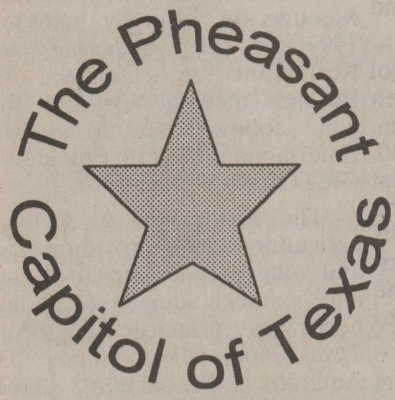


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Correction

Editors Note: Correction in last weeks District champs photo. Manager should have been Ezra Daniels as the manager. We apologize for the error.

Stratford Country Club To Have Auction

The Stratford Country Club Auction will be Saturday, March 15, 1997 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Country Club.

Stratford Relays March 7th & 8th

The Stratford Relays will be in Stratford March 7th & 8th. The Stratford Relays will start Friday the 7th at 3:45. On Sat. March 8, they will start at 9 a.m. Finals will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Brad Thiessen at 396-2612.

Scot Luncheon

Scot Luncheon Thursday, February 27 at Scot Hall.

Country Club Items To Be Auctioned

1. Stratford Country Club Auction items are 1. Gumbo Feast for 6 or 8 people.
2. New Golf Bag
3. "Head for the Hills" Party for 8 people August 16th.
4. Swimming lessons for 2 people week of July 14th.

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.

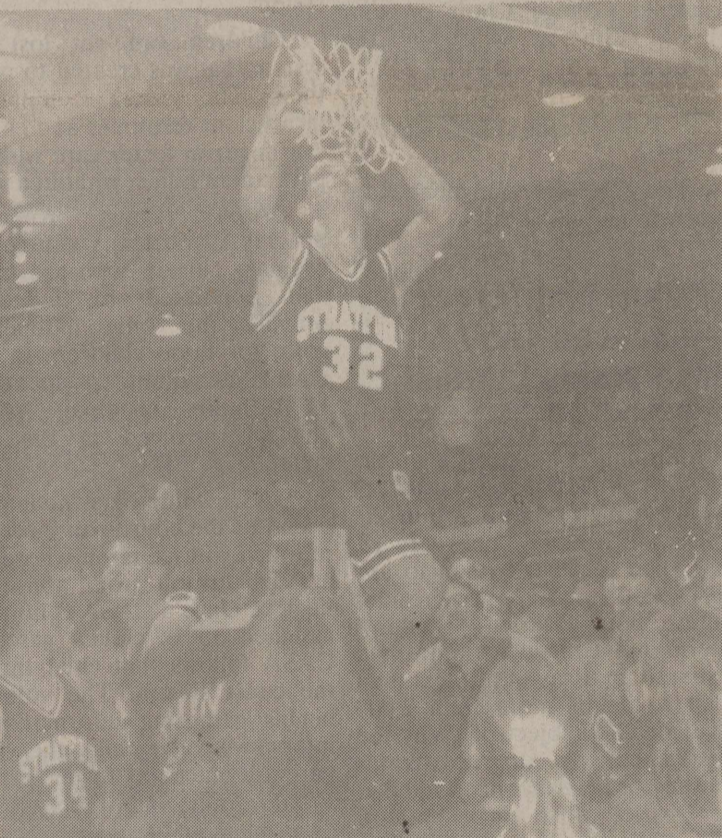
Attention 3rd & 4th graders

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

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

Congratulations Bi-District Champs!!!!



Law Winner Of Drawing At THE General Store

Dan Law was the winner of the drawing held at THE General Store for the Valentine Supper. Congratulations Dan!

Pantry Officers Named For 1997

The Pantry Board met Tuesday 18, 1997 at the Sherman County Library. Officers for 1997 are Earl Griffin, President; Susie Spurlock, Treasurer and Natacha Dyess, Secretary.

The following items will need to be collected thru March 31st.

- Cooking oil-Church of Christ
 - Toilet Tissue-Methodist Church
 - Soap and Laundry Soap-First Baptist Church
 - Toothpaste-Catholic Church
 - Canned fruit-Assembly of God Church
 - Macaroni and Cheese-First Christian Church and Calvary Baptist.
- If there is a need please call 396-2436.

Hospital District To Hold Directors Election

Stratford Hospital District will hold a directors' election on May 3, 1997 to fill two (2) directors' positions. Filing to run in that election will begin February 17, 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.

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.

Public Invited To Meeting On Pantex

What to know just what Pantex does? What they will do? Ask questions about it? The public is invited to attend a Prospectus Study Club meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library.

Carolyn Bowman, Pantex Consultant, will be speaking, showing slides and a video.

ViAnn Reed, club Texas Heritage coordinator, has arranged the program.

Co-Hostesses are Barbara Chumley and Karen Riffe.

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.

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.

Elks Win Bi-District

The Stratford Elks became Bi-District Champs before a large crowd of fans in Borger on Thursday, February 20 against Panhandle.

The Elks beat Panhandle 54-36 to bring their record to 27-3 and to advance them into Area play-off.

Oscar Aguilera and Ryan Davis each had game highs with 13 points each followed by J.B. Presley with 10 points. Other Elks contributing on the board were Ross Davis - 7 points, Efrain Ortega - 6 points, Dusty Stewart - 3 points and Justin Starnes - 2 points.

Defense as well as offense were a strong factor in the Elks winning Bi-District. The Elks held Panhandle to only 17 points at half-time and only 2 points in the third quarter.

Other teammates contributing to the Elks defense on the floor were Coby Galla & Jose Reta.

At press time for Area play-off, the Elks faced Abernathy at Tascosa at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Stars Over Stratford

"STARS OVER STRATFORD" is the theme for the Chamber of Commerce 1996 Annual banquet. Area residents are urged to participate in this event to be held Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at the Stratford High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$8.00 per person.

The festivities will begin with a silent auction featuring local artists, crafters, businesses and Ag producers. Some of the auction items will be displayed at the First State Bank during the week preceding the banquet.

The Chamber Board will provide the evening meal, which features filet mignon and all of the trimmings. The entertainment will turn the spotlight on some of our local "stars", including Stratford Band members who will be competing in the Texas State Solo & Ensemble contest.

The brightest stars of the evening will be revealed with the recognition of the Farmer/Rancher, Businessperson and Citizen of the Year. Nominations for these honors are being accepted until close of business Friday, March 7, 1997.

For additional information, please contact the chamber office 396-2260.

CEAP Program Plan

CEAP (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program) is a Panhandle Community Services program which provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly, and handicapped/disabled persons. This year Panhandle Community Services will continue holding Energy Conservation Workshops throughout the year in compliance with program rules.

These classes are geared to educate clients in budgeting and energy saving methods to decrease utility costs thereby eliminating their need for assistance. Many clients have received these services repeatedly over the years; therefore this year's plan from the Texas department of Housing and Community Affairs focuses on outreach and service to new clients and serving those in the most need.

Assistance will be allowed only to those families who have been determined by as priority matrix as most in need.

IMPORTANT: CEAP assistance is not automatic. Attending workshops is not a guarantee of assistance.

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
7-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



There's Never A Blizzard Behind A Windbreak

Circle The Wagons
By: Richie Brotherton, NRCS

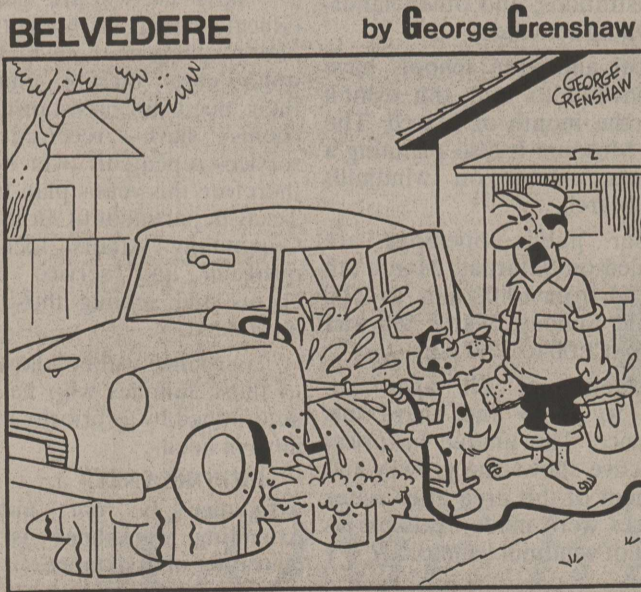
I don't reckon very many of us have ever traveled in an ol' wagontrain. That's too slow for us. Man! What an adventurous way to travel. Back in the "Good ol' Days" when folks used to join forces to travel, they'd buy a brace of oxen to pull their wagon, outfit the family and get ready for an extended journey.

Wagontrains liked to have about a hundred wagons before they'd head west. They needed lots of folks to protect the wagontrain. Surviving the ruggedness of the plains was no easy matter. There were buffalo stampedes, storms, flooded rivers, dry country, mountain ranges and most of all Indians. It took strong, self-reliant people to face the challenge of the unsettled country. These early settlers were stalwart folks looking for a new life.

When they'd face an Indian attack from some raiding band they'd circle the wagons and hope they had enough guns to weather the attack. Talk about danger. Those Indians would come sweeping down on them riding like the wind. The fight was on!

Luckily we don't have to face Indian attacks anymore; but sometimes we could use something to get behind when the wind comes sweeping across the plains. If you've ever stepped out of the house and had the screen door whipped out of your hands-you need a windbreak. If you've got cattle out on the open plains where a blizzard could scatter them to the four winds-you need a windbreak. A mean ol' Texas blizzard can kill more cattle than a packing house.

The NRCS staff has windbreak information to assist you in planting one that will tame the wind. Remember there's never a blizzard behind a properly designed windbreak.



"I SAID, I'D CLEAN THE INSIDE!"

Scholarship To Be Established At OPSU

Goodwell, Okla.-A scholarship will be established at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in the name of Beryl Midkiff. The scholarship will be funded with a \$91,750 bequest left to the university by her sister, the late Fay Wren Midkiff.

A search of school records indicate that Fay Wren Midkiff never attended OPSU, but Beryl Midkiff did attend the school, then known as the Panhandle Agricultural Institute, for at least one year in the early 1920's. Their father, William Marcus Midkiff, served as Agriculturalist at PAI during the 1917-1918 school session.

Beryl Midkiff passed away in 1922, at the age of 14.

Fay Wren Midkiff received a B.A. degree from Oklahoma College for Women (now the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha) in 1924. She received an M.A. degree from New York University in 1930.

Later, from 1943-1945, she attended the University of Colorado, and, upon moving to Hawaii in the late 1940's, she attended the University of Hawaii and Chaminade College. Ms. Midkiff was a high school teacher in Hawaii for her entire career, teaching at high schools on the islands of Maui and Oahu.

During the summer months while she taught, and after her retirement, she traveled extensively throughout the world.

Ms. Midkiff outlived all of her immediately family and is survived only by distant relatives.

According to her Living Trust, which was established in the mid-1980s, Ms. Midkiff requested that the scholarships made available through her bequest go to "female students of good moral character who rank in the upper half of their class in scholastic standing."

"We were pleasantly surprised by the charitable bequest made to Oklahoma Panhandle State University," said OPSU President Dr. John Goodwin. "We will certainly try to provide these scholarships in a way that would please Ms. Midkiff."

Since the bequest was made only recently, university officials have yet to determine either the amount of the annual scholarship or the selection process for recipients.

Programs For Diabetics Begin March 6th

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 have an opportunity for personal blood glucose monitors to be checked for accuracy.

The first session will be held on March 6 from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford. John Schmidt, PA of the Stratford Family Medical Clinic will be leading the discussion on understanding the disease. A lunch suitable for diabetics will be served at the session by members of the Sherman County Family Living Committee. Participant fees will be \$8.00 for the four-part session or \$3.00 per session attended to help defray program expenses. Interested persons are asked to pre-register by calling the County Extension Office before Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

Subsequent sessions will be held March 13, 10, and 25th. Sponsors of the educational series are the Sherman County Extension Office, Sherman County Family Living Committee, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Bristol-Myer Squibb, and Coldwater Manor, and Memorial Hospital.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at the County Extension Office, telephone 806-396-2122.

Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind fills it with steady and perpetual serenity.
—Joseph Addison

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people that have gone out of their way to welcome myself as well as my family to the Stratford community. Special thanks to the volunteers who give their time to make sure Stratford has family activities to give entertainment to all ages to create hometown spirit that shines in all of the age groups including the students and athletes of this community. I have driven through towns all over the State that read welcome and land of fine folks but no sign can express the true feelings that this community expresses in person. I do not believe that there is a better place in the State of Texas to raise a family than Stratford. I have felt more at home here in two months than I did in Dumas in ten years. Toni loves being back home with family and friends. Kaleb says he likes school here because it is neat! You truly make a difference in this community. Keep up the good work and may God bless you all.

Sincerely
Kent Watson

Dear Editor:

Did you readers miss "Nunsense II" at the Guymon Community Theater? You have another chance!! They will perform one more time in the beautiful Dalhart LaRita Theater March 1 at 7:30 p.m. They are the same cast as "Nunsense" that was so delightful last year. This is a musical comedy that will tickle your funny bone and make music in harmony in your ears.

This is only a one night stand so reserve your tickets now with Ticket manager Mary Jo Ondracek 249-2245, Furniture Fashion Henry II 249-5551 or Langhorne Agency 249-5541.

The Dalhart Community Theater will also present, "Always-Patsy Cline" March 14 and a concert at High Tea by the Amarillo College Choir on tour March 15th at 4:30 in the afternoon.

"Nunsense II" and High Tea \$8.00 Patsy Cline-\$12.00 Reserve Now!

Gaynelle Riffe

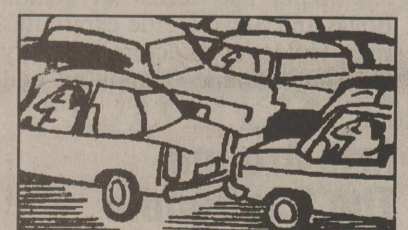
NPGWC District #2 Announces 1997 Scholarship Contest

Information concerning the 1997 Scholarship Contest was sent to all the high schools within the District on Monday, February 18, 1997. The contest is open to any high school student who resides within the District. Students entering the contest are requested to submit an essay of not less than 1,000 words or more than 2,000 words on the subject of "Why the Importance of Water Conservation. Essays need to be in the District office on or before 5:00 p.m. April 1, 1997. The awards are as follows:

- First Place, \$1,000 Scholarship
- Second Place, \$750.00 Scholarship
- Third Place, \$500.00 Scholarship and
- Fourth Place, \$250.00 Scholarship.

Students wishing to enter the contest should contact their high school counselor. The District will mail information to students contacting the office at:

North Plains Ground Water Conservation District No. Two P.O. Box 795, 603 East First, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795 806-935-6401.



Unless someone messes up, heavy traffic tends to keep itself at a speed of about twenty two miles per hour, the speed that allows the most cars to use a road at once.

March GED & CLEP Testing Dates Scheduled For Clarendon College

Clarendon, Texas-March testing dates have been scheduled for Clarendon College. Tests to be administered are the CLEP and GED.

GED Testing (High School Equivalency Exam) will be given Monday, March 3, at 12 p.m. (Noon). Cost of the exam is \$40. GED testing will be held the first Monday of the month in the Bairfield Activity Center. Results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks. Individuals must call the Counseling Center in-advance to schedule for the GED test.

Clarendon College also offers CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) tests. Cost of each CLEP test is \$50. Students who wish to take the CLEP will need to register by calling the CC Counseling Center at (806) 874-3571. Examinations are limited to the following subjects: Accounting, American Government, U.S. History, College Algebra, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Trigonometry. Test results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks.

The CLEP exam will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. Both the GED and CLEP exams will be conducted in the Bairfield Activity Center.

For more information about any of these tests, please call the Clarendon College Counseling Center at (806) 874-3571.

CASA 69 In Need Of Volunteers To Help

Last year more than 44,500 Texas children were part of real life courtroom dramas, even though they committed no crimes. They were the innocent victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment. Unfortunately, these children often become victimized again by an overcrowded, overburdened and sometimes insensitive court system.

Children can get lost in a system that was created to protect them. The system is limited by insufficient resources and children can linger in foster care without a permanent home, without a voice.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers are ordinary citizens who are trained and appointed by judges to provide the only independent voice for these children. In 1996, CASA 69 volunteers spent over 1200 hours speaking up for children involved in the court system.

CASA volunteers, acting as a friend of the court, routinely keep in touch with children whose lives are in turmoil from abuse and neglect. Once a CASA volunteer is assigned to a child's case, the CASA follows that child through the court system. The volunteer begins gathering information by interviewing the child, the child's parents, teachers, foster parents, social workers and others.

Prior to the court hearing, the CASA volunteer prepares an official court report. This report contains recommendations concerning the child's custody, placement, visitation with parents, and suggestions for the case. The CASA volunteer remains on the case, advocating for the child, until a permanent home is found and the case is closed.

CASA 69 assigned it's first case in March 1986. Since it's beginning CASA 69 has served 286 children from the four counties of the 69th Judicial District.

On March 25, 1997, CASA 69 will begin training a new class of volunteers. Volunteers must successfully complete a screening process, criminal check, CANRIS (Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting and Inquiry System) check and 25 hours of training.

CASA 69 is in need of volunteers right now to help serve the needs of the abused and neglected children of our area, if you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer or have any questions please call Stacey Urbanczyk at 249-2684.



The word "paradise" comes from a Persian word used to refer to the king's amusement parks.

63rd Annual Stockholders Meeting To Be Held

The Amarillo Production Credit Association will hold its 63rd Annual Stockholders' Meeting on Saturday, March 1, 1997 at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Dumas. The Business meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by a dinner. Entertainment will be provided by Greg Claassen of Kansas.

The association is a major agriculture lender providing credit and other services to its farmer and stockholder stockholder borrowers primarily in twelve Texas Panhandle counties. The Amarillo Production Credit Association has maintained its original ownership and operational structure since its inception in 1934. Mike McLain of Gruver is the Chairman of the Board. Other board members are Charles R. Hoover, Hereford, Vice Chairman; Joe Everett, Stratford; Howard Beauchamp, Jr., Dumas; David Doshier, Vega; and Pat Messenger, Amarillo. For additional information, contact either of the Association's offices in Amarillo or Dumas.

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.

45th Annual Performance Test

Beef bulls on the 45th Annual Performance Test at Panhandle State University, Goodwell, OK were weighed off test Saturday, February 1, 1997. This set of bulls has the highest weight-per-day-of-age (WDA) in the history of the test. Preparations are in progress to sell 70 of these top bulls in the 45th Annual Panhandle State Bull Test Sale. The sale is set for Saturday, February 22 in the England Activity Building, University Farm, Goodwell, Oklahoma, beginning at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Larry Weinkauf's Cedar Hill South Angus, Covington, OK had the highest gaining junior age bull and the top gaining bull on test with a 5.28 lb. average daily gain (ADG) on a Hoff Tradition sired bull. Chris Allen, Arapahoe, CO had the second and third ranked junior bulls with ADG's of 4.82 and 4.78 lbs. His pen of four Sinmentals was the highest gaining pen of bulls on test at 4.57 lbs. per day, all sired by SVVS Safari 2C. An Angus bull of Ronnie Cochran, Boise City, was the fourth high junior and an Angus bull of PSU was fifth high.

A pen of three Sinmentals consigned by David Harrison, Tyrone, OK was the second high junior pen and a pen of four Angus consigned by Phil Light, Turpin, OK was third high. Darnell Herefords of Freedom, OK had the fourth high pen of juniors.

In the Senior age bulls, Thomason Herefords, Perry, OK had the highest gaining individual at 5.16 lbs. on a son of Star Mark C40. Another Thomason Hereford bull was fourth high at 4.50 lbs. Cedar Hill South Angus of Covington, OK had the second and third high seniors with ADG's of 4.55 and 4.54 lbs., respectively. A Sinmental bull of Mellema Farms, Dalhart, TX was the fifth high senior with a ADG of 4.48 lbs.

Thomason Herefords had the top pen of senior bulls with an ADG of 4.12 lbs. on four bulls, all sired by Star Mark C40. Cedar Hill South's pen of four Angus was second with an ADG of 4.09 lbs.

The steers that are being fed for performance and carcass data have averaged 3.49 lbs. per day through 112 days on feed. David Harrison's pen of six Sinmentals are leading the way with an ADG of 3.85 lbs. The high gaining steer in this pen has an ADG of 4.73 lbs. A pen of five Angus consigned by Phil Light, Turpin, OK is in second place with an ADG of 3.73 lbs.

Measurements on the bulls fat thickness, ribeye area, frame score, scrotal circumference and pelvic area will be available sale day. Visitors are welcome to come look at the bulls prior to the sale. Interested persons can receive performance reports and sale catalogs by contacting Jerry Martin, Panhandle State University, Goodwell, OK 73949, phone (405) 349-2611 ext. 363 or evenings (405) 349-2514.

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this blustery Monday morning February 24, 1997.

Although it is very unpleasant outside weather wise. It's a happy day for us.

We enjoyed the successes of the basketball boys in winning and their appearance on our church TV Sunday morning at First Baptist Church with their Coach Jim Lanning weren't they handsome dressed in their school uniforms. The school and community are justly proud of them.

We're so pleased to report to friends of Dr. William S. Ullom (Stanley to us) that on March 1, 1997 he will be physically able to resume his practice.

The Art Fosters came Friday Feb. 21, 1997 afternoon for a short visit they had been in Texhoma. In Stratford Ada had called on Nellie Hamilton Miller at Coldwater Manor while Art visited with Cousin Luzelle and James Lowe. They plan to see Mary Peach Smith who is at home since last Thursday. We discussed the letter Ada had written to me which contained excerpts from letters written by Art's mother to her brother James Armstrong who was in the service in World War I in 1918, another interesting item in our letter from Ada disclosed the fact that the late Bernice Lee (Mrs. Robert Pendleton) and the late Mattie Thorpe (Mrs. Homer Smith) took care of Art in the Hutchinson hospital when he was a tiny baby due to the fact that his mother died in the flu epidemic of 1918. Art had visited with Mrs. Smith and she had told him of this incident. Leaving Stratford the Fosters went on to Dalhart to visit the New Fosters. When Arthur was released from the hospital in Hutchinson he came to Stratford and was reared here by his uncle Clyde and Agnes Foster with their boys John, Sheldon and Newton.

We hope to visit our beloved friend (Nellie Ellis Hamilton) Miller in a few days, the Valentine Queen of Coldwater Manor.

Talking to Betty Lou O'Brien this morning we are able to report she is slowly improving an emphasize the fact that Mary Peach thrilled to be home; J.W. Smith is not so well.

A newsy letter from Mrs. Robert Brown of Fort Worth, Texas, says that she (Nell) and Bob are doing fairly well healthwise and have lately celebrated Bobs 72nd birthday.

Lorelyn visited with her father H.L. Haile this morning. Geneva had spent the weekend with her son Eddie in Pittsburgh, P.A. while H.L. visited the Ron Williams, Dallas, they report Eddie's condition very grave. Remember the benefit dinner for Eddie which is to be served at Methodist Church of Stratford Sunday, March 2, 1997.

We're in prayer for Mrs. Bill Sladek who is in surgery today for her knees.

At Vi's we met Mae Plunk, Janet Vaughn, Marie Zaricor and little granddaughter.

Lorelyn wishes Otetta Muddell in Amarillo Happy Birthday on Monday, March 3, 1997. Otetta is Lorelyn's client with whom she spends Friday-Monday morning with.

William W. Whelply of Christian Record Service called on Timi this morning, he is from Hooker, and would love to contact clients he could serve in his ministry.

We suggest cheery folks with message of luv and concerning over the telephone even if the sun is trying to shine at 12:45 p.m.

Check Out The Library
By Dorothy Haile

Our Story Time children are enjoying the videos and the video projector that has been provided for the library through a grant that was awarded by the Tocker Foundation. Little Red Riding Hood was the classic fairy tale that was used as the basis of last week's program. The last program for the spring session is on March 5th.

Dummies 101: Wordperfect 6.1 For Windows and Perfect Office 3 for Dummies will be of interest for those learning computer techniques.

The library has been given several reference books that will expand the geography section. Some of these are: Hawaii's Hidden Treasures, Heartland of a Continent, Canada's National Parks, America's Hidden Treasures and Our Changing Earth.

Books that constantly are in circulation are the Eye witness series. The text is concise and the pictures are outstanding. New are these: Amphibian, Train, Knight, Seashore, Cat, Boat, Car, Fish and Book. They are a great resource if a child is doing research.

Almanacs often provide information not found any place else. The 1997 Information Please Almanac has arrived.

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

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Last Thursday night's Bingo was termed a success-thanks to Max and Dorothy because I played "hooky" and went to Borger to watch the High School Basketball game.

Last Saturday night dance was enjoyed by several including several "out-of-towners". This week's activities include Scot Board meeting and luncheon. My records show that 82 out of 112 members have paid their dues for the year 1997. Two new names have been added to our membership they are Dorothy DeWitt and Irene New. Be sure to welcome these two new ones the next time you see them.

See ya-Thursday at our luncheon bring a dish and prospective Scot member. People will only join our organization, if YOU invite them to come.

New Places-New Faces



New Faces and New Business..Cynthia Love, left, owner and operator of Great Lengths Salon. Cynthia has been in this business for 16 years in Dumas at "Rumors" She is in Stratford on Monday & Thursdays. Barbara Wiley has recently joined the business and is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Great Lengths Salon is located at 3rd and Main (formerly Country Cuts).

Giving Yourself a Lift Without Hurting Your Back

(NU) - Doctors often tell patients with back problems that lifting is just about the worst thing they can do. But somebody has to pick up that heavy bag of groceries or that box left on the doorstep by UPS.

If that somebody's you, these tips from the physical therapists at the Florida Spine Institute, the nation's largest spine care center, should help you pick things up without hurting your back.

If you suffer from chronic back problems, decide whether it's really necessary to lift that heavy object and recognize your limitations. In the early stages of recovery from a back injury, it may be best to leave things where they are until someone else can pick them up and move them.

- Plan your lift and remove obstacles from your path.
- Test the weight of the load before attempting to pick it up.
- Keep your back in a balanced

position, and use your legs for lifting as much as possible.

Remember, your back muscles are not meant for lifting. Their purpose is to work in combination with the stomach muscles to help you maintain a balanced posture while you pick things up. Use the larger muscles of your legs and buttocks, instead.

- When lifting, keep the object as close to your body as possible.
- Tighten your stomach muscles when lifting. Don't hold your breath.
- If you need to turn, pivot your feet instead of twisting your back.
- Use smooth movements, rather than quick, jerking ones.
- Minimize reaching and bending.

The Florida Spine Institute (1-800-477-7746) provides free information on managing back pain, as well as other services for people with back problems.



The average scuba tank will provide air for forty-five minutes in 30 feet of water.

Births

Malcolm, Holly and Mallory Waters have a new baby girl in their family. Natalie Lee was born February 20 at 4:00 a.m. She weighed 1 lb 15.9 ounces. We would like to thank everyone for your prayers. Natalie is showing progress. She is in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Malcolm, Holly, and Mallory are Sanger, Texas.

Maternal grandparents are Keith and Carollee Waters. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Linda Moore of Grapevine.

Births

Dennis and Jeanette Irlbeck announce the birth of a son, Kelby Dennis. Born in Amarillo on Feb. 21, 1996, weighing 6 lbs. 15 Oz.

Grandparents are Wayne & Gwyn Linville of Amarillo and Ted and Joyce Irlbeck of Kerrick.

Great grandmothers are Pauline Linville, Denver, Colorado, Margaret Williams, Montic Vista, Colorado and Bessie Palmer of Stratford.

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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

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520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
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Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Vows Exchanged

Kevin Cotney and Brenda Holt were united in marriage Thursday, January 30, 1997 in the Sherman County Court house by Justice of the Peace, Letha Batis. Brenda is the daughter of Mrs. James Holt of Fritch and is employed by Coldwater Manor. Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cotney and is employed by Sunray Coop.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Currently under construction, and scheduled to be finished in the spring of 1997, the FDR Memorial is the first memorial in Washington purposely designed to be totally wheelchair accessible.

To help make the transition from years of poverty, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is helping Haiti to become sufficient a community at a time.

The new Lincoln Center Festival 96 at Lincoln Center includes dozens of international artists and companies from nine countries, many of whom have rarely, if ever, been seen in the United States.

To help job seekers and others with the words of the world of communication, Webster's New World Dictionary of Media and Communications (Macmillan, \$27.95) has just been compiled by Richard Weiner, award winning public relations author and practitioner.

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Lyndsie Cypert, bride-elect of Chris Craig, right were honored with a shower in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Stewart on Sunday, February 23, 1997.



Bonnie Hamilton was given a going away party at SPS on Wednesday February 19th due to changes at SPS. Shown with Bonnie is Eugene Griffin. We wish you well Bonnie!

AirLifeLine Hits 10,000

(NAPS)—AirLifeLine, a national non-profit organization providing medical transportation, recently celebrated its 10,000th mission. On the mission, was a five-year-old kidney transplant patient named Rebecca Soto, who is no stranger to flying after having been associated with AirLifeLine the last few years. For Rebecca and her family, AirLifeLine is a saving grace since the service is free and her condition requires repeat visits to UCLA Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, 500 miles from her home.

When Rebecca boarded the 10,000th flight, she flew to Los Angeles where she spent the night at the Ronald McDonald House, which is a generous supporter of AirLifeLine and provides Rebecca and her family with a comfortable, affordable place to stay during her treatments. The next morning she entered UCLA Children's Hospital for laboratory work and

an evaluation. "Like thousands of others, Rebecca's family is in financial need and turned to AirLifeLine for transportation," said Tom Goodwin, founder of AirLifeLine. "We are trying to help as many patients as we can by offering this service to them absolutely free of charge."

There are no restrictions other than each patient must be ambulatory (not requiring emergency medical equipment and mobile) and they must demonstrate financial need. Those who fly with AirLifeLine vary in age from infants to senior citizens and are diagnosed with illnesses ranging from terminal cancer to severe burns.

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(NU) - Annuities offer many of the advantages of individual retirement accounts.

They are investments for which the tax is deferred until after retirement. You can choose among several broad investment options — for example, growth stocks, international stocks, government bonds or a combination.

But they differ significantly in that you do not have to begin cashing them in at age 59 1/2, and you can invest more than the \$2,000 allowable for IRAs.

A new software program from T. Rowe Price helps investors understand annuities and make choices. Call (800) 469-5340 for information.

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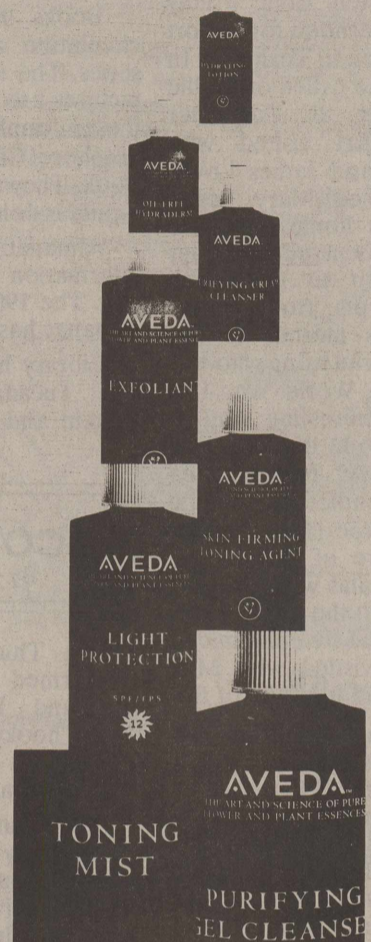
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Answer On page 6



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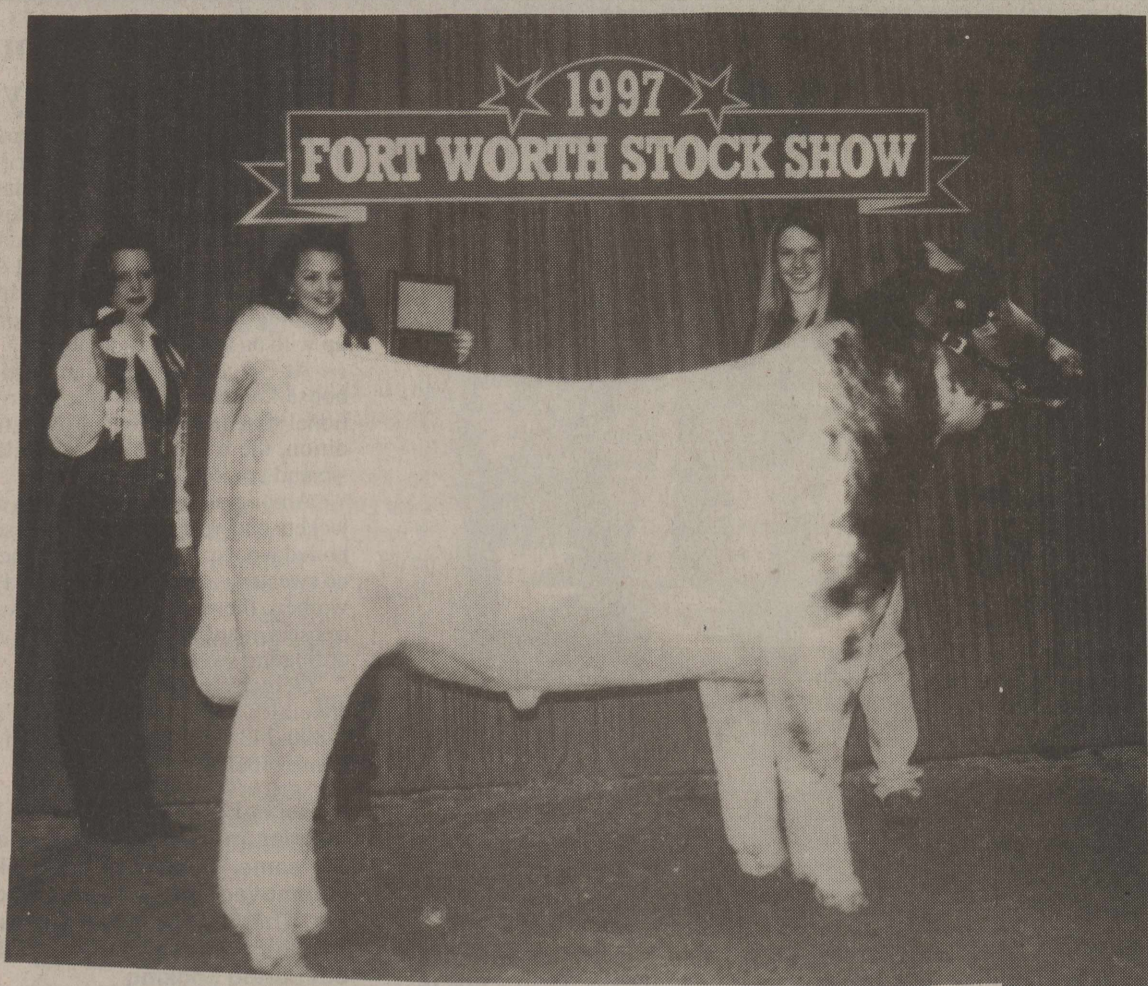
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Christian Men's Rally

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors at Sherman County Barn Monday, March 3, 1997 6:30 P. M. The event will help men understand why Jesus Christ has a plan in their life.

This special evening will include: Hot Dogs, Praise and Worship Music by some of the community's best singers. Viewing of the life changing video "Jesus". Fun & Fellowship with other men in your community.





Lasley Wins Reserve Champion At Fort Worth

Ashlie Lasley, right won Reserve Champion Shorthorn, on Jan. 30-31 at the Southwestern Livestock Exposition & Show held in Ft. Worth, Texas. Ashlie is the daughter of Walter and Kris Lasley.



Louis Philippe Albert D'Orleans, the Comte de Paris, heir to the French throne in the 1840's, served as a captain in the Union army during the American Civil War.

Honor Roll

Honor Roll for Mrs. Brown 4th 6th weeks. Brady Bell, Thomas Griffin, Jordan Taylor, Kody Willard, Haley Buckles, Ramic Stewart, Francis Tenorio.

Mrs. Davis 4th 6 weeks-Caleb Brown, Casey Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Rebkah Griffin, Cricket Hudgens, Logan Potts, Heather Robertson, Jesse Palma, Emily Shafer, Cheyenne Ziemann.

Mrs. Ragsdale 4th 6 weeks-Allison Baskin, Connor Vincent, Josh Lanning, Katelyn Reed, Chelsi Thiessen, Walter Spurlock.

Stratford Middle School-4th 6 weeks honor roll-1996-97.

4th grade-Kyla Bell, Jesse Daniels, Tyler Haynes, Brittany Hudson, Whitney Kautz, Josh King, Tiffany Knight, Lindsay Stein, Kayla Willard

5th grade-Carley Bryson, Carson Buckles, Amber Larance, Marcus McAlister, Heather Seiler, Sandra Torres, Lauren Walton, Twyla Young.

6th Grade-Robin Daniels, Dylan Everett, Jarred Nusz, Aracely Perez, Alicia Renzelman, Matthew Taliaferro, Robert Walton, Tiffany Whetten, Amie Witcher.

7th grade-Nick Ashley, Adam Bell, Ashley Brown, Marca Ewers, Pamela Griffin, Kari Gudgell, Wes Kimball, Carly Mathews, Mike McAlister, Jesse Porras, Melody Roberts, Erich Taylor, Trisha Teig, Skyler Walden.

8th grade-Beau Brown, Kara Brownlee, Jessica King, Corey Naugle, Edgar Ortega, McLain Pool, Sid Resendes, Terra Whetten, Janet Witcher.

What Do You Know About Vitamin Supplements?

(NU) - Many Americans take a vitamin supplement, but few know how it enhances their lives. According to nutrition experts at the Nature Made Healthline (1-800-276-2878), vitamin tablets should supplement a low-fat, high-fiber diet, not replace it.

Research shows that individuals have different needs at various stages of life. Nutritional needs change as your body ages from adolescence to the perinatal and middle years to the later years.

Even those who think exercise and a low-fat diet are all they need may be neglecting the fact that during exercise the body also is depleted of necessary nutrients such as the B vitamins, antioxidants, chromium, copper, magnesium and zinc, that must be restored to maintain peak performance.

Dyess Receives Master of Arts Degree

On January 26, 1997, Miss Dyess received a master of Arts degree in Chinese Studies from St. John's University in New York. During commencement ceremonies she was honored with a Certificate of Academic Excellence for maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout her graduate studies. Miss Dyess was the recipient of the prestigious Dr. and Madame K'ung Scholarship, and was awarded a Graduate Assistantship position.

Miss Dyess is a 1988 graduate of Brownfield High School, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Midwestern State University, where she was named to the Sigma Tau Delta honor society and was a member of the women's track team. From 1993 to 1995 she studied Mandarin at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan, where she was awarded a Republic of China--Ministry of Education Scholarship.

Miss Dyess is employed as an Overseas Account Consultant with TECRO Investment and Trade Office in Manhattan, New York. She is the daughter of former Brownfield residents Bill and Glenda Dyess, who now reside in Springfield, Virginia, and is the granddaughter of Daisy Steele of Hereford and Mrs. Roscoe Dyess and the late Roscoe Dyess of Stratford.

Smith Named To Dean's Honor Roll

Abilene-Erin Smith of Stratford was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1996 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Erin is the daughter of Wayne and Terri Smith

Girl Scout Sunday March 2, 1997

Stratford Girl Scouts will be celebrating 85 years of Girl Scouting on March 2 in local churches. Girl Scout Week is held each March to let communities know about the programs and activities available to all girls ages 5 to 17.

Stratford troops will be attending St. Josephs Catholic Church, Church of Christ, First Christian Church and the First United Methodist church. Troops alternate churches each year.

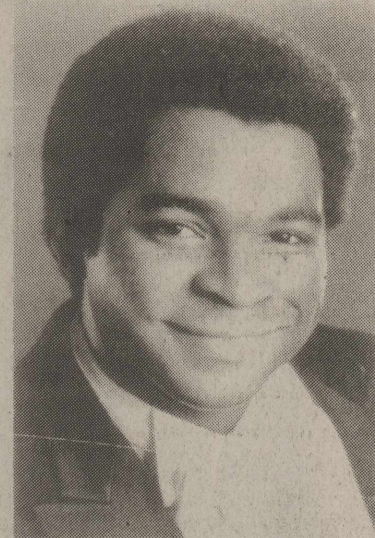
Former Girl Scouts and volunteers will be invited to attend a special 85th Girl Scout Reunion in May. Watch for time and date in the newspaper.

March, 1997 Museum Calendar

- Mar. 3 - Mary Hill
- Mar. 4 - Arlene Baker
- Mar. 5 - Barbara Judd
- Mar. 6 - Doris Dyess
- Mar. 7 - Gaynelle Riffe
- Mar. 10 - Billie Ann Stewart
- Mar. 11 - Max Stephenson
- Mar. 12 - Betty Brown
- Mar. 13 - Oline Caraway
- Mar. 14 - Bess Stone
- Mar. 17 - LaVelle Haggard
- Mar. 18 - Anita DeBord
- Mar. 19 - C.E. Willmon
- Mar. 20 - Joyce McBryde
- Mar. 21 - Luzelle Lowe
- Mar. 24 - Donna Kendrick
- Mar. 25 - Charlene Oquin
- Mar. 26 - Gail Hunsaker
- Mar. 27 - Billy Joe Ross
- Mar. 29 - Irene Butler
- Mar. 31 - Marcelle Sutton

Be sure to visit your museum soon to see the new exhibits - Eastern Star Exhibit and the Judges office and Windmill Paintings. The art exhibit will be during the month of March.

Amarillo Opera Brings Music Lovers A "Golden Opportunity"



Terry Cook



Lauran Fulton Corson

Amarillo Opera celebrates nine years of bringing the world's best-loved music to area audiences with its upcoming production, "Opera-tunity!" set for March 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Directed by Artistic Director Mila Gibson and presented in association with the Amarillo College Opera Workshop, "Opera-tunity!" promises to provide a full evening of family entertainment.

The program showcases a variety of songs and features the area's leading vocalists reprising their most memorable roles from

past productions. "This is truly a unique opportunity for people to sample all the best that opera offers: from Puccini and Mozart to modern American composers."

Highlighting the evening's performances is featured guest artist Terry Cook, a well-known star of the Metropolitan Opera and a Plainview native. Cook (Bass/Baritone) has performed numerous lead roles at the met since his debut in 1982 and is a favorite with international audiences as well. He sang to a packed house the last time he performed in our area in 1993.

Also making guest appearances are popular soprano Lauran Fulton Corson and renowned bass Eldon Black. Corson, a Canyon native, is on the voice faculty of the Ukrainian Music Institute in New York City and has performed with the Pittsburgh Opera, the American Opera Center, and Amarillo Opera. She thrilled Amarillo Opera patrons several years ago with her memorable role as Olympia in "Daughter of the Regiment." Eldon Black is senior Professor of Music at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, and has performed in recitals and operas in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Other noted singers for this special event are Mila Gibson, Gene Murray, Jerry and Katrina Perales, and Lee and Kathy Kendle. Musical accompanist for "Opera-tunity!" is Raenell McDonough; Paul Matney will narrate the evening's program; Costumer is Beth Nelson, and Technical Director is Jim Elliott. Jim Jordan serves as Special Technical Consultant for the production.

To reserve your tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office, (806) 378-3096. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$30. Student discounts are available with student ID, and BRAVO! members receive special rates. To find out how to join BRAVO!, the support organization for Amarillo Opera, call (806) 371-5360 weekdays.

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Kelly's Gymnastic class competed in Dumas on February 15th. Shown from left kneeling, Heather Robertson who received 6th in tumbling and 4th on trampoline, Kelsey Stein - 4th in tumbling and 6th in trampoline, Kristin Crabtree - 9th in tumbling and 8th in trampoline, Chelsie West - 5th in tumbling and trampoline, and Candie Bell who was unable to attend the meet. Standing from left, Scott Hudson - 2nd in tumbling and 5th in trampoline, Holly Sangster - 2nd in tumbling and 1st in trampoline, Lindsay Stein - 3rd in tumbling and 6th in trampoline, Brittany Hudson - 5th in tumbling and 7th in trampoline, Kayla Robertson - 7th in tumbling and 5th in trampoline, Jake Sangster - 1st in tumbling and trampoline. These kids will compete in Shamrock on March 22, 1997.

Feel Upbeat About Dress-Down Days

(NU) - People who have spent their entire work lives in pinstripes are now faced with "casual" Fridays. It's enough to make a buttoned-down executive look forward to Monday.

How do you look casual but not sloppy, relaxed but not off-guard? Clothing manufacturers have come up with an answer: Fridaywear.

At Geiger, the Austrian fashion house known for a unique international style inspired by Tyrolean tradition, the Fridaywear look is classic and comfortable.

Among possibilities for men are jackets and vests made of supersoft boiled wool to coordinate with merino sweaters, and shirts and pants. For women, there are skirts and casual trousers, many in lush prints, with coordinating sweaters and jackets.

Geiger clothes are available at specialty stores nationwide. Call 1-800-243-4437 for information or a free brochure.

Recent studies show that fat calories in the final product are the same whether chicken skin is removed before or after cooking. That's good news because skinless chicken tends to dry out during cooking.

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Bermuda consists of more than 300 islands, only 20 of which are inhabited.

Add Molasses for That Old-Fashioned Flavor

(NU) - Americans have always loved their molasses — a cooking staple from campfire cooking in covered-wagon days to modern kitchen fare. Here's a cookie favorite from the chefs at Brer Rabbit.

MOLASSES SUGAR COOKIES (Makes five dozen)

- 3/4 cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup Brer Rabbit Light or Dark Molasses
- 1 egg
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- Granulated sugar
- Water

In large bowl, with mixer at low speed, beat together margarine and 1 cup sugar until creamy. Add molasses and egg, beating until well blended. In medium bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, cloves and ginger. Add to molasses mixture; mix well. Cover and chill.

Form dough into 1-inch balls. Roll each in sugar; place on greased cookie sheets about 2 inches apart. Lightly sprinkle dough with water. Bake at 375 F for six to eight minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 1 minute. Remove cookies to wire rack to cool.

More Americans Using Direct Payment Method

(NU) - More Americans are choosing to pay their recurring bills by electronic "direct payment" in order to save time and insure that time-sensitive payments are made on time.

Direct payment means that a company you deal with is authorized by you to deduct directly from your bank accounts certain bills that you want taken care of on a regular and timely basis.

Here, according to the National Automated Clearing House Association, are some questions most often asked about direct payment:

How do I sign up for direct payment?

If a company offers the direct payment option, you can provide them with a written authorization to collect money from your account to cover the cost of payment.

Can I stop a payment?

Yes, you can file a "stop payment" request with your bank. To end the entire agreement, however, notify the billing company following the instructions provided in the authorization agreement. Remember, a change in the payment method does not affect your legal obligation to the biller.

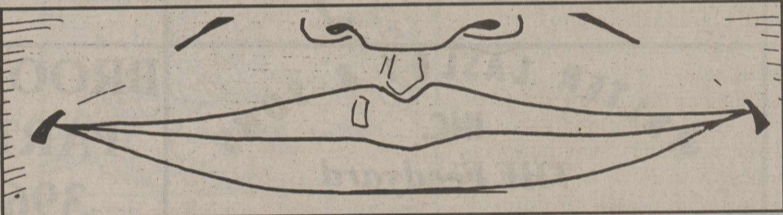
With direct payment, can the company obtain confidential information about me?

No. Companies have no access to any other information maintained by your bank.

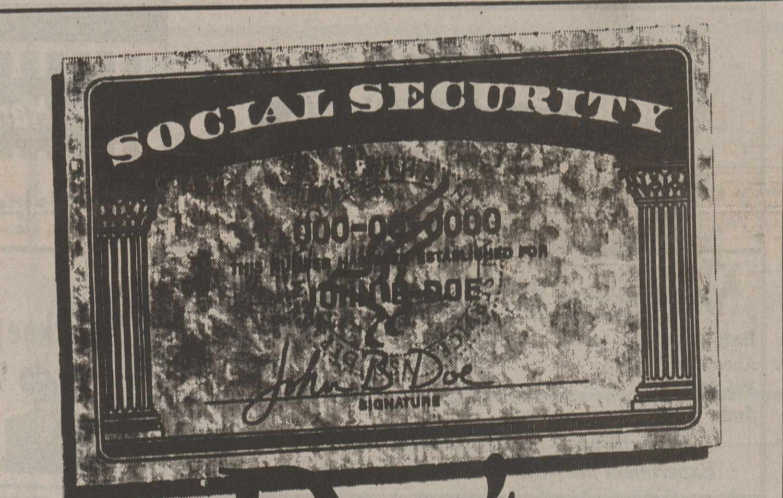
Where can I get more information about direct payment?

Call your bank, your utility company, your closest Federal Reserve bank.

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—Hal Borland



The Statue of Liberty's mouth is three feet wide.



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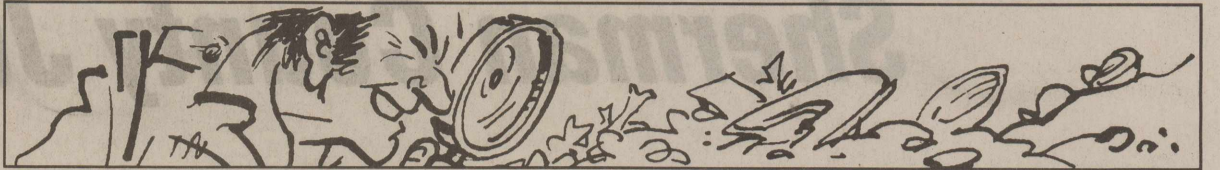
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes

- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup PACE Picante Sauce
- 1/2 cup diced green or red pepper
- 1 can (about 8 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can (about 16 ounces) black beans, drained
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. Mix 1 teaspoon cumin and garlic powder. Sprinkle both sides of chicken with cumin mixture.
 2. In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken in 2 batches and cook ten minutes or until browned. Set chicken aside.
 3. Add picante sauce, remaining cumin, pepper, corn and beans. Heat to a boil. Return chicken to pan. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook ten minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Sprinkle with cilantro.
- Serves 6

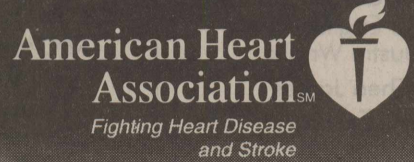


Water spiders live underwater in airtight silk nests. There they eat, molt, mate and raise families.

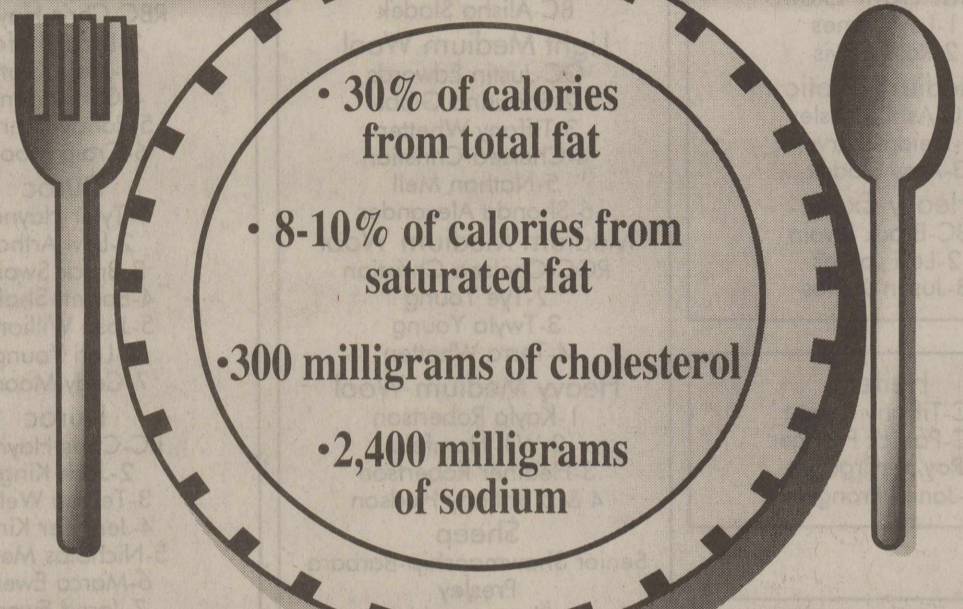


A kitchen midden is a mound of rubbish found at archaeological sites. The expression comes from Danish words that mean kitchen leavings. Studying kitchen middens help archaeologists reconstruct the daily life and changing customs of people who lived before history.

Guidelines for Healthful Eating



The American Heart Association says - that on average - your daily diet should not include more than:



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African-American History Month

For many years, African-Americans labored under slavery and oppressive rules. Today, racism still exists. Many people feel that the only way to end racism is to encourage learning and understanding. That's why we have Black History Month.

During Black History Month, you can learn about famous African-Americans such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Frederick Douglass. These people worked hard to make sure that every American is treated equally.

Do you have questions about famous African-Americans? Ask your teacher or visit the library.



HEALTH

Diabetes Program Aims To Prevent, Delay Disease

News USA

(NU) - In an effort to prevent or delay development of type II diabetes in high-risk individuals, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases at the National Institutes of Health is conducting a nationwide diabetes prevention program.

The study is seeking to enroll at least 4,000 people, more than half from population groups at especially high risk - African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Volunteers must be 25 or older and have a condition called impaired glucose tolerance, a major risk factor for Type II diabetes. Eligible volunteers in the 3- to 6-year study will be assigned to either lifestyle modification or medication as a preventative, or to a control group.

Bristol-Myers Squibb, whose oral diabetes medicine Glucophage® (metformin hydrochloride tablets) is the only marketed medication to be used in the prevention program, is a partner in the effort.

Troglitazone, an investigational drug not available for marketing in the United States, is the other medication used in the trial.

First cleared by the FDA in early 1995, Glucophage today is the most prescribed branded medication to treat type II diabetes. It is credited with postponing insulin therapy for thousands of patients.

Doctors prescribe medication if diet and exercise alone cannot control the elevated blood sugar levels of a diabetic patient when his or her body fails to produce enough of the hormone insulin.

Glucophage offers several potential benefits over other oral diabetes medications. It works to reduce blood glucose levels without causing hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), dizziness or headache. It also works without causing weight gain, an

especially important factor, since being overweight contributes to the severity of diabetes. It may also cause cholesterol levels to improve.

Glucophage usage is contraindicated in patients with abnormal kidney or liver function due to the risk of lactic acidosis, or the buildup of lactic acid in the blood, a rare but serious metabolic complication that can occur due to Glucophage accumulation during treatment. It has been reported to occur in about three out of 100,000 patients who take this drug for a full year. If it occurs, it may be fatal in up to half the cases. The risk of lactic acidosis may be significantly decreased by regular monitoring of kidney function and by strict adherence to prescribing guidelines.

Why a Study?

The staggering human and financial costs of diabetes - \$100 billion a year - make it a prime target for significant preventive efforts.

Consider the toll taken by type II diabetes, known as noninsulin dependent diabetes mellitus.

- Nearly 16 million Americans are believed to have the disease, only half of whom have been diagnosed. It generally occurs in people over 40, is the most common form of diabetes and affects a disproportionate number of minorities.

- Each year, more than 160,000 people die as a result of diabetes and its complications. That makes diabetes the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the United States.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, and foot and leg amputations in adult Americans. It also is a major contributor to heart disease and stroke.

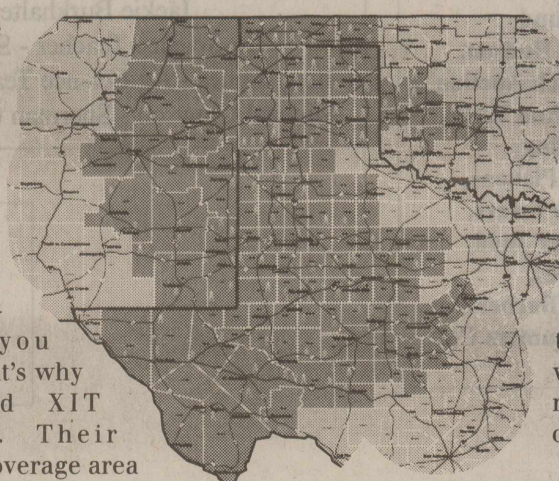
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Steer
Light English
RGC-Justin Wright
RBC- Thea James
Light Exotic
1-Josh Kautz
2-April Kautz
3-Tiffany Knight
Med. Light Exotic
1-Levi James
2-Ross Davis
Medium Exotic
GC-Ashlie Lasley
2-Deidre Tarver
3-Amy Sladek
Heavy Exotic
RBC-Brock Swain
2-Levi James
3-Justin James

Heifer
GC-Tiffany Knight
RGC-Patrick Pronger
1-Roy McCracken
2-Janell Pronger

Beef
Senior Showmanship-Ashlie Lasley
Junior Showmanship-Thea James

Livestock Judging Contest
High Individual-Senior Barrett Shafer
Junior-Justin Wright
Adult-Blake Sladek

Sheep Finewool
BC-Dalton Sladek
RBC-Champion-Matthew Taliaferro
Finewool Cross
BC-Barbara Presley
RBC-Lari Wells
3-Johnna Ewers
Dorset
BC-Alisha Sladek
Light Medium Wool
GC-Justin Edwards
2-Shaunna Gibbs
3-Tiffany Whetten
4-Chelsea Christian
5-Nathan Meil
6-Shonda Alexander
Medium Medium Wool
RGC-Chelsea Christian
2-Tye Young
3-Twyla Young
4-Terra Whetten
Heavy Medium Wool
1-Kayla Robertson
2-Will Homfeld
3-Heather Robertson
4 & 5 Brittany Hudson
Sheep
Senior Showmanship-Barbara Presley
Junior Showmanship-Terra Whetten

Swine
Berkshire
BC-Nick Ashley
Chester White
BC-Eric York
RBC-Kyla Helmuth
3-Ezra Daniels
4-Davy Brown
Duroc
RBC-Chris Haynes
2-Lara Shafer
3-Josh Kautz
4-Clint Adams
5-Randy Penrod
6-Craig Moore
Duroc
1-Tyler Haynes
2-Levi Artho
3-Brock Swain
4-Barrett Shafer
5-Josh Williams
6-Lori Young
7-Cody Moore
Duroc
BC-Chris Haynes
2-Josh King
3-Teresa Wells
4-Jennifer King
5-Nicholas Meyer
6-Marca Ewers
7-Jared Ewers
8-Josh Williams

Crossbreeds
1-Will Young
2-Tiffany Whetten
3-Ivonne Hernandez
4-Crystal Garza
5-Ivonne Hernandez
6-Cody Gibbs
7-Justin Stames
8-Erica Moreno
Crossbreeds
1-Justin James
2-Steven Paul
3-Joy Burkhalter
4-Derek Blain
5-RoAnn Lopez
6-Brandon Davis
7-David Hunsaker
8-Scott McAlister
9-J.B. Presley
10-Amber Iarance
11-Priscilla Garza
12-Sid Resendes
Crossbreeds
RGC-Joy Burkhalter
2-Brock Swain
3-Derek Blain
4-Jared Ewers
5-Mark Miller
6-Daniel Mungia
7-Sid Resendes
8-Jessica King
9-Scott Plunk
Crossbreeds
GC-Kyla Bell
2-Barrrett Shafer
3-Keri Wight
4-Walter Spurlock
5-Roy McCracken
6-McLain Pool
7-Marca Ewers
8-Eric York
9-Solon Daniels
10-Brad Reed
11-Kenny DeFord
12-Tyrel Whetten
13-Trisha Teig
14-Terri Daniels
15-Rob Adams
16-Jayme Wilhelm
17-Randy Penrod
Swine Showmanship
Senior-Chris Haynes
Junior-Justin James

Hampshire
1-Keri Wight
2-April Kautz
3-Brad Reed
4-Michael Meil
5-Mark Miller
6-Brent Wilhelm
7-Mandy Helmuth
8-Whitney Kautz
9-Daniel Hunsaker
10-Tyrel Whetten
11-Nick Ashley
12-Adam Gomez
13-Cliff Moore
Hampshire
BC-Julie Kimball
2-Justin James
3-Jeremy Pool
4-Cassie Bell
5-Jessica Lucero
6-Josh Moore
7-Brad Williams
8-Wes Kimball
9-Martha Ramos
10-Jessica Young
11-Danny Davis
12-Jose Reta
13-Trisha Teig
14-Lori Adams
Hampshire
1-Carla Bell
2-Roy McCracken
3-Brandon Davis
4-Casey Crabtree
5-Steven Paul
6-Crystal Garza
7-Anthony Lucero
8-Luther Weir
9-Paul Brown
10-Davy Brown

Hampshire
RBC-Cassie Bell
2-Kyla Bell
3-Jayme Wilhelm
4-Tyler Haynes
5-Todd Teig
6-Logan Potts
Spots/Polands
BC-Emily Shafer
Yorkshire
BC-Jennifer Sladek
2-Casey Crabtree
3-April Kautz
4-Daniel Hunsaker
5-Emily Shafer
6-Terri Daniels
7-Ty Young
8-Wesley Hunsaker
Yorkshire
RBC-Erin Ashley
2-Walter Spurlock
3-Logan Brace
4-Josh King
5-Beau Brown
6-Trenton Boyd
7-Paul Brown
Yorkshire
1-Carla Bell
2-Josh Moore
3-Jennifer Oakley
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Landrace
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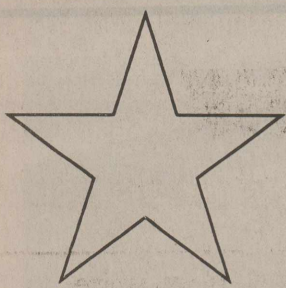
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Houses For Sale

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City Election

The City of Stratford will hold a City Election for three (3) Councilmen on May 3, 1997. Filing for a place on the ballot will begin February 18, 1997, and continue through March 19, 1997. You may file at the City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Councilmen Andy Riffe, Earl Griffin, and Dennis Phelps will expire this term.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Texhoma I.S.D. is now accepting request for proposals for a school passenger bus. Proposals are due to the office by noon March 10, 1997. Bids will be opened at that time.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, February 27, 1997 and Thursday, March 6, 1997.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all my friends in Stratford. You made my going away from SPS so much easier. I love you all. A special Thanks to Molly & Eugene Griffin, Cynthia Schoenhals, Gail & George Harding, and my children. They let me cry on their shoulder and that was most needed. Love you all and thanks again.

Cody & Bonnie Hamilton
Jack, Dickie, Leslie Schriber
Wade & Tracy Pugh
Kerry & Mel Hamilton & Danny & Kayla Norton

Dear Friends,
We want to thank you so very much for all your love, prayers and concern during this most difficult and trying time in our lives. You have been there for us not only now, but through all the good and the bad times. We will remember the laughter we shared as well as the tears. Please know how much you are appreciated. Our tears will dry and our hearts will mend in time, but your love and kindness will never be forgotten. May God Bless each of you always.

The Family of Rex Palmer
Joan Palmer
Tonie, Bob, Ashley & Ryan Eady
Raymond, Nancy & Lindsey Palmer
Beth, Tommy & Katy Bench

We would like to thank each and every individual, business, and church for their cooperation and donations to our family after the loss of our loved one. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel towards everyone's generosity. Even though Scantiago is gone, his memory will always be with us. It's times like these that makes a person glad to be a part of such a wonderful community. God Bless and Keep each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,
The Reta Family

Queremos darle las gracias a cada persona, iglesia, y negocio por su cooperacion y donativos a nuestra familia en la perdida de nuestro ser querido. No tenemos las palabras para demostrar el agradecimiento que sentimos por tanta generosidad. Aunque Santiago no este con nosotros, su recuerdo estara siempre con nosotros. Nos sentimos muy wugulosos de ser parte de esta gran comunidad. Dios los bendiga y los aguarde a todos.

Sinceramente,
La Familia Reta

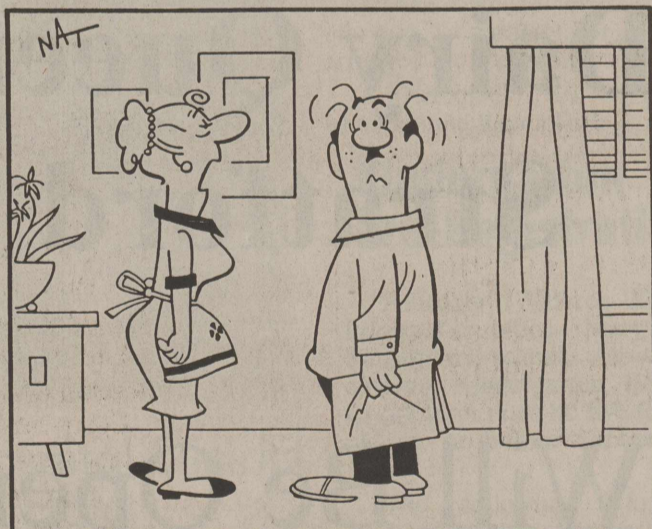
The people our community are known for helping each other, but we never knew how much until we lost our daughter. The love, food and visits meant so much to us, when words could not ease the pain, you were there!

Love in Christ
Bud & Frankie Shields & Family

We want to thank everyone who remembered us with cards, visits and prayers, when my sister Jennie Reed passed away. Your thoughtfulness and love is much appreciated. May God Bless each of you in a Special way.

Cap & Rose Williams
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The course of true love never did run smooth.
—William Shakespeare



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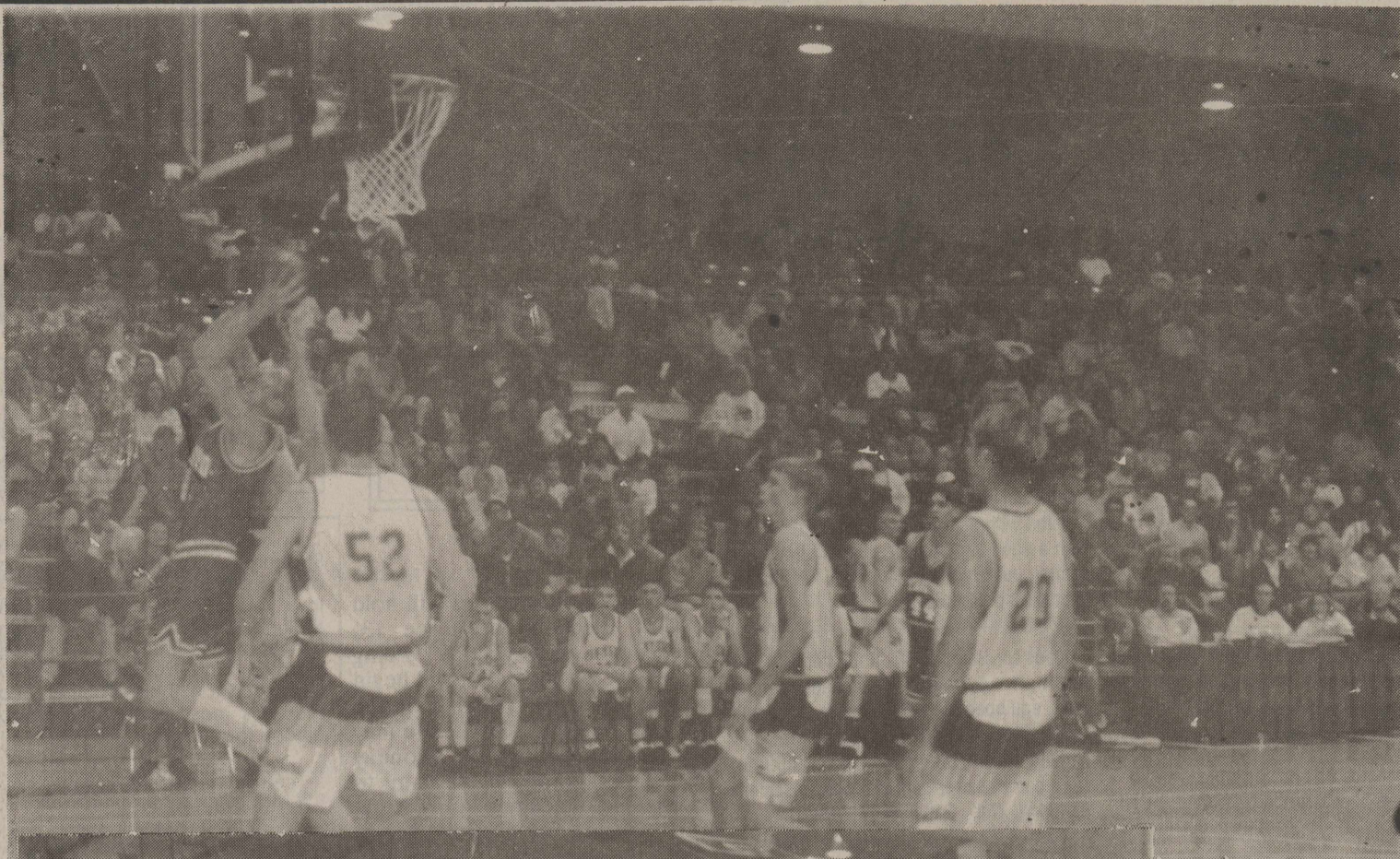
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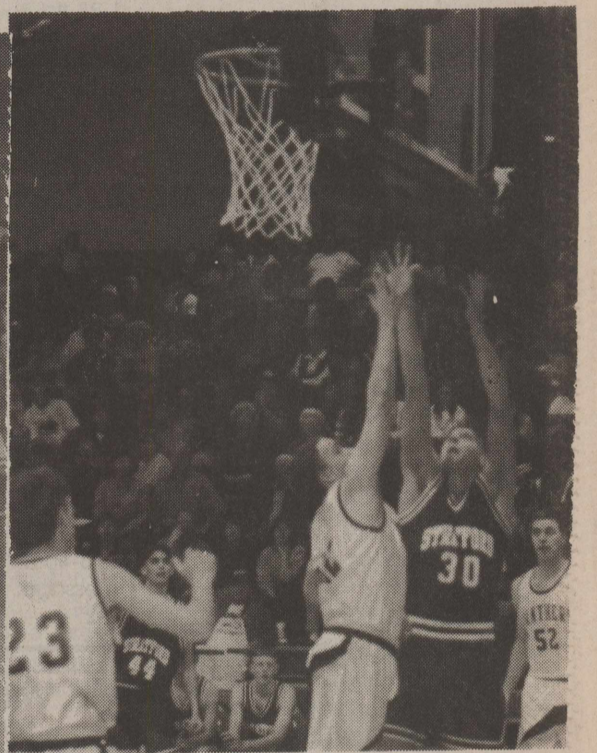
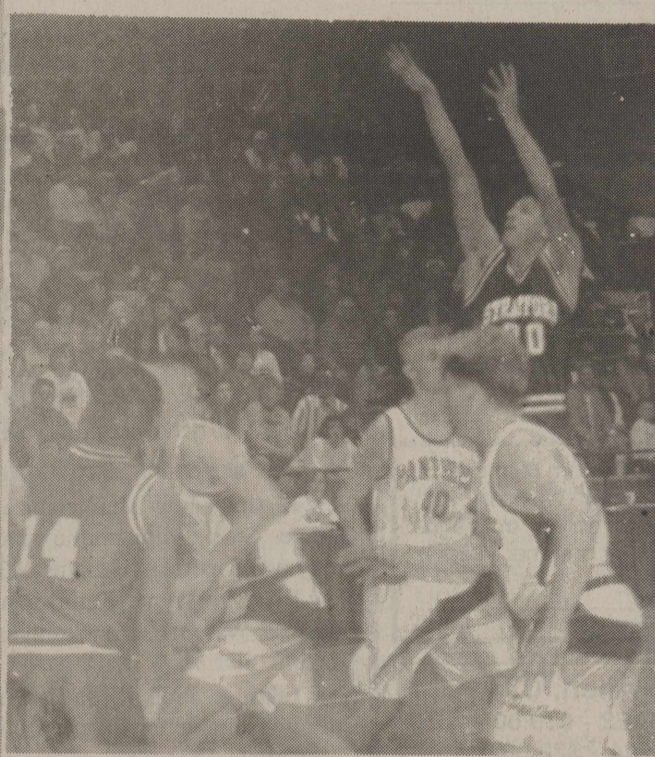
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