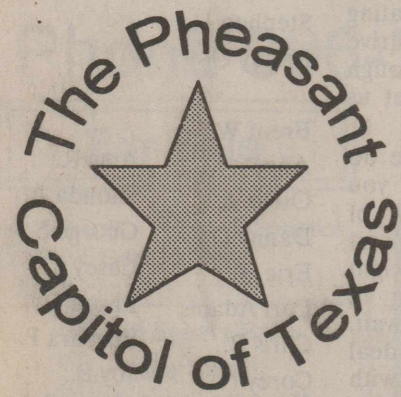


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Reminder

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 Chili Supper Friday, Dec. 12

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

Christmas Lighting Judged Dec. 11

The Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, will be judged Thursday, December 11th after dark. The categories to be judged are Commercial, Residential Religious, and Residential Secular.

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

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

Youth To Present "The Living Nativity"

Christian Youth Fellowship from the First Christian Church will present "The Living Nativity" on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the First Christian Church. The youth that will be participating are Scott McAlister, Mandi Bell, Julie Kimball, Keisha Naugle, Ashley Stoy, Leah Bolf, Chris Bell, Ross Davis, Rob Adams, Justin Starnes, Michael Navarette, Jennifer King, Jessica King, Mark Meil, Corey Naugle, Aaron Rhoades, Barbara Dewees & Carrie Newcomb. Please come out and witness this inspirational event. It truly will fill you with the Christmas Spirit. Leaders for CYF are Linda Quinn and Valerie McAlister. Director for the Living Nativity is Linda Young. Chime Music will be provided by Sandy Newcomb. Also participating will be the CHI Rho Youth Group which are kids ages 6th grade through 8th grade.

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Pheasant Season Opens Saturday

The pheasant hunting season opens this Saturday, December 13th at sunrise and continues through Sunday, December 28th at sunset. The Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring a pheasant hunt. For identification purposes, the Chamber hunters will be wearing a bright yellow permit tag and are authorized to hunt only on Chamber-posted land, which will be marked with a green posting sign.

There will be a number of visiting hunters in Stratford during the next two weeks. This adds the potential for additional shopping and library, museum, etc. visits. There will also be some non-profit eating events. SCOT is hosting a chili supper on Friday evening, which is open to the public. The season will kick off Saturday morning with the Lions Club Breakfast at the Sherman County Barn. A noon meal on Saturday will be offered by the St. Joseph's Catholic Youth Organization at the Parish Hall.

Stratford Lions Club To Hold Drawing For 2 Shotguns

Stratford Lions Club is conducting two separate drawings for a shotgun this year. Lions Club members are selling tickets on a Remington 870 shotgun and a Browning shotgun. Tickets for the Remington 870 are \$5.00 each. Tickets for the Browning are \$15.00 each. The shotguns will be given away during the annual Pheasant Hunt Breakfast on Saturday, December 13th.

To purchase a ticket, contact any Stratford Lions Club member.

LaRita Performing Arts Theater, Inc. To Present Production-Friday

The LaRita Performing Arts Theater, Inc. presents acclaimed soprano Colleen Mallette in the hilarious production THE LEMAZE SCHOOL OF SINGING presents HOW TO BIRTH A SONG on Friday, Dec. 12 at the LaRita Theater.

Internationally acclaimed soprano Colleen Mallette turns her years of experience on the opera and concert stage into an uproarious evening of musical irreverence.

Deliciously sacrificing classical music's most sacred cows, Mallette's hilarious renditions guarantee seriously funny selections and a rollicking musical adventure. The array of eccentric characters that she brings to the recital state range from the obscure to the ubiquitous, from the sultry vixen on the piano-top to the farm girl turned diva.

A section of the program features an exquisite sampling of songs by Gershwin, Cole Porter and others, making for a perfectly blended evening of music and laughter.

The program has been selected by the Texas Commission on the Arts as a member of the Texas Touring Arts program which encourages quality and inclusive arts experiences in Texas communities.

Theater patrons may attend as a dinner Theater at 7:00 p.m. or performance only at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are reserved seating and are \$25 with dinner or \$12.50 show only and are on sale at the Dalhart

Chamber of "Commerce, 249-5646."

For more information: Bob Langhorne, 249-5543.

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!



Shown above, at the Christmas Parade held on Dec. 1st from left, City Manager Ric Walton, Mayor David Brown and Chamber Manager Cynthia Schoenhals.



Imagination Station crew served a hot supper to those who attended the parade on Dec. 1st.

Christmas Parade Attended By Large Crowd

The weather for the annual Christmas Parade was beautiful—must have been ordered by the Chamber of Commerce! A large crowd gathered in the downtown area for the festivities and the merchants featured refreshments, specials and additional shopping hours.

Prior to the start of the parade, Christmas music was enjoyed by the crowd downtown from several locations. The First Christian Church Bell Choir provided wonderful bell music in front of Family & Friends. They were followed by the First Baptist Church Choir including organ in front of the First State Bank. The SHS "Big Blue" Band provided their great holiday sounds from the parking lot beside Casa Viejo.

At the beginning of the parade, recognition was given to the City of Stratford for its 90th year of incorporation. David Brown, Mayor and Ric Walton, City Administrator were on hand for a brief presentation from the Chamber of Commerce.

The parade featured local law enforcement, Girl Scouts, SHS Cheerleaders, Miss Stratford winners, several floats, a riding lawnmower, vehicles with Christmas lights, very large earth-moving equipment, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus were the biggest highlight of the evening for the children. After the parade, there was quite a line of kids and parents/grandparents waiting to talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Following the parade, the Imagination Station's chili and Frito pie supper was a sell-out. This included a project for children to make ornaments for the Imagination Station Christmas tree. The entire evening provided a good start for the Christmas season in Stratford.



Poe & Linda Keener and grandchildren, Klinton & Kelsie Keener enjoyed the Christmas Parade.



Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus at the Parade.

Mexican Pile-On Dinner First Christian Church Sunday, December 14, 1997 12:00 Noon

A Mexican Pile-on Dinner will be held at the First Christian Church on Sunday, December 14, 1997 at noon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Cost will be a free will offering used to help two of our youth, Scott McAlister and Mandi Bell, to attend the International Affairs seminar in Washington, D.C. and New York. They will leave on Saturday, March 14, 1998 and return on Saturday, March 21, 1998. Participants must be juniors or seniors in High school and must complete several assignments dealing with international and national politics and government in order to attend. This seminar provides an eye opening and concept-widening, first person experience of the world outside the southwestern United States. These youth will be exposed to a larger world view focusing on Christian responsibility in the world. Scott and Mandi will spend four days in Washington, D.C. visiting with their senators, congressional representatives and other government officials. There will be briefings with the state department, political activists groups and foreign embassies. They will see the sights and worship at National City Christian Church. They will then spend four days in New York where they will visit the United Nations building and meet with representatives from the various foreign countries. They will visit with leaders from various social organizations, such as the world council of churches. They will also see many of the sights and attend a Broadway musical. This is a great opportunity for these two young people, so please come and eat Mexican Pile-on with us on Sunday, Dec., 14 after church.

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.

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, Dec. 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 One's Christmas just a little happier this year!!!

Due To Spacing Problem All Basketball Stats Will Be In Next Weeks Edition of The Star. Sorry For The Inconvenience!!!!

Looking Ahead

- 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

We Need Names Of Women Who Have Or Are Now Serving In The Military

Did you or some woman you know serve in the military? Or is she still in the service? Prospectus Study Club, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of General Federation of Women's Clubs, as a project are gathering the names of all Sherman County women who have served or are serving in the military.

The Women in Military Service for America Memorial was dedicated Oct. 18 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Mary Lou Albert, Public Affairs Coordinator for the club, has this list of names. She was assisted by Max Stephenson.

They would like to have information as to when, what branch they served, name changes, Mava Gray (navy, discharged Oct. 14, 1945)

Deana Baugh, Eloise Adkins, Caroline Slugger, Maria Rodriguez, Karen Neuse (air force), Piper Sunday Bennett, Sandra Albert (army), Barbara Anne Berry Roshong, Marla Buckles, Nancy Roach (air force), Monica DeRaad, Doris Ballinger (army).

From GFWC Clubwoman is the following: Women in the Military. Some 1.8 million women have served in military roles since the United States was founded, beginning with Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man to fight in the Massachusetts Regiment of the Revolutionary Army. Treating her own wounds, she was discharged after her third injury when a physician discovered that she was a woman.

In the civil War both black and white women served as nurses, saboteurs, scouts and couriers. They blew up bridges, cut telegraph wires, burned warehouses and helped prisoners and slaves escape.

The Army and Navy Nurse Corps were created as a result of the exemplary services of female nurses during the Spanish American War. When World War I followed, nurses went to the front to treat the wounded. Other women worked as switchboard operators.

World War II saw nearly 400,000 women in all military branches serving as nurses, stenographers, translators, pilots, mechanics, technicians and cooks. They were given military rank as officers for the first time.

In 1948 Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, giving women a permanent place in the military. Since then American women have served their country in peacetime and in conflict, in such places as Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama and the Middle East. Recently women were allowed to serve in combat for the first time.

Members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs have donated almost half a million dollars to the memorial cost. Forty states participated in fund-raising for the memorial, raising more than \$451,000. This makes GFWC one of the largest group donors to the memorial. In recognition of this, GFWC representatives were given special seating at the memorial dedication October.

Number of Women Who Have Served in Military Conflicts

Civil War	Unknown
Spanish/American War	1,500
World War I	33,000
World War II (era)	400,000
Korea (era)	120,000
Vietnam (deployed in theater)	7,000
Grenada (deployed)	170
Panama (deployed)	770
Desert Storm (deployed)	41,000
(7 percent of total U.S. force deployed)	

Information courtesy of the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

The state of Delaware is named for Lord De La Warr, the governor of Virginia in 1610.

Letter To The Editor

To All The Citizens of Stratford:

On the weekend of December 6, several teenagers were pulled over by local police officers. We feel as though we were not pulled over for an ethical reason. Four of my peers were pulled over for loud music. I know for a fact that at least one of them was definitely not loud. I myself was pulled over for honking at 9:38. Since when has the curfew for honking been earlier than 10:00? Instead of a verbal warning or an explanation, he just took my license and wrote me a warning. He said the next one would be a ticket. We feel if this was the case, the officers should have made it clear to us before they started pulling everyone over. We don't understand why we can't honk when everyone else has been doing it for years. HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH? As far as the loud music, you, the citizens have the right to call the Sheriff's office and complain. No one has hardly ever complained about out music. Of course when they are at the side of the road in a patrol car and we go by, the music is audible. I am sure no one can hear it inside their house. Maybe if we had more recreational activities to do, we would stay out of so called "trouble" and keep our music down!

Now we have Granny's Corner

which gives us something to do. This should show an effect on the honking and music for a while. Too bad this is the first thing since Oldtown closed about 4 years ago. Next to that, the last thing to do was the theater which closed about 20 years ago. But still, many years ago, you had the skating rink, the bowling alley, and a drive in to go to. It seems as though some adults are trying to get us

out of our own town. Where do you want us to go? Then, you wonder why most the youth of Stratford can't wait to get out and ever wants to come back. Right now, I hear a horn blaring so loudly it is distracting. Oh wait. IT'S A TRAIN. If you can deal with the trains, what is wrong with our car horns????? Recently we have heard that it only takes a week before you get used to the sounds of main street. How long have you lived here? Just thought we would check.

The names that appear below agree with some or all statements made above.

Chris Huereca
Cassie Bell
Rob Adams
Tami D.
Scott McAlister
Steven P.
Stephen H.
Randy G.

Brent W.
Angela M.
Oscar A.
Danny D.
Eric H.
Lori Adams
Chris B.
Corey N.
Wyatt Y.
Annie O.
Brian W.
Parker W.
Anthony L.
Mark M.
Paul P.

Amy R.
Shonda A.
George S.
Casey S.
Laura G.
Barbara P.
Joy B.
Jarrett R.
Daniel M.

Obit

Veronica L. Ziff

California-Veronica L. Ziff, age 74 died Thursday, December 4, 1997 at Rolling Hills Estate, California.

Services were held Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford, Texas, with Fr. David Contreras pastor officiating assisted by Rev. Mark Metzger pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stratford. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery.

Mrs. Ziff was Born October 14, 1923 at Newark, New Jersey. She had been a California resident the past 28 years. She was a former longtime Stratford, Texas resident.

She married Irving Ziff on March 25, 1984 at Rolling Hills Estate, Calif.

She is survived by her husband of the home Irving Ziff; three sons Phil Dettle of Dallas, Texas, Steve Dettle of Stratford, Texas and Chris Dettle of Lomita, Calif.; two daughters, Andrea Schoppet of Little Rock, Ark. Celeste Johnson of Steamboat Springs, CO.; two sisters Martha Dunne & Betty Cummings, both of North Hampton, MA; one brother Bill LaValle of Riviera Beach, Florida; 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Box 28, Stratford, TX 79084 or The American Cancer Society, 8900 Carpenter Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247.

Ralph Lewis Brantner

Ralph Lewis Brantner, a long time resident of the Texas and Oklahoma panhandle area, died Friday, November 28, 1997. Services were held December 4, in the Stratford Church of Christ with Fred Riley, minister of the Texhoma Church of Christ and Jon Heatwole, minister of the Stratford Church of Christ officiating. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. (MST) Friday in the Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe NM under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

He was born in Redmud, Texas, a small community in Kent County. He was the second child of Kay Parrak and Marie (Hoover) Brantner. Early in his life the family moved to Sudan, Texas, where the family farmed. During the depression the family always had plenty because of he hard work the whole family spent on the farm. His first employment was for a neighbor driving a tractor. His job started when the sun was just up and ended when the sun touched the horizon. The pay was \$.50 a day. His love for horses and riding began during his early life on the farm. Immediately after high school he joined the Navy and served as a metal smith on an air craft carrier during World War II After his discharge,

he returned to Jayton and held various jobs including working at the gypsum mill in Sweetwater, TX; a roustabout for the El Paso Natural Gas Company; farming in Jayton and Sudan, TX; and Ken Co. Tax Assessor. During all of these times his love for horses developed into a lifelong art of knowing horses and understanding the training of horses. His later years included wheat pasture cattle care in the panhandle area. After seventeen years as ranch manager for Rusco Land & Livestock, Keyes, Ok., he retired in 1995. He was a member of the Texhoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon (Sherri) Brantner, Goodwill, Ok., two daughters, Rebecca Leonard, New Ulm, MN., and Charylene Smith, Keyes, OK; his mother, Marie Brantner, Jayton, TX; three sisters, Irene Lemley, Houston, TX., Doris Maness, Conway, AK., Joyce Wooten, Mexia, TX; a brother, Ronnie Brantner, Hohenwald, TN; two grandchildren, Christy Lowry, Stillwater, OK, and Cody Smith, Keyes, OK; two stepsons, Marty Butler, Westbrook, VA and Judd Butler, Stratford, TX; and four step grandchildren, Katie, Austin, Trevor, & Danielle Butler, Westbrook, VA.

Memorials may be sent to the OPSU Church of Christ Bible Chair, Goodwill, OK or to any local 4H club.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

ScotTERS played their last game of BINGO for this year. Through out the year of 1997 a net figure close to \$1,000.00 was donated to the Scot fund and a whole lot of fun was had by those that participated. Next we have a chili supper planned for Friday, Dec. 12th at 6 p.m. We need some ScotTERS to bring a dessert to serve with our chili which has been donated. Contact Mary Wisdom, Sisty Vincent, Cynthia Schoenhals, or Dorothy or Jack for information about helping.

We do need YOUR help.

Lovetts Busy Visiting Relatives

The past two weeks Mary and George Lovett have been visiting the Walkers and Coffmans in Meridian, Mississippi and other relatives in Biloxi, also friends and relatives in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Shreveport, Louisiana.



The first known dollhouses were made in the 1600s for wealthy adults.

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1997 All-District Football - Offense

Shown above, 1997 Stratford Elks All-District Football - Offense. Kneeling from left: Nathaniel Walden, Levi James, Mark Meil, Oscar Aguilera, Justin Starnes. Standing from left: Ross Davis, Dane Ashley, David Hunsaker & 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.

"Holiday In Scotland" Presented AT TRTA Meeting

A program with slides and lecture on a "Holiday in Scotland" presented by Reverend Dan Fultz of the Dalhart Presbyterian Church and a memorial for three retirees who died during 1997 were the program of the TRTA meeting held at the St. James Episcopal Church in Dalhart during their November meeting.

Reverend Fultz accompanied his mother on a Holiday trip to Scotland this summer. He took pictures, wrote notes, listened to the stories of the land which he had read about in school, remember Sir Walter Scott and his tales of the Scottish Highlands? Robert Burns author of poems with a moral and poems telling the story of Scottish lovers are known. Go back and read "To A Mouse" and "To A Louse". You will learn some valuable lessons. The beautiful Mary Queen of Scots lost her head when she failed in an attempt to capture the English throne. But her son James I became King of England. Modern spy stories are not nearly as exciting as the intrigues and battles which took place in the Scottish mountains and were planned in those castles built by Scottish chieftains. They came to life in the stories and pictures taken by Fultz. He absorbed Scottish folklore and history on this trip.

Mrs. Awanda Morris presented a memorial service in memory of

J.W. Brannon, Eugene Sullivan and Earline Wynn.

TRTA members who were active in education in the Dalhart and Dumas area. Morris gave brief summaries of their work. Then she read a poem and selection from Ecclesiastes. A bible, white roses and three lighted candles on a lace covered table was the background for the ceremony presented by Morris.

The meeting was called to order by president, Mary Jo Ondracek. The invocation was given by Rev. Fultz. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lois Gossett and Marjorie Bolwhann led the group in singing "God Bless America". Gossett read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as was the treasurer's report which was given by Nancy Woods. Ondracek, Morris and Portia Dees gave brief summaries of the work being done by the state organization in behalf of retired personnel.

A special guest was Mrs. Joleta Keeter of Amarillo. She is a sister to Mrs. Earline Wynn. Other guests were Rennie Polk of Dumas and Jennifer Hancock from the Dalhart Texas. Members enjoyed visiting and exchanging memories of their teaching days and their friends and families. Refreshments were served by hostesses, Lois Gossett and Nancy Woods.

Other members present in addition to those already mentioned were: Frances McMurry, Addiree Bryant, Nannie Bell Graves, Marjorie McCleskey, Bertie Hall, Marguerite Green, Gen Layman.

The next meeting will be in February at St. James Episcopal Church. Time and date will be announced.

Gardetto's Recipe

GARDETTO'S SNAK CRAK-ERS

- 1 commercially prepared, refrigerated pie crust
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 1/2 cup crushed Gardetto's SNAK-ENS®
- 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Unfold pie crust and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush the top of the pie crust with honey. Place 12 ounces of Gardetto's snack mix in a resealable plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin or the side of a meat hammer. Spread crushed Gardetto's evenly over pie crust and press into pastry. Sprinkle pepper over the top. Cut into 2-inch squares. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove and let cool. Store in an airtight container until ready to use. Makes 20-24 crackers. To use up the leftover Gardetto's snack mix, sprinkle on top of your favorite soups, casseroles and salads—or, just enjoy it by the handful.

Serve the crackers on a tray with a variety of cheeses and fresh fruits. Garnish with greenery or seasonal flowers for a beautiful complement to the buffet table.

Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers this Monday a.m. Dec. 8, 1997. Yes, his is another cold, overcast day, because when we looked through the storm door our breath frosted enough for us to see the frost-even with our dimmed eye sight. So we shivered shut the wooden door real quickly. One Time as we checked the out-doors we glimpsed a marvelous Christmas sky scene-street lights case as red glow on the horizon and a pale moon, showed in a Misty sky and there was not a sound in Stratford that we could hear of course we hummed "Silent Night". It pays off to night walk-providing one does so carefully! We feel fortified for a Happy Dec. 8 (Monday, too). Lorelyn and Timi joined friends and family last Monday for Stratford's Christmas Parade, personally the whole evening was a happy experience and we say "A Great Big Thank You" to the many people who put so much hard work and planning into making the event a success. After the parade we ate at the Imagination Station. Seated at the Table with us were T.F. and Mattie Baskin who have lately visited Agnes Sy Brandt, T.F. Sister and our niece, who lives in Cedar Ridge, Colorado imagine what. They sat near the kitchen window bird watching when several wild turkeys showed up. T.F. has pictures to prove it)

Lorelyn recalled our evening spent with the Jon Harts last year due to the Exodus from our town over the Ammonia leak. Lorraine and her mother and Timi and her party had taken refuge with Jon until more information came telling us what to do. The sixth person at our table was Doris Dyess when Archie excuse himself to bring in their grandchildren for us to meet, Judy and Harold Quin joined us.

Sunday was a quiet day at our house. We attended F.B.C. Amarillo by TV as usual at 8 a.m. Their Pastor dramatically portrayed King Herod as defending his being necessary for a king who was, in his position, even to slaying babies under two years of age, one of whom threatened my throne.

At FBC, Stratford the observation of the Advent backward and leading to a Christ-first Christmas appeals to us, as a mature Christian. Both Churches are giving their members new ways and ideas for what a real time of joy and peace can be. We are sorry that we missed the report. We rested too long and missed the Methodist joys and concerns. It is a meaningful way to be informed about our citizenry. We did listen with interest to Pastor Mergers sermon, Phone calls and great grandson Matt Powers short visit let us know that we're loved and remembered.

Veronica (Ronnie Dettle) Ziff's Obituary states that memorial services will be held Wednesday Dec. 10, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph Catholic Church. We send O.T.'s an personal luv and prayer and support to Steve, Phil, Celeste, Andrea, and Chris in the loss of your lovely mother, Amen.

Live must go on, on our calendar is opening of Pheasant season, Scots chili supper. To help fund hungry hunters CYO Mexican Lunch Saturday Dec. 13, 1997 Christian Church; Lions Club Breakfast, Sherman Co. Barn-6:00 to 7:30 a.m. Charge is \$5.00 per person. School holiday Begins Dec. 22, 1997. Jan 1-1998 Basketball Tournament Dec. 29-31, 1997

We're sorry we were unable to attend Sherman Co. Depot Museum Open and House and Tour of Homes on Last Sunday.

Hopefully our rambling account of life in our rural community brings sentimental remembrances to folks who lived in Stratford at one time and may cause other readers to ask the question, "do things like this really happen in a community?" We're sure those questions that life is as we picture it. We really do pat shoulders for encouragement and tell folks we luv them O.T.'s at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 1997 the sun is shining brightly and we are encouraged to ask our peers "what about spreading pats & luv u today?"

Lasley Winner Of Drawing

At Ellie's Open House held on Monday, December 1st, Joyce Ann Lasley was the winner of the drawing for bringing in the ugliest & dullest arrangement.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick Secret Pals will have their Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Pat Boren's. Co-hostesses are Nita Taylor and Barbara Schoonover.

Community Center Cleanup and sacking of Santa candy is next Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. The Christmas gathering is Friday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m. Hopefully, Santa will find time to make a brief visit with all.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover have lost three cousins this past week. Services were held Dec. 3 for Frank Ogan in Guymon. Saturday they attended the funeral of Bobby Johnson in Amarillo, then Monday services for Ray Brooks at Vilas, Co.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for Duane, Stephanie, Jacy & Dasan Gillenwaters of Freedom, Ok., Jimmy & Sundry Gillenwaters.

There was a big Gillenwaters birthday celebration at his sister's in Fort Supply, Ok. A bushel of the family has December birthdays! Bill did some bird hunting at Laverne, Ok.

Mike, Nora & Parker Wells, Stratford, were the Ralph Hampton family for Turkey Day. Kayo & Jo June McDaniel

attended a housewarming in Dumas for Whit & Diane McDaniel.

Thanks to all for the inquiries concerning Mike McDaniel. He had a cardiac catheterization, angioplasty and coronary stent Friday in Amarillo. He was released late Sunday afternoon. A few years ago this would have ben by-pass surgery.

Bonnie & Dan Altman (Bonnie is a former Kerrick Kid of the Warren Millers) again handed Marylou a key to their home for the duration. Mike & Marylou spent Thursday night with them, then Marylou was there the next two nights. The Schoonovers came by the hospital and took Marylou to supper Saturday.

Myron Leedy, father of Marylou, will be 94 years old Dec. 14. He is a resident of Coldwater Manor.

A busy couple of days were enjoyed by Ted & Joyce Irlbeck. They had Thanksgiving dinner with her mother, Bessie Palmer, at Stratford Nov. 28 they went to Denton to Ted's brother's, Tom Irlbeck. All but two out of seven of Ted's siblings were present with a total of about 45 at various times of the weekend.

Jim & Belinda Roberts, Aaron, Jason & Megan, of Conlen were there with Melvin Irlbeck, Ernestine & Suzanne Almquist, Dallas, joining them.

Florencia Eslinger kept the post office for Joyce.



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- 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.
- Notice: "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" Jan. 13 Civic Center 378-4297.

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

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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5th & Main

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

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Jode Lasley recently turned 40 on December 4th. She is shown above sitting on her rocking horse. She may be 40 but she still acts like a kid.

Prospectus Study Club News

Prospectus Study Club met Dec. 3 at the home of Michelle Lutes. Co-hostess was Dorothy Haile.

Eddie Williams, Stratford Fire Chief, spoke to the group about the dangers of carbon monoxide. He pointed out the danger spots in all homes, fireplaces, gas heaters, water heaters. Symptoms include headaches, drowsiness. And for goodness sakes, never leave a car running in a garage or use open flame heaters in the bedroom. The program was arranged by Mary Lou Albert, Public Affairs Coordinator. Williams was introduced by Linda Keener.

A donation to Stratford Fire Department was made in appreciation of the program.

Roll call was answered to "My Close call with fire or carbon monoxide."

Business session was conducted by Marylou McDaniel, President.

Patty Brown requested that she be placed on the associate member list. This was granted by vote of the members present. Associate membership is granted to those members who are forced to withdraw from active duty for a time. They enjoy the privileges of club except voting, holding office and presented names of prospective members. Associate membership is granted only to those who have been active members for one year or more. Their dues are the same as active members.

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs will have the 1998 state convention in Amarillo. Study Club will be responsible for decorations for one of the meals, getting table favors for that meal, and two \$10 door prizes.

Patti Vincent, Laurie Spurlock, & Jimmie Pronger are a committee to check about the convention needs.

Margaret Reed, TFWC Historical Foundation Chairman and Club Federation Counselor, reported on the activities at the Austin Clubhouse which will soon be self-supporting. She is also general chairman for the state convention.

D'Lynn Reed announced that Tupperware may be purchased at the January meeting with money made going to Operation Smile. The International program will be at ViAnn Reed's on Jan. 7. Janice Sladek will present slides and talk about her recent trip to Thailand with Feed the Children mission. She works as a dental assistant on her trips.

Members present were Marylou McDaniel, Michelle Lutes, Dorothy Haile, Jimmie Pronger, Laurie Spurlock, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Margaret

Reed, Liz Sanders, Mattie Baskin, Oline Caraway, Linda Haynes, Patti Vincent, Marty Bain, Ann Johnson, D'Lynn Reed, Becky Adams, Linda Keener, ViAnn Reed.



Eddie Williams, Stratford Fire Chief, was introduced by Linda Keener. Williams spoke about carbon monoxide dangers, especially at this time of the year. Prospectus Study Club met Dec. 3 at Michelle Lutes.



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Births

Lee and Susan Riffe, Dallas, joyfully announce the birth of twins. Garrett Lee was born November 21 at 11:51 p.m. and weighed 5 lbs. 10 oz. Allison Susann was born November 22 at 12:06 a.m. and weighed 4 lbs. 9 ozs.

Grandparents are Bill & Kathy Riffe, Stratford and Geral and Margie Schmidt, Sterling, KS. Great grandparents are Mary Riffe, Stratford and Ted & Ruth Schmidt and Jessie Mae Rempel all of Corn, Ok.

"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 Kendle, a member of the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo. Jerry Whitten of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is organist, and Lorelee 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."

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Juvenile readers will find interesting information in the new addition to the Historic Communities series. The following have been written by Bobby Kalman: *In The Barn, Life On A Plantation, Girls and Women, and Pioneer Projects.*

Jill Max has collected fourteen legends from native American Indians which features the Spider. *Spider Spins a Story* is the result of her interest in exploring the recurrence of the spider as a unifying thread in the literature of diverse Native American cultural.

Days Of The Blackbird is a take of Northern Italy. Tommie dePaola, author and illustrator, tell the Story of a pure white bird that braves the winter of northern Italy to sing for a gravely ill man.

Carlos and the Skunk has both Spanish and English text.

A Campfire For Cowboy Billy was written by Wendy K. Ulmer to help her son cope with the death of his Grandfather.

The following books will intrigue our early readers: Tracy's Mess, *Queenie-One Of the Family, Africa Calling, You're The Boss-Baby Duck, and Watch Out! Big Bro's Coming!*

If you have been reading the Robert Funderburk books, volumes 4 and 5 will complete the series. These stories are set in a current time frame.

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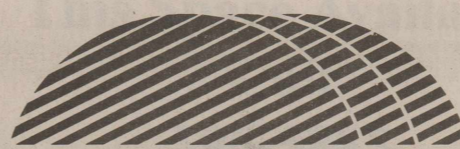
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Brittany Hudson, left and Daina Starnes enjoyed Joan Bell's collection of Santa Claus's on display at the Depot Museum Open House held on Sunday, December 7th.



Shown above, Helen Judd at the Sherman County Depot Museum Open House.

Students Use Internet

The use of technology is spreading throughout schools across the state of Texas. Stratford schools will have Internet connections in every core curriculum classroom within the next four months. With that in mind, the need to teach students to use the Internet competently becomes an imperative.

Students in the resource classroom received an initial exposure to the Internet recently. They were given instructions in the use of bookmarks to find a location on the World Wide Web. They also learned to use a "search engine" to locate information

about schools with web sites on the Internet. The class focused on schools that were named Stratford. To the surprise of the class, there were many other Stratford schools other than the one in Stratford, Texas!

The students spent two class days in the library working on the Internet computer. The skills they learned included getting into the web browser, Netscape, using bookmarks to go to a site already researched, using a search engine, and printing a page from the web. A future project may include doing research on Shakespeare using the Internet. The resource classes are taught by Ms. Jennifer Price.

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SHS Art Dept. Busy Doing Different Things This Semester

The Stratford High School Art Dept has been busy doing many different things this semester. We started out with basic drawing techniques, studying line, value, and texture then moved on to drawing parts of the body. The students drew all of the facial features. From that point, they drew a face from a photograph as well as hands. After finishing the pencil drawing projects they went on to design projects. These were projects that tested their creativity more than their drawing ability. After finishing the design projects the students learned 1 and 2 pint perspective. They drew roads and railroad track with fences and telephone poles along side them for the 1 point perspective. In two point perspective, the students drew a street scene. They drew a cityscape as they would see it from the street corner.

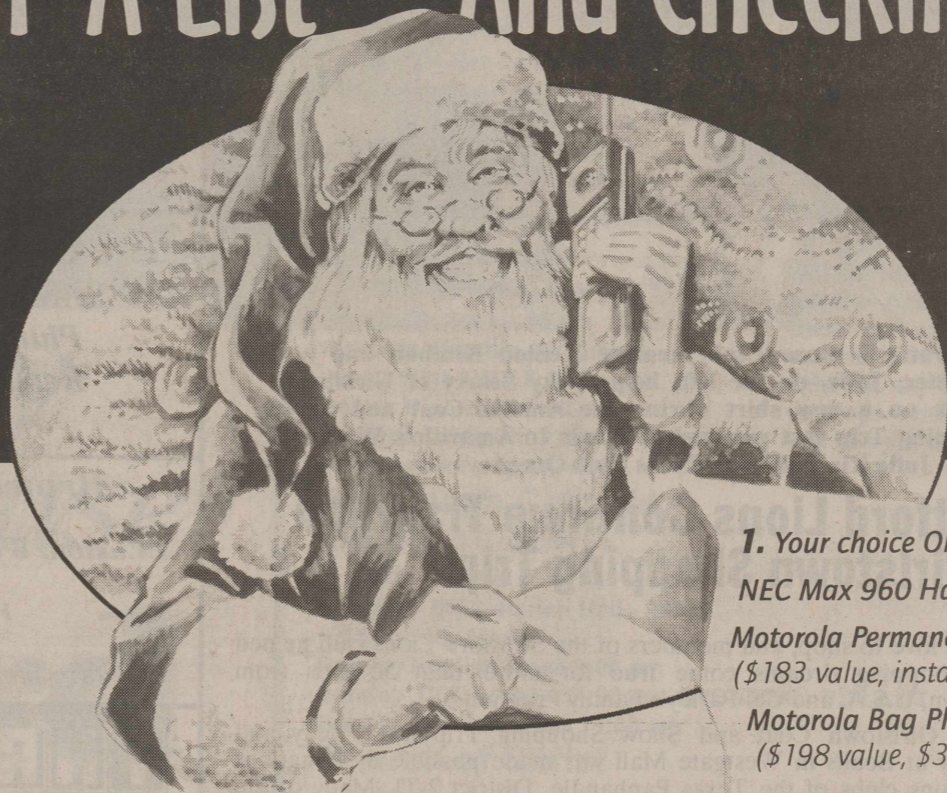
The students have just finished working on Calligraphy. They studied and practiced 7 different styles of calligraphy and copied a poem on parchment paper using their favorite style of calligraphy. To finish out the semester the students will make paper, draw in pen and ink, scratchboard, and do a picture using pen and ink and watercolor pencil.

Some of the advanced students have worked on various other projects. Finnan McClellan is in Commercial Art. Finnan does a lot of computer generated work. He works with other teachers, students, and the public to design fliers, brochures, and various other needed items to suit their needs. Aaron Rodriguez and Liliana Jacquez are working with Mrs. Wells English class to create a dragon head for a play the Junior Honors English class will put on. Todd Teig weaves rugs, place mats, hot pads, etc. and sells his work to the public. Annie Ortega is a Art 4 student and works on drawing and design projects that use the skills that she has leaned through the years. She is currently working on a stained glass piece. Some of the advanced students are also throwing pottery on the potter's wheel.

For a semester test, the students will choose a poem that one of the Junior and Senior English students have written in their English classes. They will interpret the poem and illustrate it.

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 - Alicia, Carlos,
 - Jorge, Sandra,
 - Alex, Danny,
 - Daron, Jess,
 - Julian, Manuel,
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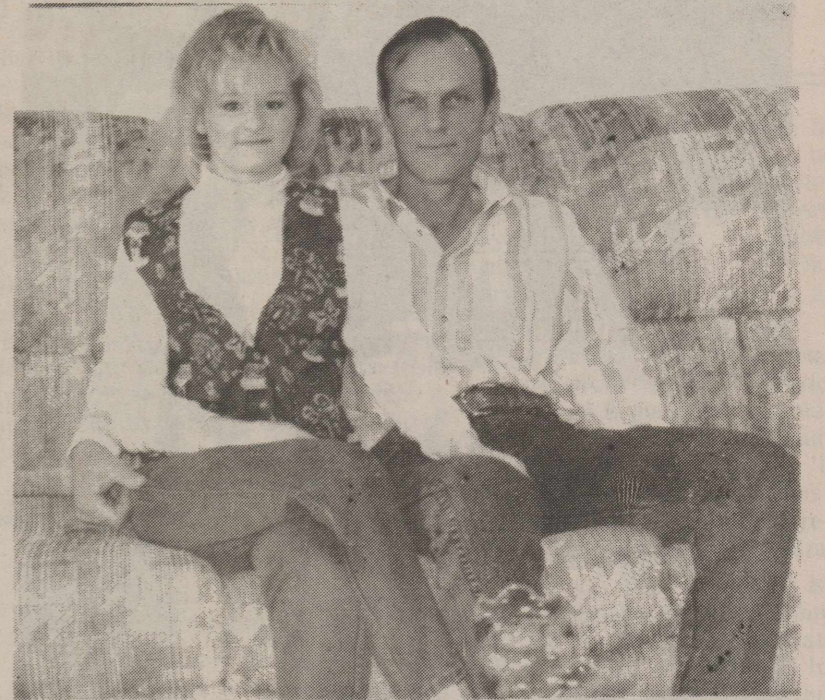
Tour of Homes Held December 7th



The home of Marilyn Albert, shown above was one of the homes on tour on Sunday, Dec. 7th.



The home of Chris & Ronna Riffe. Ronna Riffe shown above.



Dusky and Amanda Woods, shown above in their new home that was on the tour.



The home of Kent and Toni Watson. Toni Watson shown above.



Joan Palmer shown above at Casa Viejo Apartments that were also on the tour of homes on Sunday, Dec. 7th.

4-H'ers Participate At District Show

Six Sherman County 4-H members participated in the District 1 4-H Food Show held Saturday, December 6 in Amarillo.

Those participating in the show and their respective food categories were Josh Kautz, Intermediate main Dish; Trisha Teig, Intermediate Snack; Mikel Tucker, Junior Main Dish; Mark Miller, Junior Snack; Brooke Ingham, Junior Breads & Cereal; and Walter Spurlock, Junior Fruits and Vegetables.

Each 4-H'er did an excellent job in representing the county at the show. Sponsors of the Food Show are Morrison Milling company, Texas Association of Family and Community Education and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Over 148 youth from a twenty-one county area participated in the achievement event in which youth exhibit food preparation skills, nutrition knowledge, food safety, and communication skills.



Stratford Lions Club member Kenton Kimball and his daughter, Julie, on the left, help Becky Searcy of Girlstown decide on a new shirt during the Annual Coat and Shoe Shopping Trip last weekend at Bealls in Amarillo's Westgate Mall. Julie Kimball is the Lions Club Queen.

Stratford Lions Continue Tradition Of Girlstown Shopping Trip

Girls love to shop, and members of the Stratford Lions club helped make shopping dreams come true for more than 50 girls from Girlstown, U.S.A. and Cal Farley's Family Program.

The Girlstown Coat and Shoe Shopping Trip last Friday and Saturday at Bealls in Westgate Mall was made possible by donations from Lions clubs of the Texas Panhandle, District 2-TI. Many of the Lions, continuing a 28-year tradition, met in Amarillo to help the girls shop.

This year's shopping trip was the first for Kenton Kimball, who has lived in Stratford for 22 years.

"They have me worn out," Kimball said as he sat in a chair surrounded by bags of clothes he was watching while the girls tried on more. "I can't believe it."

Kimball said another Lions member from Stratford attended last year's shopping trip and was very impressed.

"He told me I really should do it," He said. "And I've really enjoyed it so far."

The Girlstown Coat and Shoe Fund was created in 1969 by Lions who wanted to be sure every girl at Girlstown received a new coat and a pair of shoes. Girlstown, eight miles south of Whiteface, became an affiliate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1987, but the annual shopping trip tradition was continued by the Lions.

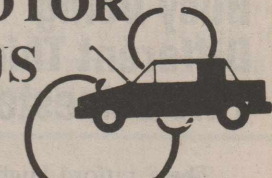
Each girl had a credit limit of \$400 to first buy a coat and a pair of hoes. The girls selected other needed clothing items with the remaining credit. A generous discount provided by Bealls increased the shoppers' selections.

The Stratford Lions Club raises money through the year by a pheasant breakfast, selling peanuts, a broom sale and serving a barbecue. The Stratford Lions are also active in the international SightFirst program, which provides eye exams and eyeglasses for children.

Wes Taylor, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Affiliates president and chief executive officer, said clothes for the girls serve as a year-round reminder of the generosity of others.

"We're extremely grateful to the Lions for helping our young people of Girlstown and the Family Program experience the joy of the holiday season," Taylor said.

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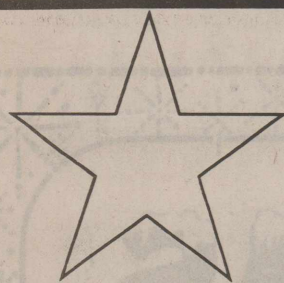
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Work Wanted

Horse Shoeing & Trimming. Call Ted Ziemann 384-3096. 11-20-4xc

For Sale

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Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your many acts of loving kindness you have expressed to our family at the death of Bruce. We are grateful to the Stratford EMT's, Rev. Mark Metzger, and the Community Choir for all of their help. God has truly blessed our lives with such a loving community of friends.

Lisa Moore
Ed & Marge Moore
Roger Moore & family
Toby Moore & family
Beth Potter & family

Nu Beta Sorority would like to thank Marilyn Albert, Dusky and Amanda Woods, Kent and Toni Watson, Chris and Ronna Riffe, and to Joan Palmer and the residents of Casa Viejo Apartments for generously allowing us to view their beautiful homes. Our Holiday Parade of Homes was a huge success thanks to their time and efforts. We sincerely appreciate all the hard work! Thanks also to those who purchased tickets and went on the tour. Happy Holidays to all!

Thank you to ALL who participated in the Christmas Parade festivities. Special thanks to the First Christian Church Bell Choir, the First Baptist Church Choir, and the Big Blue Band for providing the wonderful Christmas music downtown; to the merchants who provided a holiday atmosphere with specials and extra hours; to all the parade participants for their time and effort; to Gaynelle Riffe for all her special efforts; and to Santa and Mrs. Claus for their visit. The cooperation, assistance and support from the community are appreciated.

Stratford Chamber of Commerce

Houses For Sale

Double Wide Solitaire Mobile Home, 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, fireplace. 1-384-3086. 11-20-1fn

House for Sale: 607 N. Maple (stucco), 2 BR, 2 Bath, 1 car garage, Apt. in Back. Call 396-5341 or 396-5939. 11-20-4xc

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Kittens to Give Away. 396-5641. 12-11-1xc

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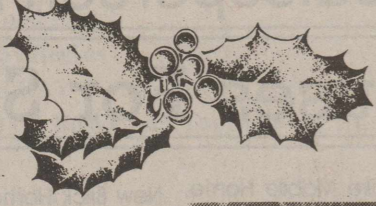
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Jr. Miss Stratford, Jessica King, above and below from left, Young Miss Heather Robertson and Princess Miss Amy Woods Wish Everyone A Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



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Thank You to Miss Stratford Julie Kimball for being our Miss Merry Christmas, Jr. Miss Jessica King, Princess Miss Amy Woods, Young Miss Heather Robertson, and to Debbi Vandiver for taking pictures!