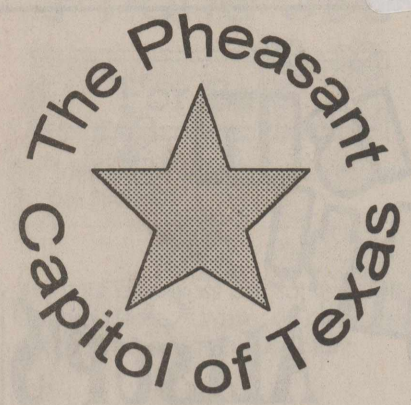


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Stratford Country Club To Have Auction

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

SCDC Directors Call A Special Membership Meeting

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. Board of Directors is calling a Special Meeting of the Membership to be held on Monday, March 10th at 12:00 noon at the Sherman County Courthouse. The meeting is to inform the members of the Taylor Building Renovation Project and to adopt a Resolution in support of the project. All members are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Lorie Vincent at the SCDC office at 396-2897.

Country Club Items To Be Auctioned

1. Stratford Country Club Auction items are 1. Gumbo Feas' 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

The tutor training class to provide tutors techniques for teaching English as a second language will be held on March 21st and 22nd at the Sherman County Library.

Carolyn Willingham of Pampa is a certified literacy teacher and will be the presenter of the two day workshop. The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. on March 21st. An eight hour session will be on Saturday March 22nd to complete the required hours for the tutor.

If you are interested in this program and have not contacted the library, please do so as soon as possible so materials may be secured for the class group.

This is a FREE service for tutors as well as those interested in learning to read, write, or speak English. If you are an English speaking person and just want to learn to read better, there will be help for you, also.

Call the library if you would like more information. Our number is 396-2200.

Scot Bingo

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

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

XIT Rural Telephone Schedules 46th Annual Membership Meeting...

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 46th Annual Membership meeting of its rural landline telephone customers for Wednesday, March 12th.

The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members and invited guests registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a noon luncheon catered by K-Bobs.

Patronage Capital Credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. The total amount to be refunded will be over four hundred and eighty three thousand dollars--which represents the remaining 11% of 1987's allocation and 70% of 1988's allocation. Those checks not picked up at the meeting will be mailed promptly afterwards.

The informational booths that landline members and invited guests won't want to miss include:

- * "SURF THE NET" at XIT's INTERNET BOOTH-Find answers to many of your questions and information on XIT's latest service offering XITNET.
- * "FREE" Glaucoma Check--Lions Eye Bank of Dist. 2T-1.
- * "FREE" Blood Pressure Check--Columbia Home Care
- * When Seconds Count...Call 911--Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
- * Drug Awareness--Dalhart Police Department
- * Dallam/Hartley/Sherman Counties' Juvenile Probation Office
- * Safe Place, Inc.--Becky Rivera, Coordinator
- * Sherman County Emergency Management--Sandy Baskin, Coordinator.

XIT Cellular will also have a booth set up with cellular equipment and handouts. XIT Rural Telephone landline members who have a cellular phone are encouraged to visit this booth with any questions that they might have.

The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the introduction of guests. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$3,000 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be four grand prizes awarded: 1-\$300 Cash Prize and 3-\$100 Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The annual meeting is held in March of each year. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors for each district-to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 20th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total number of the Cooperatives members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are T.F. Baskin, III, President; James Spurlock, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Wilson, Glenn Olson, E.H. Little, J.W. McClellan, Jr., Kenneth Stanley and Walter E. Lasley.

On February 10th, the Nominating Committee consisting of John Burrow, Carl French, Ed Latham, Kenneth Brown, Wallace Bridwell and A.E. Pronger, Jr. met at the headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. Ed Latham was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I-Dallam County--E.H. Little; District II-Hartley County--Gary Finch, and District III-Sherman County--T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III.

Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service at the lowest price. XIT rural landline members need to mark their calendars and plan to attend the 46th Annual Meeting of the Membership and take an active part in the decision making of their Cooperative.

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.

Want To Know What Pantex Does?

Want 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 the 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.



Elks Advanced To Regional Tournament

Stratford Elks end season at Region 1-2A tournament in Abilene, Texas. Members of the Stratford Elk team shown with their District, Bi-District, and Area trophy's kneeling from left, Justin Starnes, Coby Galla, Oscar Aguilera, Dusty Palmer, Scott McAlister, Daniel Hunsaker. Standing from left, Jose Reta, Ross Davis, Dusty Stewart, Ryan Davis, Efrain Ortega, J.B. Presley and Coach Jimmy Lanning. Congratulations on a Great Year!

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CRP Meeting

Sherman County Farm Service Agency will be having a meeting about the new sign-up for the 15th Conservation Reserve Program or CRP on Thursday, March 6, 1997. The meeting will be at the Sherman County Barn at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in CRP should try to attend this meeting to receive information needed about the sign-up.

SCDC Requesting Assistance, Advice, Bids, and Estimates On Demolition Of Harbour Motel

At the request of the Harbour Estate, The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is requesting any bids or estimates on the demolition of the old Harbour Motel. In working with the family on the clean-up of the property, any advice, bids, or estimates on the cost of clean-up, etc. of the property are being accepted in the SCDC office. In the event of a controlled fire of the property, bids will also be accepted on the removal of the debris. For more information, call Lorie Vincent at 396-2897.

Chamber of Commerce Seeks Nominations

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting nominations for the 1996 Farmer/Rancher, Businessperson, and Citizen of the Year. The winners will be honored at the Chamber banquet to be held Tuesday, March 25, 1997.

The deadline for submitting nominations is this Friday, 7 March. This will allow time for the committees to select the winners and for notification of out-of-town family members.

A nomination form is included in this week's paper or forms are available at the Chamber office in City Hall. For additional information, contact the Chamber office 396-2260. Chamber address, Box 570.

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.

CRP Planning Meeting To Be Held March 18th-2 CEU's To Be Offered

"CRP-Planning For The Future" meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. with registration. A \$5.00 registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of the meal, refreshments and materials.

The CRP meeting is sponsored by the Sherman County Agriculture committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The meeting will focus on the future of the Conservation Reserve Program and alternate production and economic practices regarding the CRP. Two (2) CEU's will be offered for recertification of private, commercial, and non-commercial applicators' licenses.

Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Economist, will address new CRP policies and economic considerations. Gene Miller, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will discuss wildlife management on CRP lands. Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, will talk about production considerations on converting CRP back to cropland. The program will conclude with Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, addressing CRP grazing management strategies.

Please RSVP to the Sherman County Extension Office by Friday, March 14th. For more information, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

SISD To Hold Trustee Election

Stratford Independent School District will hold its trustee election on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Sign-up for the trustee election will continue until Wednesday, March 19. At this time there have been no candidates sign their intention to run for a position on the board. The three positions to be filled in this election are those of Kenton Kimball, Sandy Baskin, and Philip Walden.

Break, the Sherman County Appraisal District will have the application forms to sign for. Anyone interested in being a candidate. During Spring Break week the Superintendent's office will be open ONLY on Friday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

Holdover members to the board are Barbara Chumley, Roy McAlister, Karen Riffe, and John Wheeler.

Depot Museum Dinner Theater Saturday, March 22

Everyone should plan to attend the Depot Museum's Dinner Theater on Saturday, March 22, 1997 at the Stratford High School. A full meal, served at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria, will be followed by the program starting at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

This year's programs will include musical selections by students from the Drama and Music Department of Panhandle State University of Goodwell, Ok. and a hilarious, comical play presented by the UIL play cast from Stratford High School. The

director of this play is Ronna Jo Riffe, teacher at Stratford High School.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 years old and under. These tickets may be purchased from any Depot Museum board member or at the museum, usually 2-4 p.m. on weekdays.

Board members are Helen and Arthur Judd, E.R. Bell, Billy Joe Ross, Pat Johnson, Shannon Taliadro, Eugene Griffin, Al Baker, Jim Bob Brown and Daina Starnes.

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.

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.

Stratford Relays This Weekend

The Stratford Relays will be held Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th.

High School prelims will start Friday at 3:45 p.m. Jr. High Field Events at 4:00 p.m.

On Saturday, March 8th Jr. High School Prelims will start at 9:00 a.m. Finals will start at 1 p.m.

Varsity and JV Final Field Events will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8th

Museum-"The Sentinels Of The Prairie" Being Exhibited

The Depot Museum is exhibiting "THE SENTINELS OF THE PRAIRIE" (an art show) along with the "BLADES IN THE SKY" at the Imagination Station. Be sure to see both!

In the art exhibit "THE SENTINELS OF THE PRAIRIE" there are windmill models by Vern Reynolds, Glenn Hart and Buster Gum. There are paintings by Elsie Lasley, Mary Jo Cox, Mary Hill, Martha Harrison, Betty Lou O'Brien, Dicy Stephenson, Shirley Durham, Velma Blake, Ruby McNeal, Doris Dyess, Millie Hacker, J.A. Lasley and Fannie Crabtree. There are prints of Carolyn Stalwitz and Kenneth Wyatt and photos by Fred Hughes and a photo of a Lasley windmill taken at sunrise by a friend of Elsie Lasley. There is also a windmill quilt on exhibit.

The museum will be open every week day from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on the following special days in March;

Saturday, March 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 9th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 23rd from 1 to 3 p.m.

This is an exciting WINDMILL EXHIBIT and we hope you will come and enjoy it.

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Please type or print BRIEF explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attached sheet.

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Letter To The Editor

Scot Hall was decorated with green shamrocks by ceramics club-Beverly, Nadine, Dorothy, Charlene & Mary.

Dear Editor:

I would like to address this letter to the Matriarch and scribe of our Scot organization, inasmuch as she was unable to attend last Thursday's luncheon. **TIMMIE BROWN WOULD HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED!**

Without detailing how circumstances developed, Penny Boyd showed up along with her father, Ron Ridgeway of Pinon Hills, Cal., with a beautiful guitar in hand. My scheduled performer, Nigel was there with his Trumpet, so we were prepared for a real Jamfest!

Don & Penny opened with Jambalia' duet, which had folks jumping. Then, a true lovesong, "Wings of a Dove" in perfect harmony." A third was also a duet, "Squaws Along The Yukon." As Don was closing with his Solo, "Look It Up", I whispered to Nigel, "that's a tough act to follow, but you can do it." Then he preceded to play and then sing "Oh Danny Boy" as only a young Irish Lad can, and followed with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" with crowd participating. **YOU'D HAVE LOVED IT!!!!!!**

Lew Bruni

No man can think clearly when his fists are clenched.
—George Jean Nathan

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Propaganda is the art of persuading others of what you don't believe yourself.
—Abba Eban

If all men were just, there would be no need of valor.
—Agesilaus

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



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Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old-timers. Readers this pretty sunny Monday A.M. March 3, 1997.

This issue of Timi's Tidbits is dedicated to Eddie Moon & family, Becky Knight Raymond, Homer L. Haile, and the Medical Teams that have attended them during their fight for life and health. We realize that Eddie is still critically and dangerously ill, but so far as we know Becky and H.L. are able to lead fairly normal lives, and so we express our thanks to our Heavenly father and extend prayers and Christian love to all persons involved from SCOTTERS and personally. Amen.

Check your local calendar of events for upcoming activities you would like to attend. Incidentally, our calendar is filled with getting off to Mansfield, PA for the wedding of Lori Goins and Michael W. Powers. We, includes Timi, Lorelyn, Matthew, Joy, and Devan Powers from Stratford. They join the rest of the Haile clan in Plano, TX. Then Sue Haile, The Allan Hailes, and the Ronnie Williams will travel to Mansfield, PA for the Rehearsal dinner and wedding.

Excitement ran high in the community as we followed the success of the Stratford Elks basketball team and Coach Lanning to Borger, Amarillo and Abilene where they met their "Waterloo" in the Shallowater Team. Senior Citizens congratulate the team for their excellent performance and manly sportsmanship.

We understand that Cleo Addudell is in training in Beeville, TX for a position in the Dalhart Prison.

William W. Whelpley, Sr., Representative of Christian Record Services, called on us this week and told us he would like to get in touch with Senior Citizens who have hearing defects. His address is P.O. Box 706, Hooker, Ok. 73945 Ph # (405) 652-3988.

We think the following is worth all readers attention:

Spiritual purposes of families:

- To love & be loved
- To forgive & be forgiven
- To celebrate & pass on the family's name & heritage
- To serve & be served
- To let go, so that young adults may be fully born into the family of God

Family Matters
Disciples Homeland Ministries

We are saddened by the death of Alma Hall, Amarillo, former Stratfordite and teacher in SHS. Services & interment are in Clarendon, TX. today March 3, 1997 and by the word of Vita Bachman Gaylord Warners? husband of Elkhart, KS (we apologize for not knowing Mr. Warner's initial) To the sorrowing members of both families we send Christian love & prayers, May each person find consolation in this her belief in life eternal. AMEN. Pray for traveling grace for us. Encourage our peers with shoulder pats and luv. Thanks to Joy for helping Edit Tidbits.



All race horses have their official birthday on Jan. 1, except in the Southern Hemisphere, where it's August 1.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Steve & Traci Elliott, and son, Cody were honored Feb. 22 with a party held in Terry Schoonover's barn. Co-hosting the event were Brad & Kaci McBryde, Brady & Trisha Schoonover. Finger foods and snacks were served to about 40. They were given a money tree.

Bill Boren has returned from a trip to Missouri to visit with son Joe Bill and his family, Jennifer and grandsons, Will & Brice.

Barbara & George Avent have moved into their new home in Dalhart. Kerrick will miss them but we expect them back often!

The planned OFF Club trip to Denver this weekend has been cancelled. Too many people on the sick list!

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters spend a couple of days in Freedom, Ok., with the Duane Gillenwaters family.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck were in Amarillo Friday to see their new grandson, Kelby Dennis, son of Dennis & Jeanette Irlbeck.

Lynn Wells & Lisa Crabtree attended a Christian women's retreat in Amarillo Feb. 21-23.

Thelma Smith of Dumas returned home last week after a round in a Dallas hospital receiving a new pacemaker. It was a "little" more complicated that it should have been!

Marylou McDaniel visited in Sacramento and Healdsburg, California, with two cousins and their families, Dean McDaniel and Terry Turk. While there she made a day trip to San Francisco for the usual attractions, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf. Also toured the Governor's Mansion, Old Sacramento and saw a King's-Knicks basketball game. The area has been flooded, the rivers high and just now going down. Levees were dangerously close to breaking everywhere. A mud slide had highway 50 between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe closed for a month, then a tree fell over the road and held traffic up for several hours right after it had opened.

New Places-New Faces



New Place--La Mision Bautista raising the roof on their new building at the corner of Wall and S. Fourth.

Arts & Crafts Spring Fling To Be Held

The teen youth of the Church of the Nazarene, Guymon, Oklahoma, is hosting an "Arts & Crafts Spring Fling, March 15th. Booth space is available and those interested can contact Mike at 338-3553 for more information. The arts and crafts booth sales will begin at 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., March 15th, at the Church of the Nazarene 24th and Sunset, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Chamber Sponsoring Annual 5th/6th Grade Basketball Tournament

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual 5th/6th Grade Stratford Basketball Tournament to be held March 6-7-8. Games will be played in the High School gym.

Boys and girls' teams from Boise City, Ok., Borger, Dumas, Fritch, Hugoton, KS, Pampa, Perryton, Spearman and Stratford will be participating. The public is encouraged to attend the games and see the area's future basketball stars in action.

The concession stand will be serving hot dogs, frito pies, drinks and an assortment of sweets. The "Little Dribblers" will be admitted free if they are wearing their basketball shirts.

The tournament schedule is available at the Chamber office in City Hall and at the school. Games will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. For additional information, contact the Chamber office 396-2260.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Last Thursday's Luncheon was enjoyed by some 85 people. The meal was good and part of the live entertainment was brought in from California. Thanks to Penny Boyd and her dad. Also thanks goes to Nigal Kirkpatrick for singing and playing his horn.

This Thursday will be Bingo again at 7 p.m.

With March winds blowing in, maybe we will have warmer weather and will be able to have some activities starting up. Give me some ideas.

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.

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Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

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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

First Baptist

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Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Family Gathering To Celebrate Rose Wells Birthday

A family gathering on Sunday, March 2, was held at the home of Shorty Albert. The occasion was the celebration of Rose Wells' birthday. Those attending were Roses' three children, Jeanne and Marion Glenn Brannan of Fritch, Shorty Albert of Stratford, Buck and Sharilyn Wells of Barnsdall, Oklahoma.

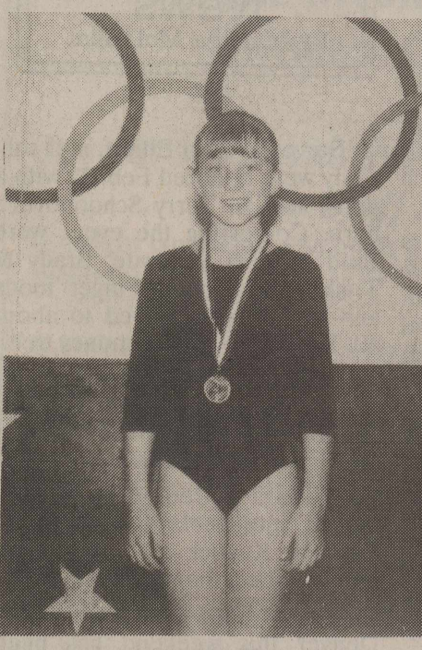
Grandchildren present were Renée Storm of Fritch, Ron and Vonda Brannan of Borger, Joe Pete and LaRonda Albert of Stinnett, Thad Wells of Barnsdall, OK. Steve and Carrie Albert of Dumas. Great grandchildren present were: Ami Storm, Jessica, Lauren, and Abby Mae Brannan, Chance and Skyler Judd Albert, Lexie McKay Albert, and Mary Ashley Cook.

Special guests were her sister Ann Bracken of Barnsdall, OK. Mary Woodford Wisdom of Stratford, and Bill Phillips of Fritch.

A good time was had by all; lots of pictures were taken, lots of laughs, and the highlight of the party seemed to be that the honoree didn't even get a piece of her own birthday cake. She was such a good cake server.

A bridal shower was held for Amy Kesterson, bride-elect of Gene Lowrey on Sunday, March 2 at the home of Lauri Ewers. Shown above is Lona Chilton-Aunt, Ilene Carter-grandmother, Kay Kesterson-mother, Erin Cates sister, all of Amarillo and bride-Amy Kesterson of Stratford.

"Gymnast of The Month"



February Gymnast of the Month is Holly Sangster. In the few months that Holly has participated in gymnastics, she has improved tremendously! She is able to do standing back handsprings, round-off back handsprings & consecutive back handsprings. Holly is an active member of Kelly's Gymnastic Competitive Team. She will participate in the upcoming meet in Shamrock competing on floor & tramp. Holly as a wonderful & willing to learn attitude. Holly is the 12 yr. old daughter of Don & Yvonne Sangster of Texhoma.

Looking Ahead Chamber Calendar

- March**
 6-7-8 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tournament Chamber of Commerce
 7-World Day of Prayer-Host Baptist Church
 10-County Commissioners Court
 13-14-Stratford ISD Invitational Golf Tournament
 15-Stratford Country Club Auction
 17-Coffee Memorial Blood Bank 3-5 p.m. (sponsored by Study Club)
 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
 6-Daylight Savings Time
 14-County Commissioners Court
 26-CASA's "Kids for Kids" Stratford park
 29-FHA Cookout
- May**
 1-FFA Banquet
 3-Lollipop Junction Calf Fries/Auction

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First Leadership Texas Session Held

Pictured above is Lorie Vincent, Executive Director of the Sherman County Development Committee and Texas Secretary of State, Tony Garza. The Honorable Tony Garza was one of the 20 keynote speakers which were a part of the first Leadership Texas Session held in Austin in February. The theme for the first session was "Issues and Access". The next session will be held in Abilene, Texas in April where the theme will be "Regionalism".

Silent Partners Shield Livestock, Decrease Winter Loss

Silent partners to cow/calf producers in Sherman County are shielding livestock while increasing profits.

Livestock windbreaks, multiple rows of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, are increasing cattle weight gains and reducing mortality rates by buffering cattle from harsh weather conditions, according to Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service (TFS) area forester, Lubbock. During winter months, cattle hidden in a "L" or "U" shaped multiple row windbreak are allowed to utilize their energy to continue gaining weight rather than expending it to keep warm. And as a result, the amount of feed afforded by the producer is reduced as well.

These living cattle shelters also provide livestock shade during the hot summer months.

Three to four row windbreaks containing two rows of evergreens and a windward side shrub row will enhance the overall performance of the break, Fewin said. Depending on the number of cattle using the barrier, the planting should be at least 750 to 1,000 feet in length.

M&F Feedlot owners and operators, Frosty and Margaret Freese of Plainview, planted two livestock windbreaks, a three and four row break, to prevent a repeat of the past and prepare for their future in cattle.

"Blowing snow out of the northwest blinded our cattle for three to four days. We had to do something if we were going to be in the cattle business," said Frosty Freese, who along with his wife Margaret, feed Holstein replacement heifers, Holstein calves, mother cows and steers in their feedyard.

To ensure maximum performance from a livestock windbreak it is essential that it be fenced in from the cattle, according to Fewin. He said fencing prevents cattle from browsing and breaking the lower branches and compacting the soil over the tree roots, which can result in tree mortality.

The partnership between the windbreak and the producer is not limited to livestock protection. Depending on the species planted, these living fences provide recreation as well. For example, evergreen rows of Easter redbud concerted with a shrub row of nanking cherry create habitat attracting wildlife for the hunter or the observer. And if planted near a water supply will often sustain wildlife populations.

"Trees add to the beauty. They're a good place for cattle to get in the shade and good for game," said a Hutchinson County landowner, Wes Balentine. Balentine owns a four row livestock windbreak north of Stinnett.

To create a livestock windbreak this Spring, seedlings, produced by the TFS West Texas Nursery, are available for order through Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District. Order quickly. Inventory is limited and planting season is approaching. For more information or for assistance in designing and planting a multiple row livestock windbreak contact the Sherman County SWCD at 396-5517.

Taylor Building To Be Renovated

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is currently developing a project which will be of great benefit to the community. The "Taylor Building Project" will benefit the community in many ways including:

- * the renovation of an empty building
- & putting a sub-standard Building back on the active tax rolls
- * the recruitment of a new business in town
- * the creation of jobs
- * stopping some of the "leakage" to out-of-town businesses
- * increase in sales tax revenues
- * increase in consumer traffic in commercial district
- * providing products which are not currently available in Stratford
- * and more...

The funding for this project will be pooled from several sources. The owners of the building have generously agreed to sell the building at a discounted price and the renovations will be financed. At this time, Sherman County Development is raising funds to purchase the building. Duckwall Variety Stores has agreed to a lease and there are currently tenants in the beauty shop and doctor's office. The project would be on-going with rent to service the "renovation" and "building" notes. The funds raised for the building would be in the form of a loan which would be paid back with interest at a future date. In addition, several volunteers will be needed to complete a portion of the renovations to update the building.

It is not the intention of the SCDC to own the property indefinitely. We are interested in completing a project that would generate the benefits listed above. The property will be for sale on the condition that all outstanding notes be paid in full.

It is our goal to raise \$30,000 to complete this project. We are asking you, the community, to make an investment in this worthy project in the form of a loan to the Sherman County Development, Inc. Several pledges have already been received, however, additional funds are needed. Please consider this request and join us taking an exciting step towards continued growth in Stratford. For bookkeeping purposes, any amount of \$100 or more will be considered a loan. Any amount less than \$100 will be appreciated and considered a donation to the project. This fundraising drive will take place through March 31st. More information concerning the details of this project are available at the SCDC office and regular status reports will be in The Stratford Star.

Please keep in mind that this is purely a business proposition that will not financially benefit the Duckwall Variety Store or the SCDC. No concessions were directly made to Duckwall. This is merely the best way to structure this deal in which all parties are paid back and we, the community, reap the benefits from the results.

Thank you in advance for your interest in future of Stratford and your loan to the "Taylor Building Project". If you would like to participate, have any questions or would like to discuss the project, please feel free to contact Lorie Vincent at 396-2897 or any of the following current or former SCDC Board of Directors. They are: Steve Johnson, Wesley Miller, Marilyn Albert, Wesley Spurlock, Bill Riffe, John Schmidt, Rodney Burd, B.A. Donelson, Gayland Vandiver, Don Riffe and Steve Dettle.

Original Skit Presented At February Meeting Of TRTA

An original skit written by Mary Jo Andracek with members taking the parts of committee chairmen was presented at the February meeting of The Texas Retired Teachers Association. Committees included: legislative, membership, public relations, Bylaws, community participation, retirement education, informative and protective services, health care, building trust fund, organizational affairs, and finance.

Bob Askey received a past presidents pin from Ondracek. Awanda Morris gave a legislative report. She reported on bills that have been introduced into the legislature concerning education. Many of these bills will affect retirees. Morris urged members to become aware of pending legislation. Kenneth Gibson the District TRTA Chairman For legislation and a member of the TRTA State Board of Legislation will be in Dalhart on March 19. Watch for details and plan to hear him speak. The information you hear may concern the next raise in your annuity.

Ondracek appointed a committee to prepare a slate of officers for the next year, they are; Marjorie Bolwhann, Lois Gossett, and Vera Hancock. Election of officers will be in March and installation will be in April.

Father Jerry Sneary opened the meeting with the invocation. Marjorie Bolwhann lead the singing of "America the Beautiful". Pat Loftin lead the Flat Salute.

Lois Gossett, secretary, gave the minutes of the previous meeting, they were approved. Nancy Woods gave the financial and membership reports.

Barbara Beaver and Pat Loftin served refreshments at the close of the meeting. Other members present besides those previously mentioned were: Addiree Bryant, Nannie Belle Graves, Manuel Martinez, Portia Dees, and Marjorie McClesky. Faye Plank and Skip Hodo were special guests at the meeting.


Watch for details of the next meeting.

Men's Rally Inspirational

On Monday evening, March 3rd, 200 plus men and boys gathered from Stratford, Dalhart, Dumas, Texhoma and Gruver to lift up the name of Jesus Christ through praise, worship and the viewing of the film "Jesus". The Rally was held at the County Barn where arrangements were made to accommodate both English and Spanish speaking participants. Following a hot dog feed at 6:30 p.m., a time of praise and worship through singing was led by a group of men and high school students. The film "Jesus" was then shown in two locations, one in English and one in Spanish.

The film is the account of the life of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Luke. A time for response to the message of the show was given at the end. At which time a number of decisions to accept Christ as Lord and Savior were made and all who were in attendance were aware of the moving of the Spirit of God. It was a very enjoyable time of fellowship and worship as men, young men and boys met together to exalt Jesus. May God continue to reap the harvest from the seeds that were sown during this time.

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Gift books are: Frontline of Discovery, Canada's Incredible Coasts and The Rockies-Pillars of a Continent.

If you are looking for ideas to keep your child busy and also learning, come see the four new craft books. Stop, Look, and Listen; Shapes, Sizes and More Surprises; The Kids' Nature Book; and The Little Hands Big Fun Craft Book.

Watership Down and Tales From Watership Down is acclaimed a delightful story of fantasy.

Maya Angelou, a professor at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina has been writing books about her life. I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings is a "heroic and beautiful book."

Juvenile readers will like the new series of The Twelve Candles Club. These are published by Bethany House.

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.

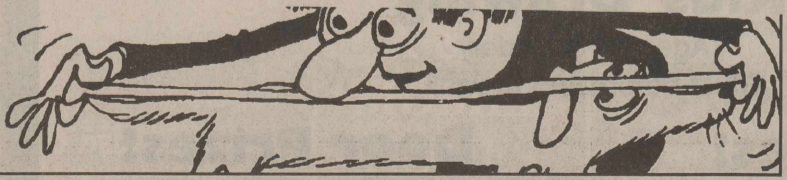
For additional information, please contact the chamber office 396-2260.



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Raising A Star Reader

(NAPS)—Is raising an excellent reader high on your "to do" list as a parent? If so, you're not alone—it's an issue high on the president's agenda as well. With a goal that every child in the nation will learn to read well by the third-grade, President Clinton recently introduced his "America Reads" initiative. White House reports estimate nearly 40 percent of the nation's children are poor readers.

To help children become "star readers," Suave® has teamed-up with the American Library Association (ALA) to provide parents with a guide to help them instill a love of reading in their children.

"Kids who read succeed in school and throughout life," said ALA President Mary R. Somerville. "Reading helps develop language and vocabulary skills and stimulates imagination and creativity. It is the key to all types of learning, including math and science."

Parents can obtain information about how to order Suave's "Raising a Star Reader" by calling 1-888-READER2. The guidebook includes suggestions on how to make reading fun for kids of all ages, a recommended book list, Internet tips and recommended websites for children and more.

"Reading educates, entertains and opens the imagination, but it's also a necessary survival skill in today's society," said Larry Maloney, spokesperson for the Suave brand of personal care products. "With our family-focused philosophy, Suave understands the challenges parents face, as well as the joy they experience when their child reads a book. Parents are children's first teachers, and our goal is to help make reading an integral part of children's lives from the very start."

Some of Suave's "Raising a Star Reader" guidebook tips include:

- Use the library often. Encourage children to ask the librarian for help finding stories they'll like. Make suggestions, but let them check out what they



want to read. Let your children see both mom and dad reading and using the library.

- Look for ways your child can use his or her new reading skills. Have him or her read to you, a sibling, even to a favorite teddy bear.

- Set aside "read-aloud" time for the whole family. There are many books that appeal to everyone from toddlers to teens to moms and dads. Have family members read different parts. Make a bowl of popcorn, turn off the TV and enjoy!

- Notice your child's interests, then find newspaper and magazine articles, websites, plays or books on those topics. Read the items to your child if they're too advanced for his or her reading level.

Raising a star reader begins at home with parents providing inspiration and support to boost a child's reading interest and ability. Share in your child's excitement about reading, and your star reader will shine brightly.

For more information about the "Raising a Star Reader" guidebook visit the American Library Association/Suave website, <http://www.ala.org/KidsConnect>. As Suave and the ALA encourage families to frequent their library to read, explore and use computers to learn, they're also sponsoring an essay contest to recognize the relationship families share with their library. Grand prize is \$20,000 Cash for College and a multimedia computer. Contest details are available on the website.



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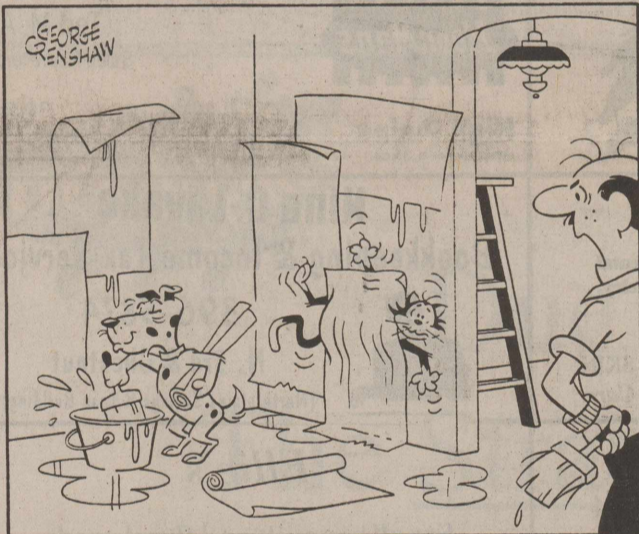
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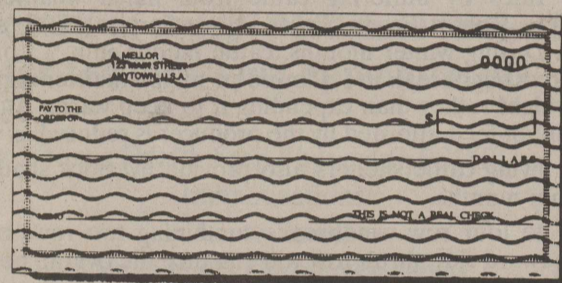
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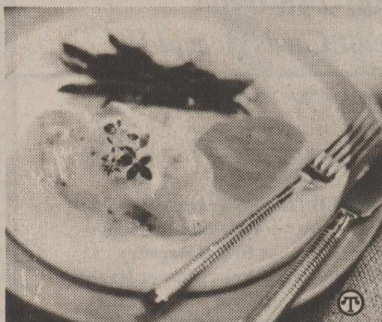
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Lemon Chicken with Herbs

- 1 can Healthy Choice Cream of Roasted Chicken with Herbs Condensed Soup
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 2 tsp. (each) minced parsley and lemon juice vegetable cooking spray
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion

In small bowl mix soup, milk, lemon juice and parsley; set aside. Heat large non-stick skillet, sprayed with cooking spray, 1 minute. Add chicken; brown 5 minutes on each side. Remove chicken. Add mushrooms and onions to skillet; cook 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in soup mixture; return chicken to skillet. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Serves 4.

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative's 46th Annual Membership Meeting...

Wednesday, March 12th
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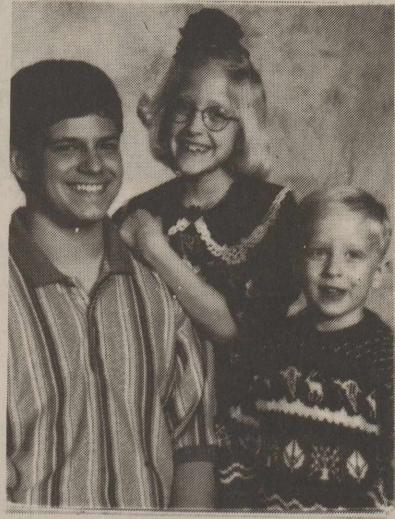


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Tomorrow's Leaders



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Christopher - age 17, Lacey - age 8, and Coy - age 4. Children of Bill & Merlene Dean



Carina - age 4. Daughter of Adela Michel



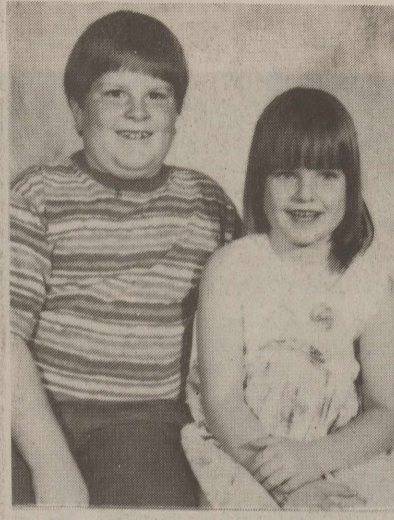
Angie - age 4. Daughter of Debbie Rosales



Darcy Marie - age 7. Daughter of Debbie Rosales



Rebecca - age 5. Daughter of Debbie Rosales



Brandon - age 8 and Nicole Davis - age 7. Children of David and Desiree Davis.



Jaclynn - age 10 and Jordan age 3. Children of Lem & Jolene Skaggs.



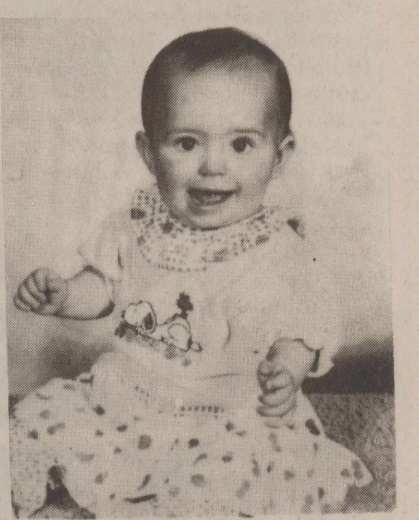
Rowdy - age 4 and Ransom Lermon - age 2. Children of Ray & Tammi Lermon.



Mary Ann - age 11 mo. Daughter of Brent and Laurie Spurlock.



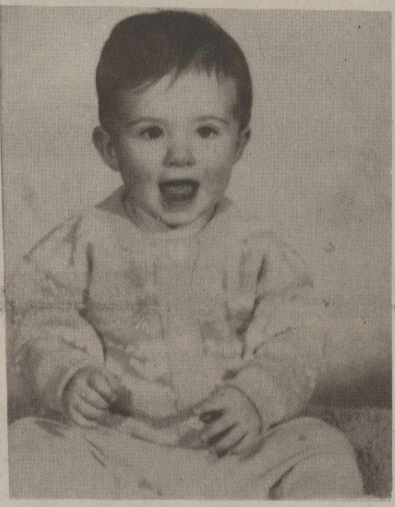
Tyler Bryan - age 4, Tanner Cole - age 2, and Taylor Ann - age 7 wks. children of Greg & Marsha Wright.



Torri Pounds - age 8 mo. Daughter of Denny & Jami Pounds.



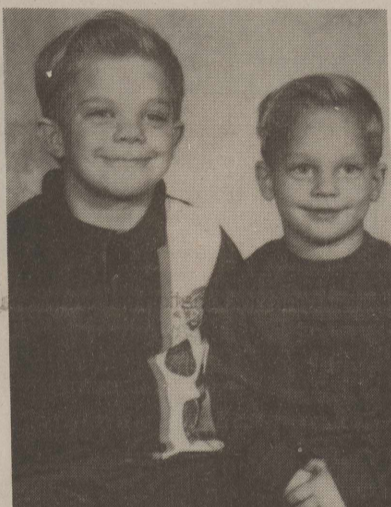
Kari - age 12, Taylor - age 7, Klint - age 7, Klay - age 5, and Synda - age 10 mo. Children of Troy & Dena Rodgers.



Mazie Rae - age 1. Daughter of Matt & Lorie Vincent.



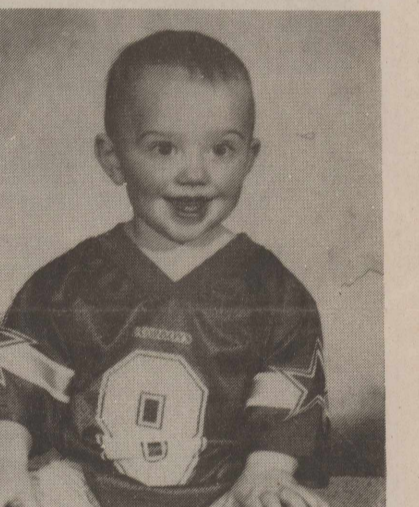
Cass Smith - age 4 and Kallye Smith - age 2. Children of Neal & Brenda Smith.



Robbie Goodman - age 6 and Tommy Goodman - age 4. Children of Ellen Goodman.



Cooper - age 16 mo. Daughter of Jeff & Kelly Chisum.



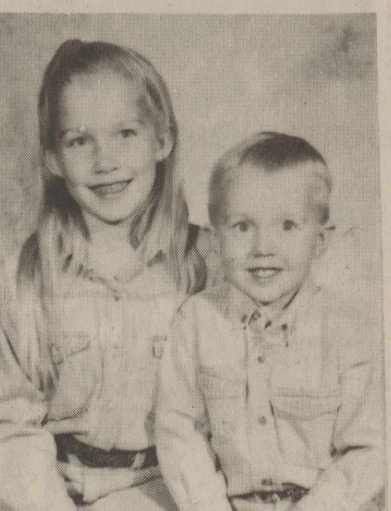
Nathan - age 15 mo. Son of Brett Farris & Piper Bennett.



Zakary - age 2 and Corey - age 2. Children of Jamie Aro.



Whitney - age 6 1/2 and Lane - age 1 1/2. Children of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Ricketson.



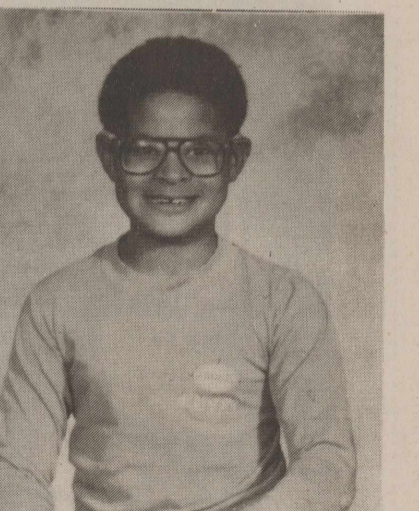
Hailey - age 6 1/2 and Haden - age 3. Children of Malcolm & Amy Long.



Amber - age 1 and Aleisha - age 1. Children of Mikiel & Jennifer Cooper.



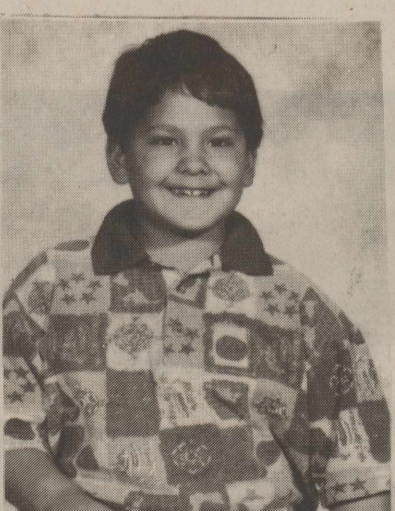
Daniel - age 2 and Sherry - age 1. Children of Fawn Peterson.



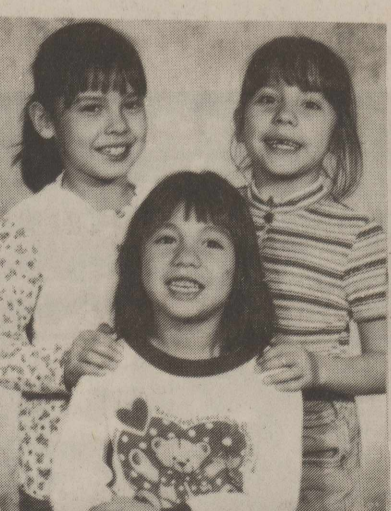
Jacob Edmond - age 7. Son of Danny & Theresa Edmond.



Chrystal Thompson - age 5. Daughter of Jessica L. Nickelson.



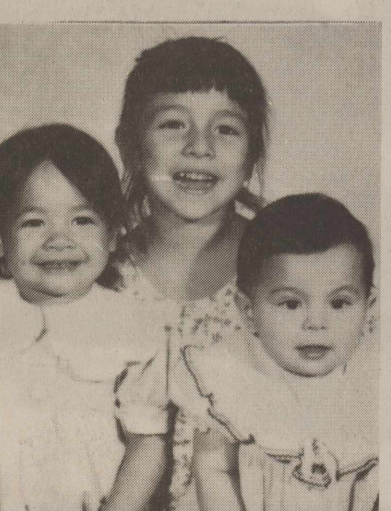
Brady Aro - age 6. Son of Kandra Aro.



Lillian - age 8, Ivy - age 7, and Siarra - age 5. Children of Jessie & Joe Valenzuela.



Amanda Keener - age 3. Daughter of Floyd & Theresa Keener.



Alexandra - age 4, Alexis - age 2, and Ashley - age 9 mo. Children of Mary & David Trevino.



Justin - age 3, Kaylee - age 2, and Madison - age 2 mo. Children of Bryan & Kendra Mungia.

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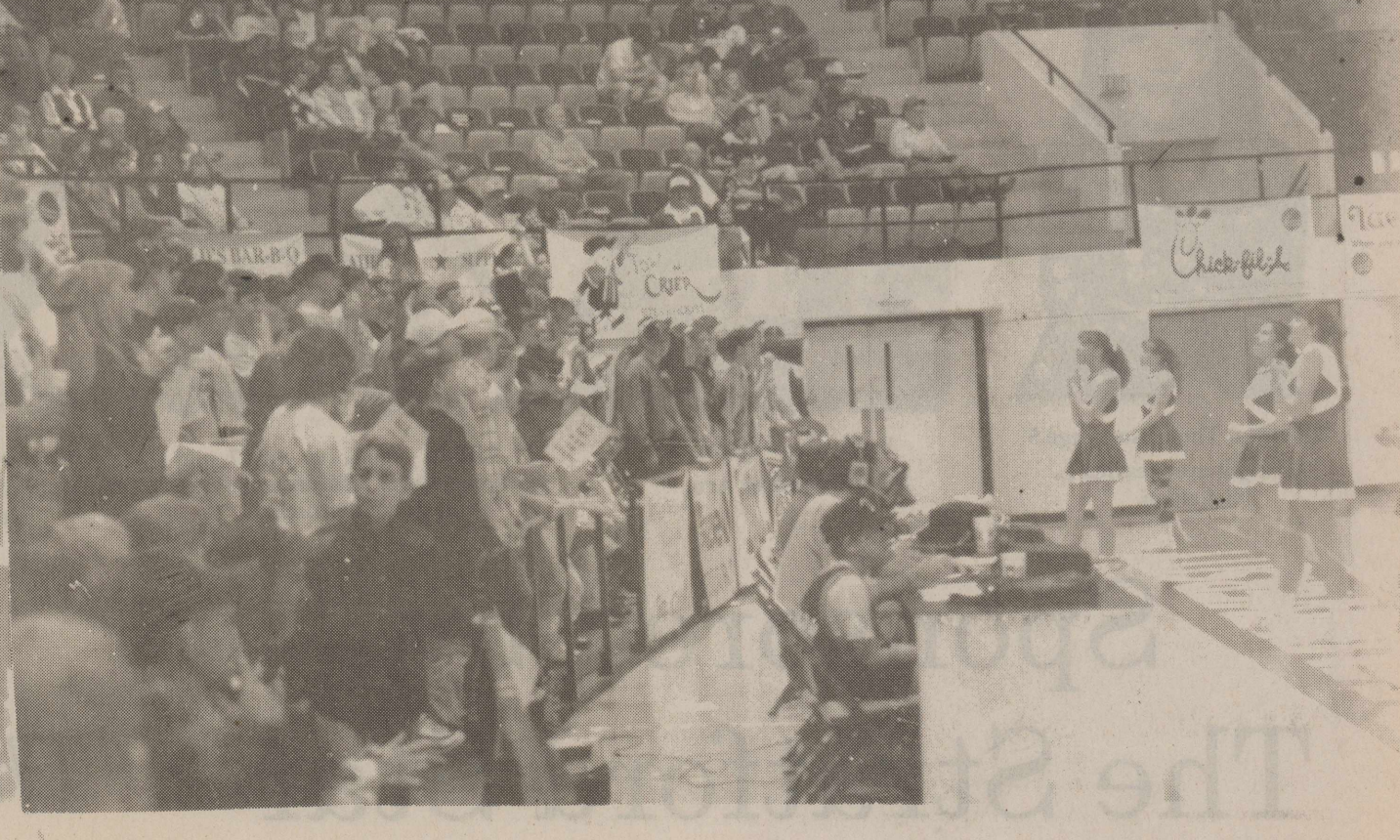
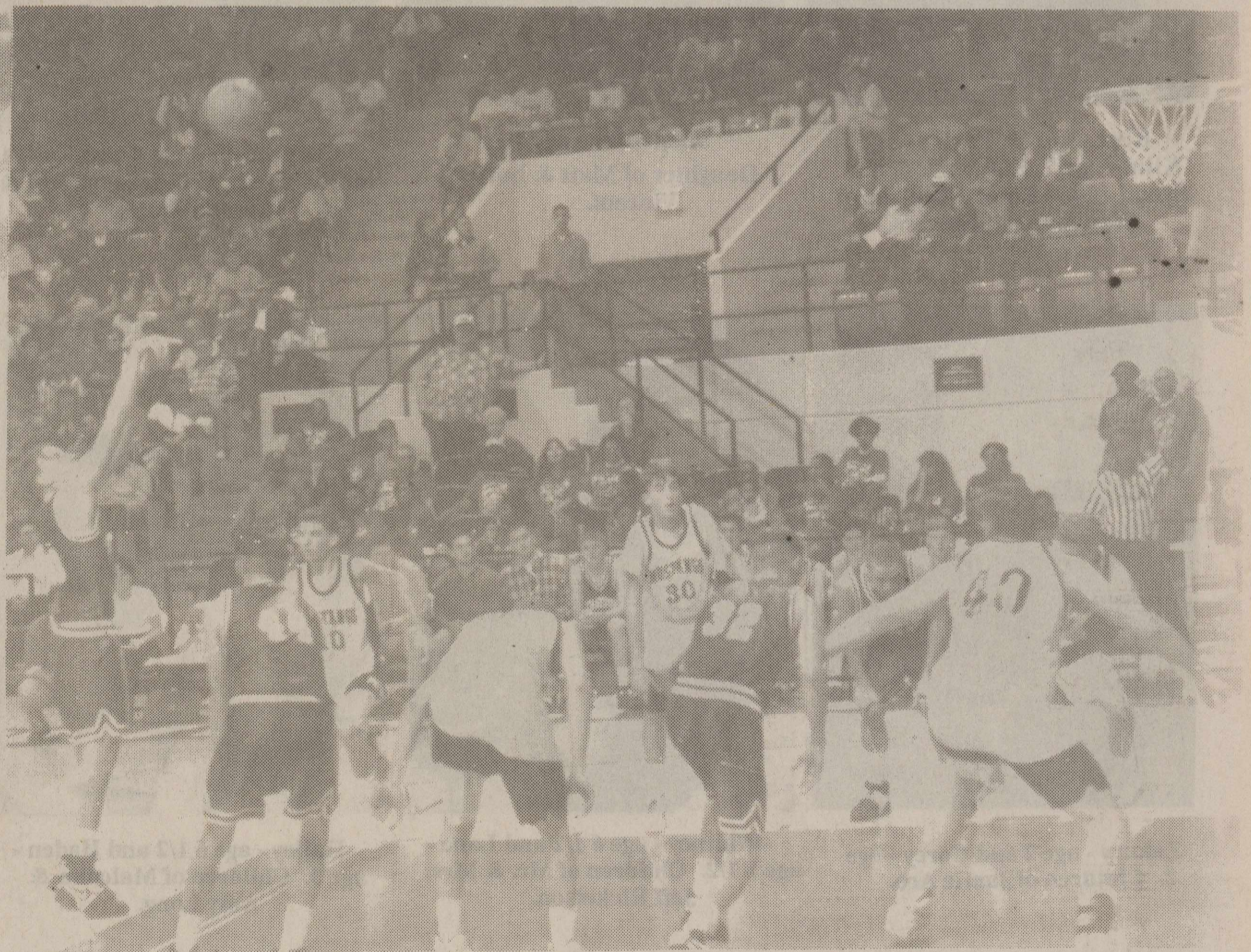
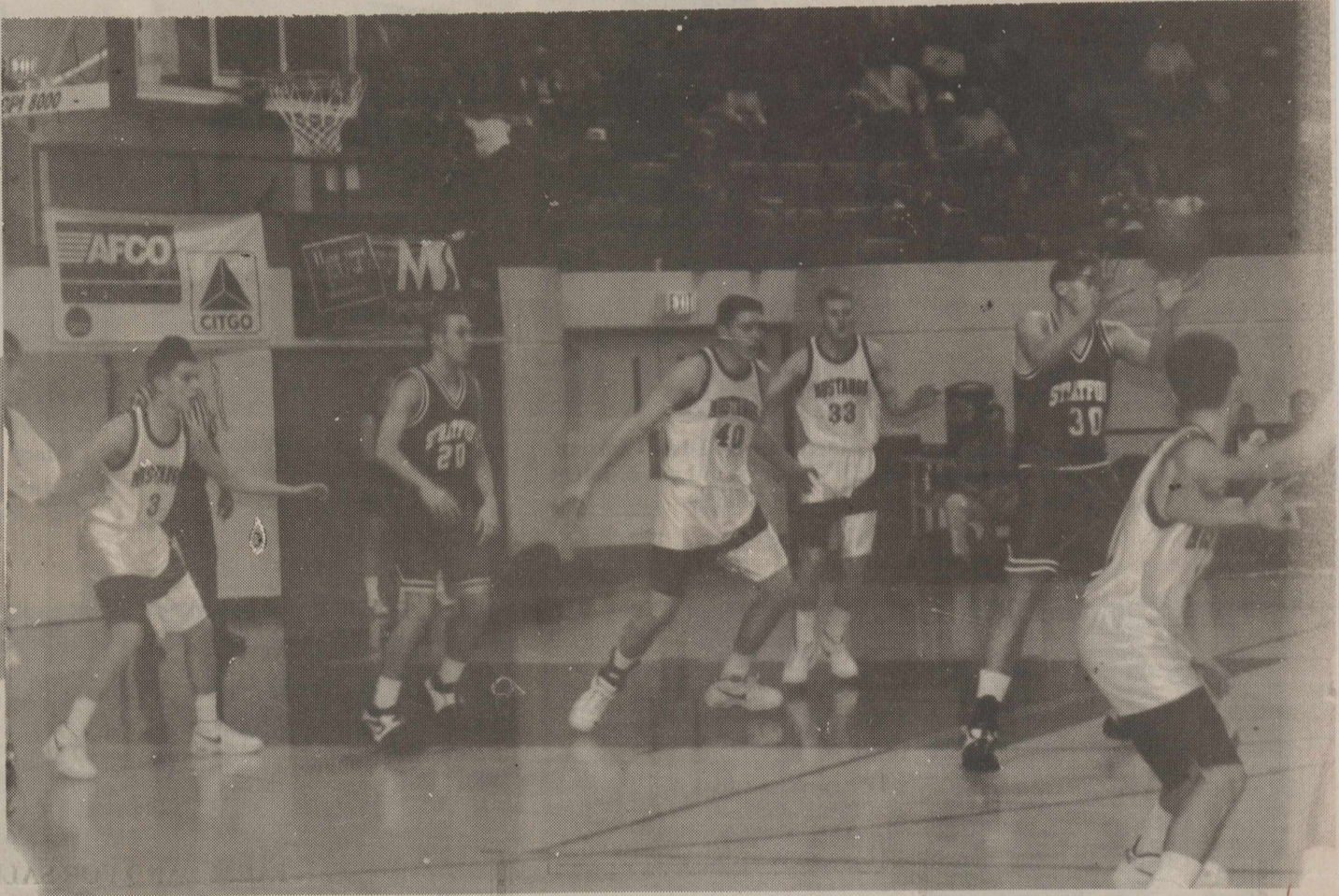
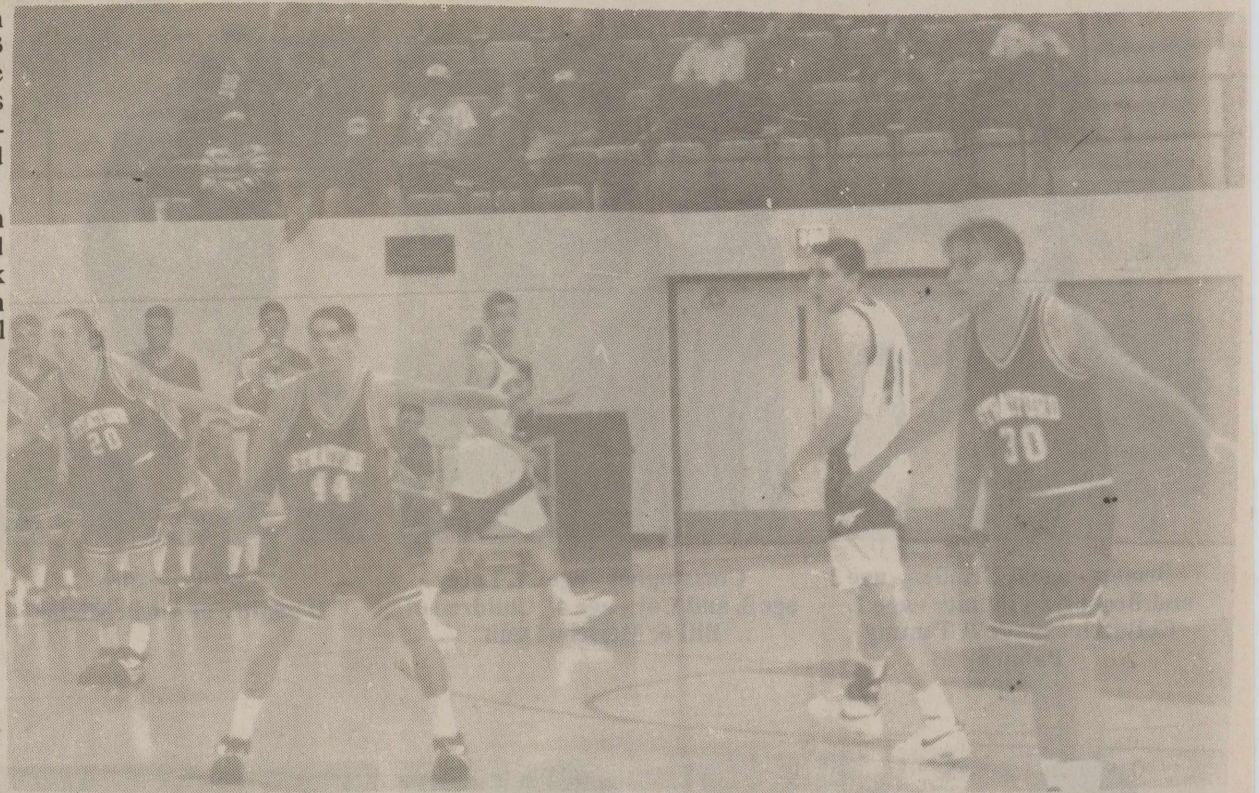
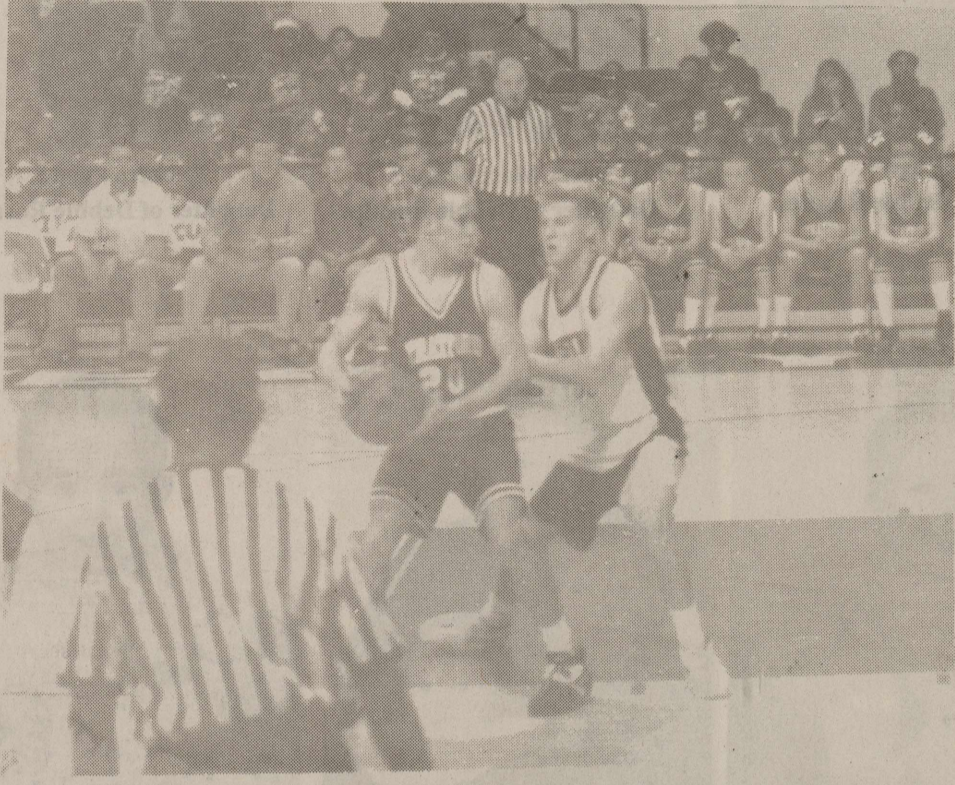
The Stratford Elks beat Abernathy in overtime 56-55 to win Area on Tuesday February 25, 1997. Ryan Davis scored the team high with 18 points followed by his brother Ross with 15 points. J.B. Presley finished with 13 points for the Elks.

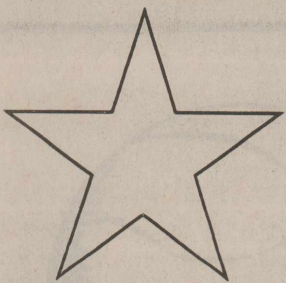
The Elks advanced to the Region 1-2A tournament for their 2nd consecutive year. The Elks lost to Shallowater in Abilene on Friday, February 28, 1997 with a

score of 74-62. The Elks came out in the first half with a bang scoring 43 points to Shallowater's 28 at half-time. Late in the third quarter, the Elks were still ahead 50-41, but Shallowater's Josh McMenamy came in to score three consecutive 3-pointers to bring the score 52-50. Shallowater's D Hudson then scored 4 points and post Cole Roberts made a free throw to put the Mustangs on top 55-52. The Elks could never regain the lead. Leading the Elks

in scoring were Ryan Davis with 25 points and J.B. Presley with 13 points. Other Elks scoring were Efrain Ortega with 8 points, Ross Davis - 7 points, Oscar Aguilera - 5 points, Coby Galla - 3 points and Dusty Stewart - 1 point.

Congratulations to Coach Jimmy Lanning and the Stratford Elks on a Great Year! Good Luck to Jimmy Lanning as he takes on his new job of EMS Director full time.





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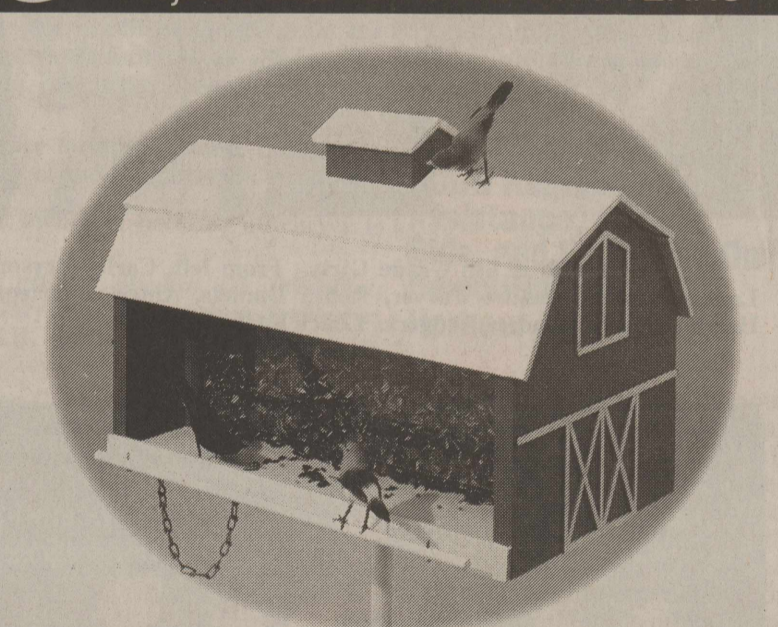
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Texhoma I.S.D. is now accepting request for proposals for a school passenger bus. Proposals are due to the office by noon March 10, 1997. Bids will be opened at that time.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Crossroads/Unincorporated Association of Persons has made application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a permit, Private Club to be located at 106 S. First, City of Stratford, County of Sherman and will operate under the tradename of The Crossroads. Officers being Ted Collier-President and Travis Melton-Secretary.

Published in The Stratford Star, March 6, 1997, Thursday, March 13, 1997.

Cards of Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude for the beautiful belt buckle presented to me at the Buyers Appreciation Banquet. It has been a pleasure to have served the Stratford ISD, Sherman County Livestock Show Board, and the youth of this area as vocational Agriculture teacher for the years that my family has been in Stratford.

Thank you,
Dan R. Hembree

We are grateful for the prayers, cards and calls during Opal's hospitalization in Lubbock. Thank you for the many acts of kindness since our return to Stratford. There is no place like it.

Ben and Opal Biddy

Dear Family & Friends, "Thank You" doesn't seem enough to express my appreciation for the loving care I've had from all of you. I am so blessed to be able to be home again. I've enjoyed your calls, your visits, the cards and letters, and I appreciate your prayers on my behalf - God Bless You!

Mary Peach

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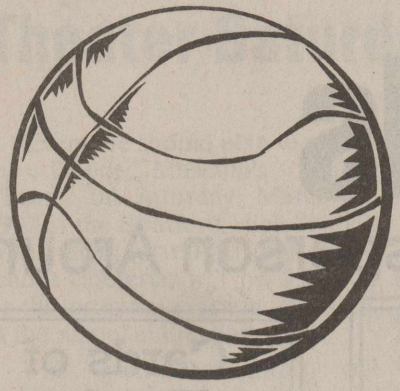
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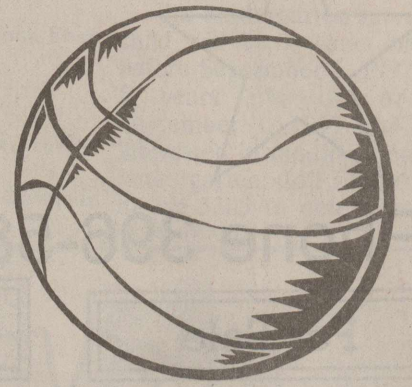
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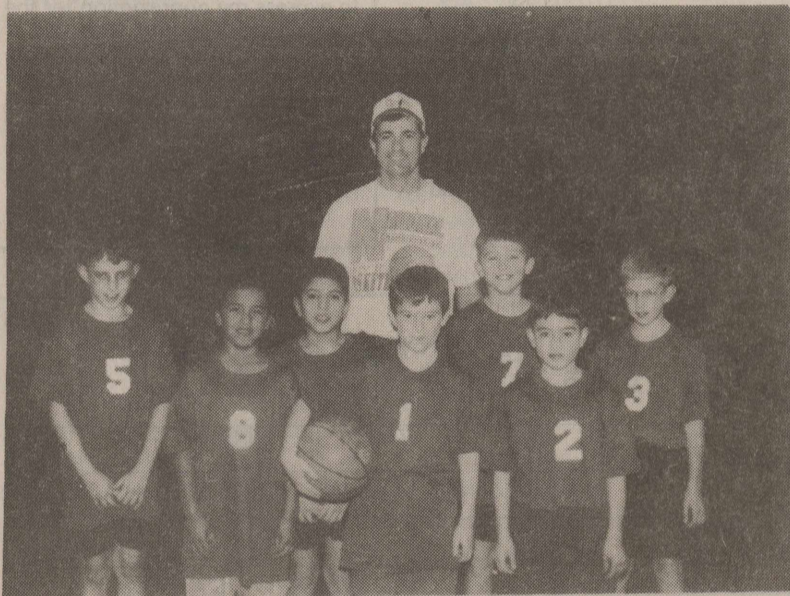
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2nd Place - 3rd & 4th Grade Girls. From left, Keisha Wolf, Haley Buckles, Katelyn Reed, Chelsi Thiessen, Chelsea Christian, Emily Shafer, Ashley Duke. Coaches from left, ViAnn Reed & D'Lynn Reed. Not pictured Johnna Ewers, Jamie Valenzuela, Yolanda Aguilar.



3rd Place - 3rd & 4th Grade Girls. From left, Amber Keener, Ramie Stewart, Crystal Garcia, Tiffany Knight, #6 Stephanie Seilar, Whitney Kautz, Holly Heatwole, Ashley Brooks. Coaches from left, Keisha Naugle & Mandi Bell. Not pictured Shannara Ricks.



1st Place - 3rd & 4th Grade Boys. From left, Thomas Griffin, Victor Michael, Adam Gomez, Derek Blain, Josh King, Travis Soto, Casey Crabtree. Coach Keith King. Not pictured Cody Willard.



2nd Place - 3rd & 4th Grade Boys. From left, Mark Miller, Timothy Garcia, Brady Bell, Connor Vincent, Chris Ortega, Chad Johnson, Matthew Ricks. Coaches from left, J.B. Presley & Efrin Ortega. Not pictured Leonel Palma.



3rd Place - 3rd & 4th Grade Boys. From left, Bradford McIver, Jared Ewers, Walter Spurlock, Johnny Gonzales, Jesse Daniels, Tyler Haynes, Brandon Davis, Caleb Brown. Coach Gale Shafer.



1st Place - 5th & 6th Grade Girls. From left, Kyla Bell, Priscilla Garza, Amie Witcher, Alisha Sladek, Tiffany Whetten, Amber Larance, Veronica Ortega. Coach Brenda Bell.



2nd Place - 5th & 6th Grade Girls. From left, Carley Bryson, Lauren Walton, Deidre Tarver, Robin Daniels, America Ortega, Heather Seilar, Candice Rodgers. Coach Kathy Riffe.



3rd Place - 5th & 6th Grade Girls. From left, Tanya Whatley, Juana Aguilar, Erin Ashley, Raniel Bumpas, Elizabeth Tims, Alicia Adams, Veronica Maldonado. Coaches from left, Jode Lasley and Mary Cross. Not pictured Tiffany Duke.



1st Place - 5th & 6th Grade Boys. From left, Jason Roberts, Matthew Taliaferro, Jose Sandoval, Rafael Rueda, Eric York, Levi Artho, Marcus McAlister. Coaches from left, Ryan Davis & Coby Galla.



2nd Place - 5th & 6th Grade Boys. From left, Brad Reed, Jarred Nusz, Carlos Rivera, Manuel Maldonado, Jason Ashley, Eric Heatwole, Dalton Sladek. Coach John Ashley.



3rd Place - 5th & 6th Grade Boys. From left, Joseph Garcia, Denton Crabtree, Josh Williams, Dylan Everett, Clint Adams, Carson Buckles, Adam Witcher.

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