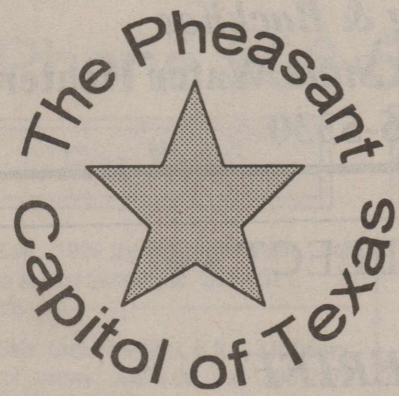


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Community Youth Choir

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.

Parents Night

Parents Night Grades K-3 Tuesday, September 17, 1996, Mary Allen School 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Please Return Pans

Anyone who bought enchiladas at the Depot Doin's and has not returned the pan, please do so by bringing the pan to the museum.

St. Jude's Wheels For Life

The St. Jude's bike-a-thon is set for Saturday, September 21 on Purnell Street by the Football Stadium from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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!!

Duggan To Speak At Stratford Lions Club

Kathy Duggan from XIT Telephone will present a program on the "Internet" at the Lion's Club noon luncheon on Monday, September 16th.

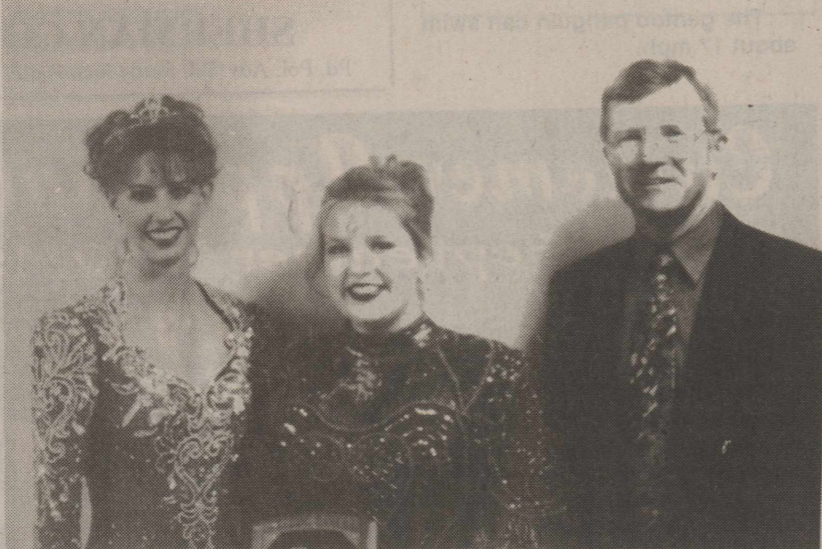
Anyone interested in attending, please R.S.V.P. for the meal to Doak Crabtree by Friday, September 13 at noon to 396-5521.

Bid Date Extended To Tuesday, Sept. 17th

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is extending the deadlines for the bids on building improvements to 301 N. Main to Tuesday, September 17th. For bid information, contact Lorie Vincent at the SCDC office at 396-2897 or Room 205 in the Sherman County Courthouse.

"See You At The Pole"

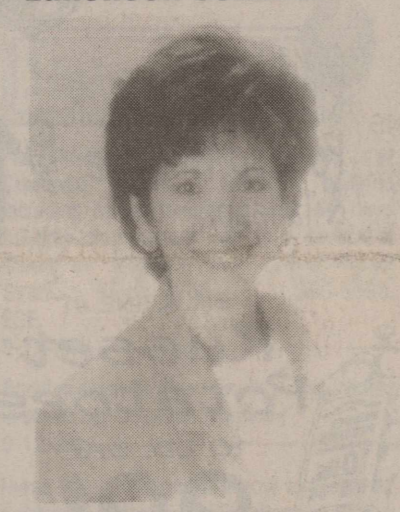
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Bonds Named Winner

Sabrina Bonds, daughter of George and Kathy Bonds, was crowned District 1 Farm Bureau Queen, on August 6, 1996. Sabrina will compete at the State Convention in San Antonio in December 1, 1996. Shown with Sabrina are the District 1 Talent Find Winner, Bergundi Jones, Dumas, Tx., and David Noble, Area State Director.

SCDC To Sponsor Luncheon Seminar

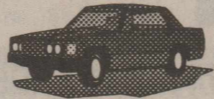


Jeanne S. Archer

Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is pleased to sponsor "WOWing the Customer of the 90's" presented by Jeanne S. Archer. This luncheon seminar will be held on Tuesday, September 17th. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 and her presentation will be from 12:15 to 1:15. The cost of this luncheon seminar is \$20 for SCDC members and \$25 for non-members. In today's climate of "hyper-competition", merely satisfying customers is no longer enough. Instead, owners of retail and service businesses must go for the "Wow"! Ms. Archer will draw concrete examples for successful business people in various industries and discuss "how the business climate and customers have changed over the past few years". She will also speak about strategies to "Wow" your customers through appearance, business relationships, unexpected services, great guarantees and hassle-free policies.

Jeanne Smalling Archer is founder and president of Strategies, a creative services firm which serves small businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals. She has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and public relations and is an award-winning writer and communicator. She is the co-author of the recently released book, *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*, which shows small business owners how they can not just survive, but also thrive, right in the shadows of the retail giants. An accomplished speaker, she delivers captivating, motivational keynotes and seminars on a variety of subjects encompassing how to compete with the retail giants, customer service, networking, marketing, effective selling, personal and employee motivation and a variety of other topics. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

Please take advantage of these opportunities to hear these great speakers and enhance your business skills as well. Please RSVP to the SCDC office at 396-2897 by Friday evening, September 13th.



Senior Car Wash Sat. Sept. 14

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This year's Senior Car Wash will be held Saturday, September 14. It will be in front of the high school from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please bring your vehicles to be washed. It is free, and donations and pledges are being accepted by Seniors. If you are unable to bring your car up to the school, but would like to support the Seniors, contact any Senior to have your car taken to and from the car wash. We are looking forward to seeing you and thank you for supporting the Class of 1997.

Lions Club Selling Chances

The Stratford Lions Club will be selling chances on a Package to see the Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, November 3 in Dallas. This game begins at 12:00 noon. The package includes: Roundtrip airlines from Amarillo to Dallas, one night stay for two at the Radisson Hotel, transportation to and from the airport, game day tickets, 2 free drink coupons per person and game day breakfast & cost of the tickets will be \$10.00 per ticket and will be given away at half time of the Stratford vs. Gruver football game.

Tickets may be purchased from any of the local Lions Club members.

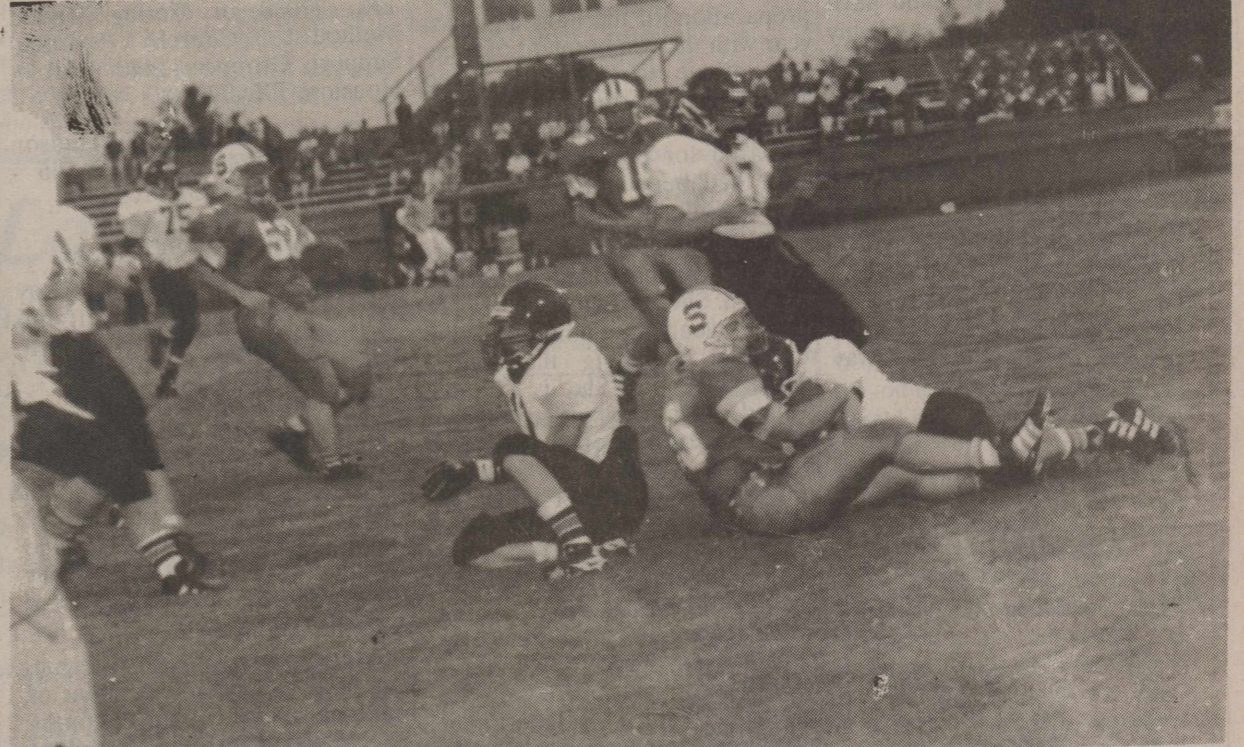
Kerrick Chuckwagon Supper

Want all the calf fries you can eat? Kerrick Community will have their annual fund-raising event on Saturday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kerrick Community Center. The menu consists of barbecued beef, beans, potato salad, red apples, and trimmings, plus all the calf fries you want!

There will be the same great area musicians that entertained last year.

Advance tickets from any Kerrickite are \$6 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-12. Children under six are free. Tickets at the door are .50 cents higher.

In case of inclement weather, serving will be in the center.



Elks-35***Wheeler-22

The Elks rolled over Wheeler with a 35-22 win on Friday, September 6. The Elks next game is against Boise City, there on Friday, September 13 at 8:00 p.m.

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Annual Back To School Nights

Stratford ISD will hold the Annual Back to School Nights on September 16th and 17th. The high school and junior high will be Monday night from 7:00 to 8:45 with parents following their children's bell schedule for the evening. The Mary Allen Elementary will hold its Back to School Night on Tuesday evening, September 17th, from 7:00 to 8:30. Please come and be involved in your students education.

Simulator Car Coming To Stratford

The Drunk Driving simulator car "Drives Drunk" to make sure you never do! This specially outfitted simulator vehicle can be "programmed" with your weight and the number of drinks needed to put you "over the limit." When you get behind the wheel, it's like driving drunk. Think you can handle it?

Find out for yourself when the Neon Drunk Driving Simulator comes to your school. Any licensed driver can get behind the wheel of the all-new 1996 Dodge/Plymouth Neon. Make time to take the ride that could save your life. The simulator car will be in Stratford on October 14 and 15.

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The funds raised from this event help the world famous research center in its battle against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

In the Wheels For Life event, participants ask sponsors to make a donation on each mile completed or a flat donation. All participants turning in money will receive a certificate. Those who raise \$35 or more will receive a certificate and a special St. Jude T-shirt. When \$75 or more is raised, the participant receives a sports bag in addition to the certificate and T-shirt.

The participants will be coming by your homes and business' asking for your help. Thank you for your support.

St. Jude Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily from public support.



"Stratford" Picture Post Cards

Rudy Rivera, new manager for Thriftway is receiving promotional "Stratford" picture post cards for sale from Chamber of Commerce President, Gaynelle Riffe. Post cards are on sale at local business and in bulk from the Chamber of Commerce.



Stratford Parade Held Saturday, September 7.



Stratford Football boys "Jammin" down main street.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Readers:

Again I was impressed with our Sherman County Fair! I wish to thank Gaynelle Riffe and all her Board of Directors, Superintendents and helpers for a job well done.

I congratulate the community for their response. When I took my three flowers to enter: I saw my 90 year old friend, Mary Peach Smith, with her beautiful African Violets. I wondered if when my generation passed would interest continue and then I saw Brenda Bell's daughter helping her mother with the flowers and was encouraged.

I came home and thought about Gaynelle's project "Apple Pie" and as God had blessed my tree with apples I decided I'd try to bake one. My oven relieved most of the juice, but when I took my pie to barn I was pleasantly surprised to see dozens of beautiful apple pies! Met Kathy Riffe at the door with her hands full of apple pies and she had used Stratford apple too.

I decided Stratford's next generation was in good hands and I started cleaning my oven.

Oline Caraway

P.s. Weren't the quilts lovely!



The bill of the Australian pelican can be up to 18 1/2 inches long.

Dear Editor:

Sherman County Fair & Stratford Jamboree has come and gone. A quote from Jack London's *The Sea Wolf*. "The work is in the preparation....The wonder is in the completion".

Jim Bob Brown prepared a good Parade. Doak Crabtree and the Lions Prepared the tasty barbecue. The youths events, Scott Buckles pulled of the tractor pull, Shari Hudson the Community Recreation and Ronna Riffe the Dog Show. The Study Club prepared the Old Timers Activities from Pre-parade activities, to special seating for Barbecue, to program at the school. The 4-H parents prepared the Rodeo and The Fire Department made the preparations for the dance. The preparation for the Fair begin last year with the commitment of some to continue to serve. We keep asking? Is it worth it? Well, is it? There were seventeen people who prepared for three hard days. If there had been thirty four, those days would have been half as hard.

One person most important to help the Fair happening is Shirley Durham. She prepared the display cases, cleaning, painting and repairing beginning the weeks before the fair. She is on the grounds and helping everyone with their exhibits or displays and is there from 8:00 in the morning until closing, what ever time that is! She keeps the buildings swept and in order and is just pleasant maid all the confusion. Monday morning she has the exhibit building back in order ready for the next event. "And the wonder is in the completion" We will be looking for department Superintendents for next year. We need suggestions for improvement. Look for Stratford Best of Show entries in the Tri-State Fair.

Gaynelle Riffe

Obit

Mark Preston Hudson

Mark Preston Hudson, age 45, was born June 17, 1951. He passed away August 29, 1996. Memorial services were held in Bering United Methodist Church in Houston.

He is survived by his parents, Owen and Mary G. Hudson; two sisters, Judy Jones & her husband Robert, & Sue Smith & her husband Don; One niece & three nephews.

Mark graduated from Stratford High School, Texas Tech, and did graduate work at University of Texas in Austin.

He was Chief Financial Officer for Pine Grove Hospital & Mental Health Center in Los Angeles, CA.

Memorials may be sent to: Texas Medical Center Hospice - 1905 Holcombe Blvd. - Houston, TX., 77030 or Bering United Methodist Church Spiritual Support Group - 1440 Harold, Houston, TX., 77006.

Owen and Mary G. Hudson live in Colorado at R.D. 46 - 10610, Aguilar, CO., 81020.

Shane Ray Snow

Texhoma, Oka-Shane Ray Snow, 11-year old son of Jeff and Tina Snow, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 1996.

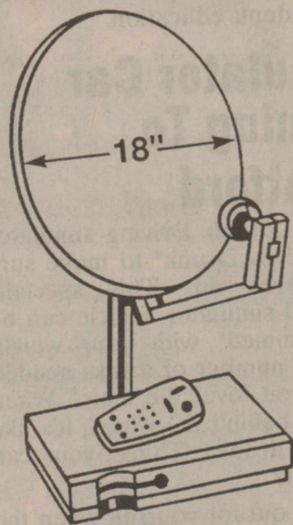
Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Texhoma High School auditorium with the Rev. Terry Davidson, pastor of Texhoma First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Elmhurst Cemetery at Guymon by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Shane was born in Elkhart, Kan., and had been a resident of Texhoma since he was five months old. He was a fifth grade student in the Texhoma school system and enjoyed participating in football and basketball. He attended Texhoma First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents; a twin brother, Randy Snow of the home; grandparents, Jay and Peggy Kammerzell of Guymon, and Johnnie and Dorothy Snow of Clarksville, Tenn.; and great grandmother, Inez Snow of Montgomery, Ala.

Memorials are requested to be for the family c/o Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

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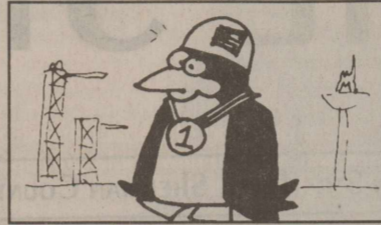


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"Banking In The Heartland"

Shannon Hittson and Mary Cross.

Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this sunny, balmy Monday morning Sept. 9, 1996. We trust that all old timers are calmly recovering from a big weekend, or napping.

The old timers reunion, crowning of the 1996-97 King and Queen (Russell Kelp and Mary Woodford (Kidwell) Wisdom).

The Lion's Club Barbecue, the Fair, the parade, 4-H Rodeo, were enjoyable for all who participated. Each of these events was executed with precision. To a great many people who worked very hard. This O.T. sends shoulder pat to everyone who did their "bit" to make this home town celebration one to be remembered.

Mary Peach Smith registered O.T.'s at First State Bank Saturday morning.

King & Queen elected greeted visitors as they arrived, we met his wife Leona (of course) his daughter Sarena Roark; his sister Madrienne. The Queen's Aunt Virginia Smith Holden from Ft. Worth, Texas. Olene Caraway who tagged us.

The visiting artists Emme Jean Rice Heatwole, Mr. Heatwole, parents of local Church of Christ pastor, Jon Heatwole, E.J. is from LaJunta, Col; J.E. and Mary Brannan, H.L. Haile and Geneva; Buck and Sharilyn and Thad Wells; Opal Bryant; Betty Lou O'Brien, Betty Lee Brown, Roger Crabtree & daughter Lynn Wells, Marylou McDaniel, Joyce Glenn Hart, Harold & Judy Oquin, Elsie Pickens, Dorothy Kendall, Evelyn Cooper, Doris Dyess, Reba Pittman, Tommy & Mattie Baskin, Georgeana & Seki Lavake, Dorothy Haile, Virginia Lamb & sister, from Dalhart, Myrtle Oquin Ellison, Rose Wells, Joann Brackett, Jack Kelly, Sisters & brother, Albert Zimmer, Anita Henry, Red & Anita DeBord, lone Kendrick, Sonja & Cagle Kendrick, Brian, Laura & Alexander Kenderick Elizabeth Zimmer, Laura Pipkin, Frances Brewster (guest at Coldwater).

Readers, do you remember that in January 1996 that Old Timer Homer Lorel Haile was in North West Texas Hospital sick to the point of death. Friend, neighbors churches from Liberal, Kansas, Stratford, Texas, Amarillo, Friona, Plano, joined his family in prayer for his recovery. The prayers were answered, to date H.L. has recovered, his health an gained 10 pounds in weight. Today his children Lorelyn, Marian and Allan are inviting readers, friends & neighbors to help H.L. celebrate his 80th birthday Saturday, September 21, 1996. The celebration will be held in Amarillo at Wellington Square 1-40 and Georgia 1619 S. Kentucky, Room A 510. An American Flag will direct you to the location.

Your presence is the only gift and blessing we ask for. Please mark the date on your calendar and be present.

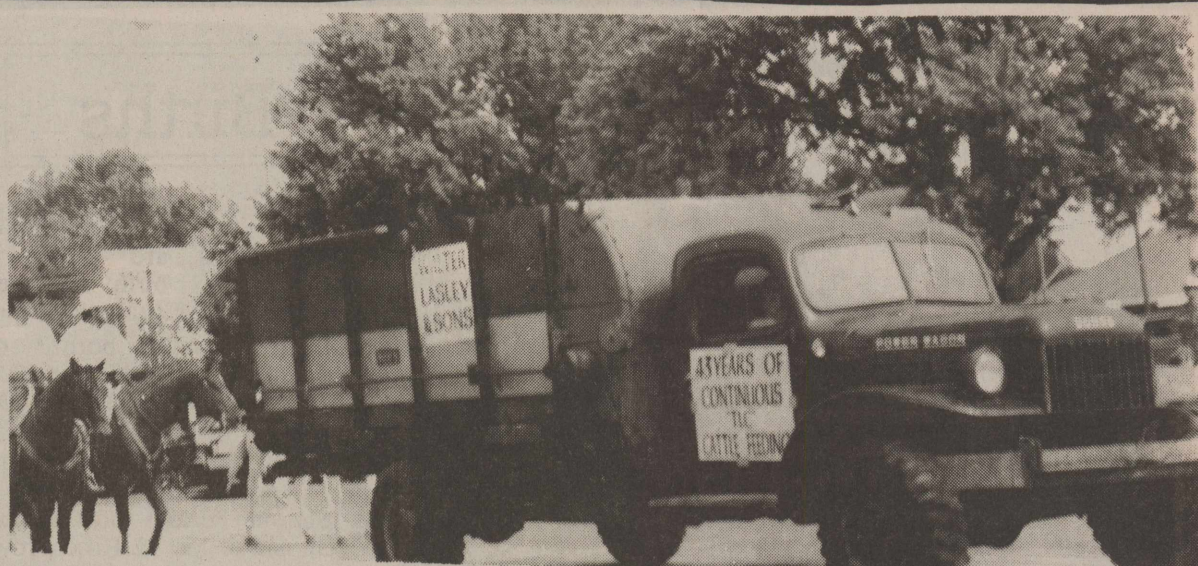
We did our "bit" mention by J.A. in her column to make the fair a success. Seemingly a number of people did the same thing on our visit to the fair we were amazed at the displays brought in. Unless you attended the fair, Word's are useless to describe the range and quality of the items brought into show. Blue ribbons mark first place and the festoon like arrangement of blue ribbons and streamers around (Best of Show) were on many items. They were rightly placed.

When Mrs. Pleyer declined our offer to visit the fair she said, "I know it is my loss not to accept your invitation" We repeat her sage remarks to citizens for their consideration, next best us to read the reports of the fair in the Stratford Star's which will give results of the judging at the Fair in following editions.

This report is our summation of the weekend activities.

Attending the Smith reunion honoring Queen Elect Mary Woodford were her Aunt Virginia Smith Holden (Virgie Smith to Timi), an other relatives Lucile and Darrell Brumley Birdell and Hert Harden, Buck Horn and grandson Cade Hayes, Vonell & Bill James Jodelle Owens, Dixie Mowfroy, Leslee Brazle Brumlep, friends Evelyn & Don Bowie from Amarillo and Shirlyn Buck and Thad Wells.

What now after all of this fun and excitement? Why getting ready for next year of course. So begin by cheering friends and neighbors with shoulder pats of encouragement and expression of LUV and appreciation we won't be tired next week!



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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

A reminder-Kerrick Chuck Wagon Supper is Saturday, Sept. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are available now.

The last week of August was a busy time for surgery! Pat Boren had foot surgery and Shorty Hudgens had eye surgery. Both are doing "as well as can be expected".

Prior to the surgery, Pat & Bill Boren spent a few days in Lake City, Co. Fishing wasn't too good, as the lake had not been stocked due to fish hatcheries having some diseases. Also present were Joe & Judi Boren of Houston.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters made a dash to Freedom, Ok., where they saw granddaughter Jacy and her parents, the Duane Gillenwaters. They picked up Jo June McDaniel's dog, Dee-Dee, to dog-sit for her.

Reed Schoonover celebrated his second birthday Saturday. He received a "roomful" of toys from those enjoying ice cream and cake. Present were Grandparents Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Great-grandmother Doris Dyess, Grandparents Terry & Barbara Schoonover and Lexie Hardesty and friend Justin, John & Connie Hardesty of Guymon, Kendra Mungia and children, Justin & Kaylee, Roy and Ciccy Harris.

Peggy Hawkins was superintendent of Horticulture at the Stratford Fair.

Congratulations to Merilee McDaniel who won Best of Show for her apple pie. She is seven years old.

Marylou McDaniel was honored Sept. 5 at Dalhart Chapter #1051, Order of the Eastern Star. She received a 50 years pin in Eastern Star. Her father, Myron Leedy also received a 50 year pin. They also received a certificate from Grand Chapter. Along with her mother, they were initiated at the same time in Junction City, KS.

Helping in the presentation were Kay Hale, Worthy Matron, Dr. A.S. Abdullah, Worthy Patron and Ruby Lee Meckley, District Deputy Grand Matron. Mrs. Meckley was accompanied from Amarillo by her husband, Ed., and Milton and Maurine Skipper.

Going from Stratford were Lorraine Mehner, Jane Smith and Gladys Arnold.

Marylou McDaniel spent a week with daughter Patti in Denver where she attended only seven Rockies baseball games. She stopped at Colorado State Fair in Pueblo on way to "Fred's Spread". Joining her there were Patti, Mike & Merilee, Sharon, Sarah & Kristen Powell, Boots, Rene & Wes Avent of Stinnett.

It was Merilee's birthday, so there was cake and presents!

George & Barbara Avent were in Raton Sept. 1 for team penning with Jimmy & Bevilyn Wright.

Roy Harris recently broke his right foot while moving an air compressor at his home. With Brady Schoonover's help, Ciccy

got him into the car and to Boise City. He's off crutches and in a walking cast now.



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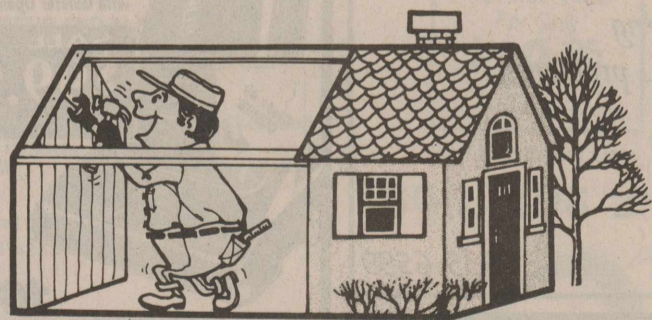
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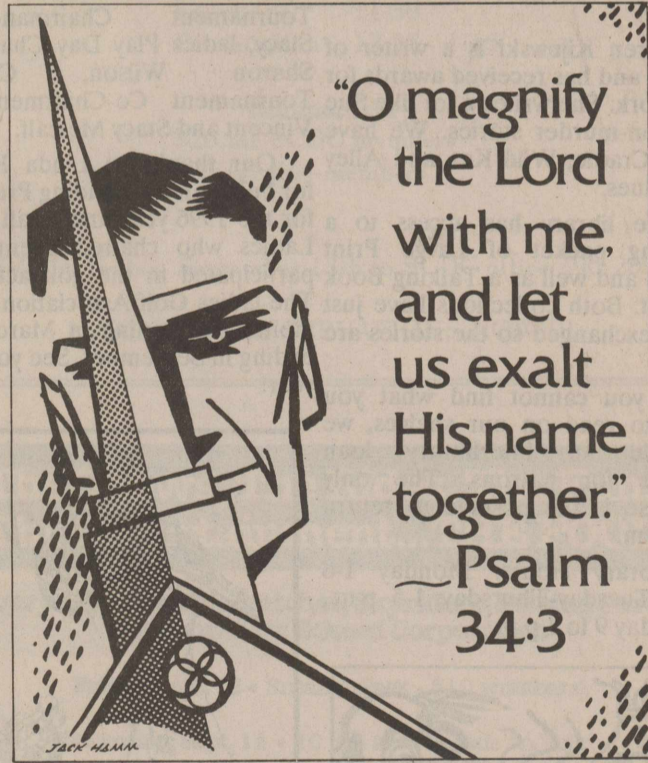
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Couple to Wed

Cara Renee Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Casey, Plano, Texas, will wed Paul Allen Lundberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lundberg, Stratford, Texas, on Saturday, September 21, 1996 in Dallas, Texas.

Births

Carrie & David Austin of Dallas, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Elizabeth Austin.

Claire was born on Wednesday, August 28, 1996, 8:27 p.m. at Medical City in Dallas, Texas. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Si & Sharon Perkins of Guyton, Oklahoma & Joe & Rose Brown of Phoenix, Arizona. Great grandparents are Baskin & Betty Brown and Dean Smith of Stratford, Texas, Charles & Nan Austin of Houston, Texas. Great Grandparents include Timmie Brown of Stratford, Texas.

Clint and Tricia Fesler are the proud parents of twin girls, Hannah Grace 5 lbs. 13 oz and Rebecca Jane 4 lbs. 14 oz. born in Conroe, Texas August 31.

Maternal grandparents are Pat and Jana Campbell, Montgomery, Tx. and great grandfather Don Maltby of Bakersfield, CA.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Betty Fesler and great grandmother Emma Naylor, Stratford, Tx. and great grandfather, John Fesler of Ponca City, Ok.

Flores Reunion Held Recently

The Flores family reunion was in Stratford, Saturday, August 31 with four generations. The day was spent visiting and eating.

From Amarillo; Sybil Boney and her daughter Royce Fay Yarbrough, Mickie, Dennis, Lena and Cory Cottle. Emma Lou Cannon and her daughter, Ann Rochelle Lankford and Sue Ellen Flores. From Dumas Toni and Kent Watson and Sons Kaleb and Wes Luther. From Spearman, Georgeanna Hutchison. From Leoti, Ks, Annette and her daughter Katherine Gamble Flores Bailey. From Lubbock Mike, Lisa, Kristin, Justin and Shelby Flores. From Louisville, OH. Joe and Modean Munger. From Richland Hills, Tx. Leslie Flores, From Sugarland, Tx. Bill, Gina, Will and John Flores. From Nashville, Tn. Hatlie DeWalt and Kathleen Starnes. From Midland, Tx. S. F. Flores. From Las Cruces, N.M. Jim Flores. From Plano, Tx. Max and Timmie Lou Johnson. From Stratford-Joe Pete & Lee Anna Flores, Barbara and Steve Dettle, Jeff & Kay Flores, Wendell Flores, Jack and Sisty Vincent and our dear friend Juanita Donelson.



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By Dorothy Haile

Primary Colors by an anonymous author (author has recently been identified) has its rich rewards as a savvy insider's look at life on the stump. But it travels far beyond mere gossip and expose and discovers a convincing world of its own, peopled by smart cookies, nutcases, and wheeler-dealers, whose public and private lives illuminate each other—sometimes by casting dark shadows. This story spans the novelistic spectrum from bedroom farce to high moral drama, and it paints a picture of the political state of the nation so vivid and authentic that one finds in it the deepest kind of truth—the kind of truth that only fiction can tell. The above is copied from the book jacket. This was a gift to the library.

Karen Kijewski is a writer of fiction and has received awards for her work. She writes a lot like Sue Grafton—murder stories. We have Kat's Cradle, Wild Kat, and Alley Kat Blues.

The library has access to a rotating packet of Large Print Books and well as a Talking Book Packet. Both collections have just been exchanged so the stories are new.

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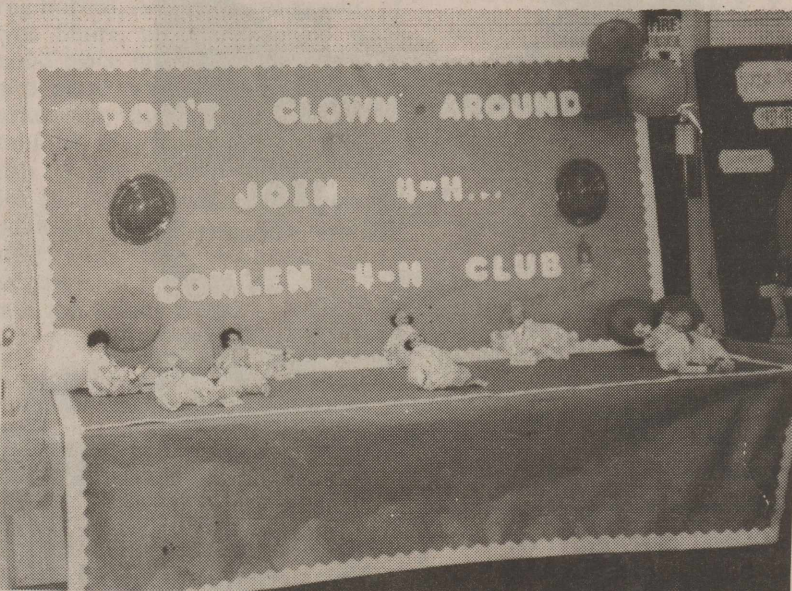
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Ladies Golf

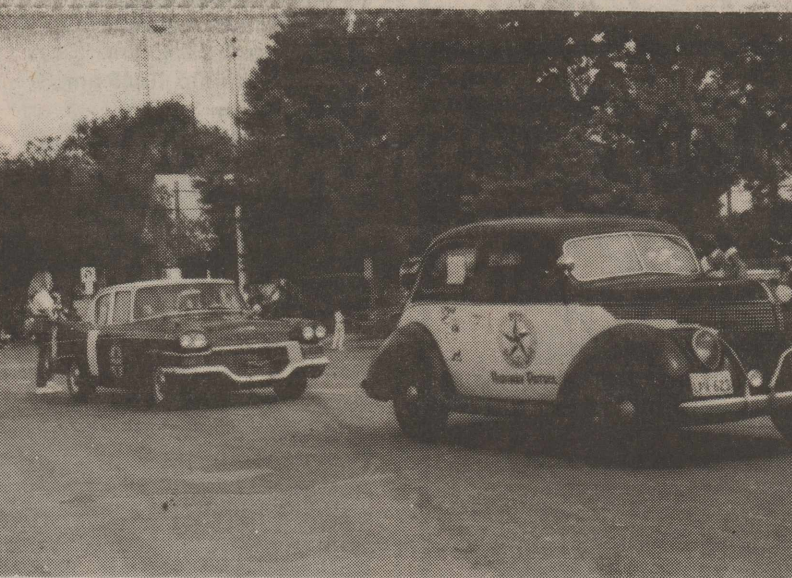
The Stratford ladies Club Championship recently held their annual Club Championship and Year-end party. Eight ladies vied for the title of "Club Champion" while playing in an 18 hole medal play tournament. Sharon Wilson was the winner of the match. Her name will be added to the plaque of past winners on display at the Stratford Country Club. Congratulations to Sharon on her victory.

Several ladies enjoyed the year-end party which was held at the Crossroads Restaurant on Monday, Sept. 3rd. Plans for the 1997 year were made and officers were elected as follows: President-Judy Oquin, Vice Pres. -Kathy Riffe, Sec/Treas.-Mary Pat Williams, Social Chairman-Mary Brooks, Ladies Partnership Tournament Chairman-Nelda Stacy, Ladies Play Day Chairman-Sharon Wilson, Couples Tournament Co-Chairmen-Lorie Vincent and Stacy Metcalf.

Our thanks to Linda Haynes for being an outstanding President for the 1996 year and to all of the Ladies who chaired events and participated in the golf activities. The ladies Golf Association meets monthly beginning in March and ending in September. See you next year!



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Prospectus Study Club News

Prospectus Study Club held their first meeting of the new year on Sept. 4, 4:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Haile. Co-hostesses were Marty Bain and Mattie Baskin.

The Federation and Orientation program was directed by Margaret Reed, Federation Counselor. A skit was presented by Marylou McDaniel, Marsha Wright, Oline Caraway and D'Lynn Reed. Information was distributed about GFWC and Mrs. Reed gave a brief history of General Federation and Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. 1996-97 Yearbooks were reviewed.

A new feature for the year will be honoring a Woman of the Month to go along with the program theme. Oline Caraway, Marylou McDaniel and Jimmie Pronger, District Life Members, were recognized as Women of the Month.

Four guests joined the club. They were Laurie Spurlock, a guest of Marsha Wright; LaVell Haggard, a guest of several members; Connie Paul, guest of Linda Swain; Carol Chesher, guest of Michelle Lutes.

Club now has 34 members, three Life Members, three honorary members and seven associate members.

Cynthia Schoenhals, president, conducted the business meeting. Thank you notes were read from Boy Scouts for new tents, and Ryan Swain, Scholarship recipient.

Club voted \$250 toward the coming Driver's Simulator.

Members present other than those already named were J.A. Lasley, Betty Brown, Mary Peach Smith, Barbara Chumley, ViAnn Reed, Linda Haynes, Tanja Thiessen, Zelda Pickens, Linda Keener, Chris McAdam, Misti McBryde, Ronna Jo Riffe for a total of 30.



Participants at the State Pedal Pull held in Lockney, Texas on Saturday, August 31 from left front row: Craig Kautz, Brent Reed, Stephanie Bell, Shadley Hawkins. Back row from left: Haley Buckles, Deidre Tarver, Carson Buckles, Logan Potts, Tyler Haynes and Brad Reed. Not pictured former Stratford resident Hannah Fort. Participants advancing to Nationals at Omaha, Nebraska are Haley Buckles, Deidre Tarver, April Kautz, Stephanie Bell, Brent Reed and Hannah Fort.



Lockney State Pedal Pull participants from left, Scott Hudson and April Kautz.



Shown above is the four new members of Prospectus Study Club-Carol Chesher, LaVell Haggard, Connie Paul and Laurie Spurlock. At Right are the District Life members of Study Club being honored for Women of the Month, they are Jimmie Pronger, Oline Caraway and Marylou McDaniel.



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- In 1993, 17,461 persons died in alcohol-related traffic crashes—an average of one every 30 minutes. Alcohol was involved in 44% of all fatal crashes. (NHTSA, 1994)
- Approximately one third of the 17,461 persons killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes were under 25 years of age. (NHTSA, 1994)
- About 289,000 people are injured every year in alcohol-related crashes. An average of one person is injured every 2 minutes. (NHTSA, 1994)
- Approximately two in every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. (NHTSA, 1994)
- A total of 7,245 young drivers, aged 16-20, died in alcohol-related crashes in 1993. The relative risk for drivers under 21 is greater at low alcohol impairment levels than for older drivers. (NHTSA, 1994)
- Despite the minimum legal drinking age of 21 in all states, 32.5% of fatally injured drivers under 21 had known blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) of .01 or above in 1993. Intensive efforts have significantly reduced alcohol crash involvement for this age group. (NHTSA, 1994)
- Male drivers are three times more likely to be involved in an alcohol-related fatal crash than females. (NHTSA, 1994)
- Motor vehicle crashes cost the nation \$137 billion annually, including \$14 billion in health care costs. The cost to employers is \$37 billion each year. In comparison, crimes of all sorts cost the nation \$19 billion each year. (NHTSA, 1994)
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Sunday, Sept. 15 • Family Fun Day
 1/2 Price Gate Admission & Parking - \$10 wristband
 7:30 pm Talent Search Finals, Sponsored KGNC-AM & Amarillo Globe News (No ticket required.)

Monday, Sept. 16 • Senior Citizen Day
 7:30 pm Martina McBride, Sponsored by KBUY-FM

Tuesday, Sept. 17 • Subway Family Night -
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 7:30 pm Jeff Carson, Sponsored by KGNC-FM

Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 7:30 pm Demolition Derby - Outdoor Arena

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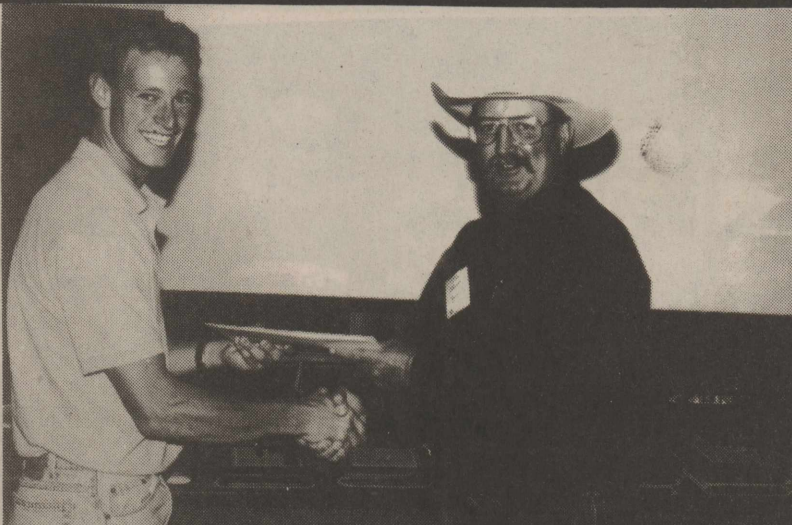
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Winner-Ashlie Lasley (left) of Stratford captured the second place written exam award in the senior division of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Congratulating Lasley is Lynn Allen with Moorman's, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, conducted by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA students to gain practical experience in the cattle feeding industry. Students feed a pen of three steers, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.



Competitor-W.G. Lasley (left) of Stratford competed in the 1996 Junior Fed Beef Challenge recently at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. At right is Lynn Allen of Amarillo, contest chairman. The Junior Fed Beef Challenge, conducted by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, allows 4-H and FFA members to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry. Students feed a pen of three cattle, then compete on the carcass merit of the cattle, plus the student's ability in live animal evaluation, a written test, oral interview and record keeping.



Tucker To Be Featured Guest Artist

Timothy Tucker, professional opera singer & Amarillo native, will be a featured guest artist in Amarillo Opera's season opener, *The Mikado* September 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Pep Club Has Organizational Meeting

By Jessica Sikora

The Stratford Elks have lots of support this year thanks to the High School Pep Club. Pep Club consists of about 30 girls this year from freshman to seniors. It is under the direction of Cara Lavake, president, Hillary Frank, vice president, and secretary, Misty Bruns.

A representative from each class was chosen to head up activities. The representatives include freshman, Missy Sikora, sophomore, Joy Burkhalter, junior, Tami Davis, and senior, Robin Hart. Pep club is in charge of general activities including decorating the halls before football games. There is a decorating captain from each class which includes freshman, Lynz Browning, sophomore, Rocia Aguilera, junior, Jessica Sikora, and senior, Cara Lavake. Jessica Sikora was also chosen to act as correspondent this year. The Pep Club looks forward to a spirit-filled '96 football season!!

TCFA Names Winners In Junior Fed Beef Challenge

If hard work is its own reward, then the young cattlemen and cattlemen who competed in the 1996 Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), were doubly rewarded. Not only did they work hard at feeding a pen of three commercial steers and learning the ins and outs of the cattle feeding business, but they took home an array of prizes and premiums at the conclusion of the event, Aug. 24 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge, in its sixth year, is a program that allows students in 4-H and FFA to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry. This year, 31 students competed in the senior division and 12 teams matched knowledge in the Team Challenge division.

Champion overall and top scholarship winner was Cody Lawrence of Dalhart, who won a \$2,000 scholarship. Brent Carlson of Hereford captured reserve overall and a \$1,500 scholarship and Tyler Keeling of Hereford was first runner up, winning a \$1,000 scholarship.

The overall winners are determined by combining scores in four areas—written exam, oral interview, record book and carcass performance of the steers. A \$500 cash award is given to the first place winner in each area and plaques are awarded to second and third. In addition, each student who enters steers in the contest earns premium money based on their score.

In the Senior Division, Cody Lawrence took first place in the written exam, followed by Ashlie Lasley of Stratford in second and Ben Brockreide of Burkburnett in third. Luke Unruh of Dalhart and Amber Brumley of Hereford tied for first in the oral interview, followed by Tisha Brown of Friona.

In the record book competition, Amber Brumley and sister Joanna, who partnered on a pen of steers, split top honors with Luke Unruh. In addition, TCFA awards \$500 and plaques for the top first-year students in the program. This year, Joe David Garren of DeKalb was named the

Football
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The Stratford Elks beat Wheeler 35-22 in their first game of the season on Friday, September 6, 1996.

The Elks accumulated 211 rushing yards and Wheeler picked up 262 yards.

Justin Starnes led in rushing yards with 124 on 18 carries followed by Chris Bell with 47 on 11 carries. Dusty Stewart accumulated 39 yards on 12 carries.

Scoring touchdowns for the Elks were Justin Starnes with 3, J.B. Presley and Dusty Stewart with one each. Ashley Dane scored the extra point kicks.

Quarterback Dusty Stewart threw for 109 yards on 5 of 8 passing. J.B. Presley led in yardage on receptions with 43 yards on 2 receptions followed by Justin Starnes with 37 yards on 2 receptions and Ross Davis with 29 yards on 2 receptions.

On the defense, J.B. Presley and Dusty Stewart led with solo tackles with 4 each followed by Dane Ashley, Justin Starnes, Jose Reta, Michael Meil, Ezra Daniels with 3 each. Leading in assists was Justin Starnes, Dane Ashley & Ty Young with 7 each followed by Jose Reta with 4.

The Elks will play Boise City, there on Friday, September 13, 1996 at 8 p.m.

top rookie, followed by David Sublett of Canyon in second and Wendy Palmore of De Kalb taking third.

The top individual carcass award went to Brent Carlson, with Joe David Garren taking second and Joanna and Amber Brumley coming in third. The award for the top performing pen of three went to Brent Carlson, with David Sublett taking second. Cody Lawrence and Joe David Garren tied for third.

In the Junior Division, youngsters compete in the same four areas, vying for a \$100 cash prize for first place and a plaque for second. Garrett Hyatt of Deming, N.M. was named the overall winner. Hyatt took top honors in the written exam, followed by Hayley Henderson of Childress in second.

Students also competed in the Team Challenge, where a team of two or three competes in the written exam and live evaluation.

The top overall team, from Hooker, Okla., was made up of Ryan Duncan, Leigh Fischer and Luke James. This team finished strong, taking first place in the live evaluation contest and second in the written exam. The second place overall team also hailed from Hooker and consisted of Greg Barnes, Ashley Harrison and Bryce Short, who took home a second place in the written exam. Third place overall went to Erin Auckerman and Sy Olson of Hereford, who added a first place finish in the written exam and third in live evaluation to their credentials. The team of David Fuller and Chad Richards of McLean took home a third place win in the written exam.



Deidra Tarver-Waiting Her Turn



Miss Stratford-Tami Davis and Junior Miss Stratford Thea James.

WORD PERFECT Computer Training Offered

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. will be sponsoring an eight hour computer course on the Word Perfect Program given by Nelson Creative Consultants from Amarillo. The seminar 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.

The course will include several phases including start-up basics, working in Windows, formatting, text appearance and shortcuts. Also included will be instructions for using templates, columns, tables, charts, and other presentation and report skills. The course will close with an introduction to desktop publishing, graphics, art and timesavers.


The class will be given by Shawn Nelson, owner of Nelson Creative Consulting. His company is a full-service computer consulting firm based in Amarillo. Specializing in custom computer systems for small and home businesses, NCC also provides training and tutoring on most Windows-based programs. Their Windows 95 course has been very popular with their clients, and their Word Perfect classes for the 6.1 and 7.0 versions have been a favorite as well.

Shawn Nelson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music & Theater from Wayland Baptist University, a Texas All-Level Teaching Certificate, and has done his masters work at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Communications.

Shawn began his computer career as a graphic artist and eventually began training new users and repairing used computers. He has built custom computers for home businesses to dentist offices.

Shawn's last visit Stratford was this past Spring as a member of the Amarillo Little Theaters production of "The Cardigans."

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Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

What a week and what a wonderful weekend. The rains came early Friday-but shut down during the Stratford-Wheeler football game. A perfect night for football and especially when you win. Congratulations to the football team and to the coaching staff. The parade was orderly, long and the comments have been that it was the best. The fair itself was outstanding this year. The Old Timers crowning and "This is your Life", Queen Mary Woodford Kidwell Wisdom and King Russell Kelp was fabulous, with the Big Blue Band playing. Lots of visiting. The Craft show was busy after the Old Timers. This is a first and will grow and get better each year. Then to top the whole weekend the Stratford Cross Country Girls won first in their first cross country meet, in Borger. Congratulations to Coach Terry "Davis and his cross country girls. The icing on the cake-the Cowboys won over the Giants. It was indeed a great ending to a very busy week. And we would not leave out the Barbeque-great and a lot of folks enjoying. It takes a heap of work to pull off a successful fair, parade, games and rodeo. To all who were VOLUNTEERS-you are APPRECIATED!

As promised the first of the three alternatives for aiding or doing away with the property tax. Proposal no. 1 and seemingly the one most favored is a Business Activity Tax. (on separate sheet).

The Depot Doins is past History, the Stratford Fair and Jamboree is over-coming up will be the Kerrick Calf Fries and the trimmings coming up the 21st.

General Description. A business activity tax, like a gross receipts tax, is a broad-based levy that could be assessed on all business forms--corporations, partnerships, proprietorships and other types of businesses.

A firm's business activity is the sum of all its internal costs, including profit.⁴ It can be calculated as the difference between gross receipts and purchases of raw materials. Put another way, it includes the value added by a firm--the extent to which its sales exceed the cost of its purchases. The concept behind the tax draws from the European value added tax, designed to tax production uniformly throughout the economy and to eliminate "tax pyramiding." Such a tax would impact each industry in rough proportion to its role in the economy, because aggregate value added is the economy itself. As an inducement to economic development, a deduction for new investment could also be included; the Comptroller of Public Accounts provided revenue estimates under this scenario.

A standard deduction of \$500,000 would eliminate 93 percent of potential taxpayers while only reducing revenues by about 17 percent. This standard deduction would reduce the number of filers to about 111,000, which is fewer than the present number of corporations owing franchise tax.

A notable feature of this alternative would be the elimination of the initial incidence of the school tax on homeowners.⁵

Replacement Rate: At the request of the work group, the Comptroller's Office prepared estimates on several variations of the business activity tax.

⁴ Information item: On an all-industry average basis, business activity tends to run at approximately 40% of business gross receipts.
⁵ The elimination of homeowners as taxpayers would be a feature of the repeal of the property tax, rather than a feature of the business activity tax itself.

These are shown in Figure 6. By 1999, the expected amount of school tax⁶ to be replaced will total \$11.5 billion. If the franchise tax were also to be replaced, the total revenue to be replaced would total \$13.2 billion.

Figure 6
The Texas Business Activity Tax Alternative, 1999
Selected Variants and Their Likely Rates

Variant	Estimated Business Activity Tax Rate Required to Replace:		
	School Tax	School & Franchise	Number of Filers
Tax on Business Activity, no deduction*	3.12%	3.60%	1,673,395
Tax on Business Activity, \$50,000 standard deduction	3.29%	3.79%	474,949
Tax on Business Activity, \$100,000 standard deduction	3.39%	3.90%	337,462
Tax on Business Activity, \$500,000 standard deduction	3.78%	4.35%	111,854

* except the investment deduction, which is assumed in each variant.

Sources: Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency, and Governor's Office of Budget & Planning.

⁶ Replacement revenue calculations assume that both components of the school tax, Maintenance & Operations and Interest & Sinking, are repealed.

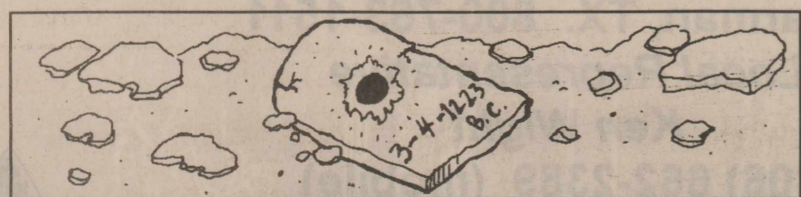
Comparison to School Property Tax. Unlike a property tax, a business activity tax is based on a flow of business during a year. As overall economic activity rises, so would the base of a business activity tax. This is a departure from the recent performance of the property tax.

The content of a business activity tax base would also differ substantially from the current system, which is capital-based. The business activity tax base would contain elements of both labor and capital; however, in a manner similar to the property tax, the replacement tax would not be particularly sensitive to profit.

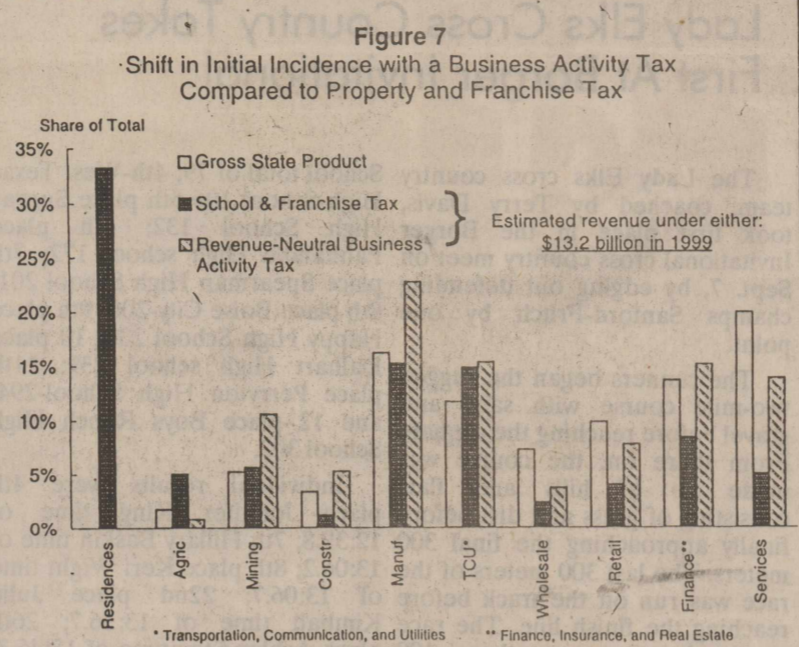
Replacement of school property tax and franchise tax revenues by a business activity tax would result in significant shifts in initial tax incidence,⁷ as depicted in Figure 7. The most visible would be that felt by homeowners, whose tax would simply be repealed. The other shifts, those among the various industries, would reflect a movement of taxation from fixed property to economic activity. The tax would impact each industrial sector in rough proportion to its share of the state's output of goods and services.

Comparison to Other States. Michigan employs a tax which is very similar to the one presented here: the Single Business Tax. It is imposed at 2.3 percent.

⁷ Initial incidence is depicted. The ultimate tax burden flowing to individuals is not estimated.



The oldest record of a total solar eclipse is on a clay tablet found among the ruins of the ancient city of Ugarit (now Syria). The record describes an eclipse that happened March 4, 1223 B.C.



Notes: Business activity tax variant depicted is for a \$0.5 million standard deduction. Data are estimated for 1999. Excludes government and non-coded firms. "Residences" are displayed only under the school tax, as they would incur no direct franchise or business activity tax liability.

Sources: Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Education Agency, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning.

With that in mind let us look at what will be happening in this community this next week.

Wed. Sept. 11th-Scot Hall 1 p.m.. Ceramics/pool. Coldwater Manor Bible Study First Christian Church.

Thurs. Sept. 12 Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool 8 p.m. AA/Alnon County Barn.

Friday Sept. 13 1 p.m. Pool and Ceramics. Scot games at 7 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 14 Scotters dance-Out of Town.

Sunday Sept. 15 Coldwater Manor Worship 9 a.m. First Christian Church.

Monday Sept. 16-Scot Hall 1 p.m. pool & ceramics 7 p.m. Dance practice.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 Scot Hall 1 p.m. pool.

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Varsity Cheerleaders Top Row L-R: Keisha Naugle, Gloria Aguilera, Mascot, & Jasmin Sanchez. Middle Row L-R: Ashley Stoy & Ashlie Lasley. Front Row L-R: Jennifer King & Lori Brooks, Head Cheerleader.

Varsity Cheerleaders Ready For Another School Year

The Stratford Varsity Cheerleaders have been busy all summer getting ready for the 1996-97 school year. The cheerleaders are Lori Brooks, head cheerleader, Keisha Naugle, Jennifer King, Ashley Stoy, Ashlie Lasley and Jasmin Sanchez. The mascot is Gloria Aguilera.

Practice for the squad began before school was out last May. As soon as cheerleader elections were held and these six young women declared the winners, they began to show what kind of winners they really are. Practice began almost immediately. The whole month of June was spent either getting ready for camp, participating in camp or recovering from camp! The complaints were non-existent. Each girl worked as hard as she possibly could as an individual while still working as a team.

After camp, the squad has continued an almost daily regime of practice and gymnastics. Along with those activities they have hosted Spirit Camp for the future cheerleaders of Stratford; hosted a 2-on-2 basketball tournament during the annual 4th of July celebration; sold ads for the basketball book; made locker signs; and ran the concession stand for two football scrimmages.

Their work has only begun however because this week the Stratford Elks kick off their 1996 football season. These young women are up to the challenge. With the help of the school and the community, they will continue to give 110% enthusiasm and spirit. Their only request is that everyone get with them to make this one of the best years ever!

Lady Elks Cross Country Takes First At Borger Invitational

The Lady Elks cross country team, coached by Terry Davis, took first place in the Borger Invitational cross country meet on Sept. 7, by edging out defending champs Sanford-Fritch by one point.

The runners began the rugged two-mile course with sand and gravel before reaching the asphalt. From there on, the course was made up of hills and flats consisting of grass and dirt before finally approaching the final 300 meters. The last 300 meters of the race was run on the track before reaching the finish line. The race consisted of more than 100 runners in the Varsity girls division. In the J.V. Boys division, Andy Witcher finished 13th. Andy ran the 3-mile course in under 20 minutes. Congratulations runners!

Team and individual results are: 1st place-Stratford High School total of 67, Second-Sanford-Fritch High School total of 68; 3rd place-Canadian High

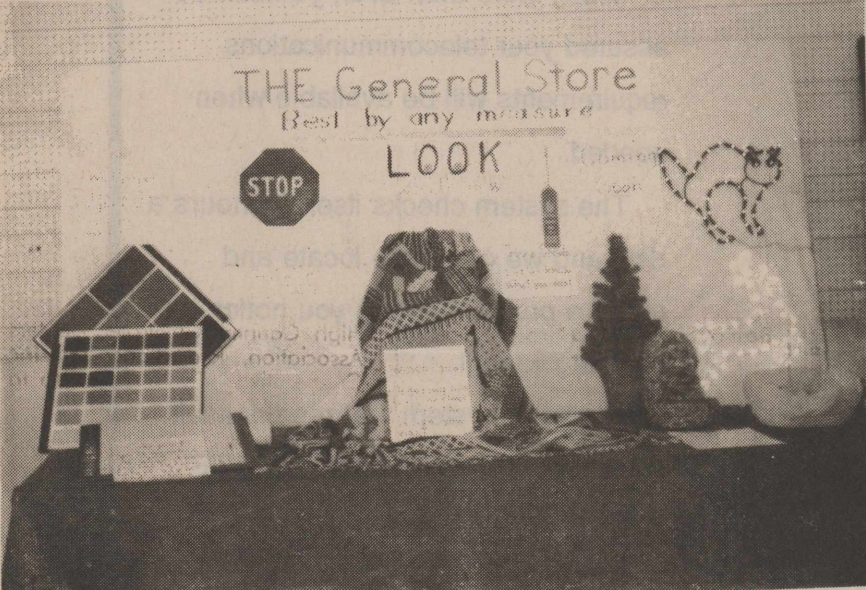
School total of 79; 4th-West Texas High School 106 5th place Sunray High School 132; 6th place Panhandle High school 172; 7th place Spearman High School 201; 8th place Boise City-206; 9th place Happy High School 236; 10 place Dalhart High school 239; 11th place Perryton High School-294; and 12 place Boys Ranch High School 307.

Individual results were 4th place Jennifer King time of 12:39.8; 7th Hillary Baskin time of 13:06.2; 8th place Keri Wight time of 13:06.7; 22nd place Julie Kimball time of 13:36.7; 26th place Ashley Stoy time of 13:45.3; 31st place Ashlie Lasley time of 14:00.6 36th place Joy Burkhalter time of 14:05.3; 39th place Christina Chabolla 14:09.1; 41st place Jasmin Sanchez time of 14:11.1; 49th place Odila Soto time of 14:20.4 51st place Megan Baskin time of 14:22.4; 56th place Missy Sikora 14:30.8 and 60th Jessica Sikora 14.34.9



Kindergarten Swimming

Shown above, the 2nd graders enjoying swimming last Friday. The swimming pool is being used by the P.E. classes during school and is also open from 2:00 - 5:00 on weekends and Monday nights for family night from 7:00 - 9:00. Come and enjoy the pool.



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NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sherman County will accept sealed bids for 3,200 tons of #4 crushed rock until 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 23, 1996, at which time bids will be opened, considered, and acted upon a special meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners Court. Bid specifications are available at the office of the County Judge. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W.C. Fesler
County Judge

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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an order issued by the Honorable Judge Enns of 69th Judicial District Court, on the 21st day of August 1996, in a certain cause numbered #4114, wherein Gavin Moore is Plaintiff, and Glenn Hart, Joyce Hart, Rusty Acres Inc., Ceres Inc., & Kettle Inc. is Defendant, in favor of the Plaintiff.

I, on the 21st day of August, 1996, at 04:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 1st day of October, 1996, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Sherman County Courthouse door, in the City of Stratford, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendant, to-wit:

One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of HART & SONS, Inc. <a Close Corporation>

One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of JUTE Inc. <a Close Corporation

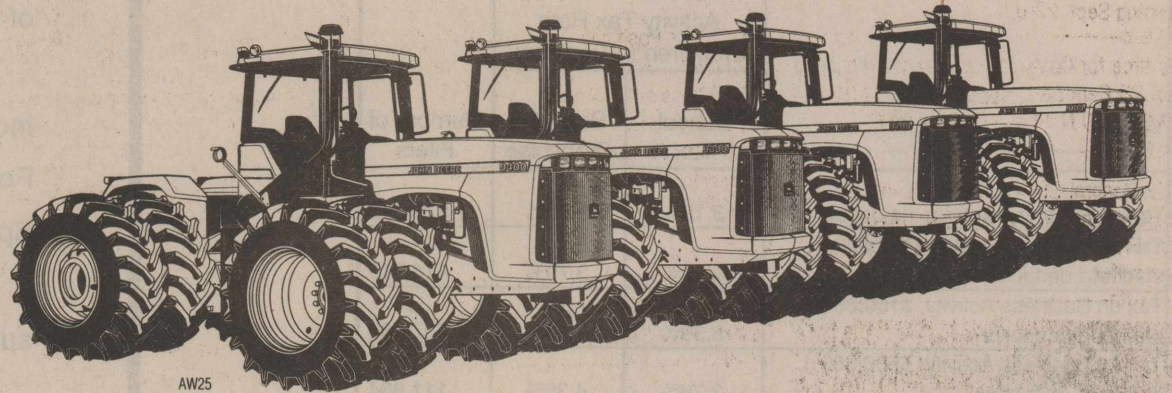
One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of APPLESTEIN Inc. <a Close Corporation

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the issued order of the court, in favor of the Plaintiff, and proceeds of the sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand, this 22nd day of August, 1996.

Jack Haile
Sheriff, Sherman County
by Jim Dewees, Deputy,
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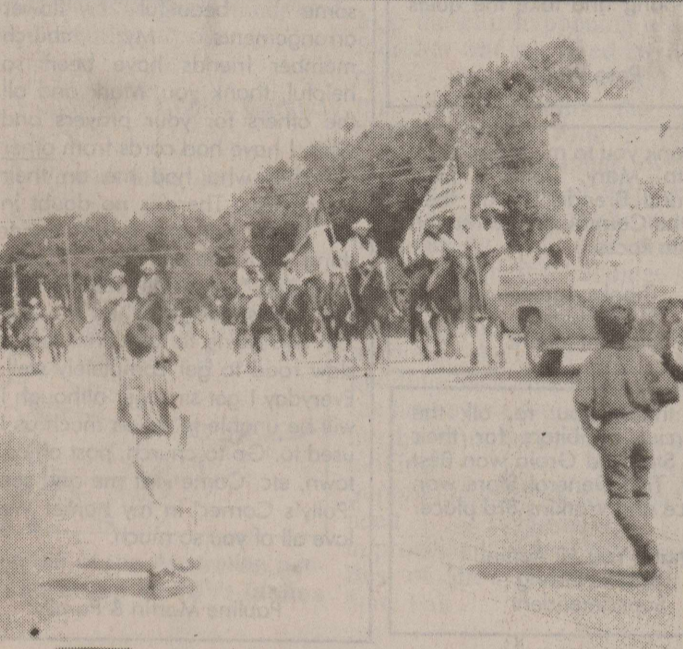
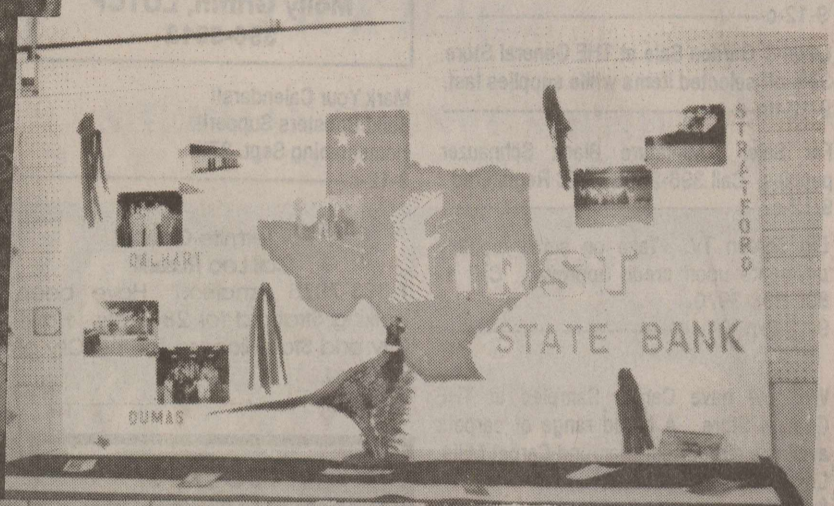
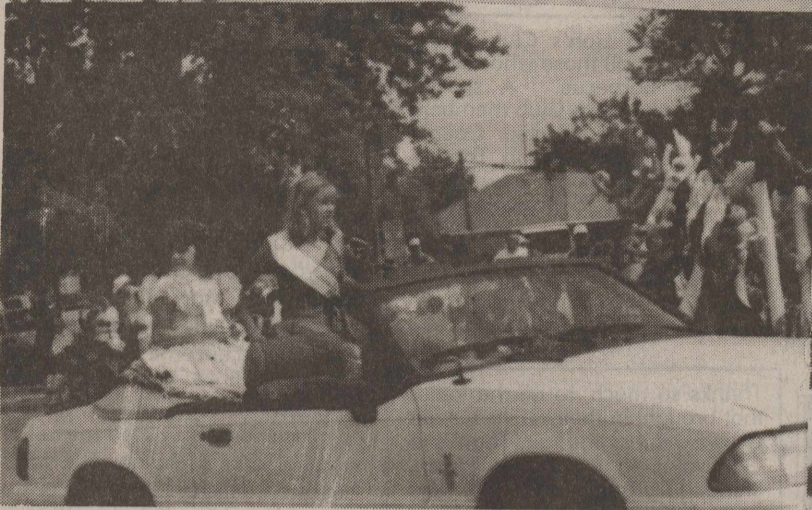
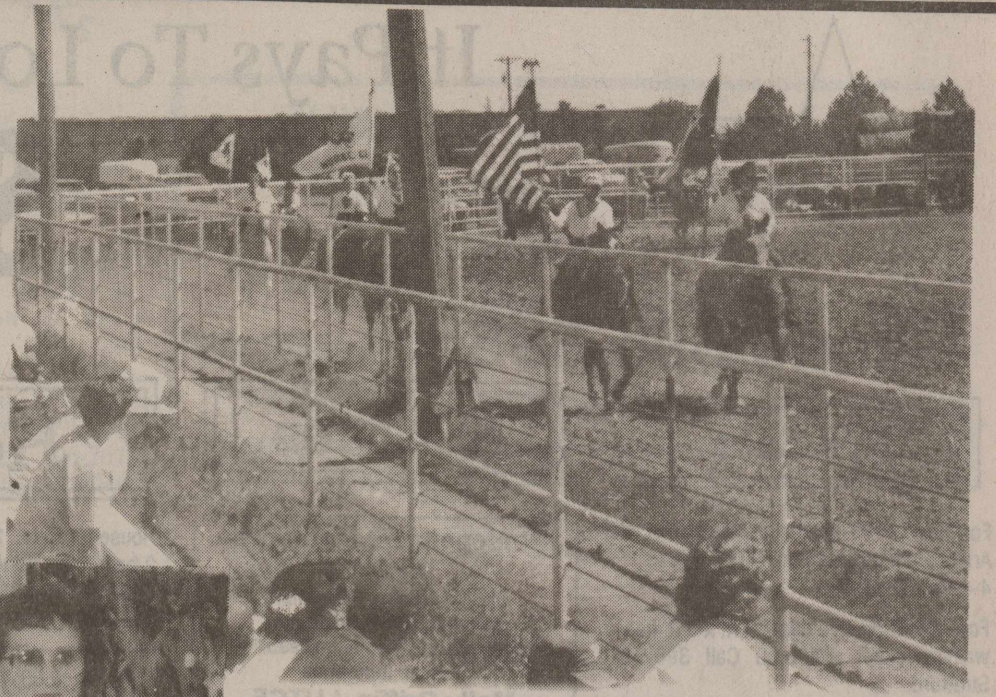
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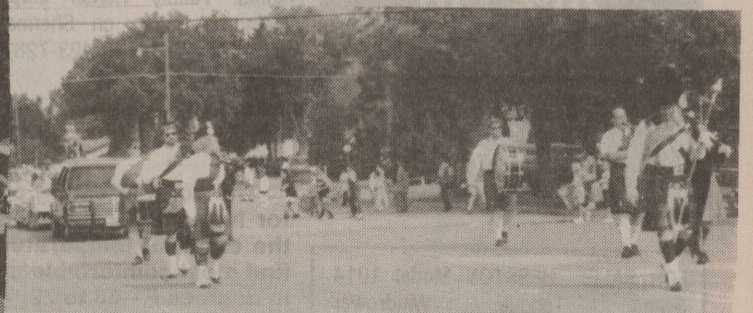
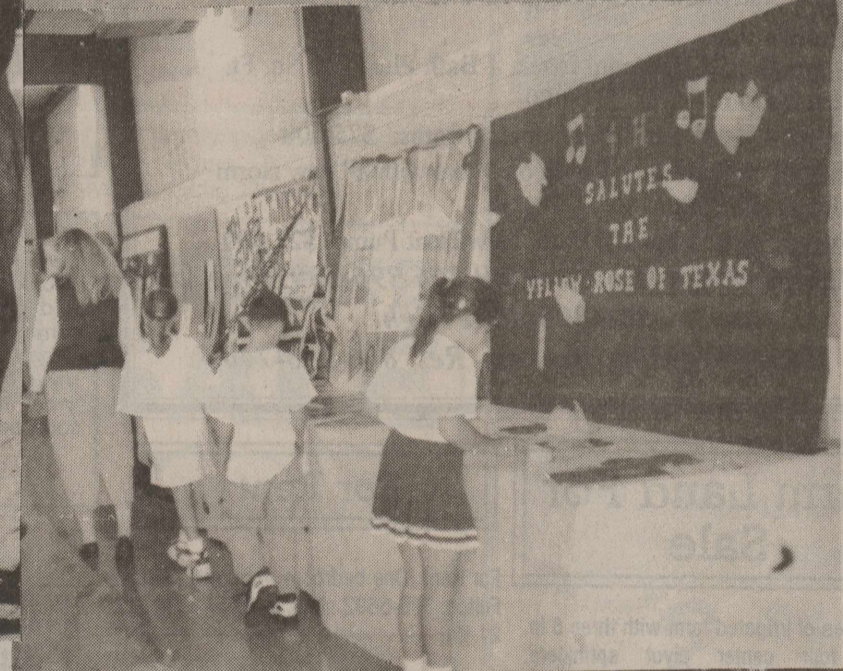
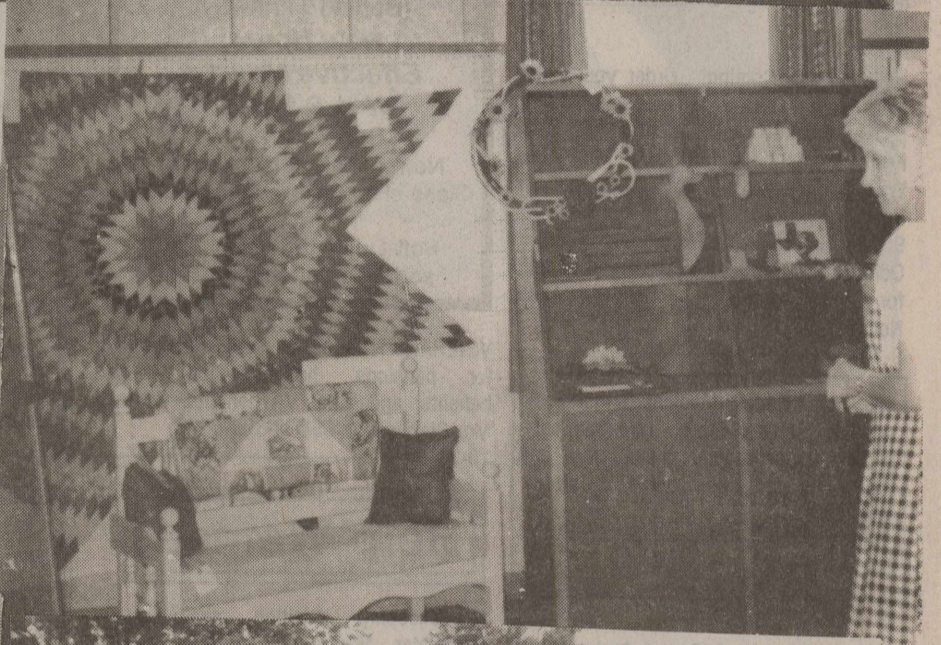
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