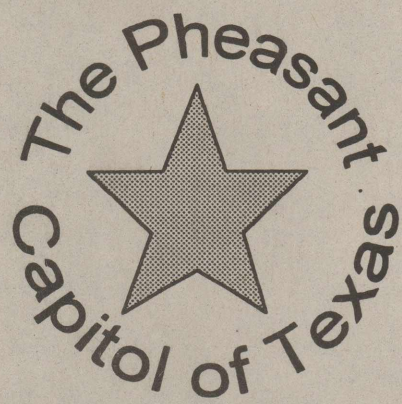


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Local News

Scot Christmas Party Dec. 9th

Scot Christmas party and game night Friday, Dec. 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Scot Hall.

Scot To Go Amarillo Friday Dec. 16th

Scot group to go eat out in Amarillo and see the Christmas lights on Friday, Dec. 16th, leave Scot Hall at 5:15 p.m. (a few more seats left on the bus to go).

Become An EMT

Want A Challenge?

Become a Volunteer EMT (Emergency medical Technician). Your Community Needs You. Classes starting January 1995. Call Kenneth at 396-2844 for more information.

New Years Eve Dance At Country Club

New Year's Eve Dance at the Country Club from 9 to 12.

Commodities Delivery Dates

Commodities will be delivered to the residents of Texhoma at the Texhoma City Hall on Tuesday, December 13, 1994, from 9:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. Residents of Stratford will receive their commodities on Friday, December 16, 1994, at the Sherman County Courthouse between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If there are any questions regarding the date, time or whether you qualify for the Emergency Food Assistance, please contact the County Judge's office at 396-2021.

A Safe Place Outreach Representative is available 24 hours a day. Call 1-800-753-7553. Representatives are available to assist victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. A Safe Place representative is always available to speak to civic club and organizations. Safe Place Services are free and strictly confidential. HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY!!!

Hospital Report

Woody Gay is in Veterans Hospital.



Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

A Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting was held for Professional Processors Feed Division on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994. They opened at 119 S. Spruce. Owners Wesley and Cindy Miller and son Mark and daughter Alicia were on hand to cut the Ribbon. Approximately 38 are employed between Professional Processors, Professional Hay Service and W & C. Shown with the Millers are their employees. Wesley and Cindy moved to Stratford 15 years ago. Ribs were served at 4 p.m.

Crimestoppers Needs Your Help!!!!!!

Sherman Co. Crimestoppers needs your help in identifying the person or persons responsible for the following crimes; on or before the 22nd of October a 56 foot fold up sweep plow was stolen from South Poplar The plow was yellow-green in color; on the night of the 24th of October Approx. sixteen windows were broken out of the building at 020 N. Main (The Old Ford House; and on the 2nd of Dec. at a residence on Purnell Sixty Christmas lights and a Christmas Star were stolen.

If you have information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons involved in these or any other crimes in Stratford, Texhoma, or Sherman Co. please call Crimestoppers at (806) 396-2600. You will remain completely anonymous and rewards of up to \$1,000.00 will be paid.

Project Christmas Card

It's Project Christmas Card time! Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star again ask your support for Sherman County Library. This is the way the project works. Instead of sending a Christmas card to your friends locally, add up the cost of the cards, stamps, and the time saved, plus maybe a little more, and take a check to The First State Bank. Make it to the Sherman County Library.

In The Stratford Star Christmas issue, your greetings will be given to everyone and the money given will be used for extra books and items needed that make the library one of the best in the area.

Have you used the library lately? They have lots of new books. Have you borrowed one of the audio books? If your eyesight isn't what it used to be, or if you have a tape player in your auto, they are great to listen to.

Donate today or tomorrow for sure! Let's make our donations over \$2500 this year.

Deadline is Monday, Dec. 19th at 10 a.m. Remember 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19th.

Trustee Election Sign Up

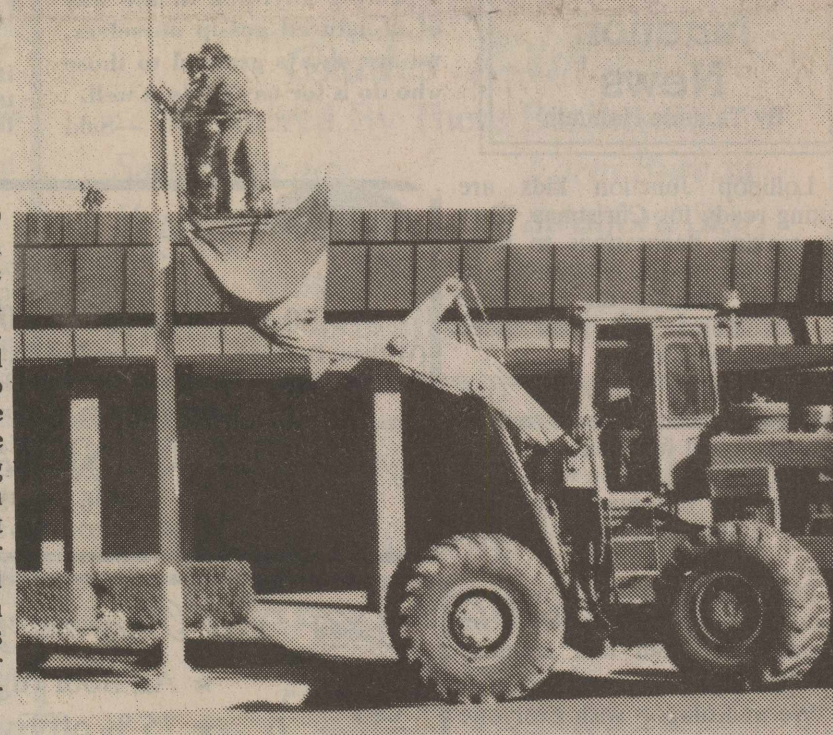
Sign-up for the Texhoma ISD Trustee Election is now in progress in the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 4th and Denver in Texhoma, Tx. Interested parties have until December 7, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. to turn in an application and be placed on the ballot for the election. The deadline for turning in an application as a write-in candidate is December 22, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. There are two three-year term positions to be elected and one one-year unexpired term position to be elected. Candidates may file an application to run for either a full term or the one year term.

Only 17 more shopping days until Christmas. Are You ready????



Bivens Visits Stratford

Republican State Senator Teel Bivens was in Stratford Thursday, Dec. 1, 1994 for a Town Hall Meeting held at the First State Bank of Stratford. Senator Bivens is touring Senate District 31 hosting 15 town hall meetings. Bivens was introduced by B.A. Donelson. Questions were received by the folks who attended. He also asked everyone in the room to close their eyes. Then asked the question, "How many by show of hands, are against "Casino gambling"? He said most places he visits it is 10% are for it, 90% against it. It would take a constitutional amendment to pass the measure and 2/3 vote of both houses. Closing your eyes, was so your neighbor wouldn't see how you voted and vice versa.



City Puts Up Lights

The City of Stratford recently put up the towns Christmas lights. The City has certainly got in the Christmas spirit with all the holiday decorations and lights that have been put up.

Police Report

By Mike Hare

12-01: Officers assisted the Fire Department in responding to a pickup fire in the 600 Blk S. Pearl. The owner had put the fire out before the Fire Dept. arrived. Officers also responded to a criminal mischief call in the 500 Blk. N. Chestnut where a pickup window was shot out with a BB Gun. Officers also responded to the 400 Blk. Pine in reference to a truck window being shot out by a BB gun. Officers then responded to a call or a truck blocking the drive at Crossroads. The driver was located and advised to move the truck. Officers again assisted the Fire Department by blocking traffic.

12-02: Officers received a complaint of person(s) unknown stealing a Christmas decoration and approximately 60 lights from the 600 Blk. Purnell. Officers also responded to an Alarm at the First State Bank. The alarm had been accidentally set off.

12-03: Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint in the 1200 Blk. Division. Another pickup window had been shot with a BB gun. Officers received a loud music complaint in the 700 Blk. N. Pearl. The subject with the music was located and issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct-Loud Music.

During this period, Officers issued 13 citations and 10 warnings.

If anyone has any information concerning the windows on several vehicles being shot with BB Guns, please contact the police department. This is a crime that may not seem serious on the surface, but this causes the owners of the vehicles a very large inconvenience. They have to have the windows replaced, turn in a claim with their insurance company, and are left with a feeling of insecurity. The police department will follow-up any lead we receive to assure the person or persons involved are prosecuted to the extent of the law.

Time To Send Your Santa Letters Now!!!!



It's that time again-when Santa begins expecting letters from boys and girls listing their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus has once again chosen the Star as the official area drop-off point for letters to him.

Children are welcome to bring their letters to the Star office at 309 N. Main and place them in our special Santa mailbox. They can also be mailed to Santa Letters, c/o The Stratford Star, P.O. Box 8, Stratford, Texas, 79084.

The Star will print all the letters it receives in its annual Christmas edition, which comes

out December 22, 1994. We also forward all letters with the help of some of Santa's elves, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas Eve.

But remember, all letters must be received at the Star office by Friday, December 16th at 5 p.m., and the sooner we have them, the better. Letters received after that date will not have time to reach the North Pole.

Don't forget to put your first and last name on the letter so that Santa Claus is sure to know who you are.

Santas' Mailbox is At Mary Allen Elementary if you would like to mail your letter there.

Dear Readers
By Marty Robertson

Monday was certainly bright and cheery downtown as some of the merchants held an open house. Lots of pretty decorations and delicious food was had by many visitors. And of course the turning on of the lights at 5 p.m. made it really look like Christmas is only a few days away. The merchants in town have a great selection for that special person or not so special person, whatever the case might be. Remember to try and shop at home if you possibly can. We need our businesses. Cherish them.

Love is to the soul of him who loves, what the soul is to the body which it animates.

—La Rochefoucauld

Obit

Ava Louise Trout

Ava Louise Trout, 75 of Hallettsville, Texas died Saturday November 26, 1994. Mrs. Trout was born in Plainview, Texas on October 10 1919.

Survivors are husband, Delwyn Trout, Hallettsville, Texas, Daughters, Linda McKeegan, Houston, Texas; Norma Thero, Colorado Springs, Co.; sons, Jim Payne of Stratford, Leo Dailing of Houston; 15-grandchildren; 17-great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild; sisters, Ellen Gopcevic of Amarillo and Audrey Williams of Amarillo. Several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1994. Burial was in Hallettsville City Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Howard-Glendale funeral Directors of Houston.

Breast Cancer Screening To Be Held

The Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will again conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. North Main on December 8, 1994 from 10:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Breast cancer affects one in nine women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our mammography machine is certified by the American College of Radiology ensuring a quality film.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Freedom from something is not enough. It should also be freedom for something.
—Zechariah Chafee, Jr.

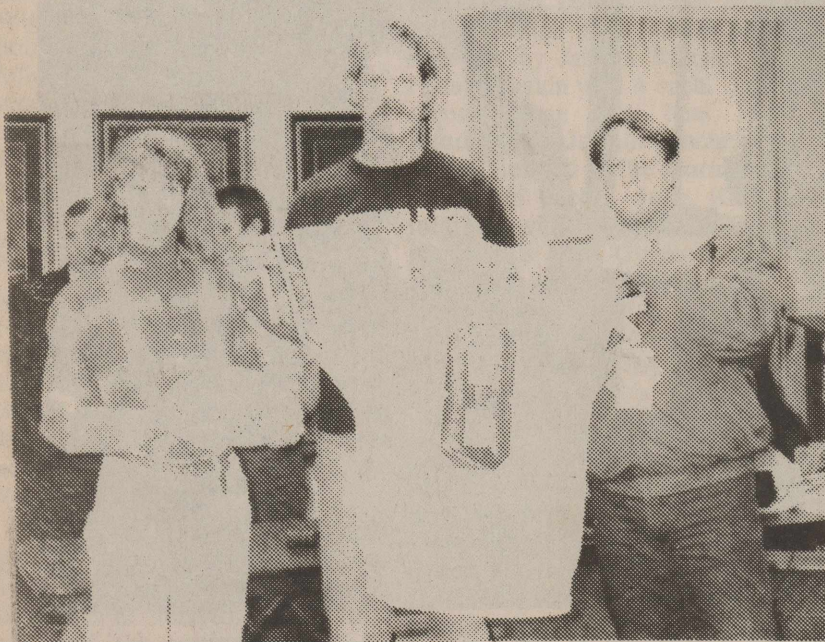


At formal dinners, silverware is arranged in the order of its use, with the first to be used farthest from the plate.



Allison Wins Stained Glass

Terri Teig is shown above with a few of the Lollipop Junction kiddies, as they drew Rinda Allison's name out of the bowl for the stain glass picture made by Cindy Russell. Board members, sold the chances.



Lions Club To Give Away Jersey

Queen Sabrina Bonds, Rex Sladek and Scott Buckles are shown with an autographed Troy Aikman Jersey and an autographed Cowboy football. This football was autographed by Eugene Lockhart, Harvey Martin, Tony Hill, Ron Fellows, Billy Joe Dupree and Tony Dorsett and chances for the football and jersey are being sold by local Lions Clubs members. They are both on display at The State Bank and will be at all local basketball games. Proceeds will be used for local Lions Clubs Projects.

Lollipop Junction News

By Tammie Helmuth

Hating anything in the way of ill-natured gossip ourselves, we are always grateful to those who do it for us and do it well.
—Saki

Lollipop Junction kids are getting ready for Christmas. They are making decorations to hang around the room. They sang a Christmas song for the Scot Hall in November, and they have decorated their tree.

We have a Christmas Tree wish list. Teachers have listed an item they need for their class on a color coded tree, if you would like to help out you may come and choose a tree and purchase that gift.

Our Christmas Party will be Dec. 23rd. We will be closed on Monday the 26th and Monday January 2nd.

We at Lollipop wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Board members, sold chances on a Stained Glass picture made by Cindy Russell. Rinda Allison was the winner. We appreciate everyone who purchased a ticket!

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- Northern Michigan 'Scotch Pine'

Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown

Happy day and a hello Sherman County Old Timers, and Readers, this Monday A.M. Dec. 5, 1994. Rose Brown (Mrs. Joe Ray) and Timi arrived in Amarillo Tues. P.M. Nov. 29. Lorelyn Powers picked us up at the airport and we were in Stratford about dark; completing for Timi a delightful Thanksgiving Holiday of 10 days. Of course, Betty and Baskin, Jim Bob, Patty, Ashley and Caleb (All Brown) were soon at our house to greet Rose and "the returnee".

For Timi the wonderful holiday can't be described in word. We have never seen Joe Ray so vitally alive, happy and interested profession ally, which is Managing Pharmacist for Sunscript Co., Scottsdale, Az. Among the dinner party of twelve gathered at one of Scottsdale nice caterers (a nice way to say we forget the name) to meet Joe's "Granny" were Mr. and Mrs. Oberfield, company Vice Pres.) later the entire party watched the Cowboy-Bear football game. Since Joe and Timi were the only fans present, we were very courteous after the game AND pretty good razzing of Joe of the game at the beginning. Friday, while visiting the largest pharmacy we were ever in, we met Douglas Dur an exceptionally qualified Chinese pharmacist who Joe has selected to be his assistant. We were especially interested to learn that Doug-as he insists on being called-is a Southern Baptist deacon and a missionary to Chinese in Scottsdale. He said there are about 4500 Chinese living in the Phoenix area of 2,000,000 population Friday evening, a part of friends including the Dur's and their son and Tina from Indianapolis, Ind. feasted on food Joe cooked and served. On Saturday Rose's mother, Mrs. Eiden, and Alex, and Iranian pharmacist we met in Kentucky came from El Paso for the weekend. Every waking hour of the 6 day we actually were in Scottsdale was full of pleasure of

Slide Step n' Jam

Slide, Step 'n Jam: Let's get Lateral, Vertical and Pumped! This is 3 hours created and presented by Suzette Whiteside. Suzette is the director and owner of BodyFit Fitness Instructor Training and an international presenter of educational workshops and master classes. She is the star of three nationally distributed videos including *Energy Up!* which was rated by New Body magazine as "...of the best exercise videos money can buy." In addition, she is certified through both the American Council on Exercise (ACE) and the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America (AFAA).

Suzette has received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with an emphasis in nutrition and fitness and a Masters of Business Administration.

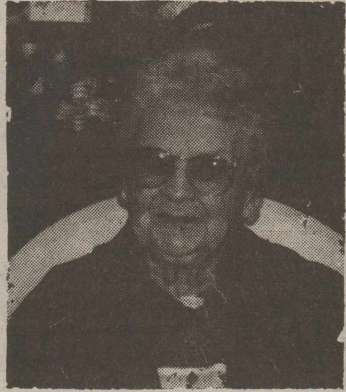
She has served as Fitness Consultant for Energee! Dance Team, dancers for the NBA Milwaukee Bucks and is a lecturer for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee department of human kinetics. In addition, she has served as a WORKOUT FOR HOPE Chairperson since December 1992.

Known for her dynamic, safe, usable choreography and her approachable, down-to-earth presentation style, Suzette's choreography workshops have been presented to over 10,000 instructors in both the United States and Canada.

This workshop program will be held at Perryton Activity Center at Perryton, Texas on Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is for all aerobic instructors or anyone interested in becoming an instructor. Call Perryton Activity Center at 806-435-3661 to obtain registration information.



Dolly Madison, wife of our fourth president, James Madison, was the first person to serve ice cream in the White House.



Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Secret Pals have their annual Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. at Donna Gillenwaters. Co-hostesses are Pat Boren and Donna Avent.

Frank James was surprised on his 80th birthday Sunday. He knew he was being treated to Sunday dinner at Clayton by Gayla, Trew, Levi and Thea, but he didn't know that daughter Gwen and son-in-law Tom Tiano were flying in from Santa Fe.

Ben Tom was elk hunting near Angel Fire. He left Friday and hoped to have an elk before Thursday.

Hank & Mabel Rogers were in Amarillo for tests at the VA hospital. He has things fixed now so he can go the VA clinic in Stratford instead of making the trip to Amarillo.

Joyce Irlbeck is coming along nicely at St. Anthony's Rehab. She told Marylou McDaniel Saturday that she "Hoped" to come home sometime this week.

George Avent joined wife Barbara in "crippling" around these days. He broke his little toe Saturday night! Barbara is still in a cast after her knee surgery.

Mildred Carroll had her 94th birthday Sunday, so daughter Pat Boren treated her to lunch Saturday.

United Methodist Women enjoyed a Christmas buffet Sunday night at the home of Gaynelle Riffe. There were 25 present. Terri Teig read a delightful story, then all were given the opportunity to play the bells. They did great!

Marylou McDaniel attended a practice session Saturday for the Eastern Star School which will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, in Amarillo.

If you want to know what a man is really like, take notice how he acts when he loses money.

—New England Proverb



The Smithsonian Institution was founded in 1846 with funds left by the scientist James Smithson, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

First Christian Church

10:45 a.m. Christian Youth Fellowship presents the Living Nativity Scene

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Well, I stated earlier that December would be a slow month, but it isn't turning out to be that way. It seems that we will be doing something each week. We have already had a bingo night, followed by a Holiday Style Show thanks to Ellies, The Rainbow and the Outlet. These businesses furnished the styles, eats, and entertainment and we Scotters provided the place. Scotters would like to thank all those who donated to this project.

Friday, Dec. 9th, we will have a Christmas party and Game night. We will start at 7:30 by playing games then break for punch and cookies, maybe even some of the traditional Christmas Egg nog, so plan to come and play or have some goodies, or just to say Merry Christmas to everyone.

Friday, Dec. 16th we will take the bus and go to Amarillo to eat out, then on to see the Christmas lights as we have done in the past few years. Sign up now we still have a few seats left. Plans are in the making of having a New Years Eve Dance here at Scot Hall, this dance will be opened to the public, so if you are interested in bringing in the new year with lots of fun and without all the EXTRAS that are associated with other New Years Eve parties, then you will want to consider this dance. More details later.



A camel needs little water because it sweats very little and keeps most of the water that is in its body.

Assembly of God

Rev. Mike Leonard
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Super Church 10:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Morning Worship Service
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. David Harker
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Brian Adams
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Richard Schully
6th & Wall
No Saturday Mass
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

David Stites
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist

Tony Roe
302 S. Main
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Many a man is mad in certain instances, and goes through life without having it perceived.
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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dretske are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Evelena, to Christian Sean Begley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The wedding is set for June 14, 1995.

CREAM CHEESE-CAPPED CARROT MUFFINS

- 1 pkg. Pillsbury Carrot Quick Bread Mix
- 3/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 (8-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 egg
- 4 oz. soft cream cheese or soft cream cheese with pineapple
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds

Heat oven to 375°F. Generously grease or line 12 muffin cups with paper liners. In large bowl, combine quick bread mix, water, oil, pineapple and egg. Stir to moisten all ingredients. Fill prepared muffin cups 3/4 full. Place 1 mounded teaspoon soft cream cheese on top of batter in each muffin cup. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake at 375°F. for 20 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in muffin comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. Refrigerate leftovers. 12 muffins.

HIGH ALTITUDE-Above 3500 feet: Add 2 tablespoons flour to dry ingredients. Bake at 400°F.

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve, Americans eat more high-fat meats, sauces and goodies than at any other time during the year. As the social calendar fills out with office parties, family celebrations and football gatherings, so unfortunately does the waistline. But a happy holiday can be a healthy one too. Experts on behavior modification state that the best defense against diet disaster during the holiday is a combination of planning and strategy:

*Plan ahead. Before you go out, think about the food that may be available. Think through what your best choices will be and fit them into your diet goals. On special party days, eat lightly at other meals to balance the calories and fat in your party food. Eat a high-fiber fruit snack about one half hour before the party to curb your appetite.

*Eat only special foods. Stay away from the nuts and the chips that you can have any day of the year. Instead, "spend" your calories tasting new and different holiday foods.

*Choose wisely. Reach for the vegetable tray, going easy on the high-calorie dips. Sample or ignore pats and cheeses. Pass on processed meats and choose lean meat, turkey or fish. Skimp on processed meats and choose lean meat, turkey or fish. Skimp on gravies and sauces. Sample desserts as if they were rare wines.

*Stay active. Make sure that moderate exercise is a regular part of your holiday schedule.

*Be distant from the food. That is, keep temptation to a minimum, socialize away from the bar, buffet, table or other easy sources of food and drink.

*Keep your perspective. If you do end up eating more than you planned, keep a positive attitude. do not berate yourself.

*Develop alternatives. Find ways to enjoy yourself that take the focus off of eating. Take a walk instead of seconds. If you watch what you eat during the year and exercise on a regular basis,

don't feel guilty about one sumptuous holiday meal. Remember, the holidays are a time to relax and have fun.



Turner Retires

Jean Turner was honored with a Retirement Reception on Wednesday, Nov. 30th. Jean retired from Sherman County Farm Bureau after eight years of service. Lots of folks stopped by to wish Jean well in her retirement.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

The Amarillo A&M Club will host a dinner at the Radisson Hotel, I-40 & Lakeside, Monday, Dec. 19, 1994. The cocktail hour and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person, with a cash bar available. Reservations are required and need to be made by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 1994. For reservations, Call Scott Herrick at 376-6625.

Featured speaker for the dinner will be Dr. Ray M. Bowen, the 21st President of Texas A&M University. His topics will include current and future status of Texas A&M, as well as special academic programs, admissions, and athletics. Dr. Bowen is a member of the Texas A&M Class of 1958 where he holds both Bachelor's and Ph.D. degrees in Mechanical Engineering. He received a Master's degree in the same field from the California Institute of Technology.

The A&M Club wishes to encourage not only A&M students and former students to attend, but anyone interested in Texas A&M University and its programs.

Some who treasure Elmer Kelton's novels-The Time It Never Rained, the Good Old Boys, Slaughter and over thirty other titles-may not realize that he led another professional life as a livestock journalist. For forty-two years, he wrote fiction by night and travelled West Texas by day to report on livestock auctions, range conditions and rodeo results. To those who know him as the retired associate editor of Livestock Weekly, his novels are less important than his knowledge of ranching. Elmer Kelton Country is non-fiction information about the author. His work with the Livestock Weekly provided him ideas, character hints and bits of history that he used in the fiction he has written.

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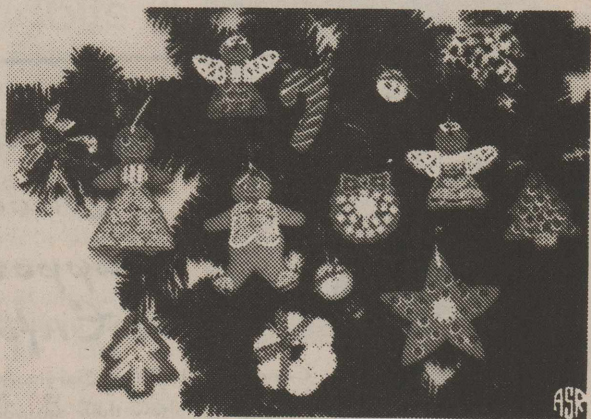
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8"x 8" piece of aluminum foil
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Brach's Hard Candy Ornament

You will need:
Brach's Cut Rock Candy
3"x 5" piece of aluminum foil
Toothpick
9" piece of ribbon or wire

Preheat conventional oven or toaster oven to 350°. Place 1 cut rock with image face up on foil piece. Cook in oven for about 1 to 3 minutes. Pierce top of candy with toothpick, thread with ribbon or wire and hang.

Gingerbread Ornaments

You will need:
1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup molasses
1 egg
5 cups flour
2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon baking soda
Assorted decorating icing
Assorted Brach's Christmas Candies

Cream butter and brown sugar. Add molasses and egg. Beat until smooth. Sift together flour, pumpkin pie spice and baking soda; add to mixture. Beat

toothpick near top of each cookie. Bake cookies on greased baking sheets 9 to 11 minutes or until edges darken slightly. Cool for 5 minutes then remove to wire racks to cool completely. Repeat with remaining dough. Re-roll scraps as necessary. Decorate cookies with icing and Brach's Christmas Candies as desired. Yield: approximately 3-1/2 dozen.

Experience is the only prophecy of wise men.
—Alphonse de Lamartine

If you have to keep reminding yourself of a thing, perhaps it isn't so.
—Christopher Morley

Turkey Waldorf Muffins

1/4 cup bottled Italian dressing
1/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries
1/4 cup chopped toasted walnuts
1/4 cup mayonnaise
4 Bays English Muffins, split, toasted
1/2 pound sliced turkey
1 Gala or other crisp apple, cored, thinly sliced
1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
Fresh sage

Combine Italian dressing, cranberries and walnuts. Spread mayonnaise on toasted English muffin halves. Arrange sliced turkey, apple slices and celery slices alternately on top. Spoon dressing mixture over top. Garnish with fresh sage leaves.

Note: For those short on time, equal parts of leftover Waldorf Salad and cubed or sliced cooked turkey can be substituted for above mixture. Garnish with dried cranberries.

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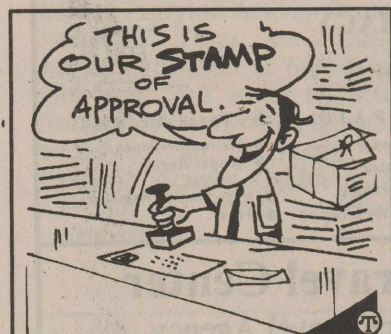
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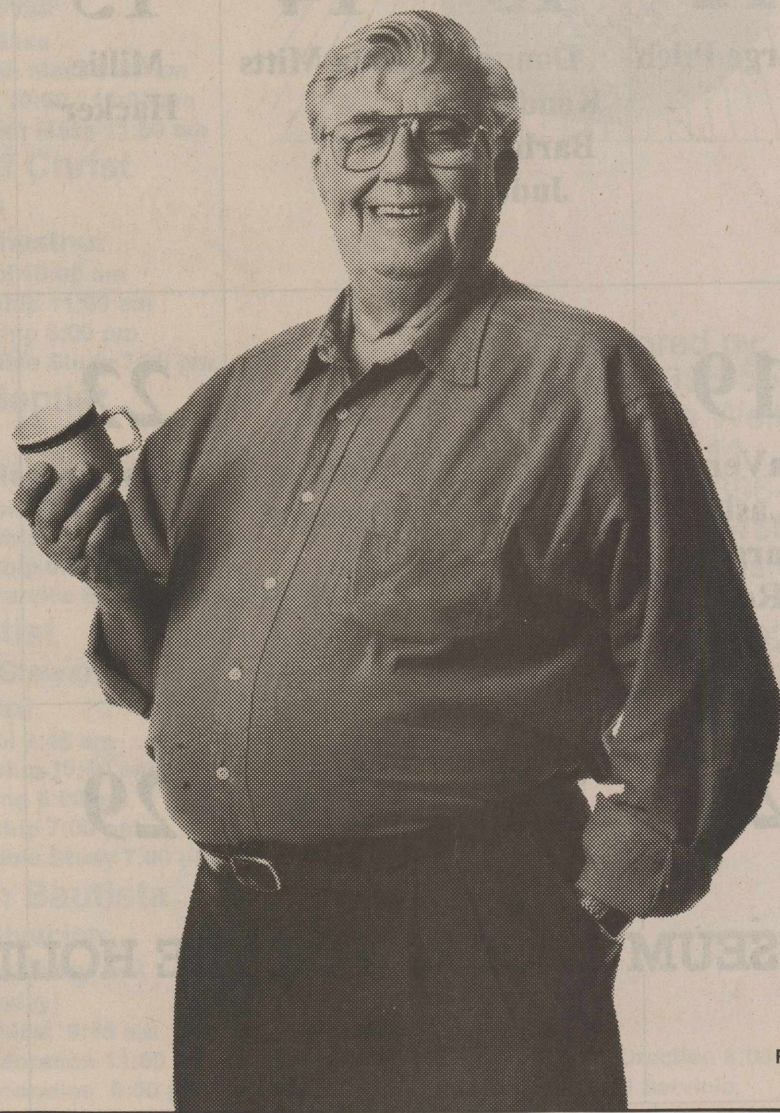
(NAPS)—'Tis the season—to mail early! Our postal workers handle billions of pieces of mail during this busy time of year—and your holiday cards, gifts and party invitations are more likely to get where they're going on time if you mail early, pack gifts safely and include the zip code when addressing the envelope or package.



True heroes of the holiday season, the members of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) work long hours and extra shifts to speed your holiday mail to its destination. Even when it's not an especially heavy volume time of year, postal workers handle over 600 million letters a day, says APWU president Moe Biller.

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Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

Boy did I ever goof. I failed to put in the December calendar last week. Discovered that error too late to get it in. I apologize. A number of events have already happened. For example the open house the various businesses had this past Monday. But I will say they have gone to the limit in making downtown very showy. How about those lights? Beautiful! I commend those businesses that were diligently on top of buildings putting up their lights. It just shows that with a little effort "our town" does look great. Open House in business, style show put on by The Outlet and Ellies for a fund raiser for Scot Hall. It is great when we go together to help one another. That is the way that it should be. At any rate the weather certainly was in our favor for outside decorating and remember folks those not only commercial but residential will be judged as well. Keep your lights on from the 15th on to Christmas Day. Winners will be announced right after Christmas.

The pheasant hunt is coming along. I would like to say a big thanks to those that have said they would take hunters out. We have a larger group coming in than we have had the past two years. Also to those that have said the Chamber hunters could hunt on their land. This makes about the 14th year that we, the Chamber, have staged a hunt. It has been one of the biggest fund raisers for the chamber than anything else we do. And it is because generous

farmers and individuals help to make it that way. Thanks to all who help in any way.

I have mailed out COMMUNITY CALENDAR WORKSHEETS to all of the clubs, organizations, churches. I would appreciate it if you would not set those aside but with the help of your organizations, club, whatever sit down and put your events, by the month, dates, times, etc. and bring them by the Chamber. I always feel bad when someone comments they did not know this or that had or was going to happen. If I am not told-folks it will not be on the community calendar or in the paper.

Thursday 8th: TOPS 8 a.m. County Barn. Nu Beta Sorority 6:30 Board meeting Imagination Station, Keyes Basketball Tourney begins.

Saturday the 10th Lions Club Breakfast for Hunters Pheasant season begins.

Sunday 11th: Attend the church of your choice.

Monday 12th Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool, ceramics and quilting. Dance practice 7:30 Lions Club-Noon First United Methodist church.

Tuesday 13th-SCOT Hall 1 p.m. pool. Stratford Fire Dept. 7p.m. Chamber of Commerce Board mtg. 7 p.m.

Wednesday the 14th Scot Hall- 1p.m. pool, ceramics and quilting Lollipop Board Mtg. 5:30.

Remember if I do not have your event on the calendar, give me a call and we will put it on.

TEXAS POETICAL

The Texas Panhandle

To the Panhandle country, my friend why not go?
Where the winters are mild with seldom deep snow,
Where the cool breeze of summer, refreshing and grand,
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Where water is pure as the dew drops that lie
And sparkle in sunlight beneath the clear sky,
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Is pumped from the earth by the clever windmill.
Where the country lies level, rich, fertile and good,
That the rainfall is ample is well understood.
Where buffalo grass, once friend of the beasts,
Is yielding its place to the grain of the east.
Where corn, rye and barley, milo maize, oats and wheat,
And fruits of the orchard the world cannot beat.
Where products of gardens melons compare
With those on exhibit at a grand county fair.
Where cattle and horses in a pasture grow sleek,
And sheep, hogs and poultry, of them I must speak,
All are grown with profits and but little pain,
By the farmer and rancher on the great Texas Plains
Where the people are prosperous and live at their ease
Enjoying a climate that's free from disease.
Pure air and pure water and bright sunny skies,
One glance at this country will open your eyes.
Where taxes are low and good law is maintained,
By wise Legislation the country has gained
A public school fund the envy of all
The States in the Union, be they great or small.
Where land is now cheap, but will not so remain,
As thousands are going on the homeseekers train.
They are buying for homes, for comfort, for health,
Adventure in investment alone will bring wealth.
My friends, take advice, secure a good thing,
A home on the Plains is fit for a king.
Buy while you can, you will find out in time
The truth simple stated in this little rhyme.

—Anonymous, printed in The Here'ord Brand, November 22, 1907


It is always a mistake not to close one's eyes, whether to forgive or to look better into oneself.

—Maurice Maeterlinck

December 1994

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Joan Palmer Marcelle Sutton	2 Gaynelle Riffe
4	5 Bernice Christian Luzelle Lowe	6 Lilly Galloway Louella Johnson	7 Leona Kelp Timmie Brown	8 Mary Hill Marylou McDaniel	9 Barbara Bouldin Elizabeth Zimmer
11	12 Marge Pilch	13 Donna Kendrick Barbara Judd	14 Alda Mitts	15 Millie Hacker	16 Daina Starnes
18	19 LaVerne Lasley Margaret Reed	20 Polly Martin	21 Jimmie Pronger	22 Museum Closed	23 Museum Closed
25	26	27	28	29	30

MUSEUM CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!



Project Blue Light Shows Support for Law Enforcement

Concerns of Police Survivors is once again asking people to show their support for law enforcement by shining a blue light in their windows during the upcoming holiday season. Project Blue Light is a tribute to those who continue to work the streets and to those who gave the supreme sacrifice. In the five years since "Project Blue Light" was first introduced by COPS, it has been embraced by many law enforcement organizations and families.

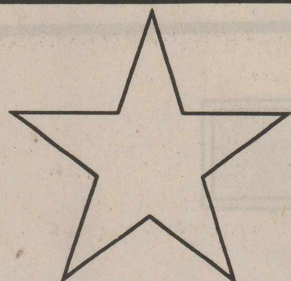
Show your support of law enforcement and place a blue light in your window or wave a blue ribbon from your car antenna.

Let's once again get the blue lights burning this holiday season!

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It happens every year. At the beginning of the holiday season, we promise ourselves that this year it will be different. We will exercise self control and not give in to temptation, no matter how delicious the taste. We denounce high-fat foods and pretend that the carrot stick we're eating is really a candy cane. But it never works. With all the temptations surrounding the holidays, it's impossible to stay away from fatty foods and still enjoy festive holiday snacks.

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Party Mix

- 3 1/2 cups each oven toasted corn and rice cereal squares (7 cups total)
- 1 cup small pretzel sticks
- 2 Tbsp. water
- 4 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 cup Molly McButter Garlic & Herb Flavor Sprinkles
- Baker's Joy No Stick Cooking Spray

Preheat oven to 300°F. Spray foil-lined 15 x 10-inch baking sheet with Baker's Joy No Stick Cooking Spray. In large plastic bag, combine corn and rice cereals and pretzels. Mix together water, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice; drizzle over cereal-pretzel mixture. Seal bag; toss until evenly coated. Spread mixture on prepared baking sheet. Bake at 300°F

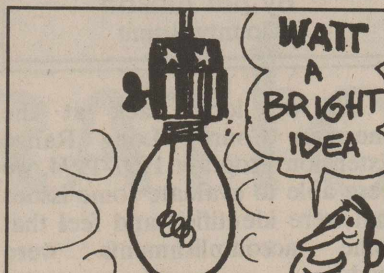
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Josiah Flagg of Boston, the first native born American dentist, began practicing in 1783.

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Dear Friends & Relatives

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the many prayers made on my behalf and also for all the letters, cards, presents, food and visits my family and I received during my hospital stay and since my return home. Although I do not recall everyone that visited, I could not have made it through it all without them. I am very grateful to those who gave blood and platelets on my behalf. I am feeling better as each day goes by and hope to be back in circulation soon.

Love, Arnita & Jay Lane & family

We would like to thank everyone for all the many cards, flowers, food, visits, prayers and especially for the kindness shown to our Mother over the years. We will miss her greatly, but your love and kind deeds made it easier for us. We especially thank the Coldwater Manor Staff and administration, and all the volunteer workers who had a part in taking care of mother these past two years. She loved everyone out there and we know that you loved her too.

The Family of Audrey Gamble

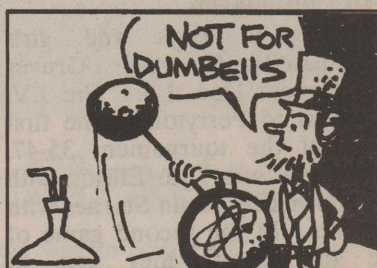
Loving-kindness is the better part of goodness.
—W. Somerset Maugham

Words do not adequately express our deep appreciation for the outpouring of love, kindness and concern shown to us in the loss of our dear husband and beloved father, Alton Brewster. Much comfort was given us through calls, cards, flowers, visits, food and time generously given. In times like this we realize anew what wonderful, caring people live in Stratford. You've truly shown this during this time of sorrow for us, as well as the many acts of kindness shown to Daddy while he was still with us. We will never forget you and may God bless you all.

Frances Brewster
Lynda & Mike Hart & family
Lana & Benny Smith & family

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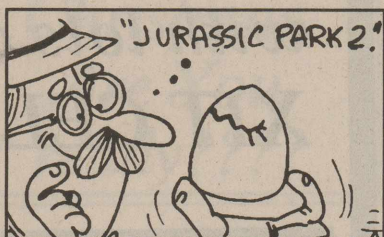
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The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.
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Basketball

The Varsity boys and girls played in the Vega Tournament held Dec. 1-3.

The Varsity boys beat Boys Ranch in the first game of the Tournament 60-48. Lawrence Aguilera was high point with 16 followed by Clint Craig with 12 points. In the second game they lost to Highland Park 80-35. Clint Craig was high point with 12 and Lawrence Aguilera had 10 points. In the final game of the tournament they lost by 2 points to Claude with a score of 43-45. Lawrence Aguilera scored 16 points and J.B. Presley scored 12 points.

The Varsity girls beat Texhoma in overtime 67-65 on November 29, 1994. Heather Stewart was high point with 21 followed by Kelli Wight with 12 points. The Varsity girls beat Canyon 40-37 in the first game of the Vega Tournament. Kelli Wight was high point with 16 points and Heather Stewart followed with 14 points. In the second game of the tournament the Lady Elks beat Highland Park 35-33. Kelli Wight was high scorer with 20 points and Lea Shuping followed with 5 points. In the final game of the tournament the Lady Elks lost to Claude 53-62 to give them second in the tournament. Heather Stewart was high point with 17 points. Cara Lavake had 12 points followed by Lea Shuping with 8 points. Cara Lavake, Kelli Wight and Heather Stewart were named All Tournament at the Vega Tournament.

The J.V. boys and girls participated in the Gruver Tournament Dec. 1-3. The J.V. boys lost to Perryton in the first game of the tournament 35-47. High point was Kyle Ellison with 12 followed by Justin Starnes with 6 points. In the second game of the tournament they lost to Highland Park 25-44. Chris Haynes was high point with 10 and Kyle Ellison had 7 points.

The J.V. girls beat Texhoma 49-30 on November 29, 1994. High point was Jessica Sikora with 17 points followed by Robin Hart with 8 points. In the Gruver tournament, the J.V. girls lost to Perryton 37-50 in the first game. Cheryl Beattie was high point with 10 points followed by Jessica

Sikora and Robin Hart with 6 each. In the second game the J.V. girls beat Highland Park 37-10. Jessica Sikora led in scoring with 10. Cheryl Beattie had 8 points. In the final game of the tournament the girls beat Sunray 45-39 to claim 3rd place. Lori Brooks was high point with 10 points followed by Ashlie Lasley with 7 points.

On Dec. 1-3 the Jr. High boys and girls played in the Dalhart Tournament. The 8th grade boys lost by 2 points in the first game of the tournament to Guymon with a score of 22-24. Ross Davis led in scoring with 12 points. Scott McAlister followed with 4 points. In the second game of the tournament they lost to River Road 44-41. High Point was Ross Davis with 24 points followed by Scott McAlister with 7. In the final game of the tournament the 8th grade boys lost 36-38 to Dalhart. Ross Davis led in scoring with 25 followed by Scott McAlister with 8 points.

The 8th grade girls lost to Dalhart 20-32 in the first game of the Dalhart Tournament. Mandi Bell was high point with 6 points followed by Jasmin Sanchez and Hillary Baskin with 4 each. In the second game they beat River Road 44-23. Jasmin Sanchez and Mandi Bell led in the scoring with 11 points each. Julie Kimball followed with 8 points. The 8th grade girls beat Guymon in the final game to take 2nd place with a score of 48-19. Mandi Bell and Julie Kimball were high point with 11 points each. Joy Burkhalter had 9 points.

The 7th grade boys lost to Dalhart in their first game with a score of 39-22. Roy McCracken was high point with 8 followed by David Hunsaker, Cody Moore and Brock Swain with 4 points each. In their second game of the tournament they lost in overtime to River Road with a score of 32-30. Leading in scoring was Roy McCracken with 11 points followed by David Hunsaker with 8 points. In the final game of the tournament the 7th grade boys lost to Guymon 38-16. David Hunsaker was high point with 6 points.

The 7th grade girls took 1st place in the Dalhart Tournament. They beat Dalhart 29-25 in the first game. Kenna Hawkins was high point with 11 points followed by Lynz Browning with 7 points. In the second game of the tournament they beat River Road

39-19. Leading in scoring was Oralia Vital with 14 points followed by Kenna Hawkins and Lynz Browning with 8 points each. In the final game to win the tournament the 7th grade girls beat Guymon 42-21. High point was Oralia Vital with 11 points. Lynz Browning had 10 points.

County Agent
By Jim Allison
County Agent

As we look back at the Sherman County Long Range Extension Program 1991-1994, we were able to evaluate some issues that were identified and feel that some accomplishments were made.

In the field of Agriculture one of the issues identified was Ineffective Water Management and Conservation. As stated in the long range plan, irrigation technology continues to change and farmers must stay current with those technological changes. We have seen irrigated acres almost double in the past four years. This is a significant change as we see producers move to the improved sprinkler irrigation systems. There is also much more interest in the LEPA systems which offer more efficient application of water applied and the flexibility it offers for chemigation. More recently we have seen the number of 1/2 miles systems installed increased where they can be, and without a doubt that will continue.

Another issue that was of major concern, and still is, is the Governmental Rules and Regulations regarding the use of agricultural pesticides. We currently have approximately 50% of the farmers holding a private applicator certificate or license that enable them to purchase and apply restricted use chemicals. Extensive programming has been conducted so that producers can obtain their license. In addition to obtaining license farmers must obtain 15 continuing education units to keep their license valid. This training has been provided each year to meet that requirement. Also, as those rules change we have tried to keep producers informed about those changes. We have just completed training for farmers relating to the Worker Protection Standards that are now required for employees.

These issues and others will continually be addressed to meet the needs of Sherman County producers. These issues could not be addressed without the support of the many individuals that identified those issues four years ago and their implementation. We are very appreciative of that involvement and continue to seek your input as we begin a new long range program.

The annual meeting of the Extension Program Council will be 12:00 noon Wednesday, December 14, at the First Baptist Church. A highlight of the annual meeting will be the presentation of the 1995-1999 Sherman County Long Range Extension Plan. Issues identified in this document will serve as the foundation for Extension education programs and activities for that time period.

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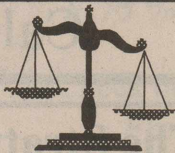


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