Museum at 371-5050. Tuition is \$15.

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.

Ladies of Griggs Church of God Serving Chili, stew and homemade pies

The Ladies of Griggs Church of God will be serving Chili, stew and home made pies at the church Dec. 1st and 2nd from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Manor Friends To Meet Dec. 4

Manor Friends will meet Monday, December 4 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor

Elks Beat Childress In Rematch For Area Win

The Stratford Elks knocked out Childress in the 1-2A Area Round on Friday, November 24, 2006 at Kimbrough Stadium. The Elks defeated Childress 33-27 to advance in Regional play on Friday, December 1, at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX at 7:30 p.m. where the Elks will face the Coleman Bluecats.

Hunter Buckles completed 5 of 10 passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 141 yards on 24 carries and two touchdowns followed by Jonathan Licon with 115 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown. Licon also caught the ball for 31 yards on two catches and scored two touchdowns. Craig Kautz caught the ball for 21 yards on two catches. Martin Beltran scored one PAT for the Elks and Adrian Vargas scored on a two-point conversion pass from Buckles. The offensive line of Sandro Gomez, Harrison Walden, Martin Beltran, Gilbert Reta, and Brent Reed also did an outstanding job for the Elks.

James Smith led the Elks on defense with 15 tackles followed by Jonathan Licon with 9 tackles and Steven Rueda with 7 tackles. Michael Frizzell and Brant Cummings each picked up an interception for the night for the Elks. Also contributing to the Elks defense were Joey Reta, Julio Ramirez, Sandro Gomez, Scott Hudson, Brant Cummings, Martin Beltran, Pablo Ibarra, Jorge Robles and Craig Kautz.

GOOD LUCK ELKS - BEAT COLEMAN!

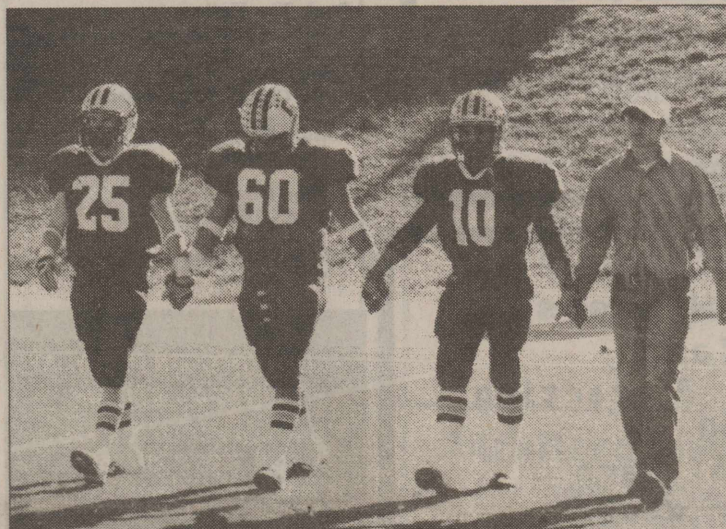
Ten Reasons to Love Your Library

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways," begins one of the best loved English poems. The Sherman County Public Library is sharing ten reasons why the citizens of Stratford should love their library: 1) Use the library's 12 computers free of charge; 2) Check out the latest bestsellers; 3) Find biographies of the great and the average; 4) Enjoy story time with your child; 5) Ask your library to arrange a loan of a book or other resource from another library; 6) Take a practice test for becoming a policeman, fireman, graduate student, and more; 7) Check out a couple of great books on tape that the whole family can enjoy on the drive to Grandma's and other distant places; 8) Research your health concerns; 9) Get live help from Tutor.com; and 10) Help your library by volunteering, assisting with special projects. Your investment in time and ideas will pay off big time to your community and to yourself.

This Christmas season show your love for the Sherman County Public Library, by contributing to Project Christmas Card sponsored by the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star. The project is very simple, instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Figure up how much it costs for the cards, stamps, your time, add a little extra and take your donation to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. Your family's name or your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone "Merry Christmas."



The Stratford Elks defeated Childress 33-27 to capture the Area win on Friday, November 24th. The Elks will advance to the Regional Semi-finals on Friday, December 1, 2006 at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX at 7:30 p.m. and will take on the Coleman Bluecats. CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



Stratford Elk Captains, Scott Hudson, Martin Beltran, Jonathan Licon and Jeffrey Frizzell.



#50 Harrison Walden blocks for #10 Jonathan Licon who carries the ball for the Elks.

District 4-H Food Show

By Susie Spurlock

Ten 4-H members from Sherman County have qualified for the Panhandle District 4-H Food Show Saturday, December 2nd. The contest will be held at Highland Park School in Amarillo.

Youth who have qualified are Junior 4-H members Landry Davis, Desinya Garza, Mary Ann Spurlock, and Mazie Vincent. Intermediate contestants are Rhyann Burton, Garrett Ely, and Catherine Griffin. Eric Burton, Katie Killian, and Jennie Spurlock are Senior age contestants.

Youth will prepared a dish, serve it to a panel of adult judges, and answer questions in an interview format.

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

The deadline for donations is twelve o'clock noon on Monday, December 18, 2006.

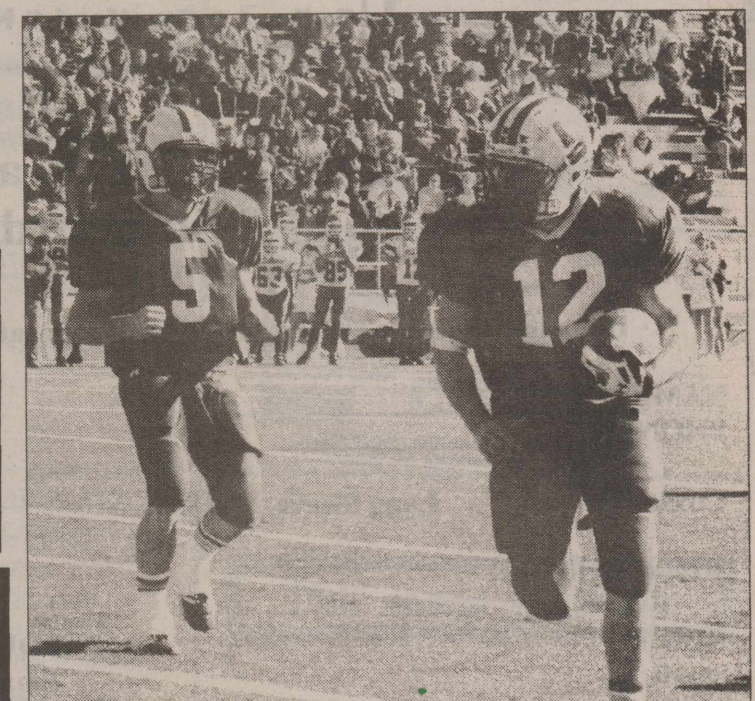
Pep Rally Dec. 1st

There will be a Pep Rally on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. for the Stratford Elks.

Dear Santa Letter's deadline to the Stratford Star, is Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.



Stratford Elk Quarterback #5 Hunter Buckles carries the ball for the Elks.



Stratford Elk #12 Craig Kautz scores on this drive for the Elks against Childress. In back #5 Hunter Buckles.



Grand Opening Held

Long's Ben Franklin held their Grand Opening on Monday, November 13th at 12 noon. Congratulations to Malcolm and Amy Long, we welcome your new business and wish you success. Shown above are the Longs, along with family members, employees and Chamber of Commerce folks.

OBITS



Meredith H. "Mert" Brown

Meredith H. "Mert" Brown- 79
Died November 21, 2006 at
Stratford Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday November 25, 2006 at
First Baptist Church with former
pastor and pastor of Cornerstone
Fellowship in Lamesa, Texas
Jerry Stewart officiating. Burial
was in Stratford Cemetery. Flag
Detail by American Legion Post
224 of Dumas, Texas.

Born June 10, 1927, in
Clarendon, TX, grew up east of
Claude, TX in the Fairview
community. He was a veteran of
World War II, serving with the
U.S. Occupational Forces in
Japan. Mr. Brown was a farmer
and rancher and after living in
Claude, Sunray, and Dumas areas,
he settled with his family in
Stratford, TX in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his
wife, Corethia, in 1978, and a
grandson Luke Williams in 1992.
Survivors include two daughters;
D'Lynn and husband Ricky Reed
of Stratford and Cherie and
husband Gregg Williams of
Canyon, two sons; James Brown
and wife Bonnie of Dalhart and
David Brown and wife Janice of
Stratford, eight grandchildren;
Amy Brown, Davy Brown, Paul
Brown, Beau Brown, Adam Reed,
Katelyn Reed, Candice Williams,
and Clayton Williams, and one
great-grandson; JJ. Brown.

The family suggests memorials
be to First Baptist Church of
Stratford, Stratford Area
Foundation, and Stratford
Cemetery.
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**Good Luck
Elks
Beat
Coleman**

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Lollipop Junction is proud to be
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members offer a holistic approach
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for employees who would like to
be a part of the warm and caring
environment for our children. Full
time and part-time positions are
available. Lollipop Junction is
asking the community to help
locate these individuals. Basic
employment requirements are 18
years of age and high school
education or equivalent. If you or
someone else you know is
interested in a position, please
contact Cheryl Jones, Director, at
806-366-5886.

With your help our community
will be the best place to live,
work, and raise a family

Dear Readers,

You think we lost a lot of large
trees last year. If the remaining
trees are not deep watered this
winter, we will be seeing more
trees die. There is no subsoil
moisture and large trees need a
big drink. A couple of three foot
snaws might help otherwise the
help must come from the end of a
hose.

The dead trees are not only
ugly, they are dangerous with
limbs breaking and they can
invite insects. It would be real
nice to cut the dead trees down
and use them in a fireplace. What
better fate for a tree that has
struggled for many years to
provide shade than to finish life
with a cheery warm fire.

Gaynelle Riffe

Consumer

(NU) - Family portraits are popular during the holiday season.
New picture sizes like 10-by-30 inches and 5-by-5 inches offer con-
temporary alternatives to the 8-by-10. And all-digital studio net-
works, like Sears Portrait Studio, will print holiday portraits the
same day photos are taken. For favorite snapshots that haven't made
it out of the digital camera, bring the memory card in to one of their
1,000 studios across the country. Experts can turn JPEG files into
printed, framed products.

**Harvest Luncheon
at Scot Hall
Saturday, December 2nd
Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Community and Hunters welcomed
Pork chops & all the trimmings
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**Letters
To The
Editor**

**The Imagination
Station Exhibit
"Holidays Around
the World"**

The Imagination Station Exhibit
for the fall will be "Holidays
around the World"

The Exhibit will be open for
School tours Monday November
20 through December. The
Exhibit will be open to the Public
anytime The Imagination Station
is open or by appointment. When
is St. Nicholas Day or St. Lucia
Day. Who is Befana or Black
Peter? When is Hanukkah or The
12 Night? The Imagination
Station will host their annual
Stew Supper after the Christmas
Parade on November 29 (rain or
shine) with the added flair of
"Soups around the World". Cost
for soup, dessert and maybe a
little wassail will be \$6.00 for
adults and \$3.00 for children
under 12.



Movies Beginning December 1

- The Nativity Story
PG Keisha Castle-Hughes
- Facing the Giants
PG Alex Kendrick
- Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj
R Kal Penn
- Deck The Halls
PG Danny DeVito Matthew Broderick
- Deja Vu
PG-13 Denzel Washington
- Happy Feet
PG Animated
- Casino Royale
PG-13 Daniel Craig
- The Santa Claus 3
G Tim Allen

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Holiday

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	XXX-Large

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



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By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Pat Boren spent Thanksgiving in Abernathy with Kerry, Kelly, Kevin & Kole. Kole celebrated his 6th birthday with a bowling party with all!

Bill's brother Charles in Fort Worth had surgery last week.

Ted Irlbeck is in Dumas Hospital Nursing Home. Joyce is in Hospital there.

Jo June McDaniel hosted her family Thanksgiving dinner. From Clayton were Penny and Linda Whitson, Jennifer & Geo Swagerty, Lena Swagerty of Amarillo, Whit, Jean, Kayla McDaniel of Dumas, and John, Nicholas, Shelby McDaniel.

The remodeled farm home of the late Minnie McDaniel was the gathering place for Thanksgiving. Thelma & Duane Smith were hosts. Guests included Donna Baker of Colorado City, CO., Scott, Nita & Maura Hutchison of Lubbock, and Patti McDaniel of Denver. And Mike & Merilee McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel.

Jo June & John McDaniel dropped by for a visit.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner at Albert's in Dumas were Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden of Kerrick, Mary Hill, Dudley Hill of Stratford, Geneva & Joyce Wells, Terry & Gail Wells, Audrey Kincannon of Griggs.

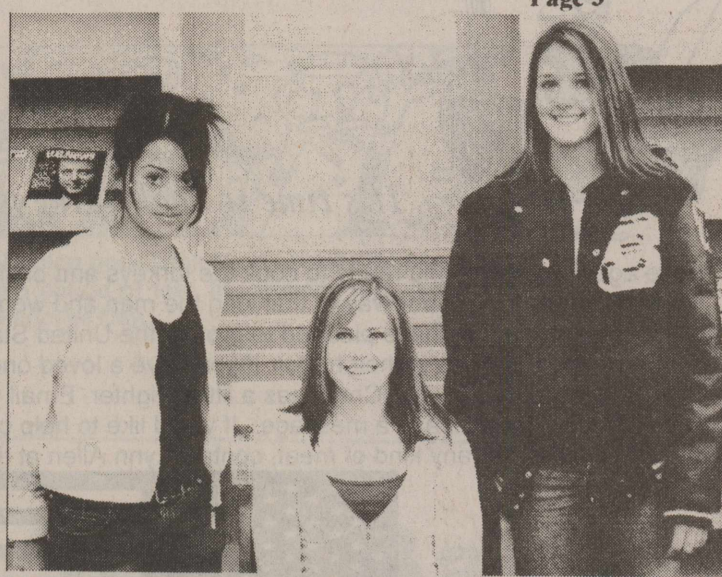
Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett, Rese Schoonover spent Wednesday night in Amarillo, then had turkey dinner and a movie Thursday.

Shanna Harris and Shane Wiggins were married in Guymon Nov. 26. Her father, Roy Harris, officiated. Shanna's brother Dustin Harris gave her "away". A room at the Highway Patrol office was decorated for the wedding and reception.



Academic All-District Named

Shown above Academic All-District Football seated from left: Daniel Hays, Harrison Walden, Brant Cummings, Pablo Ibarra. Standing from left, Michael Frizzell, Alex Martinez, Craig Kautz, Daniel Nusz, Eric Riffe, Steven Rueda. Shown at far right Academic All-District Cross Country L-R: Janeth Reyes, Kristen Crabtree and Whitney Reese.



THANK YOU STRATFORD!!!

Last year there were numerous hours on the road traveling to meetings with many variety store chains, trying to convince them to come to Stratford. After all the rejections, the SCDC Board decided to "do our own thing". We devised a plan to set up a Retail Business Incubator, which is unheard of in this part of the country. Most business incubators are for manufacturing or industrial-linked companies. As the name implies, a business incubator is one where a parent corporation helps start a new idea and watches it grow, all the while being there to assist with any problems or questions that may come up. Community residents Amy & Malcolm Long knew they wanted to open their own business and after months of working with the SCDC Retail Committee and the Ben Franklin Corporate Rep, it happened. On November 13th, Long's Ben Franklin Variety Store opened their doors and on that very cold and windy Monday, over 200 people turned out to welcome the new business. Sherman County Development thanks you for your continued support of this new business as well as all the other existing businesses in the county.

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

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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
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Catholic
Father Aleksy Kowalski
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
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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

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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist

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302 S. Main - For More Info—call 396-2212
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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702 N. 3rd
Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

THANK THE GOOD LORD

Psalm 100:5 says, "The Lord is good; His loving kindness is Everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations." How is this possible? Disease, death and brokenness are pervasive. Why does God permit this evil? Either He does not have the power to prevent evil or He is not good. These are the only two alternatives. Wait a minute. There is another option to consider. The good God must have a good reason for the presence of evil in His creation. What could be the good purposes for the presence of evil in the world? For one thing, we learn best by way of contrast. We know the nature of the good by seeing that which is evil. From the biblical perspective, the presence of evil substantiates the reality of sin. Sin, violation of God's standards for living, results in death. Disease is incipient death. In addition, the presence of evil undergirds the idea of the demonic in the Bible. The presence of evil therefore highlights God's grace, mercy and love. It is good to see, understand and experience God's loving forgiveness through Christ. It is good to experience the grace of God turning our hearts from evil to good. It will be good to eternally celebrate the grace of God in heaven for overturning evil and manifesting His love and mercy. Truly, the Lord is good.

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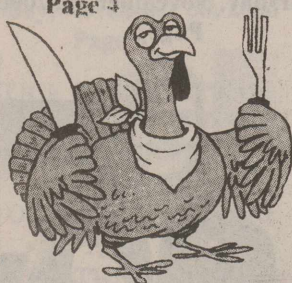
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It's time to cook turkeys for our soldiers' families!

Once again, we're getting ready to cook the turkeys and briskets for the relatives of soldiers serving in the Armed Forces. This is our way of thanking the men and women who may or may not be home during the holidays because they have pledged to protect the United States of America. It's a small service that we provide to their families in their honor. If you have a loved one serving in the military this Christmas, let us know so we can make your Christmas a little brighter. Email your name & address to lallen6423@aol.com or call 753-7979 and leave a message. If you'd like to help cook or help deliver the food, or donate turkeys, briskets, or any kind of meat, contact Lynn Allen at the email or phone number above.



REMINDER

ALL MEDICARE ELIGIBLE SENIORS
MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT
NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 31
SIGN UP OR MAKE CHANGES BY DEC 8th TO
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YOU NEED ON JANUARY 1
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Duke Energy Field Services, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 73374 which would authorize modification of their Tex Booster Station. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from interchange of U.S. 287 and Interstate 40 go 81.6 miles north to SR 15, go east 21.8 miles to County Road 28, go north 4 miles to Ranch Road 377, go east 0.6 miles to booster station on right, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Cards of Thanks

Special thanks to the Stratford Education Foundation for making the Nacho Estrada presentation a reality! Your funding for this brought laughter and learning to many students. The presentation was a success with the help of several people. Thanks to Happy State Bank, Stratford Grain, First State Bank, Brown's Meat Locker, Elk Pharmacy, and Stratford ISD Athletics for donating great door prizes! Your generosity was amazing! The event would not have been possible without the help of Terri Teig, Bertha Peregrino, Jelia Palma, Belinda Hamilton, Ronda Mathews, Jack Newcomb and Rudy Salazar. Your hard work and support was a blessing! A delicious meal was provided by Mario and Sara Ortega, Lawrence and Maria Aguilera, Sarah Ortega, Juan Carlos Jimenez, Pedro Ortega, and Maria Ortega. The food was delicious and your hospitality was unequalled. Thanks to Stratford ISD administration and staff for their aid and cooperation in making this happen!

Tina Duke

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers, calls, meals and acts of generosity. Our lives changed on November 9th, but we are so thankful for the miracles we have witnessed since then. We continue to be overwhelmed by your many ways to show how much you care about our family. Above all, we thank you for your prayers for healing. We see them working daily! God Bless You All!

Brett, Cindy, Brant, Bryce & Cambri Cummings

Nesquik Racecars

- 2 tablespoons No Sugar Added Chocolate Flavor
- Nestlé Nesquik Powder
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 8 small round crackers or 8 banana slices
- 2 stalks celery, cleaned and trimmed to 6 inches in length
- 2 fresh blueberries or grapes
- 2 small pretzel sticks

COMBINE Nesquik and milk in small bowl until Nesquik is dissolved. Stir in peanut butter until smooth.

PLACE Nesquik mixture in small, heavy-duty plastic bag. Cut small corner from bag and squeeze about 1 tablespoon mixture down center of each celery trough. To assemble "wheels," squeeze some Nesquik mixture onto crackers or banana slices and press "wheels" onto both sides of celery. For "steering wheels," press one blueberry or grape onto top of each pretzel stick. Place "steering wheels" near front of racecars, pressing into Nesquik mixture. (makes 2 servings)

Ever consider what dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul—chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

—Anne Tyler

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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. School is back in full swing.

Mrs. Seward's 7th Grade Reading: We have started the novel Tangerine by Edward Bloor. We will be working on that until Christmas. Students still need to be reading their library books at least 15 minutes every night (or a total of 75 minutes per week) to attain their AR goals.

8th Grade Technology Applications: Students have researched information about Cyber Safety. They are now working on creating PowerPoint Presentations and will begin presenting them to the class this week.

Which rocket fuel is the best: Orange juice, cola or water??? Just ask a 5th grader for the answer. Mrs. Gilliland's 5th grade students tested their hypothesis by collecting data by shooting off rockets filled with each type of rocket fuel.

The ESL students went back in time last week to study the pilgrims from a personal point of view.

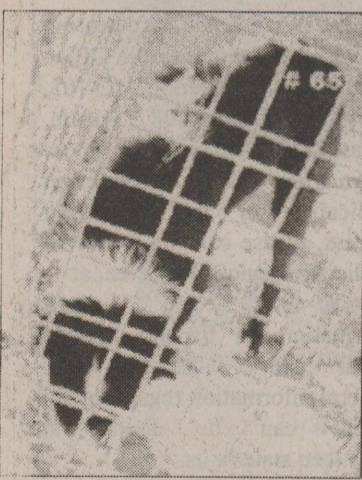
Each of the students drew a name of one of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower. They learned of the hardships, heartbreaks, struggles and successes of the pilgrims in coming to the "new world". At the end of the study, each student learned the outcome of his pilgrim personage and any other information that was known of the person.

The students were surprised at the young ages of most of the pilgrims, how many died the first year, their bravery, and their conviction.

The junior high basketball teams and the Lady Elks have games throughout the week. The JV Lady Elks and Lady Elks have tournaments this week. Our varsity football team plays Coleman Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Friday's pep rally will be at 9:30 a.m. The boys will leave at 1:15 and school will dismiss at 1:45 p.m.

Quote of the week: "If we did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves." - Thomas Edison

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.

Panhandle Days in Austin February 26-27

By Gaynelle Riffe

Every two years local community leaders travel with the Amarillo Chamber staff to Austin to meet with legislators to discuss issues affecting the panhandle and our local economy. Two years ago, one of the topics was transportation, Ports-to-Plains. That was the first time transportation has been an issue with the panhandle delegation.

This year, the South Plains (Lubbock) will join Amarillo Area delegation to present a stronger presence on the capitol grounds.

Stratford should be represented. I encourage Stratford citizens to consider joining the panhandle group to visit you state government in Austin.

Registration with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce or form available at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Registration is \$125.00 for all events as follows: Monday, Feb. 26, Reception at the Bob Bullock History Museum; Tuesday, Feb. 27- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at headquarter hotel Hilton Austin; 9:30 group picture on the Capitol steps followed by House proclamation in the House chambers and Senate proclamation in the Senate chambers. Lunch will be provided on the Capitol grounds for the panhandle delegation and all Legislators and their staff. Personal calls on the legislators will begin at 1:00 p.m., returning to the hotel at 4:30p.m.

It is good for our state legislators to know there is life north of Dallas and San Antonio.

The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The New Exhibit "Holidays Around the World" was visited by the 3rd and 4th grades Tuesday, Nov. 21. The Exhibit will continue until December 22. Groups should contact Laurie Spurlock for tour schedule. The exhibit is open to the Public anytime The Imagination Station is open. Shortage of volunteers has not allowed The Imagination Station to be open on a regular basis. We are hoping to be better organized after the New Year. The 4-H has had a program using the computer lab on Tuesday evenings.

The book club had an initial meeting in October. The plan is to meet on the first Monday, (January 8 not New Years Day) at 5:30 p.m. to review "Johnstown Flood" each person is to provide their own book, (check with the library). The book for November was to have been "Who Moved My Cheese". For more information contact Yvonne Pittman.

The Imagination Station is working on volunteers to instruct in the computer lab. We hope to have this arranged by January 1.

Soups "Around the World" will be featured Wednesday, November 29 following the Christmas Parade.

U.S. Stew and Cornbread; Italy, Luganaga & Polenta; Hungarian Goulash; Russian, Borscht, English/India, Mulligatawany. Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00 soup, drink, dessert

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Cleaning Tips

(NU) - Have your household cleaning rituals become increasingly monotonous, or do you often find yourself running out of a key cleaning product right when you are planning on tackling a mess? The experts at Merry Maids, the nation's largest home cleaning provider, offer a creative twist on routine household chores.

Remove stains with fragrant citrus fruits:

• For marble countertops, dip a grapefruit half into a dish of salt and rub across the stain, being sure to immediately wipe down with fresh water and a dry towel in order to avoid citric acid buildup on the countertop.

• To remove stains from plastic or smooth wood cutting boards, rub a sliced lemon onto the surface, letting the citric acid sit for 20 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with warm water.

Deodorize with simple household staples:

• Lemon, grapefruit and orange rinds are wonderful kitchen sink disposal deodorizers. Simply drop the peel down the disposal, run it for a few seconds and the citrus smell will permeate your kitchen in no time.

• Pull the baking soda out of your pantry and sprinkle into toilet bowls in order to maintain a fresh odor in bathrooms.

• To keep shoes smelling fresh, ball up one or two dryer sheets and place them inside your shoes overnight. For rain-



Fresh lemon juice can remove stains from cutting boards.

drenched shoes, wad up pieces of newspaper and stick them into the toes to absorb the moisture.

Polish tarnished silver with convenient around-the-house products:

• Mix a 2:1 solution of baking soda and water; coat silver thoroughly with baking soda paste and rub into the surface. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

• Squeeze toothpaste onto the piece of silverware so as to sufficiently cover it. Run warm water over the item, gently scrubbing with an old toothbrush to create a foam. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth.

For more information on residential cleaning, visit the Merry Maids Web site at www.merrymaids.com or call 800-MERRYMAIDS.



The Mardi Gras celebration goes back to an ancient Roman custom of merrymaking before a period of fast. In Germany it is called Fastnacht and in England, Pancake Day.

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APPLICATION Duke Energy Field Services, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 73374 which would authorize modification to their Tex Booster Station. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from interchange of U.S. 287 and Interstate 40 go 81.6 miles north to SR 15, go east 21.8 miles to County Road 28, go north 4 miles to Ranch Road 377, go east 0.6 miles to booster station on right, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, organic compounds, particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, and formaldehyde.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 12, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main Street, Stratford, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit

public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

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Health

(NU) - Holiday shopping is not easy on the feet. The American Podiatric Medical Association estimates that the average person takes about 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day, especially when on the hunt for that perfect gift. Check out APMA's Web site, www.apma.org, for tips on treating your feet after holiday shopping and a list of approved products, including foot creams, scrubs and powders that are beneficial to maintaining good foot health.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AMENDMENT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 73352

APPLICATION Duke Energy Field Services, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 73352 which would authorize modification to their Hudson Booster Station. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from interchange of U.S. 287 and Interstate 40 go 67 miles north to Ranch Road 1573 on the right, turn east and go 6.8 miles to gravel road on left, turn north and drive 0.6 miles on the gravel road to the booster station on left, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, and formaldehyde.

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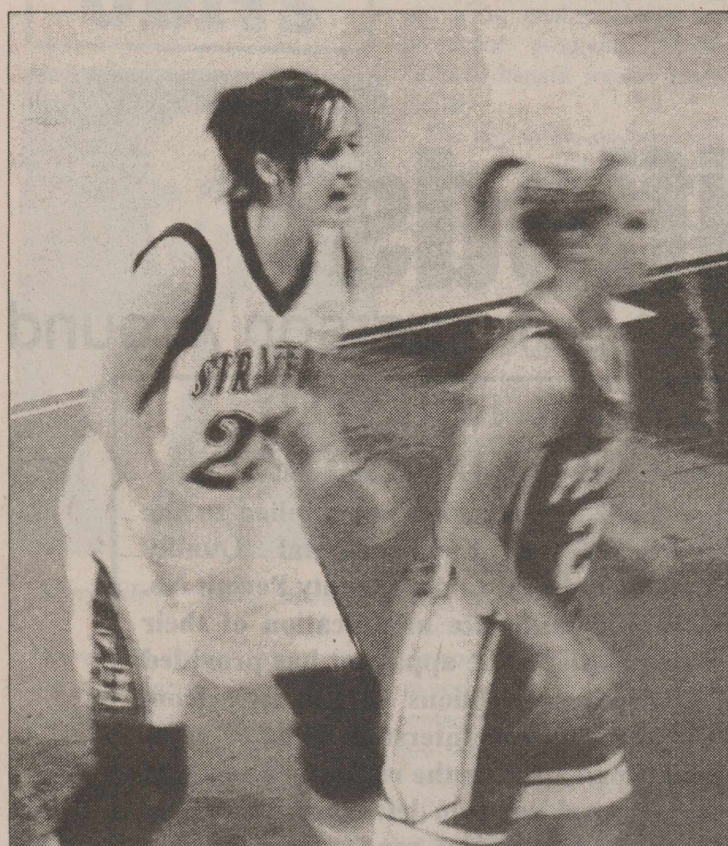
(NU) - There has been a 115 percent increase in fatal crashes involving motorcyclists since 1997, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

But promising new technologies are being introduced to increase safety for motorcyclists. For example, a motorcycle airbag system — optional this year on some Honda Gold Wing models — was independently tested by AAA and its affiliate in Germany, ADAC. Results showed that the airbag was able to prevent fatal injury to a test dummy in a 45-mph crash.

AAA also advises motorcyclists to wear bright or reflective clothing and a quality helmet. For more information, log on to www.AAA.com.

Food

(NU) - This year, take the stress out of the holiday season by serving simple-to-prepare recipes created by celebrity cook and talk show host Rachael Ray. Ray has developed six new holiday entertaining recipes made with Nabisco crackers, including Triscuit Turkey Melts, Deviled Ham and Cheese Spread and Creamy Crimini Dip. For a limited time, these recipes can be found on the back of select Nabisco products. For more information, visit www.NabiscoCracker.com.



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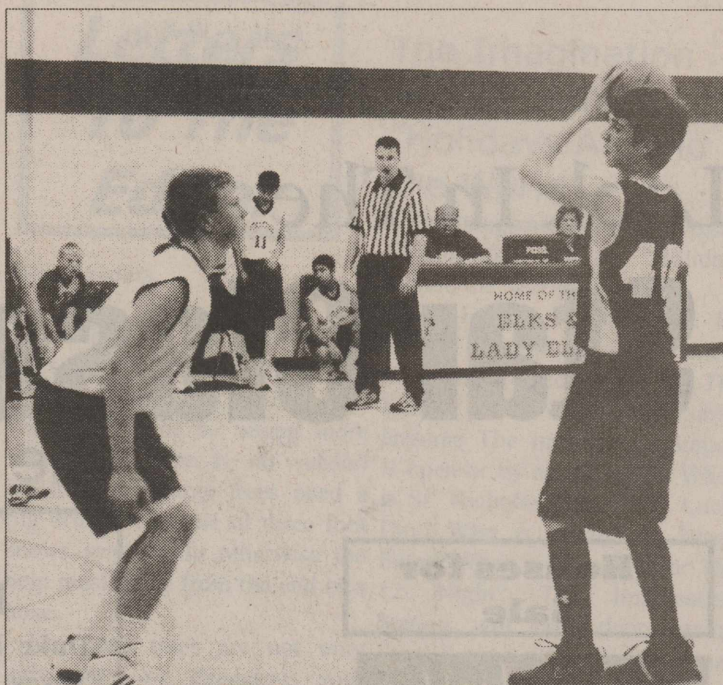
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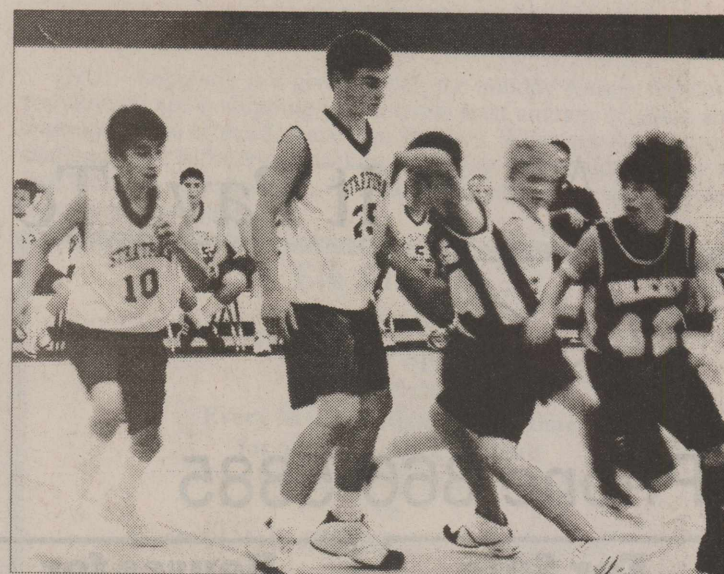
Fiction

1. Cross by James Patterson
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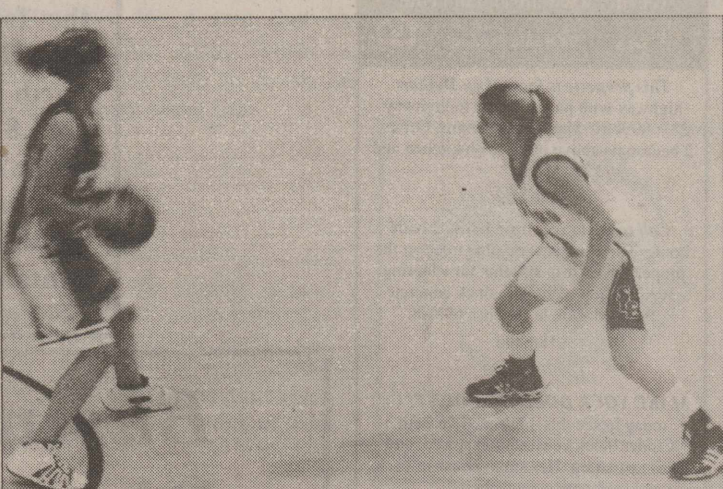
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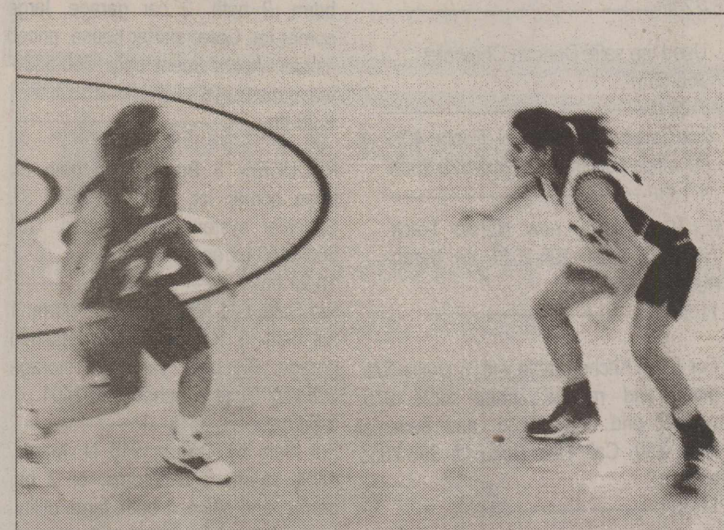
8th Grade Elk Tyler Wright on defense against Canadian.



7th Grade Elks Edgar Guerrero, Braden Hudson and Justin Mungia.



Lady Elk Kristen Crabtree on defense against Perryton



On defense, J.V. Lady Elk Whitney Reese.

The 7th grade Elks beat Canadian 27-16 on Monday, November 20th. Braden Hudson led the Elks with 20 points followed by Justin Mungia with 4 points and Edgar Guerrero with 3 points.

The 8th grade Elks beat Canadian 43-12. Tyler Wright led the Elks with 15 points followed by Kyle Horsford with 14 points and Bryce Cummings with 11 points.

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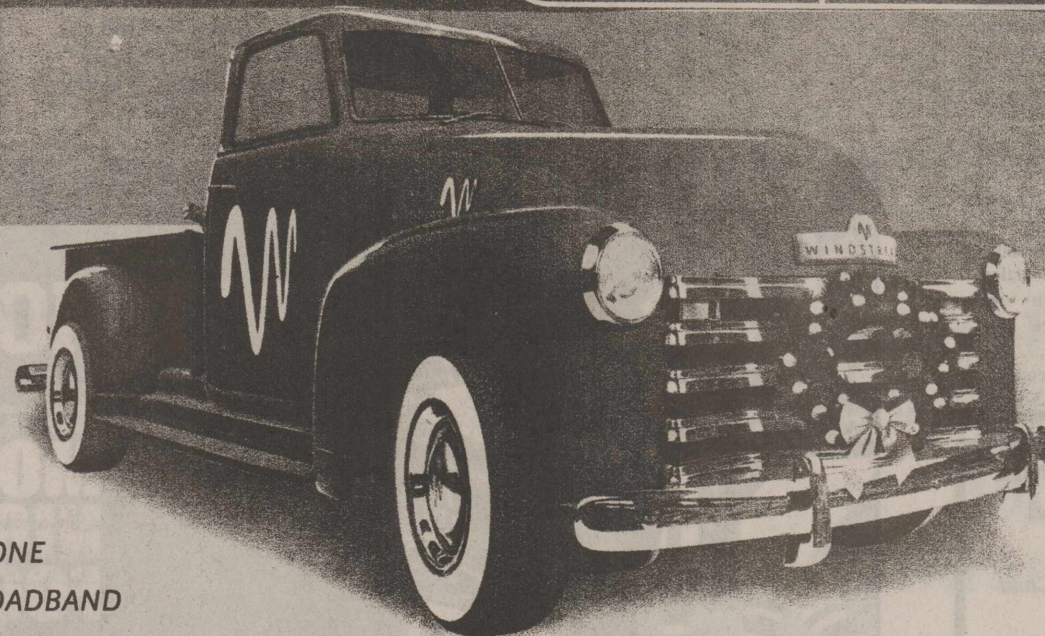
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