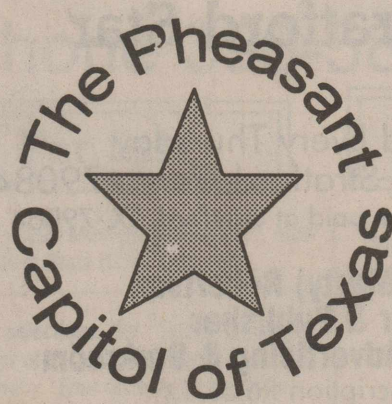


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## Community Youth Choir

The Community Youth Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 18th at 8:30 for rehearsals. First public performance will be September 22, 1996. More details later.

## Photography Contest

Pictures! Pictures! People, Nature, Scenery, Close-ups, Ag-related, Aquatic, Landscapes, and Families, and more!! I'm going to the Fair, Sept. 5, 6, & 7.

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Don't talk unless you can improve the silence.  
—Vermont Proverb

## Craft Show To Be Held

There will be a Craft Show in a conjunction with the Sherman County Fair on Saturday Only Sept. 7 at the Parish Hall. For more information call Bobbie Wilson at 5891.

## See You At The Pole

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

## Address For (Cotton) Williams

Richard (Cotton) Williams has had several hospital stays recently, due to complications from Lukemia. His address-Dick William-1936 Bluebird, F. Worth, TX 76111.

## Correction!

Editors Note: In last weeks edition the story of the new Electronic System for Issuing Hunting & Fishing licenses. Only some of the license fees will remain the same.

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A small man can be just as exhausted as a great man.  
—Arthur Miller

## Scot Luncheon

Scot Luncheon Thursday, August 22. Bring a dish and friend.

## Mistress Mary?

Mistress Mary, how does your garden grow? With bean, peas, watermelon, squash, Zinnia, Marigold, and colors awash. Pick, can and arrange for the show. Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree, September 5, 6, 7, 8.

## Attention Dogs!!!!

Are you teaching your dog a new trick? Dog Show, Sherman County Fair/Stratford Jamboree. Saturday, September 7th.

## Concession Stand To Be Held At Scrimmage

The High School Cheerleaders will be having a concession stand serving hamburgers and all the trimmings at the blue and white scrimmage, Thursday, August 22 starting at 5:30 p.m.

## Lions Club Starting New Session

The Lions Club will be starting their new session on Monday, August 26th at noon at The First United Methodist Church. All members and anyone interested are welcomed to attend!



## Depot Doin's Great Success

The D.D. & Will Spurlock families were honored Saturday night, August 17, 1996 at the Depot Doin's. Mexican food, music and stories of the Spurlock families were enjoyed by all that attended.

People of the Stratford community helped to make this year's Depot Doin's project a great success. Members of the Sherman County Museum Board, with the aid of volunteer help, served a Mexican dinner Saturday night on the parking area in front of the museum.

Outdoor decorations featuring a Spanish theme and taped Mexican music helped to create a festive atmosphere. The museum was open to visitors to view the display of memorabilia of the families of D.D. Spurlock and W.A. Spurlock, the honored pioneer families. A

history of the Spurlock's in Sherman County was directed by Selma Pendleton, mistress of ceremony. The Depot Doin's is one of the two money-projects of the museum. The other is the Dinner Theater, usually held in March or April.

## New Swimming Pool Hours

Monday night is family night at the pool. Must come with one or both parents. Adults can come alone. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Adults \$1.50 Students \$1.00. Anyone interested in renting the school pool for birthday party, family party, etc. Call 2291 or 2241.

The Stratford Swimming Pool will be open Sat., August 17 and Sunday, August 18th from 2:00 - 5:00. Starting September 14th the pool will be open Sat. and Sun. from 2:00 - 5:00 every 2nd and 4th weekend of the month.

## WORD PERFECT Computer Training Offered

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. will be sponsoring an eight hour computer training course on Word Perfect 6.1 to be held on Saturday, September 14th. The training will be given by Nelson Creative Consultants from Amarillo and will be held in the Stratford High School Computer lab. The cost is \$100 for SCDC members and \$115 for non-members. Fee includes workbooks and training materials and two breaks. Lunch will be on your own. Class is limited, so register soon by calling 396-2897. Registration materials will be available beginning August 26th.

## Texas State Pedal Pullers August 31st, 1996

Texas State Pedal Pullers meet will be in Lockney, Texas August 31, 1996. The registration for all 1st and 2nd qualifiers will be at 11:30 with the pulls beginning at 1:00.

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I don't meet competition; I crush it.  
—Charles Revson

## 4-H Achievement Banquet Monday

The annual Sherman County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be Monday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford. All 4-H members completing projects during the 1995-96 year will be recognized along with volunteer adult leaders.

A highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the 1996 Gold Star recipients. The county

## 4-H Bake Show Training

4-H Bake Show Training will be Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the County Extension Office. Youth will learn proper techniques for preparation of muffins and rules for the County Bake Show will be discussed. All 4-H'ers and their parents are encouraged to attend.

## Up-coming Events

### Sherman County Fair & Jamboree Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8

Exhibits accepted Thursday, 5th. Fair open to public 6 & 7. Saturday the 7th: Parade, Bar-B-Que, Children's turtle races, bike & foot races, tractor pull, Old Timers Program. Dance. Rodeo the 7th and 8th.

### Attention Quilt Makers

Quilt show at Sherman County Fair need new quilts or quilts with a history. Bring to Fair building Thursday, Sept. 5th by 3 p.m. Call Rose at 2191.

### Theater Beginning 18th Season At Guymon

Guymon Community Theater is beginning their 18th season. Four Great Shows for 1996-1997 "The King and I" (Musical) September 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29. "Same Time Next Year" (Comedy) November 1996, "Nunsense II" (Musical) February/March 1997 ??????April 1997

## WOWing The Customer of The 90's

This is a business seminar you won't want to miss. Jeanne Archer, renown author and award winning public speaker, will be giving a presentation in Stratford called "WOWing The Customer of the 90's". This will be a luncheon seminar held on Tuesday, September 17th at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and her presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m. The program should end around 1:15 p.m. The cost for this seminar is \$20.00 for SCDC members and \$25.00 for non-members. This includes a buffet lunch. RSVP to the SCDC office by Friday, September 13th.

Please make your plans to attend this exciting and educational program. Look for more details to come. For questions, call 396-2897. Mark Your Calendars!

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There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.  
—Charles M. Schulz

## First State Bank To Host Fall Foliage Tour

The First State Bank will host a fall foliage tour September 27-29. The weekend bus tour will include the beautiful, scenic drive through Cimarron Canyon and Red River.

The tour will depart Friday afternoon and return home Sunday evening. Several interesting stops have been planned including a tour of the Philmont Scout Ranch and supper at the old St. James Hotel in Cimarron. There will be plenty of time to take advantage of the "Aspenade Festival" in Red River and to take a bus tour through the high country to view the fall foliage.

The cost of the tour will be \$225.00 per person and seating will be limited to the first 40 people responding by September 1, 1996. This will be an exciting one person free of charge to any trip, full of fun and fellowship. Call Sherry at 806-396-5521 to reserve your seat on the bus.

## Corn & Grain Sorghum Field Day Set For August 29th

The Sherman County Corn and Grain Sorghum Field Day will be held on Thursday, August 29, 1996. The Field Day is sponsored by the Sherman County Age Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Registration for the Field Day will begin at 9:30 at Corey Crabtree's barn in Conlen. Farm stops during the Field Day will include dryland grain sorghum and irrigated corn result demonstrations. At 10:00 a.m., Field Day participants will visit dryland grain sorghum result demonstrations on Corey Crabtree's farm located 2 miles north of Conlen on Farm to Market Road 807. Following the grain sorghum plots the group will travel to Jim Taliaferro's farm 3 miles west of Stratford on Putman Road to view irrigated corn result demonstrations.

The tour will conclude at Larry Drake's barn where lunch will be provided courtesy of FMC Ag Products.

During the Field Day, Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist-Amarillo, will discuss corn and grain sorghum production, varieties, and new herbicides. Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist-Amarillo, will address 1996 insect pressures, grain sorghum seed treatments, Bt corn, and new corn insecticides. Leon New, Extension Irrigation Specialist-Amarillo, will be on hand to discuss potential evapotranspiration and irrigation needs. Two (2) CEUs for recertification of private applicators licenses will be offered.

Ag producers interested in attending the Field Day need to RSVP to the Sherman County Extension Office by Wednesday, August 28th in order to prepare for the meal. For more information, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

## Elk Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

Reserved Football Season tickets are on sale now in the office of the Superintendent. Reserved seating will be held for previous owners until Tuesday, September 3, 1996. After that reserved tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Ticket prices this year are as follows: Adults - \$15.00, Students - \$10.00. There are 5 home games this year. The Stratford Elks look forward to your support this year.

## STRATFORD ELKS

Together Everyone Achieves More  
TEAM MEMBER

The Stratford ISD is selling T-Shirts with the new slogan for the school. If you wish to be a T.E.A.M. member you can purchase a shirt for \$17.00 They are 100% cotton, White with blue logo. Available in sizes M-L-XL-XXL. If interested call 396-2612 ask for Penny in the Supt.'s Office.

## "Gold Card" For All S.C.O.T. 60 Years Or Older

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees is proud to offer a "Gold Card" to all Sherman County Older Texans who are 60 years of age or older. The card will admit 1, 1996. This will be an exciting school event held at Stratford School. A "Gold Card" can be picked up at the Superintendent's Office any time, Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or call the office at 396-2612 and we can mail you one.

The Stratford ISD sincerely appreciates your support throughout the years and the influence you have on our school. We hop that card holders will remain active in their support of the school, its employees and students. We look forward to seeing you at the events this year.

## New Miss Stratford To Be Crowned Saturday Evening

Saturday evening the reigning Miss Stratford, Sabrina Bonds will be passing the crown on to a lucky young lady. The 43rd annual Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant will take place at the Stratford High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

This year Marie Sladek has been the director of the pageant. She has incorporated the help of Becky Brooks as her co-director. They have been busy getting program books, stage decorations and helpers gathered up for a most eventful night. This years pageant will be the host to 18 young ladies.

The Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant will be giving to the Miss Stratford a \$500.00 scholarship to the college or university of her choice. First runner-up will receive \$200.00 to the college or university of her choice. She, the new Miss Stratford, will also receive scholarships from West Texas A&M University in the amount of \$500.00, Wayland Baptist University is offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the winner and \$800.00 to the 1st runner up and \$500.00 to the 2nd runner up. Frank Phillips College is also offering \$800.00 in scholarship money to the winner. All division winners of the Miss Stratford will receive her crown, sash, and trophy, and savings bonds. Local businesses have also provided gift certificates for the winners in all divisions.

This year during the intermission of the Miss Stratford there will be special entertainment for the audience. This will be a show stopper and something that you will not want to miss. These lovelies will be competing for the Miss Should Have Been title. These beauties will be competing under an assumed name, come and see if you know their true identity.

The 1995-96 Young Miss Stratford, Chelsie Thiessen, Princess Miss Stratford, Alisha Sladek and Junior Miss Stratford Jessica Lucero will also be passing on their crown to a anxious young lady.



**Public Notice**

Lollipop today announced its policy for free and reduced meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Lollipop Junction has a copy of the policy, which anyone may review.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced meals. Application forms and a letter to parents or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced meals households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor.

The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility; it may be verified anytime during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.

Households must provide the following information on the application, all household members name, S.S.# of the head of the household and all members income or the food stamp or AFDC Case # and a signature of person supplying info.

Application must be submitted anytime during the year.

According to the free & reduced price policy Lollipop Junction will review applications to determine eligibility. Parents dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with Tammie Helmuth. Parents may request a formal appeal or ally in writing by contacting: Texas Dept. of Human Services, Special Nutrition Program #7 Briercrft Office, Lubbock, Texas 79412, 806-741-3211.

Some foster children are also eligible for this program. A household with foster children should contact the contractor for more info.

In the Child Nutrition Program Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, political belief or disability. If you believe you have been discriminate against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor:

My year as a participant in Leadership Texas has been very rewarding. Most are professional women in private sector as well as public sector only a few are community volunteers or have jobs that pay only satisfaction not money.

This past week, the session was held in Amarillo. I ask one of the participants to come early in order to share a product she is marketing, Kenna Dodds from Texarkana presented a program to our local Fire Department on a fire retardant which could be beneficial to a farming community. How do we know of these products available unless someone tells us. Terrence Deal, a professor of management from Vanderbilt University lead the group in exploring the subject of his book "Leading with Soul" leadership with something deeper and more satisfying than the bottom line. Many great thoughts, one is to tell the story. Tell the story of the family, business, community in order to share ownership.

Saturday night at the Sherman County Museum, Depot Doin's, the story was told about the early pioneer family of D.D. Spurlock and as the families were introduced, the story goes on. Selma Pendleton was a super story Teller. I regret, many of the young people were not there to hear "The Story". Timmie Brown's column tells "The Story" every week. We must keep telling the stories and we must listen.

Gaynelle Riffe

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Guns have a way of materializing more readily than the commodities that sustain life.

—Norman Cousins

**Obit**

Ora Lou Reynolds

Ora Lou Reynolds, 83, died Saturday, August 17, 1996 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 20th in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reynolds was born May 23, 1913 in Claude and had been a Stratford resident since 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist church. She married Ted Roosevelt Reynolds in December 20, 1930 at Clayton, N.M. He died March 7, 1993. She also was preceded in death by a son, Lynn Russell Reynolds, May 11, 1978.

Survivors include two sons, Bobby R. Reynolds of Amarillo and Teddy R. Reynolds of Stratford; a daughter, Glenna Robertson of Pineville, Mo.; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second, Dumas, Texas 79029.

Rosa James

Dalhart-Rosa James, 89 died Sunday August 18, 1996 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Hass-Ferguson Funeral Chapel in Dalhart. Burial was followed in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass-Ferguson Funeral Directors, Inc. Officiating was Rev. Everett Statler, Pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

Effie Rosella "Rosa" Broyles was born and raised in Mountain View, Arkansas. She moved to the Panhandle in the early 30's. In 1941 she married Evert James in Idaho. They moved to Dalhart in 1961. Everett died in 1966.

Survivors include one son: Sam James of Stratford. one daughter Millie Goode of Kingsville, Texas and one sister Gladys Arnold of Stratford. 4 grandchildren and 1 great grand child.

To know how to grow old is the master work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living. —Frederic Amiel

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**How to Talk Money With Your Family**

(NU) - A national study finds that "talking turkey" about finances is hard, but still necessary, for both parents and adult children. It was also determined that when financial matters were discussed early on, individuals were better prepared for their own futures and better able to educate future generations about the importance of family financial communications. Prudential Securities is offering a comprehensive booklet with guidelines for talking about money with your parents and/or children. It's available free of charge by calling 1-800-213-0370. (News USA)

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Lasley's team consisted of Kevin Long, Mark Marshall, Walter Lasley holding the Winning banner, Mike Sparkman and Malcolm Long. Kneeling is Ashlie Lasley and Tommie Long. Not pictured is Kris Lasley.

**Lasleys Take Top Honors**

The 1996 Fall Cattle Festival was held August 8 and August 9, 1996 at the Pioneer Stadium Rodeo Grounds in Guymon, Oklahoma. Fourteen teams from area feedlots compete in these events held for Cattle Producers. Taking first place honors was Walter Lasley and Sons Feedyard, Inc. from Stratford. Second place went to Cactus Feeders. The Thirteenth Annual Fall Cattle Festival is two days of social events for area feedlots. Proceeds from FCF 96 to Benefit: Panhandle Treatment Center and Panhandle Area Workshop for the Handicapped.

Roundup Events were Bronc Riding, Team Penning, Team Roping, Cutting, Ribbon Roping, Double Mugging, Barrel Racing and Pent-Calf-A-Long. Teams in Rodeo are awarded points for each of these events.

Five belt buckles were awarded to the Champion Team. The Lasley team consisted of Tommie Long, Malcolm Long, Kevin Long, Mark Marshall, Mike Sparkman, Kris Lasley and Ashlie Lasley. Tommie Long won the Saddle for being the Outstanding Cowboy by vote of the participating teams.

Fall Cattle Festival Sponsors are Animal Health Labs, Distributors and Local Businesses.

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# Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers and readers another Monday morning August 19, 1996 at 7:45 a.m. temperature 70 degrees and very cloudy. Now at 9:30 a.m. it is clear. Probably have another hot day 20% change of promise of showers in the evening.

On SCOT Calendars is the monthly dinner at noon on August 22, 1996. Hosts for the occasion an chair person R.J. and Mary Hill, Margie Pilch, Lillie McAdams, Mary P. Smith, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Jim & Bobbi Farris, Elsie Pickens, Sue Smith, Barbara Bouldin.

Remember suggestion from President Judd as to amount of food an let us bring a plentiful supply for eight people. An our usual desire for fellowship. These will make it a good day.

We apologize for the confusion caused by our statement last week of moving and settling in. Lorelyn Powers our granddaughter moved into the house with us. Making it possible for Timi to remain in her own home. Naturally this required changing a few things so everyone can be comfortable.

Only severe illness or other misfortune will break our living routine again.

On Friday morning we stopped in to visit our friend Corda Pleyer. We found her very happy an excited on Thursday, August 15, 1996, her granddaughter Delores Ann Hughes Blair whom, she had not seen for 14 years arrived for a short visit since she is moving from Santa Fe to New York State where her grown children live.

In the evening grandchildren Karen Watson from Dumas, Larry Terrell, down state Texas joined Corda and their Cousin for a pleasant get-acquainted visit.

Delores is the daughter of Corrine (Pleyer) Hughes. Karen is the daughter of the Stanley Pleyers. Larry is son of Doyle Terrell of Dumas. Delores Ann had just been gone a short time when we got there.

We were among those who gathered on the Sherman County Museum grounds on Saturday, August 17, 1996 evening. We enjoyed touring the museum at 5:00 and did a lot of visiting, following the Mexican dinner Selma Mullens Pendleton emceed the program introducing the Honor families D.D. Spurlocks and the Will Spurlocks. We had a short word with Nola & Ernest Cummings and daughter Elaine. The Cummings other children Jean and Joe Childs and Darla and Wayne Cummings and as far as we know that was the only complete family that we know of. We have no idea how many were there family attendance or how many enjoyed the Mexican dinner. Seated at the table where we ate were Mary Peach Smith, Betty Lou O'Brien, Joyce Hart, William Hart, Don Riffe, Mary Riffe, Lillie McAdams, Margie Pilch, We had a word with Mary Wayne Spurlock, Nan McWilliams and sister Mrs. Jeffries, Marilyn Albert, Shannon Taliaferro and Julianna, Wanda Woolsey, Sis Steinberger, Zola Mae Aduddell, Mrs. James Lowe, Luzzelle, Wesley Spurlock, Ramona & Alvin Spurlock. We appreciate Neal Spurlock introduction of his family after introducing children and family members he said "an last and best of all my wife Mary Wayne". A train going by closed the introduction.

A large group of friends greeted Elizabeth and Albert Zimmer at the Parrish Hall to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary which was hosted by their children, Bill, Bob, Andrea Bolf. Among visitors were Corda, Doris & Stanley Pleyer, Dorothy Robbins, The Clifford Ellisons and a daughter Terri, Wanda & Karen Woolsey. The Ernest Cummings and Elaine, Betty and Baskin Brown, Lorelyn and Timi.

The Clarence Yanke's from Gruver. We didn't see the guest book but Elizabeth said she was overwhelmed at the attendance and Albert enjoyed visiting with Cronics.

We met her parents Brandts from Dalhart. A brother from (we think) Houston.

Family members helping Ashley Brown celebrate here 13th birthday Sunday, August 18th, 1996 grand parents Lloyd and Irene Harris, Betty & Baskin Brown, Cousin Lorelyn Powers, Parents Jim Bob and Patti Brown, brother Caleb and great grandmother Timi. Ashley will be a seventh grader at Stratford Middle School in 1996-97. Ashley was the only girl on the All Stars baseball team. She is a pitcher, and throws a "mean ball" we are told.

A highlight for Timi was meeting the former Fern Zimmer of Canyon.

Surely, readers, you saw the picture of Joe Shane Brown in the Star and know that is our latest great grandson. Rose Brown wrote that they have lately visited Dr. Puig's family in Seattle, WA. and that Christie will be in College in Phoenix this term, the Puig family plan to spend Thanksgiving with her and the Joe Brown family in Phoenix.

We grieve with the Reynolds families in the death of their mother Ora. Funeral service will be Tuesday, August 20, 1996 at 2 p.m. Blessings on all of you grieving persons. Ora was a sweet loving person and will be missed by us all. Amen.

On the sick list is Donna Gilley, Pauline Martin (improving), Jane Willey, scheduled for surgery. Katherine Crabtree is still in extended care doing well receiving visitors. John Hart sustain facial burn from a flash explosion on Wednesday August 14, 1996 by bathing burns in cold water no lasting injury occurred. Our granddaughter Marian Williams, Plano, Texas. Spent a couple of days in the hospital we talk to her this morning August 19, 1996 she is at home and doing well but in pain and so, you know Stratford residents have a busy joyous weekend. Blessings on all Amen.

Continue patting shoulders and telling folks u luv them during the week.

# Scot News

By Jack Gore

This week starts our busy week. First is the Board meeting Tuesday, August 20th, also I drive the bus for the Nursing home "gang" to Canyon to see "Texas". Then Thursday the 22nd is our monthly luncheon. Make plans to be there. Bring a dish and a friend.

Nigel Kirkpatrick will be singing for our program.

Last week several enjoyed Hamburgers and ice cream at School, meeting new superintendent and checking out staff and new equipment. Then this past weekend was enjoyed by many at the Depot Doins. Lots of workers there provided a great meal, entertainment, and program.

Next weekend will be our monthly dance August 31st. 8 to 11 p.m. Then we will start work on getting ready for Stratford Jamboree Days after Labor Day weekend--tentative plans are still in the making for Cripple Creek weekend 20-21-22 of Sept. If you are interested contact me NOW.

# Vote for

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Pol. Ad. Pd. by: Johnny Pulliam, Box 541, Stratford, TX 79084

# 1st Annual CRAFT SHOW

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**Sat. Sept. 7**

**9:00 - 6:00**

in Conjunction with the  
**Sherman County Fair**  
For Booth Rental Application  
Contact Bobbie Wilson at 396-5891

# STRATFORD DAYS ROPING

DAN LAW, Superintendent

**Saturday, August 24, 1996**

**TEAM PENNING at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 25, 1996**

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# Family Day To Be Held At Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church at 302 S. Main and the Pastor, Gerald Clark, invite you to celebrate "Back to School" with a "Family Day" August 25th. There will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. with great singing and preaching. Following the service there will be a Dinner on the Grounds with fellowship and games to follow. You are cordially invited to attend.

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

# Assembly of God

Rev. Mike Leonard  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Super Church 10:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for  
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. Mark Metzger  
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

Michael Colwell - pastor  
6th & Wall  
Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298  
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

Jon Heatwole  
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

Gerald Clark  
302 S. Main  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

# First Baptist

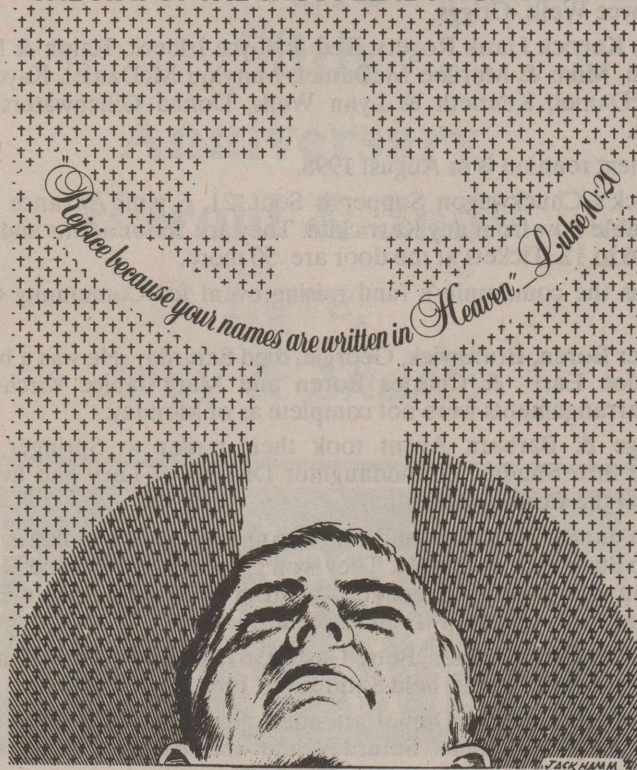
Bro. Jerry Stewart  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Church Training 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

# La Mision Bautista

Roca De Salvacion  
County Barn  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am  
Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am  
Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm

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# Mission Hispania Assemblies DeDios

Pastor Roberto Frescas  
County Barn  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
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# Excuse

I am a member of a church. Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord did we not Prophecy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its Foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. Matthew 7:21-27.

Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3

GREETINGS FROM STRATFORD!!!

The Stratford Fair & Jamboree invites you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday September 7, 1996.

The parade theme will be: Songs of America

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats - \$100 for 1st, \$80 for 2nd, \$65 for 3rd place Commercial and Organization Floats. (Separate Adult and Youth categories.) Riding Clubs-Must be attired in Long-Sleeved Western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Senior Cowgirl and Cowboy - \$5.00, Junior Cowgirl and Cowboy (12 years and under) \$5.00 each. Kiddie Entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50.

Parade entries will be placed and judged at 10:00 AM at the Stratford School parking lot at 8th and Main. Horses will assemble at Main and 7th. Kiddie entries will be placed and judged at the First Christian Church parking lot between 4th and 5th on Main Street. The Kiddie Parade will precede the Parade at 10:45 AM.

Please fill out this entry form below and return it to the Stratford Fair & Jamboree or the Chamber of Commerce by September 6, 1996. We look forward to seeing you this year.

For more information contact:  
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Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 570  
Stratford, TX 79084

CIRCLE ENTRY TYPE AND INDICATE NUMBER IN GROUP

AUTOMOBILE OPEN CLASS WAGON OR BUGGY

RIDING CLUB COWBOY/COWGIRL-Junior/Senior MACHINERY/EQUIPMENT

THEME FLOAT-COMMERCIAL/ADULT ORGANIZATION/JUNIOR ORGANIZATION

KIDDIE ENTRY-THEME/OPEN CLASS MARCHING ORGANIZATION

NUMBER IN GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

For publicity purposes, please give a description of your entry and identify the participants \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Engagement Announced

Robert J. & Suzanne Kee of Beaver, Oklahoma, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Christine to Thad Burnett Parsons. Thad is the son of Larry & Doris Parsons of Stratford, Texas. The wedding is scheduled for December 14th, 1996 in Beaver, Oklahoma, at the First United Methodist Church.

### Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Community Reunion was held Sunday, August 18. It was an ice cream social, 8 freezers and cakes and cookies.

The crowd was smaller than usual but the quality was great! There was lots of visiting, Sarah & Kristen Powell of Denver had several making ladders, see-saws, etc. with string, including Roger Crabtree of Boise City.

Coming from a distance were Paul & Nellie George of Annandale, Va.; Patti McDaniel, Denver; from Boise City, James & Mattie Letha Elms, Roger & Carrie Crabtree, Lois Garner, Frank & Blanche James, Bob James.

Duane & Thelma Smith, Dumas; Burton & Mary Olsen, Jon Olsen, B. Wayne Olsen, Gruver; Dicy Stephenson, Zola Mae Aduddell, R. J. & Mary Hill, Dick and Marjory Munden, Winnie Dunlap, Andy James, Bill & Katie Allen, Helen Taylor, Juanita Donelson, Irene Butler, Beth Diller, Charley Crabtree, Ginger & Denton Crabtree, Stratford.

Eual & Aldah Allen, Dalhart; Betty Maness, Wheelless; Geneva Wells, Joyce Wells, Griggs.

From Kerrick Hank Rogers, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Ralph & Minnie Hampton, Mike & Merilee McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, Donna Gillenwaters, Gary Hudgens.

The next reunion is in August 1998.

Kerrick's Chuckwagon Supper is Sept. 21, 6 p.m. Advance tickets are available now from any Kerrickite. They are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 12. Tickets at the door are .50 more.

This is the community's fund raising event for Community Center expenses.

Homer Boren, Brunswick, Georgia, died Saturday. He was a brother of Bill, Joe Earl & Charles Boren and Mary Janice Kirchoffner. Funeral arrangements were not complete as of Monday.

George & Barbara Avent took their trailer to Springer, N.M. Thursday thru Sunday. Granddaughter Deanna & Lacy had livestock showing at the County Fair.

Ralph James Hampton and sister, Annette, took two boars to the Colorado State Fair at Pueblo. They won grand Champion and Reserve Champion and Premier Breeders Award in OPB (Other Pure Breds). They spent Friday night at "Fred's Spread".

Bill Gillenwaters' sister, Betty Gaston, 67, died August 14th at Fort Supply, Ok. Services were held Saturday at First Baptist church.

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel attended granddaughter Tasha's 11th birthday party in Dumas Saturday and the Albert Zimmer's 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at Stratford.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck had a busy time recently! They attended the engagement party of son Randy Irlbeck and Lisa Pelletier at Fort Worth. The couple plans to marry Jan. 4.

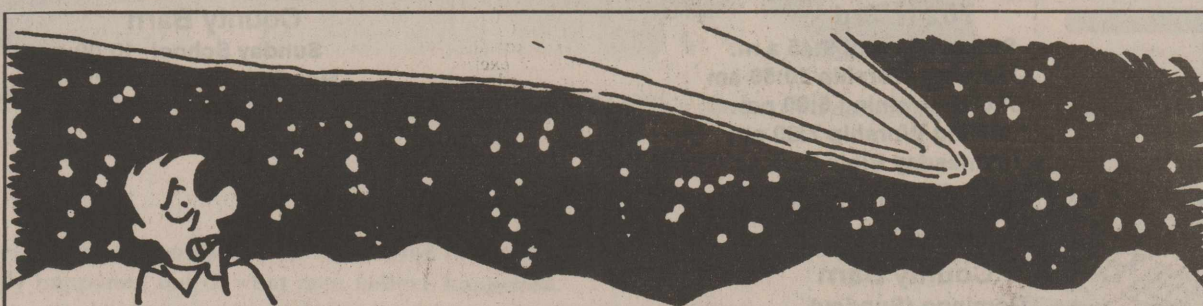
There was a family reunion in Amarillo with all of Teddy's family, some 140 people.

Their annual camping trip to Tres Ritos, N.M., followed. Making the trip with four campers were Ted, Joyce, Randy, Melvin, Belinda, Lester. Lester's children, Joseph, Rodney, Nicole and Belinda & Jim & Children Tracy, Aaron, Megan & Jason. Also Tracy's friend, Kishore Shersta.

Also Ted's sister Roberta Artho of Hereford and her family, Wanda & Gerald Jesko & children Stephanie, Laura, Christopher and Marcus.

All this was in a little over a week's time!

Personal Note: About a year and a half ago I studied and took an amateur radio test and received a technician license, KC5KRL. This summer the "gates" were opened by the FCC for spouses of deceased "hams" to receive and use their call letters, but being no more than whatever class the living spouse has. Monday I received the use of Fred's call letters, W5ZTW. It is with very mixed emotions—but I sure didn't want someone else using his call letters. Fred had been a ham since 1954.



Since comets appear in the sky without warning, people in classical times and especially during the middle ages believed that they had a special meaning, generally bad.



### Couple Exchange Vows

Dana Zaricor, daughter of George & Marie Zaricor of Stratford, Texas and Craig Myers, son of Marilyn Myers of Aurora, Colorado, were married June 29, 1996 in Lewisville, Texas at Northview Baptist Church.

Craig own's a Pest Control Company and Dana will graduate with a degree in Nursing from North Central Texas College in December 1996.

Matron of Honor was Roxann McBride of Argyle, Texas, Best Man was Vern Myers of Aurora, Colorado.

The couple will reside in Lewisville, Texas.



### Vows Exchanged

Tiffany Reinart and Nicholas Bonds of Stratford. Sabrina wore a full length navy gown and carried white roses.

The bride is the daughter of Kaylanette Oram of Prince George, B.C. and Rick and Connie Reinart of Stratford. Parents of the groom are Dennis and Sherry Phelps of Stratford.

Tiffany wore a full length gown and train and carried a bouquet of white roses and gardenias.

Maid of honor was Sabrina Phelps of Stratford. The groom attends Amarillo College, majoring in computer science technology. He is employed by Best Buy in Amarillo.

### Births

Baylee Janine Williams arrived at 5:25 p.m. August 8, 1996 to her proud parents Robert and Amy Williams. Baylee weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was born at the Darnall U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Hood, Killeen, Texas.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kent Sweet, Amarillo, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Camden, Lubbock, Texas. Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. June Hudson and the late Charles Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Camden, all of Amarillo.

Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Sandy Williams, Stratford, Texas. Paternal great grandmother is Norma Zellmer, Sweetwater, Ok., and paternal great great grandmother is Ila Anderson, Sweetwater, Ok.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chobollo (Ricardo & Karina) for the male son Eliuv Davie born Sunday August 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Dumas Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. A proud grandmother from Dallas is here to help celebrate this blessed event.

### Robbins Family Reunion Held

The family of J.A. (Sox) Robbins held their reunion on July 27th. Twenty six family members attended the annual event held at the home of Dorothy Robbins. Those attending were Dorothy, Shirley & Jerry Houston, Billie and Don Roper, Wanda and Tom Blake, Debbie Powers & Ronnie Robbins. Other family members there were Robert, Michele, Brandon and Matthew Houston, Tamara, James and Tyler Houston, Gay, Lisa and Nathan Roper, Kristi Roper, Doug, Craig and Kirt Blake, Jason Powers, Ryan and Matt Robbins, Ruby Huggins and Linda. Several friends of the family visited during the day.



British novelist John Creasey (1908-73) received 743 rejection slips before becoming the best-selling author of 564 books.

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STRATFORD, TEXAS

Greetings Commercial Exhibitors,

On behalf of the Sherman County Fair Board, we would like to encourage you to participate in the commercial exhibits during the fair and jamboree.

The county barn will be open Thursday, September 5th from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. to accept commercial exhibits. All exhibits will be left in place until Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

We encourage you to enter an exhibit on behalf of your business. Please make your reservation by September 2nd.

If you sell articles from your booth, we ask that a 10% fee be made to the Sherman County Fair Board. We will not be collecting this fee, but ask that you please pay on the honor system.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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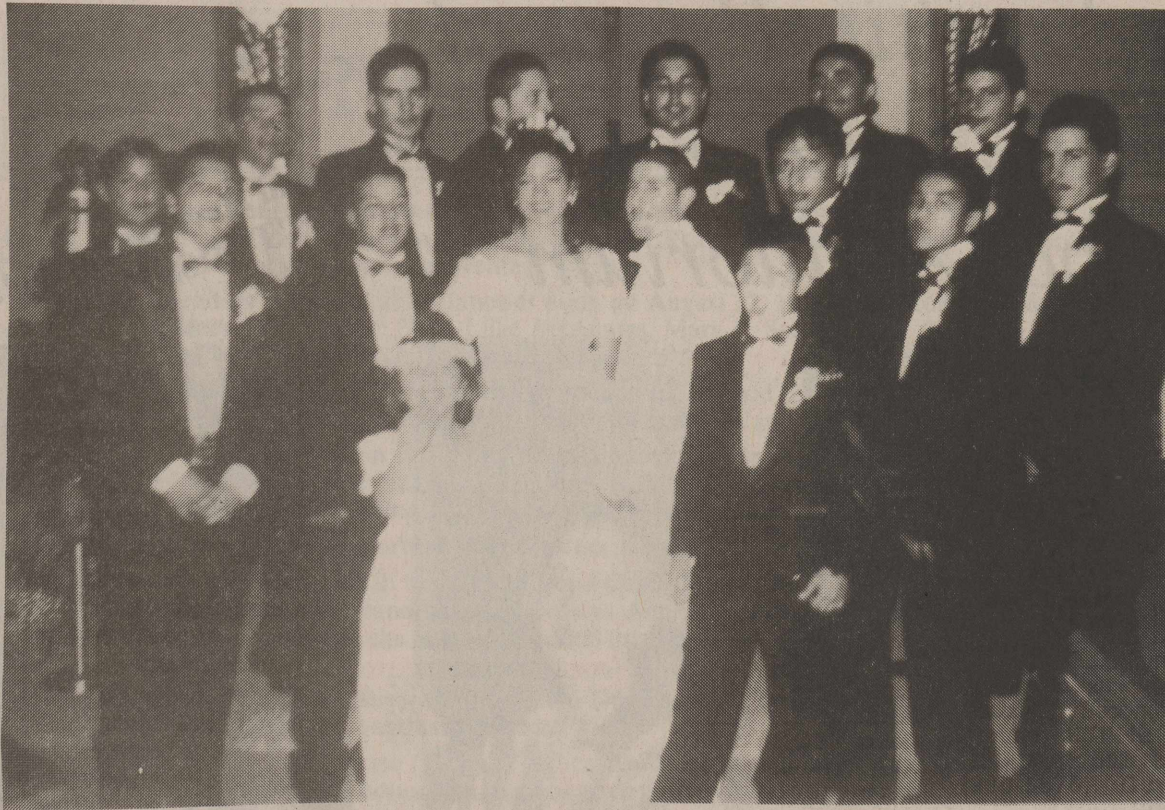
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—Yogi Berra

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When ideas fail, words come in very handy.  
—Goethe

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my Quinceanera Saturday, August 10, 1996 such a joyous occasion. I want to thank my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles for all the time and hard work spent planning it. The following couples for buying my cake: Julian & Rosa Barraza, Mayrene and Don Aduddell, Mike & Reyna Everett, Carlos & Virginia Molina, Luis & Reyna Molina, Jesus Rivera & Lupe Olivas. The following people for preparing and serving the food: Ramiro & Lupe Ramirez, Eva Cano, Virginia Molina, Estela Gonzales, Bertha Saenz, Adela Tobias, Benita Hureca, Elvira Reta & Nena Jurado. The following couples for sponsoring the dance: Ramiro Lupe Ramirez, Junior & Wilma Ireland, John & Adela Tobias, Johnny & Christina Garza, Miguel & Debbie Rosales, Andres & Sandy Pale, Everardo & Monica Duran, Mario & Yolanda Vasquez, Felix & Teresa Ramirez, Manuel & Olga Ortega, Cipriano & Ramona Rueda, Jubentino & Lionila Ruiz, Eliseo Isaias & Nena Jurado, Jere Don and Maria Keener, Eloy & Julieta Garza, Albert & Sarah Tenorio, Lionel & Maria Palma, Engemio Duran, Tono & Naty Torres, Pancho & Lety Barajas, Joe & Viola Abeyta, Uriel Duran, Mario & Sara Ortega, Artemio & Eva Cano, Juan Estrada. Also the ladies who decorated the Parish Hall for the dinner and the dance hall: Lupe Rodriguez, Bertha Peregrino, Rosa Barraza, Teresa Ramirez, Olga Ortega, Angelica Ortega and Reyna Molina.

Veronica Leyva

Albert and Elizabeth Zimmer were honored with a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration hosted by their children, Bill, Bob, and Andrea on Sunday afternoon, August 18, 1996 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

**FREEBIES BY PHONE**

**Destination of Video: Rome, A.D. 64**

(NU) - Rome, A.D. 64 is the setting for a new animated, 13-episode video series for kids ages 6 to 11. "The Story Keepers" starts with Nero's burning of Rome and follows the adventures of a group of homeless children through the Christian underground. Zondervan Publishing House, in association with Focus on the Family, is presenting these biblical stories through the magic of animation. The first Story Keepers episode, "Breakout," is available at bookstores or from the publisher by calling 1-800-727-3480. (News USA)

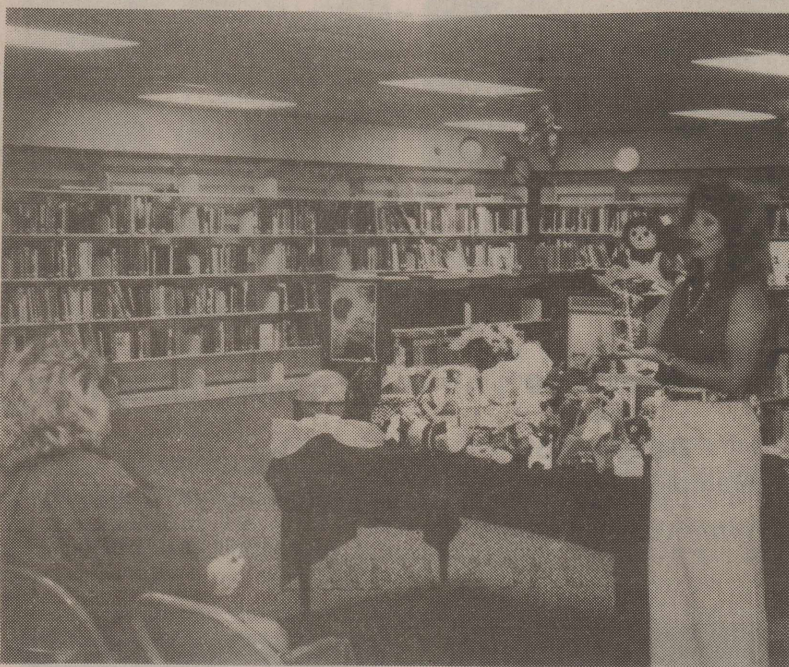
**High Heels, Aching Feet Go Hand-in-Hand**

(NU) - A recent survey conducted for the American Podiatric Medical Association, "Attitudes Toward Foot Care," reveals that 39 percent of American women wear high heels even though they know they aren't doing their feet any favors. And 31 percent still wear high heels even though those shoes hurt their feet. According to medical experts, wearing high heels makes people more frequently develop corns and calluses, bunions, hammertoes, Achilles tendinitis, or metatarsalgia. For free pamphlets on foot health, or for more information on podiatry in general, call 1-800-FOOTCARE. (News USA)

**A Simplified Bible Helps New Readers**

(NU) - A recently released New International Reader's Version (NIRV) New Testament provides functionally illiterate and second-language English-speaking adults with an understandable yet accurate version of Scripture. The NIRV, written at a third-grade reading level, is based on the New International Version, the best-selling Bible translation. It features a dictionary of difficult Bible terms, a five-way reading plan and highlighted key memory verses. The NIRV New Testament is available in adult and young reader's editions at bookstores or from the publisher by calling 1-800-727-3480 (News USA)

**"Just For Moms" Held**



Sixteen mothers enjoyed fellowship and learned new ideas for the upcoming gift giving season at the annual **JUST FOR MOMS** coffee hosted by the Sherman County Family and Community Educations (FCE) clubs last Thursday.

Debbie Ferguson, Southside FCE club member presented the program, "Gifts From A Jar". During her presentation, Mrs. Ferguson emphasized the use of recycling attractive jars for sharing treats of gifts from the kitchen. Utilizing these containers not only saves an individual economically, but allows for personal creativity and expression. In addition, recycling of the jars promotes efforts to reduce waste in area landfills.

Debbie Ferguson, Southside FCE member, presented the program, "Gifts from a Jar," at the Just for Moms program and Lunch n Learn FCE Club meeting last week. Just for Moms was sponsored by the Sherman County FCE Council.

Jean Everett, Sherman County FCE Council Chairman shared with those in attendance the objectives of FCE club work which focuses on educational opportunities for personal growth and enriched family and community living.

Sherman County has three FCE clubs-Star which meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month; Southside which meets the second and fourth Tuesday mornings of the month in members' homes; and Lunch and Learn which meets the third Thursday of even numbered months at the meeting room of the County Extension Office.

Individuals interested in visiting one of the organized clubs are encouraged to contact Jean Everett 966-5346; Joyce Irlbeck at 727-4595; Teresa Edmond 396-5832, or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent at 396-2122. Family and Community Education mission is to strengthen families through education.

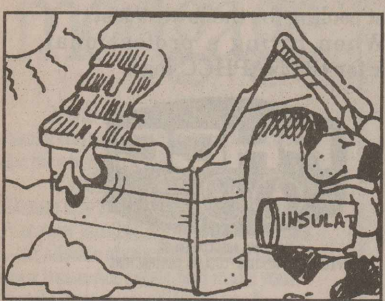
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Talent is what you possess; genius is what possesses you.  
—Malcolm Cowley



Sherman County 4-H members, Trisha Teig and Tara Whetten provided leadership at the 1995 4-H Bake Show. The training session for the 1996 4-H Bake Show will be held Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the County Extension Office. Youth will learn proper techniques for baking muffins using whole wheat flour at the training.



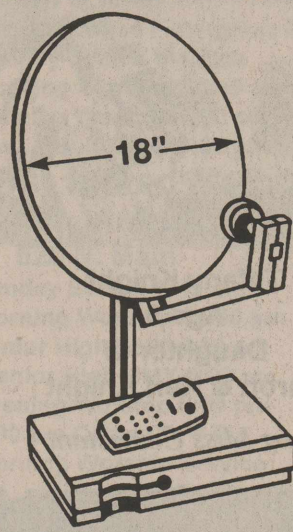
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## Saturday, August 24, 1996

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*Miss Stratford Contestant*



**Amy Sladek**  
Age 15  
Daughter of  
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*Miss Stratford Contestant*



**Tami Davis**  
Age 16  
Daughter of  
Donnie & Diane Coaly  
*Miss Stratford Contestant*



**Lori Brooks**  
Age 17  
Daughter of  
Ronald & Becky Brooks  
*Miss Stratford Contestant*



**Thea James**  
Age 13  
Daughter of  
Ben Tom & Gayla James  
*Junior Miss Contestant*



**Jessica King**  
Age 13  
Daughter of  
Keith & Tami King  
*Junior Miss Contestant*



**Mandy Helmuth**  
Age 12  
Daughter of  
Jimmy & Tammie  
Helmuth  
*Princess Miss Contestant*



**Trisha Teig**  
Age 12  
Daughter of  
John & Terri Teig  
*Princess Miss Contestant*



**Marca Ewers**  
Age 12  
Daughter of  
John & Lauri Ewers  
*Princess Miss Contestant*



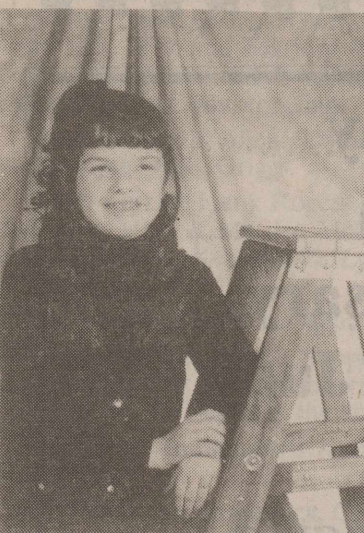
**Twila Woods**  
Age 6  
Daughter of  
Dusky & Amanda Woods  
*Little Miss Contestant*



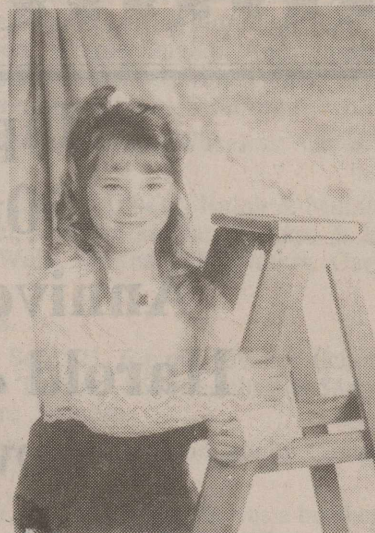
**Hailey Long**  
Age 6  
Daughter of  
Malcolm & Amy Long  
*Little Miss Contestant*



**Lyndsi Thiessen**  
Age 4  
Daughter of  
Brad & Tanya Thiessen  
*Little Miss Contestant*



**Amy Woods**  
Age 9  
Daughter of  
Dusky & Amanda Woods  
*Young Miss Contestant*



**Heather Melton**  
Age 9  
Daughter of  
Dusky & Amanda Woods  
*Young Miss Contestant*



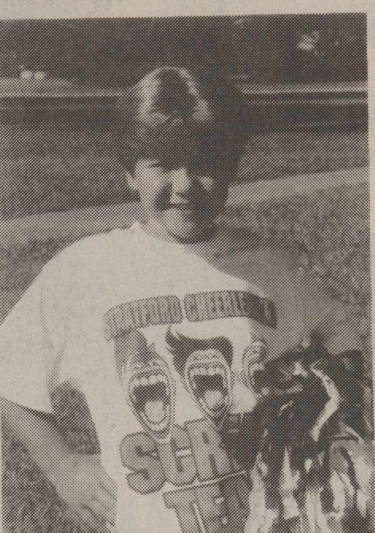
**Tiffany Knight**  
Age 9  
Daughter of  
Daron & Keri Knight  
*Young Miss Contestant*



**Brittany Hudson**  
Age 9  
Daughter of  
Gregg & Shari Hudson  
*Young Miss Contestant*



**Kayla Robertson**  
Age 9  
Daughter of  
Lane & Donita Robertson  
*Young Miss Contestant*



**Heather Robertson**  
Age 8  
Daughter of  
Lane & Donita Robertson  
*Young Miss Contestant*



The Kerrick Community Reunion was held Sunday, August 18, 1996 with a good crowd attending.

### Helping Your Pet Deal With Pain

(NU) - The experts at Veterinary Products Laboratories offer these tips for helping your pet with pain:

- Keep your pet warm and quiet. Provide a favorite toy or blanket.
- Animals, like people, can react differently to discomfort. Your pet may appreciate verbal reassurance and a kind touch — or may prefer to be left alone.
- Inspect bandages regularly and keep them clean. Change soiled bedding immediately.
- Encourage your pet to resume its normal diet and sleep cycle as quickly as possible.
- Ask your veterinarian about pain medication developed specifically for pets in recovery.
- Keep in touch with the vet during your pet's recovery. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Always report vomiting, diarrhea or any sudden changes in condition.



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## Your Air Conditioner

Helpful Hints

### Getting Cool Comfort At Reduced Cost

(NAPS)—If you've ever gotten hot under the collar after receiving your electricity bill after a prolonged hot spell, here's some news that may cool you down. These tips from the National Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors should help you reduce the cost of air-conditioning:

- Set your thermostat at the highest comfort level. Each degree you raise your thermostat reduces cooling energy consumption three percent.
- Keep shades and draperies drawn on the sunny side of the house.
- Change your air conditioner's air filter frequently. Dirt and dust in the filter can cut down substantially on your equipment's efficiency.
- Keep air circulation registers clear of furniture and draperies which cut down on the flow of air through the room.
- Clear overgrown shrubs and high grasses from your outside condensing unit so that nothing interferes with proper air circulation.
- Regularly inspect and service your air conditioner to keep it running efficiently. NAPCC recommends a service checkup each spring before you turn on your equipment.

Air-conditioning provides a great summertime comfort for a home. Following these tips can make the air-conditioning in your home as



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Nothing changes more constantly than the past; for the past that influences our lives does not consist of what actually happened but of what men believe happened.

Gerald White Johnson



### King Named To B.C.I. National All-Tournament Team



Jessica King

Jessica King was recently named to the Little Swishers, Basketball Congress International, All-Tournament Team in the 12 & under division. There were ten girls named to the All-Tournament Team and they were voted on by the other coaches. The National Tournament was held August 6-10 in Kenner, LA. Jessica averaged 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals per game. Jessica played for the West Texas Terminators and was coached by Randy Stewart and Sue Clay. She is in the 8th grade and is the daughter of Keith and Tami King.

### Dyess Receives Degree In Marketing



Alisha Dawn Dyess

Alisha Dawn Dyess received a degree in Marketing from the College of Business and Technology at East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas. Commencement exercises were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 10, 1996 in the University Auditorium, Ferguson Social Sciences Building. Dr. June Harris, Associate Professor of Literature and Languages gave an inspiring speech to the candidates for graduation.

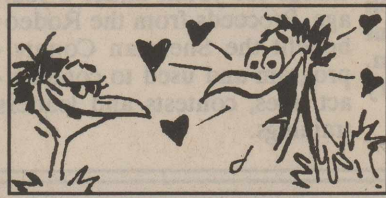
East Texas State University was founded in 1889.

Alisha is a graduate of Brownfield High School, Brownfield, Texas.

Alisha is the daughter of Glenda and Bill Dyess, who now live in Springfield, VA. She is the granddaughter of Doris Dyess and the late Roscoe Dyess and Stratford and Daisy Steele of Hereford, Texas.



Moore-Sherman Local Chapter of Sherman County, an affiliate of TSTA (Texas State Teachers Association) held a get-acquainted and membership drive luncheon August 14 at the Mary Allen Elementary School. The TSTA officers from Stratford are: Left to right Vice President-Barbara Haile, Ronna Jo Riffe-Treasurer, Kathy Switzer-Secretary and Linda Young-President.



Feb. 14 is the day chosen for Valentine's Day, because according to ancient tradition, that's the day birds choose their mates for the year.

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Dr. Zerle Carpenter, Director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Services presents Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Association of Extension Home Economist at their annual session held recently in Amarillo.

## Agent Receives State Honor

Sherman County Extension Family & Consumer Sciences agent, Susie Spurlock returned home after participating in the statewide meeting of the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists held in Amarillo, July 31 to August 2.

Spurlock was recognized for her contributions in the area of providing innovative and dynamic leadership and personal dedication to help Sherman County residents identify and solve critical quality of life issues such as formation of permanent child care facility, retention of medical services and its positive effect on the local economy, and volunteer leadership development receiving the TAEHE state Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. Spurlock is a seventeen year veteran of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEZ). She was first appointed to the position of Hardeman County Extension agent for Home Economics prior to transferring to Sherman County in 1981. Spurlock holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University and Master of Education from Texas A&M University. She is a past state and national recipient of the Florence Hall Award and Superior Service Award from TAEZ.

Currently Spurlock serves as director of the District 1 Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences and a representative to the state board. As a board member, she is currently serving as Vice-President for Professional Development. She is active in her church and community which are instrumental in promoting economic development opportunities and advancement of social services for residents.

### FACTS ABOUT FAMILIES

#### Families Can Help Children Cope With Fear And Anxiety

(NAPS)—Whether tragic events touch your family personally or are brought into your home via newspapers and television, you can help children cope with the anxiety that violence, death and disasters can cause.

Listening and talking to children about their concerns can reassure them that they will be safe. Start by encouraging them to discuss how they have been affected by what is happening around them. Even young children may have specific questions about tragedies. Children react to stress at their own developmental level.

The Federal Center for Mental Health Services offers these additional pointers for parents and other caregivers:

- **Encourage children to ask questions.** Listen to what they say. Provide comfort and assurance that address their specific fears. It's okay to admit you can't answer all of their questions.
- **Talk on their level.** Communicate with your children in a way they can understand. Don't get too technical or complicated.
- **Be honest.** Tell them exactly what has happened. For example, don't say that someone who has died has "gone to sleep"; children may become afraid of going to bed.
- **Find out what else frightens them.** Encourage your children to talk about other fears they may have. They may worry that someone will harm them at school or that someone will try to hurt you.

- **Focus on the positive.** Reinforce the fact that most people are kind and caring. Remind your child of the heroic actions taken by ordinary people to help victims of tragedy.
  - **Pay attention.** Your children's play and drawings may give you a glimpse into their questions or concerns. Ask them to tell you what is going on in the game or the picture. It is an opportunity to clarify any misconceptions, answer questions and give reassurance.
  - **Develop a plan.** Establish a family emergency plan for the future, such as a meeting place where everyone should gather if something unexpected happens in your family or neighborhood. It can help you and your child feel safer.
- If you are concerned about your child's reaction to stress or trauma, call your physician or a community mental health center.





## Yard of The Month

Yard of the Month for August is the yard of Bobby and Karla Edmond located at 1115 Purnell.

### "Sew Creative" Sew Fair

This year's "Sew Creative" sew fair is planned to meet the needs of both those who want to look their best for all occasions, and home seamstresses who want to brush up on basic construction, or learn new fashion techniques.

The annual event will be held at the Texas A&M Center on Tuesday, August 27th. Two sessions are planned.

Linda Crawford of Clovis, N.M., will keynote the evening session with a presentation including a fashion show which she calls "Dress for Success on Less."

The private investigator by profession has successfully conducted a similar program in her home town and has had requests for a repeat program.

Also on the evening program set to begin with registration at 6:30, Carla Archibeque and Callie Braswell of Dumas will give a 4-H presentation entitled "Everybody is Walking."

The afternoon session begins with registration at 1:00 followed by Fashion Fun presented by Potter County Family and Community Education club members.

Cynthia Shattles of Perryton, Ochiltree Extension agent, will present "Some Basics and Some Fun," followed by Carol Oliphant's presentation on "Raw Edge Fabric Collage."

Oliphant is an Amarillo Instructor, well known for her one of a kind techniques which results in garments of quality and intrigue.

Other afternoon presentations will be on "Stained Window Vests" by Leicia Redwine of Claude, Armstrong CEA; and "Mystery Quilts" by Joan Gray of Wheeler and Gwen Franks of Lipscomb, Wheeler and Lipscomb CEAs, respectively.

Two Canyon veteran seems tresses, Betty Webb and Marcie Grabber, will conclude the information rich afternoon session by showing methods of "French Smocking", and "Texas Mink."

A scrap bag will be available to collect usable fabric remnants and yardages to be given to the Cottage Industry at the Tyler Street Resource Center where homeless women are trained with sewing skills as a means of re-entry into a productive lifestyle.

The "Sew Creative" program is cosponsored by the Potter and Randall County Extension services. Program advisors are Wynon Mayes, Randall CEA, and Alby Peters, Potter CEA, who will share emcee duties.

An admission charge of \$5.00 per session or \$7.50 for both is payable on site. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information call 373-0713, or 655-6325.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

### 4-H Bake Show Training

4-H members age 8 and enrolled in the third grade through age 19 are invited to attend the 4-H Bake Show Training on Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the County Extension Office. The training will teach youth the nutritional value of wheat products in the diet as well as the skills of planning, preparing and serving muffins.

Youth will learn the functions of food ingredients and how to prepare muffins using whole wheat flour. Information about the County Bake Show, which promotes the region's number one agriculture product, wheat, will be discussed.

Parents of interested youth are also encouraged to attend the training session which will conclude by 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the County Extension Office or call 396-2122.

The 4-H learning opportunity supports the state goal to promote individual responsibility for improving health, safety, productivity, and well-being. In addition, it supports the Sherman County Long Range Extension Program issue of Promotion of Wellness for County Residents.

### Course To Assist Residents With Time Crunch

Are you always feel that you have too much to do and too little time? Do you wish for the good ole days when life seemed to be slower and you had time to relax on the porch swing? Do you experience feelings of living life in the super speed lane? If you can identify with any of the feelings expressed, you are not alone. In fact, more people are stating that there is never enough time to do all the things they want to do.

Need help in getting a handle on this feeling of time crunch and stress? If so, make plans to participate in the seminar, Multiple Management of Roles sponsored by the Sherman County Family Living Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be conducting the seminar which will focus on skills for effective management of time and demands upon one's time.

The seminar will be offered Thursday morning August 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 with a repeat session on Tuesday, August 27 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the County Extension Office. A class fee of \$2.00 will be charged per participants for materials. Class sizes will be limited to five participants per session. Interested persons are asked to pre register by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 396-2122.

For more information, contact the Sherman County Extension Office.

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

## Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

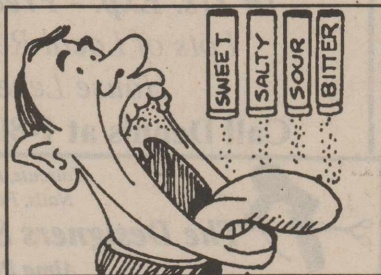
Is it imagination or is there a feeling of fall in the air. Perhaps it is because football has begun, school is on its second week, sunrise is coming later; as well as sunset earlier. And just around the corner Stratford Fair and Jamboree will be underway. Directors of the Chamber will once again be around to our businesses questioning as to whether they want a flag for the Fair and Jamboree. Last year we promised you that we would have new centers for the flags. A promise kept. We have received a confirmation of the 16 that have been ordered for this year. Main street will get the first of the new "Welcome centers." More will be added next year.

A big thank you to our Ice Cream Makers that added to the Hoop de La at the High School Cafeteria last Monday. And a slight apology that we ran out. Next year, believe us there will be more. It was a big crowd, a lot of visiting, scrumptious hamburgers cooked by Gary Pool and Jeff Kautz, and all of the trimmings. New faces among the administration and teachers. We welcome the Vernon Pauls, the Russell Ashleys, Kim Chisum, the Jeff Witches, and Michelle Sparkman. We hope, sincerely that you will find our community, school and churches a good place for you and your family.

This brings around a point. We are in desperate need of rentals. We have a number of families wanting to move to Stratford. Tent living is not what they want and we have no rentable houses. If you, the reader know of a house that is available or will be available would you please let the Chamber know or Lorie with the Sherman County Development Committee. We have had calls for Hud approved housing; as well.

Proposition 1 has passed. The 1/2 cent tax will not go into effect until January of 1997. A hearty thank you to Lorie Vincent and her board for the efforts they spent in preparation for the passing of this 1/2 cent tax. It is sincerely felt that on down the line the residence of Stratford Sherman County will feel the impact this tax has created. We old timers just hope that a TURN AROUND STRATFORD, will happen in our life time.

Once again the Depot Museum has had a successful evening, bringing in the culture of our Hispanic friends, food and entertainment. Congratulations to the Spurlock family of the Year. Well deserved. It was a great evening.



Your taste buds can distinguish four main types of flavor: sweet, salty, sour and bitter.

### Stratford Days Rodeo Set For September 7th & 8th

The 1996 Stratford Days Rodeo will be held on September 7 and 8 in conjunction with the Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree. This year's rodeo is sponsored by High Country Chevrolet Dealers Association, Duncan Chevrolet of Stratford and Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association.

The Saturday night performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday's performance will start at 2:00 p.m. Slack and Cowboy Church Services will be held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Stock producer for the rodeo is McCloy Rodeo Company of Morse. The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA) and the Kansas Pro-Rodeo Association (KRPA).

Sherman County 4-H will be hosting a concession during the entire event. Hamburgers and french fries will be served Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Breakfast burritos will be served during the Sunday morning slack.

Admission to the Stratford Days Rodeo will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 6 through 11. There will be no charge for youth under 6 years of age. Proceeds from the Rodeo will benefit the Sherman County 4-H program and used to conduct 4-H activities, contests and leadership trainings.

The Olympics are a thing of the past, the Republican Convention history, the Democratic Convention coming up in Chicago. Folks we are moving right along. Not quite four years until a new century. WOW!

But to keep us in touch let's look at what will be happening in our Community for this next week. Oh! yes we need your entry into the Stratford Fair & Jamboree-MUSIC ACROSS AMERICA is the theme. Bring in your entry or call in and the Chamber will make out one for you. It is TIME!

August 21: SCOT Hall, 1 p.m. pool & ceramics, Coldwater Manor, Bible study - Baptist.

August 22: SCOT Luncheon noon - 1 p.m. pool, Women's Division Board Mtg 5:15 city hall.

August 23: SCOT Hall, 1 p.m. pool & ceramics.

August 24: Scot Dance/out of town, Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant 7:00 p.m. S.H.S. Auditorium.

August 25: 9 a.m. Coldwater Manor Worship Church of Christ.

August 26: SCOT Hall, 1 p.m. pool & ceramics - 7:30 dance practice.

August 27: SCOT Hall 1 p.m. pool.

### Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

There are several new books in the library that are on the best seller list. In the non-fiction category is Choice by Bob Woodward.

Robert Jordan, who writes fantasy fiction, has out the seventh book in a series entitled Crown of Swords.

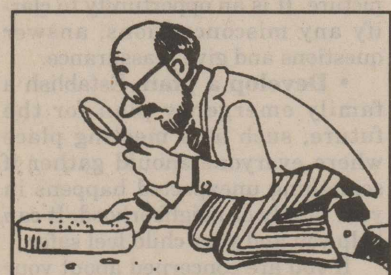
Others are Drink With The Devil by Jack Higgins, A Little Yellow Dog by Walter Mosley, and 4th Estate by Jeffery Archer.

Gods and Generals is a novel about the Civil War and is by Jeff Shaara.

Lily White by Susan Issacs and Mischief by Amanda Quick will be in the romance fiction genre.

Louis L'Amour, who has written many westerns, has a new hardback out--West of Dodge. Readers who enjoy his work will enjoy this story. Even though he is not living, his work is still being published.

Library hours are Monday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 to 1 p.m.



Antonie Van Leeuwenhoek of the Netherlands was the first to discover bacteria in 1675.

## Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is soliciting vendors for requests for proposals on the categories of personal property listed below for the period of September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997. Vendors desiring to be on the request for proposal list for these categories shall submit their name, address, phone number, contact person and the names of the categories of personal property they wish to propose:

- Teaching Supplies
- Gasoline & Oil
- Custodial & Maintenance Supplies
- Insurance
- Band Equipment
- cafeteria Supplies
- Athletic Supplies
- Computers
- Computer Supplies
- Transportation Supplies
- Office Supplies

Vendor information will be accepted until August 7, 1997. For information contact the Superintendent's office, Stratford Inc. School District, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Phone Number 806-396-2612.

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NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sealed proposals addressed to Stratford Independent School District Business Office, will be received at 503 N. 8th Street, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084 until 4:00 p.m. August 30, 1996 for catalog purchases made during the 1996-97. Any proposal received after the specified time shall be disqualified. Proposals may be submitted for any/all categories. For information contact Darla Cummings at 806-396-2612.

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The City of Stratford is requesting sealed bids for one new single-axle, 25 cubic yard, sanitation truck.

For specifications, contact the City of Stratford at 520 N. 3rd, phone (806) 396-5581.

Bids must be received at the City of Stratford, 520 N. 3rd, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084, no later than 12:00 noon, September 12, 1996.

Bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m., September 12, 1996. The City of Stratford reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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### Cooking Ideas

- SUPER SLAW**  
 1 cup plain yogurt  
 2 tbsp. sugar  
 2 tbsp. vinegar  
 8-9 cups shredded cabbage  
 1 package Produce Partners Super Slaw Mix  
 1) Combine 1 package Super Slaw Mix with yogurt, sugar and vinegar.  
 2) Add green cabbage or a mixture of green and red cabbage. Toss well. For extra flavor and color, add shredded carrots, broccoli, zucchini or yellow squash.  
 3) Chill one hour or more.

- CARROT RAISIN VARIATION:**  
 For a variation your children will like:  
 Substitute 5-6 cups shredded carrots instead of cabbage. Add 1 cup raisins. Toss well and chill.

- Spicy Barbeque (Makes 1 1/4 cups)**  
 1 cup barbeque or taco sauce  
 1/4 cup RealLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate  
 In small bowl, combine ingredients; mix well. Reserve 1/2 cup mixture. Grill or broil chicken until tender, basting frequently with remaining mixture. Serve with reserved RealLemon® mixture. Refrigerate leftover chicken.

Clerk of the Court, M.L. Albert, P.O. Box 270, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Petitioner's Attorney or Petitioner, Louis T. Dubuque, P.O. Box 1085, Dumas, Texas 79029

The State of Texas

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**  
 "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: All persons claiming any interest in land herein described, unknown heirs, persons, successors, and assigns, greeting.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 16th day of September 1996, before the Honorable District Court of Sherman County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Stratford, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 24th day of July, 1996, in this case numbered 4151 on the docket of said court, and styled, Paul H. Freeman and Tina M. Freeman, Plaintiff, vs William Herchel Francis, Et al, Defendant.

The real name of Defendants are

**WILLIAM HERCHEL FRANCIS** also known as **HERCHEL FRANCIS**, individually and as power of attorney for Gary Don Francis and Larry Francis.

**GARY DON FRANCIS** also known as Gary Francis and the unknown heirs of Gary Don Francis, deceased.

**LARRY FRANCIS** and the unknown heirs of Larry Francis, deceased.

**GRACIE A. PACK** sometimes known as Gracie Pack

**R. H. FLEMING** and the unknown heirs of R.H. Fleming, deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

**WHEREFORE,** Plaintiff requests that DEFENDANT be cited to appear and to answer and that upon final trial, PLAINTIFF have:

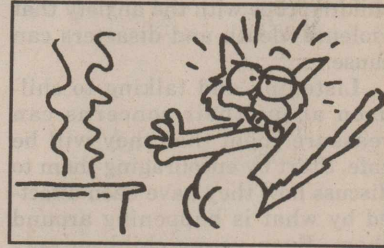
1. Judgment for title to and possession of the real property which is the subject matter of this suit. This parcel of real property is more particularly described as follows: LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Block 30, Town of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas, as shown and designated on the official map or plat recorded in the Deed Records of Sherman County, Texas.
2. Costs of suit.
3. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled.

and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Stratford, Texas, this the 31st, day of July, 1996.

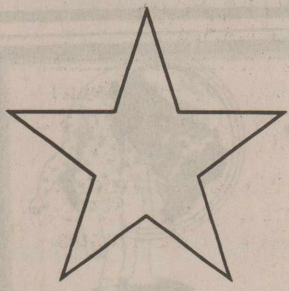
M.L. Albert, District Court Clerk, Sherman County, Texas  
 By Gina Sladek, Deputy

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Shower selections for Suzie Goodwin, bride-elect of Jerry Don McLaughlin are at Elk Pharmacy. Free delivery to the shower. 8-22-c

### FOR SALE -

In Stock (Salem, Cornnet, Mohawk & Diamond Mills) Tackless, Plush, Sculpture Carpet on Sale - \$17.99 Sq. Yd. Installed over 6 pound pad. K's Interiors 396-2760 8-14-4xc

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For Sale: Acreage & Barns. Contact First State Bank Trust Department 396-5521. 7-11-tfn

THE General Store has shower selections for Suzie Goodwin, bride-elect of Jerry Don McLaughlin. Free delivery to the shower on August 24. 8-22-c

Ertl 1/64 scale farm country die-cast metal replica toy at THE General Store. Excellent birthday gift for boys of all sizes. 8-15-tfn

If you need used fixed light fixtures. Contact the SIDS Superintendents office. The Price is Right!!!! 8-15-2xc

THE General Store has a 30% off sale on wallcovering & border now through Nov. 30. Pre-pasted and washable for the do-it-yourselfer. 8-15-tfn

Spirit Shirts at Elk Pharmacy - Little Girls, Ladies, Boys & Band. 5 Different Designs. Arriving Last Week of August or 1st week of Sept. 8-22-c

For Sale: Ladies Golf Clubs Lynx Tigress irons & woods, Extra woods, metal wood. Call 396-2439. 8-22-c

For sale: 2 metal Storm Doors. Call 396-2439. 8-22-c

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For Sale: Montgomery electric Dryer. \$125.00. Kenmore Washer \$100.00. Call 396-2389 after 6:00. 8-22-1xc

## Wanted

Building in Stratford next to City Hall needs repair. Call 396-2439. 8-22-c

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Historical evidence for the first code of correct manners comes from the Old Kingdom of Egypt, in a book, *The Instructions of Ptahhotep* (Ptahhotep was grand vizier under the pharaoh Iseisi). Written about 2500 B.C., the manuscript on manners now resides in a Paris antiquities collection.

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## Card of Thanks

Sherman County Museum Board members wish to extend their thanks to many in the community who helped with the Depot Doin's held Saturday at the museum. Stratford people always come through to contribute their talents. Special thanks go to those who cooked and served the meal to Joe Abeyta, Selma Pendleton, Harley Starnes, Ken Forthman, Howard Naugle, Jack Gore, Gaynelle & Don Riffe and their Crew Stratford Grain: Joe Zak, Frank Castaneda, Joe Barraza, and Romero Rodriguez; to Thriftway, Gophers, and all who made the cakes. The Stratford Star crew did an exceptional job in publicizing this event. The Engineer Club members are always appreciated for their contributions. The crew at the City Hall helped to move picnic tables to the parking lot, poison the weeds at the museum and move some equipment. Thanks also go to those in the Chamber of Commerce office for their assistance. It is difficult to thank personally all those who made the Depot Doin's so successful. Please accept "thanks" and know you were appreciated.

Sherman County Museum Board Members

Dear Sponsors: I would like to thank each of you for the support and donations that you gave me so that it was possible for me to participate in the Basketball Congress International-National Basketball Tournament held in Kenner, LA. I had a great time representing Stratford and the West Texas Terminators. Thanks Again.

Jessica King

The Board of Trustees and staff of the Stratford ISD thank the community for coming out to the first "Back-to-School Supper". It was a huge success because of your support. This supper could not have been possible without the generous contributions and donations by various people and businesses from the panhandle. We send a special thank you to the following: Lorie Vincent-Sherman County Development Committee, Walter Lasley & Sons Feedyard, Stratford Feedyard, Baskin Brown's Meat Locker, Chamber of Commerce, Stratford Grain, United Supermarket, Thriftway, Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling, Jeff Kautz, Lynette Kautz and Gary Pool. Once again the tremendous turn out and support has made me feel privileged to be a part of this school system.

Your Friend in Education, Vernon Paul, Supt.



Cross-country skiing can use up 540 calories an hour.

To The Sherman County Depot Museum Board Members, Volunteers and Cooks

For the labor of love all of you put forth to make the Depot-Doings and the honors of the D.D. Spurlock Family and Descendants program; The Spurlocks, from near and far thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To the citizens of Stratford, we thank you for your support and visits. The food was delicious and we couldn't have ordered a nicer evening. Selma you did a wonderful job of "Rooting The Family Tree" and bringing back memories!

God Bless All Of You "The Spurlocks"

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and flowers and expressed personal messages to us during our time of sorrow. A special thank you to Charlie Beaman, who for several weeks cared for our pets, also special thanks to Donita Robertson for all her help.

Family of Dean Jefcoat Norma Zellmer and Ila Anderson Eddie and Sandy Williams Edward L. Williams Robert and Amy Williams

Personal note to Leona Woods: Yes Leona, you did make a difference in Dean's life. Thank you for your very special card.

Sandy Williams

## Cooking Corner

### A Century Of Good Food

(NAPS)—Eating habits have changed dramatically since the turn of the century and cookbooks illustrate just how true that is.

As part of its centennial celebration this year, S&W Fine Foods offers consumers a colorful, 36-page reprint of the company's historic 1904 recipe booklet, called "The S&W Greenbook Recipes." Also included is a 16-page companion booklet of contemporary recipes, including some dishes that are updated from the original.

"The S&W Greenbook Recipes" was designed to provide recipes, tips and serving suggestions for preparing early canned food delicacies such as asparagus and oysters. Today it provides fascinating insights into evolving food tastes.

The colorful 5 x 7-1/2-inch booklet is beautifully illustrated with delicate line art drawings of kitchen and farm scenes as well as reproductions of original canned food labels.

The 16-page booklet, "Greenbook Recipes Companion," provides a number of delicious recipes reflecting contemporary trends toward quick, healthy and easy-to-prepare dishes.

To obtain a copy of both booklets, send \$3.95 to cover postage and handling to: S&W Centennial Recipe Booklet, 50 Mendell St., Bldg. 3, San Francisco, CA 94124.

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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL News

## Big Blue Band Strikes Up Again

By Randy Hunsaker

The Stratford High School Big Blue Band started practice on Monday, August 12 at 12:30 in the afternoon. It was good to see all of the students again. The band is quite big this year with a total of 99 students signed up. After a week of practice, things are already starting to shape up quite nicely. The kids seem eager to get back into the swing of things.

This year the band will be working towards our 26th Consecutive 1st Division in marching. Also our 5th Consecutive Sweepstakes will be in our sights.

Marching Contest is going to be one week earlier this year. It will be at Borger Bulldog Stadium on October 19. This is not the year for Class AA to advance to state, so our marching will come to a close with the last football game.

Concert/Sightreading Contest is also earlier this year. It will be held at Boys Ranch on Tuesday, April 8. If a 1st Division is made at Marching and this contest in April, that is what constitutes the Sweepstakes Award.

We are excited this year to have added Mr. Jeff Witcher to our teaching staff in the Music Department. Jeff comes to us from Fritch where he was high school director and very successful. We are happy to have and his wife Anna, sons Andy and Adam, and daughters Janet, Amie, Jennie, and Autumn.

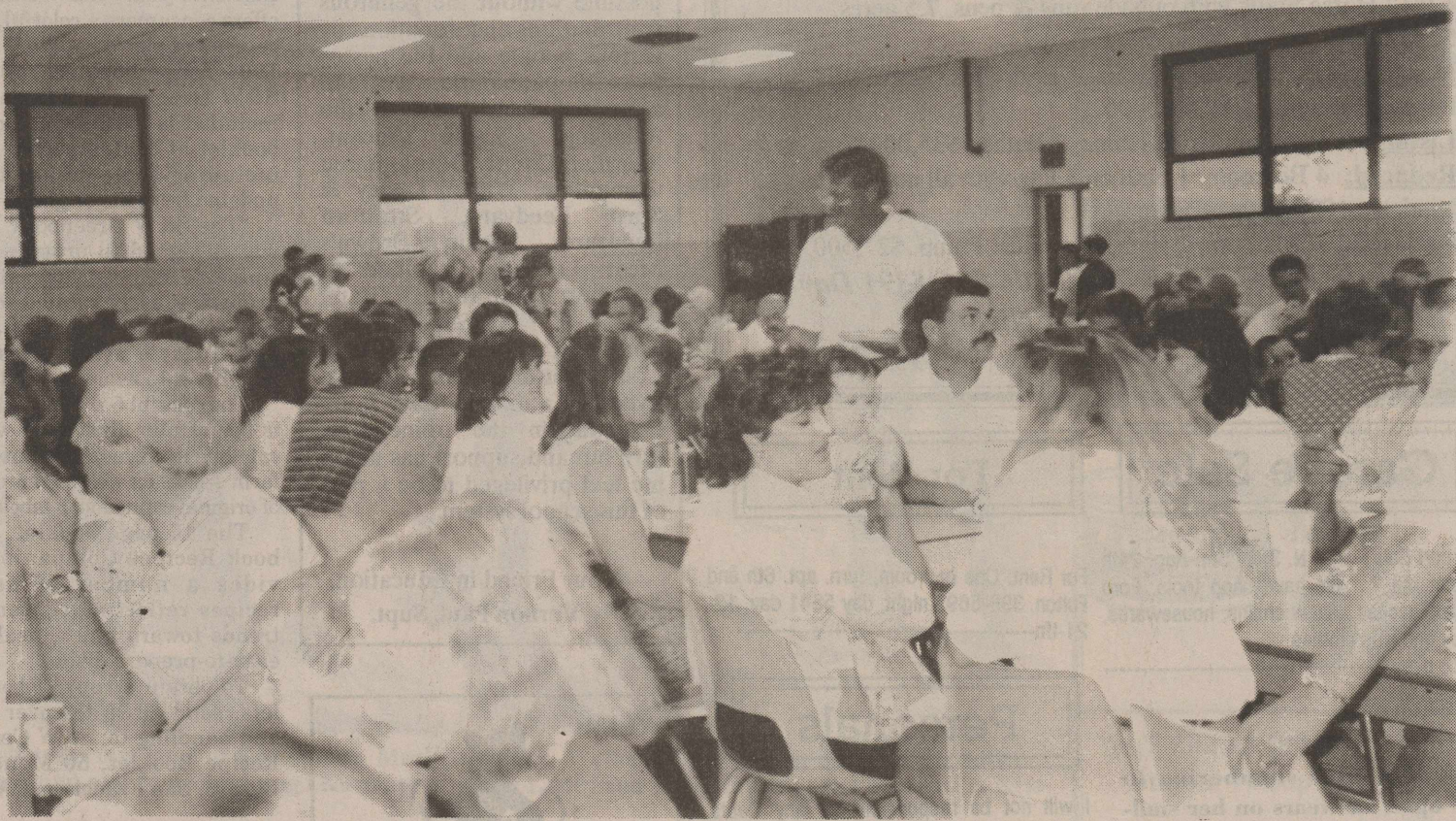
Leading the band on the field this year will be Senior Drum Majors Hillary Frank and Misty Bruns.



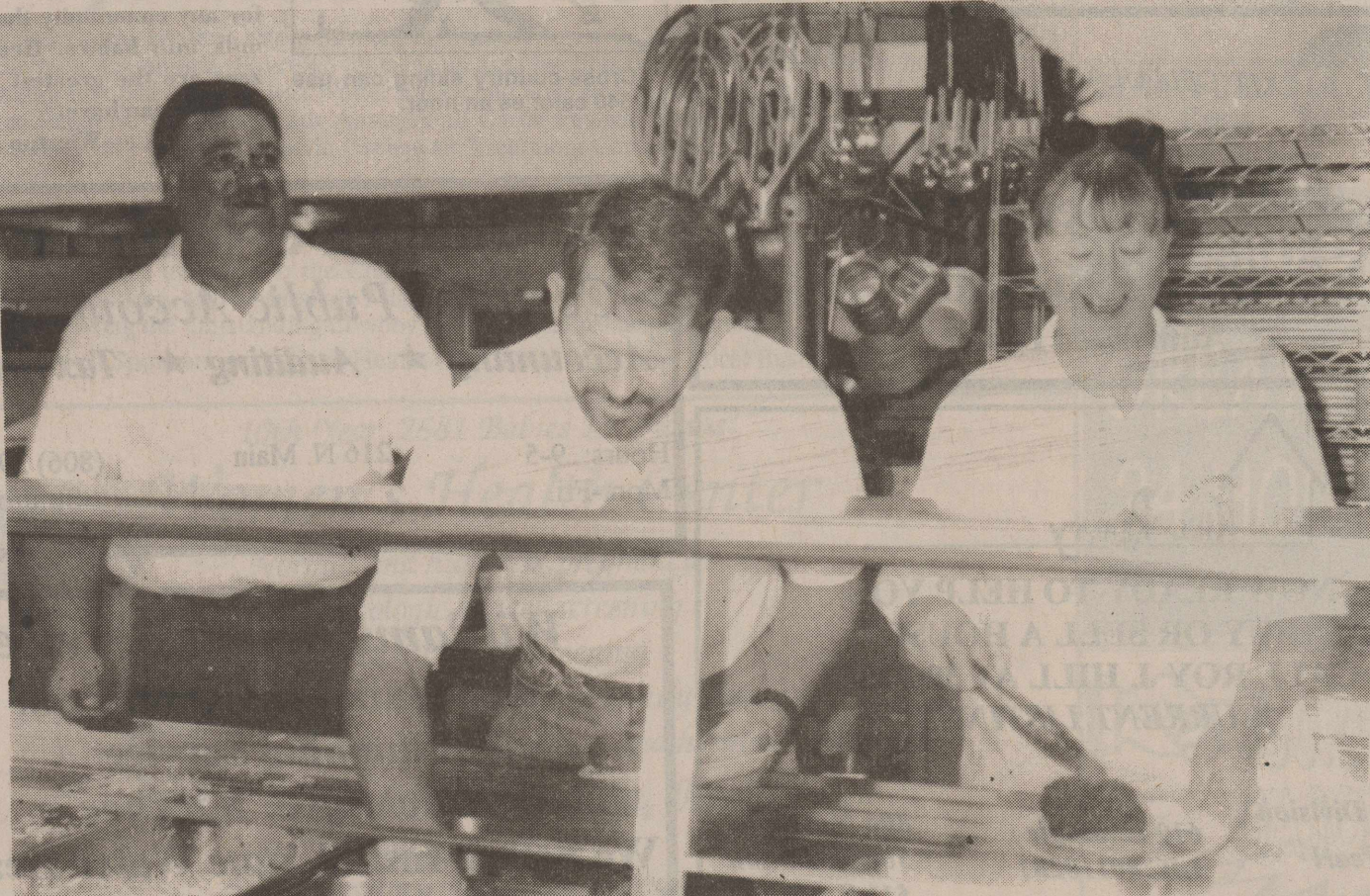
New faces at the Stratford ISD are from left: Jeff Witcher, Kimberly Chisum, Nan Ashley, Shanda Davis, Russell Ashley, Michelle Sparkman, Vernon Paul, Connie Paul and Enedit Baeza. Not pictured Gina Ray Whatley and Sarah Ortega. In next edition, read about their roles in the SISD.



Football was in the air on Friday, August 16, 1996. An Intra-squad scrimmage was held at the Stratford football field. High School cheerleaders served hamburgers. Ice cream was also enjoyed by fans. Shown above, fans will enjoy the new scoreboard on Sept. 6, 1996 when the Elks take on Wheeler. The new scoreboard was donated by Stratford Grain Co.



A good crowd turned out to meet faculty of SISD and enjoy hamburgers and ice cream at the High School cafeteria on Monday, August 12, 1996.



School Board members from left, Phillip Walden, Roy McAlister and Sandy Baskin helped serve hamburgers on Monday, August 12 at the SISD Hamburger/Ice Cream Social.

## Weather On The Internet

In the Texas Panhandle nothing is as capricious as the weather. A familiar saying is "If you don't like the weather, hang around a little while and it will change!" This is certainly true, however, nothing impacts the area quite like the weather. Few of us are able to pass up the evening weather forecast. Now an additional source of information is available to keep one abreast of weather patterns and changes. This source is the Internet.

At the University of Michigan, a web page is accessible that provides weather conditions for specified cities. The data is provided to the University of Michigan Weather Underground Project by the National Weather Service, the National Science Foundation-funded Unidata Project and Alden Electronics, Inc. The page can be accessed at the following web address, <http://cirrus.spri.umich.edu/uxnet/servers.html>. This site will provide continually updated conditions as well as an extended forecast for the area.

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

Another excellent weather site is located at <http://www.landings.com/landings/pages/weather.html>. This is an excellent site for non-commercial pilots. The Landings Web Page, known as aviation's busiest cyber-hub, includes flight planning, weather data related to aviation, and pilot training. This page also provides links to every weather page known on the Internet.

Closer to home are two important web pages. At Lubbock, the National Weather Service maintains a web site. The site can be accessed at <http://dryline.nws.noaa.gov>. This site provides daily weather data as well as extended forecasts for the Panhandle and Lubbock area. There are also many links from this page that are weather related.

The web site at <http://pegasus.acs.ttu.edu/~x9ald> is the Texas Tech Atmospheric Science Group Home Page. At this web site current weather and local forecasts can be found. In addition daily climate data, a map library TTU geosciences plus hundreds of additional links can be accessed. The Internet provides thousands of web sites that offer weather data. A few click on the computer can bring you maps, weather data, and extended forecasts.

## How To Beat The SAT I Blues

(NAPS)—Some are calling it the mother of all tests. Others suggest that's a little overblown, but admit the SAT I is still tough. In any event, the new SAT I college entrance exam continues to give high school students their share of the jitters.

The SAT I, first given in March 1995, included longer passages and more questions on reading comprehension. For the first time, students could also use calculators to do the math problems, which included ten questions that were not multiple choice.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of high school students have anxiously anticipated their turn at the test. How should you overcome those pre-test worries?

Well, as any professional test-taker will tell you, the first thing to do is relax. Then, begin making a realistic study plan.

- Begin well in advance of the test date, four to six weeks or even more.
- Take advantage of any workshops your school offers. They'll give you an important subject matter review and test-taking experience.
- Divide your preparation sessions into five or six segments to study the test in manageable amounts.
- Study every other day (or at larger intervals). You'll retain what you learn better if you're not rushed.
- Don't cram the night before the exam. Not only does that waste your time, it can leave you tired and nervous and actually lower your score.

- Instead of cramming the night before, get plenty of rest. You'll want to be fresh for the exam.
- Pack your bag the night before with all the materials you will need for the exam.
- Leave plenty of time to get to the test site.
- Once the test has begun, relax and congratulate yourself for being prepared to do your best.
- Practice taking the actual SAT I exam, perhaps several times. Cliffs StudyWare for the SAT I, computer software from the makers of Cliffs Notes, allows you to take up to five sample tests—two on computer and three in a companion study guide.

The software and guidebook cover all the changes incorporated into the new SAT I exam. They show how to answer grid-in math questions as well as paired reading passages. Since students are now allowed to use calculators on the SAT I, the package includes tips on effective calculator use. "Cliffs StudyWare for the SAT I not only is the most comprehensive study aid available for this new college entrance exam, but it is also highly economical, affordable for most students and schools, and extremely flexible," said Rick Pam, director of Cliffs StudyWare. The software is available in both IBM and Macintosh formats from college stores, book stores and computer retail outlets nationwide.