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Scot Bingo

Scot Bingo Thursday, Aug. 21st at 7 p.m.

Fair Days Coming Soon!!!!

Sewer Clogged?...Call A Plumber, Please!!

Sewer clogged?... Call a plumber, please!!

If your drains or sewer are clogged or are draining slowly, check with your neighbors to see if they have the same problem. If not, check your sewer line or "cleanout". If you don't know where it is or how to do it...Please call a plumber.

If others on your block have sewer problems too...Call the city. The City of Stratford is responsible for the sewer mains and the sewer risers at the main. The property owner is responsible for everything from the riser to the house or apartment.

City of Stratford Landfill To Close

The City of Stratford Landfill will stop receiving municipal solid waste (Garbage) on September 30, 1997.

Yard waste (Branches; grass clippings; leaves) will still be accepted on a no fee basis.

Non-Commercial, rubbish will be accepted for fee at the "Citizens' collection station" are of the former landfill site.

Details of what can and cannot be discharged as well as rates and fees and hours of operation will be announced soon.

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Photography!!!!

Ready! Set! Go!! with those special pictures you're holding to the Sherman County Fair!!! Photography department will accept exhibits from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Sept 4th.

Petting Zoo At Stratford Days Fair

Kids of all ages are invited to the Petting Zoo during the Stratford Days Fair. The Petting Zoo will be held in the Livestock Building next to the County Exhibit Building. The Petting Zoo will be opened from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6th and will feature all types of farm animals.

Do You Have A Turtle?????

Attention: Kids Do You Have a Turtle?

Start training your turtle for the turtle races on September 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Pendleton Park. Other activities will include bicycle and tricycle races, foot races and sack races. Prize money and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Come and join in the fun For more information call Eddie and Stacy Metcalf 396-2035 or Russell and Nan Ashley 396-2762.

Cargill Intends To Buy Assets Of Coldwater Industries, Inc.

Dalhart, TX. Cargill today announced it has signed a letter of intent to acquire the retail fertilizer, agrichemicals and grain-elevator assets of Coldwater Industries, Inc.

Asset to be included in the purchase are Coldwater Industries' retail fertilizer plants here and 15 miles northwest of Dalhart, and a headquarters location 15 miles east of Dalhart that includes a 750,000 bushel off-rail grain elevator and retail fertilizer plant.

"We were attracted to Coldwater Industries because of the outstanding sales and service Joe and Marion Gamertsfelder and their staff have been providing to the region's crop producers," said Mark Nordwald, U.S. business development manager for Cargill Fertilizer. "These are well-run businesses that will enable us to expand the products and services we offer in the Dalhart area," he said Cargill will continue the tradition of customer service established by Coldwater Industries.

"Cargill's commitment to serving agricultural producers parallels our own philosophy," said Joe Gamertsfelder. "We also believe that under Cargill's ownership the operations will be able to maintain their leadership role in the crop-inputs market, and bring precision agriculture to our customers sooner. A tremendous amount of new technology is coming on-line in the fertilizer business, and Cargill has the capital resources to maintain, build and acquire state-of-the-art facilities and application equipment."

Cargill has other Texas fertilizer and grain locations at Harlingen, Hart, Houston, Progreso, Spearman and Dalhart, with a second fertilizer plant under construction two miles east of Dalhart.

Nordwald said Joe Gamertsfelder will remain as a consultant to the operations. "We're delighted that the management team and staff at Coldwater Industries will be joining us, because we want to maintain the continuity of customer service Joe's team has provided and optimize the products and services they offer," he said.

"We're happy to become part of the Cargill team, because it enables us to offer a wider array of total crop inputs and seed varieties," said Gamertsfelder.

The purchase is subject to completion of an environmental audit and negotiating a final agreement. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, but the parties expect to finalize it in the near future.

Cargill Fertilizer is a division of Cargill, an international marketer, processor and distributor of agricultural, food, financial and industrial products with some 79,000 employees at more than 1,000 locations in 72 countries and with business activities in 100 more.

Make-A-Wish Selling Tickets

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains is selling Tickets for certificates of Deposit of \$50,000, \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 to be given away September 26, 1997 at the Grand Plaza, Amarillo Civic Center at 6:30. For more information call 806-358-9943.



XIT Communications Grand Opening A Hit

XIT Communications opened their office in Stratford with a party for the community of Stratford. The building has a completely new look inside and out. The XIT Directors were on hand for the ribbon-cutting and the dedication of the building. Entertainment was provided by Penny Boyd and the Lollipop Junction signers and KBUY radio carried the events live from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies were served to more than 450 people. XIT employees were available to handle service signups as well as for general information.

SPS Office Products Announces Grand Opening Date

SPC Office Products, formerly Stratford Printing, announces the Grand Opening of Radio Shack at their location, 211 N. Main, Stratford on August 28, 1997.

Stanfield Printing Co. (SPC) was started by Jay Stanfield as a sole proprietorship in 1947. Irvin Reid became a full partner in 1947. John Reid purchased the Reid Estate stock in 1985 and is currently President of the Corporation. John worked in almost every area of the company for 12 years before becoming President in 1985.

SPC has seven other locations - Guymon, OK, Woodward, OK, Liberal, KS, Dalhart, TX, Clayton, N.M., Alva, OK & Dumas, TX.

SPC is a sales oriented organization and ultimate goal is to give the offices in their area the best possible service! SPC carries office machines, office furniture & supplies besides offering printing services.

So be sure to stop by SPC/Radio Shack's Grand Opening on August 28, 1997 and see what all SPC has to offer. Lunch will be served from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Hold Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met for a special board meeting on Thursday, August 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Karen Riffe, Barbara Chumley, John Wheeler, Roy McAlister and Supt. Vernon Paul.

The board held a work session on the 1997-98 budget. In other business they set the proposed tax rate at \$1.21 and set the public hearing for Thursday, August 28, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. in the Home Economics Building, and made a change to the local policy CRD. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The legs of a brine shrimp filter food particles from the water as the animal swims.

Trustees Of SISD Hold Regular Board Meeting July 21st

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met for regular board meeting on Monday, July 21, 1997. The following board members were present: Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, John Wheeler, Barbara Chumley, Roy McAlister, Karen Riffe and Supt. Vernon Paul.

Guests present were Terri Teig, Desine Garza, Cindy Clements, Christy Burr, Mary Pat Williams, Ronna Riffe, Brad Thiessen and Jim Taliaferro. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Kenton Kimball gave the invocation.

Ronna Riffe represented TSTA concerning teacher's salaries.

Supt. Vernon Paul gave his report on transportation, budget recap and Tax collection, which is at 97.25%

The claims and accounts for the month were approved as read and approved for payment.

Principal Jim Taliaferro presented the student handbook. One handbook will be made for all campuses. Motion was made to print the district student handbook.

Proposals were received for student insurance from the following: Jerry Jacobs Insurance, Allen Agency, 45 and Associates, and The Baker Company. The motion was made to purchase student insurance from Jerry Jacobs Insurance-Carolyn Tarver of the Allen Agency will act as agent. The board adopted an appraisal calendar for observations and summative conferences. In other business, the board accepted the resignation of Kim Shuping and hired Jennifer Price for Secondary Special Education, John Lavake was recommended as a candidate to serve on the Sherman County Appraisal District Board and request for proposals for a 15-passenger van will be sent out.

The board set cafeteria prices for the 1997-98 school year as follows:

Lunch: Guests \$3.00 Staff \$2.00 Gr. 9-12 \$1.50 and Gr. EE-8 \$1.75

Corn Field Day Set For August 28th 3 CEU's Offered For Recertification Of Applicator's License

The Sherman County Corn Field Day will be held on Thursday, August 28, 1997. The Field Day is sponsored by the Sherman County Ag Committee and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Registration for the Field Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. After registration, producers will travel to various result demonstration plots in Sherman County. Farm Stops will include an irrigated corn variety trial, dryland corn variety trial, Bt corn variety evaluation and yield trial, and a weed control study. At the farm stops, producers will have an opportunity to view and evaluate the demonstrations.

The tour will conclude back at the County Exhibiting Building for a Bar-B-Que rib lunch. Lunch will be provided courtesy of HybriTech Wheat and Monsanto. After lunch, Gary Wheatley, Production Research Agronomist-HybriTech Wheat, will discuss hybrid wheat production in the Texas Panhandle.

Three (3) CEU for recertification of private and commercial applicator licenses will be offered. The CEU's will also count for recertification of Certified Crop Advisors (CCA).

Ag producers interested in attending the Field Day need to RSVP to the Sherman County Extension Office by Wednesday, August 27th in order to prepare for the meal. For more information, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

Delaware was the last state in which physical beatings were a legal form of punishment for crimes. The state prohibited the practice in 1972.

Breakfast Guests \$100, staff \$1.00 Gr. 9-12 \$1.00 and Gr. EE-8 \$1.00/

Board went into closed session at 8:10 p.m. Board came out of closed session at 8:37 p.m.

The board accepted the new state salary schedule for teachers. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Taylor Building Workday Scheduled For Saturday

Six weeks and counting! I hope that everyone is noticing the improvements made to the former Taylor Building and Great Lengths Beauty Shop! Stop by and take a look. On this week's agenda...a new sidewalk, painting, and more interior renovations. Next week...new doors and acoustical ceiling. However, there are still some small projects that we need volunteer help with!

We will be having a workday this Saturday from 8:00 to 12:00. No skills required! Everyone is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Lorie Vincent at 396-2897.

A special thanks to Johnny Mungia, Andrew Martinez and their crews for the incredible amount of work that they completed this past week!!

SEE YOU SATURDAY!!

Stratford Days Rodeo Set For September 5 & 6

The annual Stratford Days Rodeo will be held on Friday, September 5 and Saturday, September 6, 1997. The Rodeo is sponsored by the Sherman County Fair Board and held in conjunction with the Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree.

The Friday night performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night's performance will start at 6:30 p.m. Sherman County 4H will be hosting a concession stand during both rodeo performances.

Stock producer for the rodeo is McCloy Rodeo Company of Morse, Texas. The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA) and the Kansas Pro-Rodeo Association (Kpra). To enter the Rodeo, call (806) 36204578. Books open Tuesday, September 2nd.

Admission to the Stratford Days Rodeo will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 6 through 11. There will be no charge for youth under 6 years of age.

Looking Ahead

Chamber Calendar

August

25-4-H Achievement Banquet

28-Radio Shack Grand Opening

September

1-Labor Day

1-30-Stratford Exhibit At Westgate Mall

5-7 Stratford Fair & Jamboree

Exhibits, craft show, parade, BBQ, Old Timers King and Queen, Rodeo, Dance.

14-Grandparents Day

18-19-55 ALIVE Mature Driving Course.

19-Homecoming

27-Miss Stratford Pageant

Obituaries

Claire Elizabeth Austin

Austin-Claire Elizabeth, born August 28, 1936, passed away August 14, 1997. She is Survived by parents, David & Carrie Austin of Dallas; grandparents, Nan & Charles Austin of Houston, Sharon & Si Perkins of Guyton, Ok., Rose & Joe Brown of Phoenix, AZ; great grandmothers, Dean Smith of Stratford, TX., and Margaret Healy of Houston, TX.; great grandparents, Betty & Baskin Brown of Stratford, TX; great great grandmother, Timmie Brown of Stratford, TX., 10 uncles, 11 aunts, 13 cousins; and many other friends who loved her dearly. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, 1997, at the Chapel of Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Kingsley Rd., Dallas, TX., with the George A. Baker officiating. Interment was in Restland Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Day Care Center of Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Kingsley Rd., Dallas, TX. 75238.

Reserved and Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

The Stratford Elk Football season is upon us! The Elks have been practicing twice a day since August 5th and they are eager to play ball. Season football tickets go on sale Friday, August 15th in the office of the Superintendent. Reserved season tickets will be held for previous owners until Friday, August 29th. After that date tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Reserved seats will cost \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. There are 5 home games this year. The total cost will be \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. We look forward to your support of the Stratford Elks Football program this year.

Those who do not want a reserved seat may also purchase season tickets for entrance into the games. This will be great for those who do not want to fumble with the cash at the gate. Adults-\$15.00, Children-\$10.00. Tickets available in the office of the Superintendent.



The doodlebug digs a pit in the soil to trap ants and other small insects.



Haiti became the first independent country in the West Indies in 1804, following a rebellion led by Toussaint L'Ouverture.

Melba V. Keener

Melba V. Keener, age 78 died Monday, August 11, 1997 at Dumas Memorial Hospital in Dumas, Texas.

Services were held Thursday August 14, 1997 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Stratford with Dr. Syd Carns Interim pastor of First Christian Church of Stratford officiating and assisted by Rev. Mark Metzger pastor of First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery.

Melba was born January 28, 1919 in Lamar, Colorado and had been a Stratford resident most of her life. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph A. Keener on July 4, 1986 and by a son Sherrydon Keener, April 16, 1996.

She was a member of the Stratford Home Demonstration Club of Stratford and SCOT Hall of Stratford.

She is survived by two sons: Harold Poe Keener of Stratford and Gregory Mark Keener of Arvada, CO. 1 daughter: Missie Devours of Bailey, CO.; two brothers Wade Turner of Aurora, CO and Dean Turner of Greeley, CO. 2 sisters: Alma Jean Boothby of Guyton, OK. and Virginia Hager of Amarillo, TX. 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to SCOT Hall P.O. Box 48 Stratford, Texas 79084

Fair Books Are Out!!!!

Fair Books are available at the County Extension Office as well as local business and the Chamber of Commerce.

PLEASE NOTE
CORRECTIONS: Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant will be later in September. Friday night Rodeo will begin at 7:30. The New Craft Show directors are Bobbie Wilson, Assistant Desiree Davis. (Note: There is also a Craft and Hobbies Department at the Fair.) Superintendent for Antiques and Collections is vacant due to Helen Juds back surgery and Donna Gillenwaters teaching for a maternity leave. (Help)

We apologize for the ads we missed and thankful for the ads we have in the Fair Book. The books look really good, especially with Mary Hill's art work on the cover.



Scientists estimate that as many as 200 million visible meteorites occur in the earth's atmosphere every day.

Letter To The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY FOR PUBLICATION: All letters will be accepted provided they are not anonymous and a bonafide address is given. We will not print letters in the Star anonymous or name on file. Name will appear in paper. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the views of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

August 17, 1997

Dear Editor:

Stephanie and I want to take a moment before we leave and say good-bye to our friends and neighbors in Stratford.

When Stephanie and I graduated from West Texas A&M University, we had our hearts set on living and working in a small Christian community. Some place where our kids could go outside to play and we did not have to worry about some one in town doing harm to them. Some place that still held the down home values of God and family with which we were both raised.

When I came to Stratford and became a police officer, I felt Stephanie and I had found that place and I would be a part of keeping Stratford and my family safe. But on August 14, at the request of Chief Dewees, I handed my resignation to him and the members of the City Council. I had requested that my last day be August 29th, so as to give me two weeks to find another way to support my family. However, Chief Dewees made it clear that August 15th would be my last day.

We want to thank Mrs. Haynes for the help and her fine teaching of our son, Mitchell. Mr. Bain for his kindness of waiting for the couple of dollars short on the tank of gasoline, Rev. Mark Metzger and the people of the First United Methodist Church for making us feel welcome, Judge Fesler for being a friend to me and my family, James and Michelle Lutes for their friendship and prayers, Joe Zak and his family for being good neighbors, and the many more we don't have the space to name.

We hope, in our short time here in Stratford, we have made a little difference in your lives. You have had a great impact on ours. In hard times like this, you find out who your true friends rally are. We want to thank those of you who have supported us and stood by us.

Jim Dewees, your Chief of Police, told me several times that the badge came before family and friends and that it would look good to the community if my family and I attended Church. But I disagreed. God comes first, then family and friends and we attend Church because we love the Lord. So, what we thought was the place for us, is not.

And by the way, Jim, it's not smoking a pipe that makes the people of Stratford think your intelligent, it's helping their kids learn what is right and wrong by working with their parents,

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keeping their town safe from drugs and bad elements, and helping them in times of trouble. That's what makes the people of Stratford think you intelligent and worthy of respect.

Good luck to you all. We'll miss you.

Chanze, Stephanie, Mitchell and Jarrah Fowler

Following is the resignation of Mr. Fowler given to Jim Dewees. Dated August 14, 1997.

August 14, 1997
Attn.: Jim Dewees and Council Members for City of Stratford.

I, Chanze Fowler, hereby give my resignation of Police Officer for the City of Stratford effective August 29, 1997.

The reason for my resignation is unbearable working conditions as listed below. These conditions were place upon me by Jim Dewees.

-On Several occasions I have been told to seek employment elsewhere. On one specific occasion Mr. Dewees brought a Sherman County Sheriff's Dept. Application for employment to my home.

-I have been alienated from the Department by Mr. Dewees. For the past two weeks, I have been ignored by Mr. Dewees, in that I have received no pass on concerning incidents or cases currently under investigation. I've been warned not to associate with Sheriff Jack Haile, Judge Fesler, and other law enforcement personnel outside the Stratford Police Department.

-In my opinion I was harassed by Mr. Dewees. Mr. Dewees told me that he was receiving several

complaints from the citizens of Stratford, however, none of these complains could be substantiated. Furthermore, I spoke to several citizens of Stratford and was told that my performance as a Police Officer was satisfactory.

-Finally, Mr. Dewees has stripped me of any confidence in myself and the City of Stratford, which I feel disables my ability to perform as a Police officer for the City of Stratford.

Accepted by: Chanze Fowler
08-14-97
Signed: Chanze Fowler
Accepted by: Jim Dewees
08-14-87
Signed Jim Dewees

Dear Editor,

The next event-The Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree. it is going to happen and with participation from the community, it will be as good as the past years. Something new has been added The Craft Show.

Each year the question is "Will we have a Fair next year"? Baxter Black's article in the Amarillo Paper describing the "Hard Luck Fair" and the child's replacement of the yellow ribbon, relates why we put out the effort for the fair.

I just had a milestone birthday which gives one pause to see where you have been and where you are going. The last milestone birthday I put in my mind that I would retire from these activities at age 55, sit back and play bridge and smell the roses. That time came and went. I found I wasn't that interested in playing bridge even though I really enjoyed the fellowship and I realized someone had to tend roses!

I gave up an active roll in the Boy and Girl Scouts though I am

still interested in those very important programs and replaced that interest with several others.

This past birthday led me to make the commitment to continue with the Fair and Jamboree until the year 2000, which is the preparation year for Stratford's Centennial. Fair Book Chairman, Brenda Bell also made the commitment to continue her job until the year 2000 and without her it absolutely would not happen. With commitment from a few others, this community celebration can grow into something special. After the year 2000--whatever happens,

Gaynelle Riffe, Chairman
Sherman County Fair & Jamboree

P.S. Anyone interested in Stratford's Centennial Celebration, thought has begun. Please contact Selma Pendleton, Millie Hacker, Marillyn Albert or myself for thoughts, suggestions, pictures, newspaper articles, history etc. It is time to begin.

Opportunity For Crafters At Fair

The Tri-State Fair has made the Sports Arena available to crafters during the Fair September 13-20 for Crafters Pavilion. Average attendance for this event is approximately 200,000 people during the 8 days.

The deadline for completion of application and payment of fees is Monday, September 1st. Applications for exhibit space as well as a few details are available from the local Chamber of Commerce office, 396-2260.

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timer's - Readers this cloudy Monday, A.M., August 18, 1997. A gentle rain has been falling during the night and continues at 8 a.m., so that daylight is pretty much delayed.

This past week was a demanding one on Sherman County citizens in general due to school beginning Tuesday, Aug. 12; Open House and dedication of XIT Cellular Telephone building on Friday, Aug. 15th and Depot Doin's at the Museum on Sat. including the recognition of the C.D. Plunk Families as Pioneer Family.

Early in the week, we (Lorelyn and Timi) saw the destroying of the glass on the front of the Taylor Building clearing the way for a new entrance into the Duckwall Store that has leased the building.

The Baskin Brown families and the late Chuck Smith families were called to Dallas area due to the death of baby Claire Austin - infant daughter of Carrie (Brown) and David Austin. Baby Claire was the victim of meningitis and died in just a few hours. The best doctor's in Dallas attended her to no avail. We ask for your prayers for Carrie and David as they face the loss of their child day by day. Amen.

Their address is David and Carrie Austin, 11844 Cold Haubour Lane, Dallas, Texas 75244. Timi Brown, great great grandmother of Baby Claire and Joy Powers, Carrie's cousin were unable to attend the funeral services, but were with Carrie and David during the weekend. Our first great granddaughter is Carrie, followed by Joy Lyn Powers, Ashley Ann Brown, Elizabeth Rose Williams.

We learned anew this week how precious life is - so let us - Senior Citizens pat shoulders for encouragement and "luv" our fellowman.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

The Crabtree Reunion was held Sunday at Kerrick Community Center. There were 46 registered. They came from

Boise City, Dalhart, Stratford, Amarillo, Gruver, Santa Fe, Dallas, Buffalo, Ok. and Kerrick.

Annette Hampton and Katie Norris made a quick trip to Indiana State Fair where they won third with a boar in the Landrace Spectacular event. They left on Tuesday and returned Friday.

Ralph James Hampton, accompanied by Nathan Ellison and Denton Crabtree, showed at the Colorado State Fair. In the Other Purebred Breed they won Grand & Reserve Boar and Grand & Reserve Gilt. In Premier Breeder OPB, York, they took Reserve Champion Gilt.

The three and Ernie & Sheryl Ellison and Brenna joined them at "Fred's Spread" where they all spent Friday night. On the trip to

Pueblo they saw a large herd of Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep.

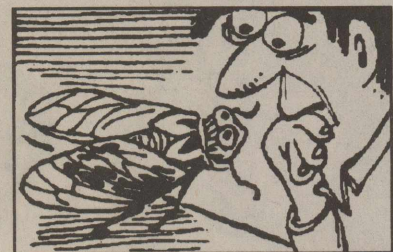
Bill Taylor, Eules, was here for Melba Keener's Funeral.

Had word from Hal and Pamela Thompson that he had graduated from Texas A&M On August 15. Hal will be working at Grant County Feeders, a division of Continental Grain, at Ulysses, Kansas. He had worked with George Avent prior to his return to school. They now have three children, Darcy, Grady & Haley. Their address is 5211 North Road B, Ulysses, Kansas 67880.

Word was received last week of the death of Bessie Sanders, a cousin of Myron Leedy, father of Marylou McDaniel. Bessie lacked three months of being 106 years old! She had lived alone and took care of herself until 102 1/2. She went to Eastern Star and clubs as long as someone could come after her. Bessie was a delight to be around.

Wheels For Life Participants Fight Childhood Cancer

A Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude Hospital will be held on Sept. 20, with a rain date of Sept. 27. St. Jude is America's largest Childhood Cancer Research Center and accepts young cancer patients from all over the U.S. regardless of their ability to pay. Located in Memphis, TN., St. Jude was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily from public support. Please donate generously when young bikers come by your home. Your contribution may help a child live. Sponsors make a donation for each mile completed, or a flat donation. All participants who turn in money will receive a certificate. Those raising \$35 or more will also receive a T-shirt and those raising \$75 or more. A sports bas as well. The real prize, however, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life. Refreshments for the bikers will be provided by First State Bank, Thriftway and Elk Pharmacy. Parents, please encourage your children to participate, support their efforts by helping them register sponsors and please set aside the morning of the event so they may ride in the Bike-A-Thon. There will be information about St. Jude at the Fair. Please stop by to see the display. If you would like to help with the event or if you would like to make a donation and are not contacted by a child, please contact Connie Reinart at 396-2826. Your support is greatly appreciated.



The periodical variety of cicada take 13 to 17 years to develop but then live only a few weeks. They are also called 17-year locusts.

Scot News
By Jack Gore

Still need ideas for float or vehicle in parade.

I will be gone 22nd thru the 25th if you need anything contact Dorothy. Next week, we will gear up the luncheon and dance.

Then it will be Jamboree Days. Remember the Peach Pie Contest.

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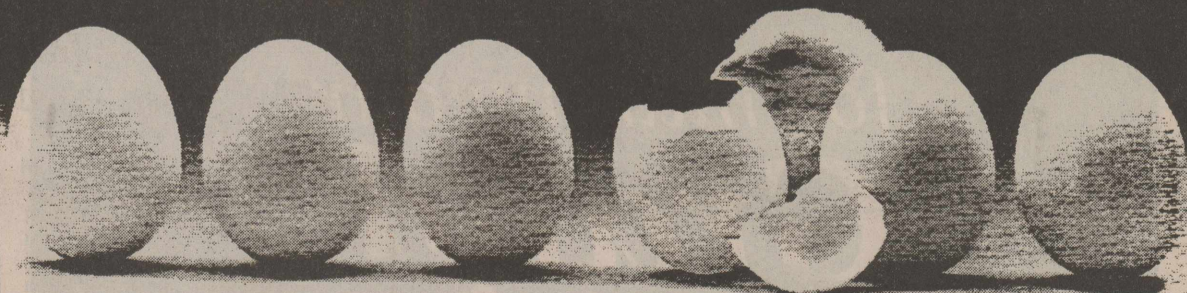
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Liz Mitchell bride elect of Wayne Stacy was honored with a shower Saturday, August 9th in the home of Pat Johnson. Shown left to right is La-Ronda Albert, Nelda Stacy, Liz, Stacey Stone and Debbie Stone.



Baby Branson Palmer was honored with a shower Saturday at the Assembly of God Church. Shown left to right at left are Pat Salmon, Tammy holding Branson, June Palmer holding Brooklynn Palmer and Brailly Palmer. Branson's parents are Tammy and Jade Palmer of Stratford.

Annual Potter-Randall Back To School Sew Fair To Be Held

The annual Potter-Randall back to school sew fair will be held at two sessions on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Texas A&M Extension & Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Area seamstresses are invited to the event which has been planned by Family and Community Education Club members and other volunteers in the hosting counties.

According to planners of the event; a very varied agenda is scheduled which will be of interest to seamstresses from the inexperienced to the most experienced.

Registration for the afternoon session is set to begin at 12:30.

Jenelle Brock will be the opening presenter as she demonstrates hand pleating broom stick skirts. A detailed handout to explain the technique will be distributed.

Cynthia Shattles of Perryton, Ochiltree County Extension agent, will discuss the preservation of fabric heirlooms, and Alby Peters, Potter County extension agent, will show speciality vests.

Sandra Sims of Dumas will show a fashion technique of laying fabrics to create a chenille look featured on the cover of a recent THREADS magazine.

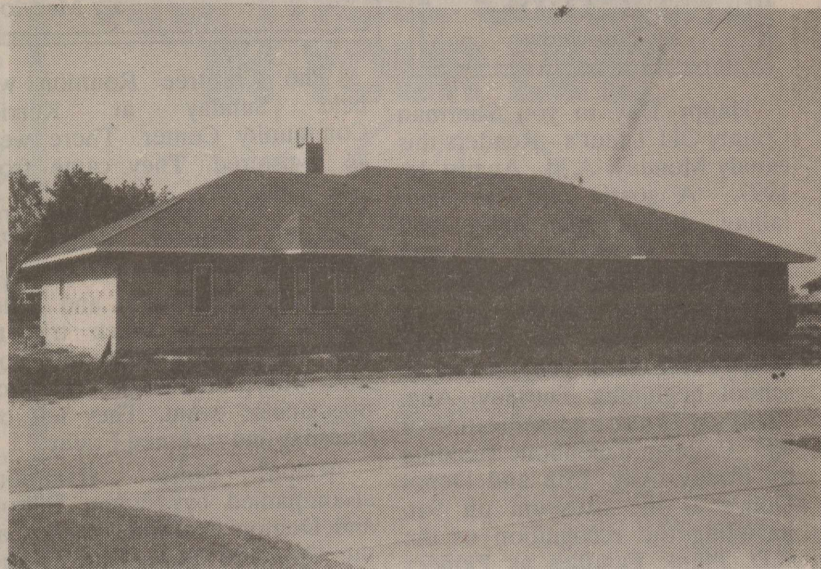
The revival of the pioneer technique of crazy quilting will be illustrated by Janet McMahan to create wearable art for wardrobes or home decorating.

Jeanene Montgomery of Panhandle, Carson County extension agent will conclude the afternoon session with "Tie One On," a recycling presentation utilizing discarded men's ties.

Registration for the evening session begins at 6:30 followed by a presentation by Joyce Shollenbarger who will vividly explain recommended clothing care using the results of some of her customers mistakes at Dutch Girl Cleaners as reinforcing visuals.

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Boggs Attends 1997 State Professional Development Conference

Jeanie Boggs, a member of the Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association of Texas and a home economics teacher at Stratford School, Stratford ISD Stratford, Texas joined a registration in excess of 1,800 teachers at the 1997 at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Complex. The annual conference is planned and coordinated by the Texas Education Agency' Economics Education Office, Career and Technology Division.

The theme of the 1997 Conference, "Home Economics Education: Enhancing the Past, Improving the Future" provided the framework for the four day event. Attendees were offered training to enhance their teaching methodology skills and refine their program priorities.

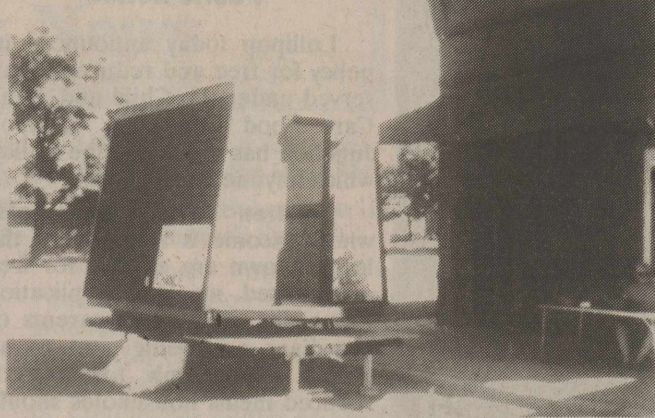
Of special importance this year was the introduction of 11 of 24 new Home Economics courses adopted by the State Board of Education as part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); participants in these orientation sessions received transitional resource materials for use in implementing the new course content in the respective courses. Conference participants also received training and resources on a range of topics which will enable teachers to provide effective and up-to-date instruction relevant to the preparation of young people for future family, community, and occupational roles.

Concurrent interest sessions addressed a variety of subjects including use of technology in home and industry settings, conflict resolution and discipline management, strengthening families, nutrition and wellness, and promoting learning and leadership through Future Homemakers of America. Other sessions addressed trends in the textile industry, preparation for the hospitality industry, career planning resources, and consumer investment strategies. "Best Practices in Home Economics Education" offered sessions conducted by teachers sharing successful approaches to planning, teaching and management which have proven to be especially successful in their home Economics programs.

Gay Nell McGinnis, Texas Education Agency's State Director for Home Economics Education said, "Implementation of the newly adopted Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Home Economics Education will provide a unique opportunity for educators. Adjustments in local programming and instruction reflecting the updated, redirected content will enable optimal student preparation for future family, community and workforce roles. Conference participants have positioned themselves for the training necessary to most effectively capitalize on this opportunity."

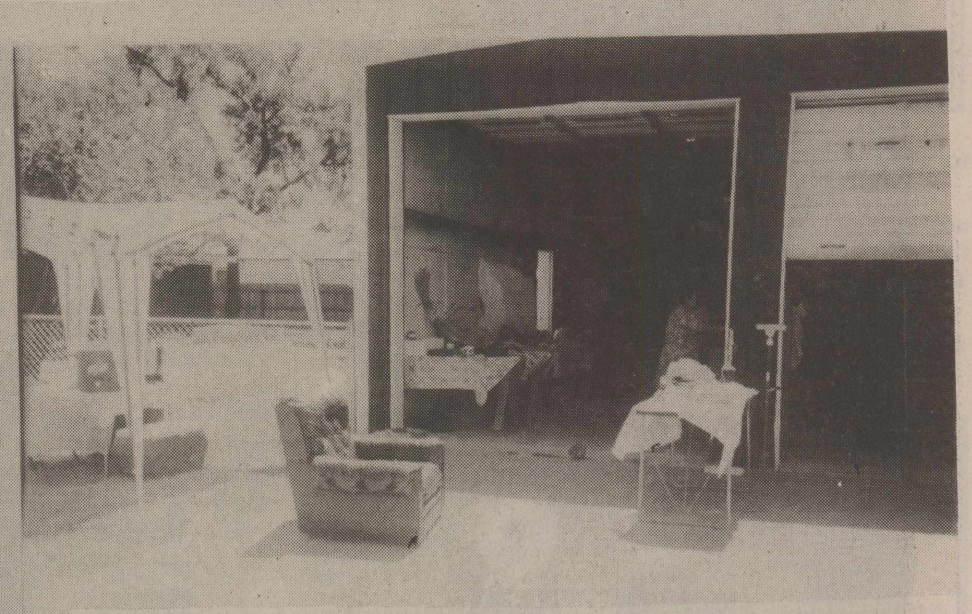
Geneva Day, 1997-98 VHETAT President said, "What an exciting time for teaching home Economics! Preparing students to meet the challenges in their future truly 'to touch the future'. These challenges include jobs that have yet to be created, managing the dual role of homemaker and wage earner, and being tomorrow's leaders and possible parents. Attending professional development seminars, such as these, is what keeps teachers prepared and ready to meet this challenge."

Scenes From Aug. 9 Summer Sale

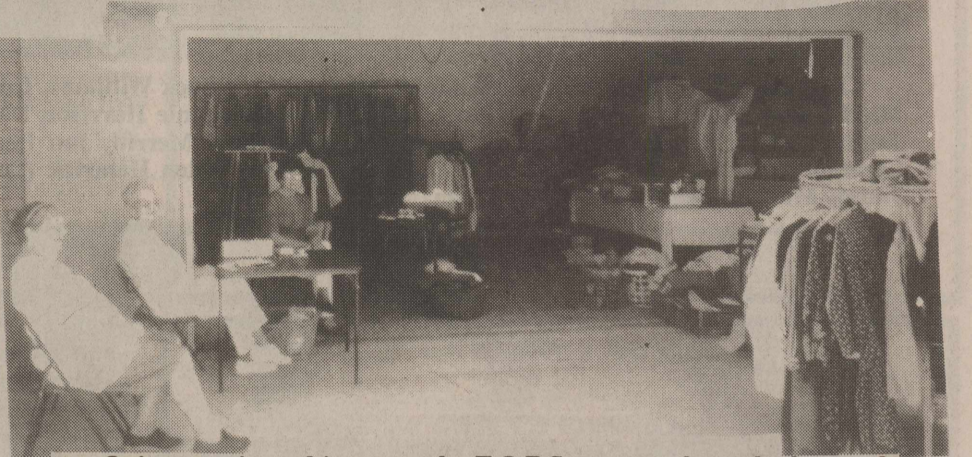


Shown above, top. The sign for the SCOT Hall garage sale was installed by Jack Gore.

The Imagination Station Playhouse was displayed at the corner of 3rd & Main, where chances to win the playhouse were sold by Elyvn Schmidt.



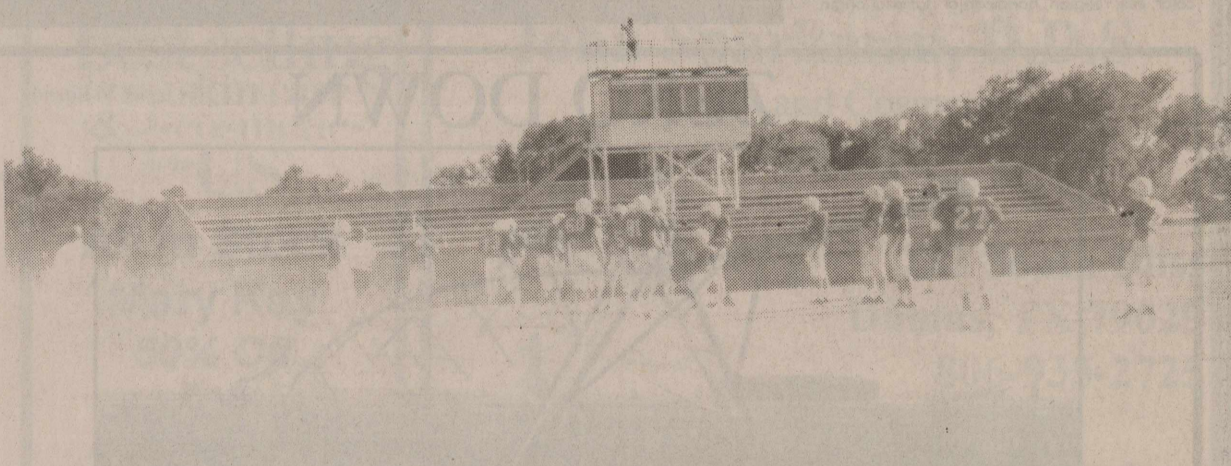
Son's lemonade stand was very successful at the garage sale of Mary Bass, who also offered for sale, homemade breads, jams, etc.



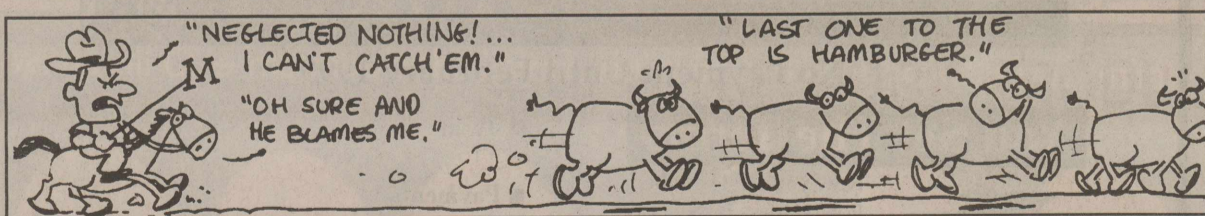
Quite a variety of items at the T.O.P.S garage sale at the home of Rose Wells.



A large crowd enjoyed the Depot Doin's at the Sherman County Depot Museum on August 16th. The C.D. Plunk family was the honored Pioneer Family.




A Blue & White Scrimmage was held on Friday, August 15th. On August 21, the Stratford Elks will scrimmage Vega here with the J.V. starting at 6:00 p.m. and Varsity thereafter.



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Class of 1977 - Top L/R: Jesse Boardman, Curtis Schwertner, Vence Haggard, Tom McReynolds, Terry Wheeler. Seated from left: Jeanne Engelbrecht Bell, Beth Moore Potter, Toni Oakley Johnson, Debbi Miller Allen, Rhonda Sutterfield Lewis, Kathy Lewis Blake. Not pictured: Will Allen, Ginger Borth Freeman, Kristi Summerour Walden.

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After the washing cycles are complete, it is better to line dry the clothes in the sun. The organic compounds in the pesticides are susceptible to photodegradation. Sunlight breaks down the chemical molecules.

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After washing, clean the washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.

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Lollipop today announced its policy for free and reduced meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Lollipop Junction has a copy of the policy, which anyone may review.

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The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility; it may be verified anytime during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.

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Sewing Fair

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Lindia Hawkins, co-owner of Creative Needle, will demonstrate making a skirt without a pattern, and Carol Oliphant will be the concluding presenter with information and visuals on sewing leather.

Peters and Wynon Mayes, Randall County Extension agent, are sew fair advisors and will be emcees.

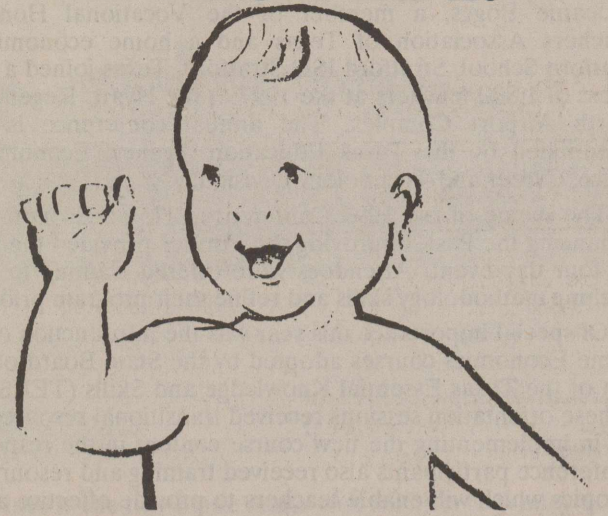
A box will be available to accept scrap fabrics and notions for the Downtown Women's Center which operates a cottage industry to teach homeless women sewing skills to encourage re-entry into gainful employment.

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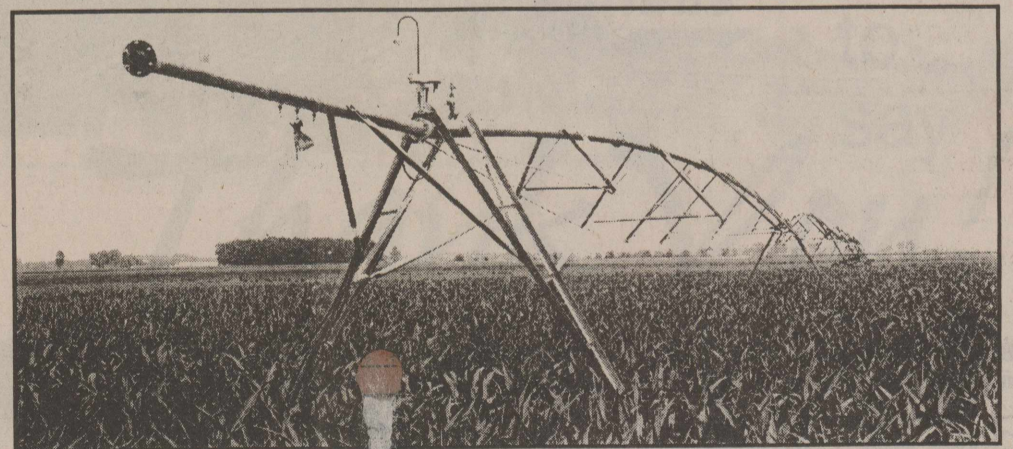
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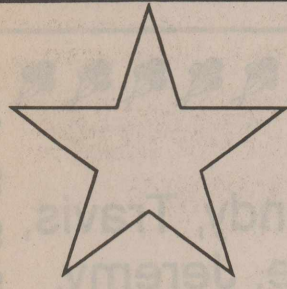
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Houses For Sale: 3 BR, Brick home, 1200 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, central heat, equipped w/dishwasher, stove and reffrig. Close to both schools at 806 N. Fulton. A 3 BR, wood siding, 2000 sq. ft., 1 bath, central heat/air, with basement at 401 N. Wall. Call 806-396-2348. 7-31-tfn

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

For Sale: 3 BDRM, 1 Bath, 506 S. Wall, \$22,000. \$2,500 down. Will allow some repairs off sales price. Harold Hamby - owner/broker. Call 935-5651 or 935-3566. 8-7-tfn

Home for Sale in Kerrick: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, updated kitchen with down draft G.E. air Range, office, storage room with attached garage, new central heat & air with built-in humidifier, new insulation, new bathroom flooring, great storage in home's garage. 4 lots surrounded by trees, orchards & cellar. \$45,000. Owners Leonard & Peggy Hawkins, 806-727-4660. 8-21-2xc

For Sale: 3 BR, Office, 1 3/4 bath, large kitchen, new carpet, brick, 1800 sq. ft., 2 blocks from Mary Allen Elementary. Available 9/30/ \$65,000 firm. Contact Wesley or Paula Willey. 396-2251. 8-7-3xp

Farm for Sale. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank 396-5521. 6-19-tfn

House for Sale: Brick, 3 bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, sun room, remodeled, fireplace, basement, 2450 sq. ft., almost new heater & A/C., lots of extras, shop, auto sprinkler, barn. 605 S. Main, \$112,900. 396-2310. 8-14-8xc

House For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, basement, redecorated, workshop, beautiful landscaped, R.V. Barn. 605 S. Main, \$115,000. Call 396-2310. 6-12-tfn

Card of Thanks

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped us through our terrible loss. All the cards, flowers and food were greatly appreciated and most of all the many prayers. A special thank you to Chanze Fowler and Jeannie Bell and all of the EMT's. Thank you to Eddie and Sandy Williams who are just like part of our family. Thank you for always being there for us.

The Family of Charles Mitchell
Ann, Angela & Don
Donnie & Diane,
Deena, Tami & Danny

Stratford High Rodeo Club would like to thank all of the people and businesses for there support. Keener Hereforths, Paco Tacos, Mrs. Sparkman, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Ellison, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Newcomb, Mr. Paul Aduddell, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Ashley, Mr. ET, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Whalley, Christy Garza, Chris's Texas Maid.

We wish to express our gratitude to all our relatives and friends for their concern since the loss of our beloved baby granddaughter.

Betty and Baskin Brown

Sherman County Depot Museum board members wish to express their appreciation to the people of the community for helping to make this year's Depot Doin's such a success. Sincere thanks are extended to Gaynelle and Don Riffe for their assistance in setting up tents, assembling the speaker system and giving of their time to help clean up. Doris Dyess, one of the museum's volunteers did a fine job keeping the museum open for visitors. Other volunteers helped in serving food and making cakes. Wes Miller and family did a terrific job cooking the meat and helping serve. Millie Hacker helped collect tickets and the Stratford Star for their generous coverage promoting this event. Members of the Plunk family presented a fine history. Gophers donated the ice Dorothy Haile made the meat sauce and board members and spouses helped serve. This event would not have been successful without the cooperation of each and everyone concerned. Special thanks go to those of the Engineers Club who help so generously each year. The museum plays a very important part in helping to preserve the history of Stratford and the board is indebted to all for helping support this organization. Thank you again.

Museum Board Members

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For Sale: 1984 Suburban. \$3,000 OBO. Call 753-4433 or 396-2336. 7-3-tfn

Paint Sale at THE General Store
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1-383-7075 Amarillo. Have been working Stratford for 28 years. Have City and State license for the City of Stratford. 1-12-tfn

VETERANS-Needing Assistance in filing eligible verification reports (EVR) Applying for pensions, hospitalization, land and housing purchase. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348. 8-28-p

Yard mowing & maintenance. Call Dusky at 396-2596. 6-19-12xc

I will do childcare before or after school. For more information. Call 396-5314. 8-7-3xp

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ENROLL FOR PRE-SCHOOL AGES 3-5 STARTING SEPT. 2 Call Teresa at 396-2236 8-7-4xc

Fall Sale on Wall Covering and Border at THE General Store. 30% off through November. 8-14-3xc

Light Fixtures For Sale: Large 9 bulb walnut & black iron, good cond. 1 Milkglass lamp with 3 way switch, good cond. 753-4434 after 8 p.m. 8-21-1xc

Work Wanted

Work Wanted: Part-time dependable farm/ranch hand. Cattle Care Day Work Tractor Driving Call Ted Ziemann 384-3096. 8-7-4xc

Alcohol Anonymous & Al-Anon meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the County Barn

During the 1400s, women wore a tall cone-shaped hat called a hennin. This hat measured from three to four feet high and had a long floating veil.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Fast growing supermarket needing energetic, friendly personnel with good work ethic. All positions available. Specific positions include Office Manager, Bookkeeper, Assistant Manager. Call Tom Velasquez at (806) 435-5511 or Rudy Rivera at (806) 396-5586. VELASQUEZ SUPERMARKETS, STRATFORD, WHEELER, PERRYTON. 8-14-5xc

HOME TYPISTS, PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-1713. 8-21-4xp

The First State Bank is looking for qualified applicants for full-time secretarial position. See Danna Hess at the First State Bank, Stratford. 8-21-1xc

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Vall Inc., a leading livestock integrator in Texhoma, is currently seeking qualified individuals to work as a production accounting clerk. This person must be a self-motivator that is willing to handle several responsibilities at once. Qualified individuals will have extensive knowledge of several software packages including spreadsheets and word processing. In addition this person must be able to learn accounting and production software. Vall, Inc., offers competitive pay and complete benefit package. All interested applicants should apply in person at 122 Main Street, Texhoma, or send a resume to Vall Inc. P.O. Box 426, Texhoma OK 73949. EOE 8-21-1xc

Driver needed for hauling and cattle feed. 1 yr. experience needed. Apply in person at Westway, 410 N. Pine St. Phone 396-5508. 8-14-2xc

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If You Need To Sell A House Or Real Estate Call Keith
Agent: Keith Waters - Call 806-396-5391 Day or 806-396-5801 Night
Tom Ferguson, Broker

Garage Sale

Yard Sale: 1116 Putman, Sat. Aug. 23, 9:00 a.m. 2 female Llaso Apsos dogs to give away. 8-21-1xc

Garage Sale: Sat. Aug 23, 8-2, 620 N. 3rd. New items, some prices reduced, swing set, clothing. 8-21-1xc

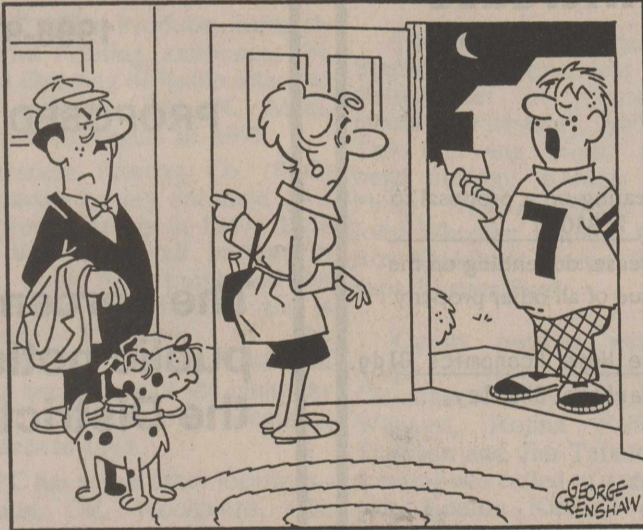
3 Family Garage Sale: 801 N. Maple, Sat. Aug. 23, 8-12 Noon, Clothes, Golf Clubs, Water Bed, Household items. 8-21-1xc

Farmland For Sale

Farmland for Sale: 2 sections pivot irrigated farmland with good water between Dumas and Stratford in Sherman County on paved county road. 1/2 section grass. 806-373-5050. 8-7-2xc

Add extra height to a soufflé dish or casserole by trying a buttered four-inch band of triple thickness aluminum foil around the rim of the dish.

BELVEDERE by George Grenshaw



"YOU THE PARTY WHO CALLED FOR A DOG SITTER WHO MUST KNOW KARATE?"

Cooking Corner

(NAPS)—If you're like millions of other Americans, you don't want to slave over your oven to prepare a meal this summer—you'd rather be out participating in family activities. Kraft Creative Kitchens has developed some quick and easy food ideas that let you make traditional favorites without having to turn on the oven or spend hours planning meals. Not only is this recipe easy to prepare, it's also perfect for casual summer entertaining.

FRUITY CHICKEN SALAD
Prep time: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 lb.) cooked, cubed
1 cup red grapes
3/4 cup MIRACLE WHIP® or MIRACLE WHIP LIGHT® Salad Dressing
1 tsp. dried tarragon leaves

MIX all ingredients. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Makes 4 servings.
For more recipe ideas, contact the Kraft Interactive Kitchen at <http://www.kraftfoods.com> or write: Kraft Foods, Consumer Response, 1 Kraft Court, Glenview, IL 60025.



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MAIL PAYMENT OR CALL 24-hour credit card order line: 1-800-747-1429
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 IL Residents add 6.5% tax - Prices include delivery charges.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is soliciting vendors for quotations on the Categories of personal property listed below for the period of September 1, 1997 through August 31, 1998. Vendors desiring to be on the quote list for these categories shall submit their name, address, phone number, contact person and the names of the categories of personal property they wish to propose:

- Teaching Supplies
- Gasoline & Oil
- Custodial & Maintenance Supplies
- Insurance
- Band Equipment
- Cafeteria Supplies
- Athletic Supplies
- Computers
- Computer Supplies
- Transportation Supplies
- Office Supplies

Vendor information will be accepted until August 15, 1998. For information contact the Superintendent's office, Stratford I.S.D. School District P.O. Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084. Phone Number 806-396-2612. Fax number 806-396-2461.

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Legal Notice

Notice of the Stratford Independent School District budget Hearing. In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed 1997-98 budget for the Stratford Independent School District on Thursday, August 28, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in the Homemake Building of the Stratford Schools, 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, Texas.

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STATE LET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

County: Moore, Highway: US0087, Length: 1,000KM, Control Number: 6017-74-001, DBE/HYB GOAL: 0.0% Project Number: RMC-601774001

Type: Crack Sealing
Time for Completion: 120 working days

Guaranty: 8,000
Bids Received Until: 1:00 P.m. September 10, 1997. Est. Cost: 343,804.80

Bids will be opened: 1:00 p.m. September 10, 1997

Mail or deliver bids to: Texas Department of Transportation, Austin HQ-Riverside Annex, 200 E. Riverside, Austin, TX 78704-1205 (512) 416-2496. Contact Person: Kenneth Petr, P.O. Box 1260, Borger, TX 79007 (806) 273-5821.

Limits From: See Plans
Limits To: See Plans

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Stratford Independent School District is accepting requests for proposals for the school year 1997-98 on the following item (s):

- 25-30 HP Utility Trailer
- *Diesel
- *4wd
- *Turf Tires Front & Rear
- *ROPS
- Backhoe
- *Bradco 8MD2 or Comparable
- *W/12" bucket
- *Quick Detach Front Loader
- *Quick Detach
- *60" bucket
- Mower
- *72" Mott Flail Mower or Comparable

Request will be accepted on new and used equipment. All requests for proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on August 28, 1997. Please fax, mail, or deliver all proposals to:

Stratford Independent School District
P.O. Box 108
Stratford, Texas 79084-0108

Please mark request for proposal as follows: **TRACTOR PROPOSALS**

The district reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to make awards as they appear to be advantageous to the district and to waive all formalities in bidding.

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Happy Birthday,
Cosme, Kari, Myrtle, Clint, Perla, Andy, Travis, Gara, Jesus, Ken, Shanon, Duane, Jeremy, Jim, Wayne, Brant, Garret, Lynda, Oralia, Tina, Amy, Gail, Marcella, Ransom,

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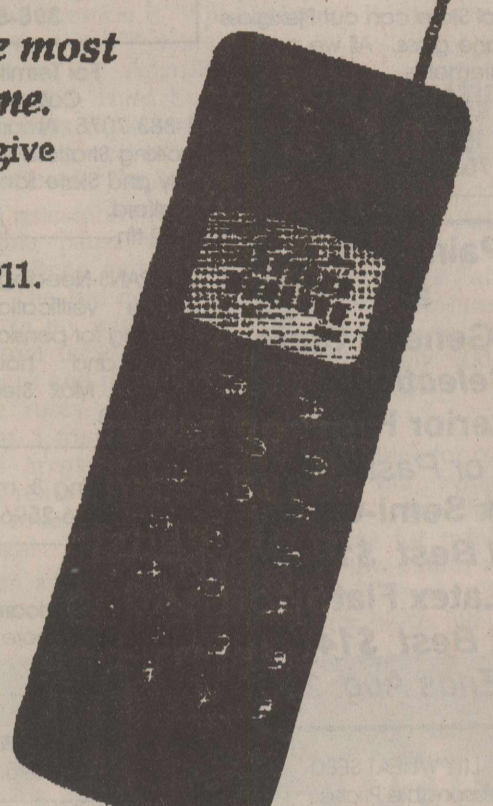
EXPANDED HOME RATE AREA INCLUDES:

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50-197 (Rev. 5-96/4)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by 7.94030 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on August 28, 1997 at 7:00a.m. in the Home Economics Bldg. FOR the proposal: Kenton Kimball, Phillip Walden, John Wheeler, Barbara Chumley, Roy McAlister, Karen Riffe

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Sandy Baskin

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 14, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$30,000	\$30,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value	\$25,000	\$15,000
Tax rate	1.308 /\$100	1.21 (proposed) /\$100
Tax	\$327.00	\$181.50 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$145.50 or 44.49541 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$.098 per \$100 of taxable value or 7.49235 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

STRATFORD I.S.D. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1996-97 TAX RATE—1.308 PER \$100 VALUATION

PROPOSED 1997-98 TAX RATE—1.21 PER \$100 VALUATION

The percentage increase as listed in the required public notices are a result of increased values in the District. The proposed tax rate is well below the 1996-97 tax rate.

In general, the values of most homes have remained constant which in most cases holds the line on an individual's tax liability to the district. The increase listed in the public notice is due to increased royalty values and irrigated farm land.

The "Effective Tax Rate" is computed by applying a formula to the values for the upcoming year and the levy for the preceding year rather than using the actual tax rate approved by the Board.

The state says is you go above the effective tax rate you are raising taxes, this is not a true picture. Your taxes, with the proposed tax rate, will increase only if your value goes up.