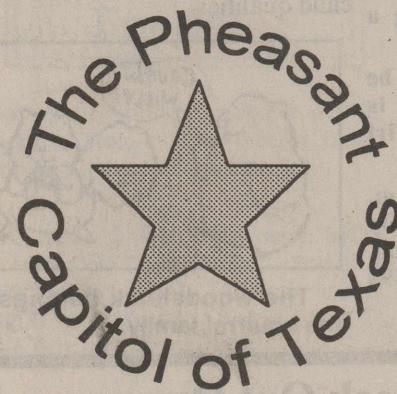


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Urgent-Your Business Card Is Needed!

Seven year old Craig Sheford has a brain tumor and has little time to live. Craig turned in a wish to the Make A Wish Foundation and expressed his desire to have an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest collection of business cards received by an individual. Please take time to send a business card to Craig and make his wish come true. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!**

Send business cards to:

Craig Sheford

Children's Make A Wish Foundation

3200 Perimeter Center East
Atlanta, Ga. 30346

Fundraiser For Spanish III Trip

Stuffed Baked Potato Dinner
Sunday, April 20, 1997-11:30-1:30
Fundraiser for Spanish III Trip to Mexico. Free will donation

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.
5. \$250.00 Gift Certificate donated by Duncan & Boyd Jewelers of Amarillo.

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.

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

Dairy Queen Receives Face-Lift

Serving Stratford since 1973



Stratford Dairy Queen held their Grand Opening on Friday, March 7 after remodeling the store completely. Employees of Dairy Queen on hand for the Grand Opening from left: Kandi Aro, Joyce Hawkins, Javier Rodriguez, manager, Andrea Rodriguez and Laquita Lermon.

Helping Stratford Dairy Queen celebrate their Grand Opening after remodeling was "Nanda" the Bengal Tiger Cub. Students from Mary Allen Elementary and Middle School enjoyed visiting Nanda and eating ice cream they were served.

"Blades In The Sky" Exhibit

The Imagination Station is hosting a special "Blades in the Sky" windmill exhibit.

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 demonstration; and other hands on learning activities.

Local and area schools have been invited to tour the exhibit

Give A Gift From The Heart

BLOOD-A gift from the HEART

Sponsored by Prospectus Study club. Monday, March 17th, from 4-7 p.m. at the County Barn. Door prizes! Must Give Blood-Do Not have to be present to win.

"True Colors"

"True Colors" sponsored by: Dallam-Hartley-Sherman Counties Juvenile Services Department. Guest Speaker will be Cynthia Schabel. The program is scheduled for March 18, 1997 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dalhart Youth Center at 402 Denver in Dalhart, Texas. For more information call 806-249-5270.

Girl Scout Cookie Delivery

Girl Scouts will be delivering cookies after march 12th. Please contact Gail Shafer at 396-2294 or any Stratford Girl Scout if you did not get asked to order cookies. Extra cookies will be available. Thanks to all residents who supported the annual Girl Scout Cookie sale.

during the month of March. The Depot Museum is also planning a fine arts exhibit on windmills during March.

The Imagination Station will be open on the March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday March 23 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 a result of windmill technology.

4-Part Diabetic Management Series Now In Progress

The second session of the four-part Diabetic Management Series will be **Thursday, March 13** at 12 noon at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Marilyn Baird, Registered Dietician at Memorial and Coon Hospitals will be presenting the topic, "Dealing with the Diabetic Diet" during the noon hour seminar.

Lunch appropriate for diabetics, spouses, caregivers and others interested in the subject will be served by members of the Sherman County Family Living Committee. Persons interested in attending the session are asked to pre-register by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 396-2122 so that adequate arrangements may be made.

Other series sessions will be held Thursday, March 20 with the topic to be discussed Complications Associated with Diabetes and March 25, You Are In Control.

Seminar fee will be \$3.00 per person. Sponsors of the seminar are Sherman County Family Living Committee, Sherman County Extension Office of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Coldwater Manor, and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 396-2122.

We Need Volunteers!!!!

The Taylor Building is going to undergo substantial renovations in the next six months in order to revitalize the building and become a viable part of the commercial district. While a lot of the work will be subcontracted out, a great deal will be done by volunteers. If you can volunteer any of your skills to the renovation of the Taylor Building...we need you! If you would like to view the building

Local Director Named New Highground of Texas President

The High Ground of Texas, a regional marketing coalition of over 40 communities held their annual meeting March 6, 1997 in Plainview. The High Grounds main purpose is to pool resources to effectively market the region for economic development. In addition, the High Ground offers education, legislative, and networking opportunities for those members in the Panhandle and South Plains region.

The meeting opened with reports from the Marketing, Membership, Treasurer, and Education Committees. Elections were then held. Jake Webb, new Economic Development Manager for SPS gave the keynote address.

Lorie Vincent, Executive Director of the Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. was elected President for the 1997 year. Other directors are Mike Hartley-Hereford Economic Development Corporation, David Witcher-Borger Economic Development, Lauren Prather-ED Consultant-Lubbock, Jack Brownfield Economic Development, Theresa Buske-Friona Chamber of Commerce, Luke Nichols-Lamesa Economic Development. Rounding out the Board are representatives from the two sponsors, Thompson Mayberry- Southwestern Public Service, and Tim Pierce-South Plains Association of Governments.

and or/pick up the specs for the renovations, please contact Lorie Vincent at the SCDC office at 396-2897 or Gayland Vandiver at the Elk Pharmacy at 396-5505.

Watch this column for a meeting of potential volunteers to be arranged soon. This would be a great way for you to make a positive investment in the growth of our community. Your skills are our best asset!

5th-6th Grade Basketball Tournament Held

The Stratford 5th/6th Grade Basketball Tournament was held this past weekend and the tournament champions are the Fritch Flying Queens (girls) and the Borger All Stars (boys).

The Stratford Elks (All Star Boys) received second place and also Levi Artho received the Sportsmanship Award. The members of the Stratford team are Levi Artho, Jason Ashley, Carson buckles, Dylan Everett, Joseph Garcia, Eric Heatwole, Marcus McAlister, Dalton Sladek, and Eric York. (Team member Matthew Taliaferro was out of town.) The team was coached by John Ashley.

The girls second place awards were won by Dumas. The Pampa Pacers (girls) and the Hugoton boys teams received the consolation awards. Tara Jordan from Pampa was the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award for girls. The Most Valuable Players (MVP) were Lauren Hill from the Pampa Pacers and Wesley Jarrett from the Borger All Stars.

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.

Because of next week's Spring

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 Ag 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.

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

"Dearly Beloved", a colorful, hilarious comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, will be one part of the entertainment to be presented Saturday, March 22, 1997, at the Depot Museum's Dinner Theater. The other part of the program will be musical selections by students from the Drama and Music Department of Panhandle State University at Goodwell, OK.

The dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria followed by the program at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets for the dinner theater may be purchased from board members Pat Johnson, Shannon Taliaferro, Al Baker, E.R. Bell, Arthur and Helen Judd, Jim Bob Brown, Eugene Griffin, Billy Joe Ross, and Daina Starnes. Adult tickets are \$15.00 and children, 12 yrs. old and younger, are \$7.50. Also, tickets are available at the Depot Museum from 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday; phone number is 396-2582.

The play "Dearly Beloved", produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., will be presented at the District UIL Literary Meet to be held March 27, 1997 at the WTAMU Branding Iron Theater. Cast members are students from Stratford High School. Play director is Mrs. Ronna Jo Riffe.

Student cast members are Chris Bell, Jessica Sikora, Solon Daniels, Julie Kimball, Oscar Aguilera, Ezra Daniels, Ty Young, Tami Davis, Hillary Frank, Jasmin Sanchez, and Ashley Stoy. Alternates are Andy Adams, Erika Baeza, Jessica Walton, and Ryan Willey. Stage crew includes Susan DeWees, director; Megan Baskin, Scott McAlister, and Carrie Newcomb. This appearance for the Dinner Theater will be the first complete presentation for the play cast before their competition in the UIL event.

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.

Letter To The Editor

To The Community of Stratford, Texas

Our sincere thanks for "caring" to help the "could have been stranded" Kansas tourists the latter part of January.

Thanks to the gentleman, living north of town, who looked under the car trying to find an apparent leak in a hose, the girls at the gas station who called Johnny, to Johnny who checked the car and spotted the problem, got the parts the next morning and installed them so we could continue our trip; and the nice people at the motel.

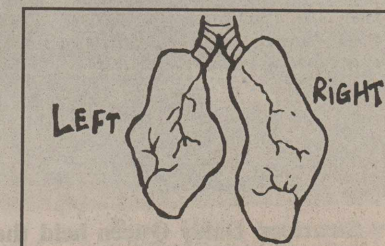
What could have been a nightmare, turned into a pleasant stay in Stratford. Thanks for the good people in our USA who don't make the headlines, but do make our country special.

Willard & Beverly Spade
1210 Thompson
Emporia, Kansas 66801

Crunchy Topped Twice Baked Potatoes

- 2 large baking potatoes
- 2 tbsp. margarine
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 3 tbsp. low-fat milk
- 1 package Produce Partners' Potato Toppers

Bake 2 large baking potatoes (russet, Idaho) until tender. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop out potato into medium bowl, leaving 1/4-inch edge to form a shell. Set shells aside. Mash potato with 2 tbsp. margarine, 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar Cheese and 3 tbsp. low-fat milk. Fill shells with potato mixture and sprinkle with Produce Partners' Potato Toppers. Bake until heated through.



The left lung is slightly smaller than the right one, to leave room for the heart.

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.

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.

Girl Scouts Family Dinner Tuesday, March 18th

All Stratford Girl Scouts and their families will participate in a family pot luck dinner to celebrate Girl Scout week.

Troops will provide a skit or song for entertainment. Each family will be asked to bring a food item to share.

This annual dinner will be special this year because 1997 is the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the U.S.

The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Please watch the community television channel for location. Please call 396-2380 or 396-2494 for information.

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.



The woodchuck belongs to the squirrel family.

Obit

Lorene A. Vaughn Duncan

Tulia, TX.- Lorene A. Vaughn Duncan, 81 died Thursday, March 6, 1997 at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 10, 1997 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia with Dennis Conway, pastor of Tulia Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Lorene Agnew was born August 22, 1915 at Taylor County, Texas. She married John C. Vaughn December 17, 1933 in Tahoka. He died December 9, 1960 in Tulia. She then married Ralph Everett Duncan July 29, 1980 in Salinas, California and he died September 17, 1993 in LaGrande, Texas. She was a housewife.

Mrs. Duncan grew up in Abilene area graduated from Abilene High School. Moved to Tulia. She married John Vaughn. In 1963 she moved back to Abilene. She later moved to Stratford and met Mr. Duncan, after their marriage they lived in California till 1981. They moved to LaGrande, Texas and she lived there 12 years. In 1993 she moved to Abilene and in 1995 she moved to Stratford.

She is survived by one daughter Margaret Holligan of Melbourne, Florida; two sons Edd Vaughn of Houston, Texas and Frank Vaughn of Stratford. 1 sister Lucille Lesley of Abilene, Texas. 4 grandchildren and 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter Teena Vaughn in January of 1983.

Adults With Epilepsy

(NAPS)—Many of the over two million Americans who suffer from epilepsy may be eligible to take part in a clinical trial for a drug that may help control the recurring seizures experienced by people with the disease.

Normal brain activity is the result of orderly electrical discharges from nerve cells. With epilepsy, however, seizures trigger chaotic and uncontrolled patterns of electrical activity. Often medicine used to treat the condition is not effective, or have drug side effects.

Hoechst Marion Roussel is initiating two clinical studies to measure the safety and effectiveness of an investigational drug called vigabatrin in controlling complex partial seizures in adults.

Explains doctor Richard Brower, neurologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, "So often, epilepsy patients have several

different prescriptions they have to take. One of our goals is to treat patients with just one drug in hopes of controlling seizures."

To take part, adults, ages 18 to 65 years, must have had four to 16 seizures during a two-month period, and must currently be using one to two anti-epilepsy medications.

Since physicians conducting the clinical studies are only responsible for the care, tests and monitoring of the patient's progress relating to the clinical trial, patients are encouraged to continue their ongoing treatment and wellness care with their primary physicians.

For more information about the clinical trials, call 1-800-91-HEALTH.

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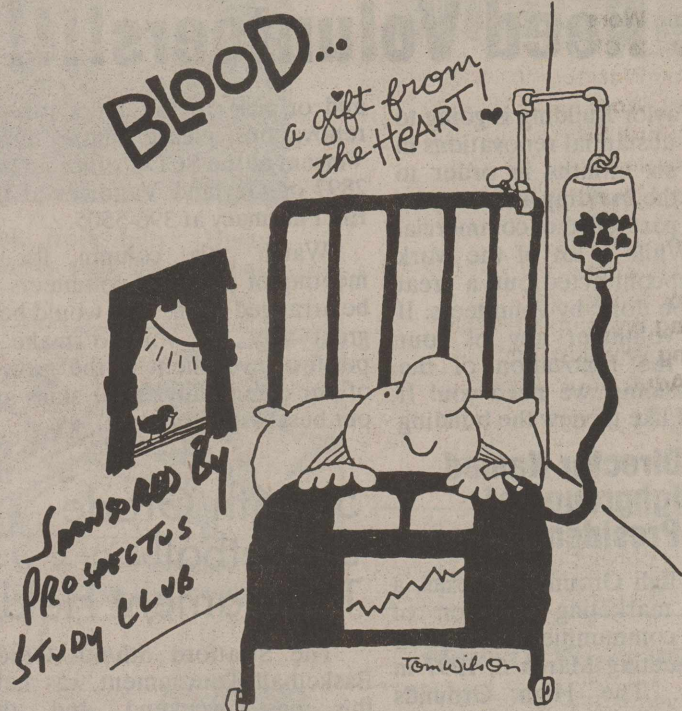
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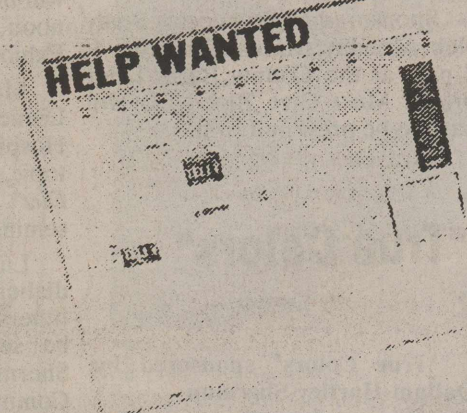
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These days people are living longer, yet retiring earlier. And Social Security?? Who knows if it will even be around.

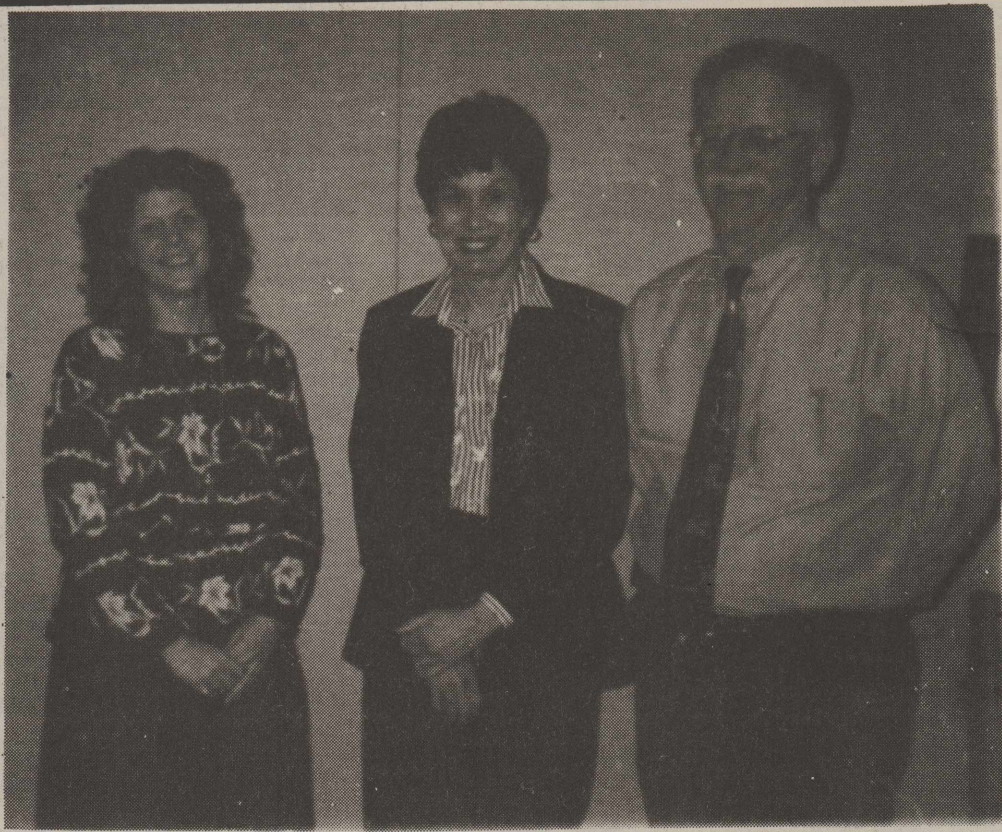
Anybody see a problem here?

Fortunately, there's an easy solution. Just stop by FIRST STATE BANK and open an Individual Retirement Account.

If you don't have the money to spare right now, you can even make small monthly contributions. And since your IRA contribution may be tax deductible, it can be a big help come April 15th.

Of course, the sooner you start, the better off you'll be. So open an IRA. And spend your retirement doing the things you want to do. Not the things you have to do.





ViAnn Reed, Texas Heritage Coordinator, Prospectus Study Club, introduced Carolyn and Alan Bowman of Pantex near Amarillo. Mrs. Bowman gave an interesting program about the plant with slides on March 5 at Sherman County Library.

History Of Pantex Given At Study Club

Prospectus Study Club met March 5, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library for a Texas Heritage program. Carolyn Bowman, Educational Outreach-External Affairs, of Pantex was the speaker. She brought slides of Pantex, gave a history of the plant whose main job now is disassembly of bombs. Club learned why a planned tour of the plant was changed to a meeting in Stratford. The plant budget has been cut and they have less guards available for tours. School children tours are still being conducted.

ViAnn Reed, Texas Heritage Coordinator, arranged the program.

This most interesting program was open to the public, but no one other than club members attended! Mrs. Bowman was accompanied by her husband, Alan Bowman, who also works at

the Pantex. They are proud that Pantex is one of seven companies awarded for their participation in HOSTS.

Selma Pendleton was recognized as Texas Heritage Woman of the Month. She receives a Certificate of Achievement from the club.

In the absence of President Cynthia Schoenhals, Marylou McDaniel conducted the business session.

Roll call was answered to "A Fact About Texas".

Club voted to donate a Sherman County throw for Chamber of Commerce silent auction. They will loan a throw for the Sherman County exhibit at an Amarillo Mall.

There will be a poster contest of historical sites in Sherman County. D'Lynn Reed will chair this.

The right way if we have something to say is to say it plainly—not for conversion, but for such as may be waiting for our voice.
—Freya Stark

What You Should Know About Annuities

(NAPS)—Looking for a way to fund your retirement? If you can put some money away and not touch it until age 59-and-a-half, then you should check out an annuity, one of the safest, most effective ways of saving for the future.

Before buying an annuity, experts at the National Association of Life Underwriters, a trade association representing life and health

insurance agents, suggest you ask these questions:

- What is the current interest rate? How often does it change and what impact will the changes have on your future earnings?
- What is the minimum interest rate guaranteed in the contract?
- Is there a "bailout option" that permits you to cash in the

annuity without withdrawal penalties (there may be tax penalties) if the interest rate drops below a specified amount?

For more information about annuities, send a self-addressed 32 cent stamped envelope to NALU-NAPS, 1922 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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- 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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If a voter does not want to become a board member, then it is time to find someone who has ideas similar to his to become a member.

Yes, we know it is much easier to complain than it is to participate, but "someone has to do the dirty work" as the old saying goes.

It is time to attend local city and school meetings. It is time to become informed about issues that affect you and your neighbors.

It is time to formulate or think about new ideas and suggest new rules and ideas for change.

It is time to participate in local government.

What time is it? Time to become informed. Time to think about issues, local, state and national. It is time to become a better American Citizen by making your city, your school, your state, and your nation a better place for you and your children and grandchildren.

BAKED HONEY SWEET POTATO

Wrap sweet potato in foil. Bake at 500 degrees for 20 minutes, lower oven to 400 degrees, bake until tender. Let potato cool. Cut potato in half. Scoop out pulp, saving the shell. Add to pulp 1 tsp. honey, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg to taste. Beat potato mixture with electric mixer until smooth. Spoon mixture back into shells. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.



The reason buttons on men's shirts and jackets are arranged differently from those on women's shirts stems back to the days when ladies of means were dressed by their maids. Because most people are right-handed, it is easiest for right-handers to button their clothes from left to right, the way men's buttons are now arranged. The button arrangement for women was presumably changed to make it easier for the female maid to button her mistress's clothes.

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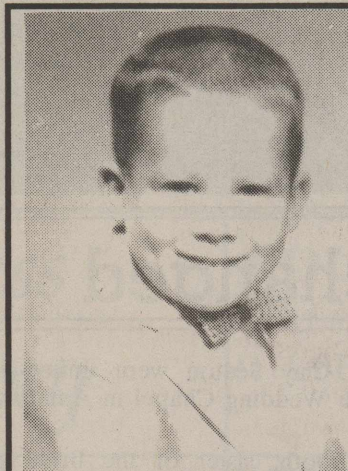
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A Stratford man was the target of an unprovoked and vicious attack which stripped him of his youth, vim, and vigor. The tragedy left him without spring in his step, nor wind in his

sails. Father time is a prime suspect in this most heinous crime. Friends and family of Mark Marshall wish him a Happy 40th Birthday and will observe a moment of silent sorrow as he passes

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

First Christian

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Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
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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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No Saturday Mass
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

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Jon Heatwole
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Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist

Gerald Clark
302 S. Main
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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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Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

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County Barn
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
Se Cuidamos Susninios Durante El Servicio.



Vows Exchanged

Tamara Diane Johnson & Coby Clay Seaton were united in marriage on February 14, 1997 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo, Texas with Rick Mathis officiating.

Matron of Honor was Deirdre Booth, sister of the bride & bridesmaid was Laura Smith, sister of the groom, both of Stratford.

The Best man was Kiley Seaton, brother of the groom. Kevin Long, & Coby Galla were groomsmen, all of Stratford.

Flower girl was Chandra Johnson, niece of the bride & ring bearer-Derek Johnson, nephew of the bride.

Candlelighters & ushers were Rudy Rivera of Stratford and Ryan Wanner of Lubbock.

Nell Ingham of Amarillo sang "There is Love" while the candles were lit.

The bride was given away by her father, James Johnson.

As something old, Tamara wore her Grandma Ellison's pearl earrings. Something new was her dress. Something borrowed was her Grandmother Johnson's pearl necklace. Something blue was her garter.

Registering guests for the event were Gracie Barrientos and Chad Johnson, nephew of the bride, both of Stratford.

The couple resides at 312 N. Pearl in Stratford. Coby is working at Stratford Feedyard. Tamara is employed at Thriftway in Stratford.



Gene Woods, owner of Floral Expressions, will be demonstrating "Patio Pizzaz" at the upcoming spring and gardening seminar to be held Friday, March 21, 1997 in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Center. Sponsored by the Panhandle District Extension Family and Consumer Science Agents, additional information and tickets may be obtained from Susie Spurlock at the Sherman County Extension Office.

Spring Landscape & Gardening Seminar To Be Held In Amarillo

A popular trend in home entertaining is to have friends or family over for patio or backyard events. Thus there is an increased interest in patio decorating and backyard landscaping.

In response to that trend, members of the Panhandle district Extension Family and Consumer Science agents, have planned a spring landscape and gardening seminar to be held on Friday, March 21, at the Texas A&M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, beginning with registration at 12:30 that afternoon.

"Elements of a Well Planned Landscape" will be the kick-off presentation.

"Dealing with Pesty and Thirsty Gardens" will be detailed by Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist; and Robert Devin, Randall County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Jean Wood, owner of Floral Expressions in Amarillo, will demonstrate "Patio Pizzaz" followed by Lou Anne Causey of Irwin Greenhouses, who will recommend modern patio and backyard decorating with European Gardens and Mixed Baskets.

Judy Spurlock, an experienced Extension certified Master Gardener, will do the final presentation of the afternoon on the popular concept of xeriscaping featuring quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

Susie Breiting, Dallam County Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences; and Wynon Mayes, Randall County Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, have planned the program and will be emcees.

The program will be held concurrently with the District 1 Family and Community Education (FCE) cultural arts contest. Entries from winners in the 21 county area will be on display in an adjacent area for viewing.

Winners in that contest to be hosted by Gray County FCE members will be announced at the conclusion of the seminar.

A \$5.00 registration payable at the door will be charged. Tickets and seminar information are available from each FCE agent in the Panhandle district.

Interested people are invited to attend the jumpstart Spring landscaping and patio decorating efforts.

Leesa Wood Calvi-Randall County Agent-FCE 806-655-2523

Alby Peters-Potter County Agent-FCE 806-373-0713

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel.

—Will Kommen

New Places-New Faces



New Faces--Todd and Diana Rouse, Tori Jordan 3, Tyler Morgan 7 months. Todd is an Agronomist for Panhandle Agri-Tech in Stratford. Todd was born in Cordell, Ok. raised in Burns Flat and moving to Stratford from Boise City. He attended Panhandle State University in Goodwell majoring in Agri-business, minor-Agronomy and Animal Science. Daina was born in Sayre, Ok. and raised in Burns Flat. She has a degree from Panhandle State University in Elementary Education and Early Childhood. Daina is a full time mom and is interested in providing in home childcare. Todd and Daina enjoy the outdoors, water and snow skiing. Todd also adds hunting and fishing to his pastimes.

Convention-Saturday, March 22, 1997

Top of Texas District Spring Convention, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, is Saturday, March 22, at the South Dining Hall on the campus of WTAMU in Canyon. Linda Turner, Borger, District President, will convene the meeting at 9:30 a.m. following registration with coffee and pastries 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be over by 3 p.m.

All Prospectus Study Club members are encouraged to attend. Awards for various program and projects will be announced. Ideas for programs for the 1997-98 year will be given.



Finland has two official languages—Finnish and Swedish. Swedish is spoken by about seven percent of the people.

The manner of giving is worth more than the gift.

—Peter Corneille

House Hunting Hints

Tips To Make Home Ownership A Reality

(NAPS)—Attractive home prices and more affordable financing have helped generate greater optimism about buying a home today. A recent survey released by Fannie Mae, the nation's largest purchaser of residential mortgage loans, found that three in five Americans believe this is a good time to buy a home.

Even with this increased optimism, the prospect of buying a home may still seem overwhelming for many first time purchasers. Scott Van Dellen, director of affordable lending for the nation's largest independent mortgage lender and servicer, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., recommends a few simple steps to help bring you closer to buying a home.

• **Get prequalified**—Pre-qualification assesses an applicant's ability to purchase a home, telling you exactly what you can afford. Countrywide offers free prequalification through its House America Counseling Center, an educational public service which recommends personalized plans to help you qualify for a home loan.

• **Investigate affordable lending programs**—Check out affordable lending programs such as Countrywide's House America, which requires as little as a three percent downpayment, as well as more flexibility in areas such as debt ratios, credit and employment history.

• **Examine your credit record**—It's a good idea to review your credit report with a mortgage lender before considering purchasing a home, especially if you have had any credit problems in the past. Countrywide's Counseling Center offers a free credit repair manual, "Your Credit and You," which can help you resolve credit issues that may be preventing you from obtaining a home loan.

For a free copy of Countrywide's credit manual or a free prequalification, call Countrywide's House America Counseling Center at (800) 577-3732.

One of the best "cures" for painful sunburn is to climb into a bath after adding some cornstarch to the water.



Happy Birthday,
Diane, Jerry, Marcus, Ted, Joyce, Laura, Manuel,
Bryson, Roger, Cricket, Isaac, Johnny, Kenneth,
Raquel, James, Kevin, Xochitl, Carlos, Darcy, Kathie,
Betty, Daniel, Jared, Keith, Renee, Scott

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

Price: \$10,789,254.90*

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

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Best Part About Winning: "Now I can starch my overalls. I thought that was a little touch of class."—Butch Lane

*Paid over 20 years.



"Yahoo."
"Yahoo."
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THE LANE FAMILY

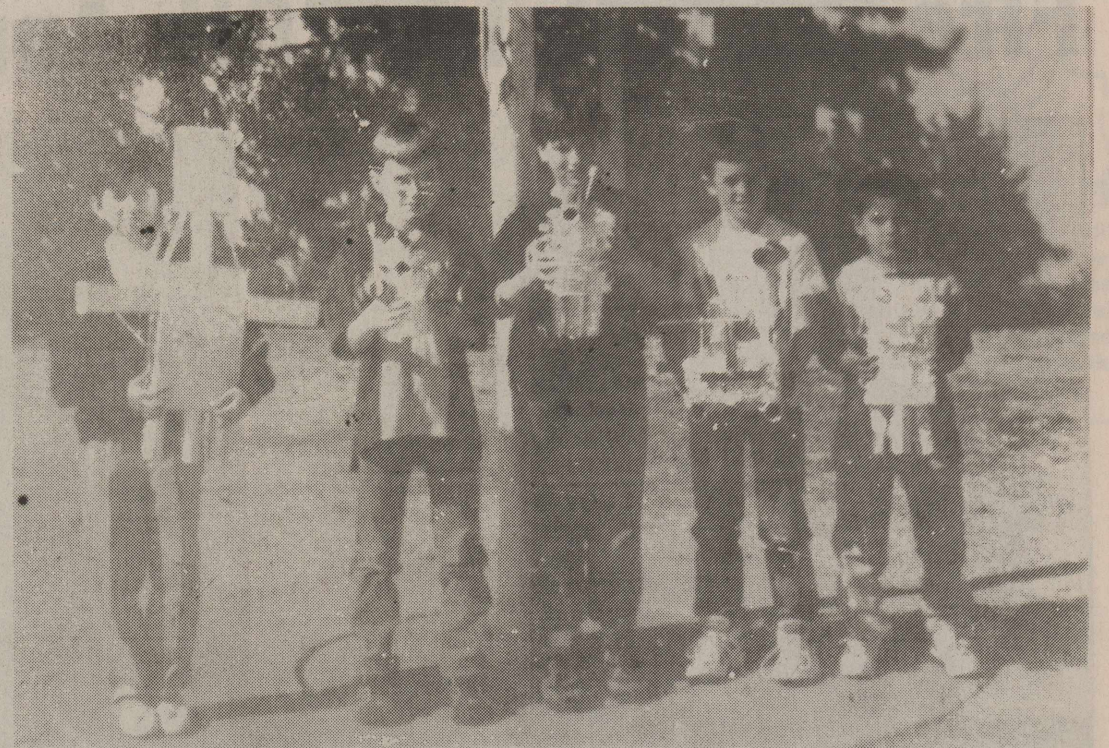


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"Pips" Program Participants

Shown above 40 of the 42 members that participated in the PIP's program this year under the direction of D'Lynn Reed. Helping Mrs. Reed were Sheila Lanning, Nan Ashley, ViAnn Reed and Brenda Bell. These children performed at some of our local basketball games at half-time.



Students Share Their Robots

Shown above students in Mrs. Shuping's class with their robots they made for Open House on Tuesday, March 4th. From left: Crystal Rueda, Bodie Crabtree, Chad Johnson, Derek Blain and Joey Reta.

If a man hasn't discovered something he will die for, he isn't fit to live.
—Martin Luther King

"Circle Of Friends" Installs Officers

D'Ann Allen from Amarillo was installed as President of the Board of Directors of the Circle of Friends at the non-profit organization's annual meeting.

Also appointed were Janyth Bowers, Pampa, President-Elect; Vicki LaGrone, Amarillo, Vice President; Jacquie Humphrey, Amarillo, Treasurer; and Maureen Boyce, Amarillo, Secretary.

New members to the board include: Camile Bezner, Dalhart; Shelly Borchardt, Tulia; Wanda Christi, Canadian; Pat Johnson, Stratford; Shelley Jones, Amarillo; Pat Irwin, Hansford County; Allison Lafferty, Amarillo; Hilary Slotton, Amarillo; Valerie Sneed, Dalhart; Jenny Rapp, Canyon; and Suzanne Willis, Perryton.

Other board members include: Elmonette Bivens, Clarendon; Jeanette Caviness, Amarillo; Janet Cooper, Clarendon; Jenny Davis, Amarillo; Denise Hampton, Amarillo; Jan King, Amarillo; Beverly Odom, McLean; Katherine Rentfrow, Borger; Bethel Robinson, Panhandle; Jody Skiles, Hereford and Sharon Strouhal, Amarillo.

The Circle of Friends, a non-profit membership organization, is dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families in times of need. Through its affiliation with the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, the Circle develops and implements fundraising activities primarily to provide financial assistance and patient care and support programs for those affected by cancer. The Circle works with the Harrington Cancer Center to provide educational opportunities for people throughout the region.

Annual activities supported by the Circle of Friends include the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race For The Cure, Caring Touch Collection Calendar sales, and area membership parties. The organization also raises funds for projects at the Harrington Cancer Center.

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.

"Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild"

The "Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild" of Guymon, Oklahoma, met January 25th. The meeting featured Sharon Newman of Lubbock, Texas.

The club began their activities of the morning by installing the 1997 officers: The guild is very appreciative of these women who have volunteered to manage time-consuming jobs. Last year's officers were thanked by a standing ovation for a job well done.

An event looked forward to by all is the quarterly block drawing. There were 29 participants of the quilt block "Twisting Star" pattern. The blocks were won by Nell Thompson of Amarillo, Texas Pearl Parker of Elkhart, Kansas. New patterns were passed out for the April 19 meeting. It was a "Sun bonnet Sue." It can be embellished according to your imagination. If you were not at the last meeting and are planning to come to the meeting in April and would like this pattern, contact Mollic Mathis 405-338-7090.

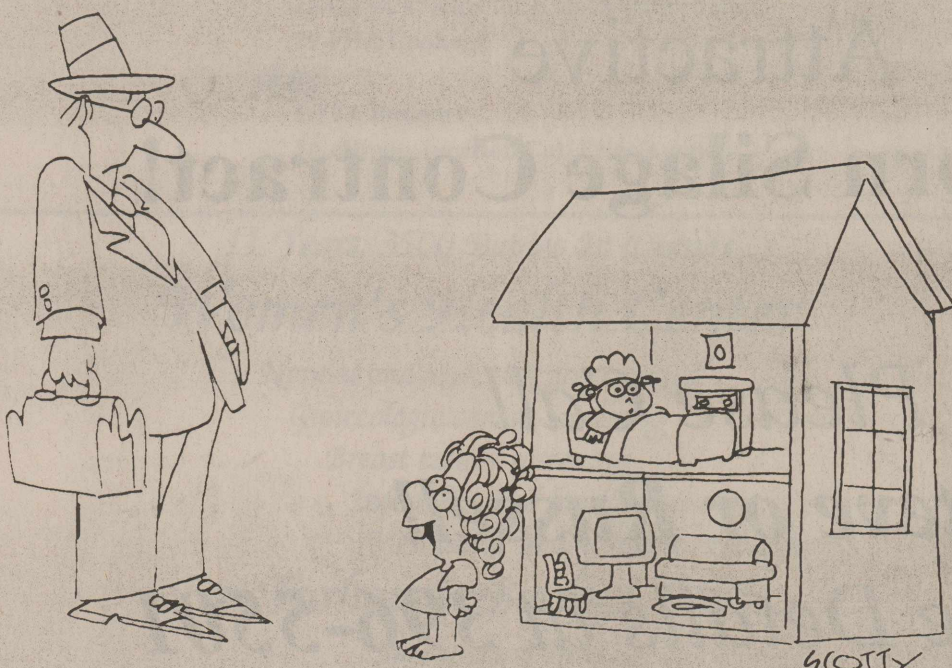
Cheryl Ashpaugh introduced the guest speaker, Sharon Newman of Lubbock, Texas. Sharon had a large number of antique quilts from the 1800's to show. She showed slides, read poems and gave information about each quilt and their quilters. It was an excellent program. The afternoon's workshop was "Basket Lattice Reflections of the Past." This was a replica of a strikingly modern 1930's quilt top. Forty-three ladies took part in this workshop. It was enjoyed by all.

Darlene Hambleton announced the next meeting which will be held on April 19, 1997. This meeting will feature Elda Martens of Fairview, Oklahoma. She will talk about and exhibit 1930's, 40's, and 50's quilts. The afternoon program will be held in three workshops: Button Quilt-Elda Martens; Stained Glass-Phyllis Stephens; Twilling-Mary Jane Fast. There will be a minimal charge for supplies if they are needed for the classes. TBA. Everyone is invited to join the guild. Workshops are for beginners, intermediates and advanced quilters. There is something for everyone. Dues are \$20.00 a year and the knowledge received is priceless. Come join us on April 19, 1997.




It is difficult to overcome one's passions, and impossible to satisfy them.

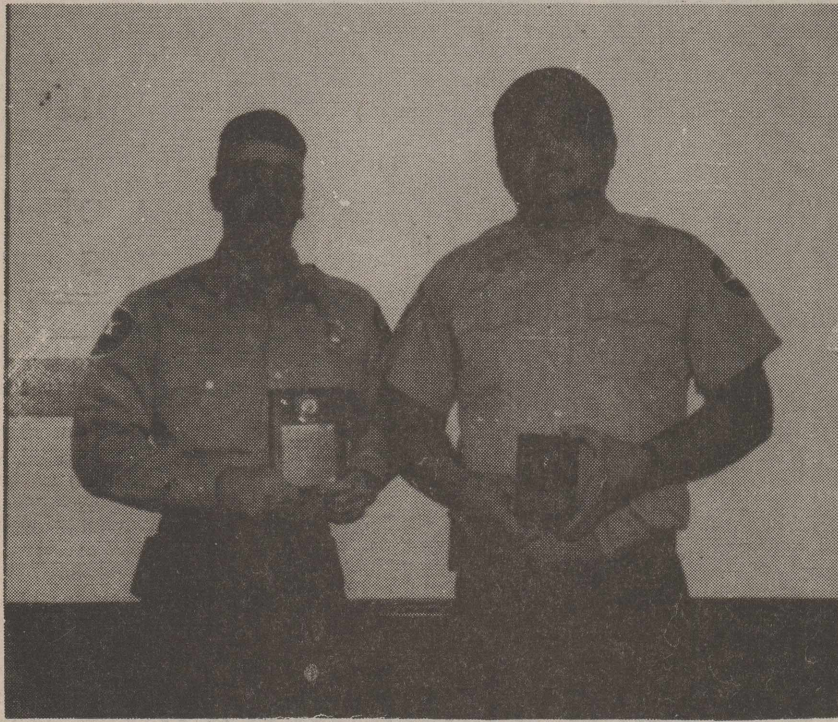
—Marguerite De La Sabliere



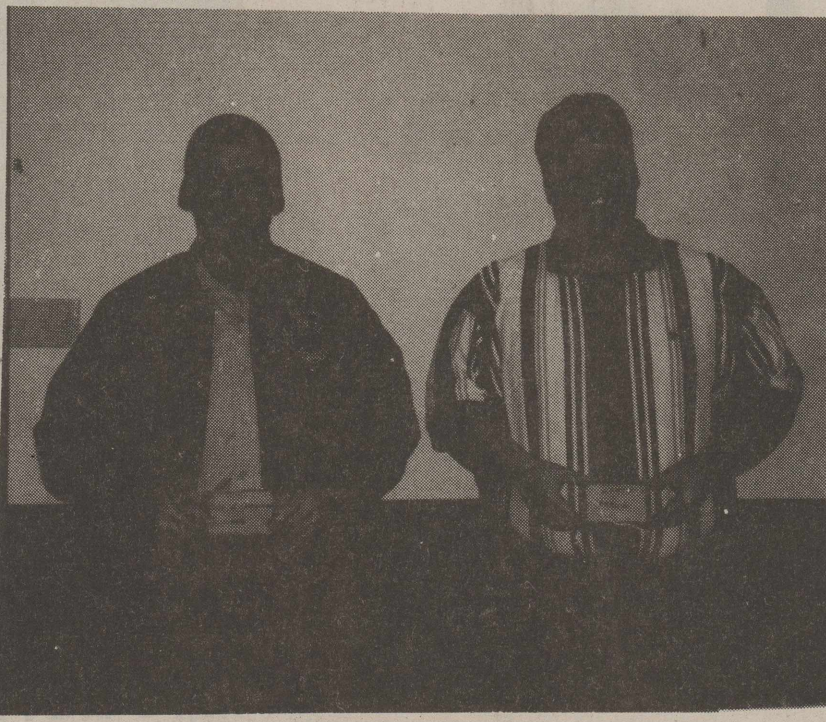
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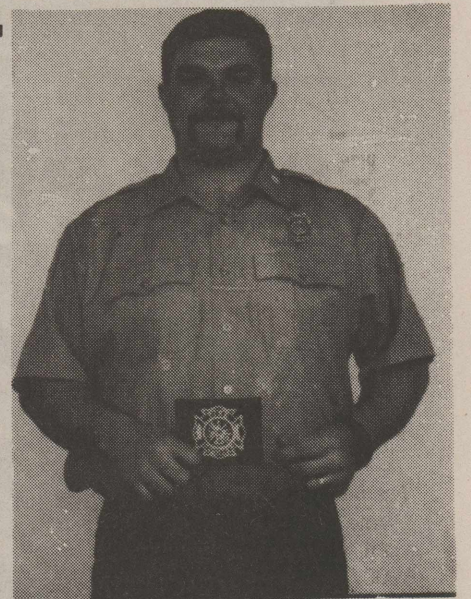
Fire Dept. Holds 20th Annual Awards Banquet



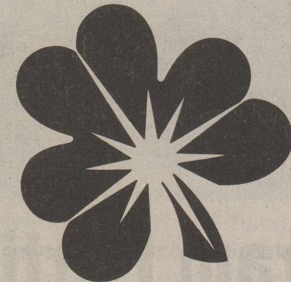
Lance Crowson was presented Firefighter of the year & Fire Chief Eddie Williams was presented a special award for making the most fire runs in 1996. This is Eddie's 25th year as a Volunteer Firefighter.



Lane Robertson and Carlos Montoya were given "special Trash Cans" for their first fire run.



Jade Palmer was given a wallet in appreciation of his support of the fire dept.



Stratford Fire Department held its 20th Annual Awards Banquet Saturday March 8, 1997. Steaks and hamburgers were served to the fire department members, family and guests. Crossroads catered the meal.

Following the meal the awards presentations were made. Firefighter of the Year was Lance Crowson. This award is given to the fire fighter who has achieved the most training hours, run attendance and meeting attendance. Fire Chief Eddie Williams was presented with a special plaque for making the most fire runs in 1996. Out of a total of 61 runs for the year, Eddie made 58. This is also Eddie's 25th year as a volunteer Fireman. Lane Robertson and Carlos Montoya

also received a "special" award when they made their first fire run. Jade Palmer-Fireman received recognition for all his help and support. Congratulations to all the recipients.

The Fire runs for 1996 were broken down to 4 structure fires, 7 rescue, 5 trash can fires 42 Grass-CRP-3 Haz Mat for a total of 61.

Members of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. are Eddie & Sandy Williams, Lance Crowson, Johnny Pulliam, Karen Pulliam, Eugene Griffin, Jack Gore, David Davis, Jade Palmer, Ronda Mathews, Andy Alexander, Chris Hernandez, Gary Pool, Ted Sneed, Donita and Lane Robertson, Carol Osborn, David Trevino, Ricky Garza, Carlos Montoya & Lupe Garza.



Mrs. Ragsdale and her third grade class enjoyed making their own "Blades in the Sky" at the Imagination Station on Friday, March 7th. If you have not been able to see the windmill exhibit, stop by on March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or Sunday, March 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Shown above, the Depot Museum also has a fine arts exhibit on Windmills in conjunction with the Imagination Station's "Blades in the Sky". The Depot Museum will have their exhibit on hand during the month of March.

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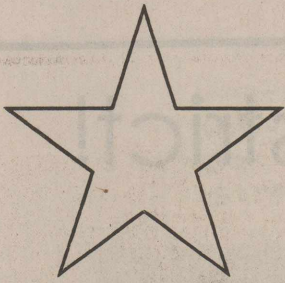
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Carpet Cleaner for Rent from THE General Store. Rent by the hour at \$3.00 per hour (4 hr. minimum) or \$19.99 for 24 hours. 1-16-1fn

Stratford Country Club Auction Saturday, March 15, 1997 Hors D'oeuvres 7:00 Auction 7:30 Public is invited to attend Watch paper for list of items to be auctioned

50% off Winter Clearance Sale at THE General Store. Boots, hats, coveralls, coats, underwear, kids boots & gloves. 3-13-1fn

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House For Sale: Brick 2,106 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, Huge back yard. Casa Bonita Addition, 1208 NW 2nd. Call 753-4484 or 753-7471. 3-13-1fn

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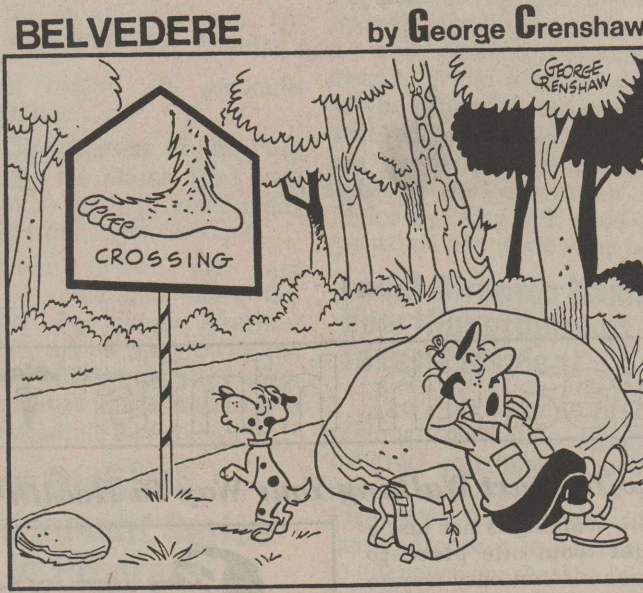
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for construction of 48,645 SY of street sealcoat for the City of Stratford will be received at the office of the City Manager until 2:00 p.m. April 1, 1997 and then publicly opened and read.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check written upon a national or state bank in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the City of Stratford or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute a performance bond within ten (10) days after notice of award of the contract to him. Bids without check or bid bond will not be considered. Bids not exceeding \$25,000 will not require a performance bond.

The attention of bidder is called to the special provisions concerning minimum wage rates and hours of employment included in House Bill No. 115 of the Forty-fourth Legislature to the State of Texas. Compliance with the above wage and hour bill is required. Further, the bidder agrees to abide by the requirements under Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, including specifically the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

The low bidder shall supply the names and addresses of major material suppliers and subcontractors when requested to do so by the OWNER.

The CITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the CITY. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents may be secured from the office of Glover & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 977, Dumas, Texas 79029, on deposit of Fifty-five (\$55.00) Dollars per set, which sum so deposited a total of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars will be refunded, provided: (1) All documents are returned in good condition to Glover and Associates, Inc., not later than 48 hours after the bid date; or (2) The CONTRACTOR submits a bid and all documents are returned in good condition to Glover & Associates, Inc., not later than five (5) days after award date.

City of Stratford
By David Brown, Mayor

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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.

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our gratefulness for all the prayers, cards and acts of kindness during Joyce's illness and since her death. Thank you doesn't seem enough for you've done for our family. We are blessed with many friends in our time of need.

The families of Joyce Brooks

Dear Friends, We greatly appreciate your support of our Mexican Pile-On. With the money we raised, we will attend the International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington D.C. It is great that Stratford youth are so well supported.

Thanks again,
Cara Lavake, Ashley Stoy, & Christopher Bell

We would like to Thank Everyone for the love, prayers and donations for Eddie Moon. Our Special Thanks to the Open Door Sunday School Class for making the Fundraiser a Success. We Love You All.

R.J. & Betty Chamberlain

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to our excellent EMS crew. They responded with such promptness and were very efficient.

A.C. & Lucille Hills

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce and the Youth Basketball Association would like to thank the many volunteers who donated their time and effort to make the 1997 Basketball Tournament a success for the kids. The volunteers were timekeepers, scorekeepers, referees, concession stand workers and admission collectors. Special thanks are in order for Betty Hamrick for her donation of supplies and to Eugene Griffin for preparing the award certificates. Chuck Oakley provided service above and beyond the call of duty. We would appreciate the Stratford School providing the facilities and community's attendance and support for this youth activity and look forward to next year's tournament.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce
Stratford Youth Basketball Association

PARENTING

Another Television Rating Tip

News USA

(NU) - At the beginning of every television program, you see a TV rating icon in the upper left-hand corner of your screen.

The little symbol is a response to the growing concerns of parents and regulators about the effects of television on kids. This new rating system is not without its critics, but experts argue that it does represent a good first effort to provide parents with more information about — and control over — what their kids watch.

Another kind of rating system for kids is also available in cable television homes, and it's called Cable in the Classroom. Cable families have access to the same commercial-free "safe harbor" of educational programming that their neighborhood schools use.

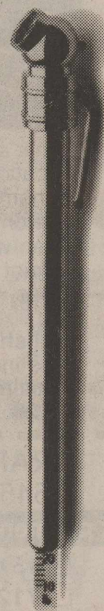
Started in 1989 as a free service to schools, more than 500 hours per month of programming is created by 33 different cable networks for children from pre-school through high school. This programming has no commercials or violence.

Although it's used primarily by teachers, parents are learning that if a program has a Cable in the Classroom designation it is another "parent-friendly" tool they can count on to help ensure their children are using television wisely.

Most of the Cable in the Classroom programs air during "off" hours. Like schools, families can set their VCRs to tape a show, then use it when and how they want. Families can also use the programming to build their own video libraries of Cable in the Classroom programs.

For more information and a free schedule showing when these programs air, call 1-800-226-2525.

If this is the only pressure you check, your tires may outlast you.



Checking your tire pressure is a good idea. Checking your blood pressure is an even better one. High blood pressure greatly increases your risk of stroke and heart attack. And those are harder to deal with than a flat tire.

To learn more, contact your nearest American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or online at <http://www.amhrt.org>

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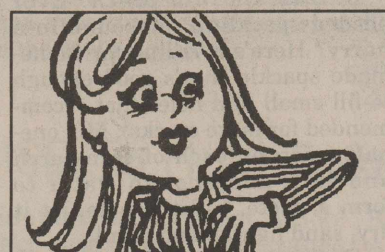


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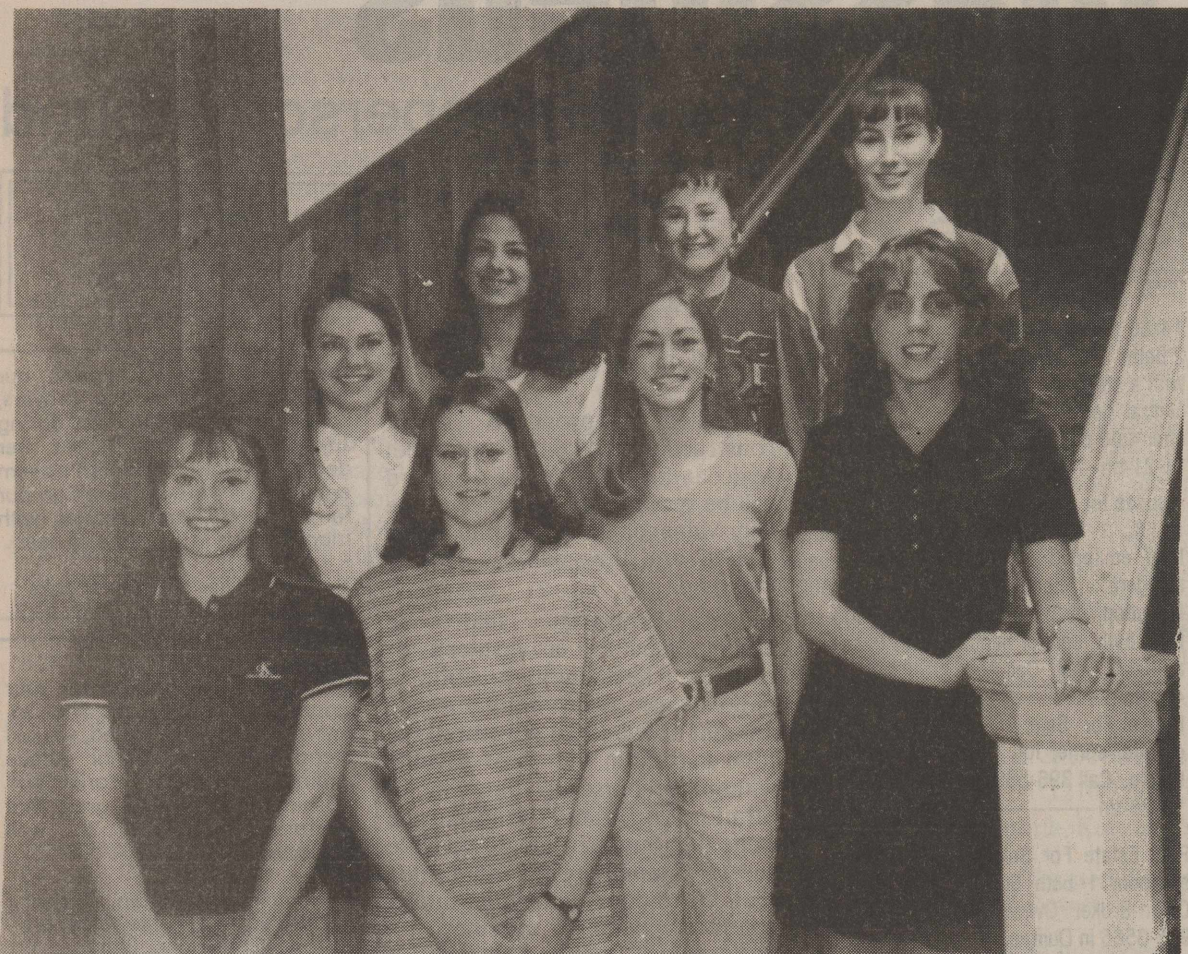
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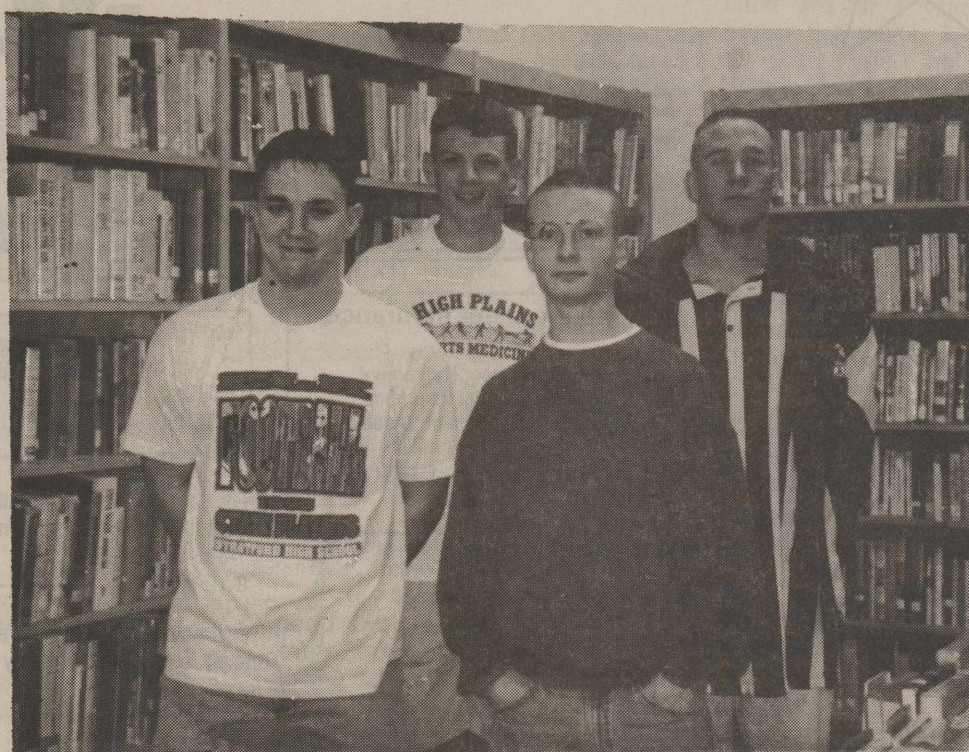


A garment is probably well made if stripes or plaids are matched at the seams. The more seams that match, the better the garment.

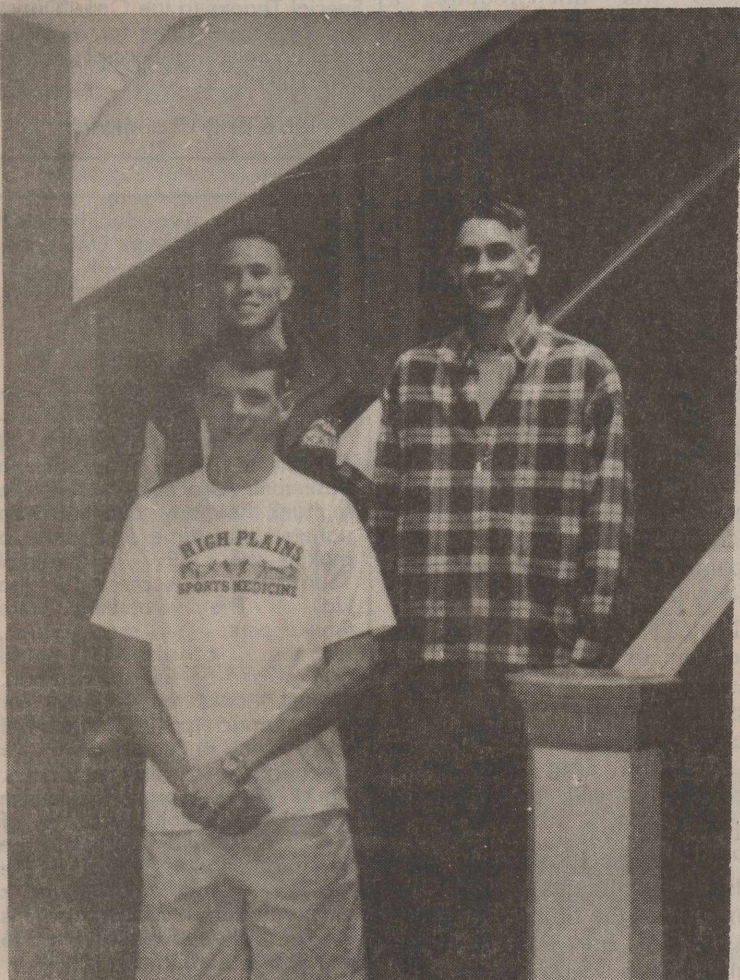
Elks & Lady Elks All-District & Academic All-District!



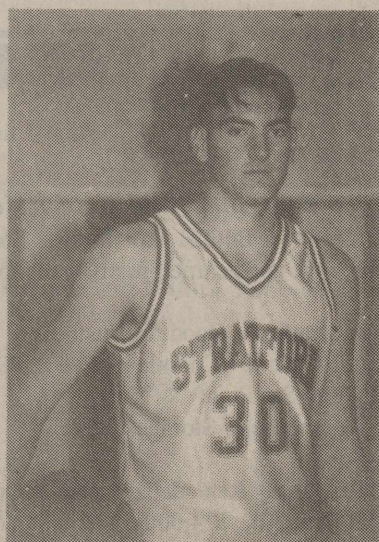
Girls All-District Academic Team from left on bottom: Ashley Stoy, Mandi Bell, Jennifer King and Lori Brooks. In back from left: Ashlie Lasley, Lynz Browning, Jessica Sikora, Megan Baskin. Not pictured Jasmin Sanchez.



Stratford All-District Academic Team for Basketball from left: Justin Starnes, Dusty Stewart, Dusty Palmer and J.B. Presley.



All-District boys for Basketball from left: Dusty Stewart, J.B. Presley and Ross Davis and Ryan Davis pictured at right.



Ryan Davis was named MVP and All-District.



All-District Girls for Basketball from top to bottom: Lynz Browning, Lori Brooks, Jessica Sikora and Jennifer King.

Stratford Relays Results



The only poisonous bird found so far is the Pitohui from New Guinea, identified in 1992. Their feathers have the same orange and black colors as a poison dart frog.

MOCHA CHOCOLATE CAKE

This cake is really quick to make and has minimal cleanup because it is mixed right in the baking pan.

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons canola or corn oil
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons strong coffee
- Confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Measure the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt into a sieve or flour sifter placed over a 9-inch square cake pan. Stir to sift, then add the brown sugar and mix with a fork until completely blended and no lumps of the brown sugar remain.

Pour the oil over the dry ingredients. Mix the water with the vanilla and coffee in a small bowl and pour over. Blend with a fork or a small whisk until the cake batter is smooth. With a rubber spatula, check that all the dry ingredients from the corners of the pan are incorporated.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean and dry. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire rack to cool. Dust with confectioners' sugar and cut into squares to serve.

Makes 9 servings.



Helpful Household Ideas

(NAPS)—Here are three tips from Home & Garden Television, available on cable or via satellite TV, to help make common household chores a little easier.

1. *The writing on the wall:* You can remove crayon marks from walls and tables using solvents such as Endust and WD-40. Spray directly on the marks, then scrub with a stiff, nonabrasive brush. Wipe with an all-purpose cleaner and a clean cloth.

2. *Blender blasting:* No perfect tool has ever been made to clean the sharp blades and awkward spaces inside your blender. The best solution? Fill the blender about halfway with hot water, add dish soap and turn it on. The churning action usually removes the mess, no matter how encrusted.

3. *Spackle in a pinch:* Ever needed spackling compound in a hurry? Here's a recipe for homemade spackle that's good enough to fill small nail holes (not recommended for large cracks). Mix one-half teaspoon each of cornstarch and salt; add enough water to form a paste. Fill the hole, let it dry, sand lightly, and paint.

For more ideas, watch Home & Garden Television (HGTV) on cable or satellite. HGTV presents some of America's best home builders, decorators, gardeners and craft experts as they provide helpful hints and how-to information. For more information point your web browser to <http://www.hgtv.com>.

health hints

How To Start Walking Your Way To Health

(NAPS)—Walking is not just a way to get from one place to another—it's also an easy way to live a longer, healthier life, an efficient way to lose weight and a low-stress way to reach performance-level fitness.

One of the easiest forms of exercise, walking can be scheduled into most people's lives and can be attempted by the most sedentary of couch potatoes. Your only investment is a comfortable pair of walking shoes, and while those last walking is free—no membership dues or expensive training equipment.

So, why aren't more people walking?

That's simple. They haven't started. As with other programs getting started can be the hardest part. Here are some tips from experts at *Walking Magazine* on how to get yourself out the door.

- If you want to walk in the morning, lay your walking clothes out the night before.

- Schedule your walk with a friend or tell everyone that you're planning to go out for a walk.

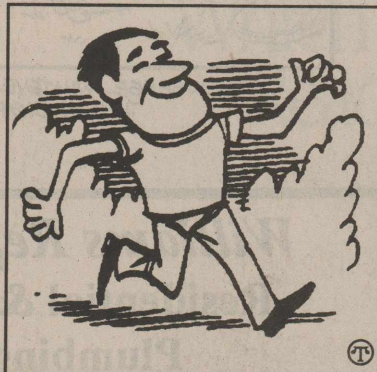
- Schedule your walk in your appointment book. Take it as seriously as you would a doctor's appointment.

- Promise yourself that you're just going out for a quick walk; say five minutes. Once you're out there, you'll probably walk farther.

- If you can't fit a long walk into your day, try to squeeze in several short walks.

- Start a streak—an uninterrupted series of days where you walk for at least ten minutes. A streak is a terrible thing to break.

- Set a short-term goal, like a



A few walks a week can make a difference in the way you feel and how healthy you are. Walking can even help you lose weight, if you do it regularly.

certain number of miles a week and reward yourself for it.

If you're beginning, stick with short walks (10 or 15 minutes) at first and build up.

Start every walk with a few minutes of easy strolling to warm up; it helps loosen and warm your muscles and reduces the chance of injury. Finish with some simple stretches to keep your body supple and ready for tomorrow's walk.

For long-term health, aim to walk 30 minutes per day, six or seven days a week. For weight loss and longevity, walk 45 to 60 minutes per day and for performance-level fitness, walk 20 to 60 minutes at a fast pace, five or six days per week.

Always talk to your doctor before making any changes to your exercise program. For more information about walking events, programs, books, resources and clubs, and for a free copy of *Walking Magazine*, call at 1-800-924-0084.

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