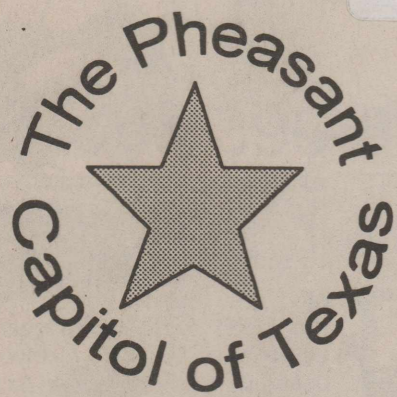


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Reminder

The Depot Museum board would like to remind the people in the community that memorials in the names of loved ones are always appreciated.

4th Grade Musical will be December 16th at 6:30 p.m. "Christmas At The OK Corral"

Scot Bingo

Bingo at Scot Hall Thursday, December 4th at 7 p.m.

Scot Chili Supper Friday, Dec. 12

Chili Supper at Scot Hall Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

Christmas Lighting Contest

The Women's Division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce will once again sponsor the Christmas Lighting contest. The three categories to be judged are Commercial, Residential, Religious, and Residential Secular.

First, second third place winners in each category will be selected. The lighting will be judged on the evening of Thursday, December 11, 1997.

For additional information, contact Teresa Edmond 396-5566 or the Chamber office 396-2260.

Stratford Is Featured In Wall Street Journal

Stratford and Sherman County were the focus of a feature article in the Wall Street Journal on November 4th. The Article was a positive piece on how rural Texas is turning their economy around and is experiencing population growth. Sherman County Development was contacted by the Wall Street Journal editor in charge of Texas news. They indicated that Sherman County was chosen to be featured because of the high percentage of growth per capita in the past five years. If anyone would like to see a copy of the article, contact Lorie Vincent and 396-2897.

A Reminder-Don't forget to buy your bricks for Bonar Park!!!!

Citizens' Collection Station Winter Hours

The City of Stratford Citizens' Collection Station located at the City's former landfill site will be open from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:00 to noon on Saturdays. These hours will be in effect until spring.

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The folks at the Stratford Family Medical Clinic would like to help provide a Merry Christmas for some of the "Little Angels" in Stratford. They will be handing out the gifts at the clinic on Tuesday, December 23rd at 5 p.m. Gifts need to be at the clinic by noon on that day. If you would like to make a donation to help provide gifts for some of the less fortunate children in the community please stop by the clinic, or call the Medical Clinic at 396-5583 and ask for Mayrene Aduddell for more information. Let's help make a little's one Christmas just a little happier this year.

SISD Holds Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met for a Special board meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 1997. Members and administration present were: Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, Roy McAlister, John Wheeler, Karen Riffe, Vernon Paul, Steve Haynes, and Jim Taliaferro. Wayne Smith was the guest for the morning. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. with the invocation being given by Steve Haynes.

The motion was made to canvass the votes, accept the count and resolution and declare results of the Bond Election, the board put in place an acceptable use policy which is required by the TIF and TIE grants. In other business, the board held a discussion on the video conferencing room location, which was tabled until the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met in Special Session on Friday, November 21, 1997 with the following board members and administration present: Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, Roy McAlister, Karen Riffe, John Wheeler, Vernon Paul, Darla Cummings, Steve Haynes, Jim Taliaferro and Brad Thiessen. Guests present were: Danny Alt of HRH Agency and Miles Smith of Smith Agency.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Steve Haynes giving the invocation. Darla Cummings, Business Manager, presented insurance proposals from Smith Agency for \$21,204.00 and HRH Agency for \$16,960.00. After discussion, the motion was made to accept Smith Agency's proposal for insurance.

In other business, the motion was made to pledge additional securities for the school, Room 25 was selected for the location of the Video Conferencing Room, and the resignation of Cindy Clements was accepted with regrets. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Project Christmas Card

It's Project Christmas Card time! This is the 35th year that TFWC/Prospectus Study Club has sponsored this project for the benefit of Sherman County Library. The Stratford Star is a co-sponsor. This was started by Dave McReynolds, who was editor at the time, when he approached the club with the suggestion as a way to raise money to help build a library. Every editor since that time has thought it was a great idea and thousands of dollars have aided the library to have those extra needed items not on the budget--shelves, books, etc.

It works this way. Instead of sending Christmas cards locally, give to the Sherman Co. Library Fund. Add up the cost of cards, stamps, time and maybe add a little. Give check to The First State Bank. The Stratford Star will place your name and greetings in the Christmas edition. Deadline for this is 12 noon on Monday, December 15th to make the Christmas Edition on the 18th. NO LATER THAN THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED TO BE PRINTED IN THE PAPER. You may still give to the fund if you wish after the deadline but name will not appear in the paper.

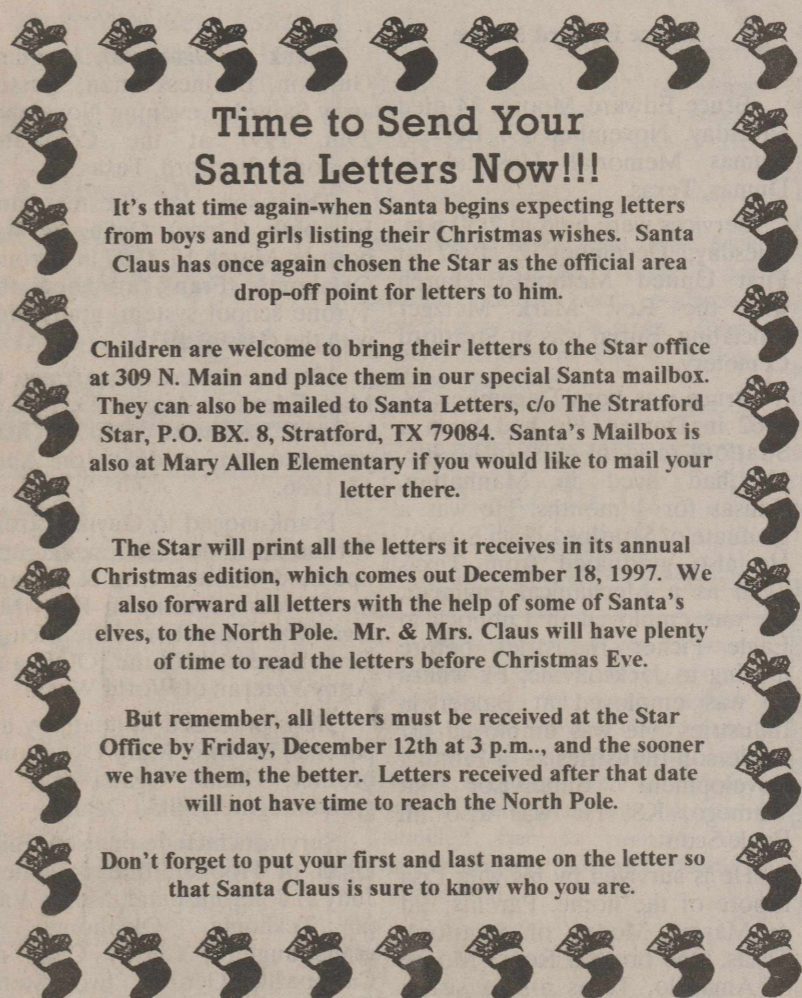
Sherman County has one of the best libraries in the state and let's keep it that way!

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
Viola Kautz-396-2058
Mark Metzger 396-2013

Child Protection Services 935-4375
ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL



Time to Send Your Santa Letters Now!!!

It's that time again-when Santa begins expecting letters from boys and girls listing their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus has once again chosen the Star as the official area drop-off point for letters to him.

Children are welcome to bring their letters to the Star office at 309 N. Main and place them in our special Santa mailbox. They can also be mailed to Santa Letters, c/o The Stratford Star, P.O. BX. 8, Stratford, TX 79084. Santa's Mailbox is also at Mary Allen Elementary if you would like to mail your letter there.

The Star will print all the letters it receives in its annual Christmas edition, which comes out December 18, 1997. We also forward all letters with the help of some of Santa's elves, to the North Pole. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas Eve.

But remember, all letters must be received at the Star Office by Friday, December 12th at 3 p.m., and the sooner we have them, the better. Letters received after that date will not have time to reach the North Pole.

Don't forget to put your first and last name on the letter so that Santa Claus is sure to know who you are.

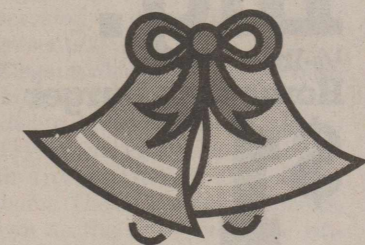
Pheasant Hunt Breakfast Set For December 13th

The Stratford Lions Club will be hosting the annual Pheasant Hunt Breakfast on Saturday, December 13th at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Breakfast will be served from 6:00-7:30 a.m. and will cost \$5.00 per person. All local residents and hunters are encouraged to join the Lion members for breakfast.

For more information, contact any Stratford Lions Club member.

Stratford Star Holiday Schedule

The Stratford Star will not be putting a paper out the week of Dec. 25th. Christmas edition will be Thursday, December 18, 1997. Deadline for Santa letters is Friday, December 12 at 3 p.m. Project Christmas Card deadline is Monday, December 15th at 12 noon. Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.



BRIGHT HOLIDAY BARGAINS

Right here in hometown Stratford

Check out our local merchants first and see what they have to offer for your Christmas shopping this year

Depot Museum Open House

It's that time again! Time for the annual Christmas Open House sponsored each year by the Sherman County Depot Museum Board. The building will be open Sunday, December 7, 1997 for people in the community to visit their museum during the hours 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come see the exhibits, relax and visit with friends.

Huntible Land Needed!!

The Chamber of Commerce needs more huntible land!! The Chamber is seeking land to lease for the annual Pheasant Hunt. Huntible land is defined as ground covered in stalks or with sufficient coverage (CRP, grass) and grain to attract pheasants.

The opening weekend of pheasant season, December 13-14, has a waiting list of more than 40 hunters in the event that more land is made available. There are also hunters scheduled for the remainder of the season ((thru December 28).

The landowners or operators are reimbursed for the use of their land. Fifty percent of the Pheasant Hunt profits will be distributed to the landowners/operators and the Chamber will retain the other fifty percent as the year's largest fund raiser.

To discuss leasing of huntible land or for additional information, please contact Michael Clawson 396-2081, Brad McBryde 396-2723, or the Chamber office 396-2260.

Panhandle Novel On Sale Here

Ellie's and the Depot Museum have copies of an historical novel about the Texas Panhandle for sale just in time for Christmas gifts. Written by Hereford native, Gerald McCathern, "Horns" is about the ten-year war (1865-1875) for control of the huge grasslands of the Texas Panhandle.

The Red River Wars erupted as a result of hunters taking hides from the Indians' sacred hunting grounds and were between the Comanche Indians, buffalo hunters, U.S. Army and Texas cattlemen. The main characters in the novel are fictional, but most of the other characters are historical figures.

For additional information, contact the author, Gerald McCathern at (888) 583-9408 or the Stratford Chamber office 396-2260.

21 Shopping Days Until Christmas

Looking Ahead

- 7-Depot Museum Open House
- Tour of Homes
- 11-Judging of Christmas Lighting
- 12-SCOT Chili Supper
- 13-PHEASANT SEASON OPENING
- Lions Club Breakfast & Raffle
- CYO Mexican Food Lunch
- 22-School Holiday Begins
- 25-CHRISTMAS DAY
- 29-31 Stratford H.S. Basketball Tournament
- 1998-January
- 1-NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2-School Holiday Ends
- 16-SCDC Annual Meeting
- 30-Sherman County Livestock Show

Chamber Calendar

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Activities at Scot will be slowed down for the month of December. Activities include-Bingo Thurs. 4th at 7 p.m. Chili Supper is Friday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. and the dance Saturday, Dec. 27th from 8 -12 p.m.

The rest of the month, I will be doing year end reports and getting ready to start work with the new board in January 98.



Shown from left Scott McAlister, Garrett Wiley, Aaron Rodriguez, Nathan Meil and Rob Adams with the 277 baked goods all of the FHA students sold, baked and delivered for Thanksgiving. They raised over \$2,000 and these funds are used to send the students to the FHA State Convention in Houston. Their teacher is Mrs. Jeanie Boggs.

Obit

Vida Lee Warner

Elkhart, KS. Vida Lee Warner, 68, longtime Elkhart resident, died Thursday evening, November 27th, 1997 at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

The twin daughter of Henry J. and Eva Bachman, she was born October 29, 1929 in Plains, Kansas. The Bachman family moved to Stratford, Texas, in 1931 where Vida attended school.

She was married to William Hardy Gaylord, September, 1948 and to this union three children were born, William Lynn, Steve Alan and Sue Allen. She made her home in Stratford until moving to Elkhart in 1965.

She was united in marriage to Virgil Warner in March, 1973. Mr. Warner died February 28, 1997. She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and was active in the Lutheran Women's League. She had volunteered as a 4-H Leader, Cub Scout leader and was a member of the P.T.A.

Survivors include 2 sons-William Lynn Gaylord and wife, Lucille, of Martinsville, Indiana; Steve Alan Gaylord of Aspermont, TX; 3 step-daughters-Joanne Haar of Elkhart; Mary Lou Kenny of Texhoma and Maxine Wallack of Hutchison, KS; 2 sisters-Dorothy Foster of Amarillo, TX and Norma James of Plains, KS; 3 brothers-Melvin Bachman and wife, Joy, of Amarillo; Ricard Bachman and wife; Kay, of Mustang, Ok; Alvin Bachman and wife, Wanda, of Cheyenne, WY; 5 grandsons-Dax James, Jeffrey Lynn Gaylord, Todd William Gaylord, Brett Alan Gaylord, Clinton Beau Gaylord and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Vigil Warner, a daughter, Sue Ellen Gaylord, a brother, Robert Bachman and a twin sister, Ida Mae Gaylord.

Funeral services were held Monday morning December 1st at 10 a.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church, Elkhart, KS with Pastor James Lucas, officiating. Graveside services were Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Stratford Cemetery in Stratford, Texas. Services were under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guyton, Ok.

A Vida Warner Memorial has been established for the Morton County Hospital. Memorials will be accepted at the Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guyton, Ok 73942.

Helen Reese

Dalhart-Helen Elizabeth Johnson Reese, 90, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 1997.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 28, 1997 in First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Vincent Kelb, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dumas, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery by Hass Funeral Home, Inc.

Mrs. Reese was born in Brunswick, Mo. She attended Dalhart High School. She was an active member of the Dalhart community. She owned and operated Johnson's Ready to Wear. She was member, elder and treasurer of First Presbyterian Church. She also had been the organist there since she was 12.

She married Robert Alfred Reese in 1928 at Dalhart. He died in 1974.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Dewees of Stratford and Lorraine Wardell of Dalhart; four grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church of Dalhart.

Bruce Edward Moore

Bruce Edward Moore, 34 died Saturday, November 29, 1997 at Dumas Memorial Hospital in Dumas, Texas.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at First United Methodist church with the Rev. Mark Metzger officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery.

Bruce was born December 28, 1962 in Dumas. He had been a Stratford resident most of his life. He had lived in Manhattan, Kansas for 4 months. He was a graduate of Stratford High School. He also graduated from Texas Tech as a Mechanical engineer. He was employed in Lubbock at Eagle Picher Industries before moving to Jacksonville, Fl. where he was employed at Balderson Industries. He was employed for Balderson Industries as a Product Development Supervisor at Wamego, KS. He was also an Eagle Scout.

He is survived by his wife Lisa Moore of the home. Parents: Ed & Margie Moore of Stratford, Texas. One brother Roger Moore of Amarillo, Texas and a sister: Beth Potter of Weatherford, Texas. He was preceded in death by his brother Bill Moore on November 12, 1993 and another brother Robert Moore in 1953.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity or Boy Scouts.

Ralph Brantner

Ralph Brantner, age 72 services are still pending at presstime. Burial will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico Veterans Cemetery.

Frank J. Ogan

Frank J. Ogan, 80, longtime Guyton Business man, passed away Saturday evening November 29th, 1997 at the Coldwater Manor in Stratford, Texas.

The son of Lester and Elizabeth (Grice) Ogan, he was born on March 15, 1917 in Tyrone, Oklahoma. Frank attended the Tyrone school system, graduating with the class of 1935.

He was united in marriage to Mary Edens on August 23, 1946 at Liberal, Kansas. Mrs. Ogan preceded him in death on April 17, 1986.

Frank moved to Guyton from Tyrone in 1946. He owned and operated Western Iron & Salvage for 28 years, retiring in 1991. Mr. Ogan was a member of the Victory Center, member of the IOOF, and Army Veteran of World War II.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Ogan, one brother, Sam Ogan and a granddaughter, Nikki Ogan.

Survivors include one son, Billy Ogan of Hooker, one daughter, Judy and her husband, Mertis Vail of Texhoma, Oklahoma, a granddaughter, Cherry Ogan of Cartersville, Georgia, two sisters, Ester Apsley of Liberal, Kansas and Norma Edens of Gruver, Texas, and two brothers, Dexter Ogan of Fresno, California and George Ogan of Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. from the Victory Center with Rev. Charles Mendenhall officiating. Interment was in Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guyton.

The Ogan family suggest memorials be given to the Coldwater Manor activity fund or the Panhandle Alzheimers Assoc., memorials will be accepted at the Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guyton, Oklahoma 73942.

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers especially and to ALL folks in our community this Monday a.m. Dec. 1. Today we trust that everyone will become a child for the day since Stratford's Christmas parade take place just as darkness is dense enough to make the Christmas lights shine brightly enough to light up main street for Santa and Mrs. Claus to drive to Sherman Co. Depot Museum where they will greet the children. Let us ALL enjoy this pagan custom but remember to honor the Christ-child who is our savior and Lord, the real JESUS. Amen.

We send personal and O.T.s love and prayer support to the following families who are having memorial services for family members. To the Ed Moores the death of their son Bruce Moore, Amarillo who succumbed to a heart attack Saturday. They lost another son Bill Moore about two years ago. To the family of Vida Bachman Gaylord Warner of Elkhart for funeral rites will be held at Stratford Cemetery today. To Sherry Brantner in the loss of her husband, Ralph Brantner, who was killed Friday in a car wreck. Sherry is in the Dumas hospital since she sustained a punctured lung in the same accident.

We were so glad to have our first great grand daughter Carrie Brown, David Austin, Dallas visit us Saturday p.m. We had not met since the death of our precious baby Claire. So we had much to talk of. They were on the way home via Wellington planning to spend the night with Blair and Patti Brown and on to Dallas.

Duckwall Store advertised that they would be open Sunday p.m. and we hoped to go down for a bit but did NOT get there. We never quite know where our time goes-but are thankful it seldom drags on.

Thanksgiving day Lorelyn prepared dinner for her family Matt Powers, Joy and Devan Powers, Matt Aro and Timi. All members were on the job (excepting Timi and Devan, of course). So full justice was done to the meal later in the day.

Betty Lee Brown had back surgery Tuesday at the Presbyterian back hospital, Plano, TX She was attended by Baskin Brown; Carrie and David Austin, Dallas (grand children) Marian and Ronnie Williams, Plano (Baskin's niece) and Joe and Shirley Cleveland, Irving, TX (Basin's cousin. Betty and Baskin are home at this writing. Betty is fairly comfortable and resting quite well. Baskin is very busy caring for Betty. He experienced a physical flare-up but was dismissed as okay but advised to get in touch with his doctor in Amarillo. Baskin reports that the Presbyterian Back Center is the most intricate institution for back surgery that one can imagine. How thankful we are that circumstance led us (His entire family) to this place. Son Jim Bob Brown et al, helped Baskin and Betty get to and from

the plane in Amarillo and kept the "home fires burning" (meaning the business) during this time. While Jim and Patty Brown were helping his parents home from Plano, Patty's father Mr. Harris, Follett suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital in Shadduck, Ok where he is recovering. Mrs. Harris was unable to reach Patty until Mr. Harris was safely comfortable in the hospital.

Thanks to Freddie Burrows Roach Texhoma for news from Lucile (Diehl), and the other Diehl children RV and Bud. John's obituary was in last weeks issue of the Star. We do not have help to edit the information-so we are compelled to pass it up this week.

Mr and Mrs. Hubert Goins, Chris Goins and Mr. Goins mother from Mansfeld, LA (were guests of Lori (Goin) and Mike Powers, Lubbock, Texas during the Holidays. Linda and Herbert Goins are Lori's parents; Chris is Lori's only sibling) This is the first time Lori's family have been together in Loris home. They are delighted with the situation.

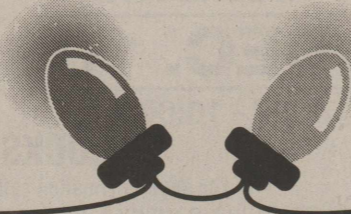
Carolee Campbell, Liberal called Sunday night to tell us that the Campbells combined Thanksgiving and Ken's 50th B.D. and at the Maurice Campbells in Amarillo fro a really great time. Maurice was able to enjoy having Ken (the Campbells only child) with him and Wanda on Ken's 50th B.D. Present were Carolee, of course and grandchildren

Kimberly and husband Justin Cornelson, Kendre & Kristen Campbell, Kelly of Dallas and Byron of San Angelo vicinity. The entire families are looking forward to being in Liberal at Ken's house for the Christmas holidays.

In this Tidbits we have mentioned lots of people an covered lots of territory so we hope we have brought many memories some happy some sad some factual to our readers and inspired you to read the current issue of the Stratford Star "from Kever to Kiver" and realize what a marvelous way of life citizens live in rural communities such as ours.

The sun is about to break through the haze so maybe we will have a sunny day in Stratford after all. Senior citizens and O.T.s will have a nice day to get down for fun with people in general BUT let us be very sure to encourage home-bound folk with calls to tell them we luv them and remember to give a shoulder pat to the ones we meet.

4th Grade Musical will be December 16th at 6:30 p.m. "Christmas At The OK Corral"



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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel hosted a family & friends dinner for Thanksgiving. Present were Penny & Linda Whitson, Faye Daniell of Clayton, N.M.; Macy, Jim Bob, Jennifer & Jermy Black, Dalhart; Bud & Frankie Shields, John, Terri, Nivholas & Shelby McDaniel, Stratford; Mabel & David Rogers.

Then on Saturday, Jo June & Donna Gillenwaters prepared lunch at the community center for several who helped move Mabel to Stratford. Movers were Bill Gillenwaters, Terry Schoonover, Kayo McDaniel, Leonard & Peggy Hawkins, Kenneth & Lynn Wells.

House guests with Nita Taylor were son Bill & Family, Sandy, Erika, Amy of Eules and Erika's friend, Jim Bob Stepleton of Bridgeport, TX., & Shelby Sue, the Taylor's dog person!

All went to Poe & Linda Keener's in Stratford for Thanksgiving Dinner. Others there were Jerry Don, Maria, Michael & Dylan Keener, Mark Keener of Stratford; David & Yvonne Hass, Texhoma and daughter Darcy & husband of Arlington; Greg Keener & Linda DeWolf, Arvada, Co.; Doug Taylor.

Bill & Pat Boren went to St. Charles, Mo., for the holiday with the Joe Bill Boren family. Also making the trip were Kelly, Kerry, & Kevin Carlisle of Liberal, KS. The twins, Will & Brice Boren and cousin, Kevin, had a great time together. The twins are 28 months and Kevin is 26 months.

Mark & Karen Greer, Amarillo, hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their home for several from the area. From Kerrick were Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews; from Stratford were Winnie Dunlap, R.J. & Mary Hill. Coming from Austin were Kevin Hill and Daniel and Ashley.

Going to Ballinger for Thanksgiving were Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover. Also making the trip to the home of Cody, Roxan & Ashley Bowman's were Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Doris Dyess, Bryan, Kendra, Justine, Kaylee & Madison Mungia, all of Stratford. Roxan is expecting a baby at any time. They were hoping she would have it while all were there!

At Marylou McDaniel's were Patti McDaniel, Sharon, Sarah & Kristen Powell, all of Denver. All & Mike McDaniel had turkey dinner with Myron Leedy at Coldwater Manor on Thursday.

Myron, Marylou's father, will be 94 on Dec. 14.

Friday was Thanksgiving dinner for all of the above, plus Duane & Thelma Smith of Dumas, and Mike Mathews of Guymon.

Merilee McDaniel joined the group on Saturday after her return from seeing Lee Riffe's twins and the Dallas Cowboys game in Dallas.

The annual Secret Pal party is Dec. 11, 7 p.m. at Pat Borens.



The nativity scene is called the *presipio* in Italy, the *nacimiento* in Spain and the *crèche* in France.

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

First Christian

- Dr. Syd Carnes - Interim Pastor
- 5th & Main
- Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Morning Worship 10:45 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

- Rev. Mark Metzger
- 520 N. Main
- Sunday School 9:40 am
- Morning Worship 10:50 am
- Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
- Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
- 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
- Morning Worship Service
- St. Joseph Catholic
- Rev. David Contreras
- 6th & Wall

- Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298
- No Saturday Mass
- Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
- Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00
- Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

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- Jon Heatwole
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- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Morning Worship 10:30 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
- Calvary Baptist
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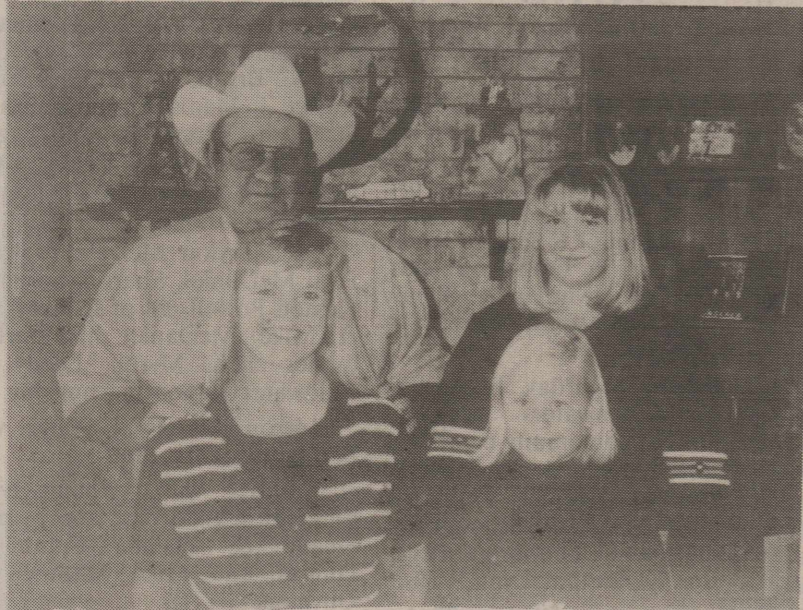
Dale, Leslie, Teneke and Tiffany Reagan are new faces having moved to Stratford from Dalhart.

Dale Reagan graduated from Texline Schools and attended Panhandle State University. Dale was an auctioneer with Reagan-Brown in Dalhart and is presently employed by Panhandle Implement in Guymon. Dale is a past director of XIT Rangeriders, Dalhart Appraisal Board, and has been associated with 4-H. The Reagans are members of First Baptist Church in Dalhart.

Leslie Reagan was born in Dumas, attended Clayton, N.M. elementary and Des Moines, NM High School. You will see Leslie at SPC Office Products/Radio Shack during the week and working with her horses on the week-ends. She has been active in 4-H and enjoys Horses-Rodeos, Horse Races.

Teneke Reagan is 14 years old attending 9th grade at Stratford High School. She plays in the Big Blue Band! Teneke was born in Dalhart, attending Dalhart Elementary and Jr. Hi and Hartley High School. She has been active in 4-H, Little League Baseball, Little Dribblers Basketball. Her hobbies are Horseback riding.

Tiffany Reagan is 10 and a 4th grader at Mary Allen Elementary and preparing for the 4th grade music program on Dec. 16. She was born in Dalhart and attended Dalhart Elementary. Tiffany was in 4-H, Little League Baseball and Little Dribblers Basketball in Dalhart. Her hobbies are Horseback riding and baseball.



The Reagan Family, Dale, Leslie, Teneke and Tiffany.



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Christmas Concert, Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. Concert To Be Held On OPSU Campus

The Oklahoma Panhandle State University Choral Department will present its annual Christmas Concert, featuring the University Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers, on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 8:00 p.m. The concert will be held in Hughes-Strong Auditorium on the OPSU campus.

Singing of carols and a tree-lighting ceremony will take place immediately following the concert. A reception, following the event, is provided through the courtesy of the OPSU Student Senate. The public, as well as all Panhandle State students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to the reception.

The OPSU Concert choir and Madrigal Singers are directed by Mrs. Mima Hale, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities. Mrs. Marihoward Engelbrecht, adjunct instructor in music and staff accompanist, will accompany the choir. Local choir members are Soprano Belinda Hamilton a junior music education major from Texhoma and Amber Hollis, a sophomore from Texhoma. Alto Lisa Jurado, a freshman general studies student from Stratford, Tenor Nigal Kirkpatrick a freshman general studies student from Stratford, Texas.



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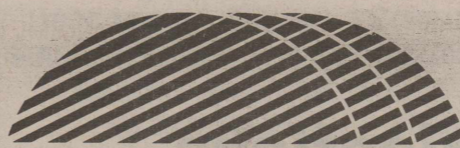
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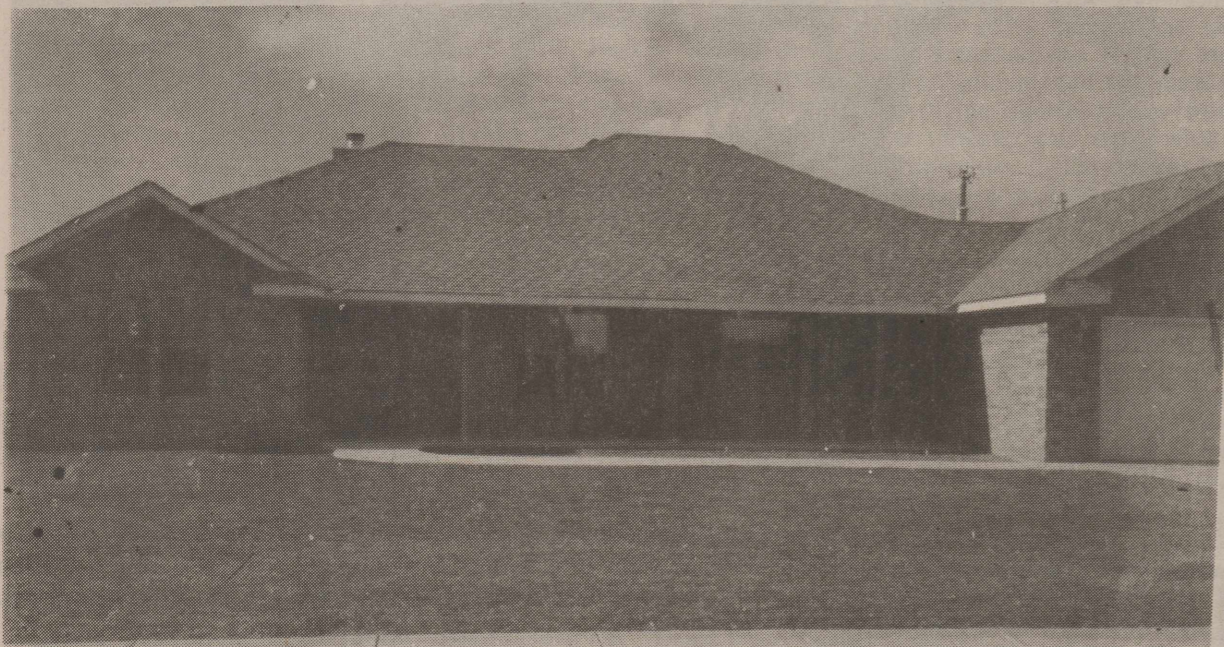
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Nu Beta Sorority Presents Holiday Parade Of Homes

Nu Beta Sorority will be presenting their annual Holiday Parade of Homes in Stratford on December 7, 1997 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Parade of Homes will feature the homes of Marillyn

Albert, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Watson, purchased at any of the featured Mr. & Mrs. Chris Riffe, Mr. & Mrs. Dusky Woods, and the Casa Viejo Apartments. Admission toward local scholarships and the event is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from sorority members and get in a festive mood for the holidays!

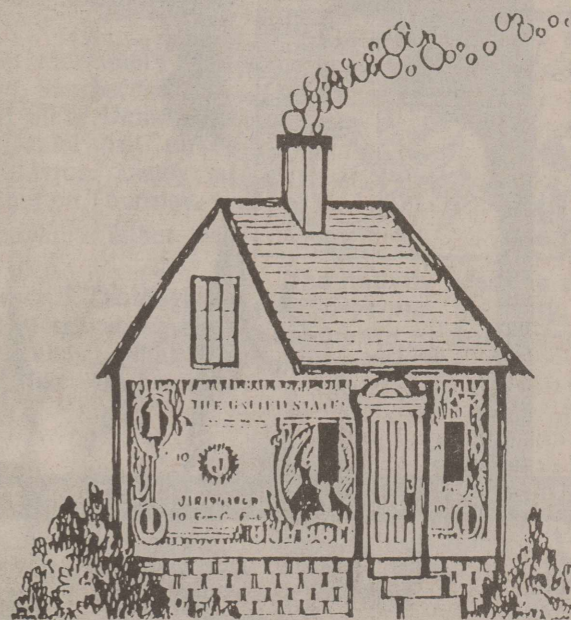


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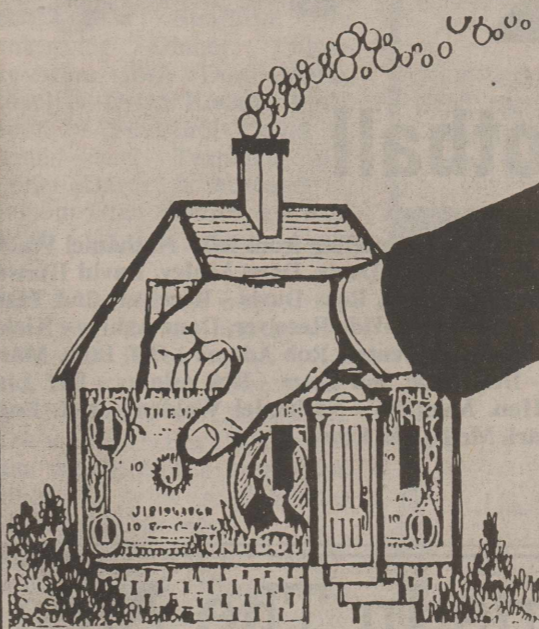
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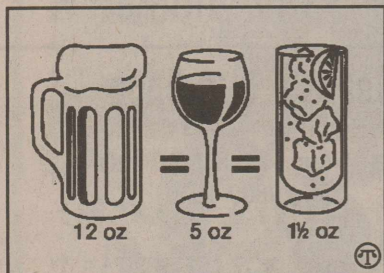
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Holiday Hints

Celebrate The Holidays Responsibly

(NAPS)—It's that time of year—friends, family, colleagues, neighbors—everyone seems to be hosting a holiday party!

Here are some holiday tips for being the ideal cocktail party host.



This season if you toast to the holidays remember alcohol is alcohol.

- **Designate a bartender.** Appoint yourself or someone in charge of the bar. Familiarize him or her with how to prepare and garnish drinks and the appropriate glassware to use. Remember only adult guests over the age of 21 may be offered beverage alcohol.

- **Assign hors d'oeuvres duty.** Introduce one tray at a time, pass once, and then leave it in a convenient spot where guests can help themselves.

- **Treat your guests equally.** Move around, be charming, chat at least briefly with everyone present. Do not invite select guests to stay after the appointed ending hour of the cocktail party.

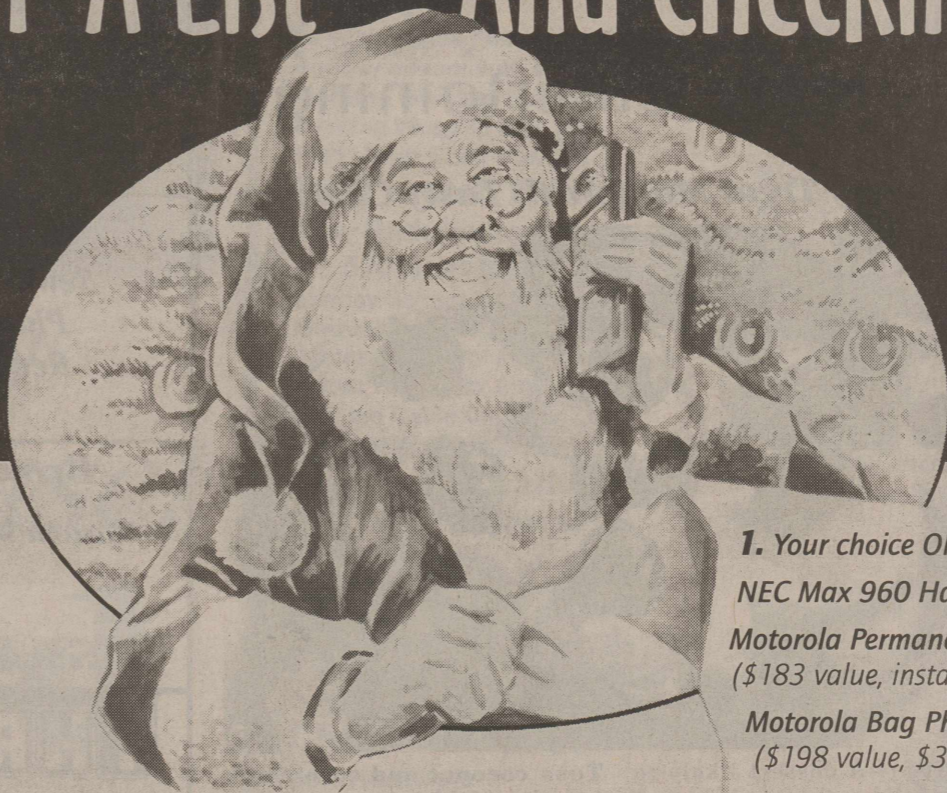
- **Consider adding at least one new product to your bar.** A special liqueur or new spirit on the bar that guests are not familiar with can be a good conversation starter.

- **Be socially responsible.** If your guests choose to drink, encourage moderation and make sure everyone has a safe ride home. Offer appealing non-alcohol alternatives to a cocktail such as flavored sparkling water, sparkling cider, or sodas.

- **Remember the perfect party mix.** Good Friends, Good Refreshments and Good Judgment.

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All-District Football

Shown above, 1997 Stratford Elks All-District Football. Kneeling from left: Nathaniel Walden, Levi James, Mark Meil, Eric Hernandez. Standing from left: Ross Davis, Dane Ashley, David Hunsaker and Rob Adams. OFFENSE - 1st Team - Dane Ashley - Off. Line, Ross Davis - Receiver; 2nd Team - Levi James - QB, Justin Starnes - Running Back, Oscar Aguilera - Wide Receiver, Dane Ashley - Kicker; Hon. Mention - David Hunsaker - Receiver, Nathaniel Walden - Center, Rob Adams - Off. Line, Mark Meil - Off. Line. DEFENSE - 1st Team - Ross Davis - Def. Back; 2nd Team - Rob Adams - Def. Line, Dane Ashley - Linebacker, Levi James - Def. Back; Hon. Mention - Nathaniel Walden - Def. End, David Hunsaker - Punter, Eric Hernandez - Def. Line, Mark Meil - Def. Line.



Shown above, the Ministerial Alliance shown with the kids in the class that did the "We Can Share" food drive for a class project. Shown in front from left: Chad Johnson, Adolfo Marquez, Crystal Rueda, Stephanie Blake, Grecia Rodriguez. Back from left: Rev. Mark Metzger, Dr. Syd Carnes, Rev. Mike Leonard, Bro. Jerry Stewart.

"Sing-Along" on the MESSIAH Set For Friday, Dec. 12 in Pampa

Everyone who enjoys singing--or listening to singing--is invited to be part of the second (annual?) "Sing-Along MESSIAH" set for Friday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Pampa, sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

First United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Foster and Ballard (across from the Post Office) is host church. A reception provided by the church will follow the evening of music.

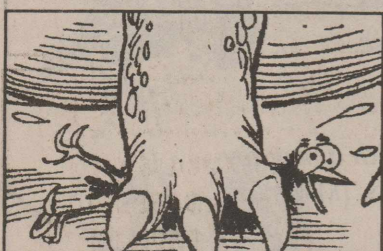
There is no admission charge. Donations, however, will be accepted to help defray costs of the event, such as printing, postage, and travel expenses for the out of town participants.

Billy Talley, choral director at Tascosa High School in Amarillo, is returning as conductor and hopes to bring several high school students from Amarillo High Schools to join in the chorus. Mr. Talley served as choral director at Pampa High School in the early 1980s.

People from all area communities are encouraged to come, as this is NOT a "Pampa-only" event. Anyone with a score for the oratorio, *THE MESSIAH*, is asked to bring it. Those singing will simply sit in the soprano, alto, tenor, or bass section designated in the sanctuary. Those listening will fit in where they want. The choir is not really separate from the congregation.

Eight area soloists will be featured, including Joe Martinez of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pampa, Paul Smith of Pampa's L.D.S. Church, Thann Scoggin of St. Matthew's Episcopal in Pampa, Suzanne T. Wood of the host church, and Lela Harris, Wanetta Hill and Suzi Wilson of Pampa's First Baptist Church. Also singing is Lee Kandle, a member of the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo. Jerry Whitten of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is organist, and Lorelec Cooley from Pampa First Presbyterian is pianist.

The congregation-choir will sing five popular choruses from *THE MESSIAH*, including "And the Glory of the Lord" and the "Hallelujah Chorus."



Not all dinosaurs were huge. The smallest were about as big as chickens.

Arts In The Area

- Dec. 4-Christmas Choir Concert OPSU, Goodwell- 8:00
- Dec. 5-6-7 Living Christmas Tree "I Give You Jesus" 7:30 Peoples Church, Dalhart
- Dec. 7-"The Christmas Party" 6:00 F.U. Methodist Children
- Dec. 12-Musical/Comedy Colleen Mallet, LaRita Theater, Dalhart 249-5646
- Dec. 12-14 "Nutcracker" Lone Star Ballet 373-2463 Amarillo Civic Center
- Dec. 14-"Home for the Holidays" Baptist Church 10:50 a.m. "The Gift of Christmas" also bell Choir Christian Church 10:45 a.m.
- "A Savior is Born" First United Methodist church 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16-"Christmas at OK Corral" 4th Grade 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18-School Band Concert 7 p.m.
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- CHERRY ANGELS**
- 1 can (16 oz.) dark sweet cherries
 - 2 teaspoons butter
 - 3 egg whites
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups shredded or flaked coconut
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Drain cherries; reserve liquid. Bring cherries, 1/4 cup reserved liquid and butter to boil in skillet; simmer over medium heat until liquid evaporates. In mixer bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, while beating, until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla and salt.

Toss coconut and cornstarch together; fold into egg whites. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Make an indentation on mound with back of spoon large enough to hold one or two cherries. Bake at 325°F about 20 minutes or until edges are browned. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Store in airtight container. When ready to serve, place 1 or 2 cherries in indentation on top of each macaroon. Makes 3 dozen.

Storage Tips:
 • Cooked filling may be stored in airtight container 3 to 4 days in refrigerator.
 • Top macaroons with cherries 1 to 2 hours before serving for best results.

Gift Idea:
 • Bake a batch of macaroons and pack them in an airtight container. Give the macaroons, a can of dark sweet cherries and the recipe as a gift. The recipient of the gift can prepare the filling and serve Cherry Angels to guests at a later date.

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Basketball

The Lady Elks lost to Gruver 44-50 on November 25, 1997. Lynz Browning led the Lady Elks with 13 points followed by Jessica Sikora with 9 and Keisha Naugle with 7 points. Browning also led in rebounds with 7. Keisha Naugle followed with 4 and Jennifer King with 3. Jennifer King led in assists with 3 and Ashlie Lasley led in steals with 4. Stats for Elks unavailable at Press Time.

Happy Birthday,
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TEKS-What Is TEKS?

By Larry B. Norris
High School Math Teacher

Accountability. We are all living in the age of accountability. We must stand accountable for our actions and our work performance. This is nowhere more evident than in the public schools. Enter such terms as "Essential Elements, Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, End of Course Exams" and others.

Essential Elements have been around for over a decade. For those who may not know, the Essential Elements are merely lists of the skills the state says should be learned in a given subject. They are extensive in each subject area and are grade-specific. They have forced the schools to focus the classroom instruction toward the EE's. Accountability.

Okay, the schools have their goals established by the state, now how do you measure a school's success at effectively teaching the EE's?--the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), that's how. For years students in various grade levels have taken the TAAS test in Reading, Ritin, and Rithmetic. The Exit-Level TAAS test was given to Juniors preparing to graduate the following year. All graduating Seniors have to pass all three parts of the TAAS to receive their diploma. Beyond the three R's, TAAS is gradually implementing social studies and science into the testing regime. Statewide, so many students failed at least one option of the test that the state had to reevaluate their thinking and the test was then given to the Juniors at the start of their junior year instead of the last of their junior year as previously done. Still too many failed so now we give the TAAS to the Sophomores as they will have more opportunities to retake the test if they fail. The state is testing Sophomores over everything they are expected to know by the end of their senior year. Strange idea. Very strange.

Stratford students traditionally have done very well on the Exit-Level TAAS tests. For example, last year's Sophomores scored 97% in Reading, 97% in Writing, and 94% in Mathematics, WELL above the state norms. Being a math teacher I am acquainted with the math norms; the average passing rate in mathematics statewide was only 68%.

The teachers of the various grades and/or subject areas being tested have recently gone to Amarillo for workshops and have been briefed on the newest state accountability instrument--the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). It goes into effect in selected subject areas next school year.

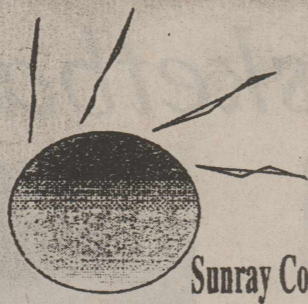
In addition to the Exit-Level tests, high schools also must give

End of Course Exams in Biology, Algebra I and other courses. The list grows each year. Once again, using Algebra I as my reference since I am more familiar with these numbers the passing rate in Stratford HS was almost twice as high as the state norm.

As a teacher in Stratford High School, I can proudly say to the public your schools have faced the accountability issue head-on and our students--your children--are the clear-cut winners. Accountability? Bring it on!



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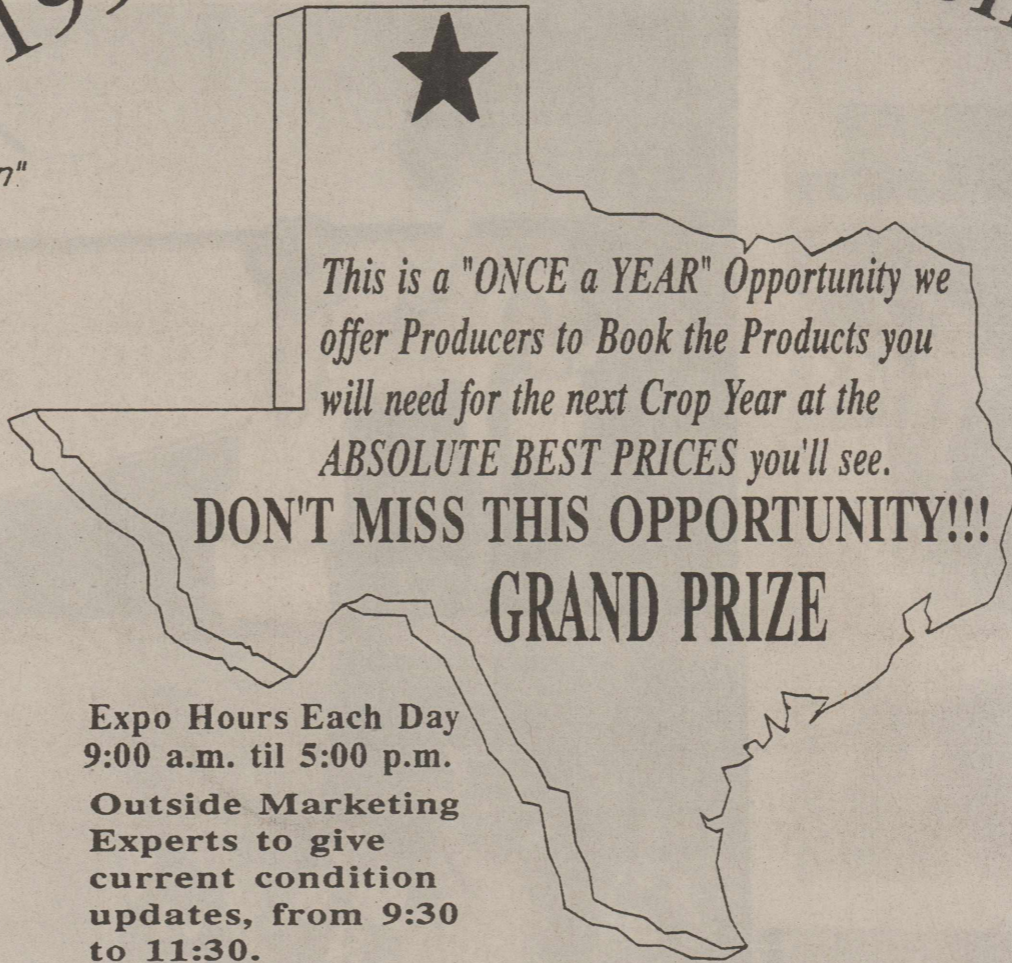
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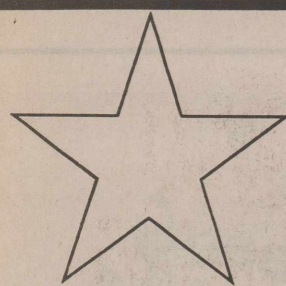
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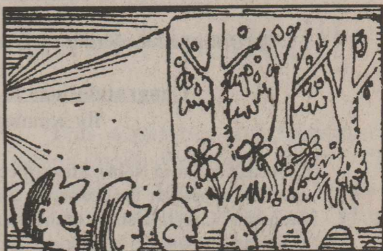
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| ¼ teaspoon salt | 2 oranges, peeled and sliced |
| ½ teaspoon black pepper | 4 kiwis, peeled and sliced |
| ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes | 1 medium pomegranate, seeded (about ¾ cup) |
| ¼ cup olive oil | |

To make dressing, combine vinegar and next three ingredients; whisk in oil. Toss greens with 2½ tablespoons dressing; arrange on a serving platter. Alternating, arrange orange slices and kiwi slices over greens. Drizzle with remaining dressing. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds. Makes 6 servings.

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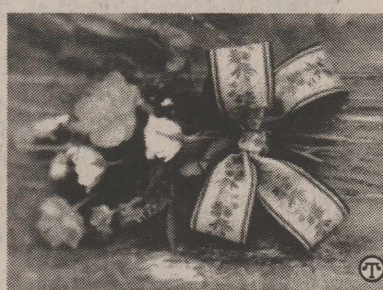
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3. Lap left loop over right loop.

4. Bring left loop forward and under the right loop to tie bow.

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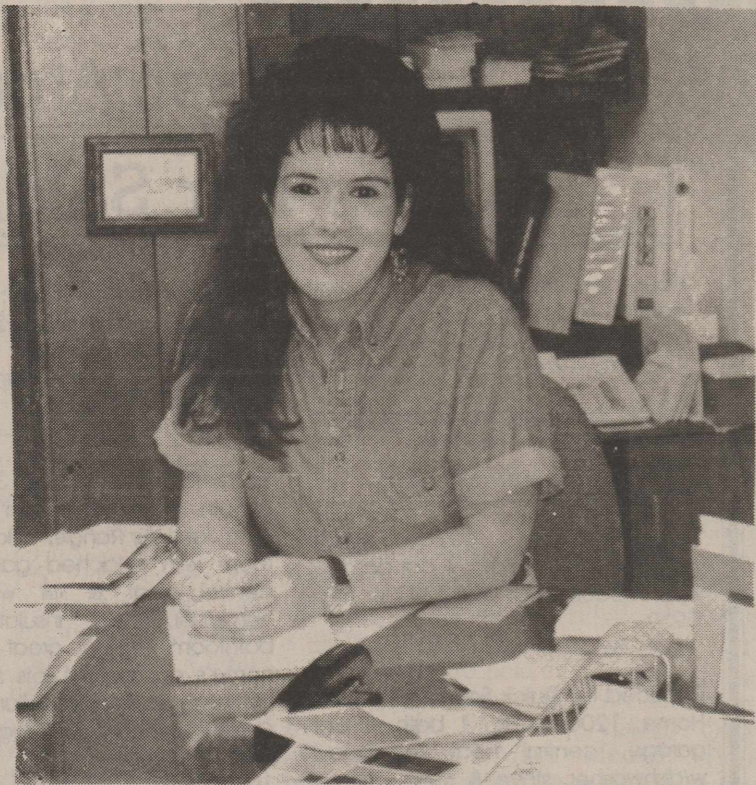
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LaRita Butler, membership secretary, recently won 2nd place in District membership program for 1997. This program included promoting membership in Sherman, such as newspaper articles, newsletters to all members, past dues notices and membership contacts.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

The District 1 Membership program for 1997 is over and all the hard work has paid off!!

Congratulations to Teresa Powledge of Wheeler County
for winning the Grand Prize trip to Las Vegas

On behalf of David Noble, State Director, Chuck Senter and myself, I want to tell you how much we appreciate the dedication and hard work each of you have exhibited during this program. Congratulations to the winners of the second quarter and the year-end awards. Listed below are the winners of each category. All awards except the grand prize will be awarded in gift certificates.

YEAR-END AWARDS:

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| 1st Place: | Wheeler Co. | Trip to Vegas |
| 2nd Place: | Sherman Co. | \$200 |
| 3rd Place: | Deaf Smith Co. | \$100 |
| 4th Place: | Gray-Roberts Co. | \$50 |
| 5th Place: | Lipscomb Co. | \$25 |
| 6th Place: | Ochiltree Co. | \$25 |
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August, September, and October Quarter Awards

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| 1st Place: | Deaf Smith Co. | \$100 |
| 2nd Place: | Wheeler Co. | \$50 |
| 3rd Place: | Gray-Roberts Co. | \$50 |
| 4th Place: | Lipscomb Co. | \$50 |
| 5th Place: | TIE | |
| | Sherman Co. | \$25 |
| | Ochiltree Co. | \$25 |
| 7th Place: | Randall Co. | \$25 |



Kelly's Gymnastics competed at the Boise City Meet on November 22nd in floor and trampoline. Shown above, competitors and places, bottom row from left: Jennie Witcher - Bronze on Tramp & Floor; Houston Sneed - did not compete; Kaylee Mungia - Bronze on floor; Justin Mungia - Bronze on floor; Meghan Brooks - Bronze on floor & tramp; Amanda Keener - Bronze on floor - Gold on tramp; Kimberly Melton - Bronze on floor; Keira Marshall - Silver on floor & tramp; Taylor Miller - Bronze on floor & tramp; Lauren Anders - Bronze on floor - Gold on tramp. 2nd row from left: Heather Robertson - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Kristen Leonard - Bronze on floor & tramp; Kristen Crabtree - Silver on floor & tramp; Lyndsi Thiessen - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Haley Long - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Kelsey Stein - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Chelsie West - Silver on floor & tramp; Whitney Ricketson - Bronze on floor & tramp; Brailey Palmer - Bronze on floor & tramp; Lindsey Stein - Gold on floor & Silver on tramp. Back row from left: Evan Haile - Bronze on floor & tramp; Candie Bell - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Rebekah Griffin - Bronze on floor & tramp; Merilee McDaniel - Bronze on floor & tramp; Holly Sangster - Bronze on floor; Scott Hudson - Silver on floor & Bronze on tramp; Erin Ashley - Bronze on floor & tramp; Julianna Taliaferro - Bronze on floor & tramp; Deidre Tarver - Silver on floor & tramp; Brittany Hudson - Gold on floor & Silver on tramp; Jessica Lucero - Bronze on floor & tramp; Jake Sangster - Gold on floor & Silver on tramp; Kayla Robertson - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp. Also competing but not pictured: Channing Burgess - Bronze on floor & tramp; Chandra Johnson - Bronze on floor & tramp; Chelsea Christian - Bronze on floor & Silver on tramp; Lyndi Berry - Bronze on floor & Gold on tramp; Jordan Johnson - Bronze on floor; Sunny Russell - Bronze on floor & Gold on tramp. CONGRATULATIONS KIDS!!!!



Shown above, the Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Linda Haynes, Mrs. Christy Burr, and Miss Jennifer Koch wearing their Indian Head dress and vests they made in class for Thanksgiving.

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PLAN OF WORK #



Holiday Fat Saver Guide

Follow this useful guide to make substitutions where your taste buds won't notice but your waist line will! You'll notice that many small changes add up to big savings.

| For: | Use: | Instead of using: | | AND SAVE: | |
|---------------------|--|---|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| | | Lowfat Ingredient | High Fat Ingredient | Fat (g) | Calories |
| Mashed Potatoes | Butter Buds or Molly McButter (1/2 tsp) | Butter or Margarine (1 Tbsp) | 11 | 96 | |
| | Lowfat Chicken Broth (1 cup) | Milk (whole) (1 cup) | 8 | 120 | |
| | Nonfat Skim Milk (1 cup) | Milk (whole) (1 cup) | 8 | 52 | |
| Dips | Nonfat Cream Cheese (1 ounce) | Regular cream cheese (1 ounce) | 10 | 70 | |
| | Light Cream Cheese (1 ounce) | Regular cream cheese (1 ounce) | 5 | 31 | |
| | Nonfat Sour Cream (1 ounce) | Regular Sour Cream (1 ounce) | 5 | 45 | |
| Vegetables | Chicken Broth and dried herbs (2 Tbsp) | Butter, Oil, Margarine (2 Tbsp) | 22 | 190 | |
| | Skinless turkey breast (3 ounces) | Turkey Breast with Skin (3 ounces) | 5 | 40 | |
| Turkey | Skinless turkey breast (3 ounces) | Dark meat without skin (3 ounces) | 5 | 45 | |
| | Defatted gravy (2 Tbsp) | Gravy with fat (2 Tbsp) | 5 | 45 | |
| | Baking and Desserts | Egg Whites or Nonfat Egg Substitute (1/2 cup) | Eggs (1) | 6 | 54 |
| Baking and Desserts | Lighter Bake or Pured Prunes (1 Tbsp)* | Butter or Margarine (2 Tbsp) | 11 | 65 | |
| | Fat-Free Sweetened Condensed Milk (2 Tbsp) | Regular Sweetened Cond Milk (2 Tbsp) | 3 | 12 | |
| | Evaporated Skim Milk (1 ounce) | Regular Evaporated Milk (1 oz.) | 18 | 140 | |
| | Nonfat Frozen Yogurt (2 Tbsp) | Whipped Cream (2 Tbsp) | 5 | 28 | |
| | Nonfat Frozen Yogurt (1/2 cup) | Ice Cream (1/2 cup) | 17 | 190 | |
| Total amount saved: | | | 144 | 1223 | |

*Substitute 1 tablespoon Lighter Bake or pured prunes for 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine. **Note that the caloric difference is not just the number of fat grams multiplied by 9, but that sugar or other carbohydrates usually replace some of the fat and add calories of another form.

Sources: USDA Handbook 8, Jean Pennington's Food Values of Portions Commonly Used, Manufacturers' Data, Complete and Up-To-Date Fat Book

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