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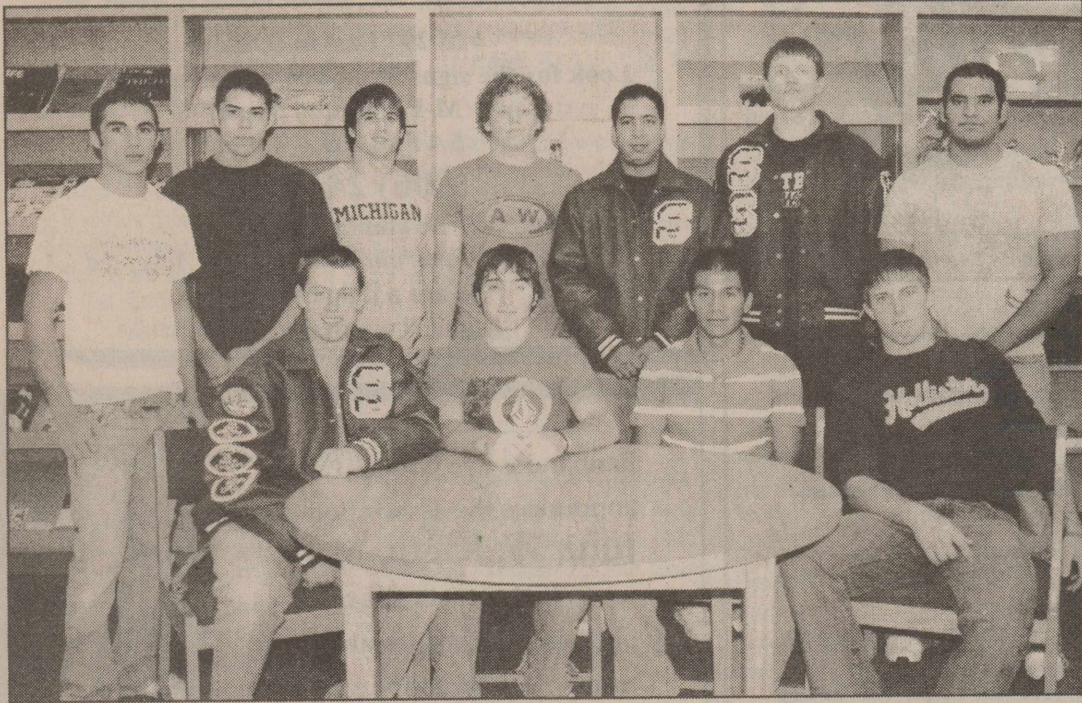
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Academic All-District Football and Cross Country

Academic All-District Football Shown at left L/R: Seated James Smith, Corey Carter, Alex Martinez and Craig Kautz. Standing L/R: Michael Frizzell, Manuel Chavoya, Hunter Buckles, Braden Hamilton, Erik Ruiz, Kaleb Horsford and Sandro Gomez. Shown below and left Academic All-District Cross Country seated L/R: Vincente Rueda, Roy Allen, and Christian Alcala. Standing L/R: Janeth Reyes, Brianda Chavoya, Jessica Ibarra, Yesenia Ibarra, Kristen Crabtree and Lucero Ortega.

Stew, Soup, Stuff Wednesday Nov. 28

The Imagination Station will serve Stew, Soup, Cornbread, Dessert, a special China Table and by request last years Italian Soup, Wednesday Nov. 28, 5:30-7:30 \$5.00 per person. Before the parade, during the parade, after the parade.

The China Exhibit is open to the public Tue, Wed, Thu. Sunday or by appointment. The Gruver Schools will bring 60 students Dec. 3

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

Project Christmas Card

Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star are once again asking the residents of Sherman County for their continued support of "Project Christmas Card" which benefits the Sherman County Public Library. This project is very simple, instead of sending Christmas cards to all of your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Calculate your expenses, cards, postage, time and of course your labor, and take your donation to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. Your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone "Merry Christmas."

Facts about your library are that for the library's fiscal year ending on September 30, 2007, there were 20,584 visitors to the library with 10,293 patrons using the computers. The library also hosted the Summer Reading Program and Story Time with eighteen programs and 334 children attending. There were also thirty-four afternoon movies with 482 children and adults attending.

Let's continue to support his wonderful library and keep it one of the best for its size in this area if not the state. Previous years' donations have replaced computers, purchased audio books, and large print materials. Deadline for donations will be twelve o'clock noon on Monday, December 17, 2007.

Angel Tree Project

The Angel Tree will provide clothing only this year. Please submit toy wish list to Happy State Bank Toy Drive due to time restraints, no applications will be accepted after December 1, 2007. Please bring donations to First State Bank wrapped and labeled with Childs number by December 15th. Angels will be hung on tree on December 3, 2007.

Este ano, El Arbol de Angeles regabra unicamente ropa. La list para los jugetes deber ser entregada a Happy State Bank. Debido al corto tiempo, aplicaciones no seran aceptados despues del 1 de Diciembre. Los angeles calcificacions seran colgados en el arbor el 3 de diciembre. Por favor traigan los regalos a First State Bank envelopos con el numero del angel apuntado en el regalo. Todos los regalos seran entregados para el 15 de Diciembre.

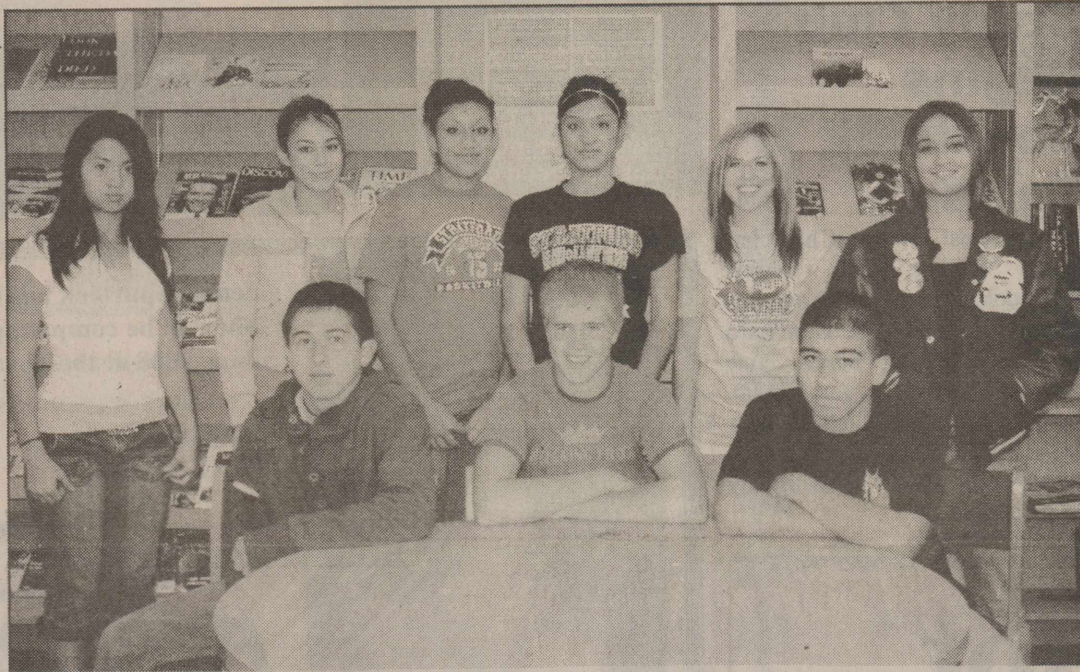
Rodriguez Family Fund Set Up

A fund has been set up at First State Bank to help the family of Elizabeth Rodriguez who was in an accident on September 6, 2007 and passed away Friday/ November 23, 2007.

American Legion Post 262 Sets Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct a regular meeting at the American Legion Hall in Stratford on December 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm. All current Legionnaires and those interested in becoming Legionnaires are encouraged to attend.

Post 262 is in the process of reorganization and needs all members to remain a vital part of this community. If you would need more information or would like to attend and need transportation, please contact Dennis Phelps at 396-5316 or Wayne Smith at 356-3566.



Manor Friends To Meet

Manor Friends will meet on Monday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Red Hat Society to Meet December 6th

The Red Hat Society will meet on Thursday, December 6th at 6 p.m. at Elk Junction. Please bring a dozen cookies (your choice) of Peanut Butter, Chocolate Chip or Oatmeal.

You will also need to bring a white elephant gift for exchanging gifts. See you there.

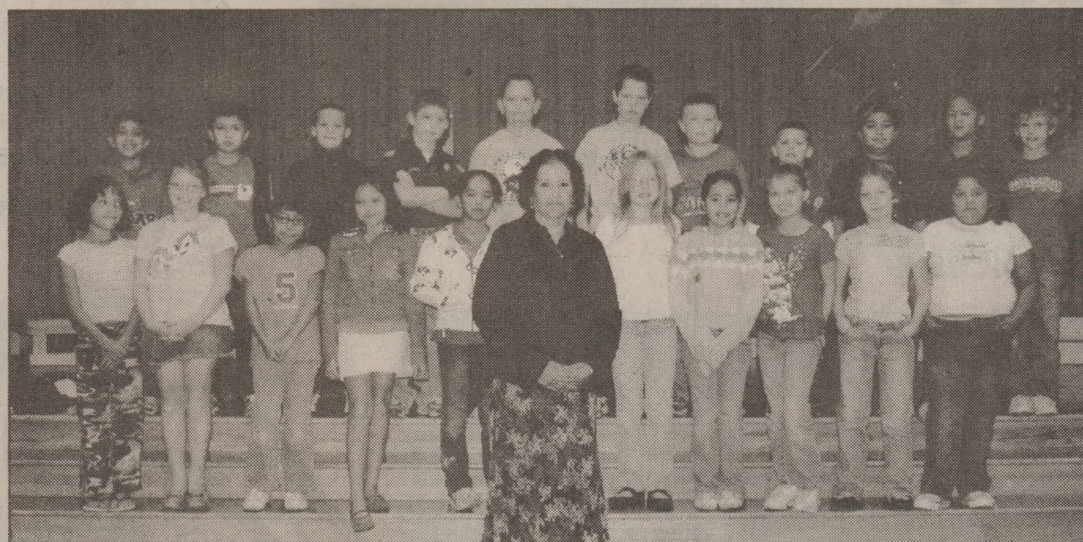
Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

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.

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.



Third Grade Classes Are Winners

The third grade class was the winner of the most food items donated to the Pantry. Over 400 items were donated by Mrs. Rackley's class and Mrs. McKinney's' class. The classes were treated by Pizza donated by the Stratford Police Department. A total of 2200 items were donated altogether. Elida Gonzales (representing the pantry) is shown above with the classes. Congratulations to all!

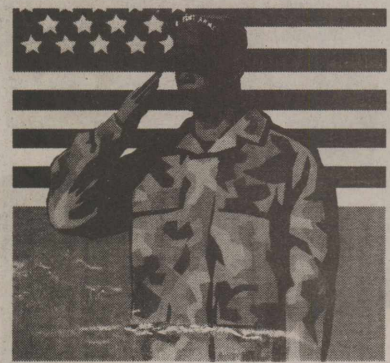
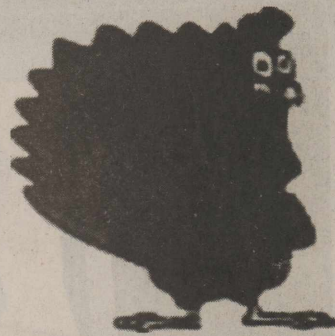
PUBLIC NOTICE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING

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



It's time to cook turkeys again!!

More than ever we need to honor our service men and women and their families during the holidays. We'll be firing up the cookers on Thursday, December 20th at the same place as before - Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn. If you know of a service man/woman's family in Sherman County email their names and addresses to lallen6423@aol.com or call 806/753-7979 and leave a message. If you'd like to donate turkeys, chickens, beef or any type of meat use the same email & phone number. The cooks will also be glad to deep fry or smoke your holiday meat for you.

SANTA LETTERS

Hey Kids,

It's time to get your Santa letters in to The Stratford Star to be printed. We will send them on to the North Pole!

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Jerry Edwin Gross
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Jerry Edwin Gross - 49 passed away Sunday, November 18, 2007 in Southlake, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Anderson, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, in Stratford officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Jerry Edwin was born September 2, 1958 in Dalhart, Texas to Alton and Juanita Gross. He had been a resident of Stratford for 35 years and was a computer technician.

He was preceded in death by his mother Juanita Gross on December 7, 2003.

Survivors include; his father, Alton Gross of Stratford, two sisters, Alta Scott and husband Bob, Brenda Blaser and husband, Danny both of Southlake; nephews, Stephen, Tommy, Brett and his niece Ashley.

Ray Gore, 89, of Custer, SD passed away November 17, 2007 at the Custer Regional Senior Care Center in Custer.

Ray was born October 5, 1918 to Worth and Etta (Arnold) Gore in Frederick, OK. He married the love of his life Mildred Hass on July 8, 1938. To this union two children, Betty Lou and Jimmy Ray, were born. On July 8, 2007 they celebrated their 69th year of forever together.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Mildred of Custer; one daughter, Betty Lou (Don) Jacobs of Edgemont, SD; son, Jimmy Ray, (Linda) Gore of Picayune, WA; one brother, Billy Wayne (Ruby) Gore of Boise, OK; one sister, Mary Lou (Earnest) Wiebe of Guymon, OK; four-Half Brothers Jack Gore of Stratford Bob, Jerry and Perry Gore, all of Texhoma; two half sisters Olamae Rhoden and Alama Huddleson both of Texhoma; five grand children; five great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Graveside services were held 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 23, 2007 at the Edgemont Cemetery near Edgemont with Reverend Marion Gray, Sr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in Ray's name be sent to the Edgemont Baptist Church.

Arrangements were placed in the care of McColley's Chapel of the Hills in Edgemont. Written condolences may be placed at www.mccolleyschapels.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dear readers.

What do you do with not so new bath towels or swim towels? How many do you need for animal beds or go to the rag bag? Would you like new towels for Christmas but the old ones a perfectly good. The mission in Nicaragua could use towels and washcloths. The shipping container will be sent first of January so now would be a good time to clean out the linens (any size, sheets, pillowcases and blankets too). Other items we could send: gently used shoes, especially sandals and socks all sizes; hotel soap, shampoo, lotion; new tooth brushes (from the dentist) and toothpaste. For the children: shoes, socks, underwear, comb/brush; hair clips and ribbons; color books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, acrylic face paints; boys toys, Spanish books. This mission at the Dump Grounds helps a school, orphanage, hospital and old folks home so they can use everything and are most appreciative of anything. The Imagination Station sent their appropriate remaining Whale of a Sale items. The missionaries are Elaine (Cummings) and Wayne MaGourik Items may be left at the United Methodist Church, Stratford Grain Co. or call Gaynelle Riffe or Sue Hudson to pick up.

Study Club Begins Cookbook Sales

Prospectus Study Club has begun selling 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.

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



Guymon, Okla

Movies Beginning November 30

Awake

R Hayden Christensen Jessica Alba

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PG Amy Adams James Marsden

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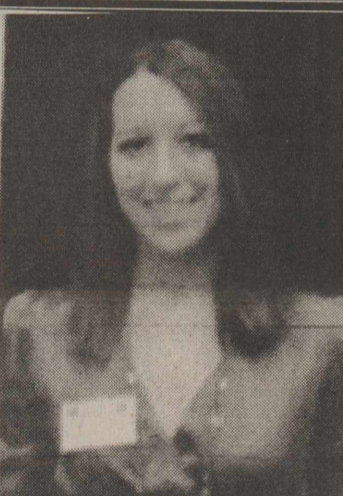
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Jennie Spurlock

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Baby Shower Held

Ashlee (Lasley) Bailey and baby girl Reese Erin were honored with a Baby Shower on Saturday, November 17, 2007 in the home of Barbara Chumley. Shown above left to right are Ginny Jo Lasley, Laverne Lasley Riley, Ashlee and Reese Erin and Kris Lasley.

Births

Proud big brother, Caden Dyess Gardner, is thrilled to announce the arrival of his baby sister, Landry Allison Gardner. Landry was born November 6th, 2007, at the Medical Center of Plano; Landry weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Caden and Landry's parents are Melissa and Danny Gardner of Dallas. Grandparents are Glenda and Bill Dyess of Granbury. Great Grandmother is Doris Dyess of Stratford. Landry is welcomed by many relatives and family friends. Landry is Doris Dyess' 19th great grandchild.

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Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Secret Pals are about to cease if they can't get some more women to join! There are only eight Pals this year. The Pals started 58 years ago. They give gifts on birthday, anniversary, Christmas, and smaller Gifts on the other holidays.

If you would be interested in being a Pal, contact Marylou McDaniel at 727-4755.

Pals will be having a Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6:00 P.M. at the Chicken House. Members may bring guests. RSVP Donna Gillenwaters or Marylou by Monday Dec. 3.

Visiting in the area last week were Shawn & Tasha Herne and their year old son Dusty. Dusty is Jo June McDaniel's great grandson. They live at Canon City, Colorado.

Jo June & John McDaniel had Thanksgiving with the Whit McDaniel family in Dumas at JX. & Martha Kuykendall's.

Friday was Thanksgiving at Marylou McDaniel's for Duane & Thelma Smith of Dumas, Patti McDaniel of Denver, Merilee McDaniel of Stratford, Mike McDaniel.

Joe Bill Boren family and the Kelly Carlyle family spent Wed.-Sat with the Bill Boren's. Recent visitors were Bill's sister, Janice and Frank Kirchoffner.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had Thanksgiving at Jimmy & Sundy Gillenwaters at Bushland. There were 17 present.

Thanksgiving Barbara & Leroy Judd were hosts to a large group. In addition to local family, guests included Leroy & Leta Hawkins of Stillwater and Sheryl & Roger Oswald of Grand Island, NB.

Linda & Poe Keener had Thanksgiving dinner for several,

Bill Taylor, Euleess; Erica, Audrey Wiley, Mike McCraft, Fort Worth; Mark, Klinton & Kelsie Keener, Jerry & Dillon Keener, Nita & Doug Taylor.

The Hamptons had Thanksgiving Saturday night for Nora and Mike Wells and Charley Crabtree. **THE STRATFORD STAR** Thursday, November 29, 2007 Page 3

Roy & Ciccy Harris had a truck driver, Noel from Canada, eat Turkey day with them. Also her brother Alvin Fowler. **You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself.** —Ethel Barrymore

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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

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A day-closer! Praise! What better way to end a day than on a note of praise—praise for the good the day has held, praise to God for our oneness with Him, praise to God for His loving care, for rest and renewal and blessed sleep. Forget not all his benefits.—Psalms 103:2.

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SPORTS

Play It Safe When It Comes to Concussions

NewsUSA

(NU) - More than 38 million boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 participate in organized youth sports. And while sports can be a fun way to socialize and instill values such as teamwork, physical activity can also mean potential for injuries.

Coaches, parents and athletes need to be on the lookout for injuries, especially more serious types such as concussions.

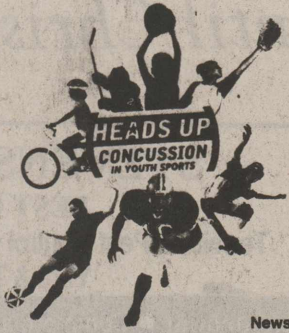
Recognizing such injuries and being proactive are key because approximately 3.8 million sports and recreation-related concussions occur in the United States each year. So, what may seem to be a mild bump or blow to the head can often be far more serious.

Contact between athletes, collisions between athletes and objects such as goalposts or hurdles or simple falls can all result in concussions, which cause the brain to move rapidly inside the skull.

Should a concussion occur on the playing field, there are many signs and symptoms that coaches and parents need to know. For example, athletes who experience any kind of change in behavior, thinking or physical functioning may be in need of care.

As a result, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stepped in to help with the development of the "Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports" tool kit.

The kit provides a comprehensive list of signs and symptoms of



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a concussion as well as important steps to take when a concussion is suspected. The materials are available in both English and Spanish and include:

- a fact sheet for coaches
- a fact sheet for athletes
- a fact sheet for parents
- clipboards with concussion facts for coaches
- magnets with concussion facts for coaches and parents
- posters with concussion facts for coaches and sports administrators
- a quiz for coaches, athletes and parents

To learn more about concussions or to order the "Heads Up: Concussion in Youth Sports" tool kit free of charge, visit: www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports.

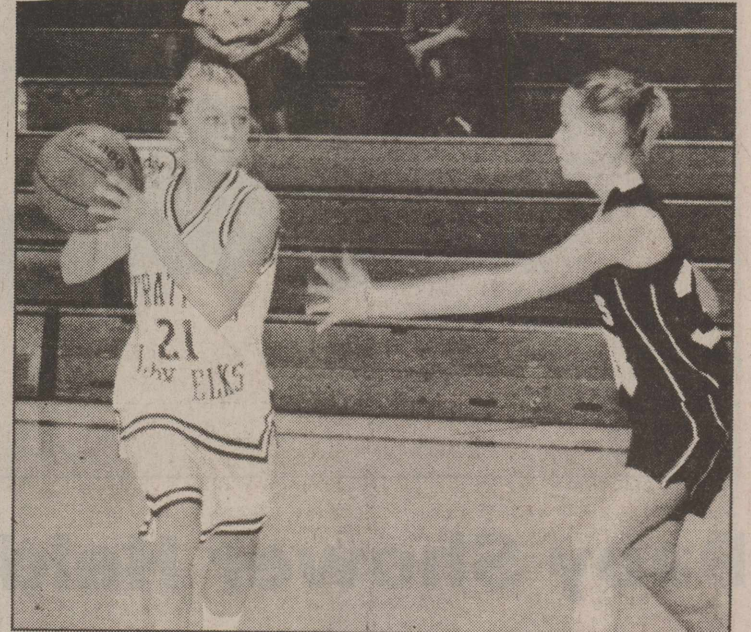
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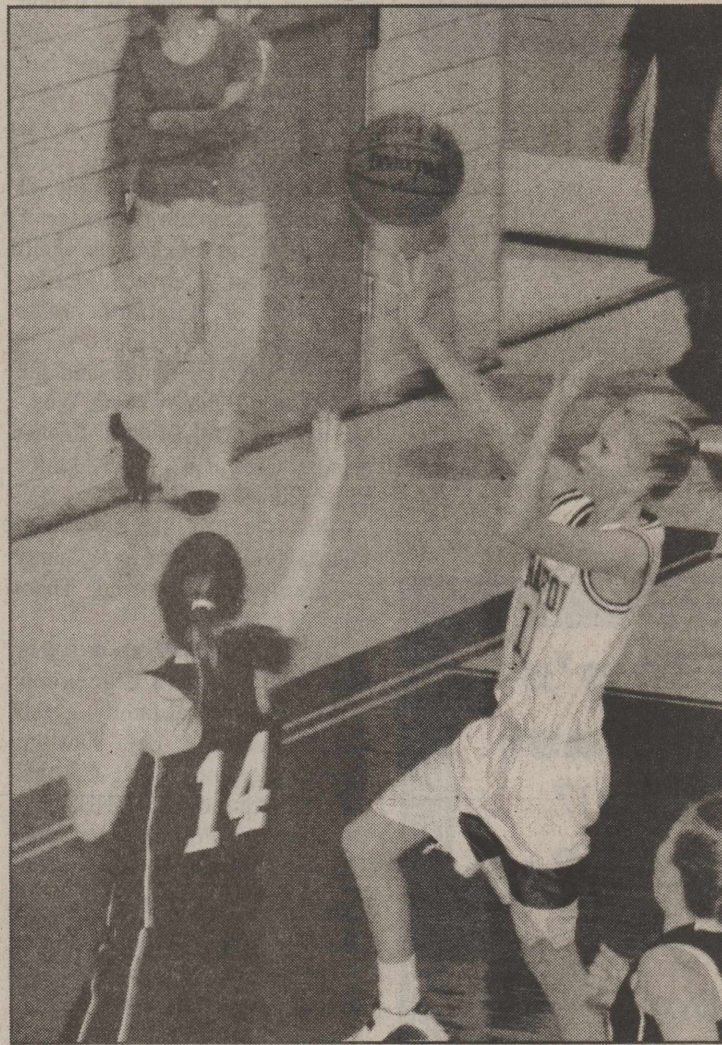
The J.V. Lady Elks lost to Perryton on Monday, November 19, 2007 14-26. Jessica Ibarra was high point with 5 points followed by Rubi Rueda with 4 points.



7th Grade Lady Elks L/R: Kaylee Mungia, Alex Asher and Tera Harris.



7th Grade Lady Elk #21 Meghan Brooks looks to pass the ball.



8th Grade Lady Elk Shannon Maiwald goes up for a lay-up against Canadian.



8th grade Lady Elks from left, Tori Rouse, Perla Reta, Jessica Ibarra and Shannon Maiwald get ready on defense against Canadian.

Sports

(NU) - College sports are big business in the United States, especially basketball and football. Greg Demetriades, chairman and CEO of an Internet broadcasting company called WhiteBlox, says that schools have new opportunities to broadcast sporting events that don't typically receive wide-ranging exposure, such as soccer and lacrosse. "The Internet is the perfect distribution platform for all kinds of sports," says Demetriades. Some media players like WhiteBlox, for example, can allow schools to provide their fans with a variety of camera angles to choose from or encourage viewer participation through polls and surveys. For more information, visit www.whiteblox.com.

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Commercial Property, 207 Texas Ave., Stratford 80 x 80 shop with 4.4 acres located on Dalhart Highway, 2 16' overhead doors with office space. \$129,000.

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6-28-tfn

NEW LISTING! For sale by owner. 314 S. Fulton. 1662 total sq. ft. 3 bed/2bath. CH&A. Single garage/double driveway. Large deck. Cash back at closing incentive. Will show by appt. 806-683-2553.
8-9-tfn



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Residential Property

14433 Hwy 287 Stratford \$127,500
4/2 1997 Saturn Manufactured Home on 24 acres. Cthd. Ceiling, wood burning f.p. in Living room. Kitchen has island with eating bar, pantry, and built-in desk. Master bath has walk-in shower, dbl. sinks, and garden tub. 4 car Quonset garage w/ elec. Barn with 220, & 2 addtl. Quonsets on concrete slabs.

1207 Division St. Stratford \$81,950
A must see! 2/1.5/1 home with vinyl & carpet throughout. New roof in Aug. 2007. Storm cellar. Lg. detached garage/shop with living quarters & 1/2 bath.

408 N. 8th. Stratford \$85,000
Room & more Room! In this 3/1.75/1 home w/ office or 4th bedroom. Dining w/built-in corner hutch. Bedrooms with walk-in closets. Vinyl & carpet throughout home. Utility room. Fenced backyard, Wood deck, storm windows & doors, and storage building.

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 \$29,900
Commercial Building with lobby area, 3 offices, 2 bathrooms, & shop With 10x12 overhead door. It has approx. 1,776 sq. ft.

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NICE! NICE! NICE! 60x100 Commercial Building on huge lot. Building has several overhead doors, showroom, office, and handicap accessible restroom.

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Approx. 640.7 Acres w/ dbl. wide mobile home and 2 car detached garage just South of Stratford.

Legal Notice

Stratford Independent School District Legal notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for the repairs to the 1989 Eagle Bus. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM December 20, 2007. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on December 20, 2007 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Items include: Labor, material, and equipment for the repair. No proposal security required. Performance and Payment Bonds may be required in accordance with state law. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Cards of Thanks

The Betty Brown family would like to thank the many friends who comforted us during the loss of our loved one. The prayers, thoughts, plants, food and memorials were deeply appreciated. Thank you and May God bless.

Jim Bob Brown Family
Joe R. Brown family
Blair Brown family
Carrie Austin Family
Robert E. Lee

Health

(NU) - Memory starting to slip? Place it on an exercise program with computer-based training, which may help your driving and other daily activities.

A double-blind clinical trial conducted by Tel-Aviv University, Israel, found that participants with low baseline cognition who used MindFit and other sophisticated computer games improved their cognitive performance.

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(NAPS)—Quick and simple recipes and attention to detail can help make you a happy guest at your own holiday party.
One of the tricks is to choose your finger foods carefully. The foods and drinks should complement each other and add to that warm feeling. And if you're serving rum, here's an eggnog that's a snap to make and will warm your guests' hearts.

"Select" Eggnog

3 parts Bacardi Select Rum
5 parts half-and-half
1/2 part sugar
1/2 part vanilla extract

Shake ingredients with crushed ice and strain into a mug. Sprinkle with nutmeg.

For a festive drink that complements your food, you might want to try this delicious Pomegranate Mojito Cocktail.

Pomegranate Mojito Cocktail

1 1/2 oz. Bacardi Superior rum
12 fresh spearmint leaves
1/2 lime
1 oz. pomegranate juice
2 Tbsp. simple syrup (or 4 tsp. sugar)
Top with club soda

Crush mint leaves and lime in a shaker. Cover with Bacardi rum, pomegranate juice and simple syrup. Shake with ice and strain into a chilled martini glass. Top with a splash of club soda. Garnish with lime wedge and sprig of mint.

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Stratford Football



Craig Kautz #11 carries the ball while Elks #76 Sandro Gomez, #50 Brent Reed and #62 Pablo Acevedo block.



Stratford Elks #30 Joey Reta and #50 Brent Reed tackle an Idalou player.



Stratford Elk quarterback #15 Kaleb Horsford looks for a receiver down field in the Elks loss to Idalou.

Elks Fall To Idalou

The Elks fell to Idalou Friday, November 23, 2007 in the Area round 20-7.

Kaleb Horsford completed 7 of 18 passes for 69 yards. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 141 yards on 25 carries and scored the lone touchdown for the Elks. Alex Martinez followed with 27 yards on 8 carries. Angel Resendes caught the ball for 20

yards on 2 receptions followed by Klinton Keener with 15 yards on 1 reception and Oswalda Terrazas with 14 yards on 1 reception. Jesse Lopez scored one Pat for the Elks.

James Smith led the Elks defensively with 12 tackles followed by Jorge Robles with 8 and Brent Reed and Joey Reta with 7 tackles each.

Congratulations Elks on a great season!

Ag Marketing Group to Meet Twice Monthly

By Bailey Naugle

Sherman county agricultural producers are forming an Ag marketing group to sharpen their marketing skills and gain knowledge on pertinent market situations for improved decision making, according to David Graf, Extension Agent for Ag/Natural Resources for Sherman County. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from December through March and then discuss plans for the summer.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Marketing Specialist for District 1, is assisting the group in determining educational objectives and methods. "Price volatility is here to stay as farmers plant for the market," explained Dr. Amosson. He continues, "The marketing and risk management skills of U.S. producers must improve if they are to successfully compete in the changing worldwide agricultural industry of the next century." The group is forming as a result of the Sherman County Extension Ag Committee identifying marketing education and decision making as a key issue for local producers, said Extension Agent Graf.

The educational component will be provided through two methods. First, the group will develop a mock farm indicative of Sherman County for making group marketing decisions, based upon the best information available at each meeting. Each successive session will then include discussion and analysis of

these decisions from an educational perspective. Secondly, the group will utilize information from timely educational speakers who will address key issues such as fertilizer pricing and outlook, natural gas pricing and management tools, as well as cattle feeding status and outlook, to name a few. All interested Ag producers are invited. Those who may feel the need for some basic education in marketing are strongly encouraged to contact the Extension office and these sessions can be established. Call 366-2081 to obtain more information. Sherman County Extension Agent David Graf said the Ag Marketing Group's next meeting will be 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Tuesday December 4th at the First State Bank.

American adventurer Jim Bowie, who fell at the Alamo in 1836, actually adopted Mexican citizenship in 1830, two years after moving to what we now know as Texas.

New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library Fiction

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

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2. Confessor by Terry Goodkind
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5. World Without End by Ken Follett
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8. Protect and Defend by Vince Flynn
9. Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon
10. Book of the Dead by Patricia Cornwell
11. Playing for Pizza by John Grisham
12. Creation in Death by J.D. Robb
13. Amazing Grace by Danielle Steel
14. Third Degree by Greg Isles
15. The New Year's Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini
16. The Ore King by R. A. Salvatore
17. Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson
18. You've Been Warned by James Patterson
19. Dark of the Moon by John Sandford
20. War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy

HUNTER'S SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE TO BE OFFERED

Hunter's Safety Education Course will be offered in Stratford December 14th and 15th. Lee Morris of Dumas will be conducting the course open to all interested individuals age 12 and older.

The State of Texas requires that all individuals age 17 and older to who plan to participate in any outdoor hunting activities to complete the safety education course.

The course will be conducted at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost of the class will be \$15.00 per person. Individuals who would like to register for the course may do so by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.



Because he and President Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson were so close, James Polk was often referred to as "Young Hickory."

Home

(NU) - Cooler weather keeping you indoors? Now's the time to tackle all those home-improvement projects you've been putting off.

Dremel, trusted for its rotary tool technology, offers these tips:

- Install additional shelving in closets to add storage space for your home. Use coated wire shelving, which easily fits to closet dimensions using the Dremel rotary tool with cut-off wheel to make necessary cuts.

- Hide audio and video wires behind baseboards by created a recessed area to accommodate wiring. Use a flex-shaft attachment on the rotary tool and a carbide-sanding band.

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Home

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Dollar General has a wide range of affordable items from bedlinens and towels, to rugs and accessories to make your place feel like home.

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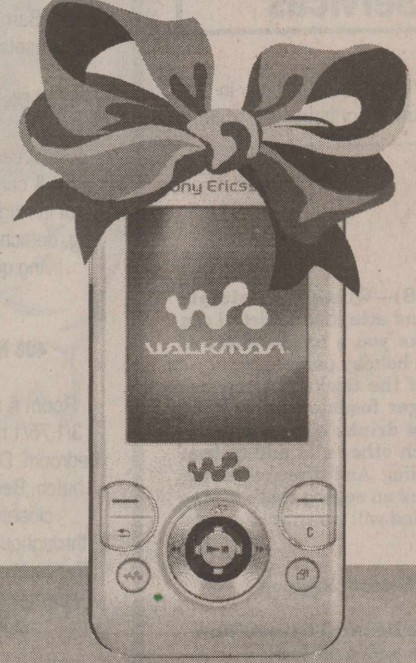
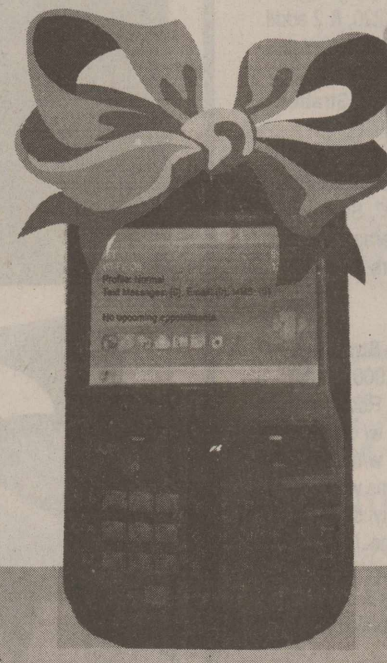
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