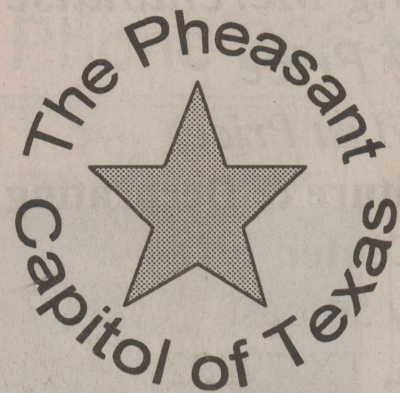


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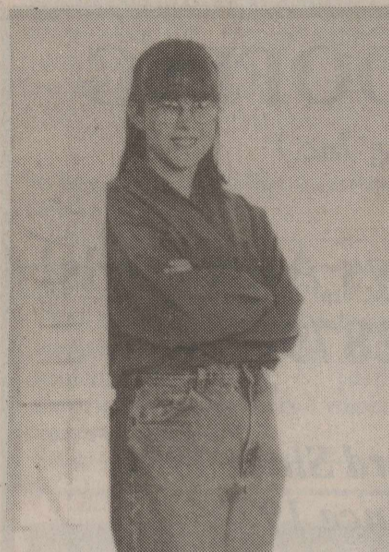


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Susan Dewees



Hillary Frank

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Named

Stratford High School is proud to announce the valedictorian for 1997 is Susan Dewees. She has completed her four years of work with a weighted grade point average of 3.6729.

Susan Dewees is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dewees. She has been involved in various U.I.L. academic events, such as One Act Play, Debate, Literary Criticism, Science, Accounting, Computer Applications, Math, and Computer Science. She played the flute in the Big Blue Band, is in National Honors Society, has been in Stratford High School's Gifted and Talented class, and is a member of the

Senior class Ad Committee.

The Salutatorian for 1997 is Hillary Frank with a weighted grade point average of 3.6244. She is the 17 year old daughter of David Jackson and Marie and Danny Johnson. She has been actively involved in many school activities during her four years at Stratford High School. Among them are Band, One Act Play, Tennis, Cross-Country, Basketball, and Track. I have also been in the Pep Club, student council, and the National Honor Society. Upon graduation from SHS she plans to attend West Texas A&M University majoring in secondary education.



Newest Addition To Stratford Police Department

Douglas Michael Forbus is the newest addition to the Stratford Police Department. Mr. Forbus was born January 5, 1972 and is single. He attended Vega I.S.D., Combat Engineer School, U.S. Army Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy. He is a Baptist. A member of UPOA & TPA. He completed bootcamp in the U.S. Army and Engineer School and Airborne School from 91-92 PRLEA. He enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and all outdoor activities. Welcome to Stratford.

Workdays Scheduled For Taylor Building

Two workdays have been scheduled for the Taylor Building Renovation Project. The first day is Thursday, May 8th at 4:30 p.m. We will be cleaning out the basement and doing structural work in the basement. This should only take a few hours.

The next workday will be Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 a.m. Projects scheduled for this day is building measurements for material, preliminary plumbing work, cutting out the door between the two buildings, and more.

We really need any and all volunteer help available for these two workdays. Your participation is truly appreciated. For more information contact the SCDC office at 396-2897 or Gayland at 396-5505.

Lifeguard Instructor Course Scheduled

Northwest Panhandle Chapter of American Red Cross will be holding a Lifeguard Instructor Course on May 9-11. This course will train current certified lifeguards in becoming a Lifeguard trainer. Participants must be 17 years old. Course will be held at Dumas YMCA. Cost of course is \$80.00. Contact Chapter at 935-2085 for more information or to register for class.

American Red Cross will also be conducting a Lifeguard training course on May 16-18 at the Dumas YMCA. This course will train participants to become Lifeguards. Participants must be 15 years old. Cost of course is \$65.00. Contact Red Cross office at 935-2085 for more information or to register for class.

Name Change For Moore County Chapter Of Red Cross

Moore County Chapter of American Red Cross in Dumas announced their name change to Northwest Panhandle Chapter of American Red Cross. This name change reflects a recent restructure of the Chapter to include Moore, Sherman, Dallam, and Hartley counties of Texas Panhandle. All areas of Red Cross services will be expanded to meet the needs of these four counties. Volunteers are being recruited to help with the new expansion. For more information call the American Red Cross office at 935-2085 or visit the new office located at 800 S. Dumas Ave., Dumas, Texas.

Election Results

Election Results in Stratford are as follows: City of Stratford-City Council (top 3 vote-getters: Dennis Phelps (I) 154; Ken Forthman, 160, Earl Griffin (I) 117 and Johnny Garza, 110.

Stratford Independent School District - School board (top 3 vote-getters): Phillip Walden (I) 165; Kenton Kimbell (I) 150; Sandy Baskin (I) 137; Don Reed 115.

Stratford Hospital District Hospital Board (top 2 vote-getters): Steve Dettle (I) 190 and Margaret Reed, 178.

City of Texhoma-(no election required, candidates will be appointed)

City Council: Diane Murphey (I) Curt Overton (I).

Bardwell Home & Recuperating

Beulah Bardwell came home from the hospital on May 1st. She wants everyone to know she is home and doing fine.

Did You Get A Picture Of The Hail Cloud?????

Did you take a picture of that hail cloud last week? I'll bet it will be a good one to show off in the fair photography dept. in Sept.



Crimestoppers Annual Return Ready For Viewing

Sherman County Crime Stoppers Inc., annual return is available for public inspection at Rick Reinarts office at First State Bank.

Game Night At Scot Hall

Game night at Scot Hall is Friday, May 9th at 7 p.m.

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.

"True Women" Sun. May 18th

Watch "True Women" Sunday, May 18 to see Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Headquarters which was used in making the Hallmark mini-series. A second movie is currently being filmed in the building for a later release.

The clubhouse received some painting and new drapes as well as money for the use of the building.

Little League Draft Meeting

Little League Draft Meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Allen School.

Ranch Hand Supper Big Success

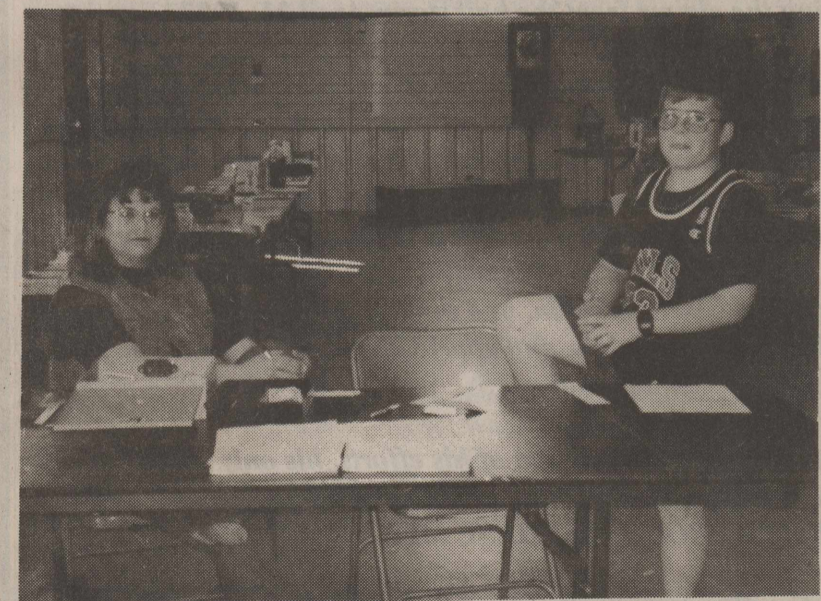
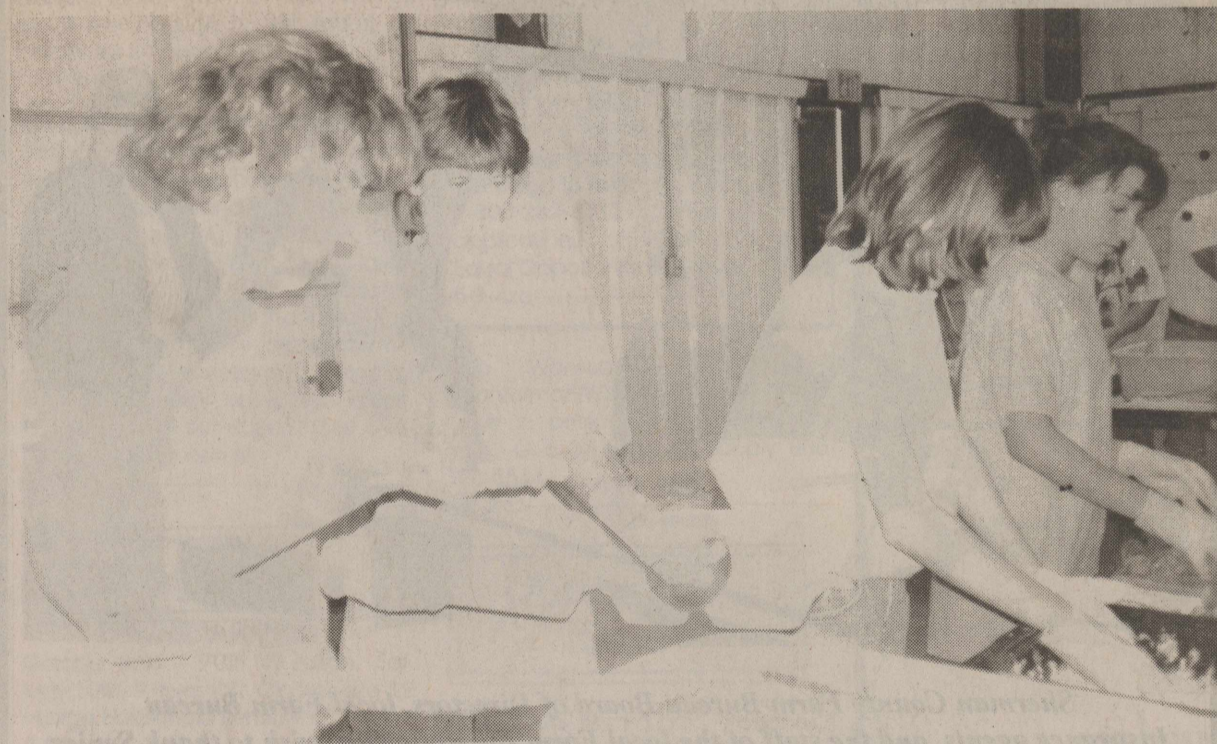
Approximately 250 were served at Lollipop Junction's Annual Ranch Hand Supper held Friday, May 2. Shown above serving from left, Lauri Ewers, Tammie Helmuth, Mandy Helmuth and Marca Ewers. Shown at left, Mary Cross and Brian Booth took care of the tickets.

Lions Club Annual Broom Sale May 16

Stratford Lions Club annual Broom and Mop sale will be Friday, May 16th starting at 9 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. at the First State Bank Parking lot!

"Self Esteem" Program To Be Given

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman Counties Juvenile Services Department will present a Program entitled "Self Esteem" to be at Dalhart Youth Center, 402 Denver on May 13, 1997 from 5:00 to 7 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Sandy Carter. For more information call (806) 249-5270.



Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call
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Kathie Altman - 396-5611
Arlene Baker - 396-5318
Laura Dahl - 827-7476
Patsy Harland - 827 - 7568
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Looking Ahead

- 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
 17 - SCOT Bake Sale - Thriftway
 22-8th Grade Graduation
 23-High School Graduation
 26-Memorial Day Services
 Beginning of Little League

- June**
 Basketball camp
 Bible School
 Swimming
 Baseball

Chamber Calendar

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Game night is this Friday, at 7 p.m. come enjoy. Dominoes or any other type of games. Next Thursday is Bingo again. Friday is a tentative date set for eating out at Albert's Restaurant in Dumas. Remember the Bake Sale Set for May 17th, we need all the help we can get.

Lunch N Learn Meeting May 15th

The Lunch n Learn FCE Club will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 12 noon at the County Exhibit Building for their regular club meeting. Mary Nell Henry of Happy will present the program, "It's Bubble Bath Time." Mary Nell is the district director-elect for the Panhandle area Family and Community Education Clubs.

Lunch will be provided for \$4.00 per person. Guest are invited to attend the program that will address stress management. Persons planning to attend are asked to make reservations by calling the County Extension Office at 396-2122 no later than Friday, May 9, 1997.

Extension Service Sets Final Computer Workshops In Late May

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has announced the dates of two computer applications workshops, May 26, 28 and 29 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The shortcourses will provide a final opportunity for the year to area agricultural operators interested in learning how to use crop projections software, BUDPRO and the popular Quicken 6 for Windows 95.

Classes will be taught using Extension's traveling laboratory featuring new laptop computers. Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist and specialist in farm and ranch management will be the instructor.

The BUDPRO shortcourse will be held May 27 until 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with a registration fee of \$45. An increasing number of Panhandle farmers and ranchers are using BUDPRO to answer the question "to make money or not to make money." The stand alone, menu-driven software package includes six "user friendly" programs used to project budgets for corn, wheat, sorghum, cotton, stocker cattle and cow-calf enterprises. BUDPRO calculates break-even prices and provides sensitivity analysis for varying prices and quantities produced. Each registered participant will receive the software, valued at \$100.

The two-day class featuring Quicken 6 for Windows 95 will be held on May 28 and 29.

Interesting Tidbit About Band Trip????

The Stratford High School Big Blue Band went to San Antonio for their band trip over the weekend. While there the hotel next to the one they were staying in burned down. Ironically the name of the hotel was Stratford House Villager Lodge. This will be something they will remember about their trip. Thanks Debbi Vandiver for bringing in this tidbit. We enjoyed reading about it in the San Antonio Express News.

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Obit

Bernard Harold Losee Jr.

Stratford-Bernard Harold Losee Jr., 67, of Kamiah, Idaho, was found Wednesday, April 30, 1997.

Graveside services were held at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 5 in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Steward officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Losee was born in Charles City, Iowa. He was a cook and had served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include four sisters, Beverly Montgomery and Twyla Roskup, both of Greene, Iowa, Donna Jacobson of Nora Springs, Iowa and Louise Wagner of Nashua, Iowa.

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.



Friday, May 9th
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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Designers have made acrylic the popular fiber for Spring's feminine knits.

Team is effective on grassy weeds such as crabgrass and goosegrass while Gallery stops broadleaf weeds such as dandelion and clover. They can be found in a variety of brand-name weed prevention products available at local garden and hardware stores.

A new book, *The Fortune Cookie Book*, (Cumberland House Publishers, \$12.95) has all you need to know about making fortune cookies.

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Sherman County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, local Farm Bureau Insurance agents, and the staff of the local Farm Bureau office, wish to thank Senior Claims Representative, Jerry Rentfro, and his crew of adjusters for the outstanding job they did in adjusting the claims from the hail storm April 21, 1997.

Jerry Rentfro, is the insurance claim adjuster for Moore, Sherman, and Dallam County Farm Bureau's. He has many years of experience. Jerry is a fourth generation Panhandle resident, growing up in Channing. He and his wife, Deena, live in Dumas and have two children. Senior Claims Representatives, such as Jerry, have the authority to hand pick adjusters from Farm Bureau offices throughout the state of Texas, to work natural disasters. His crew consisted of adjusters from Big Springs, Vernon, Idalou, Stephenville, Lockney, Dickens, Spearman, and three from Amarillo. These men handled roughly 300 building damage claims, and approximately 70 automobile hail damage claims.

When we told Mr. Rentfro of our great appreciation of his efforts, his only response was "We would have been here five days earlier, if the weather would have cooperated".
 WE ARE PROUD OF THESE MEN!

The local Farm Bureau office staff automatically completed claim forms on all buildings in Stratford, and an adjuster was dispatched to evaluate damage. In the event someone was overlooked, it certainly was not intentional, we apologize, and will be in touch with you if you will let us know.

THANK YOU.

Sherman County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency
 Joe Flores, Agency Manager
 Leonda Fedric, Agent
 Mary Pool, Secretary
 LaRita Jeffries, Membership Secretary

Timi's Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers this slightly overcast, cool, invigorating Monday morning May 5, 1997.

Sunday May 4, 1997 was Southern Baptist Senior Citizens recognition Day. From 2 different sermons Father Abram (later Abraham) was the subject chosen as an example. Remember that Abram BELIEVED God and it is the same way of salvation we follow today. Believing God.

Checking your Calendar, an important date for SCOT is May 17, Saturday, has been set for a Bake Sale at Thriftway.

Friday, November 14, will be the annual Depression Supper along with another Silent Auction. Sisty suggest the senior citizens make items for sale that appeal to children because we have a number of them attending this function.

The following excerpt is about Higgins, Texas and is taken from the Amarillo News Dated Monday, April 28, 1997. Cleve Hughes mention is Patty (Harris) Brown grandfather. She is Mrs Jim Bob Brown, teacher in our school system.

In 1938, one of the largest buffalo sales ever conducted was held in Higgins. The buffalo were handled by Cleve Hughes and came from the famous Charles Goodnight buffalo herd. The animals were brought in from the Goodnight Ranch by truck and sold at auction. The sale was a big attraction and drew buyers from all over the United States.

Caleb Brown, son of Patty and Jim Brown, is scheduled for a tonsillectomy by Dr. W. Stanley Ullom May 9. This takes place in Lubbock.

We wrote last week about Carley Bryson who brought a very popular musical program to our Scot Luncheon; thanks to Lew Bruni-program chair person Today we would like to bring a few genealogical facts about her. She is the daughter of Blynn Donelson Bryson, Stratford and Tim Bryson, Dalhart, she is the granddaughter of LeRayne (Mitts) and B.A. Donelson also of Margie Bryson, Stratford and Bill Bryson, Texhoma, the great granddaughter of Juanita (Butler) and the late come Donelson, also Alda Mitts and the late Buster Mitts, Stratford. The late Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Butlers are Carleys great great grandparents.

Beulah Bardwell phoned Friday, May 2nd told us that she is at home and is feeling fine.

Since we missed the Methodist Joys and concerns, we hope local people listened. Apologies to out of town readers. Lorelyn needed to give extra time to her Amarillo Client that took time from Timi. It was a necessary interruption of schedule.

To get Tidbits out today, has been a chore, but thanks to granddaughter Joy we made it so to our peers. We remind you to tell your grand and great grand children "luv" them and pat their shoulders as well as remember our peers.

Preserve Your Vacation With Great Photographs

(NU) - Long after the vacation is over, photographs can help you relive and share the memories. Kodak has some great tips and exciting new products to help capture great vacation photos.

When taking pictures, keep your camera ready at all times; hold the camera steady and gently press the shutter button; when shooting people, move in close; shoot a mix of people, places and things; and for dramatic photos, shoot at dawn or dusk.

New Kodak's products include "faster" speed film, such as Advantix 200 or Royal Gold 400, and the Fun Saver one-time-use cameras which include underwater and panoramic cameras. For more information, call the Kodak Information Center at 1-800-242-2424.



The verse, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," was written by two English sisters Ann and Jane Taylor in 1804.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick's annual Mother's Day luncheon is Sunday, May 11, 1 p.m. Hosts are Hank & Mabel Rogers, Virgie Mathews and the Hamptons. Bring a favorite covered dish and enjoy.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover returned Friday night from Great Falls, Montana where they picked up two horses. They especially liked Sheridan, Wyoming. It was lush and green all the way. They celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary while gone.

Terry & Barbara with Trisha, Reed & Rett went to Pioneer days in Guymon Saturday.

Nita Mae Taylor was given a birthday party Saturday, May 3 at Kerrick Cafe. Cake & ice cream were enjoyed by Pat Boren, Florencia Eslinger, Joyce Irlbeck, Marylou McDaniel, Ciccy Harris and Nita's daughter, Linda Keener.

Ted Irlbeck's sister, Roberta Artho and niece Wanda Jesko, both of Hereford, spent Friday and Saturday with the Irlbecks. They attended Lollipop Junction event Friday night.

Nita Taylor and Linda Keener were in Amarillo Wednesday for a checkup.

Jason Roberts stayed with grandparents, Ted and Joyce Irlbeck, while his parents, Jim & Belinda Roberts, went with Stratford Band to San Antonio. Megan & Aaron are band members.

Felecia Worthan, Amarillo, spent a week with her mother, Florencia Eslinger.

Bill & Pat Boren, Bill Gillenwaters and Gary Hudgens were in a bowling tournament Sunday at Garden City, KS.

Kerrick has a new house! Sam, Susie & Cricket Asher have moved in a double wide home just north of their business. Incidentally, Sam has a baby badger that follows him around. The badger thinks Sam is "it's" mother!

The wildflowers are absolutely gorgeous downstate. Bluebonnets, paint brush, buttercups, colors of blue, red, white and yellow. There is water standing all the way to Waco. Soggy fields and "lakes".

Marylou McDaniel and Margaret Reed were in Waco for Texas Federation of Women's Clubs convention last week.

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 from 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.

Stratford High School Basketball Camps

The following camps will be held at Stratford High School in Stratford

BOYS-Grades 3-5 June 9-13, 1997 (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost \$40.00)

Grades 6-8 June 9-13 1997 (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.00)

High School: June 8-12 1997 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost \$60.00)

GIRLS-Grades 3-5 June 16-20, 1997 (*:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost \$40.00)

Grades 6-8 June 16-20, 1997 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.00 and High School: June 15-19, 1997 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) cost is \$60.00

Registrations are due May 17, 1997. Questions should be directed to Jason Kline, Men's Basketball Coach, at 1-800-874-1154 or (913) 827-5541 ext. 3130.

This camp is for anyone interested in basketball for all skill levels. We are going to lay the ground work and teach the younger players the basic fundamentals. Junior high players will have a chance to improve their skills so they can have the opportunity of being an excellent high school player. High school players are going to concentrate on becoming a good high school player and eventually a good college player. We will be teaching and developing skills which college coaches are looking for in future recruits. The following personnel will be conducting the Camps:

Director: Jason Kline who in 1995 to present: Kansas Wesleyan University Men's Basketball Coach and Sports Information Director. He was Indiana Tech Men's Basketball Coach, 44-13 during those two years, 1993-94 ranked as #17 in the nation and 1994-95 ranked as #3 in the nation, coached three All-Americans and one Academic All-American, and made it to the

NAIA National Tournament, Assistant Director of basketball camps in Indiana for the last six years. Has recruited for NCAA Div. 1, NCAA Div. 22 and NAIA Schools. He has coached players that have graduated and went on to play professionally: Prentis Phillips is playing overseas in Ireland and is going to play in the US Basketball League and Dwayne Tubbs also going to play in the United States Basketball league.

Justin Coup-Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Bennington High School in Bennington, KS and his senior year in high school, he was the 2nd rated quarterback in the state of Kansas.

Tommy Webb-will be a sophomore at Kansas Wesleyan next year, he is a great athlete with a lot of potential, the future looks bright. He attended high school in Memphis, Tennessee.

Justin Morgan will be a senior at Bennington High School next year, In his Junior year-Justin was selected to the All-Area Team and was also Honorable Mention All-State and he is a very gifted shooter.

Gifts for the Garden - Mom Will 'Dig' Them

(NU) - Does your mom enjoy playing in the dirt? It might be a good idea to surprise her with something to make her efforts in the garden or flower bed more enjoyable.

Here are some garden gift ideas for mom for Mother's Day:

- A steel-tined rake for spreading and shaping.

- A spade for cutting straight edges.

- A garden fork for digging and breaking up dirt.

- A wheelbarrow for all the hauling from car or garage to the garden site.

- A bunch of small items — a trowel, hand rake, pruning shears, watering can, plant markets, plant stakes, knee pads, garden gloves; put them in a bucket with a bow around the handle. Top with a potted plant.

There's a new item on the market you might want consider — a line of garden boots by Totes, famous for reliable rubber footwear since 1962. The seamless boots are waterproof, lightweight and made of durable, natural rubber. They slip on easily and rinse off quickly.

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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

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520 N. Main

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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
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Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

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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
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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

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Snap out of it, my friend, rejoice
In this, a brand new day!
What difference does it make, if in
The past you've erred some way?
Your friends all understand, they know
How difficult it's been.
Snap out of it, my friend, why you're
Just ripe now to begin.

There's so much work for you to do,
And life goes by so soon,
She's bound to pass you up unless
You keep your step in tune.
A little failure here and there,
Why, they should add more zeal!
Snap out of it, my friend, and show
The stuff in you that's real.

We're bound to err, for life is full
Of tempters crowding in,
It's difficult at best to keep
Serene amidst the din,
And who is fit to judge your sin
Or throw a stone your way?
Snap out of it, my friend, there's no
Such thing as yesterday!

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Melissa Beattie, bride-elect of Gary Coe was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Betty Fesler on Saturday, May 3, 1997. Shown from left, Charissa Beattie, Nancy Beattie, Rebecca Beattie, Cheryl Galla holding Braden, Melissa, Brittany Beattie, Bryson Beattie and Vicki Beattie.

McDaniel & Reed Attend Meeting In Waco

1997 Centennial Convention, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, met April 30, May 1 & 2 at Waco, Texas. The 100th Birthday celebration was attended by Margaret Reed, Chairman of Trustees of TFWC Historical Foundation and Marylou McDaniel, Top of Texas, TFWC Yearbook, Chairman. They accompanied to Waco by Lisa Kuhlman, Canyon, who is Scholarship Chairman.

There were 15 Top of Texas women attending.

Keynote address was given by Maxine S. Scarbro, Charleston, W.V., who is president-elect of General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Nelda Laney of Hale Center, wife of House Speaker Pete Laney, was named Texas Woman of Achievement. She was recognized for her work on restoring the Texas Capitol and its Agriculture Museum, creating the state's collectible Capitol ornament and other efforts. She and others from over the U.S. will be honored by General Federation of Women's Clubs at the June Convention in Phoenix.

Clint McAdams, Stratford, received a \$1,000 Penny Art Scholarship.

Prospectus Study Club won several state awards. They won firsts, Women in the Arts, Literature & Performing Arts, Art Appreciation/Education, all of the Arts Dept.; first, Literacy-Adult/Youth; seconds, Continuing Education, all of Education Dept.; second, Outstanding Club Program, UT M.D. Anderson, Fourth, Energy Awareness, GFWC/TFWC Fundraising.

They were first in their category for membership and Communications/Public Relations. Their Yearbook was rated Superior.

Marylou McDaniel won the Scenic Category in Photography and was awarded a blue ribbon and certificate. The photo was sent to Washington, D.C. Friday for more judging.

Oline Caraway received a second for a Short Story.

All first place awards are sent to National for judging, so Prospectus has seven entered. In a State as large as Texas, that's good.

An interesting part of the program was the portraying of past TFWC presidents by club women, all in costume. The later presidents spoke for themselves. A large birthday cake was served at the Gala Banquet.

Before the convention started Reed, McDaniel and Kuhlman visited TFWC Headquarters in Austin. Mrs. Reed has worked many hours to get the beautiful building in a paying situation and in purchasing additional land for parking area.



Avoid the impulse to only use your fine silverware on rare occasions. Regular wear will actually bring out the real beauty of a silver piece.

Arts of Interest

"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.



Cucumbers sliced and boiled for about five minutes make a tasty zucchini-like hot vegetable.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pharis (Bo) Brown of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Susannah Lee, to Clay William Mercer, son of Mrs. Von Ann Wells of Dalhart and Mr. William Mike Mercer of Lubbock. The couple will marry July 19 at St. Paul's on the Plains Episcopal Church in Lubbock. The bride-elect, a graduate of Lubbock High School and Texas Tech University, is completing the Post Baccalaureate for Secondary Teaching Certification Plan at Texas Tech University. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Miami High School and Texas Tech University is employed by Citizens Bank in Post.

Births

Katherine, age 5 and Kavan, age 3, the children of Dr. John and Jill Killian of Marlin, Texas would like for their friends to know that they have a baby brother, Blaine Callam, who was born March 4th in Waco. Dr. James and wife Marge Killian of Houston are grandparents, also Alfred and Jimmie Pronger of Stratford, and a paternal great grandfather Arthur Vosquil of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin.



Yams tend to be more moist, sweeter and more orange-colored than sweet potatoes.



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GTE To Expand Local Calling For Customers In Stratford

San Angelo, Texas-May 5, 1997--GTE Telephone Operations will extend local calling for all customers in the Stratford telephone service area, beginning May 14, 1997.

Under the plan, all calls to and from Dumas and Dalhart will be local calls.

"Prior to the start of Extended Local Calling, each call between these areas was billed separately as a long-distance call, and customers would see a long-distance charge per call on their monthly bills," said Danny Ferguson, Area Manager-Customer Operations, Plains district.

"Now, these calls are equivalent to local calls, and all customers in the towns having the new Expanded Local Calling (ELC) must now dial all seven digits, both for local calls and ELC calls," explained Mr. Danny Ferguson.

The implementation of this seven-digit service may require

modification to some telecommunications equipment such as fax machines, speed calling, PABXs, key system, automatic dialers and other equipment that may restrict or automatically dial long-distance numbers.

Customers are not required to take any action to take advantage of the new service offering. Once extended calling is operational, it will no longer be necessary for customers to dial "1+" before the number when placing calls between these communities, but you must dial all seven digits for local and ELC calls.

This is a result of balloting which took place in the Stratford telephone service area under the rules of Senate Bill 632 and the Public Utility Commission Rule 23.49 (c). Under those guidelines, certain communities were allowed to petition for extended toll-free local calling to nearby communities.

A per-line increase in the total monthly bill of \$3.50 for residential customers and \$6.38 for business customers will be assessed to customers in Stratford for the added service. The charges

will be listed as "EXPANDED LOCAL CALLING" in the tax portion of the telephone bill. More information will be provided to affected customers in their monthly telephone bill as the service becomes operational.

Residential customers with questions about the ELC service should call toll-free 1-800-483-4400 and business customers should call 1-800-483-5400.

With revenues of more than \$21 billion in 1996, GTE is one of the largest publicly held telecommunications companies in the world. In the United States, GTE offers local and wireless service in 29 states and long-distance service in all 50 states. GTE was the first among its peers to offer "one-stop shopping" for local, long-distance and Internet access services. Outside the United States, where GTE has operated for more than forty years, the company serves over 6.5 million customers. GTE is also a leader in government and defense communications systems and equipment, directories and telecommunications-based information services and aircraft-passenger telecommunications.

Park Sculpture Subject of Amarillo College At 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.

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 Evelyn at 396-2380 or Karen at 396-2262 for more information.



In 1616, Ben Jonson became the first playwright to prepare an edition of his own works for publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Tutt, and Kyle and Kaithyn Smith of Pickton, Texas wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter and mother, Jody Gail Smith, to Steven Craig Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blake and father of Cody Blake of Sulphur Springs, Texas. The wedding will take place on Saturday, the Twenty Fourth of May, 1997 at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pickton, Texas. Craig is the grandson of Dorothy Robbins and the late J. A. "Sox" Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake.

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TxDOT ROUTE STUDY - LUBBOCK TO I-10/AMARILLO NORTH

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be conducting the second round of public meetings as Phase 2 of the "Lubbock to I-10/Amarillo North Route Study" continues. Meetings in the Panhandle area are planned for the following dates and locations:

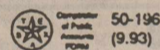
Dumas - May 19, 7-9 p.m.
Moore Co. Annex, Meals on Wheels Rm.
310 E. 1st Street, Dumas

Pampa - May 20, 7-9 p.m.
Pampa Community Bldg., MK Brown Run
200 N. Ballard, Pampa

The Purpose of this round of meetings is to provide an update on the study progress, discuss the findings from the previous round of public meetings, then evaluate and prioritize proposed improvements in the local area.

The meetings will begin with a brief presentation by TxDOT and their consultants, HDR Engineering. Participants will then break into small groups to discuss proposed improvements and evaluate priorities. Additional opportunities for comments and suggestions will also be available including written comment forms and a court reporter to record private oral comments. Written comments can also be mailed to Mark Tomlinson, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708 by May 31, 1997 or voiced on the Route Study Telephone Hotline by calling 1-800-661-3234.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

SHERMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 19 98 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 23, 1997 at 7:00 a.m.
At the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

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| The total amount of the proposed budget. | \$ <u>202,150</u> |
| The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. | \$ <u>7,362</u> |
| The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. | <u>4</u> <i>(full-time equivalent)</i> |
| The number of employees compensated under the current budget. | <u>4</u> <i>(full-time equivalent)</i> |

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

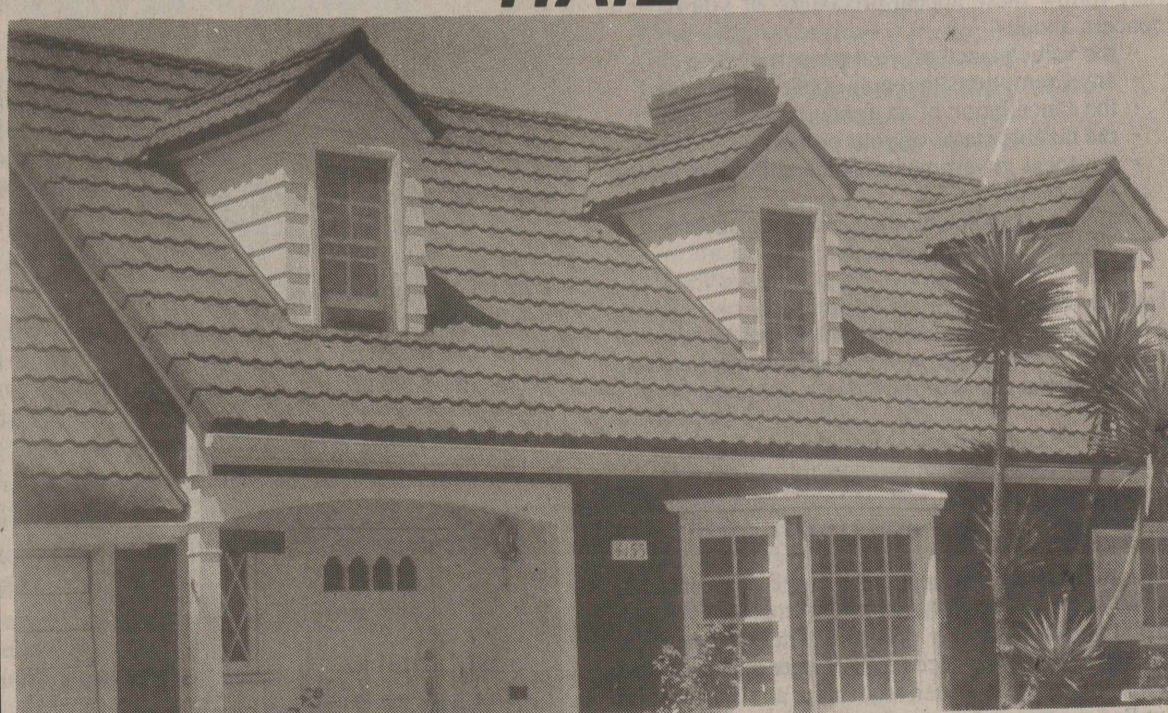
If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Ricketson & Branter To Receive Degrees From PSU

Shelly Diane Reese Ricketson, a senior from Stratford, Texas and Sharon Powell Branter, a senior from Stratford, will be among the 246 undergraduate students receiving their degrees May 10 during commencement exercises at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Ricketson, will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Branter, will receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

Former Oklahoma State Treasurer Leo Winters, a graduate of OPSU, will present the commencement address. Panhandle State President Dr. John Goodwin, will confer degrees to members of the Class of 1997. Dr. Eric Priest, Dean of Students, will present the J.R.P. Sewell Award to an OPSU Student who deserves special recognition.

The 87th commencement exercises at Oklahoma Panhandle State University will be held Saturday, May 10, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. Commencement will take place in Oscar Williams Field House on the OPSU campus.



Historians believe human beings first cultivated the date palm before any other tree.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile



Sherman County Librarian Dorothy Haile is shown above with the video projector and VCR that they were able to purchase with grant money they received from Tocker Foundation.

The Tocker Foundation, based in Austin, Texas, has once again provided support to our local library. The Foundation has given the library \$181.00 to help purchase the Handbook of Texas. This is a six volume set of books that serves as the most recent reference material for Texas history readers.

The Tocker Foundation has as its goal to help small libraries in towns of less than 12,000 population. In 1996, the Foundation provided funds for our library to purchase a video projector, VCR, roll cart and \$1,000 for public performance videos.

The librarian recently attended

the State Library annual meeting held in Fort Worth. One of the seminars she attended was a meeting on grants provided by the Tocker Foundation. In 1996, they awarded more than \$660,000 to small libraries such as ours. We feel very fortunate that our request was granted. The video projector and VCR have been used for children's programming as well as adult education programs.

The Tocker Foundation has been involved with small libraries since 1992. With the original gift of \$12,000 in 1992, the directors see even a larger disbursement in 1997. How fortunate small libraries are to have such caring friends.

Younger Texans 4-H Picnic Friday

The Younger Texan 4-H Club will celebrate a successful 4-H Club year with an End of Year Party on Friday, May 9, 1997. This is Family Night and all members and their families are asked to meet at the County Exhibit Building at 6:30 p.m. for the Wagon Ride to the picnic facility.

A hot dog supper will be served and the program will be outdoor recreation games. In addition, 1997-98 club officers will be installed along with nominees for Business Friend of 4-H, Friend of 4-H, and Outstanding Leader selected by club members. Recognition of club members will be conducted by club officers also at the picnic.

To help with the expenses of the picnic, each person planning to attend is asked to bring \$1.00. For more information, contact Lynette Kautz, Cassie Bell, Margaret Bell, Susie Spurlock, or Michael Clawson.

Buckles Graduates

Air Force Maj. Marla D. Buckles has graduated from the flight nurse course at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Graduates of the course have been trained for duty as a member of a medical crew in aeronautical evacuation units. Training included basic principles of aerospace medicine, basic sciences, and special techniques necessary for the safe and efficient transportation of patients by air.

Buckles is the sister of Scott L. Buckles, and niece of Hattie Chesmer, both of Stratford.

The major graduated in 1971 from The Hockaday School, Dallas, and received a bachelor's degree in 1977 from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Buckles earned a master's degree in 1983 from the University of Texas at Arlington.

LEMON MARINATED CHICKEN

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Dash pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest*
- 2 boneless chicken breasts, skinned and halved (about 1 1/2 lbs.)
- 4 lemon slices
- Finely chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Combine lemon juice, soy sauce, water, garlic powder, pepper and lemon zest in 2 cup

measure; place in oven. Touch One Minute Plus key 1 time. Place chicken breast halves in zip type freezer bag, add hot marinade and refrigerate overnight or for at least 2 hours. Place chicken in 10" pie dish or 2 quart oval dish with thickest sections to the outside of dish.

Pour marinade back into 2 cup measure, place in oven and touch One Minute Plus key 1 time. If marinade is not boiling after 55 seconds, touch One Minute Plus key again, letting mixture come to a strong boil.

Top each chicken breast half with a slice of lemon and pour the hot marinade over the chicken. Cover with wax paper and microwave on High power for 10 minutes, turning the chicken over half way through the cooking time. Garnish with chopped parsley.



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- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review

(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at (Insert address.)

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.) You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

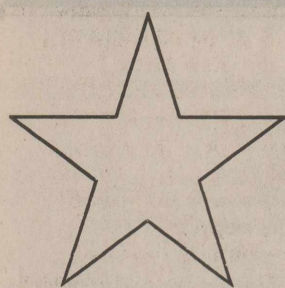
Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



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Fresh Fruit Tips

When it comes to choosing the freshest, tastiest fruits for snacking or baking, it pays to be picky. Here are some helpful hints from the Produce Marketing Association and Reddi-wip whipped topping.

AT THE STORE:

- Trust your senses. Look for fresh-looking fruits that are not bruised, shriveled, moldy or slimy.
- Don't buy anything that smells bad. Avoid packaged fruits that have lots of liquid in the bag or that looks slimy.
- Ask the produce manager to help you choose an item you're unfamiliar with.
- Buy only what you need. Most fruits are not "stock-up" items. Some, such as apples, can be stored at home, but most items should be used within a few days.
- Handle produce gently at the store. Keep produce on top in the cart and set produce gently on the checkout belt.

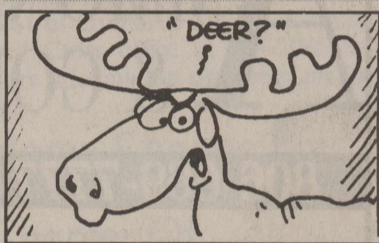
AT HOME:

- Store produce promptly. Keep produce in the crisper, which has a slightly higher humidity than the rest of the refrigerator. Keep all cut fruits in the refrigerator.
- Wash produce just before you use it, not when you store it.
- To ripen fruits (peaches, plums, etc.), put them in a ripening bowl or in a loosely closed brown paper bag (not plastic). You can put a ripe banana or apple in with them to speed the process. Some fruits, such as pineapple, will not ripen after they are picked.
- Throw away anything stored too long, especially if it's moldy, slimy or smells bad.

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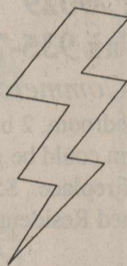
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Rainfall Facts

Editors Note: Following is a list of all the rainfall for the years between 1911 and 1997 to this date. We will be starting a special column once a month on past rainfall amounts during the month we are in. We hope you enjoy reading this. Special thanks to Doak Crabtree and Vickie Hillert.

| Year | Total | Year | Total |
|------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1911 | 12.98 | 1976 | 13.40 |
| 1912 | 16.39 | 1977 | 17.67 |
| 1913 | 14.88 | 1978 | 16.03 |
| 1914 | 22.26 | 1979 | 19.14 |
| 1915 | 27.35 | 1980 | 11.72 |
| 1916 | 8.51 | 1981 | 18.08 |
| 1917 | 0.55 | 1982 | 14.24 |
| 1918 | 0.00 | 1983 | 14.98 |
| 1919 | 0.00 | 1984 | 17.70 |
| 1920 | 0.00 | 1985 | 25.40 |
| 1921 | 0.00 | 1986 | 14.67 |
| 1922 | 0.00 | 1987 | 16.15 |
| 1923 | 0.00 | 1988 | 16.47 |
| 1924 | 0.00 | 1989 | 19.21 |
| 1925 | 0.00 | 1990 | 17.25 |
| 1926 | 0.00 | 1991 | 23.76 |
| 1927 | 0.00 | 1992 | 20.20 |
| 1928 | 0.00 | 1993 | 20.39 |
| 1929 | 17.99 | 1994 | 18.69 |
| 1930 | 17.91 | 1995 | 14.10 |
| 1931 | 15.96 | 1996 | 20.73 |
| 1932 | 16.04 | 1997 | |
| 1933 | 10.53 | | |
| 1934 | 10.80 | AVERAGES | 14.58 |
| 1935 | 9.81 | | |
| 1936 | 9.64 | | |
| 1937 | 16.11 | | |
| 1938 | 15.71 | | |
| 1939 | 15.99 | | |
| 1940 | 14.50 | | |
| 1941 | 30.67 | | |
| 1942 | 22.68 | | |
| 1943 | 8.91 | | |
| 1944 | 24.71 | | |
| 1945 | 16.30 | | |
| 1946 | 23.32 | | |
| 1947 | 17.28 | | |
| 1948 | 24.43 | | |
| 1949 | 1.55 | | |
| 1950 | 14.26 | | |
| 1951 | 17.26 | | |
| 1952 | 15.98 | | |
| 1953 | 15.09 | | |
| 1954 | 10.65 | | |
| 1955 | 12.79 | | |
| 1956 | 8.54 | | |
| 1957 | 20.17 | | |
| 1958 | 19.56 | | |
| 1959 | 17.99 | | |
| 1960 | 25.60 | | |
| 1961 | 22.12 | | |
| 1962 | 15.91 | | |
| 1963 | 14.59 | | |
| 1964 | 9.75 | | |
| 1965 | 23.26 | | |
| 1966 | 17.49 | | |
| 1967 | 13.40 | | |
| 1968 | 17.66 | | |
| 1969 | 20.26 | | |
| 1970 | 13.04 | | |
| 1971 | 21.44 | | |
| 1972 | 21.38 | | |
| 1973 | 19.16 | | |
| 1974 | 17.14 | | |
| 1975 | 15.72 | | |



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