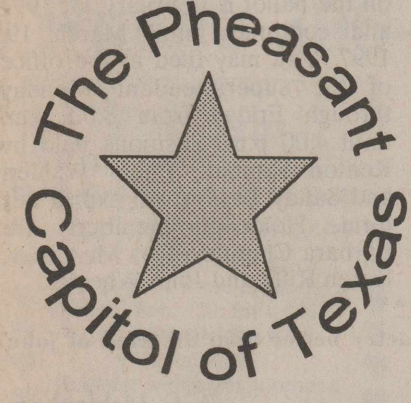


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**State Bound**  
The Stratford High School and Junior High Bands went to the Solo/Ensemble Contest held at West Texas A&M University Saturday. Eight qualified for State and 10 earned 1st Division Medals for High School. The Junior High Stage Band received a 1st Division and all Solos received 1st division. Going to State will be Cody Hamilton-French Horn Solo; Erika Baeza, Clarinet Solo; Flute trio Crystal Roberts, Jessica Walton and Janet Witcher and Trombone Trio with Hillary Baskin, Steven Paul and David Hunsaker. Congratulations kids. Pictures and more information in next weeks edition.

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Needed Interested People To Serve

**Needed** - Interested people to serve on the Depot Museum Board! Board meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month and has on two main projects for the year. Feel great by helping to do a worthy civic service.

## Scot Bingo

Scot Bingo at Scot Hall Thursday, February 6th at 7 p.m.

## Stratford Country Club To Have Auction

The Stratford Country Club will once again have an auction. Members need to be considering what items they will donate to raise funds for on going projects and maintenance for the Country Club. A board member will be contacting members so a list of auction items will be available. The date of the auction will be announced at a later time. The public is invited to attend.

## Something New For The Fair

Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree September 4, 5, 6, 7. Something new for the Sherman County Fair. A Craft Show and Sale will be held in the Exhibit Barn 1 while the Fair will be housed in the Exhibit Barn 2. Commercial Exhibits will be moved to the Agriculture Building. The special contest for bakers this year will be Peachy! Best Peach Pie or Cobbler. A contest will be held to choose the Jamboree Theme so be thinking and watch for particulars in March.

Fair Superintendents are needed in Baked Goods and Culinary, Clothing and Handwork, and help is needed for all superintendents to register entries on Thursday 2:00 to 6:00.

## St. Joseph's Der Wurst Fest

St. Joseph's Der Wurst Fest is coming February 16, 1997.

## Attention 3rd & 4th graders

3rd and 4th graders interested in Football, Track and Basketball for August 1997. Contact Robert Wolfe at 396-2152.

## Girl Scout Cookies On Sale Jan. 24-Feb. 9

Stratford Girl Scouts will be holding the annual Girl Scout cookie sale beginning January 24 until Feb. 9. Girls ages 6-16 will be taking orders.

Money earned goes to local troop activities, support of Yuca Girl Scout Council and individual girl members for campership money to attend Girl Scout day camps or resident camp.

Please support Stratford Girl Scouts in this important fund raiser. If you need to order cookies please call Gale Shafer at 396-2294.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Methodist Men annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Free will offering. Everyone is invited to come eat.

## Attention 4-H'ers

Pick up your Buyers' Banquet invitations from the Extension Office. Invitations should be mailed by Monday, February 11.



## Area Foundation Presents Check

The Stratford Area Foundation and J.B. Riffe Endowment Fund for Sherman County gave \$12,000 to the Stratford Independent School District for the Swimming Pool Renovations. Shown above is President of First State Bank B.A. Donelson, Superintendent Vernon Paul and Area Foundation President, Jim Taliaferro.



Shown above from left, Nicholas and Levi Artho washing their pigs for the upcoming Stock Show. Be Sure and Come Out and Support the kids in 4-H and FFA this weekend, Feb. 6, 7, & 8.

## 4-H To Host Concession

Sherman County 4-H Council and Parents Association will be hosting the concession to be held during the County Livestock Show and Sale this coming weekend.

Stuffed Baked Potatoes, Hot Ham and Beef Sandwiches, Frito Pies, Nachos, rice krispies, brownies, fruit pies and a variety of soft drinks will be offered. Co-chairmen for the fundraiser are Desiree Davis and Lauri Ewers.

Proceeds from the concession provide awards for Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Consumer Decision Making, and Shooting Sports. Funds are also used to assist members in camping programs, leadership development opportunities, and support of community development projects.

Sherman County 4-H wishes to extend an invitation to everyone to come by and enjoy the delicious food offerings during the Stockholm.

## Transportation Grants Put Qualifying Agencies On The Move

Amarillo-Panhandle area non-profit agencies may now apply for federal funds to help provide public transportation to the elderly and people with disabilities. The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Amarillo District is calling on private, non-profit agencies to apply for its Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 grant program. The goal of the program is to provide assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly and/or people with disabilities where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient and inappropriate.

"The Section 5310 grant program provides 80% of the funds for a selected agency's purchase of a vehicle to transport the elderly and/or people with disabilities," says Bill Harvey, TxDOT transportation planner. "The agency must provide the remaining 20% of the funds."

Applications are reviewed by a local panel. The funds will be granted to agencies that serve



Lorie Vincent and Mr. Gene Parker, The key note speaker at the SCDC Annual Banquet held Thursday, January 30th.

## Sherman County & City of Stratford Honored At SCDC Meeting

The Sherman County Commissioners Court and the Stratford City Council were honored Thursday night at the Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. Annual Meeting. The SCDC showed their appreciation to them for their financial and civic support the last four years. The SCDC is primarily funded through the County, the City, and a large membership base.

In addition to these special presentations, Lorie Vincent gave an update of SCDC activities, introduced the 1997 Strategic Plan and discussed the importance of developing "partnerships" with other organizations to achieve growth in Sherman County.

125 local and out-of-town guests enjoyed a great meal and Mr. Gene Parker as the keynote speaker. Five lucky attendees received cash door prizes.

The gold sponsors for the meeting were: Stratford Feedyard, Stratford Grain, Walter Lasley & Sons, XIT Communications/XIT Cellular, and First State Bank. The Bronze sponsors were W & C Land & Cattle, Ltd., Cimmaron Feeders and John and Evelyn Schmidt.

Thanks to all who helped make this year's meeting another success. Membership packets for 1997 will be sent out this month.

## Seminar Offers 5 Continuing Education Units For Right-of-Way/Vegetation Management

Right-of-way pesticide applicators can earn five continuing education units (CEUs) by attending a seminar sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture on Monday, Feb. 10 in Amarillo.

The free course will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Service office at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo.

Included in the five hours is credit for 1 1/2 hours in laws and regulations and one hour of integrated pest management, both required to renew an applicator's license. Commercial and noncommercial applicators are required to obtain five CEUs each year to renew their license. Private applicators must obtain 15 CEUs over five years.

Topics that will be covered include pesticide laws and regulations, weed identification and herbicide selection, equipment characteristics and calibration, herbicide mode of action, label comprehension and transportation regulations.

For more information, contact TDA's Amarillo office at (806) 358-7285.

## 1997 Good Citizens Named

Seven Area High Schools have each chosen a senior to be honored as the Good Citizen of the year for the Molino de Viento Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is announced by Mrs. Nancy Woods, chairman of the Good Citizen Committee. DAR.

The honorees are: Michael Meil-Stratford High School; Rachel Artho-Dumas High School; Libby Caviness-Channing High School; Cody McDowell-Sunray High School; Kimberly Weatherford-Hartley High School; and Travis Zinck-Textline High School; and Sarah Speer-Dalhart High School.

The DAR Good Citizens are seniors who are chosen by their respective schools. They are given a questionnaire to be filled out about their high school activities, service to church, home and community, future plans for further education, honors and awards, hobbies and other interests.

They are asked how they have fulfilled the four qualities of a DAR Good Citizen which are Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. A transcript and a letter of recommendation are also included.

Being a DAR Good Citizen is an honor that the recipients can include on resumes or applications to college or employers. The National Association of Secondary School principals has approved this program and has placed it on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

The DAR Good Citizens will be honored on Sunray, April 6, in the auditorium of the Dallam-Hartley County Museum. The Public will be invited to attend.

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

Sunray Coop-Conlen Branch has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 34413 to construct a Grain Dryer and Air Quality Permit No. 34502 to construct an Anhydrous Ammonia Facility near Stratford, Dallam County, Texas. The location of the existing Facility is on the north side of Highway 54, approximately 20 miles northeast of Dalhart, Texas near Stratford, Dallam County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on Thursday, February 6, 1997 and Thursday, February 13, 1997.

## Lenten Series Service

Community invited to First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. for supper and message. Speaker will be Eddie Allsup, Amarillo District Superintendent.

## Golden Nail Award

Honor someone in your organization by submitting their name for the Golden Nail Award. Contact Margaret Reed, 396-2273 for more information. February 17, 1997 is the deadline for the nominations.

## Arts Around The Panhandle

Guymon Community Theater presents "Nunsense II" Feb. 14, 15, 16 matinee 20, 21, 22.

Dalhart Community Theater will host "Always-Patsy Cline" Amarillo Little Theater traveling show. March 14

March 15, Perryton community "Lawman and the Ladies" Dinner Theater as a fund raiser for Make-A-Wish.

March 22 Depot Museum Dinner Theater "Dearly Departed" comedy by Stratford High School one act play performers.

**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**  
935-4375  
ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL



**LOOKING AHEAD  
Chamber Calendar**

- February**  
6-7-8 Sherman County Livestock Show & Sale  
11-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper United Methodist Men  
16 Der Wurst Fest-St. Joseph Church  
17-Stockshow Buyers Appreciation Banquet
- March**  
1-Talent Show-Imagination Station  
6-7-8- 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament Chamber of Commerce  
7-World Day of Prayer-Host Baptist Church  
13-14 Stratford ISD Invitational Golf Tournament  
22- Depot Museum "Dinner Theater"- "Dearly Departed" One Act Play performance  
25-Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Silent Auction "Citizen", "Business", "Farmer" recognition
- April**  
Keep Stratford Beautiful Month  
Chamber of Commerce Month  
4-8th grade prom  
5-Jr. Sr. Prom  
26-CASA's "Kids for Kids" Stratford Park

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Sunray Coop-Conlen Branch has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 34413 to authorize construction of a Grain Dryer and Air Quality Permit No. 34502 to authorize construction of an Anhydrous Ammonia Facility on the north side of Highway 54, approximately 20 miles northeast of Dalhart, Texas near Stratford, Dallam County, Texas. The proposed grain dryer Facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (grain dust), and products of combustion from the burning of natural gas (nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, unburned hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide). The proposed anhydrous ammonia facility will emit the following air contaminant: ammonia. A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the proposed facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief, specific statement of how and who emissions from the proposed facility would adversely affect you in a way not common to members of the general public; and (5) the location of your property relative to the proposed facility.

Hearing requests or comments on the application must be received in writing at the Chief Clerk's Office, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, within 30 days after the second publication of this notice. This notice is to be published on Thursday, February 6, 1997 and Thursday, February 13, 1997.

The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Application documents, a compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251. For additional information, contact the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (800) 687-4040.

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**Reminder- Depot Museum Dinner Theater 3-22-97**

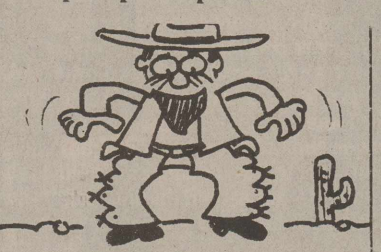
Reminder: March 22nd is a day to remember! Mark this date for the annual Dinner Theater sponsored by the Depot Museum. Food and Fun! Plan to attend.

**Quicken6 Computer Shortcourse Set For February 17-28**

A two day introduction to Quicken6 for Windows 95 computer shortcourse will be held on February 27 and 28 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. The course will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. each day. The course is limited to 14 participants. A \$75.00 registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of the computers and teaching materials. Couples that share a computer get to attend for one registration fee.

Quicken6 for Windows 95 is an inexpensive, easy to use financial record keeping program that is widely used by agriculture producers. In the two-day training, each participant will have access to a computer to learn Quicken6 in a hands-on setting. Participants will enter transactions in the register and write check screens. They will learn categorize by type of income and expense, to split and memorize transactions, and to develop meaningful reports. No prior computer experience is necessary.

To reserve a place in the shortcourse, please bring a check for the registration fee to the Sherman County Extension Office or call (806) 396-2081. Remember the course will be limited to the first 14 paid participants.



Until the age of two, many children tend to be bow-legged. They generally grow out of it.

**Area Chamber Banquets To Be Held**

Some area Chambers of Commerce have scheduled their annual banquets. Local residents are invited and encouraged to attend one or more of these events as ambassadors for Stratford. The banquet schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 25-Dalhart
- Saturday, March 15-Friona
- Tuesday, March 25-Stratford
- Tuesday, April 1-Borger

For additional information regarding tickets and times, contact the Chamber office 396-2260.

**School Board Election**

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a school board election on May 3, 1997. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is February 17, 1997 and continues until March 19, 1997. You may file at the office of the superintendent Monday through Friday from 8:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Positions held by Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden and Sandy Baskin will expire this term. Holdover members are Barbara Chumley, Roy McAlister, Karen Riffe and John Wheeler.

Nothing reveals a man's character better than the kind of joke at which he takes offense.

—G.C. Lichtenberg

**Obituaries**

**Ethel F. Biddle**

Ethel F. Biddle, 90, a former Oklahoma City resident, died Wednesday, January 22, 1997.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 25th in Elmhurst Cemetery at Guymon, Okla., with the Rev. Terry Armstrong, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements were by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Mrs. Biddle was born in Sasakwa, Okla. After the death of her parents, she was raised by foster parents in Shawnee, Okla. She graduated from high school in Shawnee and attended college at East Central State at Ada, Okla., graduating with a teacher's certificate.

She married Sidney Arthur Biddle Sr. in 1926. He died in 1943 in Tunisia while serving in the Army during World War II.

She taught elementary school in Seminole County for three years. Following the death of her husband, she moved to North Little Rock, Ark. She was a receptionist in the Veteran's Administration Hospital. In 1953, she moved to Oklahoma City and retired from the VA hospital in 1965.

She had been a resident of Coldwater Manor in Stratford since 1992.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Sidney A. Biddle, Jr.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Jo Biddle of Guymon; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

**Norma Jean Hume**

Texhoma-Norma Jean Hume, 62, died Tuesday, January 28, 1997.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 31 in First Baptist church with Lloyd Mattocks and Terry Davidson officiating. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Warren County Memorial Park Cemetery at Monmouth, Ill. Texhoma arrangements were by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home. Monmouth arrangements were by Turnbull Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hume was born in Princeton, Ind. She married Ronald F. Hume in 1954 at Monmouth. They moved in 1976 to Texhoma, where she worked in several cafes. Her husband died in 1994.

She was active in the Women's Bowling Association Congress in Guymon and had been a member of the Eagle Auxiliary No. 378 in Monmouth.

Survivors include three daughters, Margo Hume of Monmouth, and Diana Moore and Robin Bales, both of Texhoma, and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

**Time To Order Tree Seedlings**

Now is the time to order your tree seedlings for spring planting. Please call the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation office at 396-5517 for more information or to place your order. Remember your windbreaks and landscape plantings!

**Ladell Bonds**

Dumas-Ladell Bonds, 73, died Wednesday, January 29, 1997.

Wake services and rosary were at 7 p.m. Thursday in Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Scully, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Dumas Cemetery.

Mrs. Bonds was born in Nazareth and had been a Dumas resident since 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. She married Lloyd W. Bonds in 1944 at Rhode Island.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, George Bonds of Stratford and Melvin Bonds of Dumas; two daughters, Flora Luttrell of Denver and Kathy Traylor of Dumas; a sister, Marie Venhaus of Dumas; seven grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd Dumas, Texas 79029.

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Editor and All Sherman County Voters:

Each legislative session the County Treasurer's Association has successfully fought the abolishment of the County Treasurer's office, however, with the abolishment of the State Treasurer it is the consensus of the county Treasurer's Association that this will strengthen their position (if not this session then the next). Numerous bills for the abolishment of the office have already been filed. If they are successful in their endeavor, you will have lost one more of your Electorite rights. Representative Warren Chisum is a member of the County Affairs committee in Austin. If you are concerned about this issue please write Representative Chisum and urge him to vote NO on all abolition bills. He needs to know YOUR view. Representative Chisum's address is P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910.

Thank you  
Linda R. Keener  
Sherman County Treasurer

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**Timi's Tidbits**  
By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you, Sherman County Old Timers an Readers this cloudless Monday morning Feb. 3, 1997.

There were the usual groundhog stories from the eastern states an one conclusion was that we would have an early spring which should be acceptable to senior citizens. One of our pleasant memories of Goundhog days is of two former Stratfordites namely Carolee (Baskin) Campbell and Mary Sue (Taylor) Cotton were happy birthday girls a number of years ago Carolee lives in Kansas. Mary Sue lives in Iowa we hope they exchange birthday greetings this year.

It will be easy to fill ones Calendar of Activities-Stock Show, Various Valentine Banquets Methodist Men Pancake Supper the Browning McClure Wedding museum dinner theater and museum volunteers. Mark your's calender an then read it.

Renovation of First Baptist Church is progressing nicely it is really amazing what the changing of walls opening a new door reinforcing glass fronts will update a building without adding area to the original floor plan. This original building was erected in 1959-38 years ago there have been many changes as the Church has grown but this is a major revamping of the interior.

Friday we drove east of town on the Gruver highway and other County roads and were amazed to see snow still on the fence rows. This snow fell more than two weeks ago so this says something about range of temperature during this time.

A wreck east of town on highway 54 resulted in the death of the driver and the wife in Dumas hospital the couple was from Iowa.

Coach Brad Thiessen has moved into Cleve Garrisons house on south main.

Mrs. Donna Gillenwaters is home from Hospital, Rex Tillery is in High Plains Hospital.

As most people know when one is planning an preparing for a wedding their are lots of phone calls and letters to finalize plans. This is the way we spent most of yesterday afternoon. The announcement in the paper will tell you of the marriage of Lori Goin and Mike Powers, Lorelyn's son, which will take place March 8, 1997 in Mansfield, La.

H.L. Haile of Amarillo and Allan Haile of Frona were in Stratford tending to business and visiting last week.

After a eight week recuperating period since major surgery Lorelyn Powers expects to return to her regular job this week.

This will leave Timi "pretty much on her own". from Friday to Monday. We'll how dependent on someone else she has become in two months.

Hopefully the weather this next week will be such that Senior citizens can be out doors and Pat shoulder, and tell folks they luv them in person and give the telephone a rest.

Community invited to First United Methodist church on Wednesday, February 12, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. for supper and message. Speaker will be Eddie Allsup, Amarillo District Superintendent.



Valentine's Day was the day when, according to an ancient tradition, the birds chose their mates for the year.

**New Places-New Faces**



John Morley, western Wyoming & Bob Schoeppe, Montana with Western Geophysical, doing seismograph work in the area. They have a temporary office in the John Woods Building on 3rd Main. This building was built in 1905 and housed 3-5 banks until 1931. Royal Pendleton, Sherman Co. Abstract had offices in the back and the U.S. Post Office was in the front from 1940 to 1949. The Post Office moved and the building housed the Sherman Co. Abstract, Bill and Selma Pendleton. John Woods purchased the building for his Law Office in 1971.

**Basketball**

Oh how many times have we heard the old expression "pass me the ball"! Today it's still being used and heard. While a team is more than one or two people, it takes everyone. ViAnn Reed & D'Lynn Reed's 3/4 girls proved just that.

Reed's team (1-1) squared off against undefeated Shari Hudson & Donita Robertsons (2-0) team. Hudson's team outscored Reeds team 4 to 1. ViAnn's own Haley Buckles, Ashley Duke & Keisha Wolf were some of the key players. Having crucial steals through out the game. While Katlyn Reed, Chelsie Christian & Chelsi Thiessen had their fair share of rebound action.

In the first quarter Haley Buckles was the only one to score for Reed's team. While Kayla Robertson contributed 6 and Brittany Hudson put in 2 points. The first quarter ended Reed 2 Hudson 8.

The second quarter scoring was answered bucket for bucket. Chelsi

Thiessen and Haley Buckles each had 2 points each. While Hudson's, Lindsey Stein and Yadirra Ortega had 2 points each. Kayla Robertson went to the free throw line on a foul. Kayla had trouble with her first shot, but sank the second one for 1 point. The first half ended, Reed's team trailed 6 to 13.

The second half was action packed. The tough defense and continued steals and rebounding kept both teams scoreless in the third. In the fourth, Hudson added 6 more points to the team total. Reed's team continued to work hard scoring 2 points. The game ended 8 to 19.

Reed's teammates not mentioned earlier who assisted both on offense and defense were Johnna Ewers, Emily Shafer and Yolanda Aguilar. Hudson's team roster rounds out with Jacklynn Skaggs, Samantha Pulliam, Cheyenne Ziemann, Heather Robertson and Aleacia Helton.

The second game was electrifying! This match up was so action packed that the lights went off on the scoreboard and half the gym. This game was between Keith King's and Efrin Ortega's 3/4 boys. Even though there was a power failure in the building, the current ran wild on the floor.

Leading scorer on King's team was Adam Gomez with 9 points, Josh King followed with 7 points Casey Crabtree contributed to his team total with 1 point. Keith King's team traveled to the free throw line three times and shot 50% making 3 of the 6. Travis Soto, Derek Blain, Cody Willard, Thomas Griffin and Victor Michael assisted their teammates with steals and

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**Assembly of God**

Rev. Mike Leonard  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Super Church 10:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**

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

**First United Methodist**

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

**St. Joseph Catholic**

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

**I'm Back!**  
OPENING  
Tuesday, February 11  
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A wedding shower was held in the home of Martha Ellison on February 1, 1997 for Beny and Kim Chisholm Shuping. Shown from left, Sue Perkins, Linda Chisholm, Kim, Cynda Shuping, Lea Shuping and Shanda Davis.

**Two Meetings Planned For Prospectus Club**

Prospectus Study Club meets Wednesday, Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m. at Joyce Hart's. "Your Life May Depend on Us" is the program brought by Coffee Memorial Blood Bank. Co-hostesses are Linda Haynes, ViAnn Reed, Ronna Jo Riffe.

Coldwater Manor Birthday Party will be Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. at Coldwater Manor. Marsha Wright, Social Chairman, is in charge of refreshments.

First Grade children will sing "Valentines for You" under the direction of Marietta Combs. Lollipop Junction Day Care children will also be on the program.

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**Engagement Announced**

Herbert & Linda Goins of Mansfield, LA announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori Liane, of Atlanta, Ga. to Michael Wayne Powers of Atlanta, Ga., son of Lorelyn Powers of Stratford, Texas. Wedding vows will be exchanged at 5 p.m. March 8 in the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, LA. Ms. Goins is a 1982 graduate of Mansfield High School. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from LSU-Shreveport in 1987 and a bachelor's in pharmacy from Northeast Louisiana University in 1991. She is employed as a pharmacist with Kroger in Atlanta, Ga. Her maternal grandmother is Bessie Roberts of Mansfield and paternal grandmother is Alice Goins of Provenal. Powers is a 1987 graduate of Stratford High School. He received his bachelor's in business management from North Texas University in Denton, Texas in 1994. He is employed as a personal trainer in Atlanta, Ga. His maternal grandparents are H.L. Haile Amarillo-former Stratfordite and the late Marijo (Brown) Haile. The couple will make their home in Lubbock, Texas following their marriage where they will be attending Masters' programs at Texas Tech.

**Nu Beta Sorority Meeting Change**

The regular Nu Beta Business Meeting time and place has been changed this month due to the Stock Show and other conflicts. Sorority will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Crossroads Restaurant on Thursday, February 6th.

Instead of our traditional meeting, we will meet for dinner and discussion about upcoming events. We will be electing a sweetheart that night for our Valentines Dinner. All members are eligible. If you cannot attend the dinner, please fill out the ballot and give it to Stacy Metcalf by Thursday.

All members please make plans to attend the Sweetheart Dinner which will be held on Sunday night, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Cindy and Gary Clement's house. It's a couples dinner, so invite your spouse or a guest! See that attached list for what you need to bring! Call Kaci or Cindy if you have any questions about the dinner.

If you still owe for an apron, please pay Lorie Vincent at the meeting or as soon as possible. aprons will be delivered at the meeting.

Congratulations to Tracy Yanke and Jerry Ewers on their marriage this weekend! We wish them all the best!

Don't forget your Secret Sister on holidays and special occasions! If you have any questions, please call Lorie Vincent at 396-2897! See you Thursday!

**Special Photo Exhibit To Be Held**

The Imagination Station Board of Trustees will be hosting a special photo exhibit featuring windmills. The photos are selections from T. Lindsay Baker's book *Blades in the Sky* which documents the work of windmill B.H. "Tex" Burdick between 1923 and 1942.

This traveling exhibit will be open to the public at designation times Local and area schools will be invited to share the history of this vital part of ranching history in the rural areas of Texas and other parts of the West.

Come and relive the story of windmillers who endured the blazing sun, sandstorms, blisters, rattlesnakes, and perils to life and limb to build windmills and provide underground water to his dry area.

Watch the newspaper for exact days and times during February and March. The exhibit has been delayed because of a change in the museum loaning the exhibit.

If anyone in the Stratford area has windmill knowledge, artifacts, materials or local historical information please call Evelyn at 396-2380 or any of the Imagination Station Board of Trustees.



After a fiddler crab loses a claw, its other claw enlarges while a new one grows in.



Watermelons consist of about 93 percent water and can weigh up to one hundred pounds.

**Kline Named to Dean's Honor Roll**

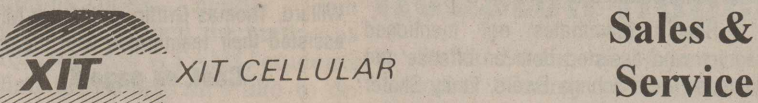
Salina-The following student was named to the Dean's Honor Roll List at Kansas Wesleyan University for the Fall 1996 semester. To be named on this list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.7499 and be enrolled full time (12 or more hours).

Making the Dean's list was Jolina Garoutte Kline, majoring in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Orlanda Garoutte and the late Gary Garoutte of Stratford.

**Scot News**

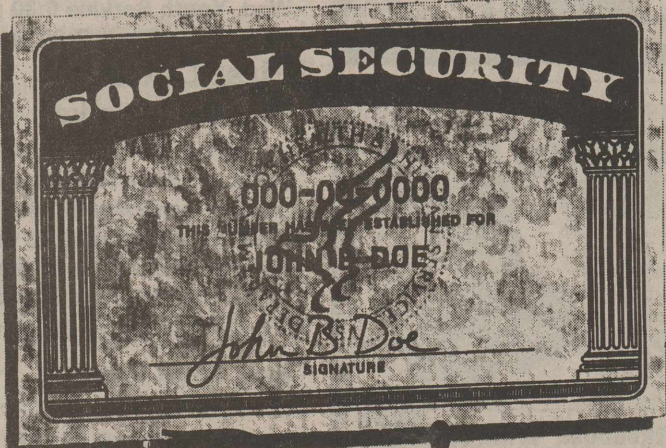
By Jack Gore

January luncheon started Scot activities for the new year. Thanks to January host and hostesses January was a good start for renewing dues and obtaining previous members and new members. Hopefully, with bad weather behind, we will have Bingo this coming Thursday night at 7 p.m. If you have any ideas for Valentine, let us know.



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**Births**

Smantha Xena Peinado was born to Casey Wolfe in Stratford, TX. on January 7, 1997 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. She is loved by her grandparents Ethellene and Robert Wolfe.

Rusty and Kristen Hembree are the proud parents of a new baby boy, William Jacob born February 1, 1997, 7 lbs. 8 oz and 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Dan & Marian Hembree of Stratford, Texas and William and Jane Hoffman of Hampton, Connecticut.

Most children will have a full set of 20 teeth by the age of three years.

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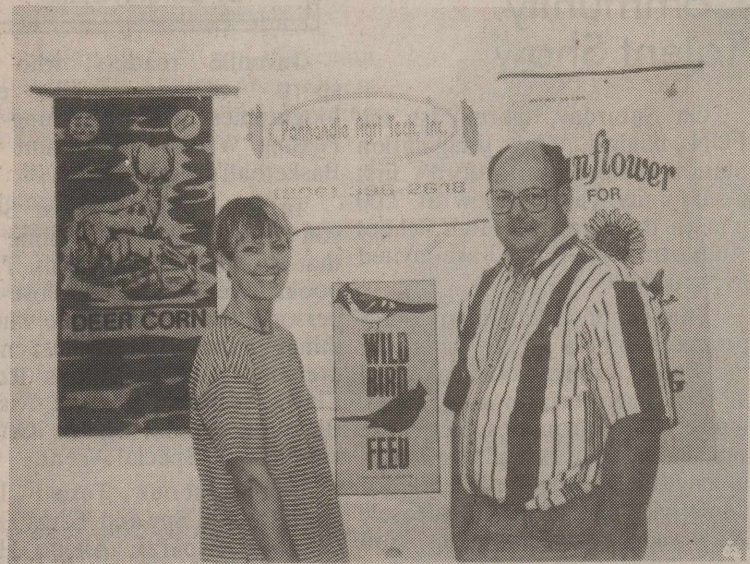
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## Stratford Business Offering New Line



Rodney and Donna Burd - Owners of Panhandle Agri Tech.

Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc. began operations in Stratford November 1, 1995 offering dry and liquid fertilizer sales and applications and herbicide and pesticide sales and application. Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc.'s 1,000 ton liquid blend plant, 10,000 square foot warehouse and dry grain storage are conveniently located for both rail and truck shipments. In addition Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc. offers chemical and fertilizer applications with our new Rogator and NH3 applicators, sell Chemigation units and Inject-o-meter pumps and fertilizer and chemical parts.

Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc. has a complete seed cleaning and bagging operation and has recently expanded to include their own brand of wild bird food. Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc.'s four trucks are available for contract hauling.

Currently 12 people are employed full-time in the seed plant, fertilizer plant, truck drivers and office personnel.

Rodney and Donna Burd, owners of Panhandle Agri Tech, Inc., came to the Stratford area in 1978. Rodney was manager of Sherman County Grain, Texhoma, Texas for 18 years and has been in the grain business for 26 years. Rodney and Donna have three daughters, Tonia and Jamie, students at Texas Tech University and Kristi, a junior at Texhoma High School. They are members of the First Christian Church of Texhoma, Sherman County Economic Development Committee. Rodney is a member of the Texhoma Rotary and has served as a board member of the Texas Plant Food Institute for four years and is a member of the Wild Bird Feeding Institute.

## Retirement Lifestyle Revealed

Sunday, January 26 in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church, Stratford, Keith Perry presented a visual walk through the J. Paul and Polly Craig Methodist Retirement Community being built in Amarillo on West 9th St. This community will offer independent worry free retirement living in cottages and apartments with priority access to all campus services for assurance of continued care.

The Craig Community will offer 40 landscaped acres of nature to 42 cottages, 108 apartments, assisted living quarters, a nursing center and an Alzheimer's Care facility. The community commons will provide dining rooms, 24 hr. coffee house, grocer, pharmacy, bank, postal service, library, beauty/barber shop, a wellness-exercise studio plus several community rooms for entertaining.

Mr. Perry is CEO/President of

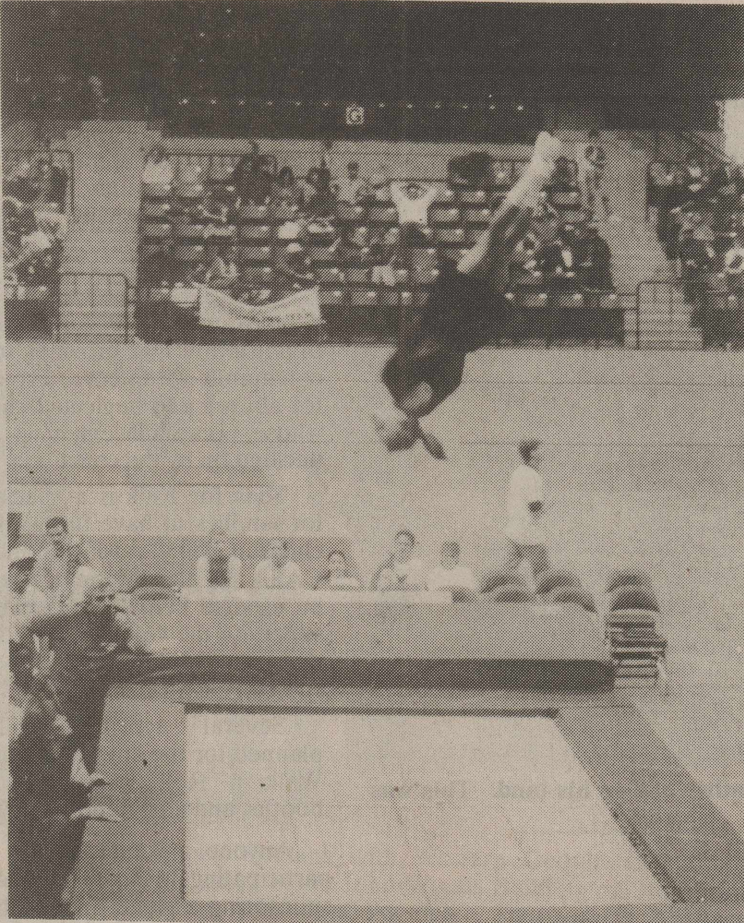
Sears Panhandle Retirement Corp. Amarillo, and Sears Methodist Retirement Systems Inc., Abilene.

In 1965, Sears Methodist Retirement Systems was a vision of John and Frank Sears, pioneer ranching families in the Abilene area, to provide quality care and services in a Christian environment for the elderly population of West Texas. Sears Methodist Retirement Systems, Inc. was the parent of Sears Panhandle Retirement Corp.

The Sears Panhandle Retirement Corp. retirement community project also includes renovation of the present Canyons Retirement Center on W. 7th. The nursing facility will be moved to the Craig Community and the building will entirely apartments. These apartments will be available for Senior Citizen low income retirement.

For more information call toll free 1-888-352-7244.

## James Competes In Gymnastic Meets



Thea James, shown above performing her Trampoline routine at Hobbs, N.M. that assured her a spot at Nationals in June.

Thea James, one of sixteen members of the Division II Boise City Power Tumbling and Trampoline team traveled to Hobbs, N.M. on January 18, for the 1st of three qualifying meets for 1997.

Thea a level 10 trampolinist, was hoping to qualify for Nationals. To qualify Thea had to meet or exceed a qualifying score of 49.4. Thea was given a score of 54.5 by the panel of judges, assuring her a spot at Nationals. Nationals are being held this year at Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World June 4-11. A new Sports complex is being built and this will be the first event to be held there. Thea's score on tramp placed her in second for that event. Thea also placed 1st on Double-Mini Tramp and 1st on Tumbling. Thea competes at Level 9 in the other two events, so gets to go to Nationals in those events by invitation.

Out of 12 trophies the team brought home 3, 1st place trophies. They did a clean sweep of Level 9 and also won the Level 8 tramp trophy. The team traveled to Sooner State Games at

Oklahoma City. Thea won 2nd on on Double-Mini. The team trophies, 1 on Trampoline and 1 Trampoline, 2nd on Floor and 3rd brought home 2 first place on Double-Mini.



L-R: Thea James, Rana Montgomery - Coach, Jan Wade - Asst. Coach, Stephanie Albus of the Division II Boise City Power Tumbling and Trampoline team.

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## State Senator Teel Bivins Receives Golden Apple Award



Senator Teel Bivins (second from left) receives the "Golden Apple" award from Supt. Dawson Orr, Pampa, (second from right) and other superintendents from senate district 31.

State Senator Teel Bivins received the prestigious Golden Apple Award from the Texas Association of Mid-size Schools (TAMS) this morning in Austin. Senator Bivins, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, has long been recognized by Education leaders as a strong advocate for children and public education.

The actual presentation of the award was made by representatives of the twelve mid-sized schools in Senator Bivins' legislative district on behalf of all members of TAMS. These schools

include Andrews, Borger, Dalhart, Denver City, Dumas, Greenwood, Hereford, Kermit, Pampa, Perryton, River Road, and Seminole.

In announcing the Golden Apple Award, TAMS President Dr. Wayne Pierce stated, "Teel Bivins is a champion for children. He is known as a tenacious advocate for education, and will not hesitate to stand up for what is right. Texas is fortunate to have him as chairman of the important Senate Education Committee."

In receiving the award Senator Bivins said, "I am as honored by

this award as I am humbled by the enormity of the challenges that we face setting policy for public education in Texas."

TAMS is an organization of mid-sized public schools and represents over 750,000 Texas children. The Golden Apple award is reserved for those public officials who have demonstrated exemplary support and leadership on behalf of the children of Texas.

A small copy of the Statue of Liberty stands on a small island on the Seine River in Paris, France.





Man cannot control the weather, but he can control the effect the weather has on his land. This was bare land.

## Blue Norther

By Richie Brotherton, NRCS

Back in the early days, Texas cattle herds had to go north to be sold. It took special men to trail a herd of half wild longhorns across Texas and on to northern markets. Cowboys spent never ending days in the saddle, riding point or drag and standing night watch. The longhorns took constant watching. They were jumpy critters that would stampede at the drop of a hat. Because of this breeds cantankerous disposition only the most fearless and experienced riders were allowed to point the herd. When a herd spooked it took all of a cowboys wit and cool savvy to escape.

Stampedes were not the only problem the cowboys had to contend with. Flooded rivers from spring rains were always holding them back. When the rivers weren't flooded cattle would have to cross treacherous bars of quicksand. They had to avoid the Indians and the buffalo, and there was the ever present danger of prairie fires. But, one of the

elements that galled the trail drivers more than any of the others was the blue norther.

Cattle herds started north just as soon as the grass began turning green in the early spring. When southern herds hit the Panhandle they usually hit some strong winds. When an old Blue Norther caught the herd out in the open the cowboys were hard pressed to keep the cattle from going back where they came from. Some days more ground was lost than they could gain back the next. there was no way to fight against it, they just had to ride out the storm, endure. Legend has it that some of these chilling blasts would last for three days.

The wind is a factor we are always having to contend with on our cropland fields. When the soil is bare during the spring these gusting winds can devastate a fields top soil. As much as five to fifteen tons per acre of top soil can be lost; or even more. By keeping a good standing residue on fields not sown to wheat we can hold the soil in place. The soil is agricultures stock in the future-our real national treasury. Let's keep it where it is. Soil would be a terrible thing to waste.

## Campus Radio Station Signs On The Air

The One 91.1 FM, West Texas A&M University's campus radio station, signed on the air Jan. 28 with a mission to promote community awareness.

"This semester KWTS staff members will focus on achieving a higher community awareness and providing quality entertainment, while making it a great learning experience for the 85 students working in management or on-air positions," Jay Cloyd, KWTS program director and a senior mass communications major from Stratford, said.

Natalie Essary, KWTS general manager and a senior mass communications major from Amarillo, described the station as a great way for WTAMU students to find something they like to do while learning a valuable job skill that can carry them into the future.

Among the things added to the list of "to dos," staff members are working on the annual Ribbonfest, an AIDS benefit concert set for April 19, and preparing for a signal upgrade that will boost the station's power from 100 watts to 6,000 watts. Staff members have also committed to getting in touch with the community service organizations on campus and in the Canyon/Amarillo area.

"It is important to stay in touch with organizations that serve the community and to lend a helping hand to those entities," Lesley Montgomery, KWTS public relations director and a senior mass communications major from Pampa, said.

KWTS signed on at 7 a.m. Jan. 28. The alternative-format station will broadcast from 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. seven days a week. Installation of new operating equipment delayed the sign-on date one week.

Although holly berries are poisonous, the leaves of a South American species of holly are used to make a drink called *mate*.

## Graduates Receive Degrees

Degrees were officially conferred on 397 West Texas A&M University graduates at the Dec. 12 commencement ceremonies. Stratford graduates included Heather L. Husmann with a BBA in Management and Melinda Rendon with a BBA in Communication.



Let bar cookies cool slightly before you cut them or they may crumble.

## Basketball

The 7th Grade A boys beat Spearman 41-17 on January 27. Scoring for the Elks were Adam Bell with 9, Skyler Walden - 9, Michael McAlister - 8, Wesley Hunsaker - 7, Nick Ashley - 5, Scot Plunk - 2 and Jaret Pemberton. The 7th Grade B boys also beat Spearman - no stats available.

The 8th Grade A boys beat Spearman 38-28. Scoring for Stratford were Corey Naugle - 14, Sid Resendes - 8, Aaron Rhoades - 5, Carlos Ortega - 4, and Reta with 4. The 8th grade B boys lost to Spearman.

The 9th Grade boys lost to Spearman 27-33. Elks scoring were Andy Witcher - 4, Martin Acevedo - 8, Parker Wells - 4, Nusz - 3, Cody Brotherton - 2, Brown - 2 and Cesar - 4.

On January 27, the 7th grade girls white team beat Spearman 32-6. Trisha Teig was high point with 14 points followed by Marca Ewers with 6, Lara Shafer, Lori Wilhelm and Kari Gudgell with 4 points each.

The 7th grade girls blue team beat Spearman 20-15 on Jan. 27th. Carly Mathews scored 10 points followed by Ashley Brown with 4, Heather Ashley, Jessica Young and Pam Griffin with 2 points each.

The 8th grade girls blue team beat Spearman 38-22 on Jan. 27th. Jessica King was high point with 17 points followed by Ivonne Hernandez with 7, Kara Brownlee - 6, Brenda Aguilera - 4, Thea James and Shelli McCarver - 2 each.

The 8th grade girls white team beat Spearman 24-10. Janet Witcher scored 8, Crystal Garza - 7, Stephanie Reinart - 5 and Zulema Torres - 4.

The J.V. girls beat Boys Ranch on January 28, 52-28. Julie Kimball was high point with 12 followed by Rocia Aguilera and Lori Young with 8 points each. On January 31st, they beat Sunray 36-31. Julie Kimball was high point with 10 points followed by Rocia Aguilera with 9 points.

On January 31st, the Lady Elks beat Sunray 50-40. Lynz Browning was high point with 17 followed by Jennifer King with 12 points.

No Stats Available for J.V. and Varsity Boys.

## CASA 69, Inc. Planning 7th Annual Kids For Kids Event

CASA 69, Inc. Board members, staff and volunteers are hard at work planning Kids for Kids 1997. The annual event will be held on Saturday, April 26, at the Pendleton City Park, in Stratford, Texas.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is a non-profit organization that provides trained community volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children whose home placement is being decided on by the court.

Kids for Kids is a special day for families to have fun with their children while raising money for CASA 69, Inc. Money raised will be used to help recruit, train and supervise the volunteers who work with the children of the 69th Judicial District.

Several activities will be planned for the day including: The Walk n Roll, game and food booths, and entertainment.

Anyone interested in participating in Kids for Kids by sponsoring a game or food booth or providing entertainment is asked to call 249-2684.



The first great modern English dictionary, Samuel Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language (1775), contained only about 50,000 terms. Today's average college dictionary has over 150,000 entries.

## Imagination Station To Host Community Talent Show

On Saturday, March 1st the FUN begins! The Imagination Station is hosting Stratford's first Community Talent Show at 7:00 p.m. in the Stratford High School Auditorium, and YOU are invited to participate.

This Community Talent Show promises to be a great evening for the whole family. Local talent of all ages may perform skits, songs, music, comedy routines, etc. These acts should not exceed 5 minutes in length, and must be suitable for family viewing. (G-rated, please!) A piano, sound system, and spotlight will be provided. Any additional equipment, scenery, instruments, lights, or costumes will be the responsibility of the performers. The Imagination Station will accept the first 15 suitable acts to register. (The rest will get first shot next time!) A panel of judges will also be on hand to award cash prizes to the top three entertainers.

This Talent Show will be a community event that everyone can enjoy together, and we would love to have you participate. What could be more educational or inspirational than seeing our gifted friends and neighbors sharing their unique talents with confidence, enthusiasm, and pride?

To get in on the FUN, please contact Evelyn Schmidt (396-2380) or Kristi Walden (769-4467) for a registration form. All registrations must be in no later than Wednesday, February 12, 1997. Thanks for your participation and support!

## Brock Swain To Compete In Houston Rodeo Calf Scramble

Brock Swain, a 14-year old Sherman County 4-H member from Stratford will be competing in the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble on March 1. This matinee performance also will feature entertainment from John Michael Montgomery.

Brock, the son of Linda and Jack Swain, will be scrambling for one of 320 calves to be awarded at the 1997 Show. In addition to seven championship PRCA Rodeo events, the calf scramble is an exciting part of each rodeo performance.

The picture is painted with 28 kids scattered around the 4-acre Astrodome arena in a determined quest to catch one of the 14 calves-each of which are equally determined not to be caught and haltered by a young 4-H or FFA scrambler. The result is a fun, entertaining but somewhat chaotic 10 minutes before these calves have been properly haltered, then often tugged in, pulled in, pushed in or dragged into the winners' square.

Although the scramble itself is exciting and heartwarming, the serious side of the event begins once the Show ends. Each of the students who catches a calf is awarded a \$1,000 certificate, donated by an individual or a company, to purchase a registered

beef or dairy heifer. In addition to the winners, two youngsters at each performance are presented "hard luck" certificates for their efforts in attempting to catch a calf.

The heifer becomes the basis of a yearlong project in which the scrambler must personally raise the animal, and groom, feed and care for it. The project is closely supervised by a county extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

During the year, the scrambler must keep financial records and a detailed journal chronicling the animal's progress, and submit this to both the Show and the donor. The following year, the scrambler returns to the Houston Livestock Show to participate in special show ring competition.

Since the calf scramble was added to the Show's agenda in 1942, more than \$4,668,000 has been awarded to scramble winners who've raised 13,871 animals.

The calf scramble program is just one of the Show's educational opportunities for Texas young people. Annually, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo commits more than \$4 million to Texas students in the form of scholarships, endowments, research grants and various other educational programs

## Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Juvenile readers who are sports minded will enjoy biographies of Steve Young-NFL Passing Wizard and Grant Hill-Basketball's High Flier.

In the Risky Business Series you can learn about exciting jobs that demand unusual skills. These books give you an up-close-and-personal profile of people who do things most of us would never dream of doing such as Rodeo Clown, Window Washer, Marine Biologist, Bomb Squad Officer, and Wildlife Special Agent.

Stores about Texas: Deaf Smith, Scout, Spy and Texas Hero; Gregorio Esparza, Alamo Hero; Thistles and Bluebonnets; Did You Ever Meet A Texas Hero; and Texas Christmas: Celebrated Under Six Flags.

Nothing is nicer to give-or to receive-than a handmade gift. Gifts To Make For Your Favorite Grown-up offers more than 40 simple and fun to make crafts for kids to make for all occasions.

Judy Baer, who writes for the older juvenile reader, has these new titles in the library: Silent Thief, The Suspect, and Three's A Crowd.

Twenty books in the Word Bird series are for the toddler to school age child. Each page has a delightful picture and two or three words that describe the activity in the picture.

Viki Woodworth presents a story with great pictures and rhyming text in Can You Grow A Popsicle?, Have You Ever Seen An Elephant's Nest?, Have You Seen A Green Gorilla?, Have You Heard A Kangaroo Buzz? Would You Wear A Snake?, and Would You Spread A Turtle on Toast?

## Stratford Distinguished Service Award Nomination

The Women's Forum of the Amarillo Area, invites nominations of Stratford Women for the 1997 Distinguished Service Award.

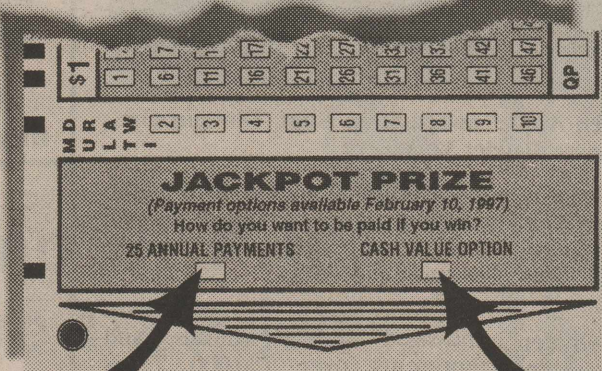
The purpose of this award is to honor outstanding women who have helped shape the development of the Texas Panhandle through their contributions of talent and skill. The award recognizes and publicizes the visible examples set by women that pave the way for others to follow. Since 1975, awardees have been selected from arts, business, finance, education, health care, law, science, volunteerism, and other fields.

Stratford area past recipients of the award are Marillyn Albert, Timmie Brown, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Lynn Wells.

Deadline for nominations is February 28. Information & Nominations may be obtained from Marillyn Albert DSA committee, Stratford Chamber of Commerce or Kay Henard, Amarillo 371-5426.

A luncheon to honor all nominees will be held April 19, 1997 at the Amarillo Country Club.

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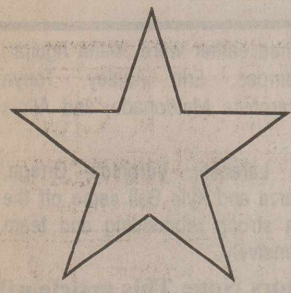
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### Legal Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Sherman County, Texas, will convene in Regular Session on Monday, February 10, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Sherman County Courthouse, to select a depository for county funds for March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1999, according to Article 2544, Texas Revised Civil Statutes. Any banking corporation, association, individual banker in the state of Texas, desiring to be selected as County Funds Depository shall make application therefore and said application shall conform to the provision of articles including Article 2544 through 2558-A, Texas Revised Civil Statutes.

W.C. Fesler  
Sherman County Judge

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### Pain may be eliminated for millions

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### Cards of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, calls, and acts of kindness shown to us since my accident.  
Thank You Again,  
Walter and LeVerne Lasley

We are very appreciation of your cards, phone calls and gifts in memory of Tom. Stratford was always his home and his love and faith were certainly not misplaced, its still a great hometown. Thank You.  
Sincerely,  
Irene, Tommy E., Buzz and Glenn Wakefield

The Lollipop Junction Board of Directors would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended Lollipop Junction's Annual Mexican Dinner. As you know, Lollipop Junction is a non-profit organization, and successful fund-raisers are essential to keeping this tremendous asset in our community. Please make plans to attend our Calf Fry and Auction on May 3. It will be an evening of delicious food, and there will be lots of great auction buys. Thanks again for your support, and we hope we can look forward to your continued support in the future.



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Silk floral arrangements \$7.50 and up..  
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Millionaire Candy, Dreamscicles, Be!loon bouquets, floral arrangements, plush animals, Valentine mug arrangements, stuffed balloons, and much more..  
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# SPS/PSCo Announce Expected Employment Levels

Merger efficiencies, new business practices reduce work forces; quality service continues

Final employment levels expected by Southwestern Public Service Company and Public Service Co. of Colorado following their planned merger as new Century Energies will reflect job reductions resulting directly from the merger and from other preparations for competition in the electric utility industry, yet will assure continued quality service, the companies announced today.

Most of the anticipated staffing reductions are in customer-accounting and corporate support areas. Service personnel, such as power plant employees and linemen, will be affected only minimally.

Thirty percent of the merged companies' combined personnel will be in the SPS service area, and 70 percent in the PSCo service area. The ratio of positions was 29 percent to 71 percent before the companies began merger discussions.

Significant staffing reductions and high attrition already have occurred. An anticipated further combined reduction of 399 positions will allow the combined companies to remain low cost suppliers of choice in an increasingly competitive environment, said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies.

Total reductions in the SPS area will be 418 jobs. Of that amount, 169 reductions already have occurred through a merger-related hiring freeze and attrition, leaving 249 to go. A total of 1,831 SPS-area jobs will be retained, compared with 2,249 in 1995, the year the merger was announced.

Total reductions in the PSCo area will be 1,039 jobs. Of that amount, 889 reductions in positions already have occurred through a hiring freeze, attrition, and previously planned reductions, leaving 150 to go. A total of 4,356 PSCo-area jobs will remain, compared with 5,395 in 1995.

The overall reduction of 1,457 positions or 19 percent of the combined work forces, is greater than the original projection of 8 percent, because of the expanded scope of expected competition. Employees of both companies were told last year that the reductions would be higher than originally estimated.

"We regret having to reduce our work forces; we greatly value all of our employees," Helton said. "But we find that we must make these changes to continue to prepare for the future."

"We have worked the past year and a half to prepare to operate as a low-cost, competitive, combined company. We chose not only to look at savings and efficiencies directly related to the merger, but also at customer convenience, new business practices, and especially savings for our customers," he said.

Proposals to allow direct competition between electric utilities for retail customers are expected this year in Congress and in states served by PSCo and SPS. "New Century Energies' preparations for such competition," Helton said, "emphasize involvement in the communities we served and continuing high-quality service."

SPS will refocus the operation of its 43 business offices later this year. The offices will no longer handle customer payments. Next week SPS will be announcing details of more convenient, alternate payment centers in businesses such as supermarkets, and a centralized call center that can respond to customer questions for extended hours during the day.

Twenty-six of the business offices will remain open as bases of operation for employees involved in providing electric service, engineering sales economic development and other functions. Seventeen of the offices will be closed, and remaining personnel will be relocated to service centers and other SPS facilities in the communities.

"We will still have employees in the communities to assure reliable electric service," Helton said.

"Our employment plans are significantly more comprehensive than we first anticipated. We have had literally hundreds of employees from both companies working together to design a new company ready for a drastically changed environment of national competition in our industry," he said.

Helton said the employment reduction figures reflect elimination of overlapping positions, efficiency-related reductions under way the year the merger was announced, and other reductions developed by employee teams.

Late next week or soon thereafter, the companies plan to provide individualized packets of information to each employee whose job is identified as "merger-affected." "Merger-affected" positions are those that will be reduced in number or eliminated, or will be subject to significant job-duty changes or geographic relocation.

Many positions in both companies, including most jobs directly related to providing electric service, will not be "merger-affected."

Numbers of affected jobs in individual departments or communities will be available after employees are notified, probably in a week or so.

Employees in merger-affected positions may apply for up to four positions in the merged companies. Employees who apply but are not selected will be eligible for involuntary separation packages of one-and-a-half week's pay for each full year worked and other benefits, including job counseling and outplacement assistance. Some employees will be eligible for early retirement.

The companies also will offer a voluntary severance package for merger-affected employees who choose not to apply for continued employment. The voluntary severance package benefits include one week's pay for each full year worked.

If the merger continues to progress before utility regulators, the re-staffing process could begin late next week and be completed by March 31, 1997.

The merger has been approved by regulators in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and New Mexico, and agreed to in Oklahoma. Administrative law judges have recommended approval in Texas and at the federal level. Texas regulators are expected to act on the merger Feb. 5, 1995; federal regulators have not scheduled final action. Completion of the merger is targeted for this spring.

### Changes Planned For Local SPS Business Offices

This schedule is based on SPS's expectation that customers will quickly find its new alternate payment centers more convenient.

SPS is retaining the following local business offices, and their operations will be refocused. They will continue as bases of operation for employees providing electric service and involved in community development, sales, engineering or other responsibilities. These offices will no longer process bill payments. The change in operations will be effective approximately the dates shown:

May 1997	August 1997	November 1997	
Abernathy, TX	Dalhart, TX	Amarillo, TX	
Beaver, OK		Borger, TX	
Boise City, OK		Carlsbad, NM	
Canadlan, TX		Clovis, NM	
Dimmitt, TX		Guymon, OK	
Elkhart, KS		Hobbs, NM	
Eunice, NM		Lubbock, TX	
Floydada, TX		Roswell, NM	
Jal, NM			
Morton, TX	These local business offices are planned to be closed. Personnel will relocate to other SPS facilities in the community. The changes will be effective approximately the dates shown:		
Olton, TX	May 1997	August 1997	November 1997
Panhandle, TX	Tahoka, TX	Artesia, NM	Hereford, TX
Post, TX		Canyon, TX	Levelland TX
Seagraves, TX		Denver City, TX	Pampa, TX
Spearmen, TX		Dumas, TX	Plainview, TX
Stratford, TX		Littlefield, TX	
Wheeler, TX		Muleshoe, TX	
		Perryton, TX	
		Portales, NM	
		Ralls, TX	
		Seminole, TX	
		Slaton, TX	
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### Basketball Cont. from page 3

rebounds throughout the game.

There was not shortage of power for the Ortega team, who was lead in scoring by Chris Ortega with 16 points, Timothy Garcia had 2 and Chad Johnson had 1 point. Other live wires for Ortega's team were Brady Bell, Connor Vincent, Matthew Ricks, Leonel Palma and Mark Miller.

Ortega's boys traveled top the free throw line on two occasions shooting twice each time. Shooting 75% from the line, making 3 of 4 free throws.

Game three looked a lot like a high school arch rival game. Jode Lasley and Mary Cross 5/6 girls met Brenda Bells girls. This game looked more like a Friday night pig skin match up, than a basketball game. While Lasley's girls had ample opportunity to place points on the board, today the ball just would not fall.

Bell's team having a slight height disadvantage against Lasley's starting five players, remained strong offensively and defensively. Holding Lasley's Elizabeth

Tims to 2 points. Bell's, Amie Witcher had 4 points while Alisha Sladek scored 10 points. While placing points on the board, Bell's girls also aided Lasley's team in bonus shooting at the free throw line.

Scoring the second quarter was limited to 4 points on Bell's team. while

tough defense kept Lasley's team from scoring.

The second half, turned to favor Lasley's team while Brenda's team remained scoreless. Lasley's Elizabeth Tims put 6 points on the board while Tiffany Duke contributed 2 from, the free throw line and 2 from the field.

Jode's girls got into foul trouble the second half of the game while Brenda's girls were forced to play more conservative. The last quarter of the game Lasley's Tims added 4 more points and Duke added 2. While being able to score in the second half it came a little too late. The best lasley's girls could finish with was 18 points. Brenda's, Alisha Sladek 4 more points finished out the game. The final score being Bell 22 Lasley 18. High point for Jode's team was Elizabeth Tims with 12. Following with 6 points was Tiffany Duke. Brenda's team was lead in scoring by Alisha Sladek with 16, Amie Witcher 4 and Tiffany Whetten having 2 points.

Lasley's girls went to the free throw line 10 times only able to score 2 points. They shot 20%. Brenda's girls traveled 8 times to the line, and was not able to score. Lasley's record goes to 1-2. While Bell's record goes to 2-1. Bell's next game will be against Kathy Riffe's (1-1) girls. Lasley will square off against Riffe's girls February 18th.

Lending support to Lasley's bench but

not mentioned earlier were Juana Aguilar, Raniel Bumpas, Erin Ashley, Tanya Whatley, Veronica Maldonado, and Alicia Adams.

Amber Larance, Veronica Ortega, Priscilla Garza and Kyla Bell came off the bench with strong rebounding and team playing offensively.

(Editors Note: This article will be finished in Next weeks edition of The Star)

**EASY VEGETABLE SOUP**  
 Prep time: 5 minutes.  
 Cook time: 10 minutes.

1 (15 oz.) can Veg-All Mixed Vegetables with liquid  
 1 quart (32 oz.) of any meat stock  
 1 small can spicy tomato juice

Mix all ingredients in large saucepan. Add spices to taste and simmer until heated through.

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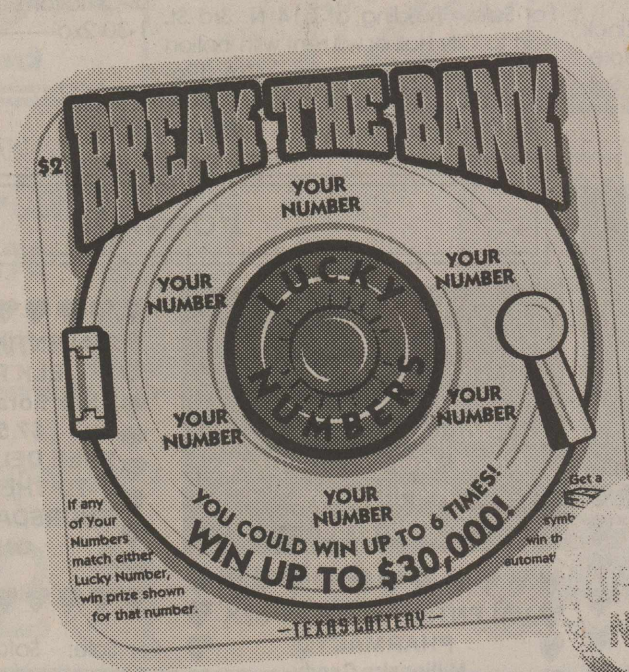


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