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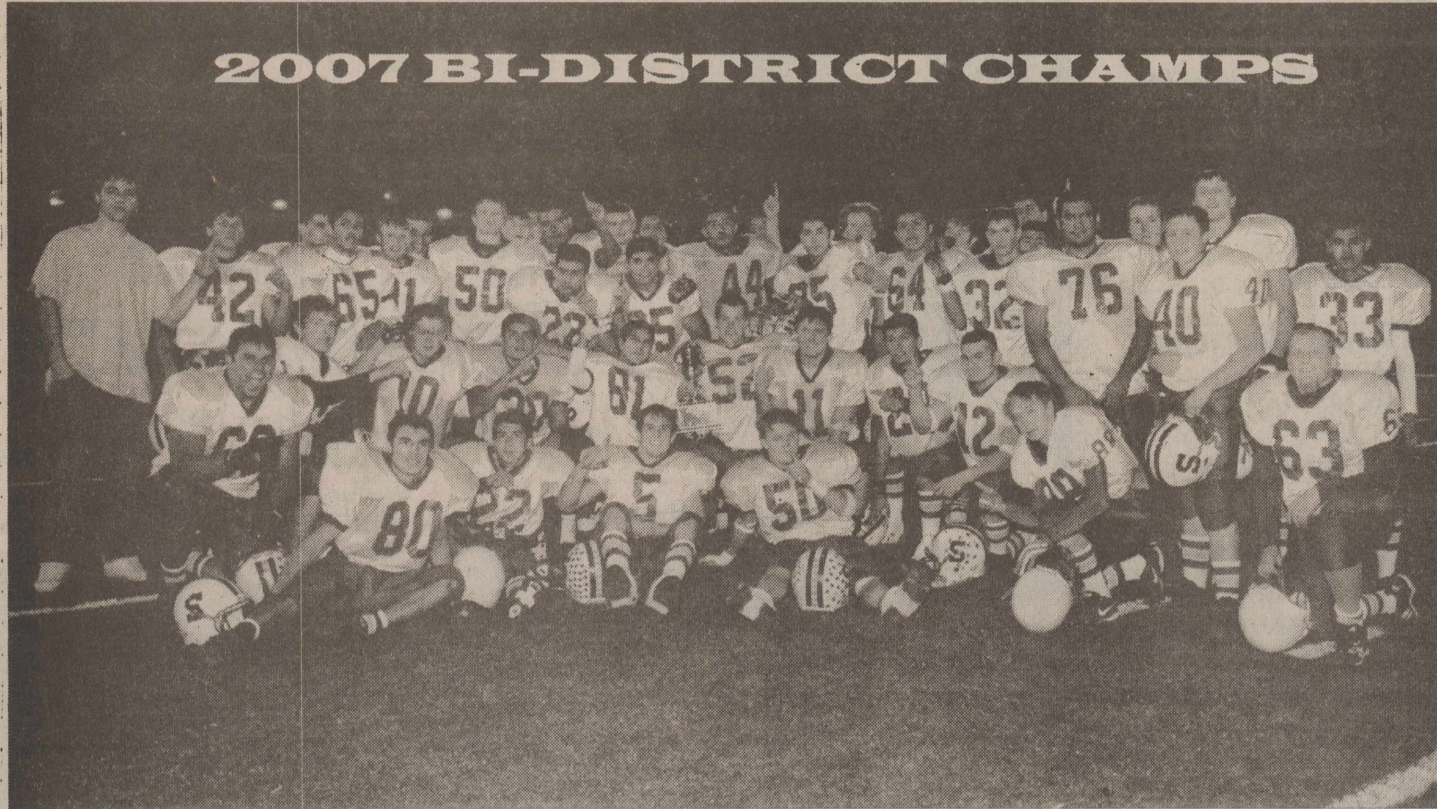
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2007 BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS

The Stratford Elks captured the Bi-District win on Friday, November 16, 2007. The Elks beat Bushland 21-0. The Elks will face Idalou on Friday, November 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium. Congratulations Stratford Elks!!



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.



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



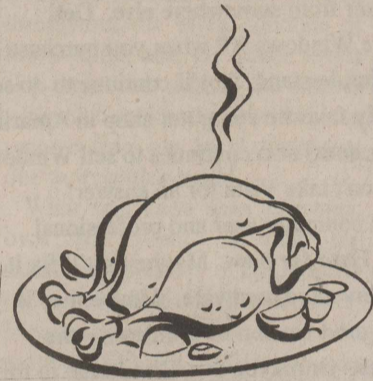
News from Depot Museum

The Sherman County Depot Museum welcomes Christmas displays to go with nice ornaments this year.

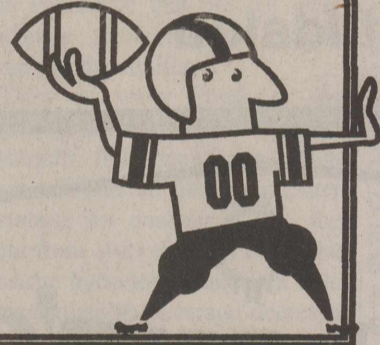
Due to shortness of volunteers the Museum will be closed Dec.-March. May call phone numbers on the door to get in.

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 396-5521.

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 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.

Attendees must be at least 12 years of age.

For more information call the Sherman County Extension office at 806-366-2081.

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 Pack 38.

HARVEST LUNCH DECEMBER 1, 2007

Saturday, December 1st, Sherman County Older Texans are sponsoring their Harvest Lunch for first day of pheasant season for hunters and the public. Menu will include grilled pork chops, beans, cornbread, coleslaw and dessert. Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:00. Free will Donation

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Disposal or dumping of litter or other solid waste on or around county roads is a criminal offense. This includes tires of any size and dead animals. Illegal dumping is at least a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500, but can also be a Class B misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$2000 and 180 days in jail or a Class A misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$4000 and 1 year in jail.

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 newest 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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Carla Griffin

November 2007

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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

Name:	Carla Griffin
Family:	Husband: Chase Griffin Children: Catheryn Griffin (9th Grade) Corbin Griffin (2 yrs)
Hobbies:	My family, computer games, archery, Xbox 360
Grade:	Juniors & Seniors in high school
How long have you taught?:	5 years
Why did you become a teacher?:	"I really enjoy math & working with people."
Words of Wisdom:	"Never stop learning. I learn everyday I teach."
What do you like best about teaching:	"The Students! The famous lightbulb going off when they get it."

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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 launch 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, I've never had to downgrade to the previous version of Windows just so 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

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will be running the addresses and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

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At presstime

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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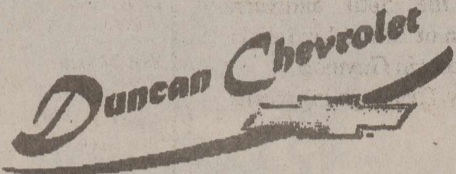
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Yesenia Ibarra

Yesenia Ibarra is a member of the lady elk cross country and basketball teams.



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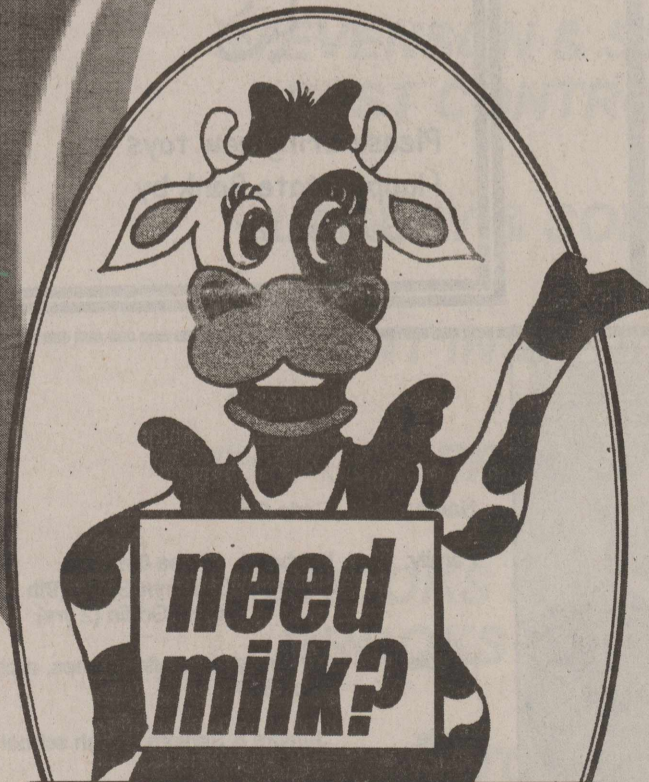
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**Kerrick
News
By Marylou
McDaniel**

Sure was good eating Sunday at the Community Center! Enjoying the day were Thelma Smith, Dumas, Judy Potter, Lois Garner, Boise City; Penny & Linda Whitson, Clayton; Geneva & Joyce Wells, Griggs; Les & Joyce Dodson, Mary Hill, Stratford; Dena Ammons, Amarillo, Cliff Abbott, Lubbock, Also Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Bill & Pat Boren, Marjory Munden, Virgie 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.

Beat Idalou



Guymon, Okla

Movies Beginning November 16

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Beowulf
PG-13 Angelina Jolie (Animated)

Fred Claus
PG Vince Vaughn Paul Giamatti

Lion's for Lambs
R Tom Cruise Meryl Streep

Elizabeth: The Golden Age
PG-13 Cate Blanchett Clive Owen

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PG Jerry Seinfeld (animated)

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

First United Methodist
Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
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Rectory - 366 - 5687
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Church of Christ
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Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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

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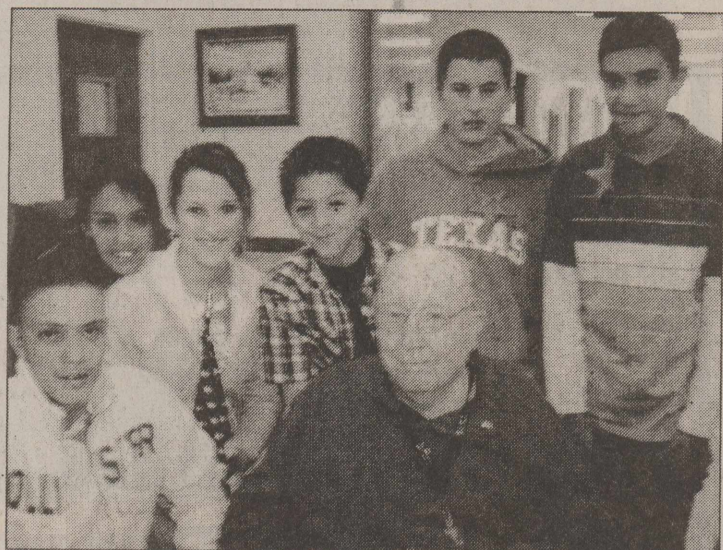
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I AM THANKFUL
I am thankful that I am alive and growing today. The hours before me are rich with promise; they will be whatever I make of them. I am thankful for the power which has been given me to bring happiness and fulfillment into my life.
I am thankful for beauty. I see God's beauty in the world around me, and in the world within me. I see God's beauty shining forth in the faces of family and friends, in the faces of everyone in my world.
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 abundance.
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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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.



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 Gym.



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



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.

Open House

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



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

The high school ESL classes honored the four veterans residing at 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 FARMERS TO SIGN-UP FOR LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

Stratford, TX, Nov. 13, 2007 - Agriculture producers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in 2005-2007 are reminded to sign up for three new ad hoc disaster programs, announced Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency (FSA). Currently, applications are being accepted for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and Crop Disaster Program (CDP).

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits through the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) - sign-up began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Sign-up end dates for these programs will be announced at a future date. USDA will also announce a sign-up for quality losses soon.

"Although ending dates for the sign-up periods have not yet been announced, it is important for producers to apply for benefits as soon as possible. Timely applications will ensure that producers receive timely payments," said Hemphill.

For more information on applying for FSA disaster assistance and to schedule an appointment, please call the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211. Detailed program information about LCP, LIP and CDP is also available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>: click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

November 15, 2007
The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 15, 2007. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Barney Willborn, Greg Wright and DeWain Traylor.

Board members absent: Steve Hays
Guest present: Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford, Coy Barton, and Sandy Williams.

Mr. Gilliland led the invocation and introduced the guests. Steve Hays arrived at 7:03 PM.

1. The District Cross Country meet was held in Canadian on October 23. Kristen Crabtree placed 1st and Kelsie Keener was 4th. Wesley Anderson placed 7th. All of these athletes participated in the Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock on November 3. Kristen Crabtree placed 5th, Kelsie Keener placed 19th and Wesley Anderson placed 39th. Kristen advanced to the State Cross Country meet held in Round Rock on November 6th. She placed 22nd. Their coach is Joe Rackley. Congratulations to these athletes!

2. The junior high teams competed at the district cross country meet in Canadian. The junior high boy's team placed 1st. Team members are Reed Schoonover, Alex Chavoya, Justin Mungia, Kelby Hartman and Grayson Gonzalez. They are coached by Terry Davis.

3. The Big Blue Band competed at the Area Marching contest in Lubbock on October 27. The band made it to the finals. Congratulations band.

4. Lance Horsford was selected

Good Luck Elks



Panhandle Eye Group, L.L.P. announces the association of John W. Klein, M.D. to their practice as an Ophthalmologist specializing in Cataract & Refractive Surgery.

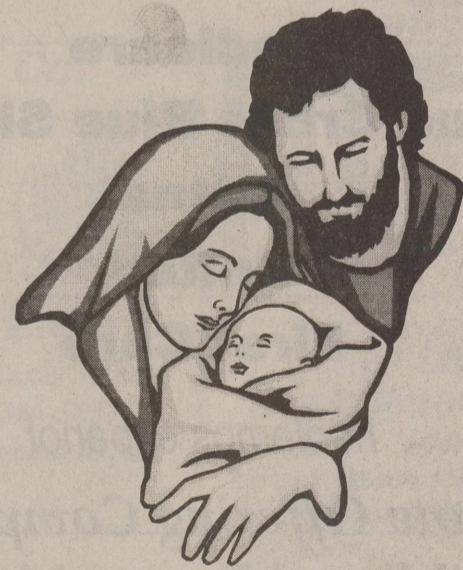
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Wednesday, December 5, 2007

9:00am - 4:00pm

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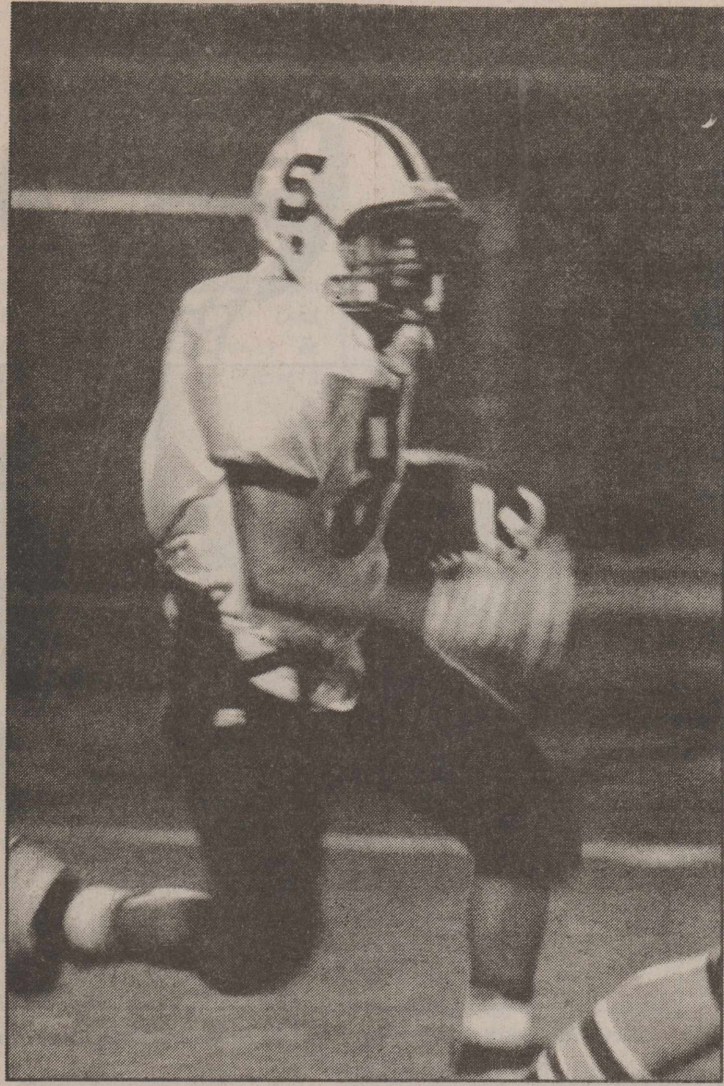
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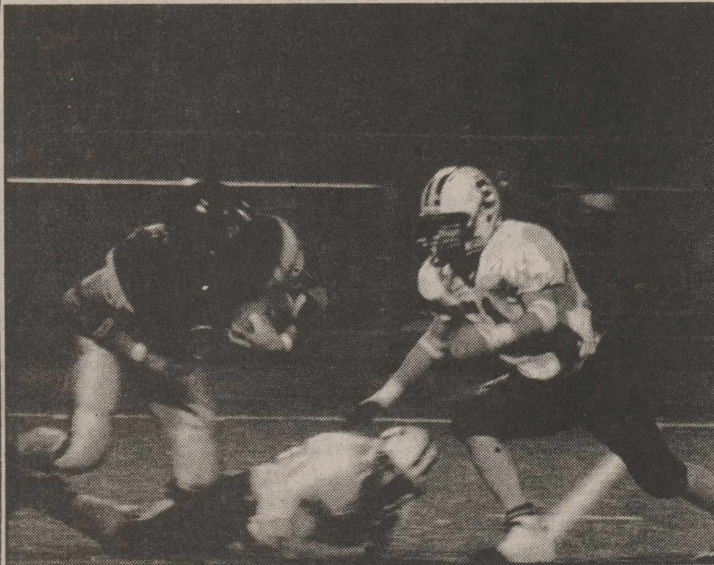
Angel Resendes returns the opening kick-off for some yardage.



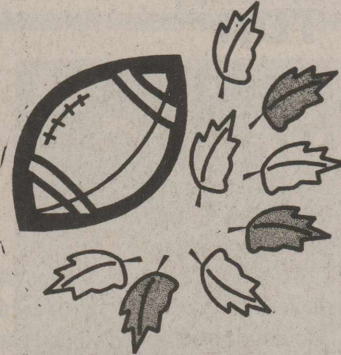
The Stratford Elks celebrate receiving the Bi-District trophy on Friday, November 16, 2007.



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



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



Attention Football Fans

Stratford Sports Network is now streaming on ARNet in Amarillo. We think this has fixed the problems we were having with TSRN. Just go to www.stratfordsportsnetwork.com And click the big red button on the screen. You can't miss it.

Elks Win Bi-District

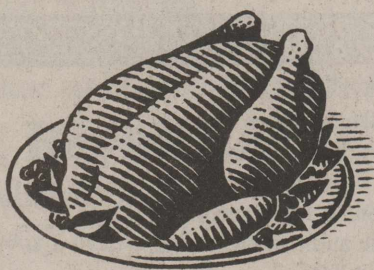
The Stratford Elks beat Bushland 21-10 to capture the Bi-District win on Friday, November 16, 2007.

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, Clinton 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!



Happy Thanksgiving

SCOT Thanksgiving Dinner Held

SCOT Thanksgiving dinner was held Nov. 15 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 director.

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

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 Killian.

All club members provided a dish even those who couldn't be present.



During the holidays, Nestlé Consumer Services is available to help with recipe requests and advice (it does so for more than 50,000 bakers each holiday season). For holiday resources, baking tips, and recipe and packaging ideas, visit VeryBestBaking.com.


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Basketball

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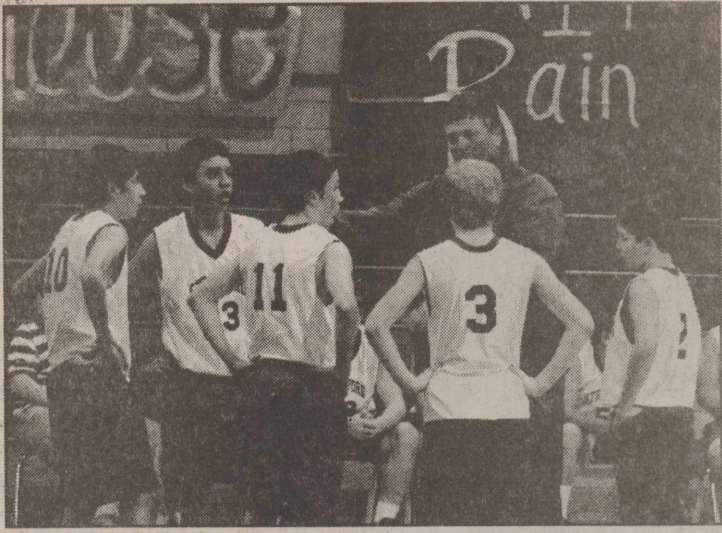
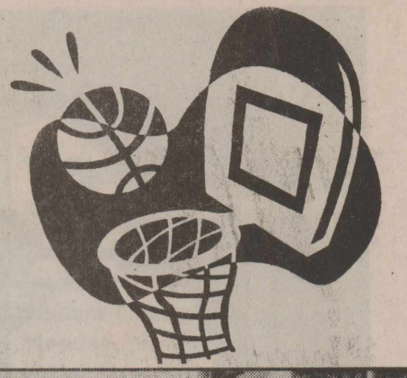
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10	WHITE DEER	THERE	TBA		TBA	
13	DALHART	THERE	5:00		6:30	
15-17	HIGHLAND PARK TOURN	THERE			TBA	TBA
19	PERRYTON	THERE	5:00		6:30	
27	BORGER	THERE	TBA		TBA	
27	TBA			TBA		TBA
29-DEC.1	GRUVER JV TOURN	THERE	TBA	TBA		
30	CHANNING	HERE			6:30	8:00
DEC. 4	PERRYTON	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
6,7,8	SUNRAY TOURN	THERE			TBA	TBA
6,7,8	SPEARMAN TOURN	THERE	TBA			
11	GRUVER	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
14	SUNRAY	THERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
18	HARTLEY	THERE		5:00	6:30	8:00
27,28,29	GREENBELT TOURN	CLARENDON			TBA	TBA
JAN. 4	SPEARMAN	THERE	5:00		6:30	
4	TBA	HERE		TBA		TBA
8	PANHANDLE	THERE	5:00		6:30	
8	GRUVER	THERE		5:00		8:00
11	CANADIAN	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
15	WEST TEXAS	THERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
18	SANFORD FRITCH	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
22	SPEARMAN	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
25	PANHANDLE	HERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
29	CANADIAN	THERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
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5	SANFORD FRITCH	THERE	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
8	SPEARMAN	THERE		5:00		6:30
12	PANHANDLE	THERE		5:00		6:30

2007-2008 STRATFORD JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

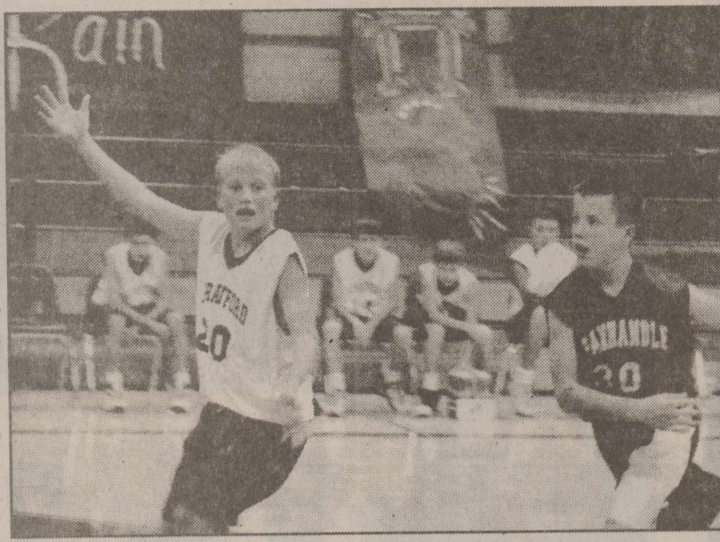
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THUR.	NOV. 15	PANHANDLE	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
MON.	NOV. 19	CANADIAN	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY
MON.	NOV. 26	WEST TX	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
MON.	DEC. 3	SANFORD-FRITCH	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY
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
MON.	JAN. 14	CANADIAN	5:00 AWAY	6:00 AWAY	5:00 HOME	6:00 HOME
SAT.	JAN. 19	SUNRAY JH TOURN.	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY	TBA AWAY
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

Basketball



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.



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



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

Sherman County FSA Reminds Voters of 2007 County Committee Election

(Stratford, TX) - November 16, 2007 -Rebecca Hemphill, 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," said Hemphill. "This Committee is the producer's voice in making national programs fit local situations - representing the customers for the individuals 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 customers are actively involved in how the agency's programs are administered. FSA's County Committee system needs diverse representation - small and large farm/ranch operators, truck farmers, specialty crop producers, livestock producers and local businessmen and women.

"Diversity is a must in today's changing world of agriculture - from people on the business side of the operation to those who plant for specific markets. The County Committee should represent the demographics of the communities they serve," said Hemphill.

Hemphill encourages all eligible voters to cast their ballots this year. She emphasized that if you are eligible to participate in FSA programs, you are eligible to vote and; if you are eligible to vote, you are eligible to serve on the County Committee.

"While we try to send ballots to all eligible voters, we may have missed one or two," said Hemphill. "Persons who believe they qualify to vote in this election, and did not receive a ballot should contact our office," she said.

In Texas, the spouse of an eligible voter is also eligible to vote and a person under legal age can vote, if he or she operates a farm or ranch. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, age, religion, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, or martial or familial status.

"It is crucial that every eligible voter take part in this election because county committees are a direct link between the local agriculture community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grassroots committees are comprised of and make decisions for producers and concerned citizens that live and work in the local community," said Hemphill. Nominees for the Sherman County Committee are Bart Thoreson, Ginny Grotegut, and Craig Cartrite. The elected person(s) will represent the southeast third of the county.

For more information on County Committees and to determine voter eligibility, contact the Sherman County Farm Service Agency at phone or visit the national FSA Web Site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Last Call - TDA Pesticide Training

By David Graf
Sherman County Extension Agent
The Texas Cooperative 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 resources Extension agent.

Several individuals have 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 individuals and type of training needed has been determined, the Extension office will contact the TDA representative and establish a date for the session(s).

Individuals who may need this license can range from agriculture producers and employees, to city or county employees, to business people doing pesticide applications with specific classes of chemicals, Graf said.

General-use chemicals are specified as such on the label of pesticides and do not require any license or training for their use, he said. Graf cautioned to always read and follow label instructions. A description of the laws and regulations are available on the TDA

Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or a brief summary of the guidelines can be obtained at the Extension office.

Call 806-366-2081 or come by the Extension office to get on the list or to get more information. Interested persons will be contacted if a class will be offered locally.

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as the Farmers Insurance Teacher of the Month for October.

5. The Elk Varsity football team has made the playoffs. The Bi-District opponent will be Bushland. The game will be at Canadian on November 9th, at 7:00p.m.

6. The Junior FFA Quiz Team placed 3rd at the District contest at Frank Phillips College on Saturday, November 10th. Team members are Kyle Horsford, Bryce Cummings, Trevor Christian and Tyler Wright.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The transportation cost was .66\$ for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at and revenue collected at 36.58%. Tax Collections are at 75.30%. He reported that the three principals were all covering other district events and he passed out campus information compiled by the principals.

Brent, Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Coy Barton, auditor from Keeney, Hembree and Company presented the 2006-2007 school district audit. He went through the audit and pointed out keys points.



Happy Thanksgiving

Annual Lion's Club Breakfast
December 1, 2007
6:00 a.m.
\$7.00
Shotgun "Donation" - \$5.00

He allowed the board to ask any questions they had and answered them. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Sandy Williams, representing the Panhandle Regional Medical Response System, presented the plan to the board. She informed the board of their obligations if our county accepted a case and what they might be asked to do. She wanted to let all entities in our county be informed so that they could start thinking about how to possibly handle this if the need arises. Discussion was held. The board thanked Sandy for notifying them of the plan.

Mr. Gilliland went over the property insurance proposals 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

with the tax levy being \$4,397,615.81. Mr. Gilliland recommended the tax rolls be approved as presented. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve 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 held on 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. He 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. Discussion was held. The board decided to put out renovation proposals for the 1989 Eagle bus.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Eighth grader Justin Mungia looks for an open teammate.

Good Luck Elks

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