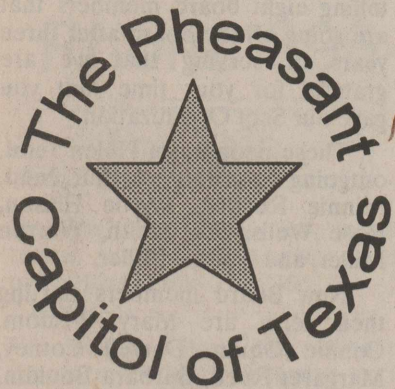


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The Stratford Star Office Will be
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City of Stratford

SCDC To Hold Annual Meeting

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. will be holding their annual meeting on Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at The Stratford High School cafeteria. Watch for more details to follow!

Sales Tax In Effect

The sales tax rate in the City of Stratford will be 7.75 % effective January 1, 1997.

Coaches Needed

Coaches for Stratford Youth Basketball are needed. One for 3 & 4th grade boys and 2 for 5 & 6th grade boys. If interested call Marie Sladek at 396-2865.

Scot Bingo

Scot Bingo at Scot Hall January 2, at 7 p.m.

Dance To Benefit New Fire Station

There will be dance featuring Eloy Gonzales & The Boys in Stratford, January 4th one mile south on Hwy 287 (John Ewers Building). Cost is \$5.00 Each. Proceeds go to Stratford Fire Department Building Fund to build a new Fire Station.

Forms Stolen

If you turned in entry forms for Stratford Youth Basketball at the Mary Allen School after December 11th, these forms & checks were taken during the burglary, so names are unavailable to assign a team. Call Marie Sladek at 396-2865 to sign up again!

4-H Parent-Leaders To Meet

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association will be Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the County Extension Office.

Items of business to be discussed will include final plans for the Stockshow Concession to be held February 5-8. In addition, plans for a summer camping opportunity will be discussed.

All parents of 4-H members are encouraged to attend.

The Stratford Star office will be closed Friday, January 3, 1997. We will be in Amarillo at Eye Exam appointments.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call
Angie Aguilar - 396-2040
Kathie Altman - 396-5611
Arlene Baker - 396-5318
Laura Dahl - 827-7476
Patsy Harland - 827-7568
Viola Kautz - 396-2058
Jerry Stewart - 396-5554
Child Protection Services
935-6837
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Future Home Of The Stratford Fire Department

Stratford Fire Department building project is proceeding on schedule. Due to the terrific community response, we have collected a total of \$15,212.00 to date toward the concrete. That translates to: 189 yards of concrete sold with only 45 yards to go. Our goal is \$18,800.00 for the concrete.

The "pig give-a-way" drawing netted the fire department a total of \$938.00. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Shelby Burton and Brown's Meat Locker, we had no expenses involved in this project.

The fire department is sponsoring a dance Saturday, January 4, 1997 at the John Ewers' building south of Stratford on Hwy 287. The music is being provided by Eloy Gonzales and his band. Anyone wanting an evening of good music and dancing, plan to attend the dance. John Ewers is providing both the music and the building for the fire department for this fund raiser. We appreciate John and Lauri's support of the fire department. We hope to have a good turnout for the dance.

Our sign is now on the corner of North First and Pearl. Drive by and take a look. The sign was designed by and painted by Ronda Mathews. We have plans in the mill for future fund raising activities as well as applying for grants.

Stratford Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our building project. Anyone wanting details can ask any member of the fire department.

Project Christmas Card Has Another Successful Year

Project Christmas Card that is sponsored annually by Prospectus Study Club and the Stratford Star for the benefit of the Sherman County Library has provided \$1,982.50 for purchase of books, computer equipment and other library materials.

The full page ad is a gift of the Stratford Star.

There were 92 family units that used the giant Christmas Card to wish their friends a happy holiday season. The Library Board is grateful for your contributions and thank you for your interest in helping make our library and outstanding facility for our community. Names added after the deadline were Don & Elaine Gurley and E.R. and Joan Bell.

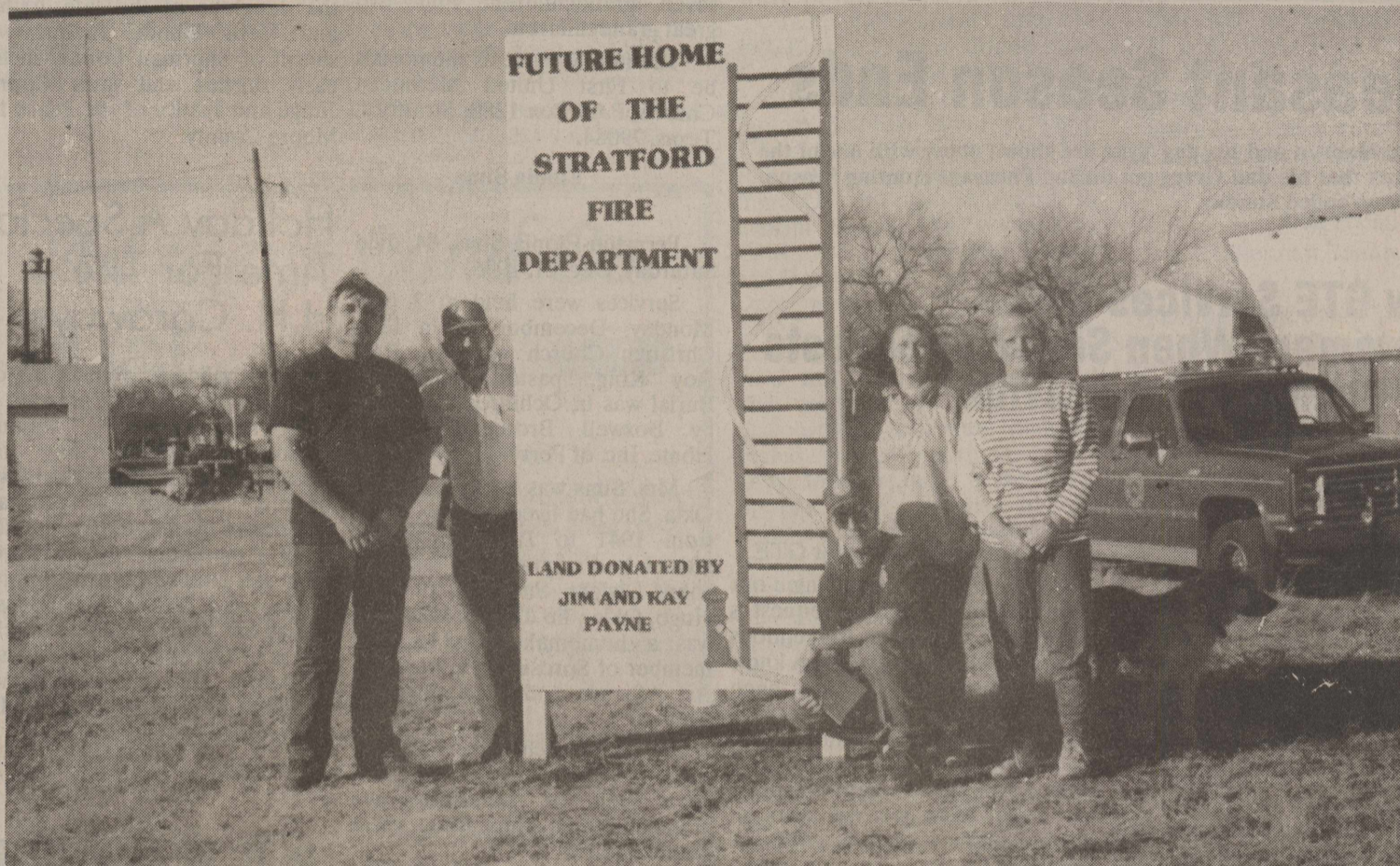
The library is grateful to the First State Bank for receiving your contributions, taking care of the monetary records and providing the donor list to the Stratford Star.

The library has many new books, access to the Internet through a new computer, CDROMS on several subjects and ability to find information in the Harrington Library Consortium Public Access Catalog.

Come by the library to view our facilities and become a library user.

Hours are: Monday 1-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Happy New Year!!



Shown with the sign at the Future Home of The Stratford Fire Department are from left, Fire Chief Eddie Williams, Jack Gore, Sandy Williams, Ronda Mathews and Lance Crowson, kneeling.



Younger Texans Meeting

The regular meeting of the Younger Texans 4-H Club will be Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building. Club members will be making soda-pop lamps at the meeting. A few additional kits will be available for members who did not pre-order in November or December for \$8.00. Members will need to bring supplies to the meeting to make the lamps. For a list of supplies, contact the Extension office.

4-H Scholarship Training

4-H members and parents are invited to attend a training on 4-H Scholarships on Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. The training will be held at the County Exhibit Building. Information and applications for scholarships awarded from the Texas 4-H Foundation will be discussed at the training.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock at the County Extension Office.

Calendar Of Events:

Thursday, January 2, 1997 through Jan. 4 SHS Basketball Tournament.

Thursday, Jan. 2 Scot Pool. AA/Alton 8 p.m. County barn.

Friday, Jan. 3 Scot 1 p.m. pool and ceramics.

Sunday, Jan. 5 9 a.m. Worship Service Coldwater Manor. Community Reception to honor David & Rita Harker 2-4 First Christian Church.

Monday, Jan. 6 Scot 1 p.m. Ceramics and pool 7 p.m. Dance practice.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Scot 1 p.m. pool

Wednesday, January 8th Bible Study at Coldwater Manor.



Santa Visits Bank

Casey Crabtree, top picture and Kristin Crabtree, bottom picture visited Santa at First State Bank on Friday, December 20, 1996. Casey & Kristin are the children of Doak & Lisa Crabtree.

Ag Day Rescheduled For January 10th

Extremely cold conditions and icy roads caused the cancellation of the Sherman County Ag Day. The Ag Day has been rescheduled for Friday, January 10, 1997 in the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments. Lunch will be provided courtesy of DuPont Ag Products and NC + Hybrids.

Four (4) CEU's will be offered for recertification of licensed private applicators, non-commercial applicators, and commercial applicators. Of the 4 CEU hours, 1 hour will be in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and 1 hour in Laws and Regulations.

Speakers and topics for the Ag Day include the following:

Kent Shaw, TDA Pesticide Specialist-Revisions and changes in TDA Regulations and guidelines;

Dr. Jerry Michels, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-Advances in biological control of pests in wheat and grain sorghum;

Jack Lyons, DuPont Ag Products-Pesticide labels and labeling;

Bobby Knoll, NC+ Hybrids-Integrated Pest Management and growth development of grain sorghum;

Richie Brotherton, Natural Resource Conservation Service-Control of beargrass on rangeland;

Mike Breitting, Farm Service Agency-Conservation Reserve Program Update.

Richard Bowers, Manager of North Plains Underground Water District, will be the keynote speaker during lunch. Mr. Bowers will address underground water quantity and quality in the North Plains District.

Please contact the Sherman County Extension Office at (806) 396-2081 by Thursday, January 9th if you plan to attend the Sherman County Ag Day.



Pheasant Season Ends

Scott Hudson and his dog Tyke are shown above with one of the pheasants that his dad Gregg got during Pheasant Hunting Season. The Season ended Sunday.

New GTE Services Call Customers When Service Requests Are Completed & Provide Information About Available Services

San Angelo, Texas-GTE has announced new services that (1) notify customers when service requests are completed and (2) offer automated information about what services in the customer's area, and how the services work. These new services are available at no charge.

The notification system calls a customer when the requested work is completed so the customer will know the service is working or has been repaired.

Notification calls will be made from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and seven days a week for repair work. Ten attempts will be made to reach the customer.

The other new service provides customers a 24-hour toll-free number (800-483-6855) to call to learn what services are available locally. The information also tells how those services work and provides some of the benefits of the service. Customers may transfer to a customer service representative if they need additional information or want to place an order.

"Our objectives are to guide our customers in finding the services that will meet their communications needs, and to make it easy for them to get that help," said Charles E. Watkins,

Public Affairs Manager for GTE.

"We believe notifying our customers that a service request is completed will be a tremendous benefit to them, letting them know when the work has been completed," he said. "We will continue to inform customers of an estimated time that the work will be completed when they place an order. Now we will also let them know when work is complete."

He said the service availability and information service will make it easy for customers to find out of a particular service is available in their area. It will also provide information on how to use the service, and ideas on how to get the most benefit from the service.

As an example, he explained most people have heard about three-way calling, but many do not realize how they can personally benefit from the service. "The automated service informs the customer three way calling will allow them to hook up relatives or friends in two other locations - locally or long-distance-at the same time, just like a conference call. This lets everyone be a part of the same conversation," he said.

The services are available to most GTE customers in Texas and New Mexico. GTE serves 1.9 million customers in the two states.

Obit

Orville H. Bouldin

Orville H. Bouldin, 90, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Metzger of First United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bouldin was born in Channing. He lived in Stratford for more than 50 years. He was a cowboy and an Army Veteran, serving in World War II. He married Barbara Coffman in 1944 at Tucumcari, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Roy Bouldin of Gainesville and Loren Ted Bouldin of Stratford; two daughters, Brenda McClellan of Stratford and Kay Hawthorne of San Antonio; two sisters, Buena McKay of Canyon and Adra Stoglin of Los Angeles; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1280, Stratford, Texas, 79084.

Elonia Sims

Perryton-Elonia Sims, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, December 23 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Roy King, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc. of Perryton.

Mrs. Sims was born in Idabell, Okla. She had lived in Gray, Okla. from 1941 to 1976, when she moved to Perryton. She married John Dwight Sims in 1931 at Hugo, Okla.; he died in 1984. She was a homemaker and a past member of Sorosis Club, Perryton Art Alliance and First Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Jim Sims of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Joan Bell of Stratford; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The family requests memorial be to Perryton Memorial Library or a favorite charity.

Minnie Marie Bergner Bullard

Texhoma-Minnie Marie Bergner Bullard, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, 1996 in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dyton Owen officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bullard was born in Isabel, Kans. She married Vernon E. Bullard in 1941 at Sweetwater. She taught for 35 years and retired in 1979 after teaching in the Texhoma public school system for 30 years.

She was a member of the Texhoma Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Carnation Garden Club. She also was a member of the United Methodist church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughter, Sue Ann Meek of Hugoton, Kans. and Jan Lea Flanagan of Texhoma, Okla; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Texhoma Educational Fund or the Texhoma Cemetery Fund.

A great man is he who has not lost the heart of a child.

—Mencius

Fern Brant

Fern Brant, 74, a Tacoma resident for 43 years, died Dec. 15, 1996. Fern was a very active member of the First Congregational Church and its Women's Association, and a founding member of The Crafty Sew and Dews Quilting Club.

Family members include her husband, Willis; brothers, Jess and Ruth Ann Snyder, Tacoma, and Stanley and Joyce Ullom, Lubbock, Texas; sister-in-law, Billie Ullom, Canadian, Texas; nieces, Sue Ann and David Turner, Tacoma, Mary Brant, Reamond and many more nieces and nephews.

Memorials services will be held Saturday, January 4, 1997 at First Congregational Church. Remembrances may be made to first Congregational Church Memorial Fund, 209 So. J. Sureck, Tacoma, WA 98403. Arrangements are by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

Mrs. Brant spent her childhood years in Stratford and graduated from Dumas High School. She was the daughter of the late Arthur and Vera Ullom. Arthur was sheriff of Sherman County in the early thirties and later County Judge and Justice of the Peace for Moore County.

Holiday A Special Time For The H.H. Caraways

The holidays were a special time for the H.H. Caraways as great-granddaughter Raienne Mason celebrated her first Christmas in Stratford, along with parents Richard & Donann Mason of Lima, Ohio. Other family members present were Ann, Joe Don & Chelli Cummings of Hereford, Kay & Larry Dyess of Canadian with daughters Delisa Dyess of Dallas & Shona Dyess of Shamrock & friend Kenneth Shields and Mary & Mike Menduni of Magnolia, TX.

- Happy Birthday,
- Cinda, Ferman,
- Gloria, Gracie,
- Michael, Cesar,
- Debbi, Elaine,
- Kasey, Garland,
- Martha, Mary,
- Nan,
- Devan, Kimberly,
- Randy, Angie,
- Charles, Michael,
- Shawn, Susie,
- Scott, Deidre,
- Eugene, J.O.,
- Mike, Sue, Katie,
- M'Lynn, Penny,
- Sandy, Steve

Gamma XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Meets

A delicious Christmas Dinner, visiting and discussion of future plans were the highlights of the December meeting of Gamma XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma society.

Margaret Parson, president, called the meeting to order and led in the collect. Minutes of previous meetings will be printed in the newsletter. Shirley Hendricks gave the treasurer's report. Janet Pipkin reported on the button project. She has also made "name buttons" for all members to wear at meetings. These replace the name tags. Reports were made on the November meeting when Gamma XI met with the Delta Rho chapter and welcomed district coordinator Ann Hedges and her mother to the meeting in Sunray.

Mary Jo Ondracek presented Margaret Parsons with a scarf with Delta Kappa Gamma symbols on it. Members were asked to tell what they wanted Santa to bring them for Christmas.

Three new candidates were nominated for membership. They were voted on by ballot and results will be announced in the next meeting. Plans will be made for money raising projects for the scholarship fund.

The meeting closed with the singing of the official Delta Kappa Gamma song with Mildred Bosler at the piano and Frances Holden leading the singing.

Pat Garrison opened her beautifully decorated home for the meeting. Hostesses were Shirley Hendricks, Nelda Askey, Mary Jo Ondracek, Addiee Bryant, and Portia Dees.

Other members present who have not been mentioned were: From Dumas, Verna Smith, Belinda Foreman, Joyce Marsh, Billie Terrell, Frances Holden, Dorothy Milbern, Kathryn Vineyard. From Sunray: Debra Bohn, Janet Pipken, From Stratford: Kathy Altman, Bonita McCarty from House, New Mexico was a guest.

It is difficult and dangerous to hand-dig a narrow hole with vertical sides. If you are digging a surface by hand, make the top of your hole three times the width you hope to have at the bottom.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has been told to have a Happy New Year by now.

The New Year begins by telling eight board members that are going off the board after three years of serving that we are grateful for your time that you gave our Scot Organization.

These people are Helen Judd, outgoing President, Arthur Judd, Minnie Reeder, Myrtle Ellison, Rose Wells, Sue Smith, Warren Miller, and Nadine Miller.

New Board members starting their term are Mary Wisdom, Connie Oquin, Darrell Cotney, Margaret Reed, Barbara Bouldin, Cynthia Shoehals, Jon Heatwole, Paul Aduddell.

Bingo starts the activities on Thursday, January 2 at 7 p.m.

Prospectus Study Club To Meet January 4th

Prospectus Study Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Karen Riffe's Co-hostesses are D'Lynn Reed, Dorothy Haile, Chris McAdams & Tanya Thiessen.

Program Coordinators are Chris McAdams and Evlyn Schmidt. "From Kindergarten Through Adulthood", literacy projects and opportunities in Stratford will be discussed by them.

Reports may be brought to club by all program coordinators and committee chairmen.



Yogurt makes a great portable lunch. If you don't have access to a refrigerator, try freezing the carton overnight; it will thaw in time for lunch.

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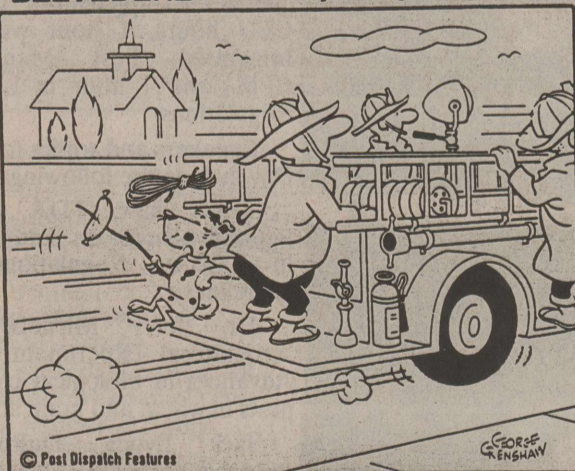
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BELVEDERE by George Grenshaw



Frozen turbot (of the flounder fish family) is usually priced lower and is as delicious as most white fish.

The ability to laugh at life is right at the top, with love and communication, in the hierarchy of our needs. Humor has much to do with pain; it exaggerates the anxieties and absurdities we feel, so that we gain distance and through laughter, relief.

—Sara Davidson

Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you + Sherman County Old Timers and readers. This sunny Monday morning the last Monday in Dec. 1996 (Monday Dec. 29, 1996)

We sincerely trust you've had a happy holiday season and that you read our blessing and best wishes for the holiday season as expressed in the Star issue Dec. 19, 1996 as we inferred events beyond our control made it impossible for us to send Christmas Cards. Does it really matter how friends receive greetings as long as they are expressed in some acceptable manner.

As for a calendar school, will resume soon and calendar of events will fall in place.

The usual community affairs such as Christmas program and parade's + cantatas, band concerts were successfully presented and enjoyed by the general public and so are filed away with other happy memories.

The wedding of Jolina Garoutte and Jason Kline in Stratford and of Kimberly Campbell and Justin Cornelison in Liberal, KS. which were scheduled on the same afternoon and close to the same hour divided the loyalty of this community we send congratulations and blessings to both couples.

Attending the Campbell Cornelison wedding in Liberal, KS were Joyce & Glenn, Jeff & Shelia, John, Kathy, Samantha & Christopher Glenn Hart, Janice & Elizabeth Hutson, Lorelyn Powers, Timi Brown; Sue Smith, Darlene and Lew Bruni, Glenn & Carolyn White.

The Sanctuary of First Southern Baptist Church Liberal, KS was uniquely decorated with Christmas tree greenery tiny golden lights. The music was mainly hand bells. The bouquets were made of evergreen sprays, golden ribbon & fine net and golden rosebuds which were beautiful with the dark green satin dresses of the attendants, the processional was preceded by the entire congregation holding tiny lighted candles. Reception followed in the fellowship hall altogether unique and beautiful wedding.

The promised address of Hilma Cleveland and Helen Mason is as follows: 820 N. Britain Road, Apartment 232, Irving, TX 75061, Phone 972-579-1393.

A Christmas card from John & Leona Woods to the Christian Church, Stratford sends Christmas greetings to all friends. They were well at 310 Date Palm Ave, Trlr 6, McAllen, TX 78501-2566.

Visiting grandparents Dean Smith & Betty & Baskin Brown and great-grandmother Timi Brown over the holidays were Carrie, David & Claire Austin, Richardson, TX and Blair & Patti Brown, Hart, TX. Sharon & Si Perkins, Guymon, OK hosted Christmas dinner for Carrie, David, Claire Austin, Blair & Patti Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Si Perkins, Sr., and Mike & Cindy Perkins, Dean Smith, Betty & Baskin Brown.

Joy Powers cooked and served Christmas Dinner for her mother Lorelyn who was recovering from surgery and Timi Brown at the Brown home. Other guests were Matt Powers & Devan, Kandi & Matt Aro.

Jim Bob, Patty, Ashley & Caleb Brown spent Christmas day at Follett with Patty's parents, the Lloyd Harris'.

Dorothy Haile & family, Jack & Barbara, Evan & Luke Haile & Sue Etta Haile spent Christmas Eve at Dorothy's house. On Christmas Day Sheriff Jack Haile and family called on H.L. Haile in Amarillo en route to visit Barbara's family in Lubbock, TX.

Marian & Ronnie Williams of 5904 St. Agnus, Plano, TX hosted his parents and brothers and sisters and families. Allan & Patty & family of Friona, TX were with her parents in Columbus, GA.

Barbara Cauruth and family spent Christmas with Geneva & H.L. Haile. The word from Eddie Moon is much better. Talking with Betty Lou O'Brien this morning we found she is doing well.

Mary Peach Smith is making progress slowly but surely. J.W. Smith is having some trouble healthwise.

We received word that Tom Wakefield former old timer died quietly in his sleep after being ill and will be buried in GA.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Santa visited Kerrick Dec. 20 where there were more children than last year. He had ordered candy & treats earlier for everyone and the children each had a gift under the tree.

Children and their parents present were Will & Brice Boren, twin sons of Joe Bill & Jennifer Boren of St. Charles, Mo.; Kevin Carlisle, son of Kelly & Kerry Carlisle, Liberal, KS.; Reed & Rett Schoonover, sons of Brady & Trisha Schoonover; M'Lynn Wells, daughter of Jennifer Wells; Nicolas & Shelby McDaniel, children of Terri McDaniel, Stratford; Merilee McDaniel, daughter of Mike McDaniel; Chandra Hawkins, daughter of Peggy Hawkins; Cricket Asher, daughter of Susan Asher; Yolanda & Juana Aguilar.

Also Bill & Pat Boren, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel, R.J. & Mary Hill, Virgie Mathews, Hank & Mabel Rogers, George & Barbara Avent, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Marylou McDaniel.

Barbara Schoonover was emcee. Children danced to "Santa Claus is coming to Town". The Boren grandchildren would have won any prizes!

Marylou McDaniel read "Politically Correct Santa". Shelby McDaniel sang, I Wish You A Merry Christmas" followed by Nicolas McDaniel singing "Jingle Bells."

Hank Rogers read a Christmas Poem. Terry Schoonover read "A Cowboy's Prayer". Barbara's selection was an "Ode to Volunteers". "Silent Night" was played on the harmonica by Terry Schoonover. All joined in singing carols with Jo June McDaniel leading, finishing with Jingle Bells which traditionally is the invitation for Santa to arrive.

Santa talked to all the children, passed out presents and treats before going on his merry way.

A variety of soft drinks were served with the eating of treats.

Bill Boren was taken to Northwest Hospital Monday morning by ambulance. He had a heart attack. As this was being written he was still in the emergency room.

Hank & Mabel Rogers had an early Christmas Dec. 22 in Amarillo with grandsons, Josh Rogers & Ian Weems and Ruth Keller, Josh's grandmother. Following dinner out, they had went to Mrs. Keller's.

On Christmas Day the Leonard Hawkins family were their guests.

Christmas day Nita Taylor had dinner for Poe & Linda Keener, Doug Taylor, Mark, Kelsi & Klinton Keener, Kyler Kirkwood, Jerry, Maria, Michael and Dylan Keener, Melba Keener.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, spent some of the holiday in Kerrick. Christmas ws with former Kerrick resident, Bonnie Miller Altman & family in Amarillo. She returned to Denver Sunday.

Donna Baker, Colorado City, Co., stopped in Kerrick coming & going to Stillwater, Ok. Sunday night she & Marylou McDaniel played Skip-Bo.

Alvie Hudgens, Keyes, Ok., five year old grandson, spent several days with Sam, Susan and Cricket Asher.

Christmas night Duane, Stephanie & Jacy Gillenwaters, Freedom, Ok., Jimmy & Sundry Gillenwaters had Christmas with Bill & Donna Gillenwaters. Bill & Donna had been ill and missed Jacy's second birthday party, so they brought a video of the event.

Joe Bill, Jennifer, Will & Brice Boren, St. Charles, Mo., Kerry, Kelly & Kevin Carlisle, Liberal, KS. spent the holiday with Bill & Pat Boren.

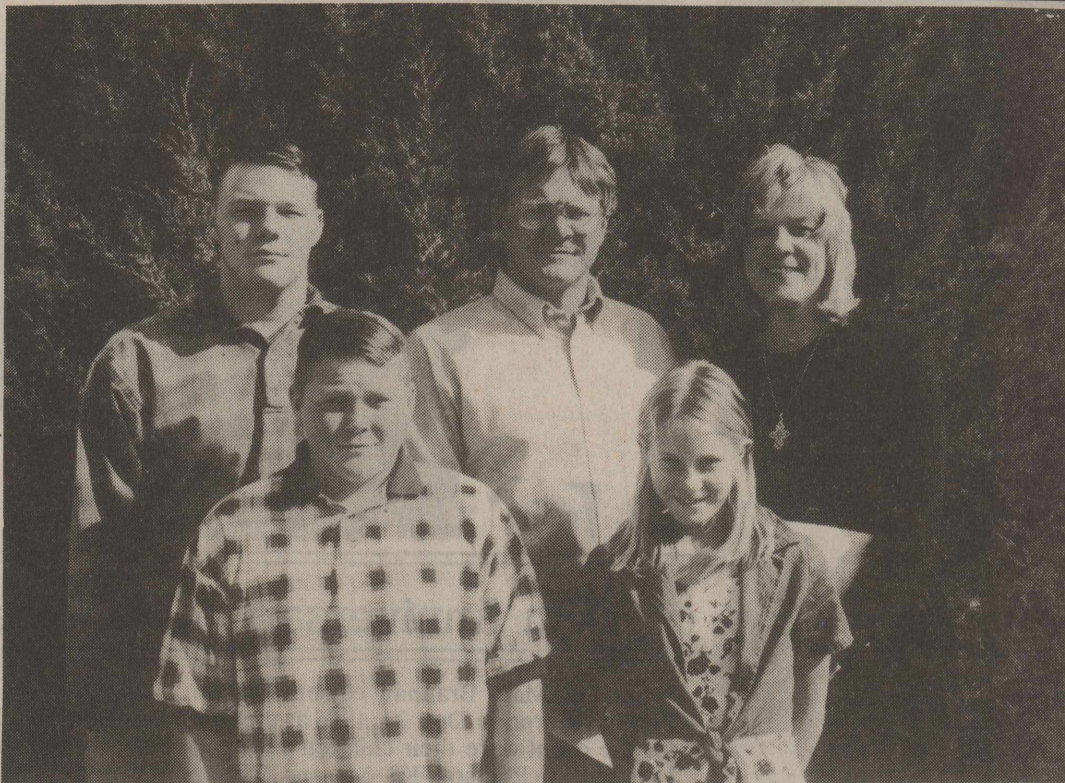
The Boren's are building a room on their home to accommodate the growing family.

Roy & Ciccy Harris visited with his parents Christmas, Rowena & Kenneth stone of Higgins and Linda & Curtis Harris, Darrouzett.

Christmas Eve at Terry & Barbara Schoonover's was enjoyed by Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover, and John, Connie & Lexy Hardesty and Justin Gift of Guymon. The next day Terry & Barbara went to John & Connie's and Brady's family went to the Sandy Tillery's.

Jan & son Kristopher Tondre, San Antonio, spent Thursday-Tuesday with Kenneth & Lynn Wells. On the 23rd Kenneth, Lynn, Jennifer & M'Lynn joined others for the Crabtree Christmas

New Places-New Faces



New Faces-The Ashley family left to right back, Dane, Russell, Nan. L/R Front: Nick, Erin. Russell Ashley is on the Elk coaching staff and teachers social studies. He graduated from Canadian High School. He attended Panhandle State and East Texas University. Russell likes to play golf. Nan graduated from Higgins High School and Texas Tech University. She teaches 5th grade Stratford Middle School. She enjoys reading and tennis and likes to play golf sometimes! Russell and Nan have taught in Amarillo, Booker, Shattuck, OK. Higgins and came to Stratford from Dumas. Dane is a sophomore in High School. Nick is in 7th grade, Erin is in 5th grade and they all are interested in sports.

Steward Involved In Adopt-a-Grandparent

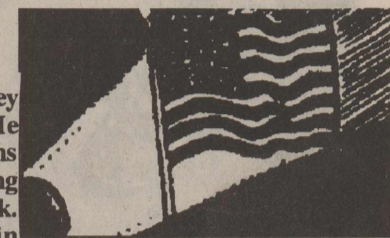
Abilene, Tx--Heather Stewart from Stratford, a sophomore nursing major at Hardin-Simmons University, was involved in Adopt-A-Grandparent on Nov. 19th at HSU.

The program provided one grandparent for every two students who signed up for this activity. There were 50 grandparents who participated.

The students and grandparents ate dinner and visited with each other.

HSU Baptist Student Ministry Ladies Ensemble, "One Faith", performed. The Clown Team gave out balloon sculptured flowers and visited with the guests during dinner.

The grandparents came from participating nursing homes in Abilene.



When the flag is flown at night, it should be spotlighted.

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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
Rev. David Contreras
6th & Wall
Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298
No Saturday Mass
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00
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

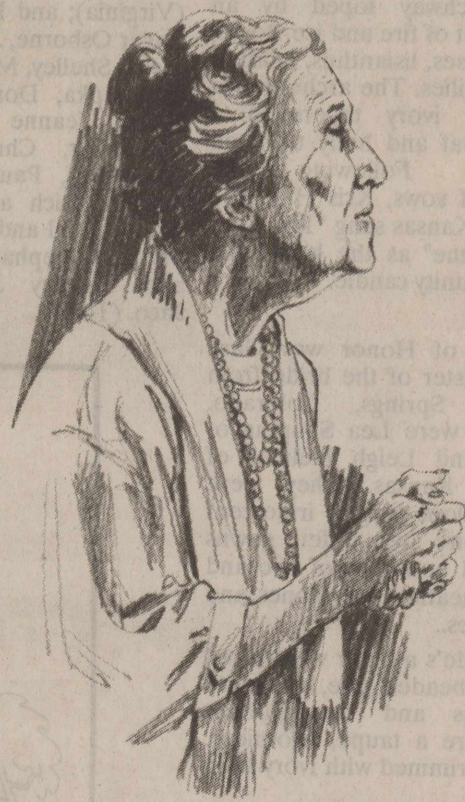
Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
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Pastor Roberto Frescas
County Barn
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Timi's Cont. from Col. 1

Myrtle Ellison brother Alvin Oquin of Perryton passed away last week. Again we want to remember Barbara Bouldin & family in the loss of Orville Bouldin. We send old timer & personal prayers, love to these sorrowing friends. Amen.

The Art Foster's from Lubbock traveled to Baltimore, MD on Christmas Day to be with their daughter during the holiday and will return on New Years Day.

Mattie Lou & Tommie Frank Baskin spent Christmas Day with son Mike Baskin in Phoenix, Arizona. They had hoped to see the Joe Ray Brown's but plans did not materialize.

We enclose many wishes for a happy, healthy, fulfilling New Year for every old timer and add a shoulder pat and luv for each of you.



A group of kangaroos is called a "mob".



50th Anniversary Celebrated

J.E. & Mary Brannan celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon Dec. 22, 1996 at the Scot Hall, Stratford, Texas. Hosts for the event were their children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lambert, McPherson, KS. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rambo, Waco, Texas., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Naylor, Broken Arrow, Okla. Grandchildren were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Garrison, Amarillo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jody Wilten, Longview, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hurley, Plainview, Texas., Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kingaard, Tulsa, Okla., Erin & Josh Rambo, Waco, Texas, John and Cydnie Naylor, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Brannan married the former Mary Ella Carriger, Dec. 22, 1946 at Stratford, Texas. Brannan is retired from Phillips Petroleum Company, Mary is a housewife.

The couple have eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. They reside at 702 N. Fulton in Stratford, Texas.

Blessed is he who expects nothing for he shall never be disappointed.
—Alexander Pope

God has NOT promised
Skies always blue,
Flower Strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God has not promised
Sun without rain
Joy without sorrow
Place without pain.
But God HAS promised
Strength for the day
Rest for the labor
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials
Help from above
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love.

In Loving Memory
Harold Cleve Bennett-
December 3, 1996

Vows Exchanged

Jolina Garoutte and Jason Kline were united in marriage on Saturday, December 28 at the First Christian Church in Stratford, Texas. The Reverend David Harker officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Orlanda Garoutte and the late Gary Garoutte of Stratford. Parents of the groom are Dan and Nancy Kline of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Tucker Garoutte of Amarillo. She wore an ivory, hand-crocheted dress trimmed with seed pearls. The chiffon train was attached at the shoulders with hand-crocheted rosettes and her shoulder length tulle veil was attached to a hand crocheted, seed pearl trimmed headband. Her dress and accessories were crocheted by her mother.

The couple exchanged vows in front of a bay and magnolia garland archway topped by an arrangement of fire and ice Roses, Virginia Roses, lisianthus, heather and Kyoto lilies. The archway was flanked by ivory tapers in a magnolia leaf and holly trimmed candelabra. Following the exchange of vows, Kris Hamilton of Tampa, Kansas sang "The Love of A Lifetime" as the bride and groom lit a unity candle.

Matron of Honor was Gara Harbour, sister of the bride from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Attendants were Lea Shuping of Stratford and Leigh Helmer of Lawrence, Kansas. They were attired in floor length, iridescent green, empire style taffeta gowns and carried bouquets of fire and ice roses, heather, anemones and LaReve lilies.

The bride's mother was attired in a ivory, beaded lace, two-piece tunic dress and the groom's mother wore a taupe, two-piece, crepe suit trimmed with ivory satin braid.

Dan Kline, father of the groom served as best man and groomsmen were Chris Lasley of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Tucker Garoutte. Guests were seated by Rusty Harbour and Derrek Wells of Amarillo.

Ring bearer was Dallas Harbour, nephew of the bride. Candlelighters were Aaron Harbour, nephew of the bride and Chad Sapp of Ohio.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The bride's table had a hunter green underskirt topped with a crocheted cloth made by the bride's great grandmother Garoutte. The three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with seeded eucalyptus, fire and ice roses, heather and topped with a single Kyoto lily, was served with punch, mints and nuts. Table appointments were silver and crystal pieces from the bride's family. Burgundy and heather trimmed the groom's table. Finger sandwiches, vegetables and coffee were served from china pieces painted by the bride's grandmother, J.A. Lasley.

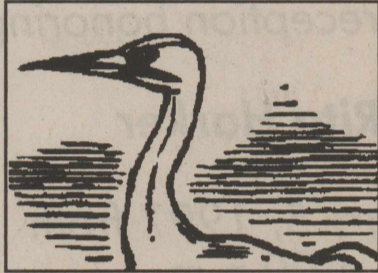
Jolina is a senior at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. She is majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in

Spanish. She is currently president of the Student Ambassadors and is employed at Crestwood, Inc.

Jason is a men's basketball coach and Sports Information Director at Kansas Wesleyan University. He is also working on his master's degree.

After a honeymoon trip to Ochos Rios, the couple will be at home at 615 S. Santa Fe #5, Salina, KS.

Special guests included Christine Kline, grandmother of the groom of Ohio and Tommie Garoutte, grandmother of the bride, from Amarillo. Other out-of-town guests were Steve, Connie and Corey Sap, Roger and Fran Sapp, Ben and Lani Sapp, Brad Sapp, Cassie West (Ohio), Jennifer Head, April Roberts, Dennis and Betty Carter, Mike Helmer, Jerry and Kathleen Jones (Kansas); Jennifer Wells and Todd Patterson (Oklahoma); Martin and Terri Butler (Virginia); and Russell, Billie and Cager Osborne, Jennifer Mancino, Steve, Shelley, Michael and Carter Chaloupka, Dorothy Chaloupka, Imma Jeanne and Elizabeth Alexander, Christine and J.C. Cloughton, Paul and Linda Jo Galvan, Rich and Lori Massey, Gerald Paul and Jennifer Massey, Sue and Stephanie Andrus, Opal and Charley Johnson, Myriah Jaco. (Texas).



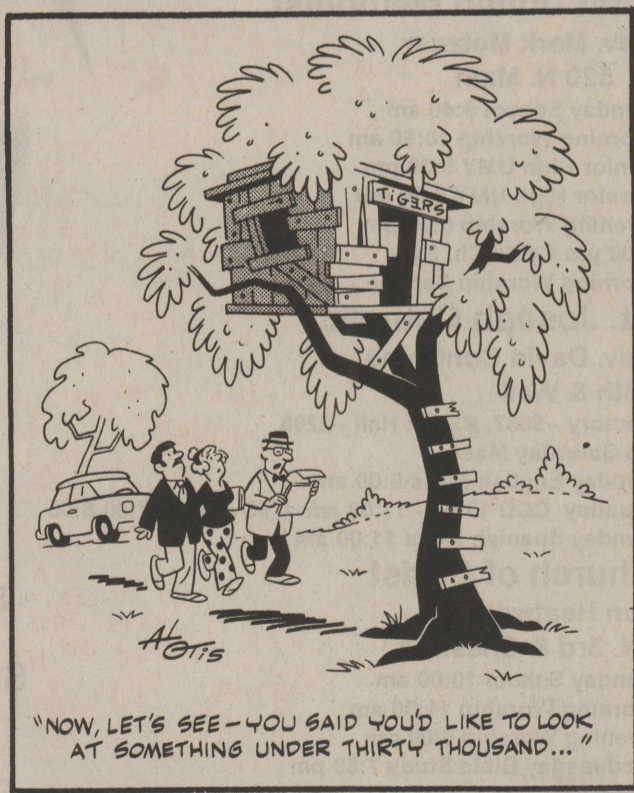
Whooping cranes are the tallest birds native to North America, standing at about five feet.

It is always the secure who are humble.
—G. K. Chesterton



Bacteria are much larger than viruses.


A sense of humor is a sense of proportion.
—Kahlil Gibran

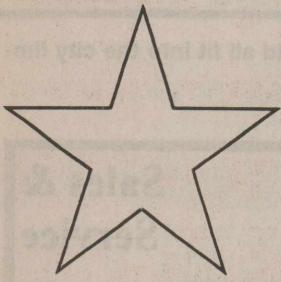


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THE General Store has shower selections for Sasha Browning and Steve McClure. Free delivery to the shower January 11th. 1-9-c

For Sale: 94 KLX 250 R, 4 stoke, Kaw. Like new. Adult owned, lots riding gear; boots 2 pairs, riding pants, gloves, 2 helmets, stand much more, all for \$3700. 806-396-2206. 1-2-p

For Sale: Couch, loveseat and two chairs Call 396-5928 1-2-c

For Sale: 1989 1/2 ton Chev. Suburban, 4 Wheel Drive. Loaded w/custom paint and is exceptionally clean. 1979 Chev. 1/2 ton 4x4 pick-up with long wide bed and 4 speed, good working condition. 1980 Chev. 1/2 ton pick-up with short narrow bed, good working condition. Call 727-4671. 1-2-c

For Sale: 1987 GMC pick-up, 4x4 1/2 ton, 350 EFI. Call 396-5398 after 7:00 p.m. 12-5-tfn

Final Closeout Sale-Ellies Clothing only. Thursday, January 2nd through Saturday January 11th. 1-2-c

THE General Store has All Christmas items 50% off. 1-2-tfn

For Sale: Rust colored sofa and chair. Good condition. Call 396-2723 after 6:00 p.m. or leave message. 1-9-p

Shower Selections for Sasha Browning, bride-elect of Steve McClure are at Elk Pharmacy. 1-2-2xc

For Sale: 12 Bluebutt cross weener pigs. Call 396-5697 before 5 p.m., 769-4454 after 5 p.m. 1-2-1xc

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Will Allen

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Alcohol Anonymous And Al-Anon meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the County Barn

I will baby-sit on Saturdays and at nights. Call 396-2586. 1-3-p

Veterans- Needing assistance in applying for pensions, hospitalization, burial benefits and other VA benefits. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348. 2-27-p

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Lost & Found

Found - Red Heeler - Female. Call Sisly Vincent 396-5388. 1-2-c

To Give Away

To give away, 2 black lab mix dogs, 1 1/2 years old. Friendly, good with children. Need lost of room to run. 396-2251. 12-19-2xc

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Needed - Truck Driver/Concrete Plant Manager for the Stratford Plant. Apply at Trans Mix in Dalhart, Hwy 54 West. 5-2-tfn

Nurse Aide Positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days. Will provide training for certification. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor. 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas. EOE. 11-7-tfn



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Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.
-Will Rogers

Houses For Sale

House for Sale: 2 story home, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den, North 3rd & Maple. Call 396-5927 or 396-5831. 11-9-tfn

94 16 X 80 Mobile Home 3 Bdrm., 2 bath w/ fireplace. All appliances included. Call 396-2596. 7-18-tfn

For Sale: 2 BR., 1 3/4 Bath Mobile Home. \$9,800. Interested persons call evenings 1-806-948-5409. 9-19-tfn

Small house for sale in Stratford, may be moved or will sell property with it. Call 935-5626. 10-3-tfn

14x80 Schultz Mobile Home - 3 bedroom, 2 baths with central heat and air, on 3 lots with a shed and storage building that have central heat. \$18,000. Call weekdays after 4:00 p.m. 396-2030. 11-21-tfn

Houses for Sale: 3 BR, Brick home, 1200 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, central heat, equipped with dishwasher stove and refrigerator, close to both schools at 806 N. Fulton. A 3 BR, wood siding, 2000 sq. ft., 1 bath, central heat/air, with basement at 401 N. Wall. Call 806-396-2348. 4-4-tfn

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, corner lot, 1,152 sq. ft. 620 N. Maple. Call 396-5891 or 396-5700. 11-28-tfn

Small 3 bdrm house for sale: 518 N. Grace, Call 806-934-9257 after 5 p.m. 12-12-tfn

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Card Of Thanks

I want to say "Thank You" for the food, flowers, cards, payers and the visits after my surgery. You are special.

Linda Keener



A tartan design—stripes of various widths and colors that cross—is called a sett.



Craftspeople take note: One pound of wax will make eight eight-inch candles.



The custom of a wishbone making a wish come true for the person who breaks off the larger piece, is at least 2,400 years old, and it originated with the Etruscans, the ancient people who occupied the area of the Italian peninsula between the Tiber and Arno rivers.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HAROLD C. BENNETT, Deceased, were issued on December 23, 1996 in Docket No. 1,965, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: HAROLD P. BENNETT.

The residence of HAROLD P. BENNETT is in Sherman County, Texas. The post office address is: P.O. Box 978, Stratford, Texas 79084.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to HAROLD P. BENNETT, the representative of the Estate of HAROLD C. BENNETT, at the address above, by mail or otherwise.

Dated the 23rd day of December, 1996.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 65.420 km of microsurfacing on US 83 from Ochiltree County Line to Hemphill County Line covered by CPM 30-4-15 in Lipscomb County, from Lipscomb County Line to US 60 North of Canadian covered by CPM 30-5-53 in Hemphill County, on US 287 from 2.607 km West of FM 2889 to FM 294 covered by CPM 42-4-33, from FM 294, East to Donley County Line covered by CPM 42-5-27 in Armstrong County, on US 60 from Buffalo Stadium Road to Loop 335 covered by CPM 168-9-131 in Randall County and on US 54 from US 287 in Stratford to Dallam County Line covered by CPM 238-5-29 in Sherman County will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas until 1:00 p.m., January 7, 1997 and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Jerry Raines, Area Engineer, Pampa, Texas and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Teas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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04-D-41 04-76-0030-04-015, Etc.

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SEALED BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD DOORS to be located in HANSFORD, SHERMAN and DALLAM COUNTIES, TEXAS will be received by the District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas, 79105, until 10:00 a.m. January 24th, 1997, then publicly opened and read. Contract numbers for this project are 047XXR1001, 047XXR1002 and 047XXR1003.

Contractors are advised there will be no pre-bid conference for this project.

Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge to any general contractor at the Texas Department of Transportation, 5715 Canyon Drive, District Warehouse Building, Amarillo, Texas 79110.

Inquiries can be made at the office of Johnny Richardson, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas. Telephone number is 806/356-3282.

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Wherever you are it is your own friends who make your world.
-Charles Edward Carryl

Notice To Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Sherman County Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new 1997 four door, four wheel drive midsize SUV. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Sheriff's office located in the Sherman County Courthouse at 701 N. Third, or those interested may contact the Sheriff's office at 396-5551.

Bids will be received up to 11:00 a.m. January 13, 1997, at which time they will be opened and considered.

Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Jack Haile, Sheriff
Sherman County, Texas

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Public Notice

Sherman County Texas, Southeast Corner of Sec. 19 3T TNO. Excellent water, one well plus 1/2 mile of underground pipe. Surface only, no minerals. Sealed bids to be opened Jan. 18, 1997. Right to reject any and all bids. Telephone local 806-948-4405. Mail to Alan Cartrie, 1714 Yorktown, Abilene, TX 79601.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sherman County will accept sealed bids for one (1) new dump truck for Precinct #4 until 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 13, 1997, 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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MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN II JOB VACANCY NUMBER 6-04-K510-287

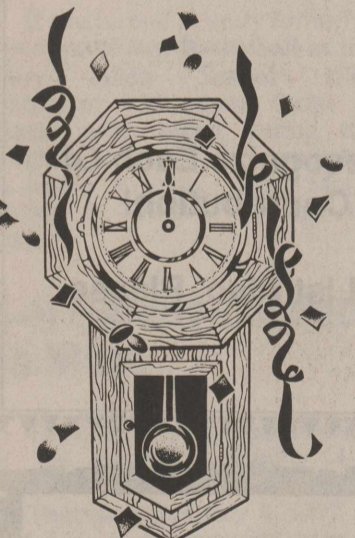
The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications for two regular full time positions in the maintenance area located at 1001 Highway 87 North, Dalhart, Texas.

The minimum job requirements include one (1) year experience in roadway maintenance work or a related field. For more information about the knowledge, skills and abilities please call (806) 356-3233.

The starting salary will be \$7.27 to \$9.02 an hour. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 6, 1997. Interested applicants should apply at the nearest Texas Department of Transportation Human Resource Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day before the job vacancy closes and sent to: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Tx 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, you may call Barbara Franks at (806) 356-3233.

TxDOT is an equal opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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Dining Out Tips For Travelers

- Be adventurous: Try to have at least some of the local cuisine wherever you may be.
- Be wise: Don't arrive for dinner in a restaurant ravenous, you'll only fill up on rolls. Pace your mealtimes as you travel.
- Be generous: In the U.S. diners generally tip the waiter 20 percent of the bill, give or take two to five percent depending on the service.

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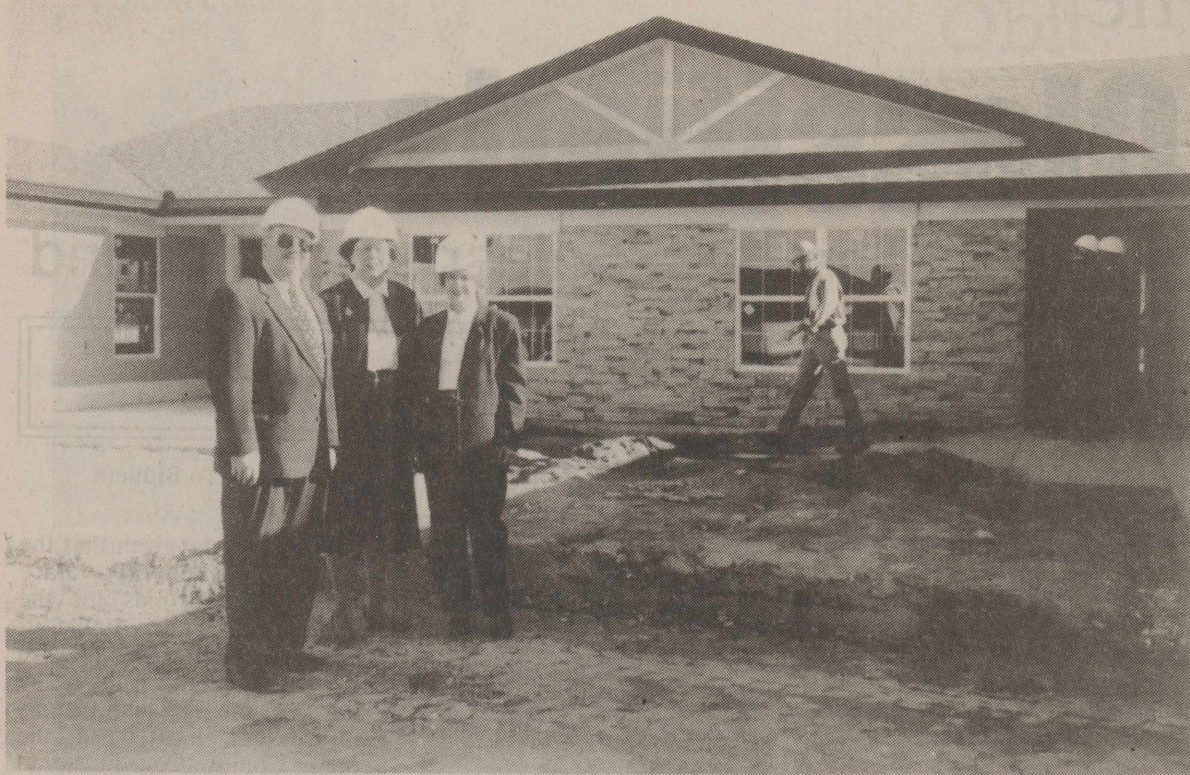
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Board Inspects New Construction

Sears Panhandle Retirement Corporation Board of Directors inspect the construction of the new J. Paul and Polly Craig continuum care retirement community located on W. 9th in Amarillo. D. Keith Perry, President/CEO and board members Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford and Ann Finch, Dalhart view one of the retirement cottage duplex apartments. Mr. Perry will visit Stratford in January to share the vision of the retirement complex and the plans for the renovation of The Canyons, the existing retirement facility in Amarillo. Former Stratford residents making their home at The Canyons: Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, Wilma Lee Cameron and Alice Lollis.

Companies Doing Internet Business

(NAPS)—Information technology and electronic communications have become a daily part of many American companies of all sizes and industries.

The investment community has been in the forefront of conducting business in this fashion for quite some time already. Now, some adaptive investment management companies use this new wave of information technology to benefit interested investors and clients.

According to a recent survey conducted by The Danforth Associates, Inc., 70 percent of respondents who have a computer subscribe to a service that allows them access to the Internet. It is because of this trend, the company offers a World Wide Web site with updated information and links to investment resources for people wishing to invest their money in common stocks.

For what may be the first time in business history, an abundance of information is available to the layperson, not just "gurus."

One issue many users have is regarding security and confidentiality on the "Net." Many people have concerns about security on the Internet," explains Stuart G. Danforth, treasurer of The Danforth Associates, Inc. "But with growing technological advancements in this area, these issues will not exist for long."

With revolutionary internet security being introduced from the experts at MasterCard and Visa—who have been working jointly to develop technical industry standards that will become Secure Electronic Transactions (SET)—many concerned users will have their fears put to rest and begin conducting personal business on the Internet freely.

You can visit the Danforth web site at <http://www.da-online.com> or e-mail for more information at Info@da-online.com or call 1-800-443-4427.

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High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show Set For January 8th

The annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 1997 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The event is presented by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Registration and trade show will begin at 8:30 a.m. A \$7.00 registration fee will be charged. The fee includes a catered lunch.

At 9:25 a.m., the formal program will begin. Topics include the following: "What's Next For Pumps and Wells Idled by CRP"; "Equitable Tenant-Landowner Agreements"; "Satellite Remote Sensing To Monitor Crop Growth"; "Managing Irrigation Capacity"; "Opportunities To Utilize Herbicide Tolerant Crops"; and "Performance of Insect Resistant Crops". The program will conclude around 4:00 p.m. with three (3) CEU's offered for recertification of private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators.

The Industry Trade Show will feature the latest irrigation products from American Technical Services, Cobb Sales Company, Energas Company, Equipment Supply, Great Plains Meter, Inject-O-Meter, Nelson Irrigation, Oil-Vac, Inc., T-L Irrigation, Waterman Industries, and Wylie Manufacturing.

For more information, contact Leon New, Extension Irrigation Specialist, at (806) 359-5401 or the Sherman County Extension Service at (806) 396-2081.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

New books: A Field Guide to Cows by John Pukite High-lights 52 breeds providing information on origin, description, and use; Navajo Rugs, How to Find, Evaluate, Buy and Care for them; and Southwestern Pottery from Anasazi to Zuni.

John Erickson's two newest books are The Case Of The Kidnapped Collie and The Case Of The Night-stalking Bone Monster.

Now every party, family outing, and friendly get-together can be a great time with The Picture Rulebook of Kid's Games. There are more than 200 classic and new games that are fully illustrated and in alphabetical order for easy reference.

return to Harmony, Nan's Gift, and Drums of Change are by Janette Oke.

Old Familiar Places is the fourth in the series, The Innocent Years, by Robert Funderburk.

Empire Builders and Winds of Alliance written by Linda Chaikin are set in the northwest.

The Braxtons of Miracle Springs by Michael Phillips is set in the Frontier time of America.



If you put an old sponge under the soil of your flower pots you will ensure both good drainage and effective moisture holding.



On building a chicken coop: provide at least three square feet of floor space for each chicken.

A dog can comfortably carry half its weight in a backpack. Working dogs can carry up to twice their body weight for short periods.

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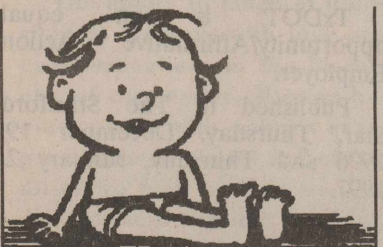
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Mustard Lovers Chicken
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 2-inch cubes
1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
1/3 cup apricot Polaner® All Fruit® Spreadable Fruit
1/4 cup Gulden's® Spicy Brown Mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook pepper in hot oil until tender, about 5 minutes. Add chicken; sauté until just cooked through, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add wine or broth; continue cooking about 2 to 3 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine All Fruit, mustard and salt. Add to skillet stirring to distribute sauce evenly; heat 1 minute. Serve over cooked rice. Makes 4 servings.



Babies generally are able to sit unsupported at the age of six months.

Actually not every member of the Lane family said "Yahoo" when they won LOTTO Texas. One or two of them may have said "Yippee."

Prize:
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Winning Numbers:
1 3 10 18 19 46

Their System:
Number of grandchildren, 1.
Her age, 3. Her birthday, 10/18/91 (91 became 19) and Lou and Butch's age when she was born, 46.

First Purchase:
Five new trucks.

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"Now I can starch my overalls. I thought that was a little touch of class."—Butch Lane

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