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OPEN LETTER

TO THE CATTLE PRODUCERS OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS REGARDING "DEADS" DUMPED IN RIGHTS OF WAY

It has come to the attention of the officials of Sherman County, Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that rendering companies have now begun to charge for the removal of carcasses of dead cattle. It had been the practice to drag the "deads" to the ditches, and in many cases the roadsides, so that the carcass would be handy for the "used cow" truck to pick up the carcass.

This practice is not acceptable unless the cattle producer intends to have the carcass picked up. Dragging the carcass to any highway, farm-to-market road, or county road, and leaving it is a violation of the solid waste disposal provisions of Texas. In addition to being against the law, the carcasses pose a traffic hazard, a health hazard, and makes for unsightly roadsides.

The purpose of this letter is to inform cattle producers that Sherman County officials will investigate complaints of cattle dumping, and take action to discourage the activity. Just be aware that cattle dumping on state and county rights of way is illegal, and there are misdemeanor and even felony sanctions to punish those responsible. Please also be aware that neither Sherman County nor TxDOT will remove these carcasses.

The officials of Sherman County and TxDOT are counting on your cooperation so that roadsides in our county remain clear.

**REMEMBER DUMPING DEAD CATTLE
NEAR HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS
IS ILLEGAL**



Stratford Elks Regional Champs

The Stratford Elks beat Wink 41-0 to win the Class 1A Regional trophy on Friday, November 25th in Lubbock, TX. The Elks will face Quanah in the Quarterfinal round on Friday, December 2nd at Kimbrough Stadium at 7:30 p.m. **GREAT JOB ELKS - GOOD LUCK!!!**

*Football Photos Courtesy
of Joe Taylor*

Stratford Vs Quanah

Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 7:30 p.m.

Kimbrough Stadium-Canyon

Adults \$5.00

Students/Children \$3.00

Sit on Visitors Side

Project Christmas Card

Stratford EX-Students

Does your class year end in a 6? 2006 is the year for your class reunion. Now is the time to start making class contacts and get your class mailing list together. Stratford Ex-Student Reunion, last-week-end in July 28-29, 2006 Class addresses are still missing from some class reunions last year. Please help update the mailing lists. Snail mail addresses rather than e-mail. Time was when the first 10 years out of school was hard to keep up with changing addresses. Now the retirement years are just as hard. Moving, Moving, Moving. The postal department does not help by changing their mailing addresses often and their computers don't know you have moved next door when the mailman did. Please help with the address changes. Thanks Gaynelle Riffe.

Project Christmas Card is a joint project of the GFWC/Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star are asking the residents of Sherman County for their continued support of the Sherman County Public Library at Christmas time. 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 donation to the Sherman County Public Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Your name will be placed on a foil page Christmas card printed in the Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone "Merry Christmas."

Previous years' donations have purchased two replacement public access computers, large print books, and audio books. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area, if not the state, so let's help continue to keep it that way. The deadline for donations is twelve o'clock noon on Monday, December 19th.

Treat'N Troops Update

In addition to Steven Cotton, grandson of Helen Taylor, serving his country in Iraq, three more soldiers will receive Christmas packages from Treat'N Troops. SGT Erik Woodall, SGT Heath Jewett, and MAJ Ralph Perkins are also serving in Iraq and packages have been sent to these soldiers. Woodall is the son of Jimmy and Ginger Huggins, the grandson of Ruby Huggins, and the nephew of Dick and Jo Davenport. Jewett is the grandson of Dick and Kay Bachman and Perkins is the nephew of Jack and Linda Swain. All of these soldiers received a generous supply of beef jerky donated by Sunday School classes of First United Methodist Church. They also received AA batteries which is a favorite among the troops.

Wesley York, Bill Walker and Ty Young, who have recently returned to the US from Iraq, will also be receiving their favorite item in the Treat'N Troops packages.... beef jerky. York, the son of Ted and Melanie York and grandson of C.W. and Betty McMillion is stationed in Colorado Springs. Walker, the son of Bill and Tiffany Chaffee and the grandson of R.J. and Betty Chamberlain is stationed in Bath, Maine, and Young, the son of James Young and Susie Hale, the grandson of Marie Young, is now at Camp Pendleton.

This community has been generous in donating for this project. All the soldiers have expressed their thanks to Treat'N Troops and to Stratford. In giving thanks for their safety and for the packages, they ask that we still remember to lift them up in prayer and to remember their families as well.

C.R.A.S.H. Meeting To Be Held

C.R.A.S.H. (Community Responders and Self Help) meeting on December 8, 2005, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station. New members are encouraged.

Football Playoff Shirts Still Available

Football Play off shirts are still available. Call 366-3324.

Manor Friends To Meet

Manor Friends will meet on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

Stew Dinner

The Imagination Station will be hosting a stew dinner after the Christmas Parade, November 30, 2005. The cost is \$5.00 and will get you stew, cornbread and dessert. So come and enjoy a nice warm meal at The Imagination Station after the parade. Hope to see you there!!

**Prayer & Praise
Service Thursdays
@ 7:00 p.m.
First United
Methodist Church**

Depot Museum Looking for Birds

This year the Depot Museum Board is going to decorate the museum for Christmas with birds.

If you have any kind of Christmas birds please call Ann Wells at 396-2527 or the museum at 396-2582

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To the Taxpayers of Stratford ISD

You may have noticed that we are considering some improvements to the school. As a Board and Superintendent, we want to share our rationale for these projects.

Here's what we want to do:

- The Old Gym is not functional for our needs; the court is not regulation and is in need of renovation. We would like to convert this into a two story classroom area. This will allow for any growth and special educational programs soon to be located in the High School.
- Renovate the Gymnasium Concession area in an effort to relieve the congestion in the hallway and provide more workspace within the Concession area. This concession area is the main fund raiser for our Band program.
- Air-condition the competition gym. This gym serves the District and community in many capacities. From Pep Rallies to Band concerts to Graduations, our gym is well-used. Installing air conditioning will make the gym much more comfortable for those activities in the warmer months. It will also help preserve our wood floor. Dust is an enemy of a gym floor, so sealing up the gym will help us in floor maintenance and assure the long term longevity of this gym.
- We are looking at constructing a multi-purpose Activity Center to be located on the present tennis courts. This would start off as a stand-alone building that could be accessed at various times of the year, especially when school is closed. It will be designed to be an energy efficient building capable of summer-time use. With a rubber floor, a variety of activities could be held in the Activity Center. This Activity Center will also give the district a second regulation sized basketball court and an indoor tennis court. On the academic side, it allows the girls program to be scheduled during the last period of the day. Currently, our girls have their workouts the next to last period of the day; therefore, they end up missing their last period class when a contest requires greater travel time.
- Ultimately, we hope to fill in the Breezeway (between the two current gyms) for better accessibility during inclement weather to the new Activity Center.

So how will we pay for it? The District has been setting aside funds for projects like this and an early bond payoff. Because of the District's increased values, our bond tax has dropped from 11 cents to 6.5 cents per 100 dollars valuation. Early payoff of the bond is still a goal, and we are very fortunate to have a lower overall tax rate than two-thirds of the rest of the Texas Panhandle Schools.

We have set restraints on how much we are willing to spend. Therefore, it is possible that this project will have to be completed in phases over an extended time period, but we have tried to look at long term needs of our students and continued use of all our facilities.

We want to be good stewards of the District's financial resources, and we believe our current financial ability can allow us to meet our structural needs without any undue burden on the taxpayers, we do not foresee any tax increase over what we now have to pay for this project.

Strong academic programs work hand in hand with strong extra-curricular programs. Stratford has long enjoyed success in both areas. We're fortunate. We have an active student body, a strong group of employees, and very supportive parents. We want to make sure that our facilities play a positive role in this success as well.

Tim Gilliland, Superintendent
Joe Reinart, Board President

The Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The Presidents Exhibit is open to the public. School groups will have tours Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2. The Exhibit is open on regular hours Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00 and Sunday from 2:00-5:00. The Exhibit will close Sunday, December 4.

Stew and Corn bread will be served at 6:00 p.m. November 30, after the Christmas Parade. Stew, Cornbread, drink and dessert is \$5.00 Adults 12 and up and \$3.00 for Children over 5. Watch for George's Imagination Station Float at the Parade.

Next building phase will begin after the last Christmas Party in December. The Exhibit Room will relocate heating ducts in preparation for painting the ceiling and installing more lighting and ceiling fans.

Future exhibit plans include the Week of the Young Child in April.



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday. Of course, we're back in school now. Elk Tales will be kinda short this week because of the holiday.

The One Act Play auditions were held Monday. Junior High All-Region Band Try-Outs were held Tuesday. The Amarillo Speech Tournament is this Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th graders will be taking the PAseries test on the computers this week. 5th graders are now into big numbers- we are multiplying 3 digits by 3 digits. We found that there are over 20 places to make one tiny mistake and it will make the whole problem wrong!

High Plains Vegetable Conference Slated for Jan. 24 in Canyon

By Tim W. McAlavy

LUBBOCK * Vegetable growers, processors, market gardeners and master gardeners can renew production and marketing skills at the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference in Canyon. The conference on Jan. 24 will feature information on organics, crop rotations, fruit trees, sustainable vegetable production, and insect, disease and weed control.

Registration begins at 7:45 a.m., at the West Texas A&M University Alumni Banquet Facility at the corner of North Third and 25 streets. Registration costs \$25 per person before Dec. 31 and \$30 at the door. This fee covers all handouts and materials, and lunch.

Attendees can qualify for continuing education units and certified crop advisor credits approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Master Gardener certification credits.

The morning session will focus on cucurbit production, bees and pollination and organic vegetable production.

The afternoon session will address fruit tree production, phytochemicals in fruits and vegetables, a pesticide update, crop rotations, sustainable production practices, weed control and a panel discussion.

Conference sponsors include Extension, the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, West Texas

A&M University, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For registration or exhibit information contact Russ Wallace or Wendy Durrett at (806) 746-6101.

Beat Quanah

Winter Fires - Safety Tips for the Home

Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Fire Administration offer these winter fire safety tips for the home.

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternative sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are in use as well as fireplaces with wood or man-made logs. All of these methods of heating may be acceptable; however, they are a major contributing factor in residential fires. Following these fire safety tips can prevent many of these fires.

Kerosene Heaters: be sure heater is in good working condition. Inspect parts for carbon build up. Be sure heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over. **PROPER VENTILATION** is essential...never burn kerosene, coal, propane without ventilation. Burning fuels produces deadly fumes. Use only the proper fuel recommended by manufacturer. Keep kerosene and other flammable liquids stored in approved containers in well-ventilated storage area outside of the house. Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot and never overfill...fuel will expand as it warms in the tank. Refueling should be done outdoors. Keep young children

away from space heaters - especially when wearing nightgowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited. If using a fuel-burning appliance in a bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.

Wood stove and Fireplaces: be sure the stove or fireplace is properly installed. Woodstoves should have 36" clearance from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection. Woodstoves should be of good quality construction and design and should be UL listed. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time. Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire. Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and unwanted material from going in and help prevent the possibility of burns to

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"InVEST IN VOLUNTEERS DECEMBER 8th

"InVest in Volunteers, Extension's Superior Team" will be addressed by Donna Brauchi, Texas Cooperative Extension District Extension Administrator of Amarillo at the Sherman County Extension Program Council Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, 2005 in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Stratford at 11:45 a.m.

Hosted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council, Mrs. Brauchi's presentation will focus on the value of volunteers to the Texas Cooperative Extension and how volunteers roles are important in providing relevant educational programs and activities to the residents of Sherman County. In addition, accomplishments of Extension programming efforts for the 2005 year will also be highlighted. Volunteers who have contributed service to the council and program committees will be recognized also. Preliminary plans for 2006 activities will also be shared at the meeting.

All interested residents are invited to attend this informative meeting. Lunch will be provided compliments of the Sherman County Extension Program Council. Residents who are interested in attending are as asked to call the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122 by Monday, December 5 so that adequate arrangements can be made.

For more information, please contact the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122.

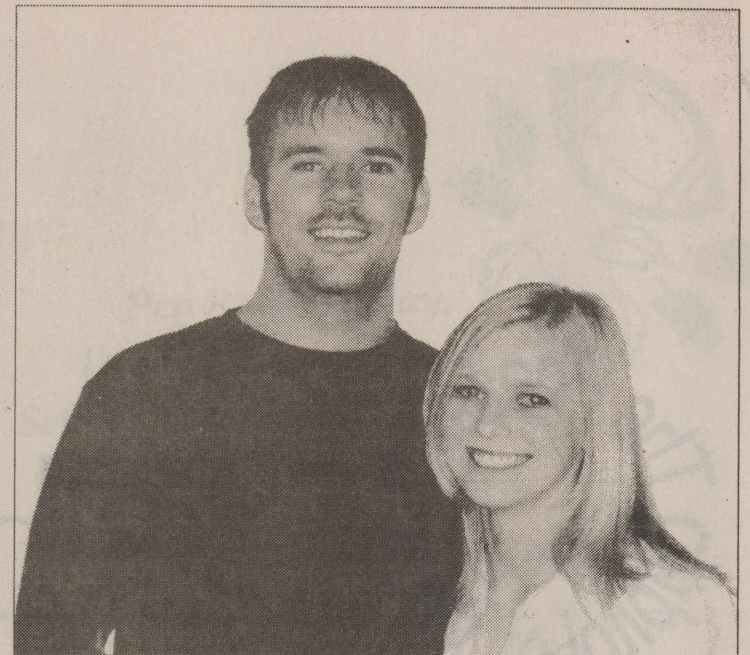
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Holiday

(NU) - A surefire way to people's hearts is through their pets. Here are a few holiday gift ideas for the pet owner on your list: Quickly and easily remove pet hair from carpet and furniture using the new Shark Cordless Hand Vac With Motorized Brush, available at Target, Amazon.com and Best Buy; have touch-free clean-up with the Shark Grab 'n Bag Powered Scooper, available at Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, BJ's Wholesale Club, PetSmart and Linens-N-Things; and turn a photograph of a beloved pet into a versatile gift with TreasureKnit Photo Blankets. Photos are woven directly into each blanket. To order, visit www.treasureknit.com.



Engagement Announcement

Mrs. Leah Oakley, along with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Oakley of Stratford, TX are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter & granddaughter Stephanie Washburn to Greg Priddy, son of Dennis and Kay Priddy of Kernes, TX. A wedding has been planned for January 7, 2006 in Dallas. The future bride is currently a student at UNT in Denton, TX. She is studying Interior Design and food and nutrition. The future groom is currently a student at UNT studying education and coaching.

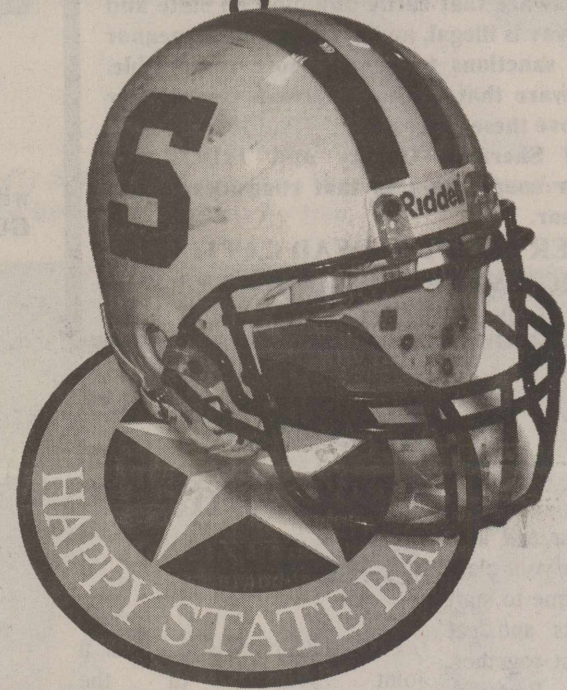
Health

(NU) - For serious foot conditions or after surgery, podiatrists may prescribe orthotics. These devices are used to correct an abnormal or irregular walking pattern by altering the way in which the foot strikes a surface. If you're having any type of foot pain, you may be a candidate for orthotics; consult a podiatrist to get a comprehensive examination. For information on orthotics and foot care, visit the American Podiatric Medical Association's Web site, www.apma.org.

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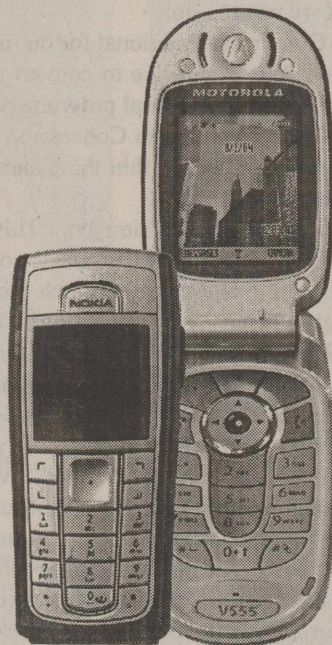
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Saturday, November 19th was Lara Wells third birthday and mother Brandi had a party for her that was attended by the family.

Secret Pal Parry is Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Griggs Chicken House. Jo June McDaniel is the hostess.

Virgie Mathews hosted the Thanksgiving dinner at Albert's Manor in Dumas. Diners were Mary & Dudley Hill, Stratford, Kevin, Vicki, Daniel & Ashley Hill of Austin, Geneva & Joyce Wells, Griggs, Dr. Gary Mathews, and Marjory Munden.

With Jo June McDaniel for the holiday were Penny & Linda Whitson, Jennifer & Geo Swagerty of Clayton, John, Teri, Nicholas, Shelby McDaniel and niece Alisha of Stratford,

Spending the holiday with Cody & Roxan Bowman in Ballinger were the Brady Schoonovers, Sandy & Ellen Tillery.

Roy Harris was in Higgins with his mother, Rowena Whittle, while Ciccy Was with her father, Lit Fowler, at Mineral Wells. Mr. Fowler has been very ill

With the Hampton family were Mike & Nora Wells of Stratford and Parker Wells of Colorado Springs.

Thanksgiving guests with Bill & Pat Boren were the Joe Bill Boren family of Rio Rancho, N.M. and the Kelly Carlisle family of Abernathy.

Holiday diners with Marylou McDaniel were Patti McDaniel of Aurora, CO., Donna Baker, Colorado City, CO., Cliff Abbott, Lubbock, Duane & Thelma Smith, Dumas, Mike & Merilee McDaniel.

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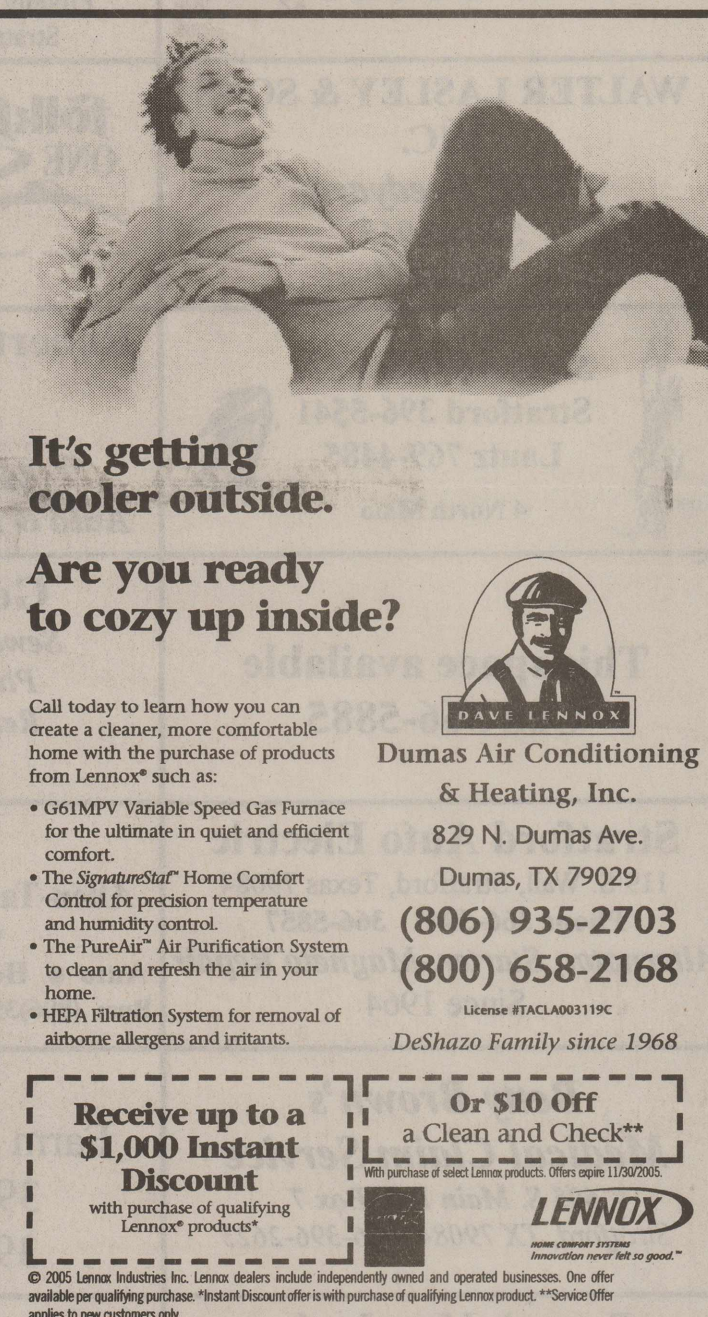
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Births

Tracy and Leo Gutierrez are proud to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Zae Leigh Marie Gutierrez. She was born November 22, 2005 and weighed 6 lbs. 8.8 oz and was 18 ¾ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Gilbert and Candy Gutierrez of Stratford, Texas. Paternal Grandparents are Leo and Maria Gutierrez of Dumas, Texas.

Beat Quannah

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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 8:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:20 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Junior High UMY 5:00 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687

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Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon

Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message

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Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

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396-5554

702 N. 3rd

Sunday School - 9:30

Worship Service - 10:30

Adult Choir Practice - 6:30

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THE BREAD OF GOD

A prophet in the Old Testament of the Bible exhorts, "Do not eat the bread of men" (Ezekiel 24:17). What is the bread of men? We equate bread and money. "Give me my bread, man." We love money. Money, we think, alleviates our present problems and assures our future. The Bible warns, although not harmful in and of itself, "the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). So it is. The alternative to the bread of men is the bread of God. Jesus Christ tells us this. "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world" (John 6:33). This bread, like earthly bread, gives life. The bread of God, however, gives superior life, eternal life. "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die" (John 6:50). Who is this bread? Jesus responds, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). Unfortunately, even people within the visible church of Jesus Christ cling tenaciously to the bread of men. For example, "the leaven of malice" (1 Corinthians 5:8) is prevalent within and without the church. Strange, many men and women would rather bare hatred in their hearts toward others than follow Jesus Christ and eat the bread of God.

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DeAnda Inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met November 19 at Bar-H Restaurant in Dalhart. Members present were Rebecca Amyx, Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso and Mary Jo Ondracek from Dalhart; Kathie Altman and Jennifer DeAnda from Stratford; Syndi Kneller from Texline.

President Altman presented Jennifer DeAnda with her Delta Kappa Gamma Pin. The members then went through a rededication service to remind them of their purposes and responsibility to the mission of the Society. Shirley Hendricks was presented the Chapter Achievement Award for Gamma Xi Chapter. We enjoyed fellowship and a wonderful lunch.

The next meeting will be January 21st in the Music Room at Dalhart Elementary. Sunray members will be the hostess. We will start at 10:30 a.m.. It will be our Auction for our Scholarship Fund. We will work on committee reports for Alpha State and Paula Everett will be discussing the TASP Exit Test for Science. All members are encouraged to attend.

Safety Tips

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occupants. The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup. Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build a fire, it is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire. Never burn charcoal indoors-burning charcoal can give off **LETHAL** amounts of carbon monoxide. Keep flammable materials away from your mantel to prevent sparks igniting these materials. Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force

More tip: Never discard hot ashes inside or near the house. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house. Never use a range or an oven as a source of heat as it can be a source of deadly toxic fumes. Use of electric heaters can overload circuits. Use only extension cords that are rated to carry the amp load to prevent fires from overload. Avoid using electric heaters in bathrooms where they can come in contact with water. Never try to thaw frozen pipes with a torch or other open flame; conducted heat could ignite combustibles inside the wall. Be sure windows used for safety exits open easily and have a home escape ladder if in a multi-story home. Have working smoke detectors on every level of your home - check on a monthly basis.

Finally: If there is a fire hydrant near your home, you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow in the event it is needed.

toxic carbon monoxide into the house. If synthetic logs are used, follow directions on package.

Furnace heating: It's important to have your furnace inspected to be sure it is in good working order. Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition. Leave furnace repairs to the qualified specialists. Inspect walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line for discoloration, which may indicate additional pipe insulation or clearance is needed. Check the flue pipes and pipe seams to be sure they are well supported and free of holes and cracks. Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.



President Kathie Altman presenting Jennifer DeAnda with her Delta Kappa Gamma Pin.

Chamber News

By Patty Tims

Christmas Parade

There have been conflicting times mentioned for the Parade. To confirm the time for line up, the time will be between 5:30 & 6:00, with the parade starting at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. If the weather is not cooperative, the parade will be canceled and we will try again next year. Hopefully the weather will be nice and the parade will light up the main street of Stratford.

Donations

Bobby Strong, Chamber Board Member, and Kathy Allen, SCDC, have donated items to the Chamber. Bobby donated the lovely valances that now adorn the Chamber window. Kathy Allen donated a paper shredder, which is a nice addition to our office equipment and greatly needed.

The Chamber would like to thank these two ladies for their donated items.

End of an Era

End of an Era, as stated by Kathy Alien, who worked hard to put Consumers Auction together. Consumers Auction was last Wednesday and what a busy place it was. I was not able to attend until after class on Wednesday and was I surprised when I got there. People were coming out of the wood works.

It was sad to walk around the old building with all of its furnishings gone. What used to be a thriving business was reduced to nothing but walls. I can remember Consumers being there ever since I was a little girl, coming to Stratford with my granddad and father.

The Auction was successful and well worth it though, nothing went to waste. Now, it will be out with the old and in with the new. A new adventure and I am excited to see what new business will pop up in the old location.

The Auction was catered by Tip Top Catering and Regan & Brown Auctioning Services.

Remember to support your local businesses during the holiday season and always.

Pheasant Hunt

The Pheasant Hunt will be this weekend. Boy did this ever sneak up on me. Time flies when you are having fun. Saturday morning the Lions Club will have their annual Hunters Breakfast, located at the County Barn, at 6:00 a.m. S.C.O.T. Hall will be having a pork chop dinner, starting at 11:00 and ending at 1:00. On Sunday, the First Christian Church Disciples Men will have their Calf Fry dinner, beginning at noon.

Please support these non-profit organizations and have some really good food. Yum....

TEXAS JOBS, ECONOMY GROWING FASTER THAN THOUGHT

- State tax, regulation and invest policies make Texas a job haven, Rep. David Swinford says -

In new data released in October and November, Dallas Federal Reserve Bank economists found the Texas economy to be adding jobs and growing at rates significantly faster than previously thought. The Dallas Fed has revised its estimate of Texas job growth over the last year from 1.8 percent to 2.4 percent, based on an addition of 57,000 new jobs between September 2004 and September 2005.

State data shows that since July 2003, Texans have added more than 288,000 jobs.

"The Texas economy is on track to end the year with stronger job growth than the rest of the country," the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank reports. "Nearly all sectors of the economy gained jobs in September. The largest increase was in construction, which grew by 2,900 workers, or an annualized 6.4 percent. While some September job growth probably was temporary to support hurricane-related activities or to provide goods and services to evacuees, most of this growth is reasonable, given recent trends, and could be driven by the underlying business cycle."

"The 2005 increase in employment is consistent with anecdotal reports and suggests that the Texas economy is

strengthening and showing signs of pulling away from the national economy."

Texas' strong economic performance is a testament to our state's strong fiscal discipline and common-sense regulatory system, said Rep. David Swinford.

"Texas leaders work hard to balance our budget, keep taxes low and create a common-sense regulation climate for entrepreneurs and employers," said Swinford. "The Texas Enterprise Fund, workers' compensation reform, rising educational achievement and our state's well-known fiscal conservatism help encourage job creation for Texas."

In stark contrast to Texas' economic successes, an October 2005 study by the Public Policy Institute of California found that in every year from 1993 to 2002, California lost net jobs because employers moved to other states. Texas was the biggest beneficiary of California jobs during that time period, with nearly 35,000 jobs relocated from California to the Lone Star State. Unlike Texas, California is known as a very high-tax, high-regulation place to live and work.

"State leaders must continue to resist calls for massive tax and spending increases, and continue to press for efficient and effective public schools and state services," Swinford continued. "Texans win by setting clear priorities, by restraining the growth of taxes and bureaucracy, and by making our state a great place to live, learn and build a business."

"I Hate Hamlet" To Be Presented

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to present Paul Rudnick's hilarious comedy "I Hate Hamlet" as the second Mainstage offering of the 2005-06 season. Andrew Rally, a young and successful television actor relocates to New York, where he rents a marvelous, gothic apartment. With his TV. career in limbo, he is offered the opportunity to play Hamlet on stage, but there's one problem...he hates Hamlet. He is surrounded by a well-meaning, but demanding group which includes a brassy realtor, his ditsy girl friend, a dry-witted German agent and a deal-making friend. His dilemma deepens with the entrance of John Barrymore's ghost, who arrives intoxicated and in full costume to the apartment that once was his. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword and the fact that he fails as Hamlet in Central Park.

Show Dates are December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9,10 at 8:00 pm and December 11 at 2:30 pm. A marvelous cast of veteran actors will lead you on a wild romp. You don't want to miss this hilarious comedy!

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or

by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may also be reserved online by emailing jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org. For additional information, please contact Alien Shankles.

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By Gaynelle Riffe

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"I Hate Hamlet" Main Stage
Amarillo Little Theatre

Dec. 9-11

"The Nutcracker" Lone Star Ballet
Amarillo Civic Center 806-372-2463

Dec. 10

"Sounds of the Season" Dinner Theatre
Dalhart Community LaRita Theatre 244-5646

Dec. 14

Trans-Siberian Orchestra 7:30
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3076

Dec. 15

Christmas Concert Stratford School Bands
Stratford High School Gym

Dec. 16

Amarillo Youth Choirs "Sounds of the Season Concert"
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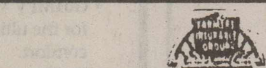
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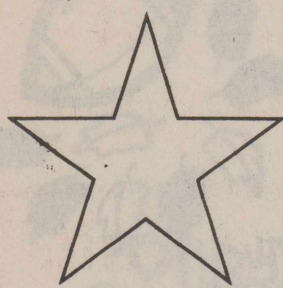
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Help Wanted-Counter Salesperson needed at A&I Parts. Contact Jerry Ewers at 366-5592 or 753-7593. 12-1-tfn

Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division. Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn

To Give Away

Free Puppies to Give Away. Small mixed breed. Call 366-3102 or come by 1215 N. Division. 12-1-tfn

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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. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

Houses for Sale

For Sale-Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood. \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-31-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: 605 N. 3rd, 2 bedroom, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 1/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division. 9-22-tfn

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

For Sale by Owner. 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, Approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-934-3381 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270. 9-22-tfn

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678. 6-16-tfn

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569. 7-14-tfn

House for Sale: 605 S. Main. Will consider Trade. Call 396-2569. 12-8-c-05-6x's

HOUSE FOR SALE: 816 N. Maple-Two story, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, Central H/A, Fireplace, Carport, Fenced backyard with deck. Close to school! \$40,000. Call Brett: 366-7664 or 753-6677. 7-28-tfn

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 14th day of September, 2005 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:00 P.M. on the 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

**Cause No. 4567
STRATFORD INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT VS DE
ANDA DANIEL**
All of Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), Block Ninety (90), City of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

**ALL BIDDERS MUST
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We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they may appear advantageous, and to waive all formalities in bidding. Proposal documents may be obtained from:

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Cards of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for their Prayers, thoughts, phone calls, visits and being so supportive of me at this most difficult time. And also for your concern for Ginger Porter. We appreciate it so much.

Mike Galla

The Relay For Life steering committee would like to thank all who helped to support the Rib Dinner. A special thanks goes to those who helped sponsor this event: Dorothy Haile, Kathy Melton, Billye Zak, Thriftway and Express Lane. A big thank you goes to Jeff Kautz who cooked the delicious ribs. Relay for Life is a major fund raiser for the American Cancer Society and we couldn't have done this event without Stratford's awesome support.

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Eating slowly and sticking to smaller meals can help you avoid holiday heartburn.

Try these additional tips for controlling holiday heartburn:

- Stick to small meals.
- Eat slowly.
- Avoid large, fatty meals and spicy or acidic foods.
- Limit alcohol consumption.
- Note previous reactions to certain foods and avoid those that create heartburn symptoms.
- Drink a glass of water when heartburn occurs to help dilute and remove refluxed acid from the lower esophagus.
- Avoid lying down or stooping soon after meals.

By following these suggestions, you can increase your chances of celebrating the holidays heartburn free.

Good Luck Elks

Beat Quanah

Football-Elk Style

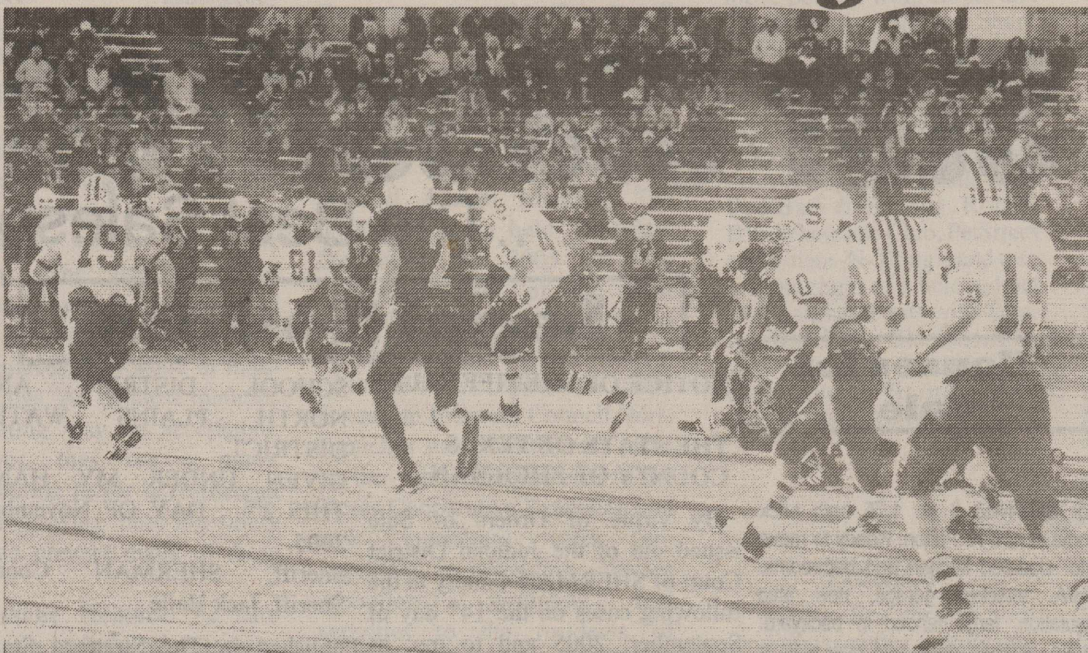
Elks Whip Wink 41-0

The Stratford Elk cruised to a 41-0 Regional win against Wink on Friday, November 25, 2005 at Lowrey Field in Lubbock, TX. The Elks will advance to the Class 1A State Quarterfinal round this Friday against Quanah at Kimbrough Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

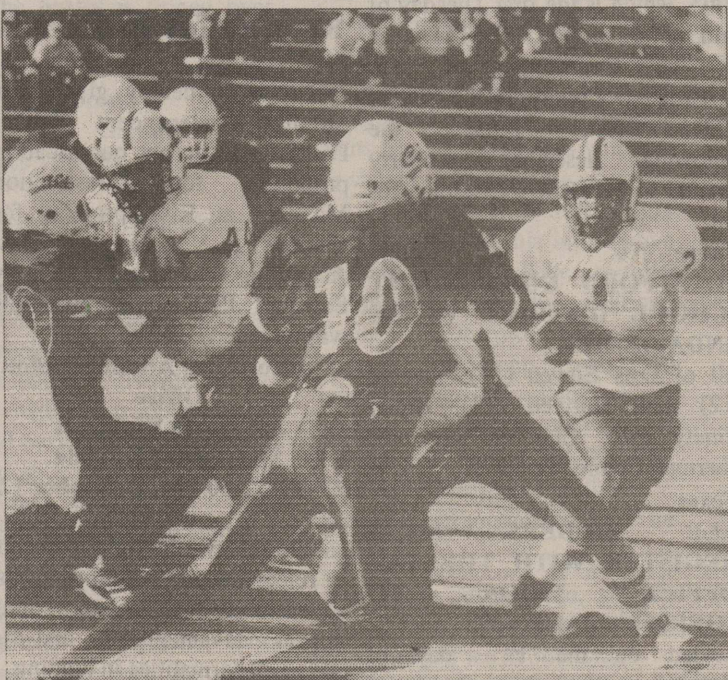
Hunter Buckles completed 5 of 7 passes for 84 yards. Brady Bell led the Elks offense with 117 yards on 18 carries and four touchdowns followed by Craig Kautz with 18 carries for 94 yards. Jonathan Licon added 54 yards on 5 carries and two touchdowns. Jonathan Licon added 4 PAT's and Martin Beltran kicked 1 PAT for the Elks. Case Crabtree led the Elks in receptions with 57 yards on 3 catches followed by Pablo Ibarra with 22 yards on 1 reception.

Licon and Steve Rueda led the Elks defense with 8 tackles followed by Jeffrey Frizzell with 6 tackles and Andrew Correll with 5 tackles. Rueda and Frizzell each had a quarterback sack and Brant Cummings intercepted one pass for the Elks. Elks also contributing to the defense were Craig Kautz, Hunter Buckles, Sandro Gomez, Brady Bell, Joey Reta, Julio Ramirez, Rudy Portillo, Brent Reed, Alex Martinez, and Case Crabtree.

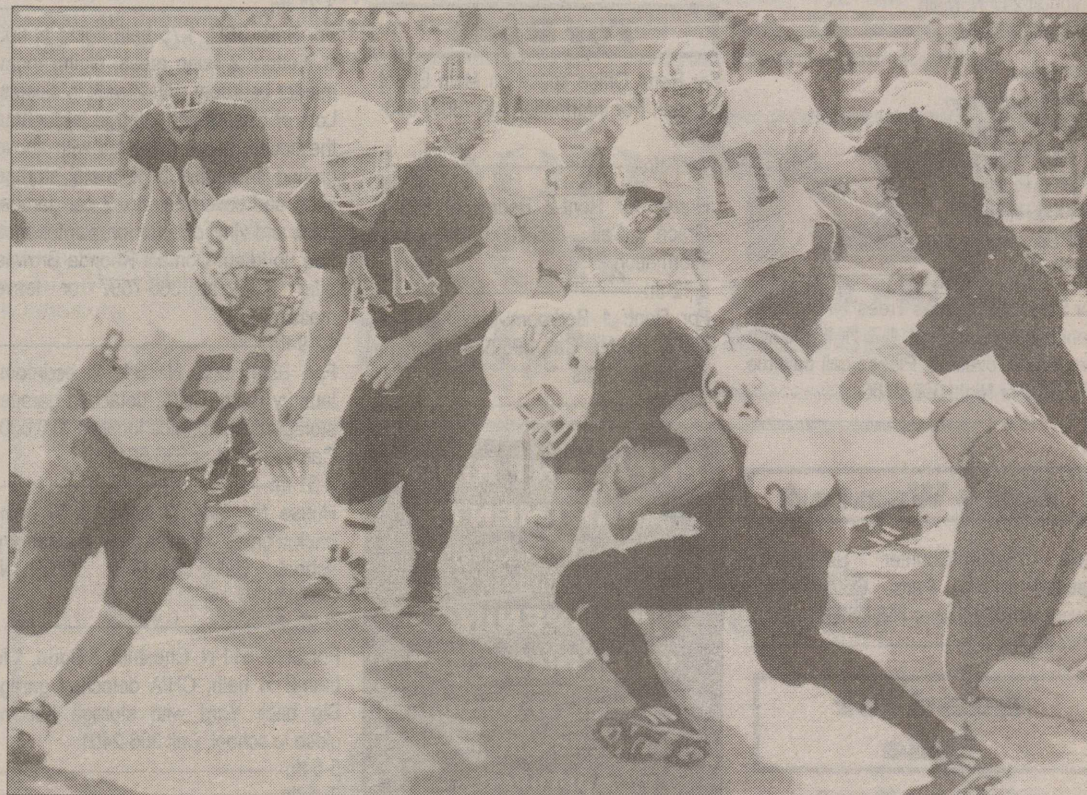
Players of the Week is the Elk Team. Lets Go Elks - Beat Quanah!



The Elks dominated against Wink on Friday, November 25th in the Elks Regional Win.



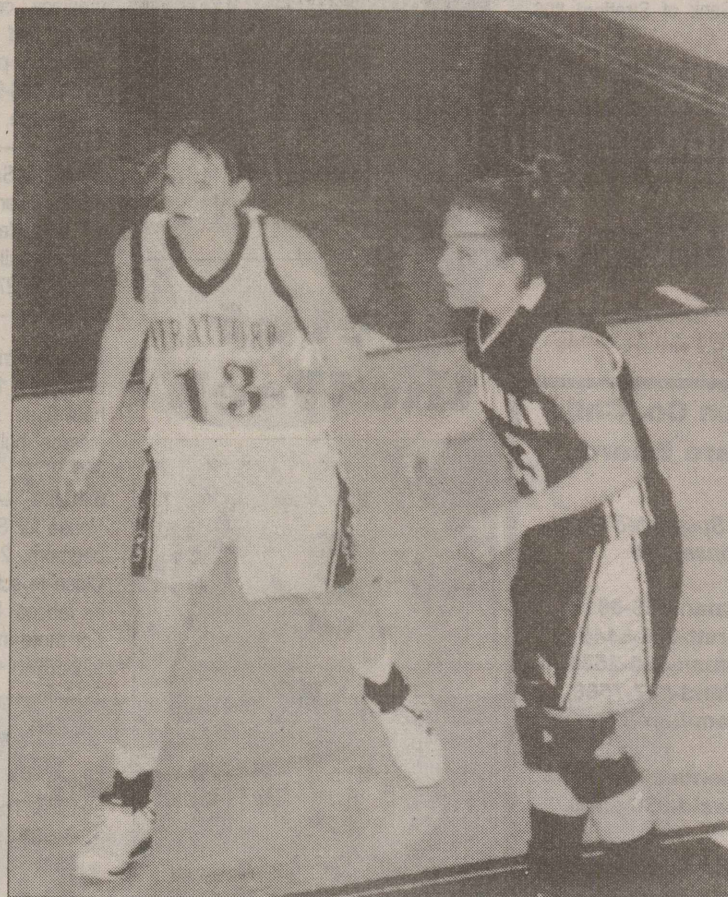
#44 Brady Bell blocks as Hunter Buckles looks for the pass in the Elks Regional win over Wink.



Stratford Elk #22 Jeffrey Frizzell tackles Wink player. Also shown #58 Steven Rueda, #51 Gilbert Reta, and #77 Rudy Portillo.



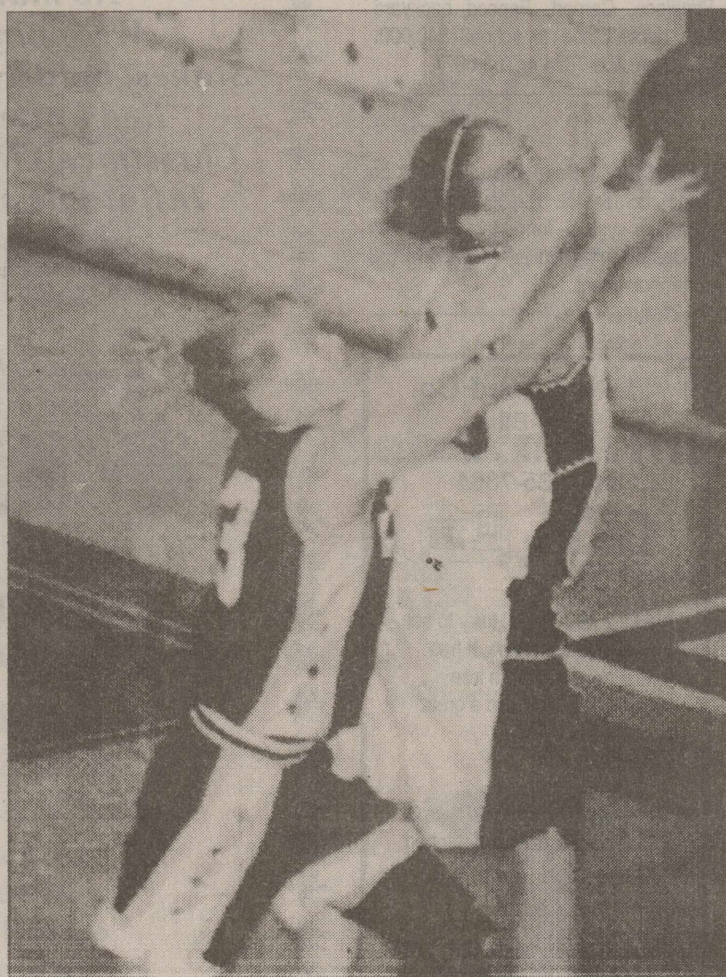
Lady Elks get ready on defense, Merilee McDaniel, Yadira Ortega, Shadley Audrain and Crystal Peregrino.



Lady Elk #13 Allison Baskin gets ready on defense.



8th grade Elks from left, Cody Carter, Braden Hamilton and Roy Allen against Gruver on Monday, November 21st.



J.V. Lady Elk Sinead Everett and Spearman player go after the ball.



J.V. Lady Elk April Peregrino gets the opening jump ball against Spearman.



Coach Lance Horsford talks with the 7th grade Elks at half-time in their win over Gruver on Monday, November 21st.