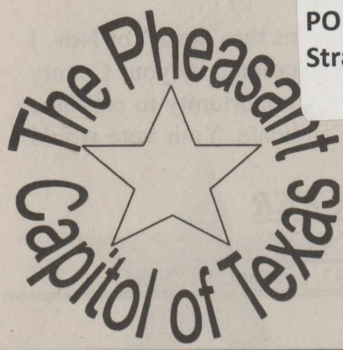


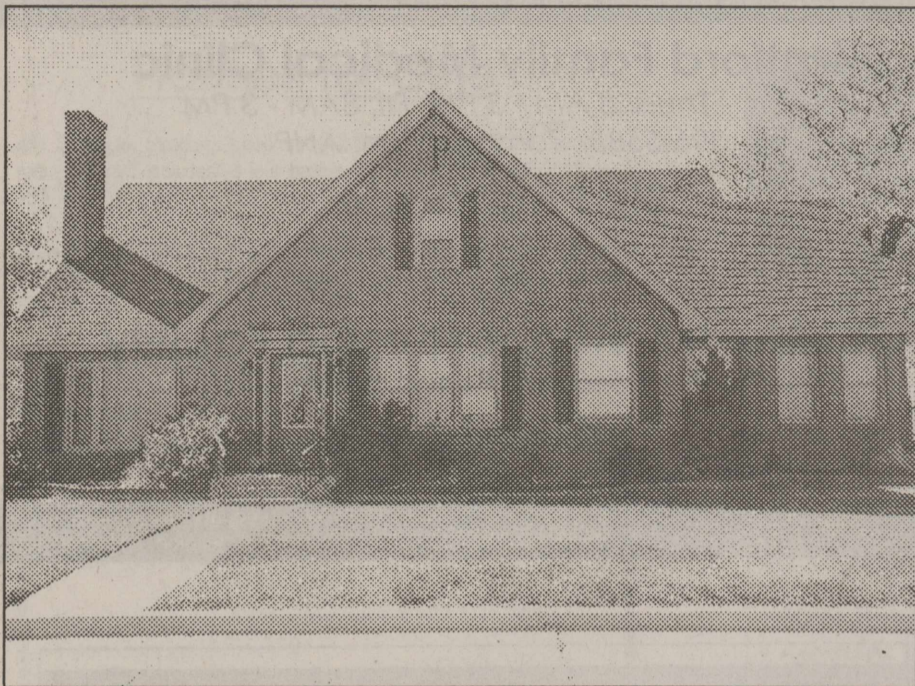
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## Fall Parade of Homes

Prospectus Study Club is pleased to announce that their Fall Tour of Homes will be on November 3, 2012. Home tour times will be from 9:30am to 11:30am. The four featured homes this year will be The Jamie Garza home at 1219 N. Olive, the Paul Uttley Home at 601 N. Main, the Matt Lovorn home at 600 N. Main and the Dusty Floyd home at 1215 Beaver. Several neat silent auction items will be placed at the Floyd home, so go make a bid! Ticket prices are \$10 and will be available at Acquisitions/Hissy Fits, from Laurie Spurlock or Michelle Lutes or at the homes the morning of the 3rd. All proceeds go toward scholarships and other activities that we do in the community. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lutes. Shown is one of the featured homes — The Paul Uttley home.

## Fedric & Patten hosting Tailgate Party Friday, Oct. 26th

In the spirit of fun and friendly competition, Leonda Fedric, Farm Bureau agent, Stratford and Virginia Patten, Farm Bureau agent, Clarendon are hosting a tailgate party at the west end of the Bronco football field, Friday evening in Clarendon. We will be serving the Elk visitor side and the Bronco home side sloppy joes and chips with drinks starting at 6 p.m. and serving until kick off time. Wear your team color and come talk football before the game!

## CIMARRON COUNTRY MUSIC THEATER 4th SATURDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH OCTOBER 27, 2012 8:00 PM

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There will be a blood drive on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Sherman County Barn from 3 until 7 p.m. Please give blood and it will be in Cheryl Reese's honor, (a former resident of Stratford, TX). See you there on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Flu Shots at Scot Luncheon

Flu Shots will be given at Scot Luncheon on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Scot Hall starting at 11 a.m. If you have your Medicare card with you shot is free, if not \$23.00.

## Vote No!!!

As you may know there will be a question on the upcoming election ballot to allow alcohol sales in Sherman County. There is a great percentage of citizens that feel passage of this will cause many problems in our City. We are concerned about Safety, Law Enforcement needs, and mostly about our Children. If you would like to support the campaign to protect our rights and quality of life in Stratford, you can make donations to KAOS (Keep Alcohol Out of Stratford). Donations can be made at Happy State Bank or First State Bank in care of KOAS. If you would like to place a sign in your yard to show support, please contact Bill Mires or Doak Crabtree.

## Annual Veteran's Day Assembly Nov. 12th

On behalf of the Stratford High School Student Council, we invited you to our annual Veteran's Day assembly. The assembly will be on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Stratford High School gymnasium. We are privileged to host this assembly as a way for the young people in our community to honor, recognize, and thank our veterans for all the service and sacrifices they have made to allow us to live in this free nation. We would be honored if you could join us.

This year's speakers are Kyle McAdams and Daniel Gade. Kyle McAdams a Stratford Alumni founded *Healing Waters* a program that assists in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of wounded soldiers. Daniel Gade, a former U.S. Army Major who was severely wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has participated in the Warrior 100 K with George W. Bush and worked in the upper levels of the White House.

Once the ceremony has concluded, we would like to honor all of the attending veterans and their families with refreshments in the cafeteria. We hope you choose to participate in our Veteran's Day activities.

## Courthouse Dedication October 30

The Texas Historical Commission has provided Sherman County with a historical plaque to be placed on the Courthouse to compliment the Coldwater plaque.

This plaque will be dedicated Tuesday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 38 will present the colors; County Officials will dedicate the plaque History of the Sherman County Courthouse. Some information may be a surprise.

## "Make a Difference Day" October 27

By Gaynelle Riffe

Stratford is looking good. Can we make it better? How about making a difference by cleaning up the curbs of dirt and weeds in the street on YOUR block. The City hired a street sweeper a couple of years ago and only got the north side of town north of the school swept. The dirt in the curbs encourages the weeds and grass to grow in the streets and I am sure you can find a hole in the alley to fill in. Curb appeal!!!!

## GOSPEL JUBILEE AND CHILI SUPPER

Kerrick Historical Committee will host a gospel music and chili supper fund raiser on Saturday, October 27th at the Murdock School. The meal will be served from 6pm-9pm music will be from 7pm-9pm. The meal is by order; the menu is anything you can do with chili. Adult tickets are \$6.00 and children under 10 are \$4.00. All proceeds are for the restoration of the old school, supplies, insurance and utilities. The music is provided by the Harville Family from Moulton, AL.

The earliest school records found to date for the Murdock School is 1918. The Texas Teacher's Daily Register for the year 1918-1919 does not list the teacher. The Register does document the name of the school as Murdock School No.1, County of Dallam, State of Texas, District No. Eight. Twenty-two students were enrolled for this year. The teacher's salary was \$720.00 for the year. The teacher wrote that for the year there were no improvement in the building or that no equipment had been provided for the class room since the previous year. The recommendations for the improvement of the work in the room were a "working library."

The following are the teachers that taught in the old Murdock School; Melissa Barentine from 1919 to1920, Hazel Harris from 1920 to 1921. 1921 to1922 was missing in the Dallam County records. Edna M Reese from 1922 to 1923. Frances Louise Skelly from 1923 to1924. Helen Brown from 1924 to1925. 1925 to1926 was missing in the Dallam County records. Mabel Barentine from 1926 to1927. 1927 to1928 was missing in the Dallam County records. Edith Zochert from 1928 to1929 and 1929 to1930. Virgie Taylor from 1930 to 1931 and 1931 to 1932.

The first teachers to teach in the new school were Martin L Stevens and Virgie Taylor. In 1941 parents were transferring their children to the Murdock School. In 1944 families were transferring their children from the Murdock school to Stratford, reason given for transfer was "better school advantages" or "closer and better roads." The attendance fell to the point the local resident petitioned Dallam County for election to consolidate districts. On 15 July 1950 the results of the election was 27 for consolidation and three against.

The old school is eighty and still has good bones. In the eighty years the only major change to the building was moving the boy's bathroom to its present location and building the kitchen. This was done after the school closed in 1950. Work on the new roof will be completed this week, making step one of our renovations complete. Step two was to be the interior outside wall and interior windows but our kitchen has started deteriorating. We have decided that step two must be restoring the kitchen.

We can only reach our goal for the old school with your help. Once the overall goal is completed, with the proper management, the building should not get in its current condition again.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

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## Pumpkin decorating contest At Happy State Bank

Pumpkin artists of all ages are invited to bring their masterpieces to be judged in a pumpkin decorating contest at Happy State Bank.

Contestants should bring their decorated pumpkins to the Texas Room at Happy State Bank on October 22nd (carved entries should be delivered on October 24th please). Judging will take place at noon on October 25th.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three pumpkin decorators in each of three divisions:

- \*Ages 1-4th grade
- \*5<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- \*Adult

Everyone is invited to come see the spooky, sparkly, strange and simply gorgeous pumpkins on display at Happy State Bank from October 22nd to 25th.

Pumpkins can be picked up after judging on October 25th.

Please call Happy State Bank at 806-366-2265 with questions about the pumpkin decorating contest.

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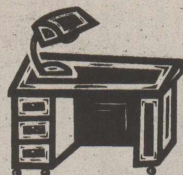
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From the Desk of  
**Chief Powell**

**Kerrick News**

By Marylou McDaniel  
There were 135 guests at a Wedding Saturday night using a harvest theme. This event was catered by the Kerrick Historical Committee. There will be a Gospel Jubilee and Chili Supper, Saturday, October 27, 2012. Patti McDaniel returned to Denver after staying a few days with her mother and brother.

By the time you read this, I will be buried in the books at College Station and missing my family and community. I just wanted each of you to be rest assured the Police Department is prepared to run just as smooth during my absence as it is when I am there. Our team is a great one and serving YOU professionally and round-the-clock is our priority. Have a great week, Stratford. You guys are the best!!

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NOVEMBER 6, 2012.**



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Pol. Ad Pd. for by Yvonne Miller, P.O. Box 447, Stratford, TX 79084

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**Sherman County Voters**

Please vote! Early voting started the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. and runs thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Nov. I am your Sherman County Justice of the Peace-I was appointed by your County Commissioners and County Judge. Please give me the opportunity to continue this job. I will be on the ballot as the Republican Candidate. Your vote would be appreciated!

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To the people of Sherman County. I want to thank everyone that were able to attend the forum on October 8th and for giving me a chance to answer your questions. I would like to remind everyone who were unable to attend the forum that I will still be having two more meet and greets in the upcoming weeks. The first will be on Wednesday October 17th at 7:00pm at the Texhoma Elementary School. The second will be on Wednesday October 24th at 7:00pm at the new county barn. I have not been able to get around the county as much as I would like with the inspection of the Sherman County Jail just around the corner, with the recent influx of inmates into the Sherman County Jail, and the number of inmates I will be transporting in the upcoming weeks, it has been difficult for me to get out and meet people door to door as is proper. I hope for anyone who has any questions I hope you will attend so you can see not only what I have to say for yourself but to see how I deal with being asked questions from the public who I hope to be serving as the next Sherman County Sheriff. Refreshments will be served and I will stay until I have answered and addressed any and all concerns. Please remember I will be running as a "write-in" candidate and as such if you do a "straight ticket ballot" you will not be able to write my name in on your ballot and you will not be able to vote for the liquor election or school board members. If you have any questions about the election any election official will be able to help you and as always if you have any questions for me please feel free to email me at [iuddforshermancountysheriff@gmail.com](mailto:iuddforshermancountysheriff@gmail.com) you will always receive a response directly from me.

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*Walter T. Price*



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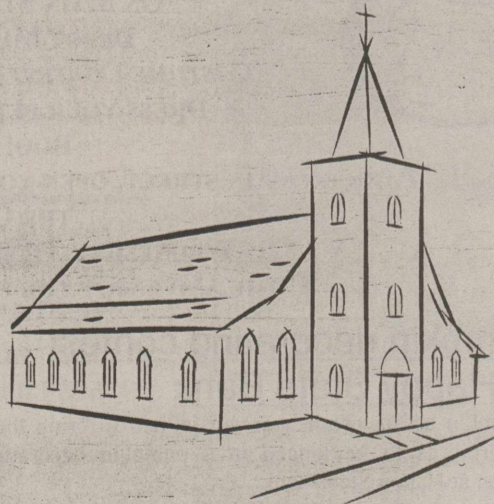
**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
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No Sunday evening Worship Service

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178  
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Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
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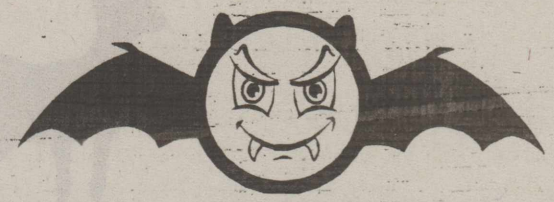
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Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
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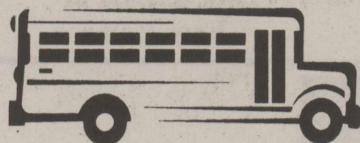
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# Stratford Independent School District News



The Education Foundation gave a grant for Eleven Computer Hard Drives for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Mary Allen Elementary Lab. These will improve student achievement through supplementary curriculum, tutorials support, professional development and state assessment preparation. Shown standing in back l/r: Nikie Berry, Marsha Wright, Heather Braden, Lynda Hauser, Ruby Punch, Jennifer DeAnda, Dana Uttley, Belinda Hamilton, Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, Dinah Horsford, Blair Smiley, B.A. Donelson, Mary Allen Principal Misti McBryde, Christy Burr and second graders.

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## Good Luck Elks



The Education Foundation presented a grant for Three Pasco Sensors for Ipad that will enable the Science Department Ipad to have laboratory capabilities. These will be used in the high school chemistry and physics class to extend student learning. Shown from left: B.A. Donelson, Heather Braden, Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, Lynda Hauser, Marsha Wright, Crystal Pitti, HS Principal, Dr. Paul Uttley, Paula Everett, Preston Burr, Karina Aldavaz, Colten Rendon and Dinah Horsford.



The Education Foundation presented a grant to the Stratford High School band to attend the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will take place in May 2013. Such a performance will challenge students and inspire them in a way that could not be possible through lecture or recording. Shown from left: Marsha Wright, Heather Braden, Mary Ann Spurlock, B.A. Donelson, M'Lynn Wells, Jim Parham, Katy Moore, Kyle Winn, Superintendent Jerry Birdsong, Dinah Horsford, Lynda Hauser, and HS Principal Dr. Paul Uttley.

From the Bird's Nest October, 2012  
By Jerry Birdsong Superintendent-Stratford ISD

## It's Fall Festival Time!


Saturday, October 27, 2012

**Mexican Pile on-5:30-7:30 PM**  
**High School Cafeteria**  
*Get your tickets from any senior*  
*Or buy them at the door.*

**Coronation-7:30** Followed by  
**Skits Performed by seniors**

**Booths to follow in the Activity Gym**  
**With Concession Stand in the Ag Shop**  
**Until 10:00 PM**

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We are midway through the first semester. Routines have been established and the school district is functioning very well in the education of students. That is how it works when you have an outstanding group of employees in an organization and a tremendous community.

The activity calendar is filling up as the various groups prepare for their competitions and activities – football, cross country, one-act play, band, FFA, etc. Our kids are performing well in many of the extracurricular activities.

It was a flawless performance by the Big Blue Band two Saturdays ago at the UIL Marching competition. The band received straight 1's for its efforts. Our kids stepped it up and made us proud. Congratulations directors, drum majors and band members.

The Elk football team is playing well and folks are taking notice. This week the Elks travel to Clarendon before closing out district with Memphis and West Texas. Our young Elks are progressing nicely. The junior varsity is still undefeated in district play, while the junior high continues to get better each week.

Newspaper deadline prevent me from commenting on the results from the district cross country competition and the theater arts fall production. But I am sure by the time this comes out in the newspaper, these groups of students will have performed well and made the school and community proud.

The Ag kids have been successful at the Texas State Fair and the Tri-State Fair. We have been represented by an assortment of animals and other projects that have done well. The county show is not far away and projects are taking shape.

If you want to keep up even closer to the happenings at the Stratford schools, check out the facebook pages for each of the campuses. They have been full of great information concerning our school and students.

We had a little excitement at the stadium a couple of Fridays ago. Our lights have worked flawlessly that past couple of years, but sometimes electricity has a mind of its own. I appreciate all of the work Travis put in and his suggestion to check with the feedyard for portable lighting saved the day. Thanks to a community for helping us out during our time of need.

The Stratford ISD Education Foundation has sponsored a couple excellent speakers in its Distinguish Lecture series. It is always good for our kids to see someone from our community that has done well in society with much of their success due to a Stratford ISD education.

The foundation also awarded three grants this past week. Sensors for iPad in our science classrooms, computers for Mary Allen, and a trip to the Dallas Symphony for the Big Blue Band were among the grants funded. Thanks to the foundation and to those that contribute to the fund for you generosity and support of Stratford schools.

Rachel's Challenge was a tremendous program. It will continue to make an impact on our young people. I can't tell the Education Foundation and our staff members that worked hard on this how much I appreciate their contributions. It was the first time I had heard Rachel's story – great inspiration. I also enjoyed my time with Cody Hodges – what a neat young man.

We had more than 45 students participate in the ACT Prep Boot Camp at the county barn on October 2. The high school principal and school counselor worked diligently to prepare for the Boot Camp that also included students from a neighboring school. Stratford HS brought the boot camp to Stratford after our students had a successful trip to Dalhart last year. Between the ACT and SAT, we get a pretty good idea who is ready for college-level work. It seems redundant that one of the state's STAAR testing program's goal is to measure college readiness when those types of assessments already exist.

I have to admit I was a bit disappointed in the results of the Tax-Ratification Election. This year's budget is already in place and it will be business almost as usual. We cannot indefinitely fund all of our positions and programs with the state cutting \$525,000 out of this year's revenue. The pre-legislative rhetoric does not look promising for school funding during the Spring 2013 legislative session. The lawsuits against the state concerning funding are beginning this month, but it may take years for appeals to be exhausted no matter what the courts rule initially. We are always hearing that elections have consequences and this one is no different. Either the state will have to restore funding cuts or we have to determine how deep and how quickly we will need to trim approximately \$600,000 (close to 10 percent) out of the budget before we deplete the fund balance to an unhealthy amount. Thanks to all of you that voted.

Our budget issues are not unique to Stratford. All across the state, districts have had TRES. Since 2006, 454 school tax elections have been called in Texas. Over 82% of the districts that have attempted TRES have had voter-approved tax increases. This fall, 29 of the 34 TRES that have been conducted have passed with another nine districts that have not had their elections yet.

Speaking of elections, the board of trustees will also be on this November ballot. Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess, Greg Wright and Brad McBryde will be vying for three positions on the board of trustees. I appreciate each of their willingness to serve. It is a tremendous responsibility to oversee the school district.

The raised beds in front of the administration offices have seen some improvement over the past few weeks. Recently, a parent volunteered their services to the upkeep of the bed and they are looking so much better. If you get a chance to tell Nita Barnard thanks, please do.

The flag banners adorning Main Street look fabulous. Thank you to those that participated in the project. I love the school and community spirit concerning the Elks and Lady Elks. The banners along with the new and improved Main Street have a very classy look.

The successes that Stratford ISD has had are a direct reflection of the support and high expectations that the community has given the district over the years. It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve the community, parents, staff, and students of Stratford ISD. Stratford ISD has done a tremendous job of educating the kids of this community for many years. Again, I want to thank the Stratford community for its support for its school district.





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TERRY R. FEDRIC AND PENNY K. GILBERT

## Deadline for The Stratford Star

Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE)

Thank you

## Legal Notice

Notice of Trustee Election

To the register voters of Stratford, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Stratford Independent School District has ordered an election to be held on November 6, 2012 for the purpose of electing Board Trustees.

Voting on Election Day will take place at the polling places listed below, which will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2012

Election Day Polling Place:

- 101 - County Barn at Lantz - Hwy 287 South of Stratford
- 102, 201, 301, 401 - County & District Courtroom - 701 N. 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas
- 202 - County Barn - County Road 24 and W

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Sherman County Clerk's Office, 701 N 3rd Street, Stratford, TX 79084, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday October 22, 2012 and ending on Friday, November 2, 2012. Early voting by personal appearance will not take place on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal state holidays.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Gina Gray, Sherman County Clerk  
Early Voting clerk  
PO Box 270  
Stratford, TX 79084

Applications for ballot by mails must be received no later than the close of business on October 17, 2012

The following candidates are running for three positions on the board: Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess, Greg Wright and Brad McBryde.

**Aviso de elecciones fideicomisario**  
**A los votantes registrados del Distrito escolar independiente de Stratford:**

Mediante la presente se comunica que el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Anton ha ordenado la convocatoria de elecciones el día 6 de Noviembre de 2012, Específicamente, la para llenar tres posiciones:

La votación el día de las elecciones tendrá lugar en el centro electoral indicado a continuación, desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 6 de noviembre de 2012.

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Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo se deben enviar a:

Gina Gray  
Sherman County Clerk  
Early Voting Clerk  
P. O. Box 270  
Stratford, Texas 79084

Las solicitudes de boleta para votar por correo se deberán recibir antes del cierre del horario de oficinas el viernes 17 de octubre de 2012.

Los candidatos siguientes corren a tres posiciones en el consejo: Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess, Greg Wright and Brad McBryde.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, October 18, 2012

## Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's

State Financial Accountability Rating

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST) at 7:00 PM, November 15, 2012 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 4th Street, Stratford, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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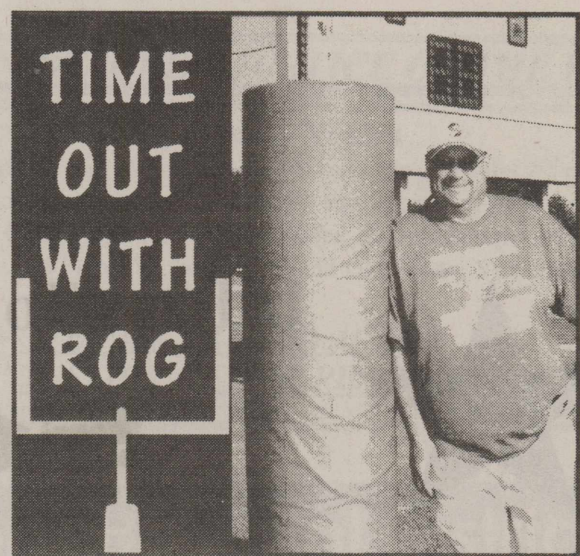
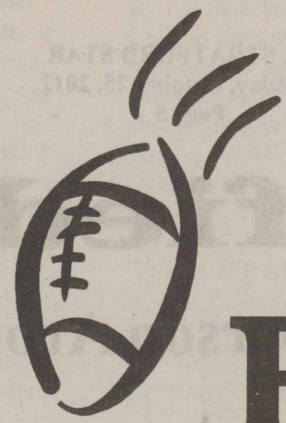
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# Stratford Elk Football 2012



Beating Sunray is like eating a great chicken fried steak with extra gravy! The team came from Moore County excited but left BLUE! Our O-line opened holes that even Gary Hudson can run through! Kelby, Alex and Colten ran like wild Elks in the fall! Alex led all rushers with 157 yards followed by Kelby with 116 yards! We threw the ball when needed and it was effective! Tanner Wright was 5 out of 7 for 178 yards. The receiving corp was led by Sterling Audrain with 1 catch, but for 80 yards and a touchdown! Logan Uttley had 2 catches and Kelby and Colten with one each. Our Defense allowed a little too many yards, but I believe will get that corrected! Next week we head to Clarendon and take on the Broncos. I bet the McBrydes are excited to be taking this reporter to the game! See ya'll there, please pray for Kenedi! Once an Elk always an Elk!



The Stratford Elks beat Sunray 54-36 on Friday, October 19 and are 2-0 in District Play. The Elks will hit the road to take on the Clarendon Broncos on Friday, October 26.



Scott Hudson gave the pep talk on Friday, October 19, 2012.

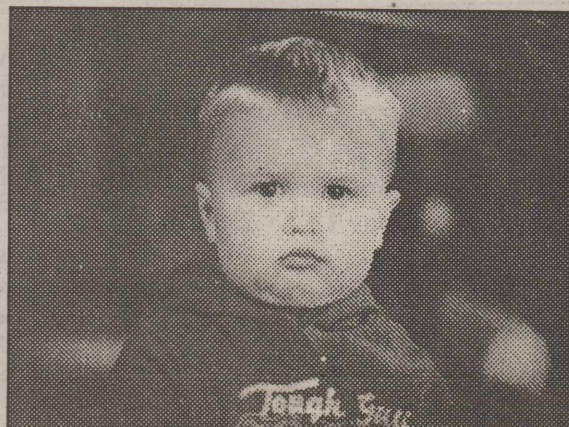


**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

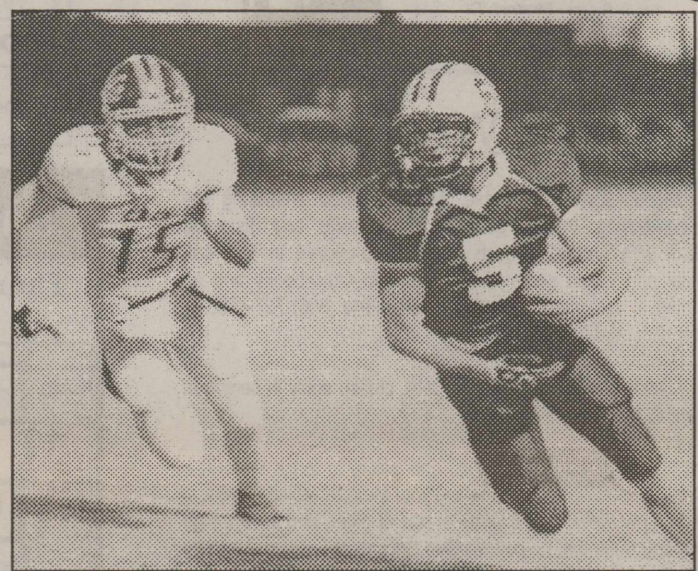
OFFENSIVE LINE - CHASE LUTES  
OFFENSIVE BACK - ALEX CHAVOYA  
DEFENSIVE LINE - VICTOR ACEVEDO  
DEFENSIVE BACK - KELBY HARTMAN  
SPECIAL TEAMS - HUNTER EVERETT



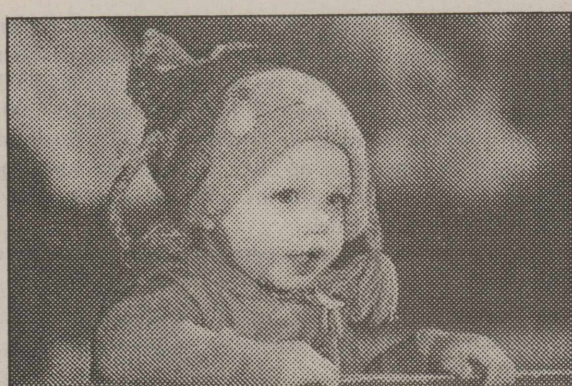
Stratford Elk Trevor Melton brings down Sunray player in the Elks win.



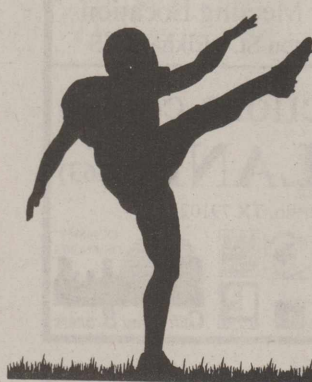
Stratford Elk Fan Boston Black takes things serious when cheering on the Elks! Boston is the son of Clint and Samantha Black.



Kelby Hartman picks up some yardage for the Stratford Elks in their 56-34 district win over Sunray.



Stratford Elk Fan and future Cheerleader Karaline Floyd enjoys the band's half-time show on Friday, October 19. Karaline is the daughter of Dusty and Holli Floyd.



The SHS Cheerleaders show their support of Breast Cancer Awareness at their Pink Out Pep Rally on Friday, October 19. The money raised from T-shirts and Fill the Bra will be split between Circle of Friends and Kenedi Groves. Totals will be announced at the next Pep Rally!

## Tailgate Party at Clarendon

Hosted by: Leonda Fedric, Farm Bureau Agent-Stratford  
Virginia Patten, Farm Bureau Agent-Clarendon

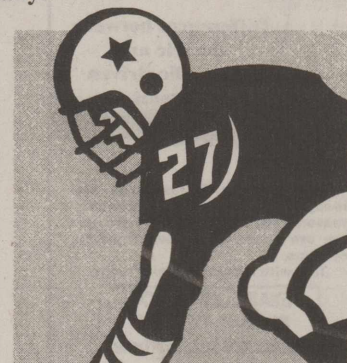
Date: Friday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at the EAST end of the Bronco Football Field (Clarendon)

Serving: Free sloppy Jo's, chips and drink @ 5:30 p.m. until kick off time.

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