

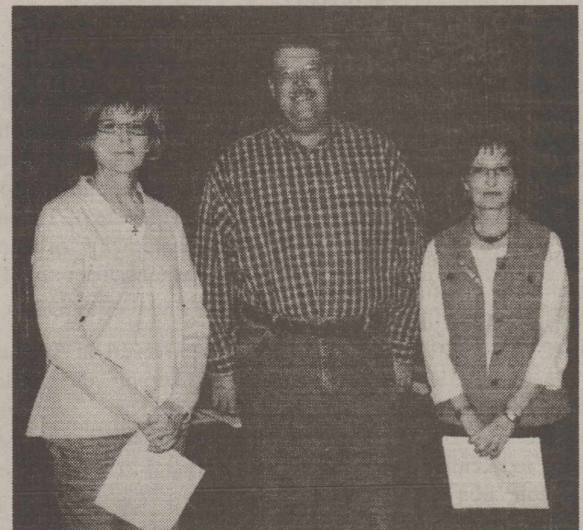
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The Stratford Fire department recently received new bunker gear paid for by the City of Stratford. Shown at left are Mayor and City council members at last week's City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 16th, 2010. Shown at left (L to R), Scott Caldwell, Bryan Wright,



New Board Members

Stratford ISD Education Foundation held their annual meeting at the Imagination Station November 15, 2010. Shown above are the new board members left to right are Becky Asher, Brent Spurlock and Doris Parsons.

LIONS CLUB
PHEASANT HUNTER BREAKFAST
 Sat. Dec. 4, 2010 - 6:00 a.m.
 Sherman County Barn
 \$7.00 per plate
 Chances on Remington 12 gauge shotgun are available from Lions Club members.



Help "Toys for Tots"

Photo by Bailey Naugle
 To help fill the truck for Toys for Tots, simply bring a new/unopened, unwrapped toy to Chevrolet before December 21st. If you are unable to visit the dealership you can make a donation that will be used to purchase a toy in your name.

Ricky Reed, Mayor
 Marca Ewers, Brad Williams, Ann Johnson, Joe Zak, Dean Hauser, Danny Davis, Rudy Salazar, Dru Spurlock, Shelby Long, Olga Torres, David Davis and Justin Lanning.
 Not pictured are Jack Gore, Jesse Mariscal, Scott Hudson, Jeremy Bench, Brent Reed, Dennis Mace and Gary Lowe.
 Stratford Fire Department has 15 active members. For the past year they have had 446 man hours working calls (fires, wrecks, etc.) 538 man hours in training.
 Fire Chief Dean Hauser would like to remind everyone that they meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Doors are always open. Welcome new recruits. If you would like to have them speak to any civic groups (Girl and boy scouts, etc). They are available. Thank you guys for all that you do for this community. We appreciate you.

Project Christmas Card Begins

Project Christmas Card is a joint project between the Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star to benefit the Sherman County Public Library. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford area, you are asked to make a donation to the library. Figure up how much it costs for the cards, stamps and your time, add a little extra and bring your donations to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Your name will be placed on a full page Christmas card printed in the December 23rd, 2010, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas".
 Previous years' donations have purchased computers, large print books, audiobooks, and shelving. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area, if not the state, so let's help continue to support it. Deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 17th, 2010. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

Depot Museum Open House & Santa Claus

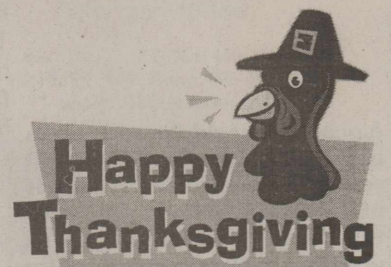
The Depot Museum will be having Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 1st right after the Christmas Parade. We will have Santa Claus for the kids and refreshments for everyone. Come by and see our Santa exhibits and visit with our new Board Members.

"Share the Harvest" Continues through the month of Dec.

On November 1, the Happy State bank kicked off their "Share the Harvest" campaign. They joined with the Stratford Food Bank to build up their supplies for the upcoming holidays. Please take your dry good donations by anytime during the month of December and help "Share the Harvest" with others less fortunate in our community.

Red Hats to meet Dec. 2nd

Red Hats will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 2010 at Elk Junction. Please bring a Christmas Ornament.



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DECEMBER 4, 2010
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All Stratford ISD Events will be posted on the SCDC Community Calendar at www.shermancountytx.org

Stratford Municipal Court -NOTICE-

The Stratford Municipal court office will be closed the week of November 29th through December 3rd, 2010. If your appearance date falls in that week, it will be extended to December 6th, 2010
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 Pat Hartman 366-7644
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 Marty

Obits

Ginger Dean Higgins
November 3, 2010

FREDERICKSBURG

Ginger Dean Higgins passed away Nov. 3, 2010, at the age of 59.

Ginger is survived by her husband Jim, sons Jonathan and Colin, her dog Turbo Jo; parents, Ginger and Steve Stoltzfus; Jim's parents, Bill and Mary Jo Cox; sisters, Diana Liljedahl and Victoria O'Connor and her husband Thomas; sister-in-law, Linda North and husband Jack; brother-in-law, Mike Cox and wife Christy; sister-in-law, Nakita Brack and husband John; nieces and nephews, Jim and Brandilyn Graham, Ryan O'Connor and wife Alyson, Kellen O'Connor, Jason Cox, Dustin Cox, Josh Brack and wife Amanda, Callie Brack, Troy North and wife Laura, Teddy North, and Sara North.

Ginger was born in Tulsa, Okla., to Kenny and Ginger Gammon. She spent most of childhood in Peru as a missionary child. She graduated from Yarinacocha School in Peru. She met her husband, Jim, in Tulsa and they were married Feb. 25, 1978. She lived in Fayetteville, Ark., for 14 years, where their two sons were born.

They moved to Fredericksburg in 1992. Ginger loved to travel, cook, and do crafts or just doing anything with her family and friends. She made a lasting impression on so many children through her work in the Fredericksburg school system. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Dodds Nursery, 1st Class Bed & Breakfast, and most recently for Fredericksburg Enterprises.

Ginger was preceded in death by her father, Kenny Gammon; two aunts, Katie Gammon and Lillian Cranford; an uncle, Virgil Gammon; and a brother-in-law, Billy Stafford.

A celebration of Ginger's life was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at 1290 S. Eagle St., the home of Brad and Lynnda Findley in lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up at Compass Bank in Fredericksburg. Online condolences may be left at www.fredericksburg-funerals.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of Fredericksburg Funeral Home.

Marvin G. Cotton
December 1, 1939 –
November 17, 2010

Marvin G. Cotton, 70, a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa passed away November 17, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. He showed us all how to die with grace and class; he maintained his sense of humor and positive attitude to the end of his life.

Marvin was born December 1, 1939 in Ballinger, Texas. He moved to Stratford, Texas in 1950 where he worked for various farmers and grain elevators. He married Marysue Taylor on September 10, 1960 and with her enjoyed 50 years of marriage.

He graduated from West Texas State College (now West Texas A & M) in 1962 with a BBA in marketing. He received master's degrees in systems management from the Florida Institute of Technology and contract procurement management from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Marvin served in Vietnam as an Officer in the Ordnance Corps. His decorations included a Bronze Star Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Campaign Medal, two overseas service ribbons, and a parachutist badge. His blindness in one eye since childhood made his military service more remarkable. As a Department of the Army civilian, he worked on the Rock Island Arsenal for 31 years, retiring in 1994. He received a Superior Civilian Service Award, the nation's third highest civilian award, for his service.

Marvin enjoyed his retirement more than most. He enjoyed spending time with his family, most notably with his grandchildren. He made every activity an adventure and always had lots of fun. His grandchildren and many friends will cherish their memories of adventures with him.

He had numerous hobbies, the most recent of which were fishing, hunting, gunsmithing, and bee-keeping. One of his fondest accomplishments was the establishment and furnishing of his dead animal room (a room where you display your taxidermed mounts). His ability to make friends brought together important people from all stages of his life and spread his interests from the East Coast to Iowa to Texas. He was well-known as a bee-keeper, military relic collector, and hunter. As he aged he lost more parts. In addition to the eye, he lost the hearing in the left ear, his left kidney and finally his right lung. He basically ran out of spare parts. Burial was in Stratford, Texas. The family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife of 50 years, MarySue, daughter Jimmie Sue (Dave) Ring, daughter Connie Cotton, son Steve (Bobbie) Cotton, grandchildren Andy Ring, Emily Cotton and Sam Cotton; brother Joe (Cathy) Taylor and nephew Jordan Taylor; mother Marie Terry; stepbrothers Dan

Gillis and Elwood Gillis; stepsister June Bingham, sisters Pat Gillis and Vicky Lucht; numerous nieces and nephews and brothers in every way but blood Richard McMinn, Henry Harrison, Melvin Mitts, Bill Dyess, and Dean Krueger.

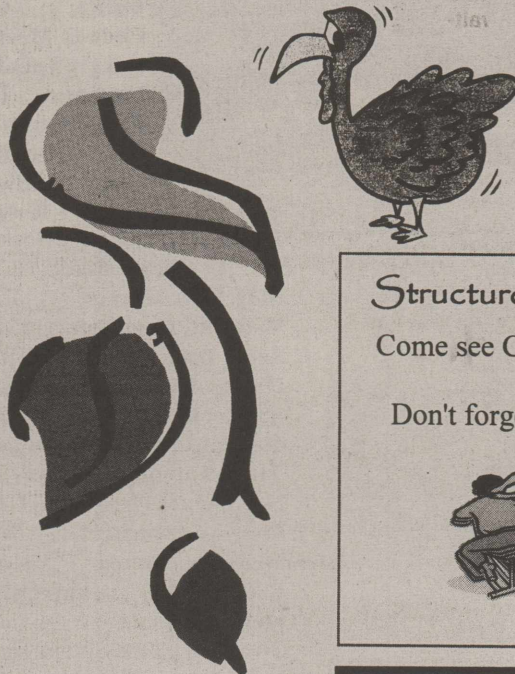
He is preceded in death by his father, Reginald Cotton, his benefactors Cone and Juanita Donelson, his mother and father-in-law, Helen and Jim Taylor, and his nephew, Erich Taylor.

Condolences may be expressed to the family by viewing Marvin's obituary at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

Graveside arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

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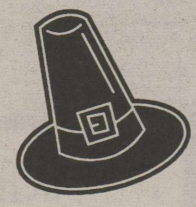
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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

First State Bank
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Refreshments will be served
and we will have a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card.
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Santa will join us at 2:00 p.m. so bring the kids by to get their photo.

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The future is called "perhaps," which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you.
—Tennessee Williams

To the outside world we all grow old. But not to brothers and sisters. We know each other as we always were. We know each other's hearts. We live outside the touch of time.
—Clara Ortega

Charity begins at home but shouldn't end there.
—Scottish Proverb

Everything in creation has its appointed painter or poet and remains in bondage like the princess in the fairy tale 'til its appropriate liberator comes to set it free.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

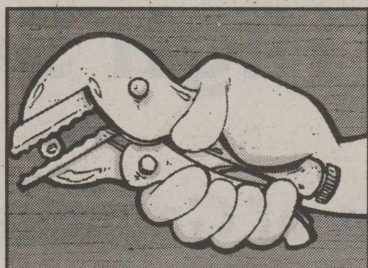
There were 51 who came from Dalhart, Boise City, Stratford, Keyes, Canyon and New Mexico, all of whom had ties with Kerrick. Roy & Ciccy Harris were hosts for the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Dinner.

Dempsey Collums and Lara Wells presented the US and Texas Flags. Donna Gillenwaters gave a reading, "A Thanksgiving Hymn".

Musical numbers were played during the evening by the Hanveys, Tisa, Emalee, Elh, Estee, Teague.

Enjoying the great food and visiting were the Borens, Bill & Pat, Joe Bill & Jennifer, Will, Brice, Callie & Ryan, Leo & Elaine Horne, George & Barbara Avnet, Bevin, Donna & Tait Avent, Keith & Bonnie Borth, Tom & Debbie James, Bud & Frankie Shields, Shelby & Katie Long, Bob & Katie Lewis, Tim Hanvey.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Doug Taylor, Heath, Kenna & Dempsey Collums, Leonard & Peggy Hawkins, Roger & Brandi Wells and Lara, Addie and Maylee, Susie Asher, Minnie Hampton, Mike & Beth Ann Williams, Marylou & Mike McDaniel.



Locking fixed-joint pliers have become known by their first brand name, Vise-Grip. It's said the Vise-Grip was the brainchild of Danish immigrant William Petersen, who patented an early design in 1921.



The average American spends two years of his or her life waiting for meals to be served.



Elsie Lasley honored on her 100th B-day

Elsie Lasley was honored with a 100th birthday party on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Family shown above are 4th row back Cullen Ondracek, Clint McAdams, Steve McElwee, Kenny Mire, Steve McAdams, Ted McAdams, Jonathan Owen, Kyle McAdams & Ronna McAdams, 3rd row-Sunday McAdams, Karan McElwee, Wendy Mire, Dixie McAdams, Kay McAdams, Mark McAdams, 2nd row-Kendall Mire, Kaitlyn Ondracek, Kelsye Mire, Honoree Elsie Lasley, Camie Owen, Jamie Ondracek, Cody Ondracek. Front row-Hayden McAdams, Hallie McAdams, Layton McAdams, Kade McAdams, Haven Owen

Annual Enchilada Dinner Held

Shown at right are a few of the folks that helped with the St. Joseph's Church Annual Enchilada Dinner held on Sunday, November 14th at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. If you missed it folks, you missed a delicious meal.



To believe is to be strong. Doubt cramps energy. Belief is power.
—Frederick William Robertson

Benevolence is the distinguishing characteristic of man. As embodied in man's conduct, it is called the path of duty.
—Mencius

A Benefit account has been set up for Heidi Brooks at Happy State Bank

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Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

First Christian Church
Pastor Dan Elliott
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. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
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Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
N. 3rd & Chestnut
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. p.m.

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Wed. Service-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School-9:30
Worship Service-10:30
Wed.-Children-6 p.m. youth-7 p.m.

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Who's Who in Stratford High School

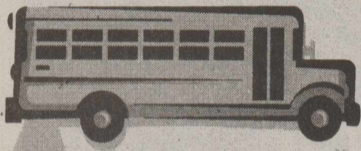


High School Cafeteria Staff: L/R Eliza Rosales, Margarita Ibarra, Lanette Nordyke and Yolanda Meza

Courtesy of Gaynelle Riffe



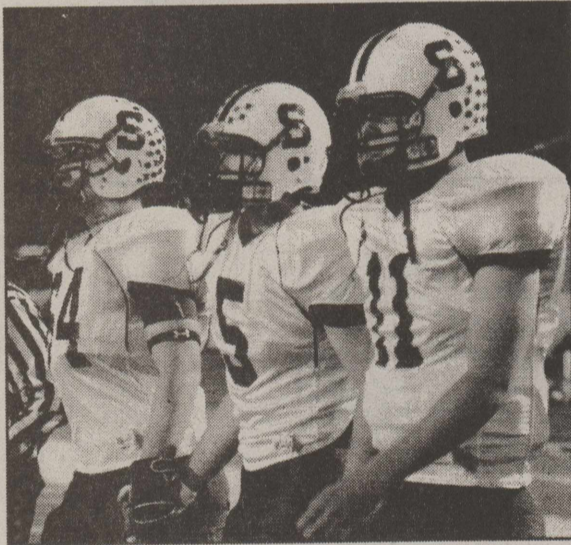
Counselor, Desine Garza



Cindy Franklin Education Diagnostician



Stratford School Custodians: Back Row L/R Lorenza Guerra, Matilde Vasquez, Ester Acosta, Connie Bidy ; Front L/R Lori Smith, Irma Spurlock

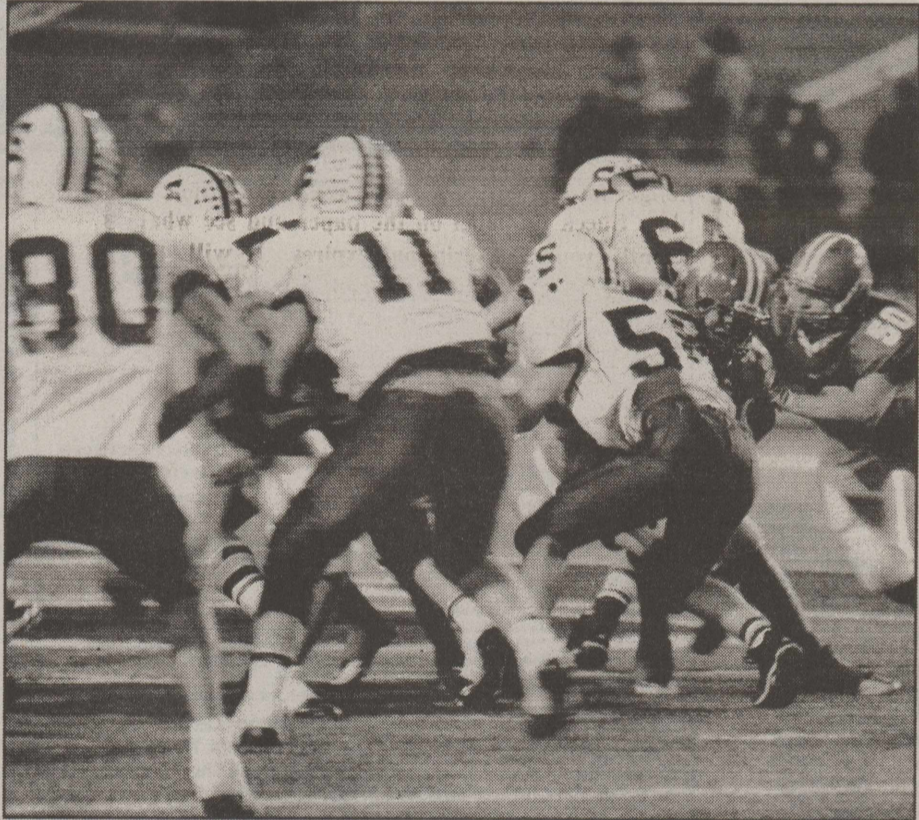


Stratford Elk Senior Captains from left, Tyler Wright, Bryce Cummings and Kyle Horsford head to centerfield for their final coin toss of their high school football career. The Elks lost to Albany 21-15 in the Area round of play-offs.

The Stratford Elks ended their play-off run on Friday, November 19, 2010 with a 21-15 Area loss to Albany.

Kyle Horsford completed 3 of 8 passes for 37 yards and carried the ball for 44 yards on 5 carries. Bryce Cummings racked up 109 yards on the ground with 23 carries and 1 touchdown followed by Alex Chavoya with 34 yards on 9 carries and 1 touchdown. Braiden Palmer caught the ball for 14 yards on 1 catch followed by Trevor Christian with 13 yards on 1 catch and Marcos Garza finished the night with 10 yards on a pass reception. Bryce Cummings scored on a two-point conversion pass from Byron DeAnda and DeAnda scored 1 RAT for the Elks.

Kyle Horsford led the Elk defense with 10 tackles followed by Braiden Palmer with 7 tackles and Chris Hart with 6 tackles.



Stratford Elk Seniors on defense against Albany, #80 Michael Ortega, #11 Kyle Horsford, #58 Chris Hart and #64 Tyler Wright.



Students at Mary Allen Elementary made signs and cheered for the Elks as they left for the Area game against Albany on Friday, November 19, 2010.



The city of Pasadena, Calif., derives its name from an Indian word meaning "valley between the hills."

Basketball



The J.V. Lady Elks lost their first game of the season to Panhandle with a 32-52 score. Jackie Gonzalez led the Lady Elks with 8 points followed by Nohemi Ruedas and Alex Asher with 6 points each.

On Tuesday, November 16, the J.V. Lady Elks beat Dalhart 34-25. Jackie Gonzalez was high point with 12 points followed by Nohemi Ruedas with 8 points.



Lady Elk Ragan Foes sets up the offense for the Lady Elks in their win against Dalhart on Tuesday, November 16.



J.V. Lady Elk Nohemi Ruedas drives to the basket in their win last Tuesday night against Dalhart.



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Card of Thanks

Lexi and her family wish to express their deepest gratitude to everyone who has given us such a tremendous out pouring of support. We are reminded of the story in Matthew 25:35-40 about caring for each other and how God truly smiles upon us! Thank you again and please continue to pray for us as we struggle though this trying time.

Jason, Laura, Lexi and Kennedy

Card of Thanks

To the great people of Stratford: I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Hogman Scholarship Golf Tournament and Beef Raffle this year. Through contributions and these two events, we are closing in on the \$4000.00 mark for 2010!!! We are hoping to reach our goal of \$5000.00 by the end of the year. I have lived my entire life here in Stratford, and it never ceases to amaze me how the community comes through for the young men and women in our schools. The support for these kids is incredible....and I thank each and every one of you for that. I also want to say thank you to DeWain Trayler and Roger Allen for helping take this project on. We would like to remind everyone that as we approach the end of they ear, keep the Hogman Scholarship on the Hogman page at www.stratfordsportsnetwork.com. Also, I don't want to forget our great sponsors that have contributed to the Stratford Sports Network...we love what we do and couldn't do it without everyone's generosity....THANK YOU!! Go Elks.

Greg Wright
Hogman Scholarship Fund

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested vendors for band instruments. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM December 6, 2010. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO 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 6, 2010 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Stratford, TX Post Office to Offer Texas Plains Trail Region Pictorial Postmark

52 Counties Over 52 Weeks

Stratford, TX-- During 2010, the U.S. Postal Service will recognize all 52 counties in the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR) with a special pictorial cancellation. The 48th Special Cancellation activity will take place at the Stratford, Sherman County, Texas Post Office, (201 N Main, on December 1, 2010. For the rest of the year, a Post Office in every TPTR county seat will be offering their respective version of the design. The city, date and county will change each week.

The Texas Plains Trail is one of 10 such trails in the state, part of the Texas Heritage Trails Program, implemented by the Texas Historical Commission.

The following web site provides additional information on the Texas Plains Heritage Trails program — www.the.state.tx.us & www.texasplainsrail.com.

To obtain the Stratford, TX, Sherman County, TX Plains Trail Region Pictorial Postmark People visiting the Stratford, TX Post office on Wednesday, December 2010, may obtain the Stratford, TX, Sherman County, Texas Plains Trail Region pictorial postmark in person at the temporary Post Office station established there.

Those who cannot be there that day but who wish to obtain the special pictorial postmark may submit a mail order request to: Stratford Texas Plains Trail Region Pictorial Postmark ATTN: Postmaster PO Box 9998 Stratford, TX 79084-9998

Pictorial postmarks are available only for the date indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the requested pictorial postmark date. All requests must include a stamped envelope or postcard bearing at least the minimum First-Class Mail® postage.

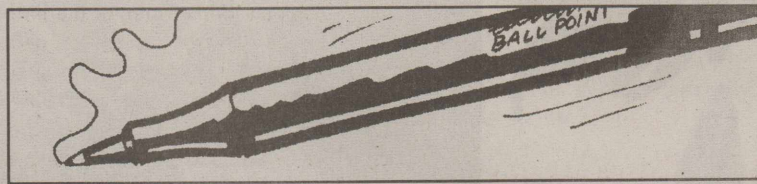
Items submitted for postmark may not include postage issued after the date of the requested postmark. Such items will be returned un serviced.

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix stamps to any envelope or postcard of their choice, address the envelope or postcard to themselves or others, insert a card of postcard thickness in envelopes for sturdiness, and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address listed above.

Customers can also send stamped envelopes and postcards without addresses for postmark, as long as they supply a larger envelope with adequate postage and their return address. After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service will return the items (with or without addresses) under addressed protective cover.

We are members of one great body, planted by nature in a mutual love and fitted for a social life. We must consider that we were born for the good of the whole.

—Seneca



John Loud, an American inventor, patented a ball-point pen in 1888.

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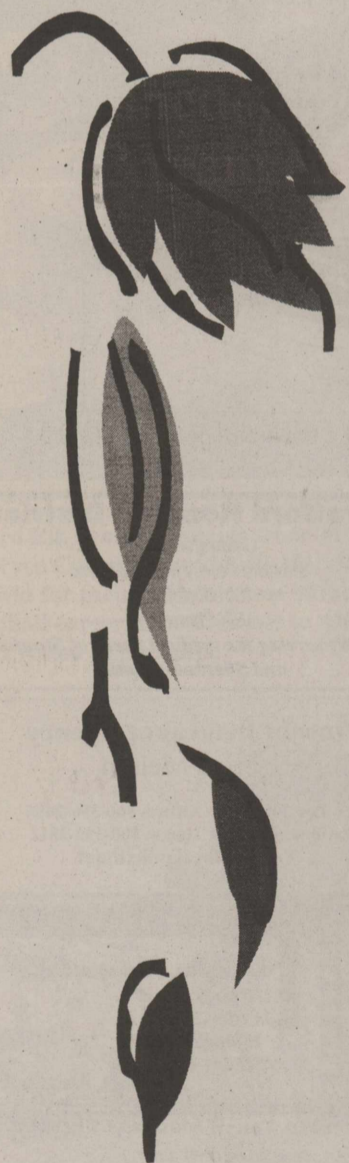
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**Many thanks for your business and many
wishes for a bountiful Thanksgiving**