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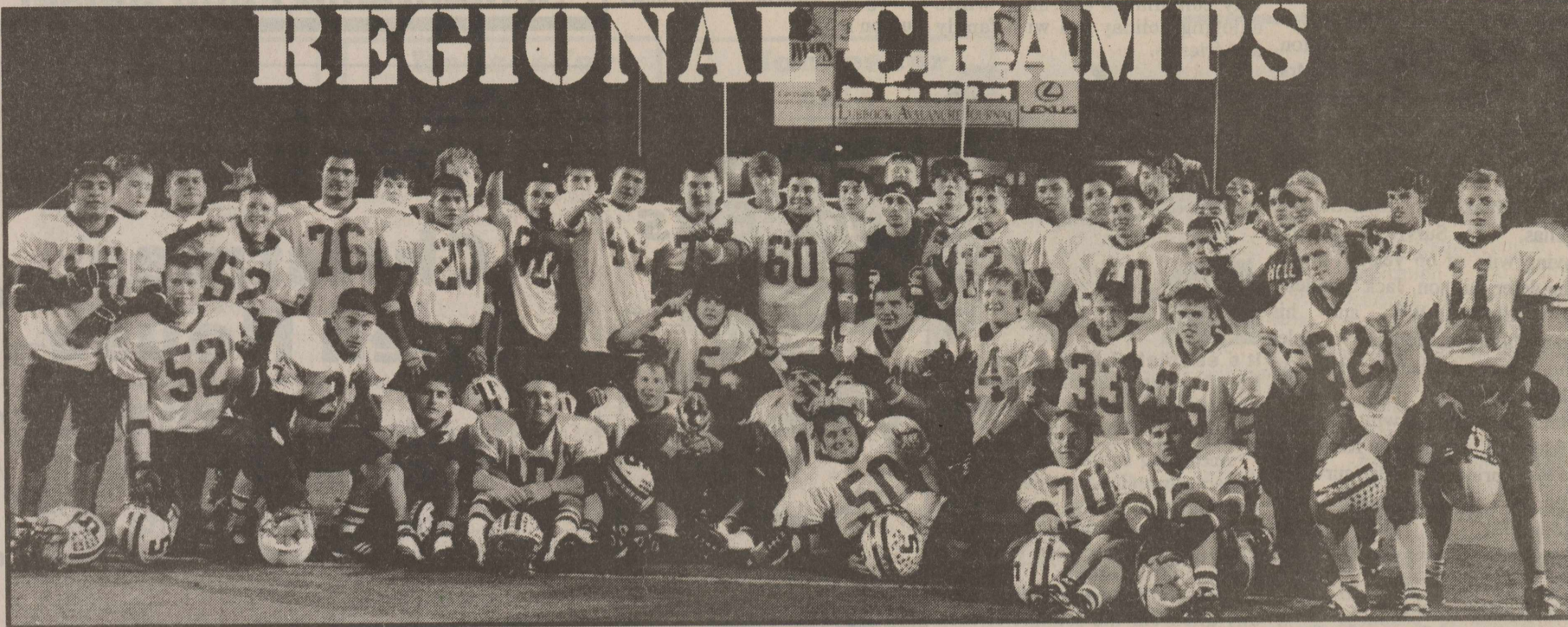
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REGIONAL CHAMPS



The Stratford Elks captured the Regional win on Friday, December 1, 2006 with a 20-7 victory over Coleman. The Elks will face Idalou this Friday, December 8, 2006 for Quarterfinals at 7:00 p.m. at Kimbrough Stadium. CONGRATULATIONS ELKS AND GOOD LUCK - BEAT THE WILDCATS!!!!

Elks Win Regionals

The Stratford Elks beat Coleman 20-7 in the Regional round of play-offs on Friday, December 1, 2006.

Hunter Buckles completed 8 of 14 passes for 122 yards and 2 touchdowns and ran the ball for 74 yards on 16 carries. Scott Hudson led in receptions with 54 yards on 4 catches and one touchdown and scored on a two-point conversion pass from Buckles. Joey Reta finished the night with 31 yards on 3 catches followed by Brant Cummings with 37 yards on 1 catch for a touchdown. Jonathan Licon carried the ball for 36 yards on 15 carries. Martin Beltran and Jonathan Licon scored a field goal each for the Elks.

Steven Rueda led the Elks defensively with 11 tackles followed James with 8 tackles and Jonathan Licon and Julio Ramirez with 7 tackles each. Martin Beltran, Ramirez, Michael Frizzell and Sandro Gomez each had a quarterback sack for the Elks. Elks also contributing on defense were Craig Kautz, Brant Cummings, Pablo Ibarra, Brent Reed, Gilbert Reta, and Scott Hudson.

The Elks will face Idalou in Quarterfinals this Friday, December 8, 2006 at Kimbrough Stadium with kick-off at 7:00 p.m. CONGRATULATIONS ELKS ON REGIONAL WIN AND GOOD LUCK IN QUARTERFINALS - BEAT IDALOU!!!!

Good Luck Stratford Elks Beat Idalou

Old Yearbooks For Sale

Old Yearbooks for sale from the 70's to 05's for \$25.00. Please call Jennifer Wells at 806-366-3347 to ask if we have the yearbook you need.

Study Club Spaghetti Dinner This Sunday

Tired of turkey? How about some spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and choice of fabulous desserts?

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club will have their Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner Sunday, Dec. 10, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the High School cafeteria. Adult tickets are \$6.00, children 6 and under are \$3.00 and may be purchased at the door.

There have been 78 Stratford students who have been awarded scholarship from the club since 1958.

Lions Club Collecting Used Eye Glasses

As a service project for the community the Stratford Lions Club continues to collect used eye glasses. The glasses you donate can be recycled and given to children and others that can not afford them. If you would like to help those in need, please see any Lion's Club member or bring them by the Happy State Bank.

EQIP SIGN-UP

An EQIP sign-up has begun. EQIP is a program the NRCS utilizes to cost share conservation practices on farms and ranches. Sign-up will continue through December 15, 2006.

Call the NRCS office at 396-5517 ext. 3 for an appointment. Cost share is available for water facilities, grass seeding, cross fencing, windbreaks, irrigation pipeline, and sprinkler upgrades to LPIC or LEPA systems. New sprinklers are available to convert row water to sprinkler. Drip irrigation is also available to convert from row water to drip irrigation.

Keep conservation a top priority. If it is good for conservation, it is good for the farm and ranch.

Project Christmas Card

The deadline for Project Christmas Card is fast approaching with only 2 weeks left before publication. Don't be left out. Take your donations to the First State Bank of Stratford or the Sherman County Public Library. We look forward to seeing your name in the Christmas edition of the Star.

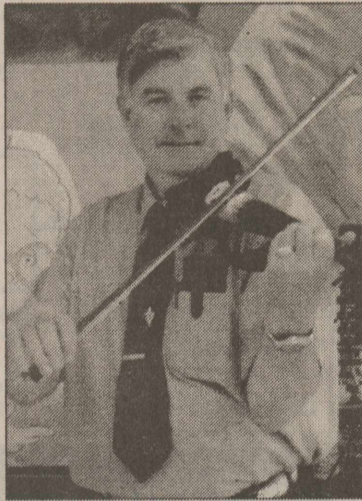
LIGHTING CONTEST

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas Lighting Contest again this year. Have your lights up by December the 9th so they can be judged. Christmas lights make our town attractive to both home town people and out of town people. We want Stratford to look bright and alive this season. So "Lighten Up" its Christmas. Thanks, Stratford Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER NEWS

The 2006 Pheasant Hunt got off to a great start Saturday morning. The Chamber wants to thank especially the farmers and ranchers who leased their land to us so the out of town hunters could have a place to hunt. The weather cooperated and nature provided us with lots of pheasants. The Chamber Hunt lasts until sundown Sunday, December the 10th. Thank you SCOT Hall, Lions Club and First Christian Church for welcoming these hunters to Stratford with the wonderful food and hospitality. That is why most of them go back home with great memories of Stratford.

A Big Thanks goes out to Sandy and Eddie Williams, Ernie Maiwald and our City Police for taking the time in the middle of the night Friday night to Escort our Winning Elks back into town. That is what is great about living in Stratford.



School program with author, Rooster Morris announced!

Mary Allen Elementary students will have a treat on Thursday, December 7th when Rooster Morris, author, entertainer, composer, and singer will perform at Mary Allen.

"Axle Galench in Concert" is a 60 minute interactive program designed to instill this hour-long interactive program is designed to instill the positive belief in children that they can write, make music, be an artist, and perform. Rooster's musical program shows how creating is fun while generating interest in reading. During the program Rooster will perform readings from his book bringing the characters to life with his amazing voice abilities. The intriguing and compelling story of Axle Galench will become a personal experience as the audience enters into the saga of this little boy's journey into the land of Bedlam.

The listening audience will sing along with, and be a part of the musical side that was especially created for the Axle Galench series. Mr. Morris will open the show with his fiddle and then will be accompanying himself on guitar and mandolin. The program will include the song, *If Only I Could Read* which gently encourages children to understand why it is critically important to know how to read. Mr. Morris will end the show by talking to the children about how very special they are and how they should never damage themselves

by using drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

Raised on ranches in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, Rooster learned to play fiddle by emulating the old time cowboys' music. He taught himself to play the old style fiddle music and was performing ranch folk dances by the time he was 18. His fiddle music is featured as part of the Smithsonian Institute's historical recordings. Rooster has performed for over two million people in venues across the nation.

Rooster began writing the Axle Galench series of children's books in 2002. The first book, *The Gate of No Return* was released in

October of 2004. This series is based on a young manarkin boy from the planet Mizmoe, that is suddenly transformed into a human and is forced to leave his home in Kamoo, the neat, orderly village where he was raised. Now he is in the wild, unruly realm of Bedlam trying to find a friend of his father's who can help him read 'the book of Equates.' All this may sound easy until you get acquainted with Flobberjaw, a giant toad-like creature that eats anything and anyone. Arid then there's Grueloc and Crabster that Axle encounters....

This action-packed adventure is sprinkled with funny, 'punny' wordplay and slapstick humor. Reviewers are calling it, "compelling, hilarious and a must-read." Book Two in the series, *In Search of Barnsfoggon* was released in August of 2005. The Axle Galench series is published by Axle Publishing of Perryton, Texas.

Rooster lives in Perryton, Texas with his wife. Rooster is currently working on the third book in the Axle Galench series.

Pep Rally 2:05 p.m. Dec. 8th

A Pep Rally will be held on Friday, December 8, at 2:05 p.m. at the High School Gym. Send off for the Stratford Elks will be right after Pep Rally.

Game Time is 7 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2006 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon. No Pre-game tickets will be sold.

*** Learn to listen. Opportunity could be knocking at your door very softly. ***

—Frank Tyger

Lunch and Learn To Meet December 14

Lunch and Learn TEEA will meet Thursday, December 14 at 12 noon at the County Extension Office. The program will be "Fireside Exercises!" which will focus on the exercises that can be done with in one's easy chair. All members are invited and guests are welcome also.

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested participants are asked to call the Extension Office at 366-2122 by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13 so that adequate preparations can be made.

Educational programs conducted by the Sherman County Office of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



Santa Letters deadline to The Stratford Star is Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.



Food Given to the Pantry

Mettie Judd's 4th grade class collected canned food items for the Pantry. Shown above are a few of the class members that participated in this very worthwhile yearly event. Thanks you class!

OBITS



Joyce Irlbeck
1933-2006

Kerrick-Joyce Irlbeck, 73 died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, in Dumas, Texas.

Rosary was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 4, 2006 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Fr. Aleksy Kowalski, pastor of the church officiating, assisted by Deacon Willie Artho and Deacon Raymond Artho. Burial was at Stratford Cemetery.

Joyce was born July 18, 1933 in Goodwell, Oklahoma to William and Bessie Palmer. On April 29, 1954 she married Teddy Irlbeck in Dalhart. She had been Postmistress at Kerrick since 1974. She had lived in Stratford and Kerrick since 1954 and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Survivors include: husband Teddy of the home; one daughter Belinda Roberts and husband, Jim of Conlen; four sons Lester Irlbeck and wife, Diann of Arlington; Dennis Irlbeck and wife, Jeanette of Amarillo; Randy Irlbeck and wife, Lisa of Irving; and Melvin Irlbeck of Austin; two sisters Colleen Irlbeck of Dumas and Ernestine Almquist of Arlington; fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by daughter Kelley Irlbeck in 1986 and great-grand daughter, Railey Roberts in 2001.

Memorials may be made to Kerrick Community Center, PO Box 536, Kerrick, Texas 79051 or St. Joseph's Building Fund, PO Box 58, Stratford, TX. 79084.

R.W. Standefer

R. W. Standefer died November 29, 2006 in Carrollton, TX after a lengthy illness. R.W. was born March 23, 1917 at Clifton, TX to parents Rufus Wm. and Jessie Prather Standefer. He was a 9th generation member of the Standefer family which came to America from Bristol, England, by way of the Barbados Islands off South America, to Baltimore, MD in 1661. He attended Cayote and Clifton schools graduating in 1934. He attended Clifton College for two years. He then enrolled at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated with a B.S. Degree in 1939. Later he graduated from West Texas State University with a M.E. Degree in 1951. On November 8, 1940 he married Frances Evelyn Krohn at Texline, TX. He began his teaching career in 1939 at Texline schools. He was a teacher-coach-principal at Texline, Bovina and Vega schools. He was Superintendent of Schools at Charming, Stratford and White Deer-Skellytown for 32 years. RW retired in 1981 completing 4 years of service as an educator. After retiring he worked for 2 years in Las Vegas, NV. He then returned to White Deer and was elected Mayor in 1984 and served 8 years. In 1969 he was selected by the American Association of School Administrators as one of 30 to participate on their Comparative Seminar Team group to study schools in the Soviet Union of Russia. This group studied schools in Moscow, Leningrad, Yerevan, Tbilisi and Kiev. Upon his retirement in 1981, the AASA presented him with his Gold Card Emeritus at the National Convention for being a member and for serving 32 years as a Superintendent of Schools. He was a member of AASA, TASA, TSTA, White

Deer Lions Club and past Command of the American Legion, Post 519, Bovina, TX. He was a supporter of Boy Scouts, a member of Rock Island Lodge 869, Dalhart, TX and a York Rite Mason. He was a member of the White Deer United Methodist Church and White Deer Senior Citizens. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force for 3 years and 5 months with the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was preceded in death by his parents of Clifton, TX, by his two sisters, Mrs. Lucyle Dailey of Greensboro, WC and Mrs. Louise Simiril of Austin, TX, one brother, Prather Standefer of Midland, TX and by his daughter, Judy Mansfield of Dallas, TX. Survivors are his loving wife of 66 years, Frances Standefer, his son, Jack Standefer of Gillette, WY and his grandchildren, Monica Scheinler and her husband Bill of Philadelphia, PA, Dax McCasland and his wife Nicole of Frisco, TX and Jessica Rodriguez of Big Spring, TX. Also surviving him is a great grandson A. J. Rodriguez of Big Spring. Graveside services were held at 2 pm Saturday December 2, 2006 in the Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, TX. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation in the memory of RW and Frances's daughter, Judy, to the PanCan Organization. The donation phone number is 877-272-6226.

HINTS FOR HOLIDAYS

Enjoy The Season—And Get Your Shopping Done

(NAPS)—Many think the holidays really can be the most wonderful time of the year—if you have time to find all the gifts you want to give.

Some say direct selling—the sale of products and services on a person-to-person basis at home, work or at themed parties—is one way consumers can shop while enjoying holiday fun with family and friends.



It's estimated that Americans bought nearly \$30 billion worth of goods and services through direct sales in the last year.

According to the Direct Selling Association (DSA), the holidays present consumers with an opportunity to explore the unique products and services available through direct selling.

Today, shoppers can buy almost any gift from the comfort of their homes, including books, toys and games, travel packages, cosmetics, pet products and more.

"We've found that people enjoy the personal touch that sales representatives offer their guests at home parties," said Amy Robinson, a spokeswoman for DSA.

To learn more, visit www.dsa.org.

Christmas Workshop 2006

The Amarillo Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Children's Christmas Workshop on Saturday, December 9th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to the Museum to enjoy making Christmas ornaments and cards in a festive holiday setting with music, refreshments and a visit from Santa too. Because attendance is limited, registration must be made in advance by calling the Museum at 371-5050. Tuition is \$15.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, December 10
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
High School Cafeteria
Scholarship Fund Raiser

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- Apocalypse**
R Rudy Youngblood
- The Nativity Story**
PG Keisha Castle-Hughes
- Facing the Giants**
PG Alex Kendrick
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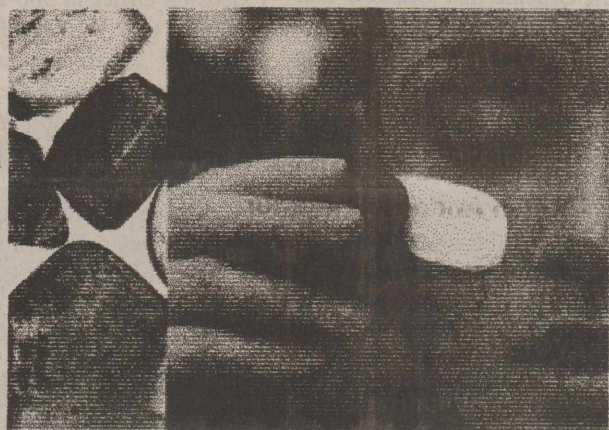
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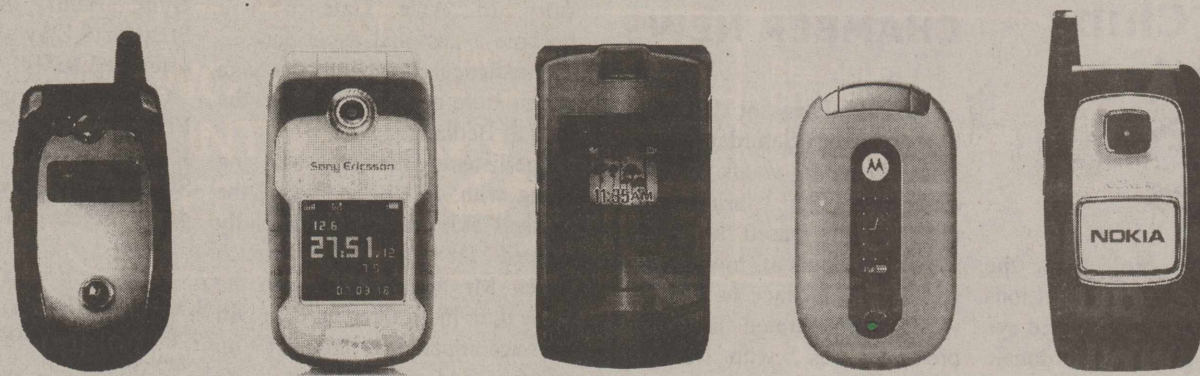
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GET'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK CRYSTAL PEREGRINO

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Robertson Baby Shower Held

Heather Robertson was honored with a baby shower Sunday, December 3, 2006 in the home of Tana Pemberton. Shown above left to right-Stephanie Gibson, Jana Gibson, Marty Robertson, Donita Robertson, Heather, Kayla Robertson, and Shari Hudson.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Secret Pals will have their Christmas Party at the Chicken House on Thursday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. guests are welcome. R.S.V.P. by Dec. 12 to Donna or Pat. Friends of Kerrick are invited to become Pals.

Santa has said he will come to Kerrick on Friday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. All children attending are invited to do something for the program. There will be treats for all.

He has asked that those who can to sack the candy he ordered on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.

Carol Murdock, wife of Stanley Murdock, died Thursday, Nov. 30. The Murdocks made their home in Des Moines, Iowa. Stanley is a brother of Mabel Rogers who died recently.

Joyce Irlbeck, Kerrick's

postmaster, died Nov. 30 in Dumas. Until she became sick, she was a friendly face who greeted all at the post office. Services were held Dec. 5 at the Stratford Catholic Church.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had a houseful Thanksgiving. In addition to their sons, Duane of Moreland, OK, and Jimmy of Amarillo and families, Bill's sister Leota & Ernest Campbell of Fort Supply, OK and Bill's brother, Jerry & Dorothy of Buffalo, OK. Were there.

Duane showed the pellet corn stove at the Amarillo Farm Show, Bill & Donna had Kylee & Kaiden while their parents, Jimmy & Sundy attended the Las Vegas Rodeo.

Mike McDaniel was in Amarillo four days last week. He went to several basketball games to see Stratford girls play.

Pesto Omelet (Makes 2 servings)

- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 1 small tomato, seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup sliced roasted red pepper, drained
- 2 tablespoons BUTON® Refrigerated Pesto with Basil
- 2 tablespoons BUTON® Refrigerated Freshly Shredded Romano Cheese

COMBINE eggs and tomato in small bowl; set aside.

HEAT greased, large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Pour in egg mixture. Mixture should set immediately at edges. Carefully push cooked portions at edges toward center so uncooked portions can reach hot pan surface, tilting pan and moving cooked portions as necessary. While top is still moist and creamy looking, fill with roasted pepper, pesto and cheese. Reduce heat to low; fold omelet in half. Cook for an additional 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

For more pesto-inspired tips and recipes like this one, visit Buitoni.com.

Note how good you feel after you have encouraged someone else. No other argument is necessary to suggest that one should never miss the opportunity to give encouragement.

—George Adams



Children's Program Given

The Children from the First United Methodist church presented the program "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"...A Christmas Musical for Children About Giving by Pam Andrews on Sunday, December 3rd. Performers included: Ben Gilliland, Cole Sellers, Blaine Killian, Mazie Vincent, Mary Ann Spurlock, Russell Spurlock, A.J. Riffe, Audrey Snider, Bret Barnard, Wyatt Dushay, Henry Dushay, Blake Snider, Kade McBryde, Tristan Weinette, Raeleigh Willborn, Kenlee McBryde, Katelyn Berry, Turner Smith, Carlee Metcalf, Cambri Cummings, Payton Berry, Trevor Bell, Rese Schoonover, Abby Law, and Holly Sladek. The musical director for the program was Ronna Riffe, assisted by Laurie Spurlock and Kaci McBryde. Chris Riffe provided the A/V support.

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

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Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

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THE BOOK OF LIFE

This season of the year is very commercial, isn't it? One might think that we are throwing a big party on December 25th. Well, we are. But the honored guest, Jesus Christ, has not been invited. At least that's how it was for me! When I was fifteen or sixteen, my folks asked me to pray before the holiday meal. The table was spread with turkey and all the trimmings. After thanking God for the food, I asked God to show us the real meaning of the holiday. It was seven or eight years later when God answered that prayer. I was with the Army in Korea far away from home. One day I visited our local chaplain. He asked me why I had come to talk with him. I told him I really didn't know, which was true. The very next thing the chaplain asked was this, "Have you ever accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" I thought to myself, "I'd better tell this fellow the truth". So I answered, "No". Then the chaplain took out a little New Testament and began to show me some things I had never seen before. He showed me that the Bible declares I'm a sinner. Well; I didn't have any trouble with that. I knew what I was like. But then he also showed me that Christ died on the cross to pay for the sins of people like me. He showed me that to those, who bow before Christ and who trust in His sacrifice as the only adequate payment for sin, God gives the free gift of eternal life. It was at this time that I really became a Christian. This is why Christ came into the world. He brings the best gift of all, forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Yes, God gave me a new start on life. He gave me the promise of heaven to come. I found that my name was written in the Book of Life. What better gift can a person receive?

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ELK TALES By Lynda Hauser

5th and 6th grade math classes are working hard. We are really into "new" stuff—not just repeats from last year. Grades are falling, but we are hanging in there and learning it! Three week grade reports went out last Thursday and if a student needs to raise a grade, extra credit is due on Friday the 15th. Math semester tests will be on Friday the 15th with review being the day before.

The 5th Grade will attend the Nutcracker Ballet in Amarillo on Thursday.

The Varsity Cheerleaders and Mrs. Haynes would like to express their appreciation to the ELKS, SISD staff, student bodies, and the community for supporting us this year. We have had fun thanks to a winning team and community. That is a great combination. Thank you. Let's keep it going the rest of the school year.

Ms. Duke's English classes wrote to PFC Cory Rendon in October. Cory is stationed in MO and will be graduating from boot camp. This week, the third graders received replies from Cory and friends. As a surprise, Cory had enlisted the help of other men in his platoon. The third graders are sharing their letters with each other. From these men, the students have learned how most of the men feel about being enlisted. "It's not about war; it's about protecting our families and serving our country."

Some other quotes from these young men: "I wanted to join the Army to protect our future and youngsters like you guys." "I joined to protect my friends, family, and this great country." "The military will teach you to be a hard-working disciplined person." My favorite: (Mrs. Duke) "Freedom's not free. Remember that. Be grateful for our freedom." Mrs. Duke says, "The kids have a better perspective about what military life is like. For the kids, quite often, war seems exciting. They don't understand the reality of it all. Reading the letters and hearing about the lives of these young men showed them that they didn't enlist for glory or excitement."

Mrs. Seward's 7th Grade Reading: We are continuing to read Tangerine by Edward Bloor. Students need to keep reading their AR books at home. AR point goals for this six weeks will be due on December 19th.

8th Grade Technology Applications: After finishing their PowerPoint Presentations, students will be tested over Cyber Safety information this week.

The high school is cleaning out the old book room and has old annuals (1970's-2005's) for sale. If anyone is interested, you can contact Jennifer Wells. More information is available elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. Hand's 6th grade reading classes are really busy reading AR books. The top reader in the 6th grade is Shyanne Acker with over 200 points.

The Speech Communications class finished up informative speeches. We had topics ranging from skinning a rattlesnake to uses for duck tape. One of the more popular ones was "How to tell if someone likes you!!!!" This topic held everyone's attention! One Act Play auditions will be Wednesday Dec. 6th after school.

In Science, the Fourth Grade is learning about measurements and the metric system. They are learning why it is important that we have standard units of measurement. In Writing, they are learning to elaborate by adding important details to their compositions.

With the Elks' football season extending into December, the ESL class has had to decide whether to keep a small tree in their room decorated in an Elk motif or change it to a holiday motif. The class decided to change the tree because they changed the tree last year, and the Elks went on to win state.

The high school ESL classes are currently working on the Elk Express school newspaper which they plan to publish before the Christmas break. Be watching for stories that tell interesting information on what students like to wear to class, what a typical day in the school cafeteria is like, and the most popular names at SHS and SJHS.

Our Varsity Lady Elks will play Tulia there Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Our JV Lady Elks will play in the Spearman Tournament on Thursday and Saturday. Our Varsity football team plays Idalou on Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. The pep rally will start at 2:05 p.m. School will dismiss at the regular time.

Quote of the week: "Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."
- Abraham Lincoln

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no "kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

CONSUMER What Kind of Holiday Shopper Are You?

NewsUSA

(NU) - According to more than 2,400 participants in an online quiz conducted by Shop.com, an e-commerce multi-merchant marketplace, last-minute holiday shopping may soon be a thing of the past. Nearly 44 percent think it's never too early to start shopping.

This "Always on the Lookout" holiday shopper is the current winning personality type, followed closely by the "One for You, One for Me" holiday shoppers — those who pick up extra gifts for themselves along the way.

"Ninety percent of our respondents are women and as a busy working mom myself, I appreciate the convenience of shopping online," said Cori Tuck, merchant director at Shop.com.

"When you're responsible for your family's holiday traditions, including buying gifts for a dozen people, anything you can do online at night with the kids asleep truly gives you cheer."

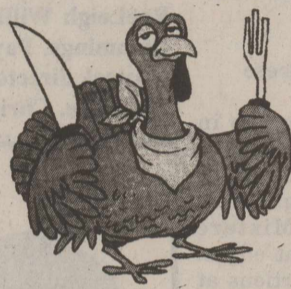
With Shop.com's universal OneCart, consumers can use one shopping cart and one checkout to buy gifts for everyone on their lists. Shop.com offers products from name brand retailers and specialty stores in categories ranging from apparel, toys and home furnishings to computers, books, DVDs and consumer electronics.

Jimmy Dean Mexican Layer Dip Makes 8-10 servings

- 1 pkg. Hot Flavor Jimmy Dean Hot Pork Sausage, cooked, crumbled and drained
- ½ teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
- 4 thinly sliced green onions
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 small avocados, mashed
- 1 can (2½ oz.) sliced ripe olives
- ½ head iceberg lettuce, shredded
- 1 can (15 oz.) ranch-style beans
- 1 pkg. (1½ oz.) dry taco seasoning mix
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- Tortilla chips

In a medium bowl, mix avocados, lemon juice and mayonnaise. In a separate bowl, mix sour cream and taco seasoning. In a lightly greased 9" x 13" baking dish, layer beans, cooked sausage, avocado mixture, sour cream mixture, olives, onion, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes. Serve with tortilla chips.

For more tailgating tips and Sara Lee recipes, and to see how Lee and Kirk made one fan's backyard tailgate a winning experience, visit www.backyardtailgate.com.



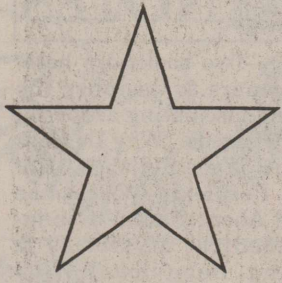
It's time to cook turkeys for our soldiers' families!

Once again, we're getting ready to cook the turkeys and briskets for the relatives of soldiers serving in the Armed Forces. This is our way of thanking the men and women who may or may not be home during the holidays because they have pledged to protect the United States of America. It's a small service that we provide to their families in their honor. If you have a loved one serving in the military this Christmas, let us know so we can make your Christmas a little brighter. Email your name & address to allen6423@aol.com or call 753-7979 and leave a message. If you'd like to help cook or help deliver the food, or donate turkeys, briskets, or any kind of meat, contact Lynn Allen at the email or phone number above.



Hands did not appear on clocks until the end of the 14th century.

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6-22-tfn

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7-28-tfn

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x
60' office building. Call 806-679-5585
4-1-tfn

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For Rent: Office space on Main Street
for rent. For information call (806)
396-5541.
11-27-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt.,
6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime,
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1-28-tfn

House for Rent: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, 1
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11-223-tfn

House for Rent: 2 bedrooms, central H/A-
Basement. Call 366-2493 or 930-1985
11-23-p

2 Bedroom House for Rent: 609 N.
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9-14-tfn

Cards of Thanks

The family of M.H.
"Mert" Brown would
like to thank
everyone for their
prayers, flowers,
food, gifts and
encouragement during
our time of loss.
God Bless.

James & Bonnie Brown
David & Janice Brown
D'Lynn & Ricky Reed
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And Families

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Houses for Sale

For Sale by Owner: 619 N. Grace, 3
bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large
corner lot. Great starter house, priced
to sell. Appointment only: 366-5330-
leave message.
9-28-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 3/4 bath on
large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St.
Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call
366-2153 for appointment.
10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1
full bath-2 3/4 bath, CH/A detached
garage, Big back yard with storage
building. Close to school 366-2401.
5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple,
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bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575.
4-20-tfn

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Bad Credit no Problem-910 N. Maple,
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Joe 806-336-1740 or Milton 806-790-
0827.

1-4-c

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SHERMAN COUNTY SECTIONS-
three sections, 3 phase electricity, two
nice homes and landscaping, Quonset
barn, irr. wells, sprinklers, 3 miles
hwy front, +caliche-WILL DIVIDE!

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DELIGHT-NW OF GRUVER-80
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quonset barn, pipe-rail pens, covered
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& DUMAS-767 acres +/-, 4,000 sq ft
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12 x 15 Corrugated Storage
Building, extra lot

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w/10x12 overhead door. Cinder
block building. Call Lindahl Realty
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9-21-c

Health

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can be difficult for athletes or
active seniors who enjoy such
sports as golf or tennis. But
tissue degradation and discom-
fort can be assuaged with sup-
plements such as XMotion from
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Call today to see this 3 bdrm, 2 bath
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property with drip systems for watering.
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MAKE YOUR DOLLARS COUNT! Call
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Cinder block construction stucco, and
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Large garage-shop.

\$41,000

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9-21-tfn

For Sale: Remodeled 1237 sq. ft. home,
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12-21-c

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER-
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story stucco house, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2
bath, 5 lots on corner, has attached
garage and 3 detached garages,
basement. Call 806-930-8555 for
appointment.

11-2-tfn

Good Luck Elks

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 80290L001

APPLICATION Mr. Bobby
Thompson dba Gruver Redi-Mix,
has applied to the Texas
Commission on Environmental
Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of
Air Quality Permit No.
8029CL001 which would
authorize a change of location of
a Concrete Batch Plant. The
applicant has provided the
following driving directions to the
site: from Sunray, go north on
Highway 119 for 8 miles to FM
1573, then east on FM 1573 to
FM 1060, then 2 miles south on
FM 1060; it will be on the west
side of FM 1060, Sherman
County, Texas. The facility will
emit the following air
contaminants: particulate matter
including particulate matter less
than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to
the TCEQ on November 1,
2006. The application is available
for viewing and copying at the
TCEQ central office, the TCEQ
Amarillo regional office, and the
Sherman County Courthouse, 701
North 3rd Street, Stratford,
Texas. The facility's compliance
file, if any exists, is available for
public review in the Amarillo
regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director
has determined the application is
administratively complete and
will conduct a technical review of
the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING

You may submit
public comments, a request for
a public meeting, or request a

contested case hearing to the
Office of the Chief Clerk at the
address below. The TCEQ will
consider all public comments in
developing a final decision on the
application. The deadline to
submit public comments is 30
days after newspaper notice is
published.

The purpose of a public
meeting is to provide the
opportunity to submit comments
or ask questions about the
application. A public meeting
about the application may be held
if the executive director
determines that there is a
significant degree of public
interest in the application or if
requested by a local legislator. A
public meeting is not a contested
case hearing.

If only comments are received
on the application, the response to
comments, along with notice of
the executive director's action on
the application, will be mailed to
everyone who submitted
comments or is on the mailing list
for this application

If a hearing request is timely
filed, the executive director will
complete the technical review,
issue a preliminary decision on
the application, and a Notice of
Application and Preliminary
Decision will be published and
mailed to those who are on the
mailing list for this application.
That notice will contain the final
deadline for submitting public
comments.

After the final deadline for
public comments following any
required Notice of Application
and Preliminary Decision, the
executive director will consider
the comments and prepare a
response to all relevant and
material, or significant public

comments. If comments are
received, the response to
comments, along with the
executive director's decision on
the application, will then be
mailed to everyone who
submitted public comments or
is on a mailing list for this
application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a
contested case hearing. A
contested case hearing is a legal
proceeding similar to a civil trial
in state district court. Unless a
written request, for a contested
case hearing is filed within 30
days from this notice, the
executive director may approve
the application. If no hearing
request is received within this 30-
day period, no further opportunity
for hearing will be provided. A
contested case hearing will only
be granted based on disputed
issues of fact that are relevant and
material to the Commission's
decision on the application.
Further, the Commission will only
grant a hearing on those issues
raised during the public comment
period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected
by emissions of air
contaminants from the facility
is entitled to request a hearing.
If requesting a contested case
hearing, you must submit the
following: (1) your name (or for
a group or association, an
official representative), mailing
address, daytime phone
number, and fax number, if
any; (2) applicant's name and
permit number; (3) the
statement "(I/we) request a
contested case hearing;" (4) a
specific description of how you
would be adversely affected by
the application and air
emissions from the facility in a
way not common to the general
public; (5) the location and
distance of your property
relative to the facility; and (6) a
description of how you use the
property which may be

impacted by the facility. If the
request is made by a group or
an association, the one or more
members who have standing to
request a hearing, and the
interests which the group or
association seeks to protect,
must also be identified. You
may also submit your proposed
adjustments to the
application/permit which would
satisfy your concerns. Requests
for a contested case hearing
must be submitted in writing
within 30 days following this
notice to the Office of the Chief
Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely
filed, additional notice may be
provided. Following the close of
all applicable comment and
request periods, the executive
director will forward the
application and any requests for
contested case hearing to the
TCEQ Commissioners for their
consideration at a scheduled
Commission meeting. If a
hearing is granted, the subject
of a hearing will be limited to
disputed issues of fact relating
to relevant and material air
quality concerns raised during
the comment period. Issues such
as property values, noise, traffic
safety, and zoning are outside of
the Commission's jurisdiction to
address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to
submitting public comments, you
may ask to be placed on a mailing
list to receive future public
notices for this specific
application mailed by the Office
of the Chief Clerk by sending a
written request to the TCEQ
Office of the Chief Clerk at the
address below.

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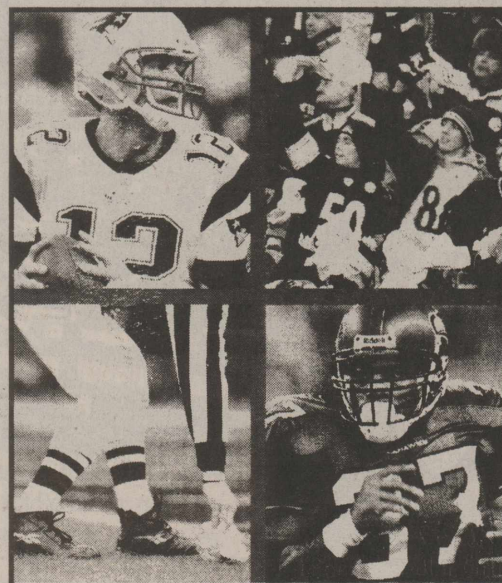
Written
public comments or requests for a

public meeting or contested case
hearing should be submitted to
the Office of the Chief Clerk,
MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box
13087, Austin, Texas 78711-
3087. For more information about
this permit application or the
permitting process, please call the
Office of Public Assistance, Toll
Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si
dessea information en Espanol,
puede llamar at 1-800-687-4040.
General information regarding the
TCEQ can be found
www.tceq.state.tx.us

Further information may also be
obtained from Mr. Bobby
Thompson dba Gruver Redi-Mix,
P.O. Box 825, Gruver, Texas
79040 or by calling Mr. Bobby
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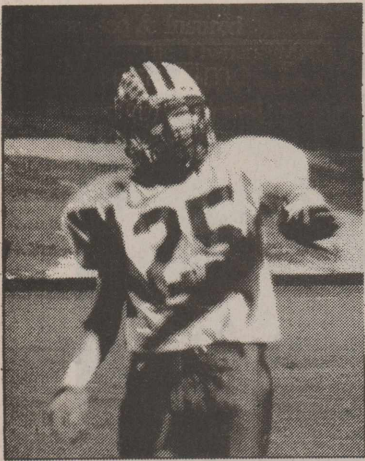
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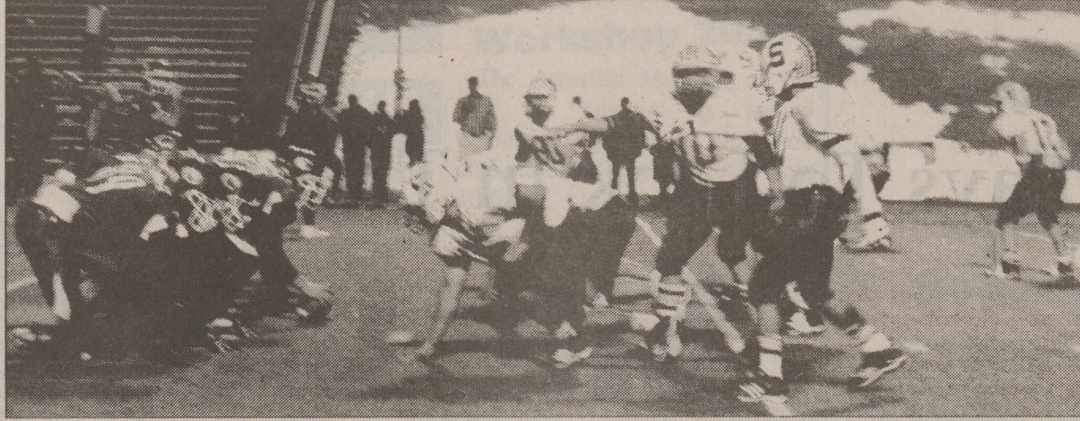




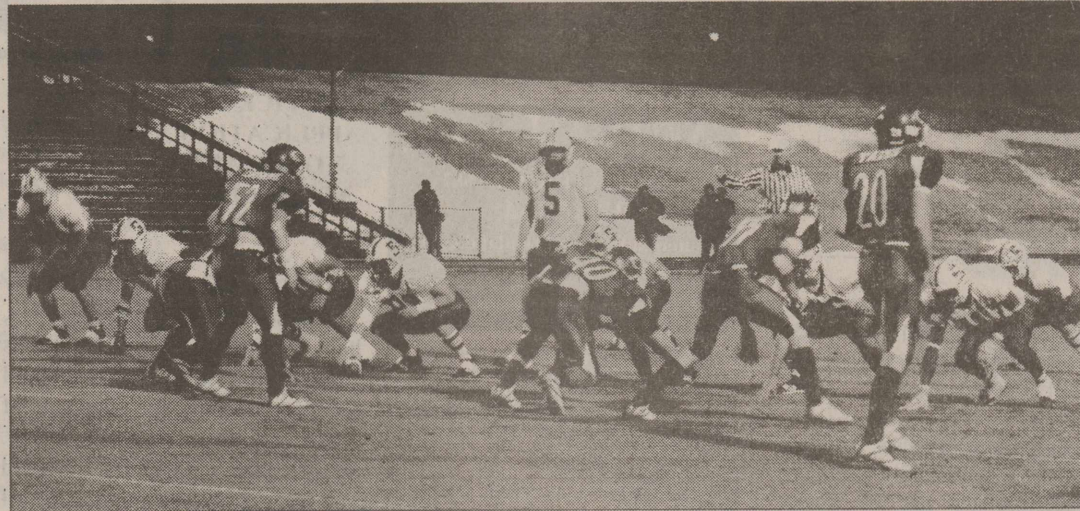
Stratford Elk #25 Scott Hudson pep talk on Friday, Dec. 1st.



Jimmy Lanning gave the



The Elks on defense against Coleman.



The Elks get ready on offense against Coleman in the Elks 20-7 win.



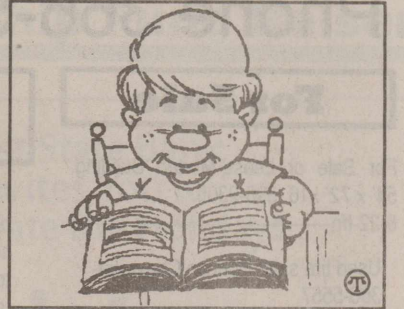
Shown from left, Marcos Garza and Hayden Long on the bell Friday night at the game.



Elk flag runners from left, Trenton Stone, Ben Gilliland, Tyler Seward and Tanner Wright.

BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—Two books are helping pet owners to decipher the strange and fascinating actions of their furry friends. "Why Do Dogs Drink Out of the Toilet? 101 of the Most Perplexing Questions Answered About Canine Conundrums, Medical Mysteries & Befuddling Behaviors" (HCI Books, \$12.95) takes an irrever-



ent and informative look at the curious habits of canine companions. If cats are your idea of a "purr-fect" pet, then you may prefer "Do Cats Always Land on Their Feet? 101 of the Most Perplexing Questions Answered About Feline Unfathomables, Medical Mysteries & Befuddling Behaviors" (HCI Books, \$12.95). For more information on both books, visit www.hcibooks.com.

(NU) - As the years go by, it's hard to imagine the holidays without the flavors and aromas of treasured foods that evoke memories of celebrations past. But if you don't have time to bake your own holiday treats, pick up a "CinnaPack" or two at your nearest Cinnabon bakery. The four- and six-count packages — featuring classic or cinnamon-pecan flavors, or a combination of both — come in boxes resembling wrapped gifts and are an inexpensive yet thoughtful way to "wow" a loved one.

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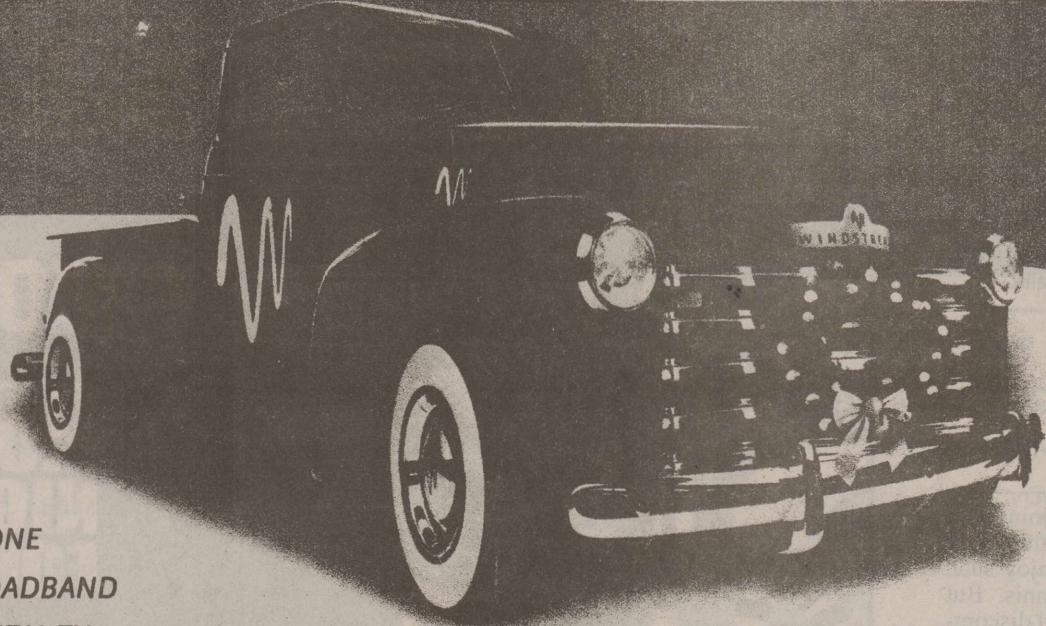
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