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Lollipop Junction receives check

Shown are the children, teachers and director of Lollipop Junction receiving a check from The Community Closet in the amount of \$1,000. Also present were Wesley Spurlock and board members Keisha Holland, Martha Duncan and mothers, Christina Brown and Tiffany Hudson.

Thirteen Reasons to Love Your Library

The Sherman County Public Library is sharing ten reasons why the citizens of Sherman County should live their library: 1) Use of the library's twelve public access computers; 2) Check out the latest bestsellers; 3) Find biographies of the great and average; 4) Enjoy story time with your child; 5) Ask your library to arrange an interlibrary loan of a book or other resource from another library; 6) Take practice tests for becoming a policeman, fireman, graduate student, and more; 7) Check out a couple of great books on CD that the whole family can enjoy on the way to Grandma's or other distant places; 8) Research your health concerns; 9) Learn a new language with Muzzy Languages; 10) Check out e-books for your Kindle, Nook or other device via Overdrive at the library's webpage (shermancountylibrary.org); 11) Check out movies for your weekend or holiday enjoyment; 12) Help your library by volunteering and assisting with special projects and 13) repair your vehicles using the new Chilton's database. Your investment of time and ideas will pay off big time to your community and to you.

This Christmas season show your love for the Sherman County Public Library by contributing to Project Christmas Card, a project co-sponsored by the Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star. With ever increasing expenses to operate your library, we need the community's support to continue to meet the needs of our patrons. This year, all proceeds will go to purchase large print books and e-books for your Kindle or Nook or other e-readers. The project is very simple, instead of sending individual Christmas cards to your friends, neighbors, and business associates, make a donation to the library. Calculate the costs of cards, postage, time and your effort, plus a little something extra and take your donations to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. Your family's name or your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." The deadline for the donations to appear in the paper is by 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2012, so don't delay.

Lion's Club Breakfast

Lions Club Pheasant Hunters Breakfast will be serving starting at 6 a.m. at the County Barn on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Plate cost is \$7.00 and all are welcome to come.

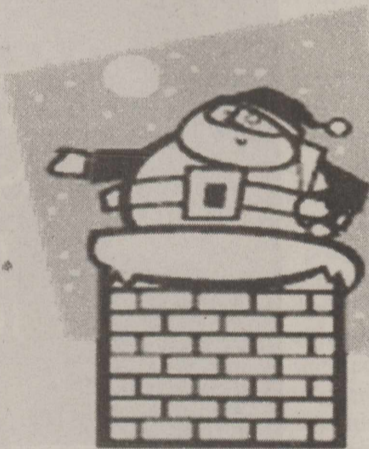
Singles meet in December

UnTied Singles Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The meeting will be held at the 1st United Methodist Church in Stratford at 6:30 p.m. The program will be "American Indians" given by Richard Ragsdale. Planning for a holiday party will also be conducted. Bring your own supper meal. All singles from the area are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Paula Nusz (806-753-6489).

Tri-Corner Artists! Shop at Home and support your local artists. Items will be on Display from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn Every Tuesday Starting November 20th until Christmas. Come and browse and see what we do-You may be surprised.

Attention- It's that time of the year again, Santa Letters. If you wish to send one to Santa the Star will see that it gets mailed on to Santa and we also will publish the letters in our Annual Christmas Edition.

Mailbox will be at Mary Allen School, Ivy Insurance, or mail to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or bring to Marty or Shari's homes.



Please have your letter to the Star by Thursday, December 13th to be included in the Christmas Edition December 20th, 2012

Good Luck Elks

Annual Hunter's Lunch

The Sherman County Older Texans invite the community and all hunters to their annual Hunters Lunch for the first day of pheasant season on Saturday, December 1, 2012. The lunch menu will include smoked pork chops, beans, cornbread, coleslaw, cobbler and drinks of coffee and tea. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1:00 at SCOT Hall located at 517 N.3rd in Stratford. Free will Donation.

Jack Haile's Retirement Party
Will be
Friday, December 7th
At the
County Barn
From
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Calling ALL Santa's helpers, the Angel Tree has arrived and is at Main Street Essentials. Please help an Angel to have a great Christmas!



When picking that someone special please register your Angel with the cashier and return back on or before December 8, 2012. The Angel Tree Project is very Thankful for having such a great community! Merry Christmas to ALL!

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Blueberry Coffee Cake Warms Those Chilly Mornings

(NAPS)—When the temperature drops, a cinnamon-scented kitchen is especially warm and inviting. Savor the warmth every time you bake a Blueberry Coffee Cake. The classic recipe here, rich with sour cream and dense with luscious blueberries, is a blue-ribbon winner! And a bonus—because it's made with reduced-fat products, the calories are relatively low for a treat that tastes so indulgent.

Blueberries—fresh and frozen—are abundantly available through the winter months, so you can enjoy Blueberry Coffee Cake and all the blueberry dishes you love anytime you like. Find a large collection of recipes, nutrition information and more at www.LittleBlueDynamos.com.

Blueberry Coffee Cake

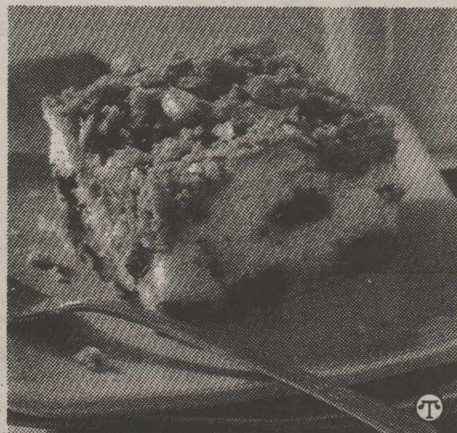
Topping:

- ½ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup flour
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1¼ teaspoons cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened

Cake:

- 1½ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- ¼ cup fat-free half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (not thawed) blueberries

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray a 9 x 9-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. Make the topping: In a small bowl, stir



Blueberry Coffee Cake makes a great breakfast, snack or dessert anytime of year.

oats, flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add butter and blend until crumbly. Set aside. Make the cake batter: In a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, add butter and sugar; with an electric mixer, beat until fluffy, about 1 minute. Add the eggs, sour cream, half-and-half and vanilla; beat until well blended, about 1 minute. Add the flour mixture; beat on low speed to combine, scraping the sides with a rubber spatula, about 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and mix just until well blended, about 30 seconds. With a rubber spatula, gently fold in the blueberries. Turn batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle the topping mixture evenly on top; press lightly. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool in pan 30 minutes before serving.

Yield: 16 portions
Per portion: 216 calories; 33 g carbohydrate; 8 g total fat; 5 g saturated fat; 1 g fiber

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Don't confuse fame with success. Madonna is one; Helen Keller is the other.

—Erma Bombeck

If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it.

—Erma Bombeck

From the Desk of Chief Powell



I would like to take this opportunity to say I am honored to have served as YOUR Chief of Police since my arrival here in 2010. This week will be spent preparing for my new position, as the beginning stages of the transition will begin on December 3rd. The Stratford Police Department has come a long way and I hope we have served you well during my stay. From the implementation of business checks to open houses, Easter Egg Hunts in the park, Music on the star at Halloween, and on to weekly articles, Facebook, and a website to keep you informed of what's going on, we have enjoyed the ride and hope you have as well. This will be my final article from my office here at the Police Department as I ask you to look forward to the beginning of 2013, when these weekly articles will resume under a new title: "From the desk of Sheriff Powell."

From YOUR Police Department. Have a safe and happy holidays!!
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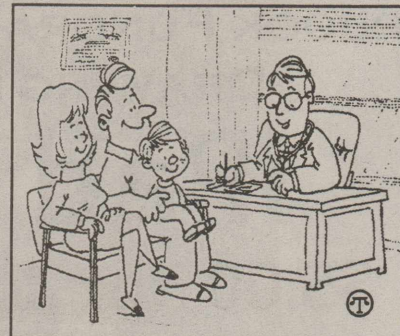
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Medicare and Medicare Advantage, the private sector Medicare option, can help people prepare for a healthy future. Once boomers and beneficiaries understand the Medicare options available to them, they can visit the websites of specific health plans.

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By Marylou McDaniel

There was a Hawkins gathering at the First Assembly of God church for the Thanksgiving feast. Local family members were joined by others from the Stillwater and Longview areas, all were here for the Saturday wedding of Leroy & Robin Hawkins. A small family reception followed at the church. The couple is honeymooning in Branson, MO and will reside in Stillwater, OK where Leroy is pastor at Hosanna Assembly of God church.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had a houseful of grandchildren over the holiday: Kylee & Kaiden from Bushland, TX and Tale, Jacy & Dason from Mooreland, OK. Their fathers, Jimmy & Duane also visited. Marylou, Mike & Patti McDaniel enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Thelma Smith in Dumas. Merilee McDaniel, here from Fort Worth, was out for a visit on Friday.

For Thanksgiving, Florecia Eslinger and daughter, Becky Howell, traveled to South Dakota where they met Florecia's son, Lonnie Eslinger from Pennsylvania, at a hunting lodge. They enjoyed viewing wildlife and scenery of the area, leaving before they got caught up in the snow.

Joining Ciccy & Roy Harris for Turkey dinner were their daughter, Shanna Wiggins, from Woodward, OK and Gary Hudgens.

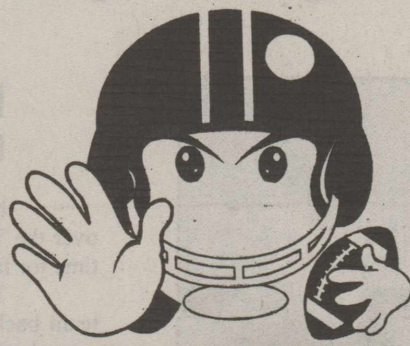
Doug Taylor was in Stratford with sister, Linda Keener, and family for turkey.

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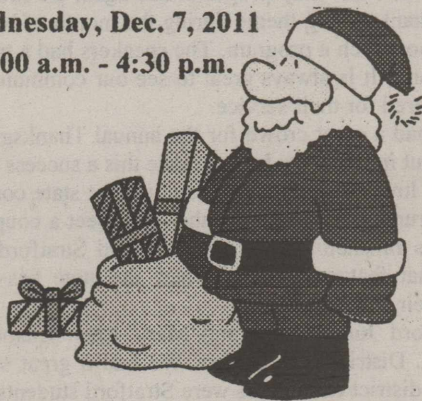
Open House

Refreshments will be served
and we will have a drawing for two \$50.00 gift cards.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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items. Photos by Sundays at 4
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Thank you

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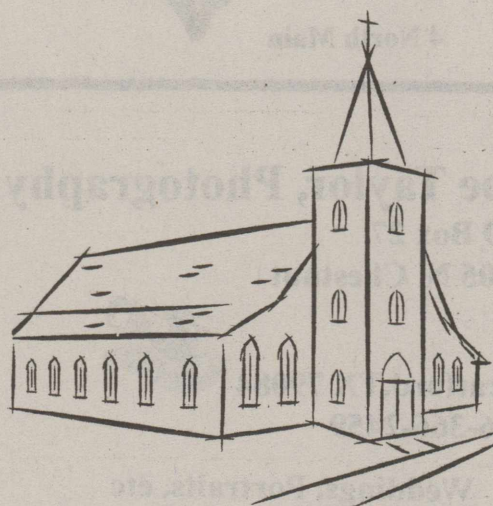
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
Rev. Jim Smith 396-2178
520 N. Main
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Stratford Independent School District News



College Fair Held

Stratford High School juniors and seniors visited with different colleges at the College Fair held in the activity gym on Tuesday, November 20. Seniors from left visiting with OSU representative from left, Erin Wilkins, Haydee Rojas and Tiffany Turner.

Beat Panhandle

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

Not sure I will be able to recover from the first class eating that I participated in over the Thanksgiving break. I am really scared to get on my scales again. It was a great time for family and reflection of all of the many blessing that we have received.

The Thanksgiving tradition of Elk football was enjoyable. It is good to see the team back in the playoffs after an excellent regular season. The district champion Elks earned a hard-fought win over Anson last week. We get spoiled with the success of the Elks - but it is hard to win playoff games. All of the teams are good and sometimes it is a just a play or two that means the difference between advancing or ending the season. Just glad we made enough plays to advance.

The Elks continue their run in the playoffs against Panhandle on Friday with a 4 pm kickoff at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Because of the early gametime, school will observe an early dismissal with the busses running at 1 pm. Go Elks!

The Veterans' Day program was again an excellent community event. It really ties into the Thanksgiving theme during the month of November. It is such a blessing for the school to host such a program. The speakers had a tremendous message that everyone can benefit from. It is always great to see our community's veterans at the school house and being honored for their service.

We had a great crowd for the annual Thanksgiving feed at the school cafeteria. Lots of folks put in the extra duty to make this a success for our community and students.

I just love seeing Stratford students at state competition medal ceremonies. The cross country runners competed in the state meet a couple of weeks ago in Round Rock. The Lady Elks finished fifth in the state and Stratford had two individuals medal at a competition that featured the very best the state has to offer. Congratulations to the athletes and their coaches.

Stratford Junior High and Mary Allen Elementary recently competed in the Academic UIL District competition. We had a great showing from the youngsters and thirteen of the district champions were Stratford students in various events. Great job SJH and MAE students and staff.

The Lady Elk basketball team is in its early stages of its non-district schedule. The girls are playing hard and getting better in preparation for the district competition which will begin in January.

The junior high Elks and Lady Elks opened up their home season last week with big wins over Booker. We have a lot of young talent at the junior high - looking forward to their progress this season.

We changed band directors during summer, but the performance has remained outstanding. This includes a permanent fixture on the Birdsong supper menu - the bandburger. We appreciated all of you that support the band program by visiting the basketball concession stand. Money raised will help the band take its once-every-two-year band trip. This year the group will be traveling to Dallas.

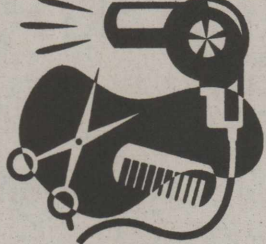
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The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees has resolved to sell the old bus barns on Lots 11-14 in Block Number 2, in the town of Stratford, Texas, recorded in Volume 109 page 456 as per the map or plat thereof on file with the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas. The property will be sold as one unit. The selected bidder will be responsible for all survey, title policy and closing costs.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., December 10, 2012. Stratford I.S.D. has the right to reject or accept any and/or all bids, to make awards as they may appear advantageous and to waive all formalities in bidding. Bids will be reviewed with possible action at the Board of Trustees regular scheduled meeting in December, 2012. Stratford ISD does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer and Wine off premise beverage permit by Convenience Beverage, INC. DBA Convenience Beverage, Inc. #361 located at 10 S. Maple Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Robert Marrufo, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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Bird's Nest

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The junior high band members attended West Texas A&M- Midwestern State football game, along with a Texas Tech-Kansas game this past month. This was great exposure for our kids to see the great bands that West Texas A&M and Texas Tech produce. The band program also received a private donation that purchased the game tickets for the Tech-Kansas contest. Great to live in a caring community.

I really enjoyed the fall production. The kids really stepped up with some strong performances. It is a great opportunity for our one-act play to get stage experience away

from the actual UIL competition. The community again showed great support for the program with the auction. The proceeds will be shared between OAP and Kenedi Groves - nice touch OAP!

Once again our students and faculty responded to put together an excellent Fall Festival. The meal was good, the coronation excellent, the skit was enjoyable, and the carnival had something for nearly everyone. Good job and thanks to those that donated to the senior trip.

The election is finally over...guess I will go back to watching the sitcoms instead of 24-hour news. The community selected Michelle Lutes, Tres Hess, and Brad McBryde to fill positions on the Board of Trustees. I want to thank them for their willingness to serve. I also want to thank Greg Wright for his 6 years of service and his support of our students and district.

The district again received a "Superior Rating" in the Financial Integrity System of Texas (FIRST). We were very close to garnering a perfect score. The district continues to operate very efficiently with the funds that are available to get the best value possible for our students. It takes an entire district filled with fiscally responsible employees in order to achieve financial discipline.

It appears that the Education Foundation will have approximately \$7,000 of grant money to award during the spring. The next grant deadline will be February 1st. I can't wait to see the out-of-box experiences that our teachers submit for our students.

Last month I had a quick trip to Austin was for a Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) major committee planning meeting. Some of the top school people from around the state converged to plan for the upcoming legislative session. Lots of good discussion concerning an accountability system that moves more of the accountability to the local communities rather than the state and broadens the criteria for what a community should expect from the local district. For example, our district had a tremendous year last year in the fine arts - band and one-act play. But none of that is on the current accountability system. We do a lot more than the four core subjects - other measurements of success should be recognized as well.

I am currently serving in a position of leadership among the Region 16 (Panhandle) School Administrators. We are preparing for the upcoming legislative session this spring. We are hopeful that the state will be able to restore the funding cuts that took place during the last biennium. The school finance lawsuits continue to be heard in the courts. It is difficult to prepare a budget for the next couple of years with so much uncertainty when it comes to funding.

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.

New Map Helps Volunteers Fight Hunger

(NAPS)—There's helpful news for volunteers and programs looking for an opportunity to fight hunger. That's good news for those in need of aid.

A new map has been created to help identify the level of hunger in a particular area, the programs active in the region and places where volunteers are needed.

A National Problem
Research provided by the group Feeding America indicates that hunger exists to one degree or another all throughout the country. For example, more than 16 percent of Californians live with what's called food insecurity.

Food insecurity is defined as a lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members. It's not just having enough food—it's also about having the right foods.

In Florida, it's thought that just over 17 percent of people there are food insecure. Even in Iowa, the breadbasket of America, more than 12 percent of people go to bed hungry.

On the Front Line
When it comes to fighting hunger, nonprofits are on the front line providing services—from collecting donations to operating food pantries and more—to those who need them, especially during the holidays.

Volunteer, and you can make an impact in a number of ways—whether ensuring that children aren't hungry at school or provid-



Meals on Wheels volunteer breakfast servers at the Two Rivers Senior Center, Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

ing the elderly with at least one hot meal a day.

Unfortunately, volunteers aren't always clear about where the greatest need exists for their efforts. To help, VolunteerMatch has partnered with the Walmart Foundation as part of the Foundation's \$2 billion commitment to fighting hunger. The result is a map of volunteer needs in the U.S. that pertain to hunger.

For example, those who recently viewed the map at VolunteerMatch.org could see that there were, at that time, over 3,000 ways to fight hunger identified at over 8,000 organizations seeking volunteers.

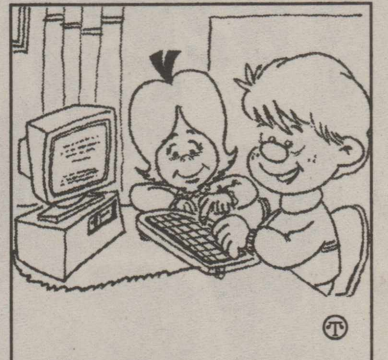
VolunteerMatch is the Web's largest volunteer engagement network. It was founded in 1998 and has helped connect millions of volunteers to great nonprofits.

To learn more or to view the map, visit www.volunteermatch.org/fighthunger.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The Netflix "Just for Kids" tab lets youngsters instantly watch a huge range of age-appropriate entertainment on a TV, PC, Mac, iPad or game console. For more information, visit www.netflix.com.

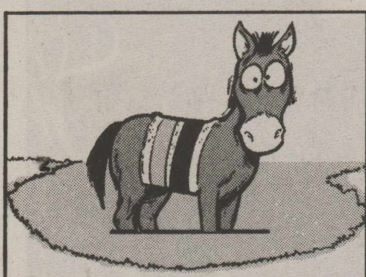
Increased phosphorus uptake can improve plant health and generate a better crop. That's why a product called AVAIL® Phosphorus Fertilizer Enhancer is added to



phosphorus fertilizer. It's designed to make more of the nutrient available for plant uptake. To learn more, visit www.sfp.com.

To help men maintain the bald or shaved head look, there's Bee Bald Man Care Products, a collection of innovative skin care necessities packed with effective, high-quality ingredients for superior hydrating and infused with anti-oxidant and antiseptic properties. For more on taking charge and proactively becoming baldly beautiful, visit www.beebald.com.

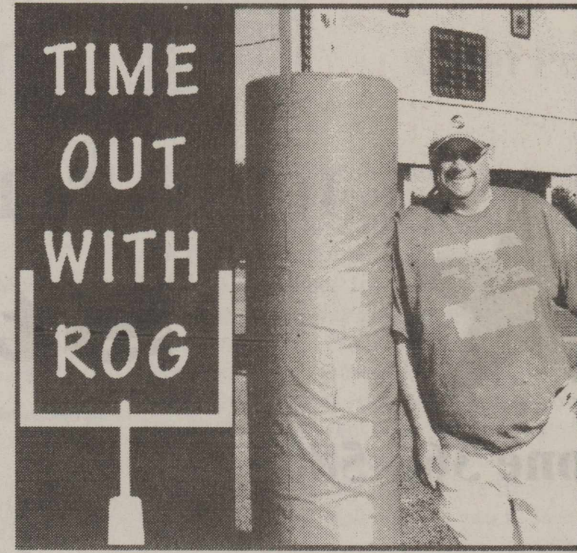
GOOD LUCK ELKS



A mule won't sink in quicksand but a donkey will.

Remember to get your Santa Letters in by December 13th
Thank you

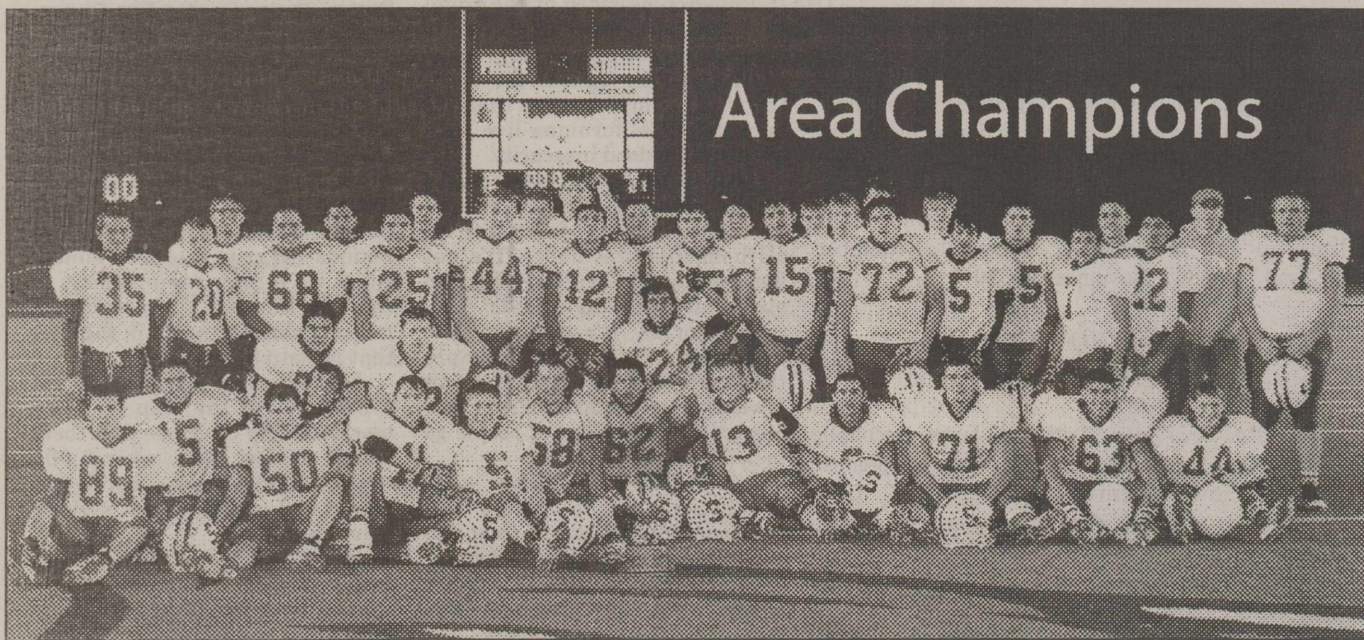
Stratford Elk Football 2012

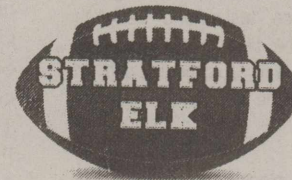
If your Thanksgiving turkey hasn't settled before that game, it did after! Wow what a game and the end of the game was a nail biter!!! We bent but we did not break, period! After we started with a bang Anson said hold on here we ain't laying down yet! They had a good team and a good quarterback, but at the end we did what needed to be done! Colton Rendon intercepted a fourth down pass to seal the deal!! This reporter was a little excited but I knew in the end our Elks would come out with a victory! Usem' 21-them 16!

Tanner Wright completed 3 of 5 passes for 30 yards. Kelby Hartman carried the ball for 137 yards on 16 carries and scored two touchdowns followed by Alex Chavoia with 66 yards on 15 carries and led the Elks defensively with 9 tackles.

Next up is the Panhandle Panthers, a team we know well!! Everybody just because we beat 'em the first time doesn't mean a hill of beans!!! It will be a game between two district rivals who know each other very well! Games at Dick Bivin's stadium at 4 p.m. Friday, sharp or so! Proud of our Elks and they will show their Elk Pride! Jim Pearce a press is a press! Please pray for Kenedi! Once an Elk always an Elk!!!!



Stratford Elks captured the Area Win on Friday, November 23, 2012 against Anson at Lubbock Cooper. The Elks will now play a rematch with Panhandle on Friday, November 30 at 4 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium for the Regional Championship. Go Elks!!

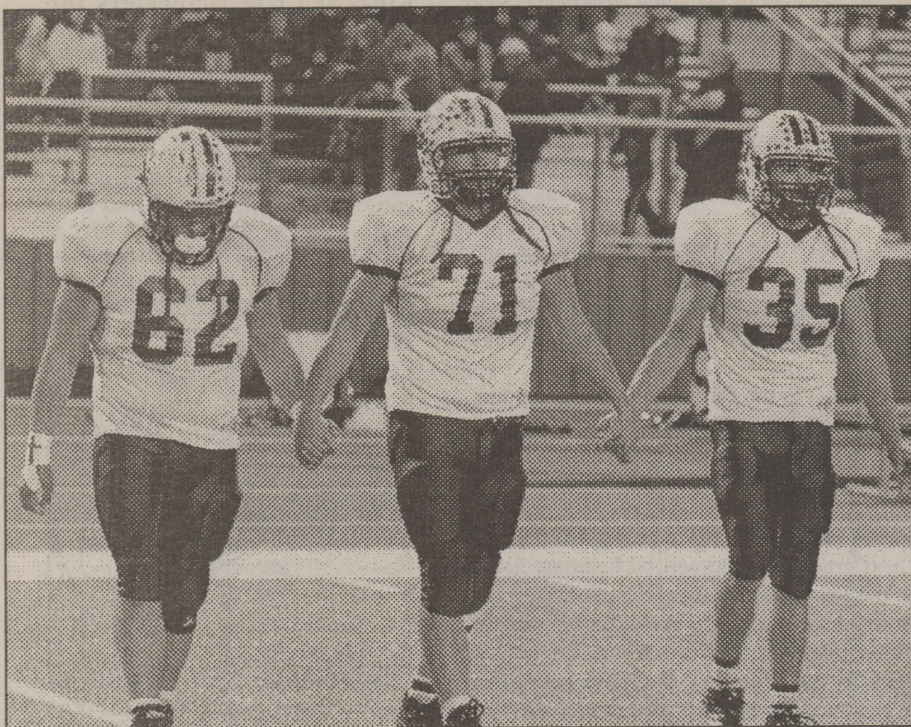


**PLAYERS
OF THE
WEEK**

OFFENSIVE LINE - LEO IBARRA
OFFENSIVE BACK - KELBY HARTMAN
DEFENSIVE LINE - ALEX CHAVOYA
DEFENSIVE BACK - COLTEN RENDON
SPECIAL TEAM - GIOVANI ROMERO



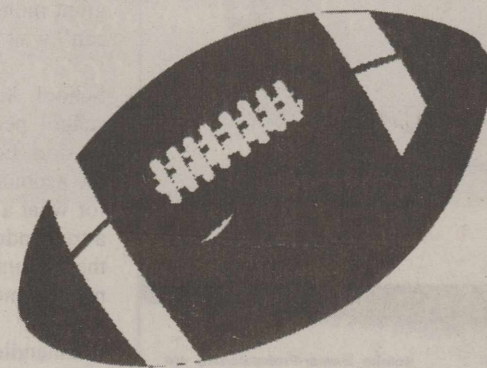
Good Luck Elks



Stratford Elk Captains Leo Ibarra, Victor Acevedo and Alex Chavoia enter the field at Lubbock Cooper in the Elks Area win over Anson on Friday, November 23.



Kelby Hartman breaks loose from Anson defense and scores in the Elks Area win on Friday, November 23.



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Stratford Elk fans from left, Reaghan Audrain, Kenlee McBryde and Cody Paige Audrain did a great job ringing the bell for the Elks on Friday, November 23.