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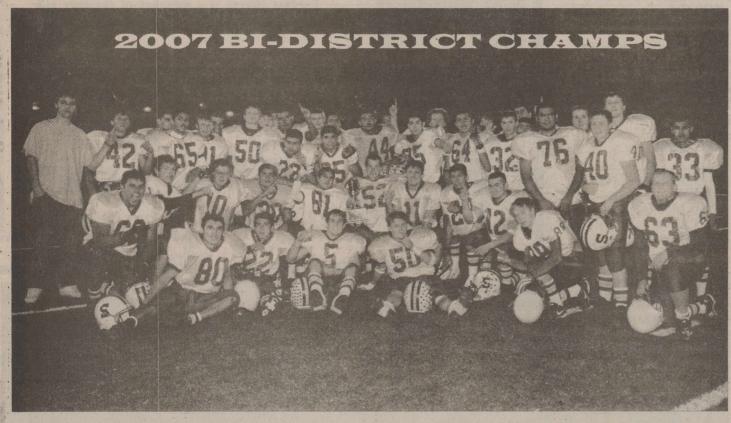
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Hunter Safety Courses to Be Held in Dalhart

Hunter education classes have been scheduled for November 19 and 20 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and November 26 and 27 from 5 HARVEST LUNCH p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Dallam County Extension Office Building, 401 Denrock in Dalhart.

Hunters must receive six hours of safety training to achieve certification.

years of age.

Sherman County Extension office at 806-366-2081.

DECEMBER I, 2007 Saturday, December 1st, Sherman County Older Texans are sponsoring their Harvest Lunch for first day of pheasant season for hunters and the public. Attendees must be at least 12 Menu will include grilled pork chops, beans, cornbread, coleslaw For more information call the and dessert. Lunch will be served

from 11:30-1:00. Free will

Donation

Col. Buckles Guest Speaker The Veterans Day Program sponsored by the Stratford Student

Council was held on Monday, November 12, 2007 at the High School gym. Col. Marla Buckles of United States Air Force was the guest speaker. Shown above with Col. Buckles is Cub Scout

PUBLIC NOTICE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING

get in.

The Sherman County Depot Museum will be open Nov. 28th 6-8 for the Christmas Parade,

Refreshments will be

News from

ornaments this year

Depot Museum

The Sherman County Depot

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volunteers the Museum will be

closed Dec.-March. May call

phone numbers on the door to

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Come Feast with us...

The First State Bank of Stratford held their annual "Come Feast with us..." on Thursday, November 15, 2007. Shown above Tim Weldon, Adam Bell and Lupe Duarte.



Beat Idalou

Good Luck Elks

Send-Off for Stratford Elks 2:00 p.m. Friday, Down Main GO **ELKS!!**

The Stratford Elks will play Idalou for Area Championship at 7 p.m. Friday, November 23, 2007 at Kimbrough Stadium. **Good luck Elks**

Presley **Fund Set Up At Bank**

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-



Toy Drive to benefit those less fortunate in Stratford



Please bring new toys to Happy State Bank by December 12th

Study Club **Begins** Cookbook Sales

Prospectus Study Club has begun calling their newcont cookbook. It is called "Favorites from Our Table". It is a hard cover, three ring binder style cookbook and sells for \$14.00. Contact any Study Club member or visit Sandy at the Library. Please call 366-2772 with any questions.

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Teacher of The Month

Carla Griffin

November 2007

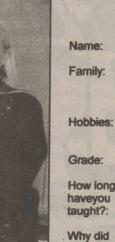
Thank you for your commitment to our kids!!

Diane, Patty, and Joanie



Teacher of the Month

This month we received a request from a local parent to recognize Mrs. Griffin as our Teacher of the Month. Be sure to thank her for all she does for our kids



Carla Griffin

Husband: Chase Griffin Children: Catheryn Griffin (9th Grade) Corbin Griffin (2 yrs)

My family, computer games, archery, **Xbox 360**

Grade: Juniors & Seniors in high school

5 years

you become "I really enjoy math & working with a teacher?:

Words of "Never stop learning. I learn Wisdom: everyday I teach."

What do you like best about teaching:

"The Students! The famous lightbulb going off when they get it."

Ask the Geek By Kevin McDonald

To Vista or Not To Vista?

By the time you read this article you may already be deep in the throes of holiday shopping. I hope I'm not too late. I hope you've not already run out and bought that new computer to put under the Christmas tree (whenever it gets hauled out of the attic or garage, that is), because there's something we need to discuss.

Back in February, Microsoft spent bajillions of dollars to faunch the latest version of the Windows operating system. It's called "Windows Vista," and it promised to "Wow" us. Unfortunately, so far the only "wow" has been: "Wow, I never knew my computer could run this slow!" and "Wow, I never knew my printer and other peripherals could make such nice paper weights!" and "Wow, ,'ve never had to downgrade to the previous version of Windows just 20 my computer will become usable!" and "Wow, who needed all that software that I've used and relied on for years, anyway?"

At first when the articles began appearing that said Vista was an expensive shovelful of manure I still gave Vista the benefit of the doubt. "Surely," I thought, "once more people get ahold of it and manufacturers get it and write new drivers for their devices and Microsoft releases a few patches, everything will be fine again. Let's give it a few months." Unfortunately it's been nine months now and the consensus remains the same: Vista is garbage, at least for now. Don't get it if you don't have to.

That's the most important thing you can take from today's article, so I'm going to blow it up a bit:

You don't have to get Windows Vista just because you're buying a new computer.

If you go to Best Buy and most other retail outlets, they're going to tell you that Vista is your only choice, and it is your only choice - if you buy a computer there. Vista is your only choice for most computers that you buy "off the shelf" at most retail outlets. That's why you need to order a computer from somewhere else. Dell continues to allow you to choose Windows XP when you purchase a new computer, and from what I understand, they'll continue to do so as long as they're allowed to. My favorite computer shop in Amarillo, Computer Parts USA (www.cpu.com) also continues to sell Windows XP on new PCs. Demand it! Don't take Vista for an answer!

My recommendation as both a computer user and professional computer technician is to avoid Vista for now. Maybe they'll fix it. Maybe they'll make it usable on average hardware. Maybe they'll scrap it and move onto the next good version of Windows - the Windows that the public deserves. Or maybe they'll continue to foist mammoth loads of rot like Vista onto their captive audience until they find that the audience has given up and moved to Linux. *******************

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637 Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegeek@definitioncomputers.com,

and your question might be answered in a future article.

Beat Idalou

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Jerry Edwin Gross 1958-2007

Jerry Edwin Gross, 49, of Stratford died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2007 in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Good Luck Elks

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Gillenwaters, Bill & Pat Boren, Munden, Marjory Mathews, Jo June & John McDaniel, Leo & Elaine Home, Roy & Ciccy Harris, Marylou & Mike McDaniel.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Bill & Liz Lewis. It was Saturday in Guymon.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

FCS Club Meets

by Mary Ann Spurlock

On November 12, 2007 the Sherman County 4-H FCS Club had a meeting, led by President Eric Burton. He announced that at District Food Show in the senior division, Jennie Spurlock got 1st place in Nutritious Snacks category and will be going to the State Round-up and Eric Burton got 2nd in Breads and Cereals category. In the intermediate division, Mazie Vincent got 3rd in Main Dish category. No juniors placed. Sunny Russell presented Cindy Russell with a plaque for outstanding leader. It was decided that 4-Hers will serve stew at the Imagination Station after the Christmas Parade on Wednesday, Nov. 28th. Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be Tues., Nov. 20th. Pig validations are due Monday Nov. 19, 2007. Entries are due for the major stock show the week after Thanksgiving. After the meeting we were adjourned to make hanger covers and have a crochet demonstration. Our next meeting will be December 17th at 6:30 in the county barn.

Guymon, Okla

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Beowulf PG-13 Angelina Jolie (Animated)

Fred Claus PG Vince Vaughn Paul Giamatti

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I am thankful that I have talents and abilities that make it possible for me to be creative, to provide for my needs, and to be a blessing to others. I am thankful that all things are supplied to me in

I am thankful for the privilege of prayer that gives me the opportunity to experience oneness with all life. Most of all, I am thankful for my oneness with God, and for the realization that truly God is my help in every need.

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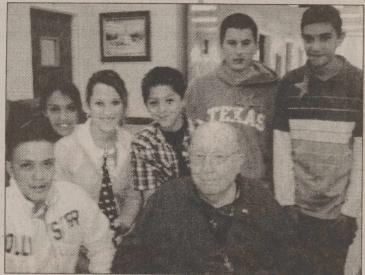
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Veterans at Coldwater Manor were honored Monday by ESL classes of Stratford. Students made booklets containing letters of appreciation and individually selected patriotic poems for each veteran. ESL students L/R Felix Ruiz, Erika Robles, Erika Duran, Israel Olmos, Roberto Duran and Omar Portillo are shown presenting a booklet to Manor resident Mansel Roach who served in the Air Force in World War II.



First Year In Business

Long's Ben Franklin celebrated their one year in business on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Shown left (1 to r) Amy Long, Kathy Pollack, Nicole Davis and Betty Henry. Congratulations to Malcolm and Amy



Open House

Acquisitions held an House Open November 13-14 and 15th. Shown right (1 to r) Karen Riffe, Tonya Henderson and Dana Buckles. Thanks from Stratford for your business.



By Lynda Hauser

The high school ESL classes honored the four veterans residing Coldwater Manor with personalized booklets of thank you notes and selected patriotic poems. The eighth period ESL class hand - delivered the booklets on Veterans Day and said the Pledge of Allegiance with each veteran. Making the trip were Roberto Duran, Erika Duran, Erika Robles, Israel Olmos, Omar Portillo, and Feliz Ruiz.

Since famous Americans are mentioned so often in literature, the ESL classes have been studying American biographies. The classes have made posters for the hall of short biographies and pictures of over 40 Americans from all career fields and eras.

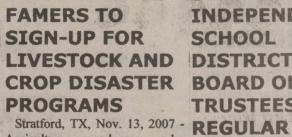
In Mrs. Rackley's 3rd grade Math, we are just starting to learn basic multiplication. We also are taking practice TAKS tests to learn how to think through a problem.

The high school classes had instruction on bus safety this week. The 4-H Quiz Bowl was held in Pampa on Tuesday.

Our Varsity football team will play Idalou Friday at 7:00 in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. The send-off for them will be Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. down Main Street. Be sure to be there to support our Elks..

We are out for the Thanksgiving holidays, so there won't be Elk Tales in next week's paper. Classes will resume on

Monday. Quote of the week: "On Thanksgiving Day all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment halftime." ~ Unknown



USDA REMINDS

Agriculture producers who suffered losses caused by natural SESSION disasters in 2005-2007 are November 15, 2007 reminded to sign up for three new | The Stratford ISD board of announced Rebecca Hemphill, Thursday, November 15, 2007. Executive Director for the President Joe Reinart established Sherman County Farm Service a quorum was present and called (FSA). Agency applications are being accepted Board members present: Joe for the Livestock Compensation Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Program (LCP), Livestock Vincent, Barney Willborn, Greg Indemnity Program (LIP) and Wright and DeWain Trayler. Crop Disaster Program (CDP),

Eligible ranchers and other Hays Livestock Compensation Program Sandy Williams. (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) ~ sign-up began and introduced the guests. Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies 1. The District Cross Country announced at a future date. 4th. Wesley Anderson placed 7th.

up for quality losses soon. producers receive payments," said Hemphill.

applying for FSA disaster these athletes! assistance and to schedule an 2. appointment, please call the competed at the district cross Sherman County FSA at 806-396- country meet in Canadian. The 2211, Detailed information about LCP, LIP and Team members are CDP is also available in a fact Schoonover, Alex Chavoya, titled, Assistance Act of 2007, found on and Grayson Gonzalez. They are http://www.fsa.usda.gov: click on 3. The Big Blue Band competed



STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

hoc disaster programs, Trustees met in regular session on Currently, the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members absent: Steve

livestock producers can apply to Guest present: Lynette Kautz, receive benefits through the Dinah Horsford, Coy Barton, and

> Mr. Gilliland led the invocation Steve Hays arrived at 7:03 PM.

to farmers who suffered quantity meet was held in Canadian on losses to their crops. Sign-up end October 23. Kristen Crabtree dates for these programs will be placed 1st and Kelsie Keener was USDA will also announce a sign- All of these athletes participated in the Regional Cross Country "Although ending dates for the meet in Lubbock on November 3. sign-up periods have not yet been Kristen Crabtree placed 5th, announced, it is important for Kelsie Keener placed 19th and producers to apply for benefits as Wesley Anderson placed 39th. soon as possible. Timely Kristen advanced to the State applications will ensure that Cross Country meet held in timely Round Rock on November 6th. She placed 22nd. Their coach is For more information on Joe Rackley. Congratulations to

The junior high teams program junior high boy's team placed 1st. Agricultural Justin Mungia, Kelby Hartman site, coached by Terry Davis.

> at the Area Marching contest in Lubbock on October 27. The band made it to the finals. Congratulations band.

Lance Horsford was selected

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Veterans Day Program Held

The Veterans Day Program sponsored by the Stratford Student Council was held on Monday, November 12, 2007 at the Stratford High School



China Exhibit at Imagination Station

Terri Teig preparing The Imagination Station for the China Exhibit open to the Public. Nov. 16-Dec. 5. Tues, Wed. Thurs. Sun or by appointment. Hosting a Stew and Soup Supper (Special Chinese Table) Nov. 28 from 5:30 -7:30. Come watch the Christmas Parade and have supper with dessert. \$5.00 per person.

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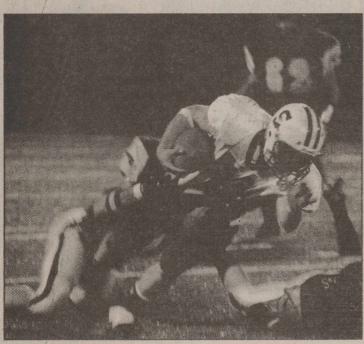


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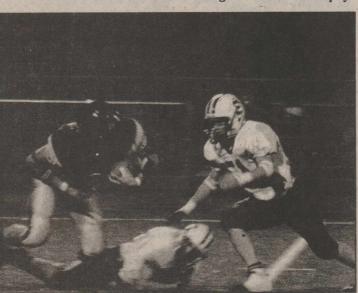


Stratford Elk running back #11 Craig Kautz is brought down by Bushland defender.

Stratford Football



The Stratford Elks celebrate receiving the Bi-District trophy on Friday, November 16, 2007.



Stratford Elk Brent Reed goes after the Bushland quarterback in the Elks B-District win.



Happy Thanksgiving

Elks Win **Bi-District**

THE STRATFORD STAR

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The Stratford Elks beat Bushland 21-10 to capture the Bi-District win on Friday, November 16, 2007.

Hunter Buckles completed 4 of 9 passes for 45 yards and one touchdown and Kaleb Horsford connected with Julio Ramirez for a 55 yard touchdown completion for the Elks. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 196 yards on 28 carries. Buckles also carried the ball for 44 yards on 8 carries and one touchdown followed by Alex Martinez with 25 yards on 4 carries. Jesses Lopez carried the ball for 15 yards on 5 carries and added one touchdown for the Elks. Ramirez led in receptions with 65 yards on 2 catches followed by Manuel Chavoya with a 20 yard touchdown catch. Lopez scored three Pat's for the Elks.

James Smith led the Elk defense with 10 tackles followed by Joey Reta, Jorge Robles and Julio Ramirez with 9 tackles each. Also contributing to the Elks tough defense were Sandro Gomez, Manuel Chavoya, Angel Resendes, Klinton Keener, Brent Reed, Craig Kautz, Corey Carter, Jesse Lopez, Michael Frizzell and Pepe Licon.

Players of the Week - The Elk Team.

The Elks will face Idalou Friday, November 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium. Go Elks - We're behind you all the way - Win Area!





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Stratford Elks

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SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner Held

SCOT Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. IS at the County Exhibit Building. The bountiful dinner was provided by SCOT members and with Stratford Grain providing the turkeys. Albert's Manor in Dumas cooked the turkeys, made the dressing and gravy. Coldwater Manor provided

the rolls. Third grade Students gave a delightful musical program with Belinda Hamilton as their

The tables and chairs were set up by Tommy Asher and his

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members present were Cindy Jackson, Mary Lou Albert, Dorothy Haile, Pat Hartman, Mattie Baskin, Margaret Reed, LaVell Haggard, Laurie Spurlock Marylou McDaniel, Oline Caraway, Marty Bain, Joyce Ann Lasley, Michele Lutes, Joyce Hart, Ann Johnson, Patti Vincent, Barbara Chumley, and Jill 2007 - 2008 STRATFORD ELKS AND LADY ELKS BASKETBALL

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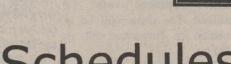
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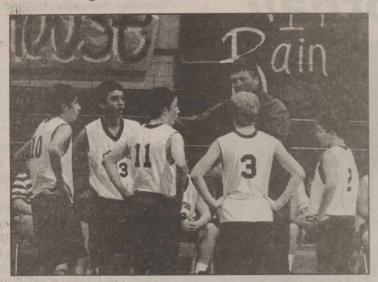
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2007-2008	STRATFORD	JUNIOR HIG	H BASKETBALI	SCHEDULE

(REVISED 5-7-07) •								
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	7TH GIRLS	8TH GIRLS	7TH BOYS	STH BOYS		
THUR.	NOV. 15	PANHANDLE	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME		
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MON.	DEC. 10	SPEARMAN	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME		
MON.	JAN. 7	PANHANDLE	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY		
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MON.	JAN. 21	WEST TX	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY		
MON.	JAN. 28	SANFORD-FRITCH	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME		
MON.	FEB. 4	SPEARMAN	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY		



Coach Horsford calls time out to talk with his 8th grade team from left, Jesus Rueda, Edgar Guerrero, Braiden Palmer, Justin Mungia and Marcos Garza.

Sherman County Last Call -**FSA Reminds Voters** TDA of 2007 County **Committee Election** Pesticide (Stratford, TX) - November 16,

By David Graf

Sherman County

Extension Agent

Texas

Extension office in Sherman

County is attempting to determine

the need for a local training

session for persons needing to

obtain or maintain their Texas

Department of Agriculture

pesticide license, said David

Graf, agriculture and natural

indicated an interest in this

training, Graf said. Now is the

time to contact the Extension

office if you have a need for this

training. When the number of

producers and employees, to city

doing

individuals have

resources Extension agent.

a date for the session(s).

on the TDA

Minutes

Wright.

Mr. Gilliland

Cont. from page 4

November

Brent, Spurlock made the

motion and Barney Willborn

seconded to accept the consent

agenda as presented. Motion

Coy Barton, auditor from

gave

Extension office.

-Rebecca Hemphill. Training Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds eligible voters that County Committee elections are underway. On November 2, 2007, FSA mailed ballots to all eligible voters; Completed ballots must be postmarked by midnight on December 3, 2007.

"FSA County Committees make decisions on commodity loans and payments; allotments, yields, marketing quotas, eligibility for conservation programs as well as disaster assistance," Hemphill! "This Committee is the producer's voice in making national programs fit local situations - representing the individuals and type of training customers for the individuals needed has been determined, the USDA programs are designed to serve," she added.

Hemphill stressed that the FSA County Committee system will only work well if all of FSA's license can range from agriculture Motion carried 7-0. customers are actively involved in how the agency's programs are administered. FSA's County Committee system needs diverse representation - small and large of chemicals, Graf said. farm/ranch operators, farmers, specialty crop producers, livestock producers and local pesticides and do not require businessmen and women,

changing world of agriculture - always read and follow label how to possibly handle this if the from people on the business side of the operation to those who plant for specific markets. The Committee represent the demographics of the communities they serve," said Hemphill.

Hemphill ail Call 806-366-2081 or come by encourages eligible voters to cast their ballots the Extension office to get on the this year. She emphasized that if list or to get more information. you are eligible to participate in Interested persons will be FSA programs, you are eligible to contacted if a class will be offered vote and; if you are eligible to locally. vote, you are eligible to serve on the County Committee.

"While we try to send ballots to ail eligible voters, we may have missed one or two," said as the Farmers Insurance Teacher Hemphill. "Persons who believe of the Month for October. they qualify to vote in this 5. The Elk Varsity football team ballot should contact our office," District opponent will be

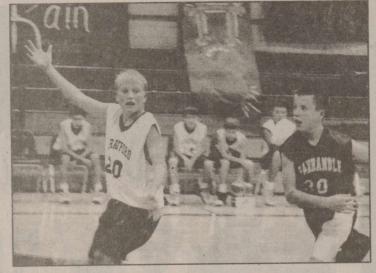
eligible voter is also eligible to 7:00p.m. vote and a person under legal age 6. The Junior FFA Quiz Team can vote, if he or she operates a placed 3rd at the District contest farm or ranch. No person can be at Frank Phillips College on denied the right to vote because Saturday, of race, sex, age, religion, Team members are Kyle disability, political beliefs, sexual Horsford, Bryce Cummings, orientation, national origin, or Trevor Christian and Tyler martial or familial status.

"It is crucial that every eligible voter take part in this election because county committees are a superintendent's report. direct link between the local transportation cost was .66\$ for agriculture community and the the month. He then gave the U.S. Department of Agriculture. monthly budget summary. The grassroots committees are Monthly expenditures are at comprised of and make decisions and revenue collected at 36.58%. for producers and concerned Tax Collections are at 75.30%. citizens that live and work in the He reported that the three local community," said Hemphill. principals were all covering other Nominees for the Sherman district events and he passed out County Committee are Bart campus information compiled by Thoreson, Ginny Grotegut, and the principals. Craig Cartrite. The elected person(s) will represent the southeast third of the county.

For more information on County Committees and to voter eligibility, contact the il|S|I County Farm Keeney, Hembree and Company Service Agency at phone or visit the national FSA Web Site at

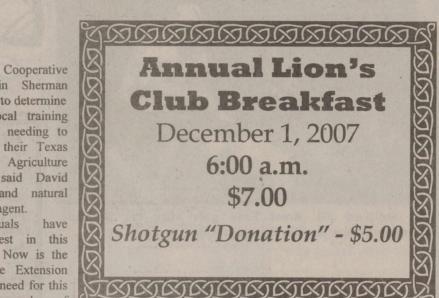
http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

Basketball



Seventh Grade Elk #20 Tanner Wright gets open for a pass.

Happy **Thanksgiving**



He allowed the board to ask any Extension office will contact the questions they had and answered TDA representative and establish them. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded Individuals who may need this to approve the audit as presented.

Sandy Williams, representing or county employees, to business the Panhandle Regional Medical pesticide Response System, presented the applications with specific classes plan to the board. She informed the board of their obligations if General-use chemicals are our county accepted a case and specified as such on the label of what they might be asked to do. She wanted to let all entities in any license or training for their our county be informed so that "Diversity is a must in today's use, he said. Graf cautioned to they could start thinking about instructions. A description of the need arises. Discussion was held. laws and regulations are available The board thanked Sandy for notifying them of the plan.

Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us Mr. Gilliland went over the or a brief summary of the property insurance proposals guidelines can be obtained at the received. SEE ATTACHMENT #1 Discussion was held. He recommended the PIA proposal. Steve Hays made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept the PIA proposal with the option of locking in the rate for three years. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the 2007-2008 tax rolls. The amount of the tax roll is \$402,832,677

the tax levy being \$4,397,615.81. Mr. Gilliland recommended the tax rolls be election, and did not receive a has made the playoffs. The Bi- approved as presented. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve Bushland. The game will be at In Texas, the spouse of an Canadian on November 9th, at the tax rolls as presented. Motion

carried 7-0. Mr. Gilliland presented the board with the Sherman County Appraisal District Board ballot. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to vote for David Jackson and Karen Riffe for the 2008 term and Roger Wells, Norma Rangel and Ernie Baten for the 2008-2009 term. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was nominations for the Dallam County Appraisal board. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to nominate Jay Willard and Peggy Hawkins. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the TASB Legal Update 81. Discussion was held. recommended that the update be approved as presented. Barney Willborn made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the update as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the transportation priority list. decided to put out renovation

Discussion was held. The board proposals for the 1989 Eagle bus. The meeting was adjourned at



Seventh grader #15 Kelby Hartman dribbles the ball down the court. Reed Schoonover follows.



Eighth grader Justin Mungia looks for an open teammate.

Good Luck Elks

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presented the 2006-2007 school district audit. He went through the audit and pointed out keys points.

carried 7-0.



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Honor Roll

Mary Allen Elementary **Honor Roll** 2nd six weeks 3rd grade

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1207 Division St. Stratford \$81,950 A must see! 2/1.5/1 home with

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> 408 N. 8th. Stratford \$85,000

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> 402 N. 8th Stratford \$20,000

2/1 Home on Lg corner lot. Wall heater, evaporative cooler, and gas stove in kitchen.

> Commercial Property 501 S. Poplar Stratford

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Legal Notices

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On the 5th Day of November, 2007, I impounded the following estray: Kind-Bovine **Breed-Mixed** Color-Brindle Sex-Steer Age-Two y.o.a. Size-app. 900 lbs Brand, earmark or other. identifiers-T on the left hip, yellow ear tag in the right ear

7-103 940-966-3221 And on the 5th day of November, 2007, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County,

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estray, but the search did not

reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 29th day of November, 2007, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart, Texas. Witness my hand this 5th day of November, 2007.

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Cards of Thanks

would to thank for support I received throughout the cross country season. I am so blessed to live in a community where great such a interest is taken in youth. encouragement praise means more than you will know. I can not imagine wearing a jersey for any town Stratford besides this for very reason. Thank you so much making it a privilege to compete for the Stratford Lady Elks.

Kristen Crabtree

Every man stamps his value on himself...man is made great or small by his own will. -J.C.F. von Schiller

A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.

What you think about yourself is much more important than what others think of you. -Marcus Annaeus Seneca

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Cards of Thanks

The senior class owes thank yous to those of you who gave time & resources to success of the Fall Festival. Thank Stratford Grain your donation: for helped each senior it was Greg appreciated. Tyler: Wright without both of your help the skit would not have been what it was. Those who bid & won the basketball & football, thank you contributions.

coaches who are asked to donate time year after year to collect money, sell tickets, & have pies thrown at their faces when they have better things to do-Thank janitors & cooks who worked overtime help put up & take down & were cheerful about it-Thank You. Mr. Gilliland & Mr. Hartsell for working with our students, tradition being cheerful about it-Thank You. the senior parents, thank you in

teachers

many ways giving of your time to make the fall festival a success. For this event, the parents are just as crucial if not more so than the students. You buy, cook, serve, wash dishes, & more. You rehearse, decorate, & organize the coronation. You plan, practice, re-practice, get aggravated, start again on the skit. By volunteering your fulfilling your commitment, example precedence for your student. Thank for that & much more.

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Ogallala Aquifer Continues to Decline

Water continues to be at the forefront of issues facing Texans, and it is no different for the residents of the Panhandle. When the Texas Legislature authorized the formation of Groundwater Conservation Districts in Texas, they foresaw the importance of water to the future of the state, and knew that a locally elected Board would be better able to ascertain local needs and manage the groundwater resources of their area than would a large state-wide governing body.

One of the duties carried out by the staff of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District each year, at the direction of the Board of Directors, is the collecting of data about the water levels in the Ogallala aquifer and how they have changed during the past year. This data is collected from monitoring wells located throughout the eight counties of plan for the future of the Ogallala. the District, and the water levels are measured during the winter when the aquifer has had time to recover from any local drawdown due to irrigation wells.

What has been seen however, over the years, is that the saturated thickness of the aquifer has continued to decline steadily. In some parts of the country, with more rainfall and different aquifer conditions, nature is able to provide a return of water to the local aquifer through rainfall and percolation of water down from the land surface, and this is called recharge. Due to the semi-arid climate of the Panhandle, there is not enough rainfall to replenish the water being drawn from the aquifer, and in addition, there are geologic conditions found across the Panhandle that prevent what recharge there might be from reaching the aquifer.

Data on water levels in the aquifer are collected by the District's field technicians each year and entered into a computer database for analysis. Using the data from 1981 through 2006, the District hydrologist has been able to calculate the average decrease in the saturated thickness in the District's monitoring wells, and the trend shown has reinforced the need to develop good management tools to try to extend the useable life of the aquifer. District's the measurements from 1981 through 2006, there was a fifty (50) foot decline in water levels on average in Dallam County. Hartley County has seen a decline of over sixty two (62) feet in the same time period. Data on Sherman County for the same 25 year period shows a forty five (45) foot decrease in saturated thickness, while Moore County showed a thirty seven (37) foot decline. Hutchinson County had a thirty eight (38) foot decline on average in the measured wells, and thirty two (32) feet of drawdown was observed when averaging the depth to water in Hansford County. measured in Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties showed less decrease in saturated thickness on average during the same time period, with decreases of seventeen (17) feet and seven (7) feet respectively.

The number of new wells

drilled across the Panhandle has continued to increase as well in most counties. In the last ten years, there have been 312 new wells drilled in Dallam County and 474 new water wells drilled in Hartley County. Sherman County had 243 new wells slightly less drilling of new wells, version of ourselves. with 103 new water wells drilled in Ochiltree County over the last

ten years, and Lipscomb had 110 new wells. Hutchinson County had only 29 new wells constructed and Hansford County had 30.

The Board of Directors of the District has been studying this data for some time, and has put into place management strategies to address the trend that is seen. North Plains Groundwater Conservation District now has rules that address the spacing of wells and which set upper limits on the amount of water that a water producer can pump, and the Board has voted to put into place a more extensive monitoring well network which will allow the District to more closely monitor the changes in the saturated thickness of the aquifer each year. The goal of the District's Board of Directors is to conserve and preserve the groundwater resources of the District for as long as possible, and working Groundwater other Conservation Districts across the Panhandle they will continue to develop and refine a management

Honor Roll

Acevedo, David

Acevedo, Pablo Ivan Arisano, Catheryn Shea Armendariz, Cynthia Judith Barnard, Brooke Elizabeth **Brooks, Anne Marie** Brooks, Heidi Christine Burton, Eric Blain Carter, Cody Carter, Corey Chaffee, Matthew Lawrence Chaffee, Nicholas Ervin Chavoya, Brianda Ivon Christian, Trevor Lee Confer, Jordan Brooke Confer, Lindsi Paige Crabtree, Kristen Deanne Crabtree, Morgan Dean Cummings, Bryce Grady Davis, Nicole Renee Dennis, Kelsi Lynea Duran, Roberto Ruiz Duran, Severo Eldridge, Keevan Dwight Everett, Sinead Ixbelcaan Frizzell, Michael Allen Garay, Ana Elvia Gilliland, Tyler Scott Haile, Lucius Arlyn Hamilton, Braden Cole Hart, Christopher Glenn Hawkins, Chandra Lane Horsford, Jacob Kyle Ibarra, Brenda Ibarra, Yesenia Margarita Killian, Katherine Elizabeth Long, Hailey Gayle Lopez, Obed Maiwald, Trenda Nichole Martinez, Alex Antonio McDaniel, Shelby Layne Melton, Kimberly Breanne Melton, Taylor Nichole Molina, Deborah Niave, Eduardo Olivas, Miranda Neachol Peregrino, April Pickens, Britten Graham Ramirez, Ely Betzabe Reyes, Janeth Riffe, Austin Maxwell Rocha Zubia, Margarita Rojas, Yadira Rosales, Reina Rebecca Rueda, Vicente

Ruiz, Anthony Cruz Ruiz. Erik Russell, Sunny Caprice Ruvalcaba, Daisy Jessica Smith, James Eldon Spurlock, Jennie Sydeile Stein, Kelsey Sawyer Wright, Tyler Bryan Zieman, Channing Amanda Zinck, Brian Arthur

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