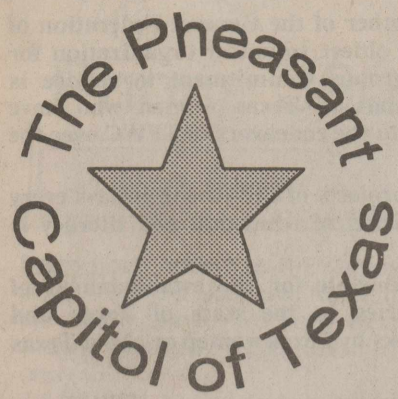


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Is It Spring Yet?????????

After approximately 4 inches of rain fell last Wednesday night through Friday, Stratford was given a taste of winter also. Shown above, snow falling on the water last Friday evening.

The Stratford Country Club work day has been rescheduled to May 3rd at 9 a.m.



Kelly's Gymnastic's Competition Team shown sitting from left: Scott Hudson - State qualifier, Chelsie West, Candie Bell, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Jake Sangster - State qualifier. Standing from left: Brittany Hudson - State qualifier, Heather Robertson - State Qualifier, Kayla Robertson - State Qualifier, Holly Sangster - State qualifier and Lindsay Stein - State Qualifier. These kids will be traveling to Hobbs, N.M. with their Coach Kelly Brooks for the Southwest Championship meet on May 10, 1997. Good Luck to These Gymnasts!

Seven Qualify For State Meet

270 kids from Region I entered the Division I District Championship meet in Dalhart on April 19, 1997. Kelly's Gymnastics Competition Team coached by Kelly Brooks placed 3rd on floor in Level 6. Individual results were as follows: Candie Bell - 4th on trampoline and 6th on floor, Chelsie West - 7th on floor and trampoline, Kristen Crabtree - 6th on trampoline and 8th on floor, Kelsey Stein - 7th on trampoline and 6th on floor, Lindsay Stein -

7th on trampoline and 2nd on floor, Heather Robertson - 5th on trampoline and 10th on floor, Kayla Robertson - 4th on trampoline and floor, Brittany Hudson - 5th on trampoline and 6th on floor, Holly Sangster - 2nd on trampoline and 4th on floor, Scott Hudson - 4th on trampoline and 3rd on floor, Jake Sangster - 1st on floor and trampoline.

Seven of these eleven team members qualified to go to the

Southwest Championship Meet on May 10, 1997 in Hobbs, N.M. They are Scott Hudson in trampoline and floor, Brittany Hudson - trampoline and floor, Heather Robertson - trampoline and floor, Kayla Robertson - trampoline and floor, Lindsay Stein - floor, Jake Sangster - trampoline and floor, Holly Sangster - trampoline and floor. WHEN YOU SEE THESE KIDS WISH THEM GOOD LUCK!!

S.C. Fair & Jamboree To Meet May 6th

Sherman County Fair and Jamboree to meet Tuesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building. Anyone interested is invited but it is important for fair superintendents and club representatives to attend.

A theme for the upcoming Celebration September 4,5,6 will be considered. Suggestions for a theme are welcome at the Chamber of Commerce office 396-2260 or the County Extension Office 396-2081.

Highway 54 S.P.I.R.I.T. Meeting

Upgrade of Highway 54 from Wichita, Kansas to Tucumcari, NM. is the purpose for S.P.I.R.I.T. (Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation). Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas have joined together in collaboration and cooperation with resolutions for proclamations in favor of making Highway 54 a four-lane highway.

Guymon Chamber of Commerce is hosting the next meeting Tuesday, May 20 with a dutch treat lunch 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to take part in this meeting should contact Stratford Chamber of Commerce by May 14.

Weatherization Help Is Provided By PCS

Applications are currently being taken for the Panhandle Community Services Weatherization Program.

This program provides FREE weatherization of low income homes with emphasis on homes of elderly and handicapped individuals.

With many of the elderly on fixed incomes, personal comfort and overall physical well being are often set aside in order to save on utility bills.

Weatherization can reduce the cost of utility bills up to 30 percent, allowing these individuals to live in a better home environment.

Money to provide for this FREE service is a result of a fund for energy conservation by the state and federal governments.

For more information call: 249-5240 or 249-2743.

Taylor Building Planning Meeting To Be Held May 1st

The SCDC will be holding a Taylor Building Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 1st, at 7:30 a.m. at the Elk Pharmacy. A five-month renovation schedule and detailed specs will be developed at this meeting. Starting May 1st, bids will be accepted on all phases of the renovation project. If you are interested in this project as a volunteer or as a subcontractor, please attend this planning meeting.

For more information call the SCDC office at 396-2897.

Weather Doesn't Dampen Day

CASA Kids for Kids in the park in Stratford became Kids for Kids in the county barn last Saturday. The weather just did not cooperate, but that is the only thing that didn't.

I am always amazed by never surprised by the support CASA '69 has had from Stratford and Sherman County for the last eleven years. Saturday was just another example.

It takes a lot of people to put together an event like this. Kids for Kids is held to raise awareness of abused children who are in the court system as well as to raise funds to operate the CASA program. The event is held every year in either Stratford, Dumas, or Dalhart and provides all of our kids the opportunity to help another child.

Participation from our schools is essential. The children in kindergarten through 5th grade are asked to participate in the walk and roll. They ask people to sponsor them by making a donation to CASA and they in turn pledge to either walk, skate, ride a bicycle, or skateboard over a designated course, again, the streets were wet and the weather was cold, but most of the kids came to the county barn and raced around the street and parking lot at the barn until everyone else got tired and said "Stop-let's go inside". The kids who could not make it will have the opportunity to fulfill their pledge at a later date. None of them want to take their donations without holding up their end of the deal. There is a good lesson here for the rest of us.

A group of local men came early to help get things together and then went back to work. Michael Clawson brought some of his 4-H Kids to help set up tables and chairs in the barn. It is amazing how much quicker work gets done when you have good help-another example of kids helping out other kids.

We were entertained royally all day long by local and area young people. We had singers, dancers, tumblers, violin players, and more singers. Some of these kids were performing publicly for the first time and others were seasoned veterans. All of them were outstanding under very difficult circumstances. Our sound system and acoustics left little to be desired. The tape player required constant attention and more expertise than most of us have. Brad Willaims stepped in and save the day. The singers had trouble hearing their music and I even unplugged the music in the middle of one young lady's solo. She just looked at me and kept on singing her song without any music-amazing!

City Of Stratford Considering Ordinance

The City of Stratford is considering an ordinance to prohibit putting grass clippings, leaves and other lawn waste in the dumpsters. Presently, there is an area near the landfill where residents may dump their grass clippings and lawn waste. This area is open at all times. There is also an area for tree limbs. However, this area is open only during the hours the landfill is open, or by calling the City hall and making arrangement to have it open when the regular hours would be inconvenient. Please do not put tree limbs or other trash in the area designated for grass clippings.

The St. Josephs Catholic Youth Organization performed Aztec Indian dances in costumes they made themselves. It was a treat for the rest of us to get a look at another culture and we were delighted with the entertainment. These young people worked at the food booth when they weren't

entertaining and made outstanding tostadas.

The food booths were great. Almost anything you wanted was available; hamburgers, hot dogs, frito pies, nachos, burritos, chalupas, tostadas, cookies, brownies, cotton candy, snow cones, etc. There were enough games and prizes to keep everyone occupied. The petting zoo was an added attraction 1 goat, 1 calf, chickens and lots of puppies. Kids were cuddling puppies everywhere, and five new puppies found five new homes.

All of our local law enforcement officials were present off and on for the entire day. These included our city police, county sheriffs office and state troopers. This kiss a pig contest ended in a three way tie for the very first time and all of them kissed that little squealing pig. I am sorry everyone did not get to see those men standing on that stage shoulder to shoulder looking dignified and professional, which is hard to do when you are about to kiss a pig. They were all laughing and having fun, but they looked like a solid wall of strength to me. I couldn't help but think how lucky we are to have men of this caliber setting an example for our community, and protecting us. You wouldn't think people would respect you more because you kissed a pig, would you? Well, I do. When you see any of these gentlemen, tell them thank you for taking so much interest in all of our kids and demonstrating their

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6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper

CALF FRIES, barbecued beef and auction items suitable for gifts or your personal enjoyment will be offered Friday evening at the 6th annual Ranch hand Supper and Auction in Stratford.

The all you can eat meal of calf fries, barbecued beef and trimmings will be served from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Adult tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$6.50 at the door. Children ages 6 and under, tickets are \$2.50 and available at the door.

Auction items include a handmade rocking horse by C.W. McMillion, a handmade doll by Dacey Stephenson, a handmade child's quilt by Jeanette Artho, a painting from Mary Hill, sports prints from Ellie M's, Dessert of the month by Keri Knight, a catered child's Birthday party for 10 will be donated by the Cheerleaders, 2 detailed car washes by Lutes Custom & Classic Body Shop, 2 season tickets for Panhandle State football, 4 hours of computer consultation by Chris Riffe, autographed book by Baxter Black, 2 boxes of steaks from Brown's meat Locker and Prospectus Study Club, year's subscription to Stratford Star, steak dinner for 2 at Crossroads, a silver candle lamp, and an emergency car repair kit and many others.

For tickets and more information, call Tammie Helmut at 396-5886.

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
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Looking Ahead

Chamber Calendar

- May**
 1-National Day of Prayer
 2-Lollipop Junction Calf Fries-Bar B-Q-Auction
 8-FFA Banquet
 13-Band Banquet
 15-Athletic Banquet
 17-Scholastic Banquet-18-Baccalaureate
 22-8th Grade Graduation
 23-High School Graduation
 26-Memorial Day Services
 Beginning of Little League

- June**
 Basketball camp
 Bible School
 Swimming
 Baseball



100th Birthday of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs to be celebrated May 1. Judge Fesler signs proclamation similar to many signed over the State. Club members present are Linda Keener, Shorty Albert and Cynthia Schoenhals, Prospectus Study Club President.

TFWC 100th Anniversary Proclamation

Whereas, The members of the Texas Federation of women's Clubs will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the organization on May 1, 1997, and

Whereas, The TFWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest and oldest volunteer organization for women in the world, and the groups commitment to service is reflected in the tens of thousands of Texas women who have contributed their time and talent to the endeavors of TFWC over the last century, and

Whereas, The Programs and projects of TFWC encompass every area of life, their work in the fields of education and literacy is particularly notable, and

Whereas, the TFWC is responsible for the establishment of eighty-five percent of the libraries in the state of Texas and maintains a unique library of books by Texas women or about Texas women and

Whereas, The past and present members of TFWC are characterized by their spirit of generosity in the many volunteer hours expended in the service and improvement of lives within their communities, therefore, be it

Resolved, That May 1, 1997 be proclaimed throughout this great state of Texas as TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 100TH ANNIVERSARY DAY and Prospectus Study Club of Stratford be recognized as a member of this state widedservice organization.

Signed this Second day of April, 1997
 W.C. Fesler, Judge, Sherman County, Texas.

Obit

Marsha Jan Pipkin

Spearman-Marsha Jan Pipkin, 47 died Friday, April 25, 1997.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Church of Christ with Arnis Pape officiating. Burial was at Hansford Cemetery. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Inc., Spearman.

Mrs. Pipkin was born in San Diego, In 1966, she moved to Spearman from Buddie. She married Vernon Pipkin in 1972 at Spearman.

She was a graduate of Texas Tech and a member of Beta Sigma Phi. She was a school teacher for nine years. She was a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Cody Pipkin of College Station; two daughter, Mika Pipkin of College Station, and Molly Pipkin of Spearman; her mother, Mary Schumann of Spearman; two brothers, Craig Schumann and Victor Schumann, both of Spearman; a sister, Michele Beedy of Spearman.

The family requests memorials be to Church of Christ Children's Home, 405 S. Archer, Spearman, Texas 79081 or the Harrington Cancer Center, P.O. Box 51025, Amarillo, Texas 79159-1025.

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Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last week's activities were split in attendance. The luncheon was down because of weather and other obligations, but the Dance was up due to a lot of out-of-town guests.

Thanks to April hostesses for good old fried chicken. Also thanks go out to Rex & Bernice Christian for donating the table flower arrangements to be left here at Scot Hall. Thursday, will be Bingo at 7 p.m. Open to everyone 18 years and older. Saturday will be Pioneer Days celebration in Guymon.

Elect

Ken Forthman

City Council

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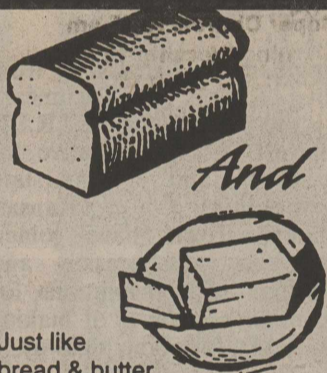
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Landfill Nearly Full

The City's landfill is nearly full, and will soon require that all trash be disposed of at another location. Due to this, the City Council voted at their last meeting to charge \$100.00 per ton for all construction waste and white goods (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, etc.) brought to the landfill. This material will be accumulated at the landfill, and then disposed of at another location.

Bingo will be at Scot Hall Thursday, May 1st at 7 p.m.

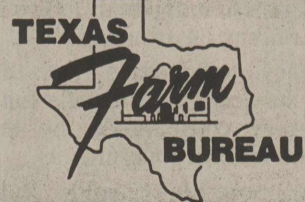
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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this Monday Morning the last Monday in April 1997.

We fogot last week to tell you that the fruit crop and the flowers and bulbs are badly nipped by the cold weather and while we personally can't see much of the damage we can feel the crispness of leaves and flowers, we're told that there is a lot of color left in spite of the adverse weather.

On our Calendar of events Mothers Day May 11, 1997 is very important of course Mothers Day is important to most folks and we look forward to that this year. May 11, 1997 also means to us that on Monday May 12, 1997 Lorelyn & Timi are scheduled to go to Phoenix, Ariz to visit Joe Ray and Rose Brown and MEET our great grandson Joe Shane Eiden Brown incidentally, we may not be able to write Tidbits that week, but we plan to get the issue out.

On account of weather Casa for Kids had to be moved to the County barn readers will enjoy its sotry in this issue of the Star.

Sunday, April 27, 1997 was an unusual day for us since we were in Liberal, KS celebrating a Christian Messianic Passover Seder at the Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church pastored by Rev. Wyatt Carpenter. Thanks to Carolee & Ken Campbell active members of this Church we were able to attend this service.

The Campbells had to make two trips to get us there because we were unable to arrange transportation on such short notice since Carolee came for us we had a wonderful visit enroute and Ken brought me home and we learned how he decided to become a teacher.

Weather was bad for SCOT dinner on April 24, 1997, but Joy Powers accompanied us that day about 60 Scotters were present. The Scot Hall was attractively decorated with umbrellas on the walls, the tables were inviting with streamers of yellow and light green and baskets of spring flowers. The food was delicious and the entree of fried chicken tasted just right. Some person thoughtlessly parked their car directly on the ramp making it a little harder to get into the building.

Thanks to program chairmen Lew Bruni Carley Bryson, daughter of Blynn Donelson Bryson, sang a number of well known songs such as "Five feet Two Eyes of Blue", "Second Hand Rose" "Bye Bye Black Bird" and "Grand Ole Flag" which Lew

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

OFF Club will go to Amarillo Tuesday, May 6, leaving Kerrick about 2 p.m. They will go to the Big Texan for dinner and show at 7 p.m. Jo June McDaniel is hostess for May. All ladies of the community are invited for this fun time.

Word was received April 22 that the grandson of Gene and Inez Dye of Wichita Falls died suddenly in Washington, D.C. Jeffery Dye was 29 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dye of Houston. Inez is the twin sister of Inalue James and sister of Kayo McDaniel.

A group of friends met at Dalhart K-Bob's Saturday night for dinner, then went to George & Barbara Avent's new home for a housewarming. The Avents were given a golden horseshoe that was a money tree from those attending and some who couldn't attend.

Present were Bill & Pat Boren, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Kay & Jo June McDaniel, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Gary Hudgens.

The Hamptons reported three inches of rain last week.

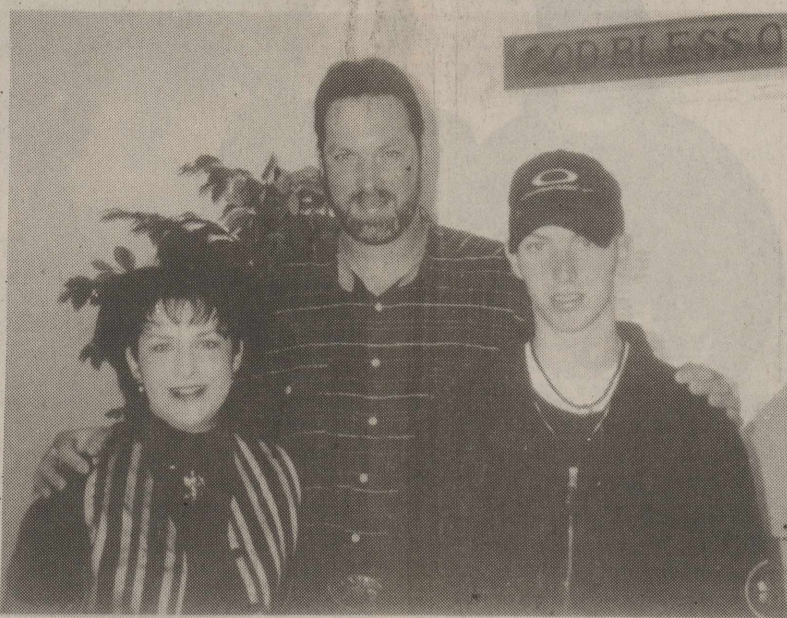
Lyall & Ruth Murdock, Red River, N.M. spent Sunday night with his sister, Mabel and Hank Rogers. They report that Red River had a foot of snow last week.

Bill Gillenwaters and Bill Boren bowled in the 20 game sweeper Saturday at Dalhart Bowl. Whew!

Gladys Arnold and Marylou McDaniel attended Friendship night of Dalhart Chapter 1051 Saturday. There were visitors from Amarillo and Dumas.

Ted & Joyce Iribeck attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of J.R. and Clara Stork in Dumas Saturday night. Ted and J.R. were school friends at Nazareth.

New Places-New Faces



Barbara, Jeff and Garret Wiley. New Face to Some-Jeff Wiley was born in Littlefield, graduated from Stratford High School. He attended Southwest Texas State. Moved to south Texas in 1988. The family began the move back to the panhandle in 1991 to Lubbock and now back home and happy to be back. Jeff is farming and ranching and in the water well & irrigation business.

Jeff enjoys playing with grandchildren, riding horses and motorcycles. Barbara was born in Ralls. After high school, she attended Jessie Lee's hair Design Inst. in Lubbock. Barbara enjoys her years as a hairdresser helping make people look and fell good. Barbara likes to read and enjoys her family and 4 grandchildren. Two married daughters; Tammi in Colorado and Candace in Florida. Garret was born in Dalhart. He attended Trinity Christian School in Lubbock and is now a Sophomore in Stratford High School Garret works with his Dad after school and Saturdays. He enjoys listening to music and riding horses.

The Wileys attend the Assembly of God Church in Stratford. Welcome Home.

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—Herman Melville

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Assembly of God

Rev. Mike Leonard

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Super Church 10:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Dr. Syd Carnes - Interim Pastor

5th & Main

Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger

520 N. Main

Sunday School 9:40 am

Morning Worship 10:50 am

Junior High UMY 5:30 pm

Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for

Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. David Contreras

6th & Wall

Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298

No Saturday Mass

Sunday English Mass 9:00 am

Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00

Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

Jon Heatwole

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist

Gerald Clark

302 S. Main

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart

702 N. 3rd

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 am

Church Training 6:00 pm

Evening Worship 7:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Roca De Salvacion

County Barn

Domingo-(Sunday)

Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am

Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm

Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time his bones are being formed; his blood is being made; his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His name is today.
—Gabriela Mistral

Pray for Our Nation
National Day
of Prayer
May 1, 1997

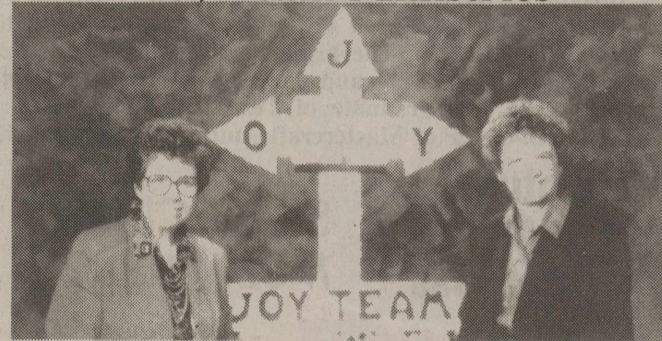


Give America A Breath
Of Fresh Prayer

THE CHURCHES OF STRATFORD WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING, IN THE OBSERVANCE OF "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"

A PRAYER BREAKFAST AT HEADQUARTERS 7:00 A.M.
A RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS ON EVERY HOUR
AN ALL COMMUNITY SINGING AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7:30 P.M.
A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL ON THE SHERMAN COUNTY COURTYARD IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, SHERIFF HAILA HAS PROVIDED A ROOM OFF OF THE COURTROOM.
EVERYONE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THEIR BLOCK AND PRAY FOR EACH HOUSE ON THAT BLOCK.

**Revival - First Assembly of God
Joy Team Ministries**



Sun. May 4 - Wed. May 7.
Evangelists Marleen Mercer and Doris Nixon
from Albuquerque, N.M.
Sunday May 4 - Wed. May 7
Sunday Morning - 9:45 Sunday School
10:45 Morning Worship
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

We welcome everyone to come be a part of the services. We know you will be blessed by Joy Teams ministry in song and in the preaching of the Word.

**The Churches of
Stratford
Welcome You**

Thank you-Prayer

Thou hast given so much to me,
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But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise.

By George Herbert

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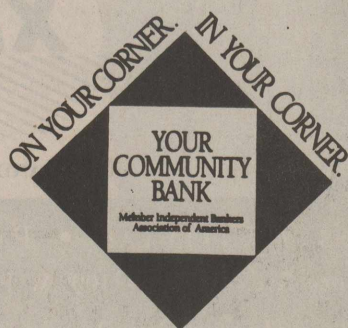
Mission Hispania Assemblies DeDios

Pastor Roberto Frescas
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 Susninos Durante El Servicio.

**At Issue:
The Community Bank Advantage**

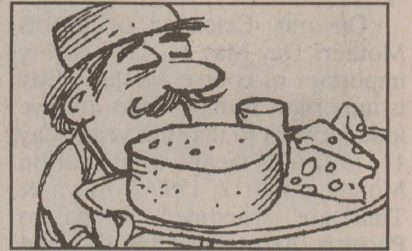
- * Community banks focus attention on the needs of local families, businesses, and farmers.
- * Community banks channel most of their loans to the neighborhoods where their depositors live and work.
- * Community bank officers are generally accessible to their customers on site.
- * Community bank officers are typically deeply involved in local community affairs.
- * Many community banks are willing to consider character, family history and discretionary spending in making loans.
- * Community banks offer nimble decision-making on business loans, because decisions are made locally.
- * Because community banks are themselves small businesses, they understand the needs of small business owners. Their core concern is lending to small businesses and farms.





Stratford Days Peach Pie Contest

There will be three (3) divisions in each category: Junior, Adult, and Senior. The three categories in which you may enter are: Peach Cobbler, Peach Pie, and Peach Fried Pies. A person may enter all three categories. There will be a division winner in each category then the division winner in each category there will be a category winner selected. The Best of Show will come from the three category winners. Entries will be judged on appearance, lightness of crust, moistness and taste.



About half the milk produced in America goes to make cheese.

Mrs. Kevin (Brenda) Cotney was honored with a wedding shower Saturday, April 26th in the home of Sue Hudson. Shown above left to right is Natalie Lyons of Amarillo, bride's sister, Mrs. James Holt of Fritch, Brenda's mother, Brendy, Marylou Cotney, Kevin's mother and Kay Cotney, sister of the groom.

Engagement Announced

Wayne & Elaine Magourik and Joe & Kathy Cluck of Amarillo, Texas and Robert and Margaret Langford of Odessa, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Adriane Elaine Cluck and Monty Stephen Langford. The couple will wed June 7, 1997 at San Jacinto United Methodist Church in Amarillo, Texas. The bride-elect attends West Texas A&M and will graduate in May, and works for Region XVI Service Center. The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is co-owner of Mastercraft Automotive in Amarillo.

Park Sculpture Subject of Amarillo College Art Class

The community park sculpture planned for Pendleton Park will be the subject of a fine arts course being taught at Amarillo College this summer. The Imagination Station is pleased to announce this cooperative effort which will allow college students of all ages to participate in the design and hand-on completion of four concrete base-reliefs for the sculpture. These four designs will reflect the history of Stratford and Sherman County.

Study Club To Meet May 7th

Prospectus Study Club meets Wed., May 7, 4:30 p.m. at the home of Ronna Jo Riffe for a busy session. Members will be selecting Old Timer King & Queen, Scholarship recipients, and making plans for summer activities.

Co-hostesses are Margaret Reed, Mary Lou Albert, Zelda Pickens.

Join in this public art class receive college credit, and share a special part in this innovative project! Other community involvement will include volunteer labor, in-kind donations of materials, and clay tiles made by every student in the Stratford Independent School District.

Area residents are invited to register for the "Topics in Art" class beginning June 3 at Amarillo College. Taught by sculptor Judy Sutton Kracke, this 3 hour humanities course will meet Monday thru Thursday from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. until July 9. There are no prerequisites, no previous art experience or artistic talents required!

Amarillo College registration may be handled by mail or by telephone at (806) 371-5030. Call for course fees. Registration is due before the first day of class.

You may also call instructor Judy Sutton Kracke at 806-359-7264 if you have any questions about this opportunity. Locally, please call Evlyn at 396-2380 or Karen at 396-2262 for more information.

CASA
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community involvement and their cooperation with one another.

CASA Staff, volunteers, and board members came from Dalhart, Dumas and Stratford and worked all day—including the brand new volunteers who just completed their training. We had entertainers and their families who came from Dalhart and Boise City. We truly had excellent support from our neighboring towns.

All in all, it was a very fine day. I just wanted to let those of you who couldn't come out know what fun we had and also to express my appreciation to everyone who:

Worked so hard to make this day a success, sponsored Kids for Kids, sponsored a child in the walk and roll, made phone calls, manned a booth, cooked, cleaned advertised, performed, helped a performer, set up and put up tables and chairs, hauled stuff, furnished animals, came from out of town, came from in town, counted tickets, handled money, worked equipment, spent your money, donated use of big hamburger grille, and a thousand other things!!!

Thanks to all of you, LeRayne Donelson

Grace is the absence of everything that indicates pain or difficulty, hesitation or incongruity.
—William Hazlitt

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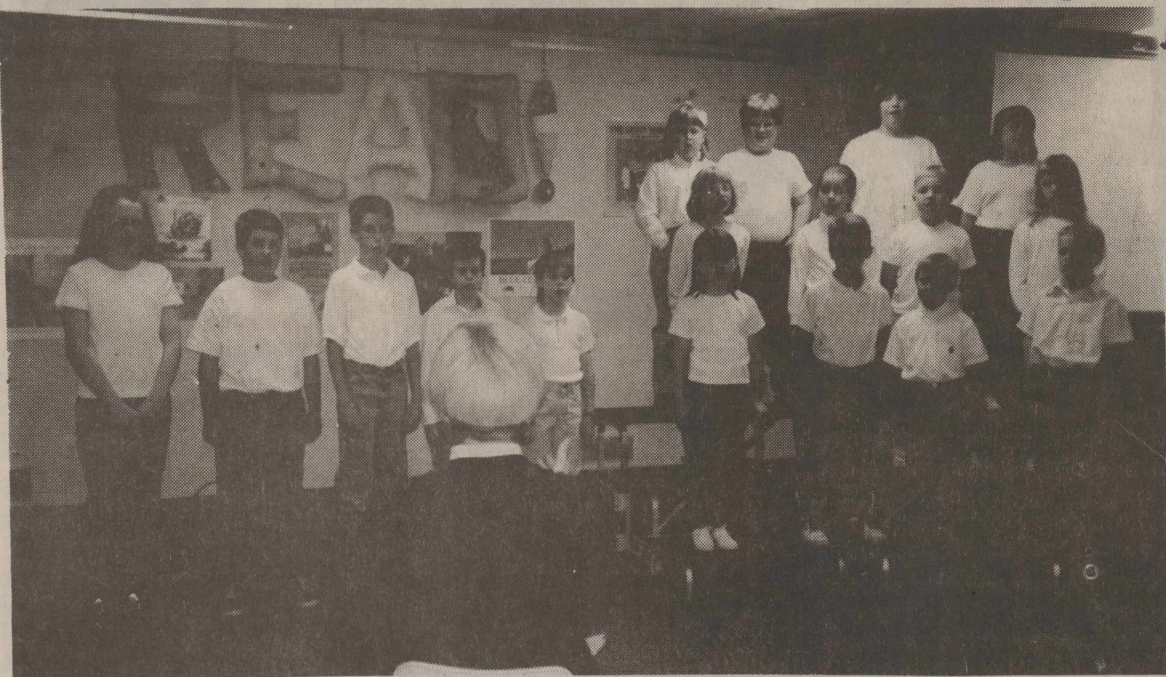


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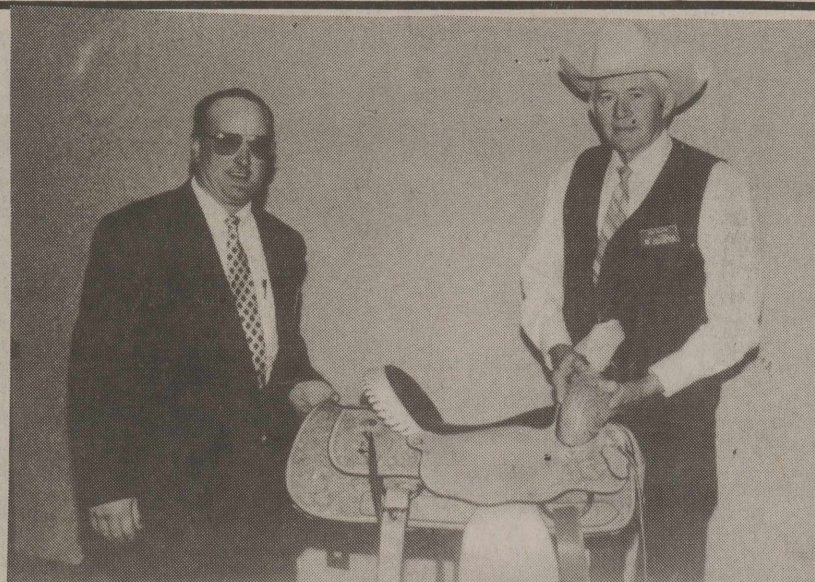
The Imagination Station Singers under the direction of Shannon Taliaferro provided the entertainment at the Stratford Area Foundation meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 1997.

Sophomore TAAS Scores Better Than First Reported

Stratford High School TAAS scores have placed Stratford High School on the Exemplary list in the State of Texas. A 90% score is considered exemplary. The final scores received this week are as follows:

Reading 97%-Math 94% and Writing 97%.

Parents will be receiving scores in the mail this week. If you need assistance in interpreting the scores, parents may call the counselor's office at 396-2612.



Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Inspector Jim Cloyd, right, of Stratford was recently recognized by TSCRA for his efforts in recruiting new members. Cloyd was among 18 TSCRA inspectors who were awarded handcrafted Bits, blue mini 14 rifles and Bill Cook saddles, based on the amount of credits earned in recruiting members. The program brought in 459 new members who own 72,949 head of cattle. Presenting the award is TSCRA Director Rusty Noble of Ardmore, Okla.

The largest hailstone recorded in the U.S. measured 1 1/2 inches and weighed 1 2/3 pounds. It fell in Kansas in 1970.



Jean Everett and Wanda Riffe and not pictured Supt. Vernon Paul were named to the Board of Stratford Area Foundation at the Annual area meeting held last Tuesday, April 22, at the Sherman County Library. It was reported at the meeting that the assets have grown to \$301,000.00 since its beginning in 1980. The foundation has made distributions back into the community in the amount of \$229,067.36. The J.B. Riffe Endowment for the Benefit of Sherrin & Texas counties have assets totaling \$109,785.60. Sherman County has received \$49,709.50 and Texas County has received \$48,647.01 in distributions. B.A. Donelson and Jim Taliaferro gave the reports.

To unmold gelatin or a molded salad, dip the mold into hot water up to the top of the item you're unmolding.

Wagoner To Receive Degree

Terry Kennedy Wagoner will receive a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Commencement Exercises will be Saturday, May 10 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum. Terry is married to John Wagoner, former residents of Stratford.

Evangelists To Conduct Services

Evangelists Marleen Mercer and Doris Nixon (Joy Team Ministries) from Albuquerque, New Mexico will be conducting services at First Assembly of God 921 N. Fulton on Sunday, May 4 through Wed. May 7th.

They have been nationally appointed Home Missionaries by the General Council of the Assemblies of God to the Native American for 26 years.

The first nine years they were at Central Indian Bible College in Moberg, South Dakota. Doris was Dean of the school as well as Director of Music and an Instructor. Marleen was involved in the accounting department and as an Instructor.

Prior to her ministry at CIBC Doris served as a pastor in Texas and in South Dakota. They both were involved in ministry at Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND.

For the last sixteen years they have been engaged in evangelistic ministry among the Native Americans. The ministry has taken them to about 88 different tribes in eighteen states and Canada.

They spent one summer in the West Indies as adult sponsors for a youth ministry team and in the summer of 1983 Doris ministered in the Far East.

Pastor Mike Leonard extends a cordial invitation to you to attend the services.

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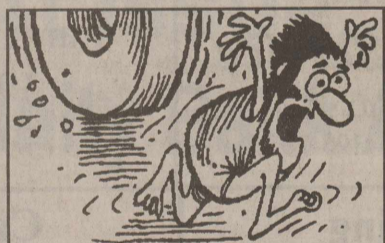
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Happy Birthday,

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- Rick, Linda, Adrian, Blanca, Cruz,
- Donnie, Georgie, Jami, Joe,
- Michael, Nita, Richard, Angelica,
- Brenda, Jane, Audrey, Jennifer,
- Mick, Tabatha

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The wheel, it's believed, was invented about 3500 B.C.

asked her to repeat and the scotters sang with her. Mrs. Mehner was her accompanist.

Scotters plan a bake sale on Saturday, May 17, 1997 8:00 a.m. at Thriftway Grocery store, Sixty Vincent announced Depression Supper and silent Auction date is Friday November 14, 1997. She suggested that articles for children such as bean bags, etc. would probably be a good item for

Senior citizens to make for the sale.

Beulah Bardwell has undergone back surgery and is recovering in St. Anthony's hospital Room 391 on this date.

Peggy Knapp (Mrs. Jerry Knapp) Amarillo had the misfortune to fall on the stairs in her home on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, breaking both legs. We have no further report on this incident prayers and best wishes Peggy and Jerry. Peggy is Marlene Knapps daughter in law.

Congratulations from SCOT and personally to Newly Wed's and to those to be married.

Best wishes and blessings on friends and neighbors during the next week.

Remember to cheer peers and fellowmen with shoulder pats and luv.

P.S. Marian Williams spent the weekend with her father H.L. and Geneva Haile in Amarillo.

Mike and Lori Powers, Lubbock Texas were in Mansfield, LA visiting the Hubert Goins, Loris parents.

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

Prize: \$10,789,254.90*

Winning Numbers: 1 3 10 18 19 46

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.

First Purchase: Five new trucks.

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."
"Yahoo."
"Yahoo."
"Yahoo."
"Yahoo."

THE LANE FAMILY



OVER 200 MILLIONAIRES AND STILL COUNTING



Insurance adjusters have been kept busy since last Monday night's hail storm. Damages were reported to be a little heavier on the north side of town. Shown above a yard covered with hail after the storm. Marble to golf ball size hail was reported.

Girl Scout End of Year Ceremony & Reunion

Stratford Girl Scouts will hold its annual Bridging and Fly-Up Ceremony on Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the County Barn. All troops will be participating in the Court of Awards and families are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

A special part of the 1997 event is the 85th celebration of Girl Scouting in the United States. ALL FORMER GIRL AND ADULT GIRL SCOUTS LIVING IN THE STRATFORD AREA

ARE INVITED TO SHARE THIS CELEBRATION. Please come, share memories and greet the current girls and adult volunteers. Special recognition will be given for most generations in one family, longest consecutive registration year, and newest Girl Scout member. There have been many, many volunteers through the years. Please fill out the questionnaire and bring it with you to the ceremony. Call 396-2527 or 2380 for information.

85 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTS

March 12, 1912 March 12, 1997
 March 12, 1997 will mark 85 years of Girl Scouts in America!
 Yucca Girl Scout Council is conducting a search for anyone who has ever registered as a Girl Scout. Stratford is planning a reunion for former Girl Scouts to Celebrate our 85th Anniversary! Please join us on Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the County Barn.

GIRL SCOUT SEARCH

Please print your name, address, and phone number.

Were you a Girl Scout? Girl Scout Leader? Other? (check all that apply)

At which age? Daisy Brownie Junior Cadette Senior Adult

Where were you living at the time of your membership?

What years did you belong to Girl Scouts?

Do you feel that Girl Scouts influenced your life? How?

Do you have any fond memories that you would like to share with us?

Please give us the names and addresses of other former Girl Scouts so we can include them in our Celebration. (We want our list as complete as possible)

All information is appreciated. Return to: Ann Wells, P.O. Box 809, Stratford, TX 79084, (806) 396-2527

Or bring to our Reunion on May 4th.

Check Tomato Transplants Before Planting

With the arrival of Spring, gardeners are fine tuning their hoes and rakes in preparation for bountiful garden season. This is also a good time to think about practices to reduce the incidence of tomato diseases during the summer months.

When selecting tomato varieties, try to use those with resistance to Fusarium wilt, Verticillium wilt, and root knot nematode. Many of the new tomato varieties have resistance to one or more of these diseases, but some of the older or "antique" selections are highly susceptible. If you insist on growing susceptible varieties, try to grow them in areas where tomatoes or potatoes have not previously been grown. You cannot successfully grow susceptible varieties in gardens where the wilt pathogens have become established.

To determine if a tomato variety is resistant to wilt and nematodes, check for the letters "VFN". The "V" indicates resistance to Verticillium wilt, "F" for Fusarium wilt, and "N" for root knot nematodes. Some varieties may have the letter "T", such as Celebrity (VFNT) or Carnival (VFNT). The "T" indicates a resistance to tobacco mosaic virus.

In addition to selecting varieties that are resistance to various diseases, carefully examine each plant for insect infestations or any signs of leaf spotting.

Tomato spotted wilt virus is often introduced into the garden on infected transplants. Look for small black or purple flecking on the youngest leaves on the tomato plants. Tomato spotted wilt causes a distinct peppered appearance, whereas cold temperature injury is more of a uniform purpling of the leaf. If you suspect spotted wilt, do not purchase the plant. Fungal and bacterial leaf spots may also be introduced on infected transplants. Discard any plants with distinct circular leaf spots.

Before transplanting, make sure any tomato debris from previous seasons has been removed. Soil samples should be taken to determine nutrient or fertilizer requirements of the soil. Staking or caging plants will increase air movements and reduce disease problems. Mulch around the base of the plants and avoid overhead irrigation. Water plants thoroughly every week, especially when the fruits are maturing. This will reduce the chance of fruit cracking which is caused by soil moisture fluctuations.

Hopefully these tips on selecting and caring of tomato transplants will assist gardeners in producing tasty, vine-ripen tomatoes throughout the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent-Ag, at (806) 396-2081.

Fruit & Shade Trees "What Can We Do After The Hard Freeze?"

The trees were in full bloom, tulips were flowering, and the grass was beginning to turn green. Spring was here with all of its glorious colors and things were shaping up for a good wheat and fruit crop. But on April 12th, the weather quickly changed and by the next week, it looked like Stratford had been slammed back into the middle of winter.

It has been a couple of weeks since the hard freeze and now would be a good time to start evaluating your trees. Each of us has a favorite tree or two that would be devastating if we lost it. Below are a few tips that will assist homeowners to assess the freeze damage and hopefully increase the survival chances for area trees.

1. Allow trees plenty of time to put on new buds and growth. Some trees are hardy enough to compensate for freeze damage and will eventually rebud and put on new growth. Two to four weeks after the freeze should be enough time to see if new buds and growth will develop.

2. Check for freeze damaged branches. Using a sharp knife, slice through the bark of branches. If green tissue is found under the bark, the branch is still alive and should survive.

3. While slicing through the bark, if you notice a branch that lacks green tissue or exhibits high amounts of freeze damage, remove the branch.

4. Any branches that are weak or large limbs that have split should be removed or secured. This will prevent them from breaking off during high winds and causing property damage.

5. Although the ideal time to prune trees is during the dormant season, under spring freeze damage situations, we have no other choice than to remove the dead and damaged limbs and branches. Remember to use proper pruning methods such as:

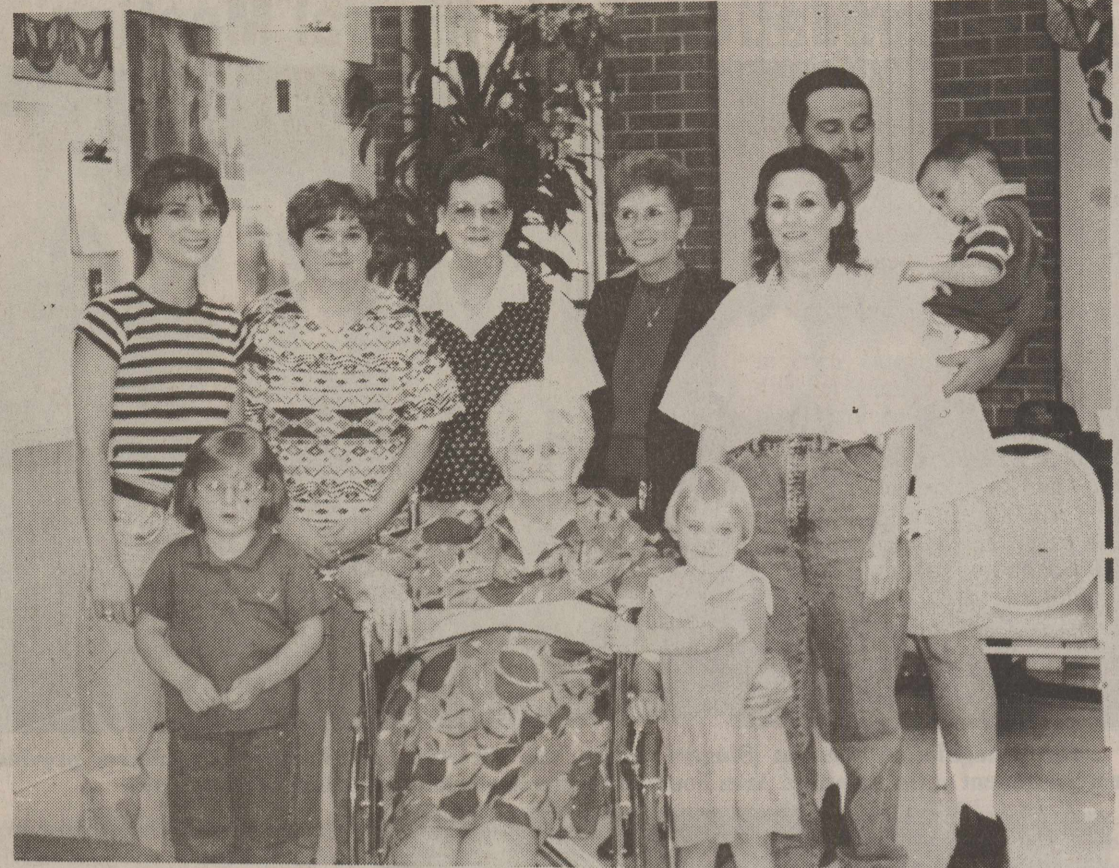
- A. use good shape pruning equipment
- B. Make smooth, flush cuts.
- C. Do not leave stubs.
- D. Avoid tearing the bark.
- E. Try to prune next to the main trunk.
- F. If a tree is diseased, clean pruning equipment with a bleach solution before pruning the next tree. This will prevent the spread of the disease.

6. "Tender Loving Care"-Trees should be monitored closely and, if possible, additional stress avoided. Make sure trees are well watered and nutritional requirements met. Water and fertilizer should be applied throughout the drip line or under the entire canopy of the tree. Feeder roots are not next to the trunk, they are under the canopy and extend past the drip line.

7. Make note of any type or variety of tree that did not survive the freezing temperatures. If you replant, be sure not to purchase that type or variety. Chances are


we will have temperatures in April in future years.

For additional information, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.



Beulah Farris was honored with a 90th birthday party at Coldwater Manor on Sunday, March 27th. Standing in front is Savannah Pugh, Beulah and Randall Pugh, Great great grandchildren. Standing in back is Leslie Schriber, Great great granddaughter, Dickie Schriber, Granddaughter, Bobbie Farris and Bonnie Hamilton, daughters, Tracy Pugh Granddaughter, Wade Pugh holding Patton Pugh-Great great grandson.

The world's first national park is Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. It was established in 1872. The nation's first federal wildlife refuge, established in 1903, was Pelican Island in Florida.

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CASA's Kids For Kids

Saturday, April 26, 1997

Two excited, squealing piglets were prepared for their "First Kiss" by Cassie and Carla Bell.

The integrity of the "Kiss A Pig" contest voting was monitored by: Stacy Urbaczyk, CASA 69 Inc. Executive Director and the wife of a DPS Trooper in Dallam County; City Councilman Andy Riffe; a concerned citizen Scott Buckles; to ensure the protection of the honor of their particular candidates.

The Rules for "Kiss a Pig"; The highest vote for the candidate allows them the opportunity to "Kiss A Pig"

The vote as follows: City Law Officers, Jim Dewees, Chanze Fowler 8364; DPS Troopers Don Stoner, Creighton McGee 8364; County Sheriff Jack Haile 8364!! A Tie!! Unprecedented!!

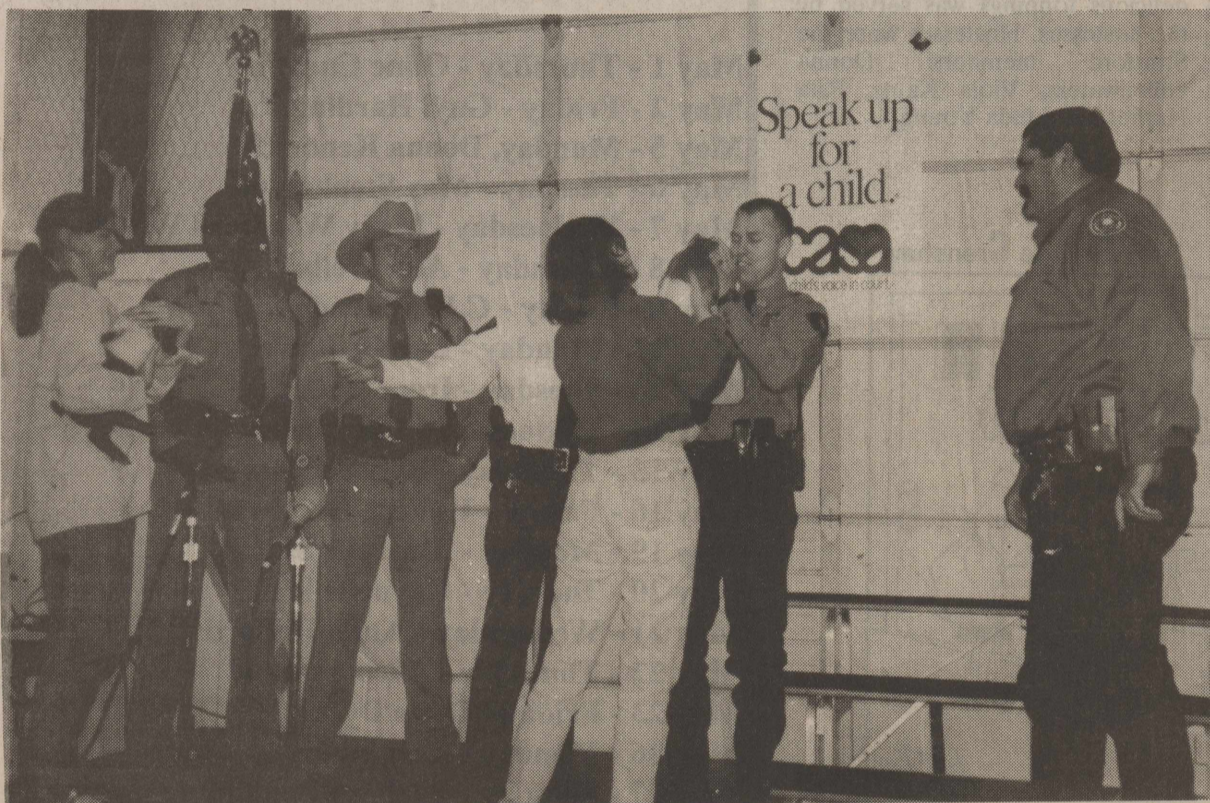
ALL candidates received the honor of "Kissing the Pig" and were very good sports.



The Suzuki Violinists did a wonderful job of entertaining at CASA's Kids for Kids on April 26th. Members of the group from Stratford were Cheyenne & Channing Zieman and Bailey Bryson.



Gaynelle Riffe introduced the Kiss A Pig contestants at the "Kids for Kids" held at the County Barn on April 26. From left, Trooper Creighton McGee, Trooper Don Stoner, Chief of Police Jim Dewees, City Police Officer Chanze Fowler and Sheriff Jack Haile.



The "Kiss A Pig" Contest was a tie. Shown above all of the law enforcement officer's kissed a pig!



Kelly's Gymnastic Class tumbled for the crowd at the "Kids for Kids" at the County Barn.



The St. Joseph CYO Dancers performed at CASA's "Kids for Kids".



Barron Speaks To TRTA

Mr. Ray Barron, an insurance agent who is also a specialist in long term health care insurance

gave a very informative speech on a relatively new type of health care insurance to the Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association which met in the Episcopal Church in Dalhart last Thursday. He has a special interest because his mother has needed this type of insurance and it was not available when she became ill at the age of 63. He studied it, learned of its value, and the ways by which it may be tailored to fit the individual who needs it and decides to purchase the type he or she needs. His name and address will be given at the end of this article.

In the absence of Mary Jo Ondracek, president, Awanda Morris presided. Father Jerry Sneyary gave the invocation. Dirinda Jackson led the group in singing "God Bless America", a patriotic song to the tune of Battle Hymn of the Republic, and then two moving spiritual songs called "His Eye is on the Sparrow", and "I Know He Cares For me". She was accompanied by Mildred Bosler at the piano.

The officers for 1997-98 will be the same as the present officers, so no installation was held. Lois Gossett, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved; Nancy Woods gave the financial report. The treasury was enriched by \$31.05 from the proceeds of the

silent auction held at the close of the meeting.

Morris who is also legislative chairman, gave a brief report on legislation affecting retirees. She read an editorial from the CANADIAN RECORD made by the president of the Texas Federation of Teachers. Listen to and read the candidates views before elections and then do a comparison with his or her actions following elections when the candidate has become an office holder. This test may be applied to all candidates for all offices. Remember local elections are coming in a few weeks. Listen, become informed, vote carefully. Then listen and watch the performance of the elected.

The May meeting will be the leadership conference to be held in Canyon. Watch for announcements and make plans to attend.

The meeting was adjourned and members made their selections from the many attractive article displayed at the silent auction.

They enjoyed refreshments provided by the hostesses, Awanda Morris and Nannie Belle Graves. Members present other than those previously mentioned were: Frances McMurry, Gen Layman, Marjorie McClesky, Addiree Bryant and Portia Dees.

Anyone interested in more information on long term care can contact Ray Barron, 3505 Olsen Blvd. Suite 211, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

Regional Track Meet Results

Dusty Stewart qualified for State in the 300 Hurdles with a time of 39.4 for First Place at the Regional Track Meet in Abilene. Dusty placed 4th in the triple jump with 44'3".

Girls results from Regional Track Meet held in Abilene this past weekend were Tai Ann Brownlee - 8th - 100 M Hurdles - 17.0, Jennifer King - Long Jump - 15'1". The 800 Relay consisting of Ashlie Lasley, Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin and Jennifer King finished with a time of 1:52.4. These same girls placed 5th in the 1600 Relay with a time of 4:22.1.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUSTY STEWART - STATE BOUND AND TO THESE GIRLS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

State Bound Dusty Stewart will be running Sat. May 3. GOOD LUCK!

Freeze leftover meats and vegetables in meal-size packages. Serve later as "T.V. dinners."

Chlorine — 'Quiet Workhorse' In Health Care

(NU) - What do you think about when you hear the word "chlorine"? Did you know that, in the world of medicine, chlorine is the "quiet workhorse" — helping save lives every day?

Chlorine is used in the production of 85 percent of the pharmaceuticals used to combat infection and disease, including drugs used to battle hospital staph infections, to fight cancer, AIDS and many other diseases.

An estimated 25 percent of all medical devices in hospitals are made using a chlorine-based plastic, including IV and blood bags. X-rays and mammographies would not be possible without the help of chlorine chemistry.

Chlorine provides a crucial building block in the production of semiconductors that form the electronic "brains" behind lifesaving devices used in emergency and operating rooms.

Chlorine-based plastics are used in the manufacture of prosthetic devices.

Chlorine even plays a role in the human body, in the form of hydrochloric acid that aids the digestive process and enables white blood cells to fight off infections.

Congratulations

Dusty Stewart

State Bound!!!

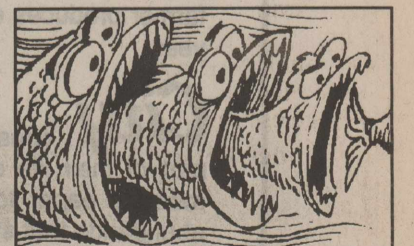
300 Hurdles!!!!



A study commissioned by the National Livestock and Meat Board found that for 16 percent of those surveyed, a food's fat content is more important than its calories.

PIZZA WITH THE WORKS

- 1 (12") pizza crust
- 1/2 pound extra-lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 can (3 1/2 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 cup Ragú Pizza Quick sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In a skillet, thoroughly brown ground beef. Add onions and peppers; sauté until tender. Drain fat. Add mushrooms. Evenly top pizza crust with sauce, meat mixture and cheese. Bake 10 minutes or until bubbly.
- Serves 4.



Different levels in the food chain are called trophic levels. As organisms eat and get eaten, food energy is passed along the food chain. From one trophic level to the next, there is a 90 percent loss of energy.

Look for the ridiculous in everything and you will find it.
—Jules Renard

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

First: Keep God in our Governments, whether City, County, State, or Federal. God has been removed from our Governments, put Him back in them.

Second: Let our elected or appointed officials realize that they are servants of the people not the people servants of the elected or appointed officials.

Third: Have the elected or appointed officials work for the good of the country. And the people in it, instead of working only for their political party and themselves, to feather their own nest, such as catering to special interest groups, just to promote their own welfare, one exception, the largest special interest group, the American people, the tax payers of this Great United States.

Fourth: Insist that the elected or appointed officials work together, instead of fighting among themselves as Democrats vs Republicans or Republicans vs Democrats.

Fifth: The people of this country vote in all elections. Screen the people running for office to be sure that the elected officials will be honest, upright, God fearing persons and have a real love for this Nation. This is called Patriotism. Our founding fathers had it.

Sixth: Get rid of the old timers left in office they lead the new elected officials astray, most generally by pressure of one form or another applied to this new elected official.

If this theory is followed, we will have well Government instead of the sick Governments that we have at present.

Thank you
Roy E. Chamberlain Sr.
Stratford, TX 79084

Arts of Interest

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"Oliver" Musical to feature Amarillo Boys Choir. Amarillo Little Theater. May 1-4, 8-11, 15-17 Call 806-355-9991.

May 4 Amarillo home and garden tour.

May 4 Great American Train Show-Rex Baxter Building-Fair Grounds.

May 9-11 Amarillo College Children Theater presents "Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" C.S. Lewis/Musical 806-371-5353.

Gibson Speaks To TRTA At March Meeting

Kenneth Gibson, officer in the District Retired Teachers Association, spoke to the local unit of the TRTA at their march meeting in Dalhart, principal topics were: modification or abolition of the state homestead tax exemption, increases in funding for education, increases in the benefits for retired educational personnel, and health insurance changes to benefit active and retired educational workers. The TRTA wants step three of the TRTA benefits to be implemented. This is a four step plan to bring benefits up to parity with the salaries received by retirees when they were working.

Other topics discussed were: insurance for long term health care, future programs, how to become aware of legislative actions which affect older citizens and writing letters to their representatives.

Mary Jo Ondracek called the meeting to order and Father Jerry Sney of the St. James Episcopal Church gave the invocation. Marjorie Bolwhann lead the group in singing "God Bless America". Portia Dees lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lois Gossett read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. Nancy Woods, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. It was voted to give \$100.00 to the building fund project of the TRTA. The TRTA will build their own building near the state capitol in the future.

Committee chairmen gave their reports. Marjorie Bolwhann, member of the nominating committee for next year's officers, reported that although the nominating committee had not met it was agreed that this year's officers will be serving for another year. Officers will be installed at the April meeting.

A fund raiser will be held at the April meeting. It will be a white elephant sale. Bring your least favorite treasure and sell it at silent auction to another member or their friend who always wanted that beautiful antique. Start looking now members and bring those white elephants to the April meeting. More details later.

Awanda Morris, legislative chairman, introduced Gibson who spoke, then answered individual questions. He urged retirees to write to their legislators and distributed sample letters to those present. If others are interested, please contact Morris at 1218 Sagebrush, or Portia Dees at 822 Oak, Dalhart.

Earline Wynn served delicious refreshments made by Geneva Laman and Wynn, who were hostesses. Others present in addition to those previously mentioned were: Manuel Martinez, Christine Albright, Nannie Belle Graves.

Ondracek Gives Report

The Gamma Xi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society had a busy, enjoyable and exciting meeting at Stratford in March. Mary Jo Ondracek gave a report on graduation requirements of the high schools representing the society: Stratford, Dumas, Dalhart, Texline, Channing, Hartley and Sunray. A senior girl, Janell Pronger, from Sunray gave a talk on the major project which is required of each Sunray student each year. It involves study, research, writing, interviewing, organization and culminates with presentation before a panel of teachers at the end of the year. The choice of topic is broad but each year it must be on a different topic and from another field. Janell gave a report on Beethoven which included the oral presentation...she has already written her paper...graphs and opaque presentation, and playing a selection of Beethoven's music on the piano. Teachers who are interested should contact the English Department of Sunray High School.

Janet Pipkin distributed the pins for each kindergarten student in the area. The pins have a colorful map of Texas and the notation "READ TO ME".

Frances Holden lead the group in singing the official Delta Kappa Gamma song. Accompaniment was provided by Mildred Bosler.

Margaret Parsons presided at the meeting; roll call was by each member telling briefly about the last book that she had read. There was a variety of books read, both fiction and non fiction. Shirley Hendricks gave the financial report.

The scholarship committee will meet in the near future to select the graduating senior girl to receive the grant in aid. Plans for future meetings were discussed. Members should begin thinking now about attending the state and area meetings this summer. There will be no meeting in April so members should come prepared with their future plans for the summer in May.

Because this was a birthday celebration for Gamma Xi chapter, a birthday cake with white and green frosting was served by the hostesses. Also each member received a cupcake with a birthday candle. In honor of St. Patrick's Day Irish baked potato with delicious toppings was served by the hostesses. Hostesses were the Stratford members: Donna Gillenwaters, Viola Kautz, Rita Harker and Linda Young.



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- 2 yellow onions, sliced
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- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 7 pounds ground beef
- 1 pound Swiss cheese, grated
- 20 buns

Melt butter in large skillet and sauté mushrooms, onions, garlic and parsley until tender and slightly golden. Drain mixture.

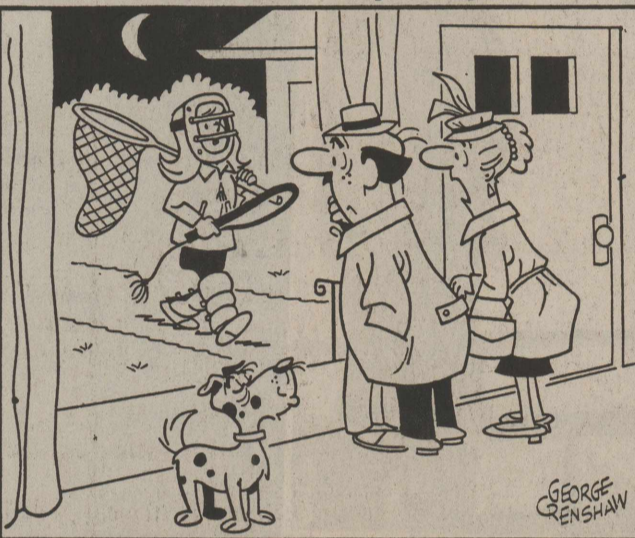
Make patties by forming balls of one-third pound ground beef. Use thumb to make deep indentations in balls and place one tablespoon mushroom mixture and one tablespoon cheese into each. Close the balls over stuffing and flatten into patties.

Place hamburgers in center of cooking grate. Turn once halfway through cooking time (10 to 12 minutes), until no longer pink. Serve with your favorite condiments.

Museum Volunteers For May 1997

- May 1 - Thursday - Oline Caraway
- May 2 - Friday - Gayl Harding
- May 5 - Monday, Donna Kendrick
- May 6 - Tuesday - Max Stephenson
- May 7 - Wednesday - Mary Woodford Wisdom
- May 8 - Thursday - Ann Wells
- May 9 - Friday - C.E. Willmon
- May 12 - Monday - Luzelle Lowe
- May 13 - Tuesday - Irene Butler
- May 14 - Wednesday - Lucy Hills
- May 15 - Thursday - Billy Jo Ross
- May 16 - Friday - LaVelle Haggard
- May 19 - Monday - Marcelle Sutton
- May 20 - Tuesday - Gaynelle Riffe
- May 21 - Wednesday - Anita DeBord
- May 22 - Thursday - Barbara Judd
- May 23 - Friday - Doris Dyess
- May 26 - Monday - Bess Stone
- May 27 - Tuesday - Barbara Bouldin
- May 28 - Wednesday - Mae Plunk
- May 29 - Thursday - Billie Ann Stewart
- May 30 - Friday - Marty Robertson

BELVEDERE by George Grenshaw



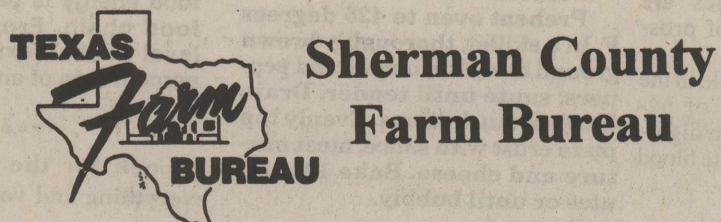
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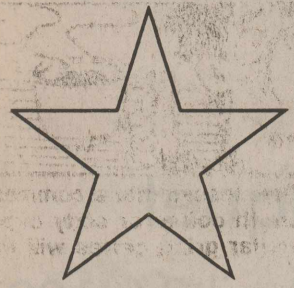
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Weight Watchers is meeting each Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. in Stratford. Come try "The Freedom Plan" with the "WEEKENDS OFF" Option! For information, call 1-800-651-6000.

4 Family GARAGE SALE - Friday, May 2, 8:30 - 5:00. Next to City Hall. Kitchen articles, small appliances, pressure canner, clothes, kids sheets & comforter, decorating articles, lots more added.

GARAGE SALE: Fri, May 2 and Sat. May 3. 619 S. Pearl. (Gruber Highway) Early to Late. A little of everything!

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Cards of Thanks

Natalie Lee Waters, daughter of Malcolm & Holly Waters got to go home last week after two months in the hospital and is doing great. We believe it was your prayers that brought her to this point with no serious problems. It helps to have friends who care when life is uncertain. Thank you all.

Keith and Carolee Waters

We would like to take this time to say thank you for all the prayers, visits, food, cards, and phone calls that we received from everyone during Mom's illness and her death. Stratford may be a small town, but its big on love.

Jerry, Mary, Tracy & Jennifer Weiland and Margaret Burns

Thank you so much to everyone in the community who showed their support by attending our stuffed baked potato dinner and participating in our various fundraisers throughout the year. With your very generous help, we raised almost \$5000 for our trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. We are looking forward to a great experience traveling to another country and actually having to speak another language in a real situation. Thanks again for everything.

Spanish-III

CASA 69, Inc. would like to thank the community of Stratford for making the 7th annual "Kids for Kids" a wonderful success. The weather brought us inside but it didn't spoil the fun. We want to thank all the participating organizations, sponsors, Kiss A Pig contestants, talented entertainers and countless volunteers that made the event a great success. We also want to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated food, supplies, prizes, equipment and funded the Walk n Roll T-shirts. We were most grateful that the County Barn was available for us to use this day of family fun and entertainment.

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Legal Notice

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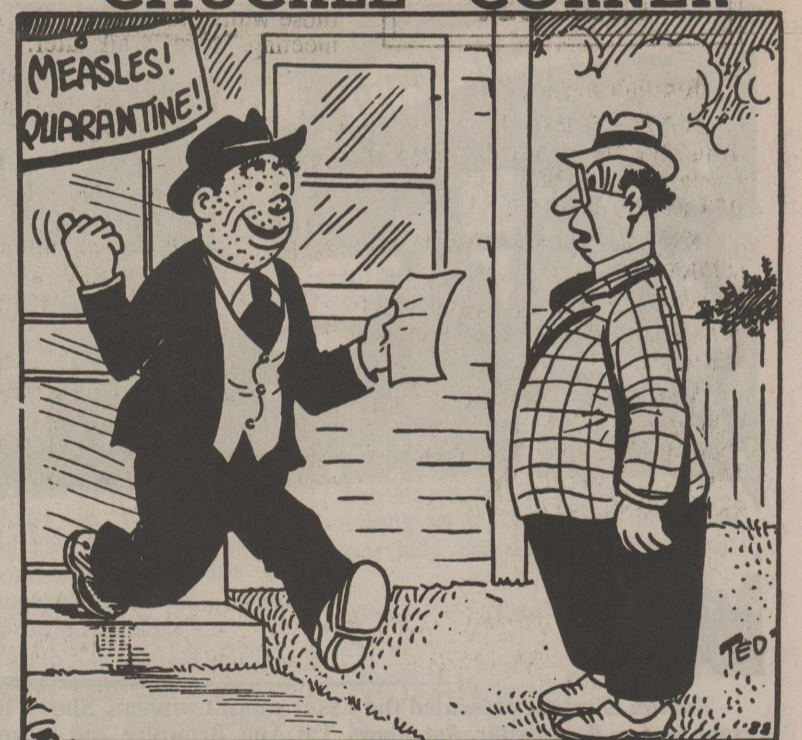
Texhoma ISD is now requesting proposals for renovations to an existing two-story building. This building is being converted to 7 classrooms with bathrooms, a maintenance room, and a teacher workroom with bathroom. The jobs will be proposed separately (millwork, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, elevator, etc.) Texhoma ISD will act as their own contractor. The opening of proposals will take place at 2:00 on Monday, May 12, 1997. Proposals will be received and the opening will take place in the superintendent's office at 4th and Denver in Texhoma, Texas. Any subcontractor wanting a copy of the specifications should call Ensign & Tunnell Architects, Inc. at (806) 372-1671 in Amarillo, Texas.

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5th Annual "Show & Shine"

The 5th Annual "Show and Shine" car show presented by the Guymon Downtown Association will be held Saturday, May 3, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Clark Auto Ranch car lot at the corner of 6th and Main. The open class competition will include all special vehicles: Antiques, custom cars and trucks, motorcycles. Judging will be at 4:00 p.m. and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Peoples choice. Dash plaques will be presented to each entry. For more information, and entry, contact Hal Clark at 338-3301 or register before the parade or before the show at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to vote for their favorite "Show and Shine" entry. The event is being held in conjunction with the Pioneer Day Celebration.

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1997 Annual Awards Banquet

April 24, 1997



Poster Contest 3-5 winners were Audrey Navarette, 2nd place, Heather Ann Seiler, 3rd place and Carley Bryson winning 1st place.



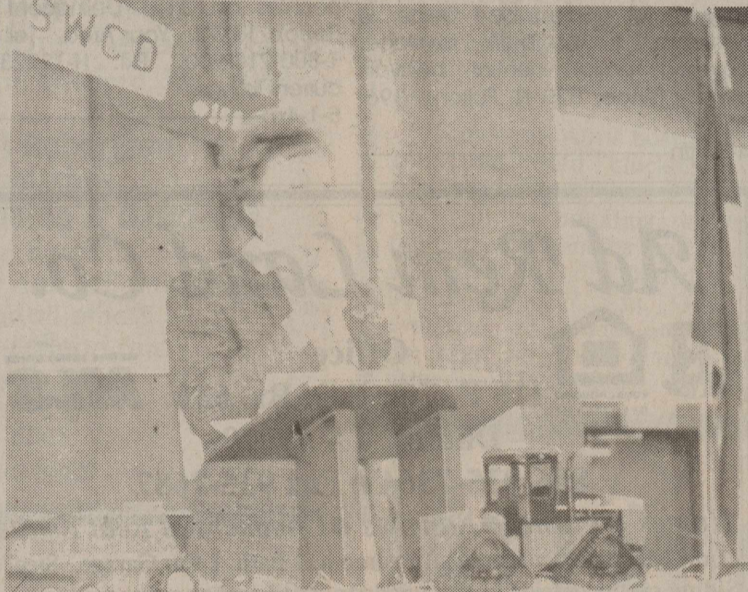
Poster Contest K-2 Winners were Sinead Everett, 1st place, Bailey Bryson who won 3rd and Juliana Taliaferro 2nd place.



Dinner music was provided by Sandy Baskin, seated at the piano, Vocals were Penny Boyd, Arnita Lane and Joyce McBryde.



Judge W.C. Fesler, third from right signed a proclamation proclaiming April 27th thru May 4th as Soil & Water Stewardship Week 1997. Board of Directors shown are Scott Buckles, Wendell Stacy and Kenton Kimball.



Susie Spurlock presented Conservation Homemaker.

Freeze Damage Effects Area Wheat Crop

Until the recent hard freeze, 1997 was shaping up as a very good wheat year. Early yield estimates predicted a potential of harvesting over 65 million bushels of wheat in the Texas Panhandle. This was the highest wheat yield estimate for the area since 1992 which was the last good wheat year for the Texas Panhandle.

The mid-April freeze affected a huge area of the nation's largest wheat producing states, including Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas-number one, three and six respectively in the nation, in winter wheat production producing 46\70 million bushels in 1995 and 651 million bushels in 1994.

On Monday, April 22nd, Brent Bean-Extension Agronomist for the Texas Panhandle and Michael Clawson-Sherman County Extension Agent, made a wheat freeze damage assessment tour of Sherman County. The severity of the freeze damage varied significantly from area to area as well as from field to field. It was apparent that the stage of development, moisture conditions, grazed or ungrazed and thickness of stand and canopy, played a major role in how wheat was affected by the freeze. Every wheat field evaluated had some degree of freeze damage. However, there was not a common pattern to the damage. The intensity of the damaged varied in each field; therefore, each field had to be evaluated separately. Fortunately, the overall outlook for Sherman County is better than our neighbors to the northeastern side of the Texas Panhandle where losses are greater in irrigated wheat.

Leaf tip burn was the most apparent freeze damage and could be easily detected from the road. Symptoms include dried or desiccated leaves usually the uppermost leaves. Frozen tissues often give off a distinct silage odor as they begin to decay in the field. Fortunately, this injury usually does not greatly affect wheat yield and can be misleading in assessing freeze damage.

Since most of the wheat in Sherman County was typically at the Feeds 6.0 growth stage or "jointing", injury to the growing point and immature head was the major concern. Temperatures of 22 degrees F. can kill the newly developed head and cause splitting of stems. The damaged tillers remain green, but growth of stems in which the growing points are injured stops immediately. The immature head dies and fails to produce grain. Growth from late uninjured tillers may go ahead and mature to produce grain. However, the late tillers may result in uneven maturity and a decrease in grain yield will be noticed.

Split stems can interfere with the ability of wheat to take up nutrients from the soil, but the most serious problems from stem damage are lodging and increased susceptibility of the plant to microorganisms. In light cases of stem damage, wheat might stress a little quicker. Wind, hard rain, or grain fill may cause the plants to weaken and lodge, or fall over, where the stem is injured. This will slow harvest and decrease grain yields. In wheat with severe stem damage, sudden desiccation and lodging will occur as temperatures warm.

In Sherman County, we identified fields with various degrees of frozen heads, split stems, and stem desiccation. Damage assessment is difficult to estimate for stem damage. Below is a list of scenarios examined and results based on frozen head counts:

Dryland/Non-Grazed: 60 to 90 % frozen heads-Yield reduction 30% to 40%

Dryland/Grazed: 30% to 40% frozen heads-Yield reduction 20% to 40%

Irrigated/Grazed: 40- to 70% frozen heads-Yield reduction 20% to 40%

Irrigated/behind Corn: 20% to 40% frozen heads-Yield reduction 10% to 20%

Irrigated or Dryland/Thick Canopy: 10% to 30% frozen heads-Yield reduction 5% to 15%

These results came off of several individual farms. Wheat damage assessment varies from field to field and producers are urged to examine their fields individually prior to making any management decisions.

Estimate of wheat loss to the entire Texas Panhandle is 20 to 30 million bushels. This is based on an area wide loss of 30 to 40 percent of the irrigated wheat yield potential and 40 to 50 percent of the dryland wheat yield potential.

The full effects of the mid-April freeze will not be known until the combines start rolling into the fields. We are still a long way from harvesting a wheat crop and getting it in the bin. Weather, either good or bad, could affect the crop again. During the past week, we have had a couple of bright spots for wheat producers. One is the good soaking rain we received last week. The moisture will help prevent additional stress on the wheat. However, additional hail storms, like we received last Monday, will quickly wipe-out any chances of a wheat crop. Second bright spot is that the outlook for a very strong wheat price continues to develop. With higher than average price, producers could still achieve healthy net profits though yields are lower.

If you have any questions about wheat freeze damage assessments or production alternatives, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension agent, at (806) 396-2081.

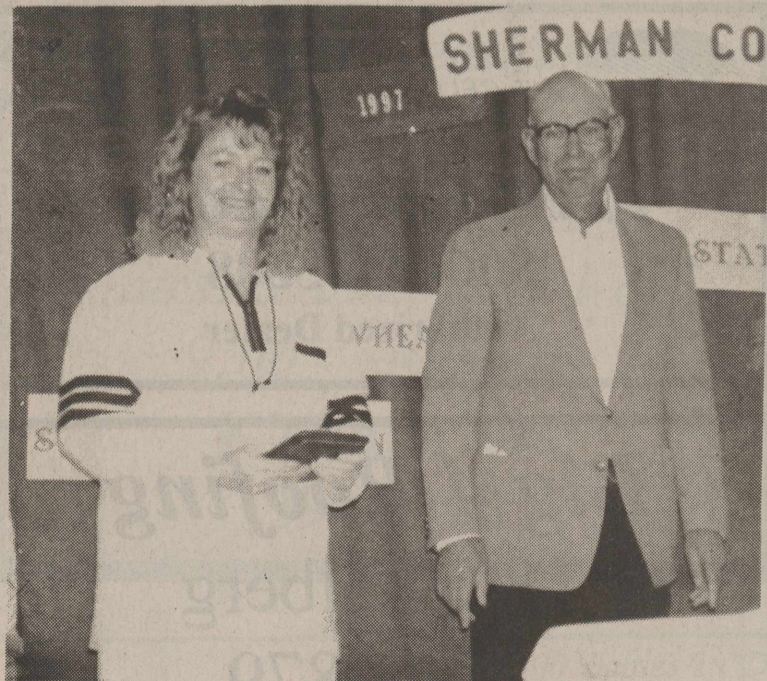
Before 1932, the Purple Heart was known as the Badge of Military Merit. The heart shaped badge, made of purple cloth, was first given to honor Revolutionary War soldiers.



Kenton Kimball presented the Essay contest winners. Shown left to right is Joy Burkhalter, 1st place, Tai Ann Brownlee 2nd place and Hillary Baskin 3rd place winner.



Dr. Russell C. Long, President of WTAM University in Canyon was the guest speaker at the banquet held Thursday.



Master of Ceremonies Wendell Stacy is shown above with Cindy Russell, who was named Conservation Homemaker at the Banquet held last Thursday.



Judge W.C. Fesler, right is shown above congratulating Frank Berry of Texhoma, who was named Conservation Farmer at the Banquet, April 24th.

The 1997 Annual Awards Banquet was held Thursday, April 24 at the County Barn. Master of Ceremonies was Wendell Stacy, Invocation was given by Richie Brotherton, K-Bobs of Dalhart, catered the lunch. Dinner music was provided by Sandy Baskin on the piano, vocals were Penny Boyd, Arnita Lane and Joyce McBryde. Dr. Russell C. Long was the guest speaker. Closing remarks were made by Scot Buckles. Banquet sponsors were First State Bank, Professional Hay Service, Stratford Grain, Panhandle Agri-Tech and Texhoma Wheat Growers. Kenton Kimball presented the Essay contest winners, Scott Buckles the poster contest K-1 winners and Kenton Kimball presented poster contest 3-5 winners. Susie Spurlock presented the Conservation Homemaker and W.C. Fesler presented the Conservation Farmer.