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Stratford Elks Capture District Championship

Senior football members sown with Head Coach Matt Lovorn after their District win to seal the District Championship on Friday night against Boys Ranch are L/R: Mason McDaniel, Luis Carillo, Sergio Guerrero, Angel Guerra, Colten Lanning, Kade McBryde, Noah Harris, Blake Rios, Daniel DeCasas, Scott Thompson, Pedro Ortega, Coach Lovorn. Kneeling from left, Ruben Gonzalez, Bronc Hodges and Shay Hess

Students compete in Regional **Congressional Debate Competition**

On Tuesday, November 7, Stratford High School students: Ashton Lavake, Daniela Valdez, Hannah Sims, and Jennifer Morillon (alternate) participated in the Regional Congressional Debate competition at Region 16 in Amarillo. Lavake placed 2nd, Valdez and Sims placed 4th (1st alternate to state) and 5th (2nd alternate to state) respectively. All four students worked for several weeks prior to the competition to write legislation and arguments regarding twenty different bills and and/or resolutions. L/R - Morillon, Valdez, Lavake and Sims. Congratulations!





Burr signs National Letter of Intent

Laynee Burr signed her National Letter of Intent for a full scholarship to play basketball at Lubbock Christian University. Laynee will be pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy while attending LCU. Shown with Laynee from Left Coach Tanner Martin, her parents Christy & Ed Burr and brother Zane.

Project Christmas Card Set to Begin

Project Christmas Card is a project benefitting the Sherman County Public Library being sponsored by The Stratford Star this year. 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, estimate how much it costs for the cards and stamps, add little extra and bring your donation to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Names of donors will be placed on a full page Christmas Card printed in the December 21, 2017, Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." Previous years' donations have purchased e-books, computers, large print books, audio books 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. The deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 8, 2017. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

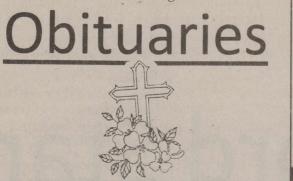
NOV. 24TH 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. MAIN ST. ESSENTIALS

The vendors listed below will be in the store both days! Sue Cullum * "Triple S Embroidery" Erin Gerrond * "Balanced Bakery" Karlyn Jantz * Ind. Sales Consultant for "Thirty-One"

Cece Yelek * "Structured Touch Massage"



SATURDAY NOV. 25TH 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please support your local merchants this holiday season!!





Aderon Jimmy "Jim" Kirkham September 9, 1936-November 4, 2017

Aderon Jimmy "Jim" Kirkham, 81, of Fritch, passed away on Saturday November 4, 2017 in Fritch.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM; Friday, November 10, 2017 at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Borger, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Services and arrangements were under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jim was born on September 9, 1936 in Ada, Oklahoma to Anna Faye Kirkham and Aderon Jake Kirkham. As a young boy, his family moved to Borger where he would attend school and graduate from Borger High School. Shortly after high school, he enrolled in Frank Phillips College. Later he would move to Stratford where he would start raising his family and work for Phillips Petroleum. Jim was a long time employee of Phillips Petroleum, where he retired after 34 years of employment as a field operator. In 1997 he would return to the Borger area where he would reside in Fritch until his passing. Jim proudly served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1955-1962. Mr. Kirkham was an avid gun enthusiast and he was a lifetime member of several gun clubs that included: National Rifle Association, Texas State Rifle Association, and The Lake Meredith Gun Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his brother William Earnest "Bill" Kirkham and by his grandchild, R.J. Kirkham.

Survivors include, his two sons, Bobby Joe Kirkham and wife Katie of Casa Grande, Arizona and James Ray Kirkham and wife Debbie of San Diego, California; his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Ickles and husband Kevin of Conroe; his brother, Donny Kirkham and wife Sue of Nederland; his four grandchildren, Skyler, Kira, Kirsten, and Bryce; and his six great-grandchildren.

Sign the online guest register at www.carrnichael-whatley.com

Stratford Community

It is with a humble heart full of gratitude that I inform you that the voters of Stratford ISD approved propositions A, B and C which will provide our students and staff with new Science Labs, a Vo-Ag Facility and renovations to the Mary Allen Elementary. These upgrades will provide a safer, more secure school in addition to a much needed music room. Thank you to EVERYONE who voted in the election as it is the foundation of our democracy. There were over 380 voters who exercised their right to vote for this pivotal time in our district. There was a huge effort on

behalf of our community members, parents and staff to thoroughly inform our community of the district's needs. While we have challenges lying ahead, our Elk pride is strong. We will continue to drive student improvement and provide our future with better leaders!

Thank You for your Support. Go Elks!

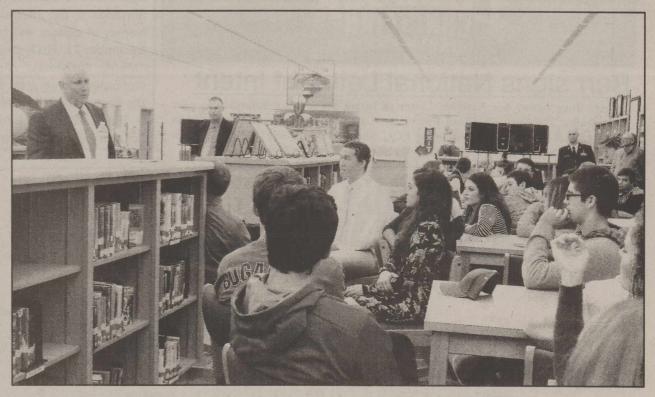
Col. Tillman Key Speaker at Veteran's Day Program



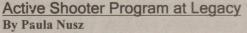
Col. Mark Tillman, pilot and commander of Air Force One was the key speaker at the Veteran's Day program held at Stratford High School on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. This was made possible by several donors and the Stratford Education Foundation.



Col. Mark Tillman, speaker at Veteran's Day program on November 7, 2017 is shown with Stratford HS Student Council. Standing L/R: Jeana Jackson, sponsor, Alex Fierro, Natalia Niave, Tracy Ferguson, sponsor, Taylor Aduddell, Luis Mendoza, Col. Tillman, Colten Lanning, Rese Schoonover, Elizabeth Martinez and in front Francisco Ortega and Jacob Sanchez.



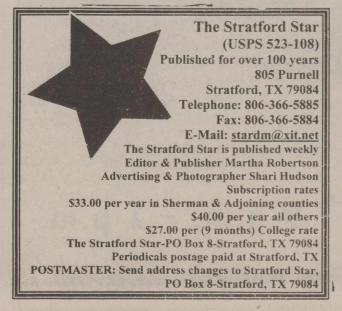
Col. Mark Tillman held a question and answer session with the Senior Class of SHS after the program on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.



Legacy Assisted Living in Dalhart, Texas, hosted an Active Shooter Seminar on Monday, November 6th. Dalhart School Security Officer, Chiz Bell and Tyler Smith, Public Relations Director of Dalhart EMS, presented the program about what to do in the event of a shooter or other violent intruder. Twenty-six persons, including residents, resident family members, and Legacy staff learned various actions to take in an emergency situation.

The men emphasized on being watchful for suspicious persons and actions. Everyone needs to have a mental plan in case of an emergency. One resident said her plan was to fall down and play dead! Legacy Resident Services Coordinator, Paula Nusz, and Facility Director, Tammy Parker, added to the program with tips about locking resident apartments, using each apartment's Safe Place to hide from invaders, and using the fire alarm puli stations to sound an alarm and which would notify emergency responders.

Legacy already has the Copsync911 program on their computer to instantly connect with the closest Five officers in the case of an intruder or other harmful situations. Copsync911 I allows for additional information to be sent to the officers or can be activated and left alone. Each computer has a 'home location' connected to COPsync911 so that responders would know where to start looking for suspects.



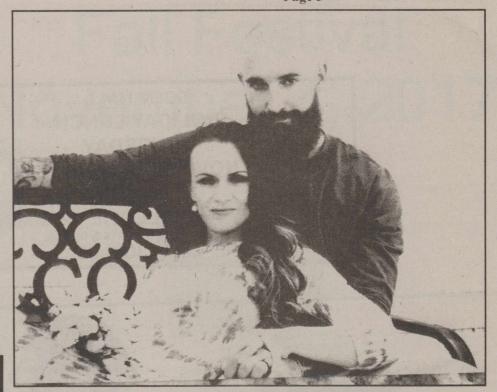
Don't forget your Santa Letters. Deadline is Thursday, December 7, 2017. No letters will be printed in Santa Edition if after 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th.

Mike

Dear Readers:

Would like to ask my readers, if you have a special event no matter what, if you could take a photo and e-mail it to stardm@xit.net or ghud@xit.net. We would gladly publish it for you. There is no charge for local activities going on in our community. Of course advertising is not free, but you all know that already. When you advertise your business, if you charge for something, we usually charge you. Fundraisers to help someone out we do not charge usually donate for that. Special pages yes we charge for that. We cannot be everywhere, and even if it is a small town paper, it really takes full time to put one out. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see in our local paper, please e-mail stardm@xit.net and let us know. If you would like to help out, please let us know ahead of time and please let us know what is happening. We appreciate each and every one of you and are so thankful for our remaining subscribers and the kind thoughts that you do share with us. Even the negative ones. We are glad and thankful and grateful to be living in Stratford, I believe it is one of the best in the whole Panhandle. The folks are so kind and helpful. We have a good thing folks here in Stratford. And we are very blessed.

Good Luck Elks Beat Floydada



Elopement Party

For Jeffery and Kyla (Bell) Wyatt, November 24, 2017 in Stratford, TX. Contact Kyla or Brenda Bell or email <u>ilovek73@gmail.com</u> for further details. Registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and accepting Lowe's Gift Cards

We're saying Thank You to local servicemen & women and their families. We'll start early Saturday, Dec. 23rd at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn cooking for these well deserved people in Sherman County. If you know someone that's serving their country & have family here, contact Lynn Allen @ 753-7979 or Tim Hudson @ 753-7799. Donations are also welcome, there's always a need for meat, wood, charcoal or cash to buy supplies. They take care of us, let's show our appreciation & take care of them.



The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

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 5th & Main Tim Boyer, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (Nursery Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery) No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. Damon Stalvey 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church 6th & Pearl Rectory 366-5687 Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish) Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t. Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Pastor Ron Whitt 702 N. 3rd Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m. Heritage Bible Baptist Pastor Mark Looney 302 S. Main For more info-call 396-2212 Morning worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



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La Mision Bautista Mision Bautista 401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo (Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 a.m. Miercoles (Wednesday) Servicio De Adoration 11 a.m. Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m. Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos Susuinos Durante El Servicio

> Eben-Ezer Templo Hispano Asambleas De Dios Pastor: Juan M. Valenzuela 806-366-3071

205 N. Poplar-Hwy 287 268-2188 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

> Kerrick Community Pastor Roy Harris Community Building 10 a.m. Worship Service

Church of Christ

N. 3rd & Chestnut Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

> **SCOT HALL HOLIDAY LUNCH** THURSDAY **NOVEMBER 16, 2017** 12:00 NOON **TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS** (PREPARED BY ALBERTS IN DUMAS) **COME JOIN US**





LIONS CLUB PHEASANT HUNTERS BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to come.

Sat. Dec. 2, 2017 - 6:00 a.m. **Sherman County Barn Free Will Offering**

Chances on a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun are available from Lions Club members

HARVEST LUNCH

EVERYONE WELCOME

To Join us at S.C.O.T. HALL 517 N. 3RD STRATFORD.TX SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 TIME: 11:30 - 1:00 **SMOKED PORK LOIN** CORNBREAD COLESLAW **COBBLER & PIE PINTO BEANS COFFEE OR TEA**

FREE WILL DONATION

SHERMAN COUNTY OLDER TEXANS

SCOT IS A 501(C)3 NON PROFIT. YOUR DONATIONS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR ENABLES US TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRAMS AND MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY.

SCOT Monthly Activities

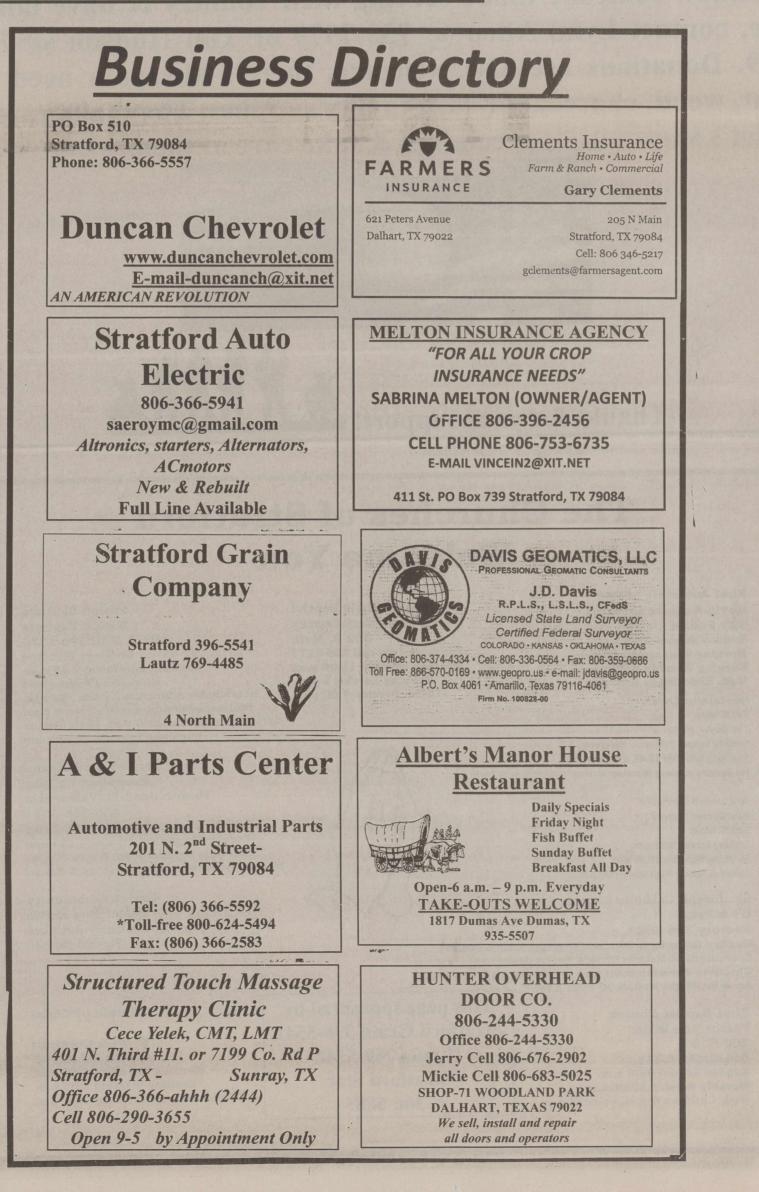
Men's Pool daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

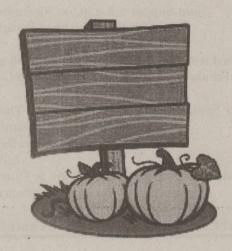
Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon (covered dish Luncheon)

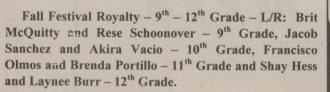


Fall Festival November 4, 2017

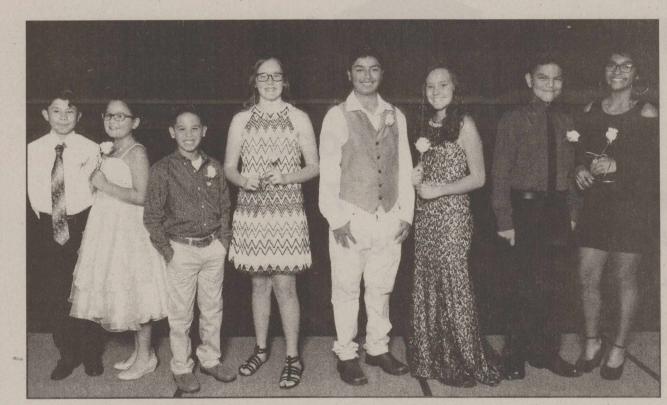




Crowned Fall Festival King and Queen at the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4, 2017 were Shay Hess and Laynee Burr from the Senior Class. Brox Thies Naugle and Bristol Naugle from the 2nd grade class were crowned Prince and Princess. Crownbearers were Eli Jalapa and Bailey Gerrond from the Kindergarten class.







Fall Festival Royalty $-5^{th} - 8^{th} - L/R$: Leo Guerra and Abigail Gutierrez -5^{th} Grade, Izakia Salas and Mila Thompson -6^{th} Grade, Benjamin Paez and Kaidence Hanks -7^{th} Grade, Issai Reta and Destiny Paez -8^{th} Grade.

Fall Festival Royalty – KG-4th Grade – L/R: Eli Jalapa and Bailey Gerrond <u>Kindergarten</u>, Yosvani Rueda and Quinn Pool – 1st Grade, Brox Thies and Bristol Naugle – 2nd Grade, Chase Lantelme, and



What's Happening- In Stratford

Deadlines for Christmas ads and Santa Letters to be printed in the Christmas Edition of The Stratford Star is Thursday, December 7th, 2017. Thank you!!!

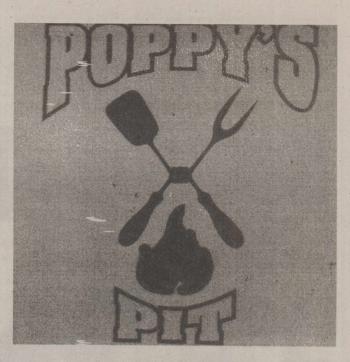
> Soup Supper 6-8 p.m. on November 29th (in conjunction with the Christmas Parade) \$5) Person

Breakfast with Santa-December 9th @ 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance from Stratford Grain starting November 20th

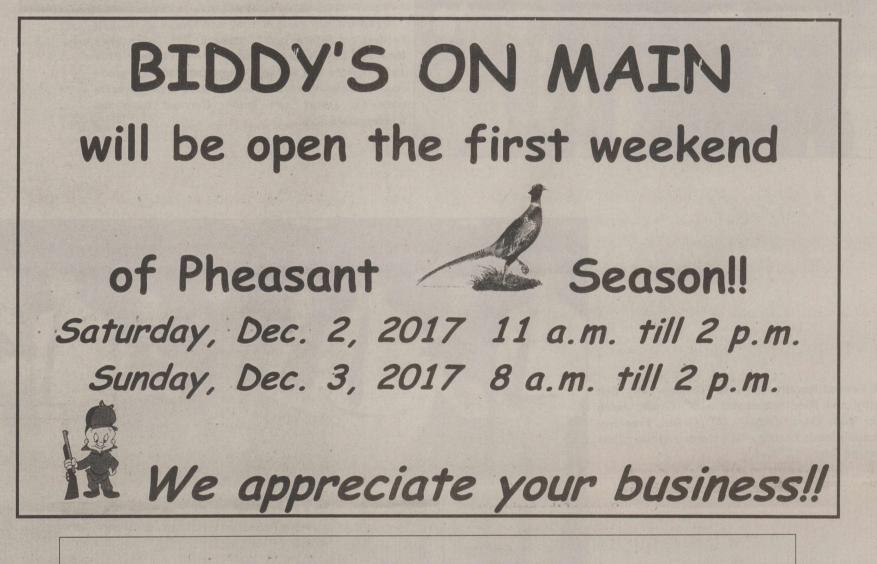
Dear Santa Claus Letters Deadline is Thursday, December 7, 2017. No letters will be printed in Santa Edition if after 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th.

Stratford Star Christmas Edition is Thursday, December 21, 2017. No Stratford Star paper on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

Project Christmas Card deadline is Thursday, Friday, December 8th, 2017.



Owned & Operated by Jade Palmer, Poppy's Pit will be open Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 5 a.m. until 2 p.m. for all the hunters. We're easy to find, located at 218 North Main Street in Stratford.





he'll hand out candy to the kids!

*If you want to participate in the parade, contact Cece Yelek, Parade Chairman @ 806.290.3655.

Brought to you by the City of Stratford Police Dept, Cece Yelek, Sherman County Development & Sherman County Sheriff's Dept.



October Activities At Coldwater Manor

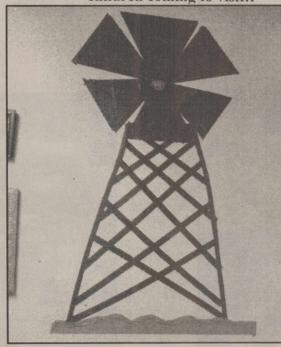






Some of the residents ready to hand out candy to all the trick or treating children coming to visit!!







FUN RUN, HAY RIDE & PHOTOS WITH SANTA'S ELF

ELF

To Benefit Lollipop Junction

* \$25 donation includes race entry and T-shirt for those who pre-register by Nov. 24

Cozy up and enjoy cookies, cocoa and

Christmas lights on the hayride. * \$5/Adult - \$3/Child (10 and under)

* Take a sELFie and leave a letter for Santa. FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

* Registration forms available inside and at Lollipop Junction's Facebook page.

*Race starts and ends at the Stratford Star on Main Street

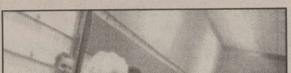
There is more fun at the finish line!

SELFies with Sugarplum, Santa's sweetest elf.

The residents enjoyed some tape art from the Stratford High School art Class

GPM - Strathord, Tr

\$25



Some of the residents at Coldwater Manor competed in Guymon at the Golden Senior Olympics

is the face to the





Lollipop Junction is making a list and checking it twice... we want to find out who has the best lights!

On Dec. 9th Lollipop Junction will be hosting the first ever Reindeer Dash 5K and Lighting Contest.

Our hope for this fundraiser is to spark some friendly competition between neighbors - literally lighting up the course with Christmas cheer!

Entry in the lighting contest is <u>NOT</u> limited to homes on the 5K course.

Your \$25 donation qalifies you to win a \$500 cash price! Registration is due by Dec. 1st Judging takes place Dec. 8th Winner will be announced after the Reindeer Dash 5K on Dec. 9th

Name:	Phone:
Physical:	Mailing:

Yes, I would love to participate! (\$25)

____I would also like to make an additional donation of \$_____

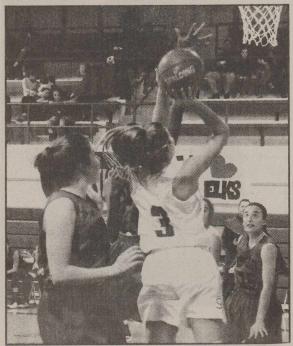
____ I do not want to decorate, but I would love to donate \$____! Total: \$_____

Please cut out and mail this form along with your donation to: Koreley Whittington | PO Box 479 | Stratford, Tx 79084

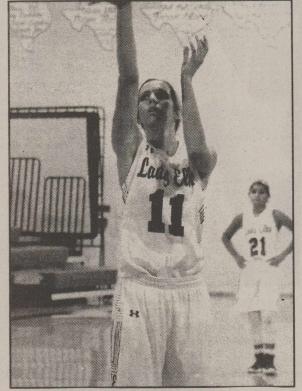
*All proceeds benefit Lollipop Junction construction and expansion. *Decorate to your liking! Winner take all! Must enter by Dec. 1st! -Winner will be selected by a secret panel of out-of-town judges on Dec. 8th. -Winner will be announced after the Reindeer Dash 5K on Dec. 9th. -Winner will receive a \$500 cash prize. THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, November 16, 2017



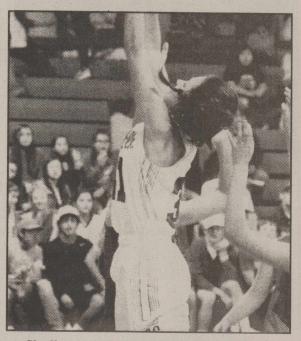
Basketball Time



Lady Elk #3 Laynee Burr goes up for the shot and scores under the basket in the Lady Elks win over Borger.



Lady Elk #11 Allie James scores at the free throw line for the Lady Elks.



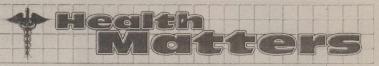
Shadlee Audrain #31 for the Lady Elks scores under the basket.



J.V. Lady Elk #35 Payton Berry scores under the basket for the Lady Elks.



J.V. Lady Elk #15 Rese Schoonover drives to the basket in their win over Borger on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.



Did You Know?

(NAPS)—To help keep your teenage driver on the road to safety, it can be a good idea to take advantage of Les Schwab's free pre-trip safety check, which includes a visual inspection of tires, alignment, brakes and more. Learn more at www.lesschwab.com.

If you ever need long-term care, a life settlement can help pay for it. It's a proven strategy for generating cash from an unwanted or unaffordable life insurance policy. To learn more or find a life settlement professional, call (800) 664-9024 or visit www.lisa.org.

You can have peace of mind with an Arlo or Arlo Pro 100 percent wire-free, indoor-outdoor home monitoring system. Its weatherproof cameras provide seven days of free cloud HD video recordings, motion- and sound-activated alerts, and a 100+-decibel siren. For further facts, go to www.arlo.com.

At www.PlaySafe.org, parents can find a comprehensive, free resource that includes detailed tips on small parts, advice for new parents, how to keep kids safe during active play, information on battery and magnet safety, the importance of parental supervision during play and much more.

The Bayer Bee Care Program recognizes outstanding beekeepers and partner organizations making a difference in their communities. At 14, Jake Reisdorf was awarded the first-ever Young Beekeeper Community Leadership Award, which recognizes future key players in an otherwise aging beekeeping industry. The veterinarian-formulated, natural



way to deter dogs from eating cat stools is to give both animals tasty NaturVet Outta My Box soft chews from Garmon Corporation. Learn more at www.naturvet.com and (888) 628-8783.

Most first responders, a recent survey found, have experienced a traumatic event on the job. To help, University of Phoenix College of Humanities & Sciences operates counseling centers that offer free services to these people. Learn more at www.phoenix.edu/colleges_divisions/ social-sciences/counseling-skills-centers. html. See the survey at www.phoenix.edu/ firstresponders.

Recycled cartons can be turned into tissue paper, stationery, paper towels and building products. Learn more at www.recyclecartons.com.

For ideas on improving your cell signal, you can get the "Ultimate Consumer Guide to Cell Phone Signal Boosters" from the industry leader in cellular signal-boosting technology, weBoost. Its phone accessories amplify signals by as much as 32 times. Learn more at www. weboost. *** Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors. —Franklin D. Roosevelt

Success is that old ABC-ability, breaks and courage. —Charles Luckman

*** Men can bear all things except good days. —Dutch Proverb *** Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circum-

stances, would have lain dormant. —Horace ***

Economic advance is not the same thing as human progress. —John Clapham

Fortify Against The Flu At Work With Feng Shui

(NAPS)—Chances are your job makes you sick—literally. According to one recent survey, conducted by Morar Consulting for Staples, 73 percent of American workers report catching a cold or the flu at work. Fortunately, there are ways employers and office managers can reduce this risk for employees. To help maximize total well-being this season, Staples, along with Feng Shui expert Susan Chan, created energy-enhancing tips for your office space.

Make Your Office A Flu-Free and More Zen Zone

• According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu virus can live for up to 48 hours after being left behind on a surface, so make sure employees have access to surface-cleaning wipes and hand sanitizers.

• Fixes that improve air quality not only help overall office health traditionally, but also holistically, by improving energy flow. Solutions include: dusting air vents regularly, opening windows whenever possible, introducing plants, which are natural air purifiers, or purchasing air purifiers and filters.

• Replace fluorescent lighting with full-spectrum lights (lighting that mimics natural light) or add a full-spectrum lamp to your desktop to use during the day. Office managers can use the Staples Business Advantage program to purchase these lights for the office.

• Use upward-facing lighting as much as you can. Chan says it lifts chi and overall energy.

• Introduce revitalizing colors. Green and purple are considered wood elements in Feng Shui. Lush and healing, wood elements bring the energy of vibrant health, vitality and growth to a workspace. Yellows, Chan says, promote health and help you feel ground-



Improve total wellness and enhance office energy this flu season by pairing common flu-preventing activities, such as promoting regular hand washing and disinfecting surfaces, with Feng Shui principles.

ed. These colors can be added in the form of photos, images or accent pieces such as desk accessories.

• Add natural elements such as living things to common areas, like plants or a fish tank, to promote optimum chi.

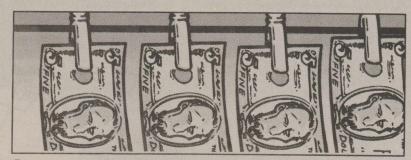
• These tips can apply to employee workspaces and common areas. Keep common areas such as breakrooms and conference rooms uncluttered to help workers feel smooth energy.

• Encourage staff to return things to where they belong to stay focused and conscientious.

• Keep the doors to conference rooms open between meetings to promote airflow.

Learn More

For more information on how to fight the flu, visit Staples Health & Wellness Center at www.staplesadvantage.com/ healthandwellness. Office managers and decision makers can visit Staples Advantage.com for everything from design tips to improve office energy and productivity to whatever you may need to increase total wellness. Learn more about Feng Shui and its principles at www.fengshuicreative.com.



Paper currency is not made from paper. The notes are printed on a fabric composed of 25 percent linen and 75 percent cotton.



In 1990, a security thread and microprinting were introduced to American currency. This was done to deter counterfeiting by technologically advanced copiers and printers.

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Stratford Christmas Angels



The Stratford Christmas Angels are on the **Christmas Tree down at Main Street** Essentials. Please go down and pick up your Angel/Angels today. If you don't have time to shop, that's ok, please think about donating to the Angel Tree Fund. You can leave your donation at Main Street Essentials, First State Bank or give it to Angela Harbour. Thank you for shopping or donating to the **Christmas Angels.**

Stratford Hospital District "Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County" **Stratford Family Medical Clinic Stratford Family Medical Clinic** Mon. - Thurs 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP & Krista Brown ANP **Elk Pharmacy** Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 PM

"Check our Competitive pricing" "Compounding Available" 366-5505 Shelly Worley, PharmD, RPH **Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility**

396-5568 Leo Sanders, LNFA

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating TEXHOMA ISD will hold a public meeting At 6:00, December 13, 2017 In the Superintendent's Office, District Offices Building 402 Denver Street, Texhoma, TX The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Texhoma ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our thanks for the wonderful Veteran's Day Program at the school this year. Special thanks to the Student Council, The Stratford Education Foundation and all the others sponsors of the event. Colonel Tillman did a wonderful job in telling his story and the experiences he had as the pilot of Air Force One. We appreciate the time and effort that it took to get a speaker the caliber of Colonel Tillman. Finally, we thank the school and community for their continued support of our veterans in the country and community.

> **Howard Norvell Green Post 262 The American Legion** Stratford, Texas

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Expert Advice On How To Turn Out A Terrific Turkey

ing pan and rack, set aside. Add half

the onions, carrots and apples, with

the herbs, to turkey cavity. If using a

rack, put the remaining apples and

vegetables UNDERNEATH in the

roasting pan. If not, put the carrots

in the center of the pan, with the on-

ions surrounding them. Truss bird or

tie its legs together and move to the

rack or on top of the vegetables. Brush

turkey with butter or oil, particularly

1-2 inches up the sides of bird. Turn

turkey breast side down and roast for

1 hour. When removing turkey from

oven, open door carefully, watch-

ing out for steam. If stock has boiled

down to less than 1 inch up the sides,

add more to bring it up to 2 inches.

Flip the turkey, breast side up and re-

For Gravy Recipe and Nathalie's Ap-

ple, Sausage, Greens and Biscuit Dress-

Turkey-Carving Tips

fore carving your bird. Sharp knives

are safer, prevent shredding and save

time. I use the Chef'sChoice XV because it is easy and reliable," says

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the breast. Add enough stock to come

(NAPS)-To help you save time and trouble and turn out a beautiful bird (or two), "Mastering the Art of Southern Cooking" author and television host Nathalie Dupree offers these clever turkey time tricks.

"I rarely cook a turkey larger than 14 pounds, and find it easier to roast two smaller ones than one larger one. A large turkey takes longer to cook, and is more difficult to handle and store. Two small turkeys allows one of them to be roasted and carved ahead of time, and the other to be the 'showpiece' on the table," she explains

"Rather than stuff the turkey," she adds, "I flavor it with an onion, carrot and a few herbs. Herbs enhance the flavor of the turkey, when tucked inside the cavity. If a rack is not available, the onions and carrots can form a resting place for the turkey. I add stock to keep the bottom from burning and to ensure a scrumptious gravy. This creates a bit of steam, so take care when opening and closing the oven.

As for thawing a frozen turkey, she says, it's best to do so in a refrigerator that's at 40 degrees or cooler. Allow 24 hours of thawing time for every four to five pounds of turkey.

Apple Cider-Brined Turkey Serves 8 to 10

- 1 (12- to 14-pound) turkey, fresh or thawed
- 1 quart apple cider Salt
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 3 onions, quartered, divided
- 3 carrots, divided
- 3 red cooking apples, cut in quarters

Chopped fresh herbs to taste, such as rosemary, sage, thyme, optional

Preheat oven to 450° F. Remove any parts that are in the interior of the turkey. Bring apple cider, one tablespoon of salt per pound of turkey and the 1/2 cup of brown sugar to boil in large pot. Add 1 quart water. Cool to room temperature. Add turkey to the liquid in the pot, making sure it is submerged. Cover and refrigerate overnight. The next day, remove from brine and pat dry with paper towels. If a crisper skin is desired, leave uncovered in the refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Oil a large roast-

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To carve a turkey right, make sure the knife you use is sharp, advises cookbook author and chef Nathalie Dupree.

• Step 1

Fortunately, you don't have to be an expert to put a razor-sharp edge on your knife. The Chef'sChoice highacclaimed electric sharpener XV Edge

Select applies a flaw less, durable, triple-bevel Trizor XV edge while precision guides eliminate guesswork. Cook's Illustrated, published by America's Test Kitchen, "Highly Recommended" the Chef'sChoice Trizor XV model. For help finding a sharpener that's right for you, call (800) 342-3255 or visit

• Step 2

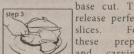
After the turkey is cooked (meat thermometer should read 170° F when inserted in the thickest



part of the turkey), cool the bird for 15 minutes. Cooling makes the meat firmer and easier to slice. Remove

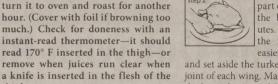
and set aside the turkey legs and the last joint of each wing. Make a long, deep (to the bone) horizontal "base cut "into the breast just above the wing. • Step 3

Slice down vertically through the breast until you meet the original



base cut. This will release perfect, even Following these preparations and carving tips can help make your

Thanksgiving a meal to remember.







Jimmy Lanning gave the pep talk on Friday, November 10th

The Senior Pep Rally honoring Senior Football, Cross Country, Cheerleading and Band members was held on Friday, November 10, 2017. All of the Senior Class joined in for the School Song at the end of pep rally.



Stratford-49 - Boys Ranch-0



The Stratford Elks captured the District Championship with an undefeated District Season. The Elks face Floydada in the Bi-District round on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Congratulations Elks and Good Luck in the Play-offs!!



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Last week's challenge won by Roger Allen Challenge Candice Wyatt Class of 2000

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Alex Fierro

Iuden Romero



Time Out with Rog!

As Forest Gump said, "Well that's all I have to say about that." The Stratford Elks for the second straight year were undefeated unblemished unrespected unscarred district champs!!!! Now the real season starts, If you don't play good you get to go home, play basketball and wash your cat. This week we play the Floydada Whirlwinds. Boy if this hasn't been a change in Mascots, the frogs, to the roughriders, to the whirlwinds. Question, which came first Floydada or Floyd County? My sources say the Whirlwinds run the pistol/spread offense. After we are done with them, they will be left with a BB gun and spreading butter on their toast next Friday Night. The Stratford Elks play on Thursday Night at 7 o'clock at Dick Bevins Stadium for the Bi-District Championship. So if you haven't been on the Elk express we still have room for you. So jump on board and meet me at Dick Bivens a little before 7. This field reporter is one fired up Elks! Elk Nation I want your hands warmed up to be lethal weapons that are illegal in 49 states. One of this field reporter's favorite things to say at a game is "come across" so I want lots of Crossing Thursday Night. So everyone pray for our country and President. Once an Elk, Always an Elk. **Roger Malon Allen-Class of 1981**

P.S. Our Lady Elks are 2-0 and beat Borger at Palo Duro and for Thursday night will being out there propane bottles full of rocks and ball bearings. P.P.S. Gueto, you cannot sing.

P. P. P. S. Was that not the coldest south wind you have ever felt in your life