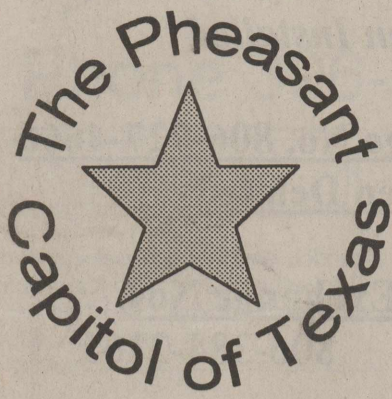


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Stratford VS. Panhandle
Thursday, February 20, 1997
Bi-District Game
7:30 p.m.
Borger High School
(Sit on Visitors Side)
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Der Wurst Fest Huge Success

St. Joseph's Catholic Church held their annual Der Wurst Fest on Sunday, February 16, 1997. Approximately 460 people enjoyed the meal.

Country Club Items To Be Auctioned

Country Club Items to be auctioned.

1. 6 tickets to "Texas" opening night June 11th
2. Chinese New Year Party 1st week of Feb. 1998.
3. Hamburger Cookout and swimming for 20 people.

Scot Bingo

Bingo at Scot Hall Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

Library To Sponsor Tutor Training Session

Would you like to learn to read English? Or would you like to learn to speak English? Or would you like to learn to read better? Would you be interested in being a tutor for someone?

Sherman County Library will sponsor a tutor training session for those interested in this program. Usually it is a 12 hour session for tutors to learn the skills necessary to teach. We ask that you call the library so we may work with you to set up the workshop.

If you want to learn to read and/or speak English, please let us know so that we may know how many tutors will be needed.

This is a free program for those needing the help to learn reading-speaking skill as well as tutor training.

The library number is 396-2200.

Attention 3rd & 4th graders

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

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.

85 & Looking Good

Girl Scouts Celebrate 85 Years

To mark the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting, Yucca Girl Scout Council is holding an event—85 and Looking Good and Annual Meeting—for Girl Scouts of all ages on Saturday, April 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Memorial Enrichment Center in Guymon, Oklahoma. The event will be an opportunity for Girl Scouts to celebrate their rich heritage with friends old and new.

In announcing the event, Myrna Biggers, president of the council, says that "Girl Scouting has enriched the quality of life for so many girls in Stratford for many years, and we are continuing our efforts by organizing this event for all Girl Scouts as part of our 85th anniversary celebration. The event is a great opportunity not only to celebrate the achievements of the past, but to anticipate an exciting future for Girl Scouting in the next century. Yucca Girl Scout Council includes 14 counties in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado.

Girl and adult members in Yucca Girl Scout Council will be participating in this activity-filled day. Girl Scouts will learn games, songs, flag ceremonies, recipes,

outdoor skills and crafts which have been shared during the 85 years of Girl Scouting in America. They will have a chance to share in the democratic process at the 1997 Annual Meeting held as part of the event.

Over the years, Girl Scouting has made a concerted effort to keep ahead of the times by developing projects and activities that reflect the needs of contemporary girls. Today, Girl Scouts are engaged in a broad range of current issues, including preventing child abuse, improving health and fitness and promoting literacy and pluralism.

Girl Scouting was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, who was born in 1860 in Savannah, Georgia. To date, the organization has provided some 50 million girls with confidence, leadership skills, fun and lifetime friendships. From an initial 18 girls in 1912, Girl Scouting has grown to over three million members today, making it the world's largest voluntary organization for girls. For more information on the Girl Scout event, or to join Girl Scouting, call Yucca Girl Scout Council at (405) 338-6414.

National Potato Lover's Month

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
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Arts Around The Panhandle

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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters-Open Forum

The Dallam/Hartley/Sherman Satellite of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, 3, 1997 to fill two (2) directors' Inc. is presenting the facts. An open forum will be held Monday, February 17, February 24 at the Dalhart Elementary Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Executive Director, Jelaine Workman will answer questions about the program. There will also be a match with her to talk about their experience as a Big and Little.

The Pilot Club of Dalhart saw the need in this community to provide one to one mentoring for children from single parent homes. This group began the pursuit of bringing Big Brothers Big Sisters to this area. "We appreciate the community supporting our Bowl For Kids' Sake last month. It provided for us the opportunity to raise the needed funds to open an office," explains Nell Campbell, chairperson for the local advisory committee. "This will most assuredly be our strongest event in Dalhart and will keep us serving our region."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, Inc. is a volunteer driven organization dedicated to matching children ages six to fourteen from single parent or extended family homes in a one-to-one relationship with a qualified mentor for the development of positive life skills and social values.

Jelaine Workman, Executive Director for the BBBS Amarillo region reports, "Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters Impact Study recently completed by the Public-Private Venture Group, we found that children with a one-to-one mentor were 46% less likely to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking. They were 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class." Workman continues, "This proves that our program does have an impact."

"Children from single parent homes often need another adult 'fiend' to share ideas, concerns, and joys." Workman explains. "Through this program we can match a child between the ages of six and fourteen with a qualified adult to provide just that type of friendship."

For more information, contact about Big Brothers Big Sisters or the Open Forum, call 384-2447 (BIGS)

Pre-Kindergarten Survey

Pre-kindergarten survey-if your child will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1997 and not 5 years old on or before September 1, 1997 and you are interested in sending them to pre-kindergarten. Call Jim Bob Brown at 396-5305 to determine if your child qualifies.

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.

Hospital District To Hold Directors Election

Stratford Hospital District will hold a directors' election on May 19, 1997, and continue through March 19, 1997.

Interested persons may file at Stratford Hospital District administrative offices located at Coldwater Manor, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The terms of Jeanie Boggs and Steve Dettle expire this year. Holdover directors are Gary Hudson, Bonnie Hamilton and R.J. Hill.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration

February 17-March 27, 1997, Principal's office Mary Allen Elementary school. All children entering Kindergarten 1997-1998 school term must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 1997.

The following information must be provided: Student's name, Date of Birth, Parents name, address, telephone number, valid birth certificate, updated shot record and social security card.

Windmill Exhibit Public Showings Scheduled

The Imagination Station will be hosting a special "Blades in the Sky" windmill exhibit beginning Monday, March 3rd from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This Family Night kick-off is open to all Stratford area residents. Refreshments will be served.

Highlights of this exhibit are thirteen framed photos from the book *Blades in the Sky* by T. Lindsay Baker, a historical video about windmills in Sherman County created by Marian Williams; actual windmill gears, working models, and demonstrations; and other hands-on learning activities.

Local and area schools have been invited to tour the exhibit during the month of March. The Depot Museum is also planning a fine arts exhibit on windmills during March.

Other public openings are scheduled on Saturday, March 8th and 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 9th and 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Residents of all ages are invited to come and share this experience. The unique historical perspective shows the growth and settlement of this area after water resources were made available as a result of windmill technology.

Benefit Dinner For Eddie Moon

Eddie Moon, a Stratford native is a patient at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for a heart and liver transplant. The son of Geneva Halle and the late Donald Moon, Eddie graduated from Stratford High School in 1965.

The Open Door Sunday School class of the United Methodist Church is sponsoring a dinner for Eddie's benefit on Sunday, March 2, 1997 following morning worship services. The community is invited to attend this free-will dinner on that day.

Elks Play Thursday For Bi-District

The Stratford Elks played Randall High in a practice game on Tuesday, February 11, 1997. The Elks lost to Randall 61-77. Scoring for the Elks were Ross Davis with 18 points, Ryan Davis - 14 points, Oscar Aguilera - 10 points, J.B. Presley - 8 points, Coby Galla - 4 points, Efrain Ortega - 3 points and Justin Starnes and Dusty Stewart with 2 points each.

The Elks will play Panhandle for Bi-District on Thursday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Borger High School - visitors side. **GOOD LUCK ELKS!!!!**

Upcoming Christian-Men's Rally Planned

Christian men in our community are sponsoring a men's rally March 3 at the County Barn. Hot dogs will be served at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. with praise music followed by the video tape "Jesus".

The praise music will be led by male vocalist from the community. The music will create a special atmosphere of worship prior to viewing the video.

The video entitled "Jesus" is a non-denominational presentation of the story of Jesus Christ. The video was produced by Campus Ministries and has been shown on campuses and churches across the United States with glowing reviews.

All men in the community and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend. The invitation is open to men and boys of all ages. For all men to gather for one purpose will be a blessing to all.

GOOD LUCK ELKS!!

Talent Show Postponed

The Community Talent Show sponsored by The Imagination Station and scheduled for March 1st in Stratford has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Thanks to everyone who expressed interest and support in this community program. Local and area performers who signed up to participate will be given first priority when the show is rescheduled.

Please contact any Imagination Station board member if you have suggestions about a new date, or ideas on ways to showcase local talent.

Evlyn Schmidt
Blynn Bryson
Steve Roach
Jon Englebrecht
Karen Riffe

Kristi Walden
George Harding
Sheri Long
Kay Brizzolara

Looking Ahead Chamber Calendar
March

6-7-8 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament Chamber of Commerce
World Day of Prayer-Host Baptist Church
13-14 Stratford ISD Invitational Golf Tournament
15-Stratford Country Club Auction
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
29-FHA Cookout

May

1-FFA Banquet
3- Lollipop Junction Calf Fries/Auction

Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF TEXHOMA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Texhoma will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 1997 at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TXDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Kim Crippen, City Secretary, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 20, 1997.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Recycle.. The City of Stratford has had to discontinue their recycle program however let's continue to recycle to keep those items out of our landfill.

Dumas continues to recycle therefore; As we are sharing our dollars at Wal-Mart, etc. let us share our recyclables too at Maddox and 13th. Newspapers, tin, plastic, colored glass, clear glass, oil etc. Please continue to save your aluminum for the Fire Dept., Imagination Station or other local organizations.

I have had contact with the city of Crockett (pop. 8000) who are making about \$80,000 per year in recycling. This is not entirely money in pocket but also savings on tipping fees at a landfill 54 miles. Crockett has mandatory recycling, they are closer to companies using recyclables and they have personnel who work at finding markets. Amarillo is having a hard time finding markets for their recyclables. Perhaps through cooperation with others we can make this work. For now, Lets share with Dumas!!

Gaynelle Riffe

NOTICE

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Obituaries

Jemi Sue Burnam

Jemi Sue Burnam, 35 of Guymon, died Saturday evening February 15, 1997 at her home in Guymon.

The daughter of Bud and Frankie (Aduddell) Shields, she was born on July 12, 1961 at Salida, Colorado. Jemi Sue was raised in Stratford, Texas and attended the Stratford School System. She was a member of the Stratford First Christian Church.

She moved to Guymon from Gruver, Texas in the summer of 1991 and has been a resident since. She was employed with Seaboard in Guymon.

She is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Earl and Florence Shields and her maternal grandmother, Mildred Aduddell.

Survivors include one son, Bruce Brooks of Houston, Texas, one daughter, Jennifer Brooks of Guymon, her parents, Bud and Frankie Shields of Stratford, two sisters, Jacque Ann Hong of Phoenix, Arizona and JoDawn LaFlamme of DeLeon, Texas and her maternal grandfather, Paul Aduddell of Stratford.

Memorial services were conducted Wednesday morning February 19th at 10:00 a.m. from the Bunch-Roberts Chapel in Guymon with Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor of the Stratford First United Methodist Church officiating.

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon February 19th at 2:00 p.m. from the First Christian Church in Stratford with Rev. Mark Metzger officiating. Interment was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Memorials for Jennifer Brooks scholarship will be accepted at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942.

Diabetes Management Series To Be Offered

A four part Diabetes Management Series will be offered to diabetics, family, friends, and other caregivers during the month of march. The meeting series will address understanding the disease, dietary concerns, prevention of complications, and stress management skills associated with diabetes. Program participants will also have an opportunity for their personal blood sugar monitors to be checked for accuracy.

The first session will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 12 noon at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford. John Schmidt, PA of the Stratford Family Medical Clinic will be leading the discussion. A lunch suitable for diabetics will be served at the session by the Sherman County Family Living Committee. The lunch fee will be \$4.00 per person.

Subsequent sessions will be held March 13, 20 and 25, 1997. For more information contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at the County Extension Office, telephone 396-2122.

Sponsors of the Diabetes Management Series are the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Sherman County Family Living Committee, Stratford Family Medical Clinic and Coldwater Manor.

Fred N. Garoutte

Dumas-Fred N. Garoutte, age 83 died Sunday, February 16, 1997 at Dumas.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997 at Hadley Funeral Home Chapel in Windsor, Missouri with the Rev. Glenn Shoemaker Interim pastor, First Christian Church of Windsor, MO officiating. Interment was in Laurel Oak Cemetery.

Mr. Garoutte was born Feb. 18, 1913 in Christian County, MO. Had been a Dumas resident since 1960. He was raised in the Windsor, MO area. He was a carpenter for Phillips Petroleum. He was a member of First Christian Church, Dumas.

He married Ola Kroos in Clinton, MO January 13, 1934. Had been a longtime member of the Dumas Masonic Lodge #1009 of Dumas, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Ola of the home, daughters Jean Moore of Plainview, TX and Janet Beaton of Marland, OK. one sister Polly Gardner of Lees Summit, MO. 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Caol Aderholt in 1995.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society 211 Zauk, Dumas, Texas.

Girl Scouts To Organize Spring Troops

Girls in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to attend an informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m. at the Imagination Station. A parent also needs to accompany each girl.

A new Daisy Kindergarten troop will be starting up with volunteer leader Jennifer Koch. Parents are needed to assist Ms. Koch. Daisies will meet for 7 weeks and learn about Girl Scouting, fun activities, games, songs and sharing.

Brownie Girl Scout troops in grades one through three are also signing up all interested girls. Adults are needed to work with these Brownie troops.

Come and learn about Girl Scouts in Stratford. Flyers will be sent home on Friday with all Mary Allen Elementary girls in grades K-3.

For information about the meeting or any questions about Girl Scouting for girls ages 5-17, please call 396-2380 or 396-2527.

Younger Texans Met

Tuesday, February 11, 1997 Younger Texans 4-H club met at the county barn. Sid Resendes and Brock Swain opened the meeting with the pledge to the American flag and 4-H motto. After roll call, Susie Spurlock introduced Terri and Trisha Teig. Mrs. Teig is the leader for the Consumer Decision Making. Trisha and Mrs. Teig taught the Younger Texans consumer decision making with the game called "The Price is Right".

In the "Price is Right" Jennie Spurlock would draw a name from a basket. Then that person would come to the front of the room. Trisha had put out six store bought items on the table. The person would be asked to put the items in order from least to greatest according to value. People would go up to the items to place them in correct order. After four rounds of this everyone had refreshments brought by Trenton Boyd, Dillan Everett, Sid and Adam Resendes and Yvonne Hernandez.

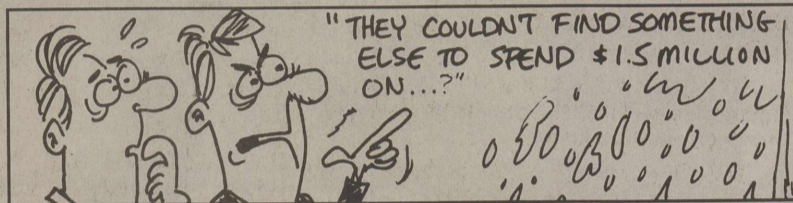
After everyone was done, Susie Spurlock talked about the job of a council member. She said that a council member got to go to different places to plan county-wide activities. After that everyone went home.

Submitted By
Carley Bryson

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Game night last Friday was enjoyed by several. Those who came enjoyed cake, furnished by Gladys Arnold and Ice cream by Jack. This week's activities are Bingo Thursday night and Dance Saturday night. Next week's activities include board meeting and luncheon.



The world's tallest fountain is found in Fountain Hills, Arizona. Built at a cost of \$1.5 million for McCulloch Properties Inc. the 562-ft-tall column of water weighs more than eight tons.

Reminder- Depot Museum Dinner Theater 3-22-97

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

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County old Timers and readers this slightly overcast Monday morning February 17, 1997.

When we write Happy Day today we are well aware that for many of our citizens this is a far from a Happy one due to the untimely and tragic death of Jemi Sue Shields, Guymon, Okla. Jemi Sue is the daughter of Bud and Frankie (Addudell) Shields, a granddaughter of the late Mildred (Judd) and Paul Addudell, incidentally she is a fifth generation person of Judd family.

The Valentine Season has been a joyous occasion for many people because of many parties and banquets.

Lorelyn & Timi attended the Adult Sweetheart Banquet at the First Baptist Church where we greeted the Lloyd Crownover, Bill Mires, Kay is really a Valentine birthday. The Steve Baskin, The Billy Joe Potts, Keith Kings, Mike Boyds, Faye White, The Glenn Whites, Reba Pittman, the Duane Pittmans, The Basking Browns, Louella Johnson, The Red DeBords, Cecilia DeBord, Lee Tarvers, Jerry Stewarts Lem Russells, Oscar Wilsons the Doug McBrydes and Marcella McBryde. The Jay Willards were among the folks we greeted. The young people's department served the meal. John Wheeler was Master of Ceremonies and Dorothy thanked people for bring extra guest. Musical entertainment was furnished by quartet composed of Rev. Jerry Stewart, Jay Willard, Billy Joe Potts and Lee Tarvers.

Friends visiting around Texas saw Mickey and Kenneth Williams, Ronnie Williams parents, The former Marjorie Grimes, Lubbock, Tex.

Guests of Corda Pleyer on Valentines Day her birthday were her daughter Delores and Carl Humphreys their son and bride from Arizona, the bride B.J. ask Corda is she knew Mary Nan Gamble (Mrs. Keith Gamble) interesting, little story concerning this is that Mary Nan was a friend of B.J. mother Genevieve Ellison and baby sat B.J. for her friend occasionally of those who knew Mary nan she was a teacher.

Saturday afternoon Baskin brown loaned the meat locker and equipment (under Baskins supervision) to St. Joseph Catholic Church members for the purpose of preparing meat for the Der Wurst Fest, held Sunday Feb. 16, 1997 this is a yearly function of the church an attendance to the festival proved how popular it has become among Stratford citizens.

From the Methodist hour Thelma Hutchison Smith, Fred McDaniel sister is recovering from pacemaker surgery at the home of her son.

Mrs. Bill Sladek expects to have surgery on both knees Feb. 24, 1997 R.J. Hill called Eddie Moon real bad had good recovery by end of the week.

In conversation with our great granddaughter Carrie Austin, we learned she and family expect to attend the wedding of Lori Goin & Mike Powers. She suggests that her father Joe Ray and Rose join the rest of the family there and so introduce Joe Shane to the family. We like the idea because all four of our babies will be present they are great grands, Joe Shane Brown, Great great Devan Nichols Powers, John David Haile, Claire Austin. Claire and Devan are 6th generation people I don't know which would be more exciting for Timi the wedding or the baby show.

Thurs. February 13, 1997 was an impressive day weather wise because rain or snow fell all day long providing much needed moisture.

Life is so sweet to all of us let us old timers add to its joys by cheering people with shoulder pats and luv.

Check Out The Library
By Dorothy Haile

Story Time for 3 and 4 year old children is meeting each Wednesday morning at 11:15. The children are enjoying the videos and the projector that has been provided for the library by the Tocker Foundation Grant. The Tocker Foundation provides grants to public libraries that are situated in areas that have less than 25,000 population. Our library was fortunate to receive one of their generous grants.

Historic Towns of Texas and Twenty-Two Texas Women may be found in the Texas Collection.

For inspirational reading are Max Lucado's books-In The Grip Of Grace and The Applause of Heaven.

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen and Ice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor are the most recent books by these award winning authors. Non-fiction by Susan D. Bachrach is the story of the Holocaust, Tell Them We Remember.

Our young readers will enjoy Math Curse, Street Rhymes Around the World, The Big Bug Book, The Magic School Bus Inside A Beehive, and Sootface.

One Stormy Night and By The Light Of The Halloween Moon fit into the holiday season.

The Nutcracker Ballet has outstanding art as well as text the children will love. Hold Christmas In Your Heart has African-American Songs, poems and stories for the holidays.

Tommie dePaola, who writes and illustrated children's books, has a unique story in County Angel Christmas.

Coldwater Manor February Birthdays

Coldwater Manor February Birthdays were celebrated Feb. 11. There were seven residents honored by Prospectus Study Club.

Gifts of Valentine socks were given to Laura Pipkin, Feb. 3; Edna Knight, Feb. 4; John Moulton, Feb. 5; Frank Sutton, Feb. 13; Mike White, Feb. 18; Opal Bufkin, Feb. 21; Lena Miller, Feb. 27.

65 first grade students sang four "Valentines for You", That's What Friends Are For, I'm In Love with a Dinosaur, What We Need More of in This World, Skidadink-a-Do, and of course, Happy Birthday. Marietta Combs is their director. The students had made Valentines which they gave to the residents.

They were accompanied by their teachers, Kathy Altman, Mary Pat Williams, Desine Garza, and principal, Jim Bob Brown. Coldwater manor gave the students a cookie as they left.

Several parents visited to hear the program. There are 33 residents and a total of over 55 present. Prospectus Study Club members present were Cynthia Schoenhals, president and Mattie Baskin, Marylou McDaniel, Oline Caraway, Laurie Spurlock with daughter, Mary Ann.

Angel food cake, chocolate cake, ice cream and punch were served using a Valentine motif.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick had a Valentine Party Friday night with Pat & Bill Boren as hosts. Hank & Mabel Rogers had been "sweethearts" the longest. They had married Aug. 6, 1943. They were given a glass candy dish with candy. The prettiest homemade Valentine was made by Donna Gillenwaters. M'Lynn Wells, daughter of Jennifer Wells, was given a candy dish for having selected the card.

The fantastic desserts were enjoyed by all. 88 and Wild Canasta were played by George & Barbara Avent, Kenneth & Lynn Wells, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Virgie Mathews, R.J. & Mary Hill, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Jennifer & M'Lynn Wells, Jo June McDaniel, Marylou & Mike McDaniel and the Borens.

Roy & Ciccy Harris spent the weekend with his parents, Kenneth & Rowena Stone at Higgins.

Graveside rites were held Monday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo for George J. Fesser, 74. Mr. Fesser at one time had the only electricity plant for Lake City, Co.

Nita Mae Taylor, Poe & Linda Keener and Florecia Eslinger attended the services.

Marylou McDaniel and her dad, Myron Leedy, were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when his nephew and wife stopped by Coldwater Manor. Jim & Vannie Hughes were on their way to Arizona and California. They spent the night and visited with marylou and Mike.

Sandy Trail Farm (Ralph James & Annette Hampton) congratulates all the youngsters who did so well with their pigs. As Annette says, "If they aren't taken care of well, it doesn't matter how good the pigs are to begin with".

Sarah Godwin took Reserve Champion at Channing Show; Sarah Montgomery won Breed Champion at Dallam Co.; two firsts and a second at Bi-County, Sarah Montgomery and Ann Clair Breitling, firsts and Sarah Godwin, second.

In Sherman County Kenna Hawkins had breed champion and Nicolas Artho, Reserve Champion.

Bill & Pat Boren visited Sunday in Liberal with Kerry, Kelly and Kevin Carlisle.



The word curfew comes from the French expression couvrefeu which means cover the fire.



When a cookbook tells you to mince something, that means to cut it into very small pieces. Chopping creates slightly larger pieces and dicing approximately 1/2 inch cubes.

Chamber of Commerce Needs Your Nominations

The Chamber of Commerce will recognize three outstanding area residents at the annual Chamber banquet on Tuesday, March 25, 1997. These honorees will be your family, friends, co-workers and/or neighbors. Previous winners from each category will make the selections from the nominations submitted.

Nominations are to include the following information regarding the nominee: name, address, occupation, brief family information, qualifications, accomplishments, and community involvement. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office or may be submitted on plain paper. The nominations are due NO LATER THAN Friday, March 7, 1997.

For additional information, please call the Chamber office 396-2260.

WARM CAULIFLOWER SALAD

- 1 large head cauliflower, broken into small pieces
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 3 tbs. light sesame oil
- 1 tbs. chopped red pepper
- 1 tbs. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. sea salt or substitute

In a T-Fal steamer, steam cauliflower until tender but still crisp, about 8 minutes. In a large bowl combine remaining ingredients. Add the warm cauliflower and toss to combine. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Serves 4

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
First Christian

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

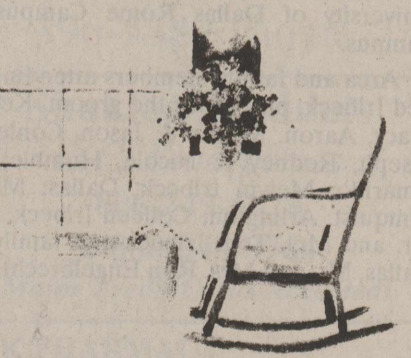
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Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
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Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
Calvary Baptist
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Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

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Bro. Jerry Stewart
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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
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Vows Exchanged

When Randy & Kathleen Irlbeck returned to their home in Rome, Italy, they dressed a second time in their wedding clothing for an audience with Pope John Paul II who gave them a blessing.

Kathleen Elise Pelletier and Randy Lee Irlbeck were united in marriage Jan. 4, 1997 at St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Chuck and Pat Pelletier, Fort Worth and Teddy and Joyce Irlbeck, Kerrick.

Celebrants of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony were Rev. Monsignor Nevin Klinger, Rome, Italy and the Rev. Gilbert Hardy, O. Cist., Opatsug, Hungary; Rev. James Lehrberger, O. Cist., Rev. Timothy Coble, O. Cist., Rev. Timothy Thompson.

The Cathedral was decorated for the Christmas season.

Jennifer Pelletier, Irving, sister of the bride was maid of Honor with Mark Hanafee, Chicago, Ill., as Best Man.

Bridesmaids were Ai-Thanh, Fort Worth; Alicia Conger, Bedford; Ann Clark, Dallas; Ellen Clark, Rockville, Md.

Groomsmen were Melvin Irlbeck, brother of the groom, Dallas; Joseph Flaherty, St. Louis, Mo.; Edward Schertler, III, Amarillo; Jeffrey Rossborough, Garland.

Ushers included brothers of the bride and groom, Dennis Irlbeck, Amarillo; Lester Irlbeck, Humble; Charles Pelletier, III, and James Pelletier, Fort Worth.

John Pelletier, Fort Worth, brother of the bride; William Pelletier, Jr., Fort Worth, bride's cousin; Jason Roberts, Stratford, nephew of groom were altar servers.

Rachel Davies, Irving, was the train-bearer.

Belinda Roberts, Stratford, sister of the groom, gave the First Reading by Matthew Clarke, Irving; and Prayers of the Faithful by Thomas Irlbeck, Denton, groom's uncle.

Gift Bearers were John and Kay Pelletier, William Pelletier, Sr., of Fort Worth, and Mary Pelletier, Dallas.

The Collegium Cantorum from the University of Dallas provided music for the wedding. Organist was Jim Barros with Barry Jones, soloist and James Pelletier on the trumpet.

Prelude included "Laudate Dominum" Viadana; "Ego Sum Panis Vivus", Byrd; "Cantate Domino", Pitoni. Mothers were seated to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", Bach. Attendants Processional was "Canon in D", Pachelbel. The bride's processional was "Prelude to the Te Deum", Marc-Antoine Charpentier, with trumpet and organ.

Ordinary of the Mass music was "Missa Brevis", Palestrina. "Sicut Cervus", Palestrina, was the Offertory Hymn. Communion Hymn, "Panis Angelicus" Franck, was by Barry Jones, soloist, who also sang the Dedication Hymn, "Ave Maria" by Bach-Gounod.

The couple left the altar to "Ode To Joy", Beethoven. A horse and carriage awaited to take them to the reception, then to their hotel.

A dinner-dance reception was held at T & T Building. The newlyweds flew to San Juan for a cruise of the Virgin Islands. They returned to Fort Worth before leaving for Rome, Italy. They will live on University of Dallas Rome Campus where Randy is Director of Campus.

Area and family members attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Irlbeck, parents of the groom, Kerrick; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts, Tracy, Aaron, Megan & Jason, Conlen; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irlbeck, Joseph, Rodney & Nicole, Humble; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Irlbeck, Amarillo; Melvin Irlbeck, Dallas; Ms. Ernestine Almquist, Suzanne Almquist, Arlington; Colleen Irlbeck, Dumas; Dana Tomsu, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Irlbeck and family, Denton; Mari K. Engelbrecht, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Engelbrecht, Hollie Husmann, Stratford.

Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. John S. Lavake of Stratford and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mackenzie of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Brandie Lavake and Scott Carter Mackenzie, Jr. Brandie graduated from Texas Tech University with a major in Multidisciplinary Studies. Member of Delta Gamma Sorority. Scott graduated from Texas Tech University with a major in Communication Studies member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The wedding has been set for May 31, 1997 in Stratford, Texas.

February Birthday's Celebrated

Prospectus Study Club hosted February's Coldwater Manor Birthday Party. Celebrating birthdays in February at the party on Tuesday, February 11 were Frank Sutton, Mike White, Lena Miller, Opal Bufkin, John Moulton, Laura Pipkin and Edna Knight.

Births

Karen and Jeff Zembraski of Boyton Beach, Florida, are the proud parents of a son, Zachary Scott, born February 8, 1997. He is welcomed home by a sister, Rachel, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Elaine Lundberg of Stratford. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Carole Zimbraski of Ridgefield, Ct.



Vows Exchanged

Elizabeth Kee and Thad Parsons were united in marriage December 14, 1996 at the Beaver United Methodist Church. Reverend Mark Metzger of Stratford, TX., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jamie and Suzanne Kee of Beaver. The groom is the son of Larry and Doris Parsons of Stratford, TX.

Sara Kee, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Alissa Smylie of Weatherford, OK., and Tana Hoover of Canyon, TX.

Mike Lunt, of Guthrie, OK served as the best man. Groomsmen were Clint Parsons, brother of the groom, Ft. Collins, CO., and Darren Pittman, Washington, D.C.

Erin Kee and Mara Kee, sisters of the bride, lit the candles. Kinley Kee, cousin of the bride served as the flower girl. She was escorted by Skipper Lumley, the ring bearer.

Serving as wedding ushers were Dane Sallaska, Stillwater, OK., Jon Engelbrecht, Dalhart, TX and Scott Fowler, College Station, TX

Ashley Elliot of Texhoma, OK., sister of the groom, attended the gift table. Angie Mason, Stillwater, OK, served as the program attendant. Dee Dee Lunt, Guthrie, OK, attended the wedding book. Reception attendants were Robin Metcalf, Hooker, OK Kayla Hester, Manhattan, KS., Jolyn Herchock, Alva, OK, Tricia Wilson, Weatherford, OK and Kelsey Loepp, Stillwater, OK.

The wedding music was furnished by soloist Shandy Jenkins, Stillwater, OK, pianist, Denise Owen, Seminole, OK and organist, Kathryn Loepp.

After a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple are now at home in Littlefield, TX.

Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Velden and Ruth Swigart of Mooreland, OK and Kathryn Kee of Quinlan, OK. Thad is the grandson of Bonnie Parsons of Dumas, TX and Pete Burnett of Boise City, OK.

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Hank & Mabel Rogers had been "sweethearts" the longest at Kerrick's Valentine party. M'Lynn Wells selected the prettiest card which was made by Donna Gillenwaters.



Eight youngsters were in the Baby Parade at Coldwater manor's Valentine Party. Pictured with the Valentine King & Queen are Synda Rodgers, 11 mos., and Klay Rodgers 5 years old; Colby Veazey, 5; Dallas McCraskey, 2; Corey Seaton, 17 mos. and M'Kaley Seaton, 2 1/2; Tommy Goodman 3; Sterling Audrain, 13 mos.

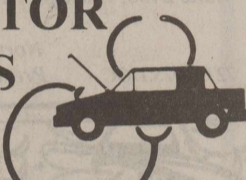



65 First Grade students provided Valentine Songs and Valentines they had made for the residents of Coldwater Manor. They were celebrating February birthdays with a program hosted by Prospectus Study Club.



Shown at left, Elvis Maddox and Nellie Hamilton Miller were named 1997 Valentine King & Queen at last week's Valentine Party at Coldwater Manor. Residents and guests enjoyed Valentine cookies and punch.

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- May 13, 1997 "Self Esteem" presented by Sandy Carter Dalhart Youth Center 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Answers

1. (b) False. A stock option is a contract which conveys to its holder the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell shares of the underlying security at a specified price on or before the given date.
2. (a) True.
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4. (a) A "call" option gives its holder the right to buy an underlying security. A "put" option conveys the right to sell an underlying security.

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The kinds of income students may have to pay tax on includes wages, tips, self-employment income, investment income (including interest on a bank account), and taxable scholarships and

fellowships. When students begin working, they fill out a Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," to help their employer figure the amount of taxes, if any, to withhold from their paychecks.

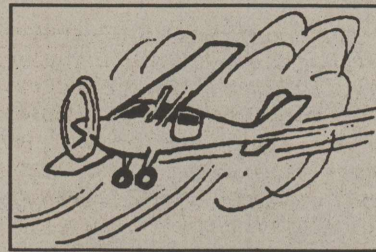
At the beginning of the new year, students with income over the limit that applies must file a tax return. Most students can use Form 1040EZ. It's the shortest, simplest form. But if their

income includes more than \$400 of taxable interest or any amount of dividends, students must also use Form 1040A. Or, if they had any self-employment income, they must use Form 1040.

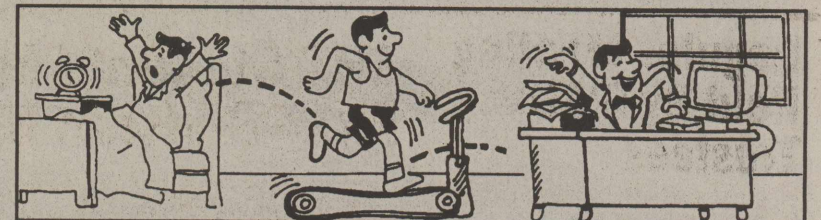
Many students may be able to use the IRS TeleFile system to file returns over the phone. Those who are eligible for this program will get a special TeleFile tax booklet. Follow the instructions in it.

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Regular Meeting Held By SISD Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, February 10, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members and guests were present: Vernon Paul, Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, John Wheeler, Karen Riffe, Roy McAlister, Barbara Chumley, Jim Taliaferro, Jim Bob Brown, Jeanie Boggs, Patty Brown, Stacy Metcalf, Brad Thiessen, Mr. Pate, Brenda Brownlee and Linda Brotherton.

The invocation was given by Kenton Kimball.

Principals Jim Taliaferro and Jim Bob Brown gave their reports on their respective campuses.

The board held a discussion regarding the sale of a school bus at Canyon. Tax Collection is at 95.48% Quarterly investment report was given showing interest earned at \$14,169.76.

Vernon Paul, Supt. gave a report on Governor Bush's tax relief plan and how it relates to school districts. The minutes from the previous board meeting were amended and approved. The expenditures were approved for payment.

The board approved the sell of the 1976 International Activity school bus, goals for the Superintendent, Textbook Committee for 1997-98.

In other business, the board approved a proposal from the First State Bank to substitute securities. The board approved a change in funds for Title 1 from \$60,008 to \$63,234. SISD received extra money. SISD auditors asked for approval by the board of the 1995-96 final expenditures in the amount of \$4,004,120.00.

The board approved the band trip to San Antonio May 1-4.

The board set the dates for Public School Week: March 3-7. Open House will be Tuesday, March 4, 1997 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The board approved salary schedules for Auxiliary personnel and Administrators.

The board approved the hiring of Cathey, Hutton and Associates to develop a Strategic Telecommunications Plan for Stratford that will be a part of the ECIT Technology Consortium.

After coming out of closed session the board approved 2 year contracts for Principals, Steve Haynes and Jim Taliaferro and Athletic Director, Brad Thiessen. The board accepted the resignation of Jim Bob Brown as Elementary Principal and hired him as teacher subject to assignment. Approval was given to rehire Lynette Kautz, Kenny Palmer, Darla Cummings and Billy Joe Potts. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

SHS Students Bring Home 54 First-Division Medals

SHS Junior High and High school students participated in the Annual UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday, February 1, 1997 on the campus of WT A&M University in Canyon. Big Blue Band members had a Banner Day-Bringing home fifty-four First Division Medals. This performance represents 90 per cent achievement of the coveted First Division or Superior rating

"Students At Risk" Program Given At Meeting

The Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority enjoyed a silent auction which was a fund raiser for the grant in aid fund. A scholarship is presented to a graduating senior girl who plans to enter the educational field and is a graduate from a school in Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties.

Brittany Hass of Dumas spoke briefly about a new program "Students at Risk". The program is funded by a grant from the federal government and is administered by Catholic Family Services in Amarillo. It's services are available to all schools and to all students who are having difficulties in their educational, personal, or family lives. Contact your local counselor for more information.

Mrs. Margaret Parsons, president presided at the business meeting. Frances Holden led the singing of familiar and new Delta Kappa Gamma songs. Mildred Bosler played the keyboard for accompaniment. The roll was called with members answering with a New Year's resolution concerning Delta Kappa Gamma. Shirley Hendricks gave the treasurer's report.

Janet Pipkin gave a report on the button project. Buttons with the inscription "Read To Me" are given to all kindergarten students.

Sandra Carter gave a brief report on plans for celebrating Women's History Month in March. Contact Sandy for more information about ways for schools and organizations to celebrate the contributions of women to our history.

The society has two new members. Mrs. Paul has recently transferred to the Gamma Xi Chapter. Barbara Haile will be initiated into the society soon.

Refreshments were served by Sunray members: Margaret Parsons, Janet Pipkin, Nina Morton, and Sandra Carter.

and is a great step in reviving this contest which suffered in years past because of conflicts.

Any High School Student receiving a First Division Rating on a Class One (highest difficulty) Ensemble is eligible to participate in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest. The same rule applies to solos, except the music must also be memorized in order to certify for advancement to state. All Stratford High School students participating in the contest performed Class I Musical Literature. The following eight students will participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Contest Monday May 26, 1997 in San Marcos: Flute Trio - Crystal Roberts, Jessica Walton, Janet Witcher; Trombone Trio - Hillary Baskin, David Hunsaker, Steven Paul; Soloists - Erika Baeza, Clarinet & Cody Hamilton, Horn. Other high school soloists who performed at the contest but will not be advancing to state were: Maggie Acevedo, Horn, Excellent Rating; Crystal Roberts, Flute, Superior Rating; Andy Witcher, Trumpet, Superior Rating.

41 Junior High Students participated in the contest; 7 solos and 4 ensembles. Junior High students received 44 medals for their performances. Junior High Students receiving Superior Rating were: Soloists: Pam Griffin, Flute; Janet Witcher, Flute; Wesley Hunsaker, Cornet; Jose Torres, Cornet; Beau Brown,

Baritone; Edgar Ortega, Baritone; Justin Wolfe, Baritone.

The following ensemble members received Superior Ratings: Tuba Quartet: Carlos Ortega, Jesse Porras, Skyler Walden & Jessica Young. Seven Brass: Blaine Goodwin, Cornet, Micah Heatwole, Cornet, Johnny Larance, McClain Pool, Stephanie Reinart, Trisha Teig & Zulema Torres.

Jazz Ensemble: Carley Mathews, Alto Sax, Tracy Tobias, Alto Sax, Justin Wright, Tenor Sax, Janet Witcher, Tenor Sax, Jessica King, Bari Sax, Mike McAlister, Cornet, Wesley Hunsaker, Cornet, Corey Naugle, Cornet, Jose Torres, Cornet, Ashley Brown, Cornet, Kara Brownlee, Cornet, Ivonne Hernandez, Cornet, Lori Wilhelm, Cornet, Sid Resendes, Cornet, Mero Holquin, Trombone, Beau Brown, Baritone, Shelli McArver, Trombone, Justin Wolfe, Baritone, Jaret Pemberton, Trombone, Edgar Ortega, Trombone, Nicholas Artho, Trombone, Isaac Kimbrough, Baritone, Pam Griffin, Keyboard Bass, Jesse Porras, Tuba, Rene Vital, Trap Set, Aaron Rhoades, Trap Set.

The following Junior High Ensemble received a Good Rating: Clarinet Choir: Julie Valencia, Clarinet I; Heather Ashley, Clarinet II; Lindsey Sims, Clarinet III; Mandi Helmuth, Bass Clarinet, Melody Roberts, Bass Clarinet.

Congratulations to all participants in the 1997 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest, and Best of Luck to Those High School Students advancing to STATE!

New Places-New Faces



New Faces-The Tuckers, Mark, Misty, Kindergartner Stefan and Mikel 2nd grade.

Mark Tucker grew up and attended school in Friona. He is a graduate of West Texas State university. Mike is manager of the U.S. Farm Service Agency (formerly ASC.) He was the manager of the Farm Service Agency in Miami, TX before moving to Stratford in January. Mike was active in the Miami community Lions Club, Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Little League. His interests are hunting, fishing and cattle.

Misty Tucker was born in Midland and attended Ranger High School. She is a graduate of West Texas State University and is a Secondary Science Teacher in the Sunray Schools. She is a member of National Science Teachers Assoc. and United Methodist Women. Misty is interested in all sports and youth activities. Mikel Tucker was born in Shattuck, Ok. and started school in Miami. He is in 2nd grade in Mary Allen Elementary. Stefan Tucker was born in Pampa, began his schooling in Miami. Stefan is in Kindergarten at Mary Allen Elementary. The Tuckers are members of the 1st United Methodist Church.

TRTA Formulates Series Of Legislative Proposals

The Texas legislature is now in session in Austin. It will enact laws that affect education, active and retired educational personnel. Retired teachers and other retired personnel should be aware of changes that will affect them and children in public schools.

The Texas Retired Educators Association has formulated a series of legislative proposals for the legislature to consider and to enact. The following PRIORITY AREAS pertain to retirees. Clip these and post them where you will see them frequently. Then make your wishes known to the representatives and senators from your area.

PRIORITY AREAS:

1. That TRTA officers and general membership urge: (a) the 75th legislature to approve an annuity increase for retired school employees to be funded by the investment earnings of the Teacher Retirement System and a contribution by the State, (b) the state contribution rate to be set by

an act of the Legislature, and (c) all future TRS program benefits enhancements be made retroactive.

2. That TRTA Officer and the general membership work with our legislators to provide equitable distribution of state funding for health care premiums for retired public school employees, university employees and state employees.

3. That TRTA work to maintain the Teacher Retirement System as a separate trust fund as established by a constitutional act in 1937 and work to insure that the governance and funding of TRS be maintained as constitutionally mandated.

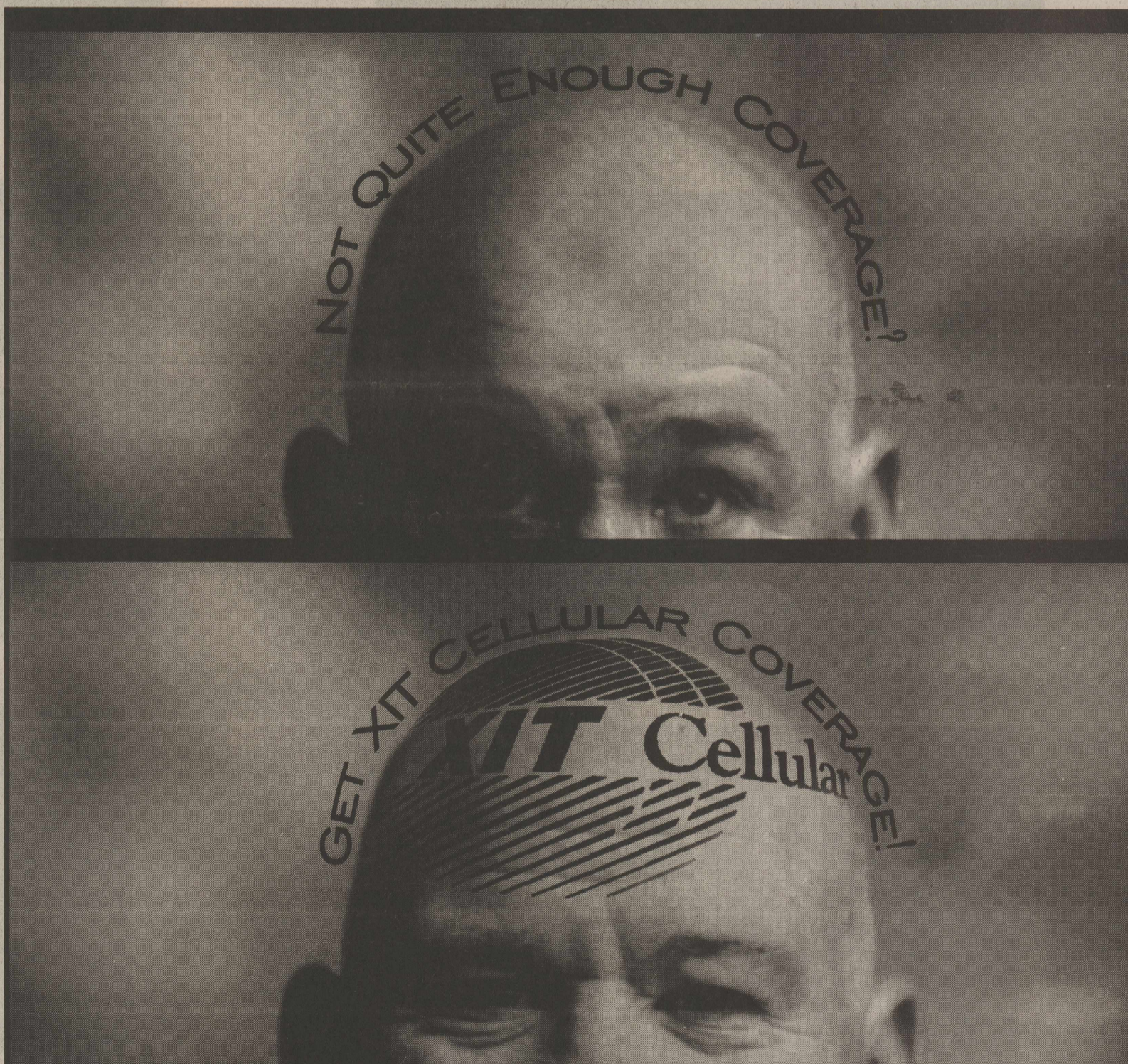
4. That TRTA support legislation to increase the state funding to continue a quality TRS Health Care and Pharmacy Program

5. That TRTA study the overall eligibility requirements for serving on the TRS Board of Trustees.

6. That the 75th Legislature is urged to continue to protect the integrity of the Texas Homestead Act.

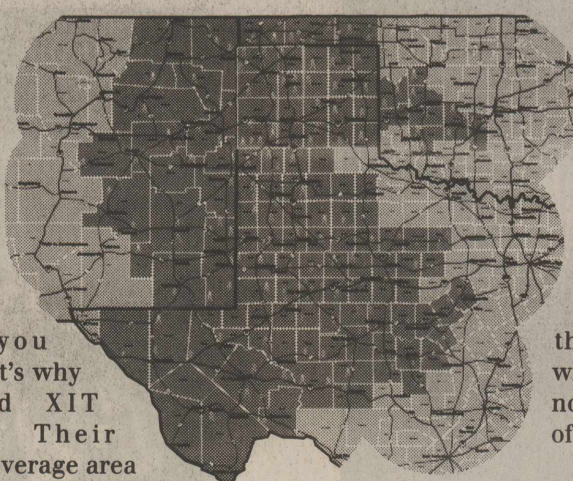


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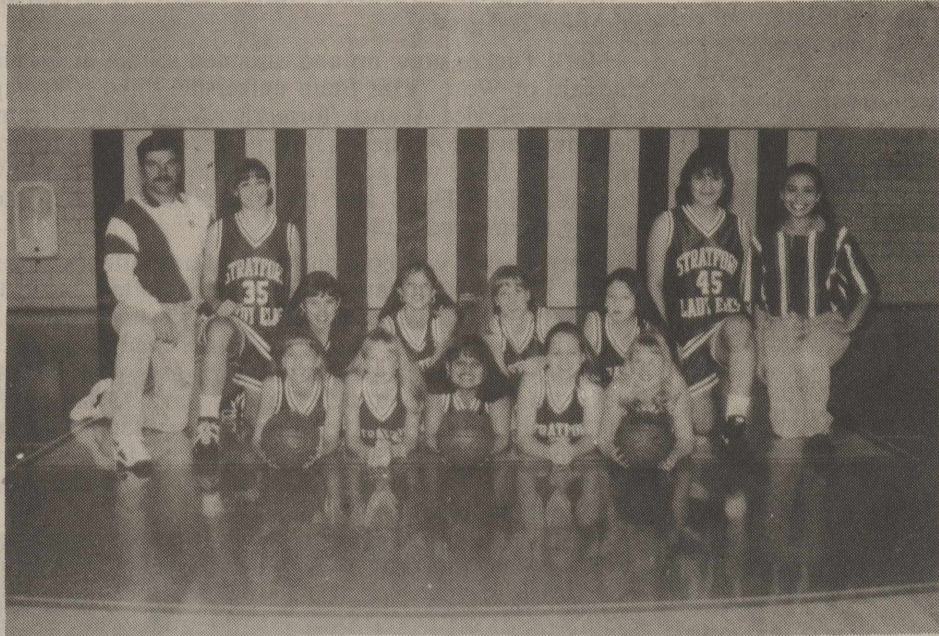
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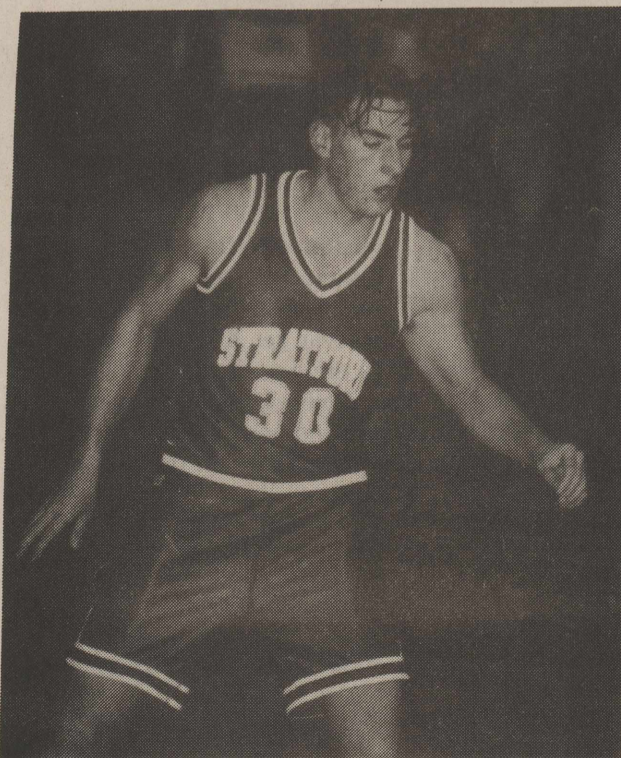
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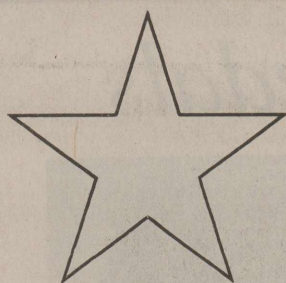
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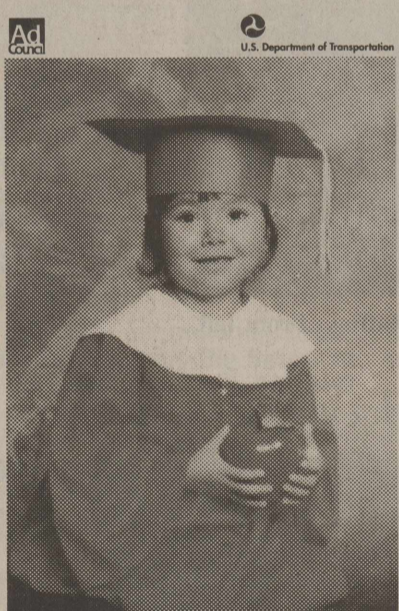
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAULINE KEENER MARTIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PAULINE KEENER MARTIN, were issued on the 7th day of February, 1997 in Cause No. 1966, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to:

MARY PATRICIA WILLIAMS
P.O. Box 901
Stratford, TX 79084

The attorney representing such Estate is as follows:

KIMBERLY L. ALLEN
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All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be addressed care of the representative attorney, KIMBERLY L. ALLEN, at the address shown above.

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A lion's mane is not fully grown until the animal is five years old.

Cards of Thanks

St. Josephs Catholic Church would like to say "Thank You" in a big way for all the wonderful people of Stratford and area who supported our annual Der Wurst Fest God Be With each of you daily.

I wish to express my appreciation to everyone that helped me the day I fell. Also friends, neighbors, family and our pastor. Your calls, visits, cards, food and flowers were all appreciated.

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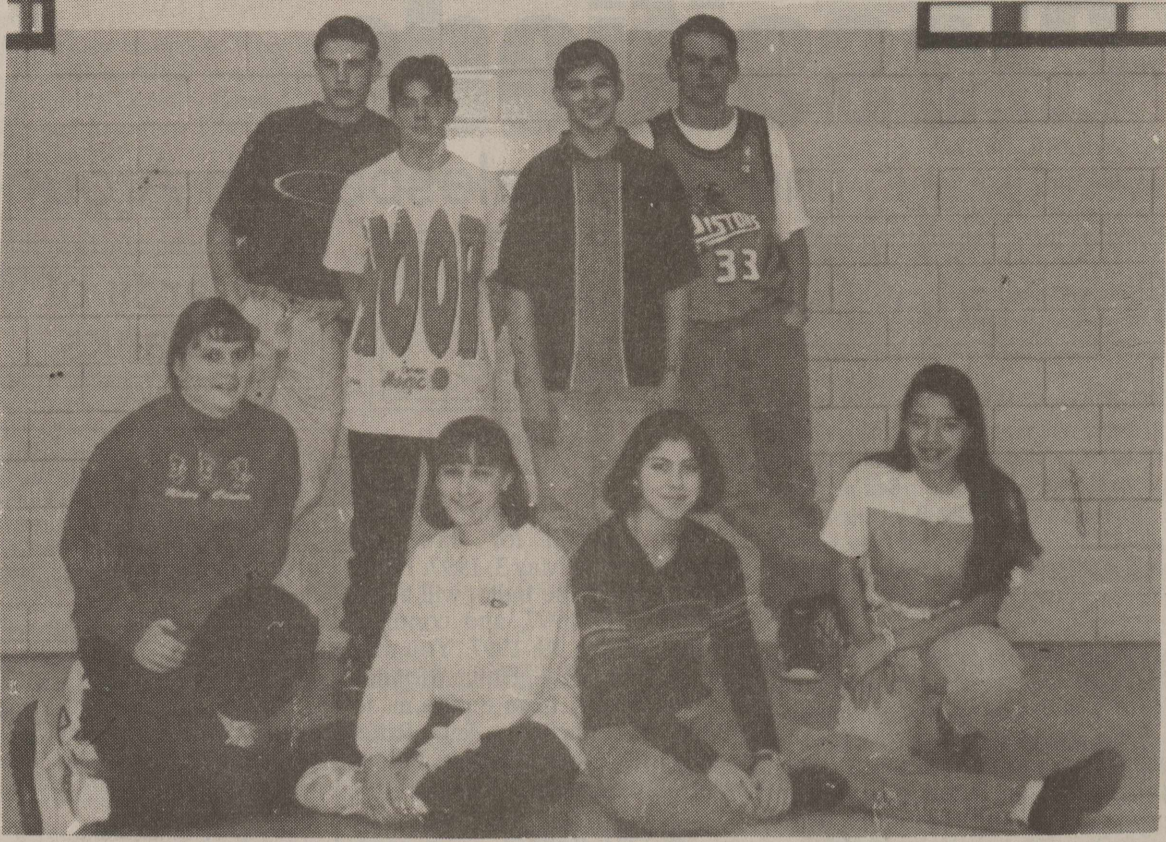
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Band Students Bring Home 54 First-Division Medals



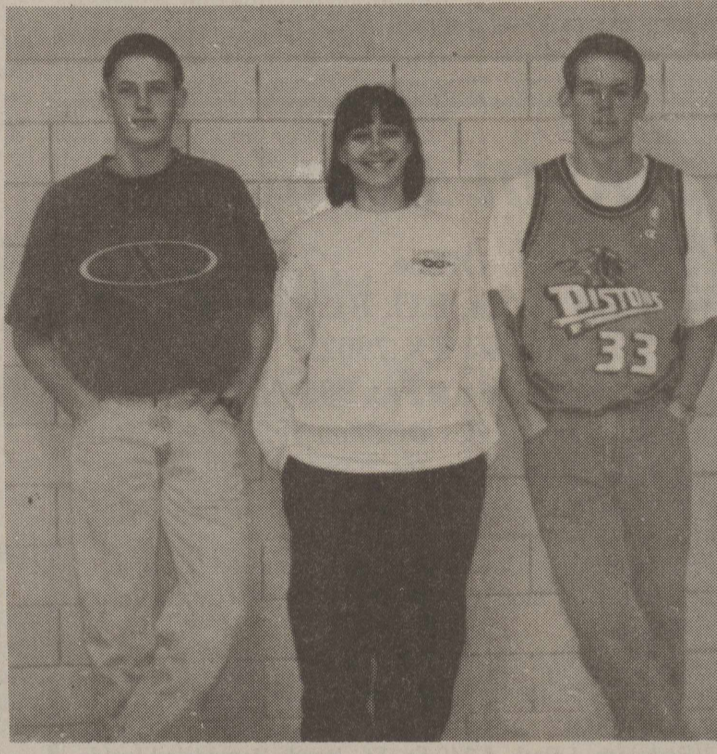
Stratford High School Band participants that received a First Division Rating at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held on Saturday, February 1, 1997. Shown sitting from left, Crystal Roberts, Hillary Baskin, Erika Baeza, Jessica Walton. Standing from left, David Hunsaker, Andy Witcher, Cody Hamilton and Steven Paul.



SHS Soloists that performed at Contest from left: Crystal Roberts, Cody Hamilton, Maggie Acevedo, Andy Witcher and Erika Baeza. Erika and Cody will be advancing to State!



Flute Trio: Advancing to State from left, Crystal Roberts, Jessica Walton and Janet Witcher.



Trombone Trio: Advancing to State from left: David Hunsaker, Hillary Baskin & Steven Paul.



Stratford Junior High Clarinet Choir Ensemble received a Good Rating. From left, Melody Roberts, Mandi Helmuth, Heather Ashley, Lindsey Sims, Julie Valencia.



Stratford Junior High Tuba Quartet Ensemble received Superior Rating. From left, Carlos Ortega, Sklyer Walden, Jessica Young, Jesse Porras.



Stratford Junior High Jazz Ensemble competed at UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. Members included: Carley Mathews, Tracy Tobias, Justin Wright, Janet Witcher, Jessica King, Mike McAlister, Wesley Hunsaker, Corey Naugle, Jose Torres, Kara Brownlee, Ashley Brown, Ivonne Hernandez, Lori Wilhelm, Sid Resendes, Mero Holquin, Beau Brown, Shelli McCarver, Justin Wolfe, Jaret Pemberton, Edgar Ortega, Nicholas Artho, Isaac Kimbrough, Pam Griffin, Jesse Porras, Rene Vital, Aaron Rhoades.

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Stratford Junior High Band Soloists received Superior Rating. From left, Edgar Ortega, Beau Brown, Justin Wolfe, Pam Griffin, Jose Torres, Wesley Hunsaker. Not pictured Janet Witcher.



Seven Brass Ensemble received Superior Rating. From left, Stephanie Reinart, Zulema Torres, Johnny Larance, Blaine Goodwin, Micah Heatwole. Not pictured Mclain Pool and Trisha Teig.

Good Luck To Those Advancing To State!!!!