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Safe Place Inc., crisis intervention for domestic violence and sexual assault. If you need help call our 24-hour Hotline 249-5127 or 1-800-753-7553.

Time To Begin Local Scholarship Application

It is time for seniors to begin the application process for all local scholarships. If you are a local scholarship donor or would like to be one, please contact the Stratford ISD Counseling Office at 366-3322 as soon as possible with the details of your scholarship. Thank You!!

PROM DECORATING CHANGE - EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT BUS BARN FROM 7 TO 9 P.M.

Manor Friends To Meet

Manor Friends regular meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. April 2 in the Coldwater Manor conference room.

Younger Texans 4-H Club

Due to Little Dribblers Basketball game schedule, Younger Texans 4-H Club will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the County Exhibit Building and the program will be on Easter traditions with the membership making Easter favors for the residents of Coldwater Manor. Bobbie Strong will be leading the group in making the favors for the nursing home residents.

Club officers for the 2001-2001 year will be elected at this meeting also. Members who are interested in serving as a club officer are asked to submit their name and the office they would like to serve before the meeting. This information can be given to Brad Reed, Club President or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent. For more information, contact Susie Spurlock.

Membership in Sherman County 4-H Clubs are open to all youth regardless of race, color, gender, sex, disability, religion, or national origin.

Chamber News

It is hard to believe, but school is on the down-hill side of the year, and graduation comes to mind. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Awards an agriculture scholarship to a deserving student. It is now time to ask for donations to this community scholarship. Last year, (2000) Brock Swain was our winner. The scholarship is made in semester payments directly to the school of choice. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact the Chamber office (366-2260) or mark your check "Scholarship" and mail it to the office (P.O. Box 570). The winner will be announced at graduation. Every little bit helps, so donations of any amount would be welcomed. Thank you Stratford, for your great community support.

City Of Stratford To Hold Election May 5th

City of Stratford will hold election on May 5, 2001.

Two year terms expiring are Ken Forthman, Blake Confer, and Randy Williams. One-year term expiring is Marcus Lavake.

As of March 21, 5 p.m. those filing for the two year term are Dwayne Plunk, Blake Confer, George Harding, Carol Zimmer, Joan Palmer, & Joe Zak.

Those filing for the one-year term are Dusky Woods & Marcus Lavake.

A meowing cat won't catch a mouse

Coming Soon Broom Sale

Coming Soon-Lions Club Broom Sale on Friday, May 4th at First State Bank Parking Lot.

Elementary Migrant Program March 29th

An Elementary Migrant program will be held Thursday, March 29 from 7:00 to 8:00 in the elementary computer lab. Parents will be introduced to the internet, computer programs that are used for instruction, and test-taking tips. We would like to encourage all elementary migrant parents to attend. An interpreter will be available, and baby-sitting will be provided.

Un programa Elemental de Migrante sera el jueves, Marzo 29 a las 7:00-8:00 en el laboratorio elemental de computadora. Los padres seran introducidos al internet, los programas de calculacion que se usan para la instruccion, y con ideas para tomar pruebas. Apreciariamos alentar todos los padres elementales de migrante asistir. Un interprete estara disponible, y el cuidado para sus niños sera proporcionado.

Stratford EX-Students To Meet April 3rd

Stratford EX-Students will start making their plans for Stratford School Centennial July 27-28. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 3 at 5:15 at the Sherman County Appraisal District Board Room at 402 N. 3rd. Members from the honored Classes from 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 are asked to attend to help make the plans along with Chairman Trisha Tillery Schoonover '90, Treasurer, Ellen Dyess Tillery '65, Correspondence, Gaynelle Parker Riffe '55. The first Stratford Schoolhouse was built in fall of 1901. Every interested ex-student is invited to attend these meetings.

The ideal combination in traffic is o have the horse sense of the driver equal the horsepower of his car.

2001 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet



Speaker-Jarrett Atkinson



Conservation Farmer presented by last years winner Tommy Asher (left) to Willie Weick.



Tom Moore shown Essay contest winners 1st place Shelli McCarver, 3rd place winner Teneke Reagon. (not shown 2nd place Edgar Ortega.



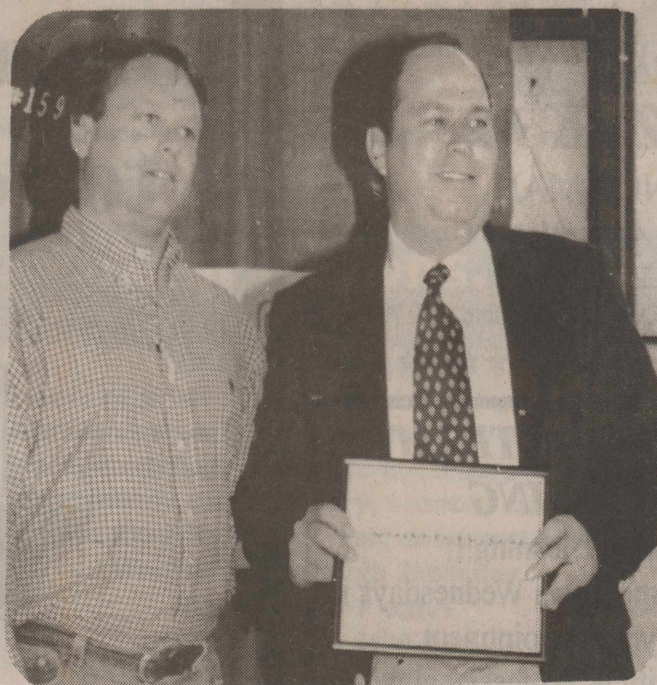
Conservation Homemaker presented by Last years winner Shannon Taliaferro (left) to Becky Asher.



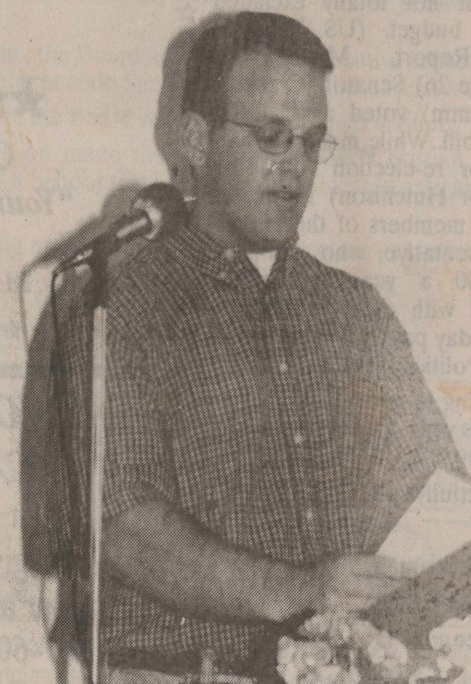
Steve Pemberton, shown with winners of Poster Contest K-2nd grade. 1st place Braiden Palmer, 2nd place Jessica Ibarra, 3rd place Rubi Rueda.



Devin Bridwell presented Poster contest winners 3rd-5th to 1st place- Anne Brooks, 2nd place Samantha Hart and 3rd Alex Martinez.



Scott Buckles presented a special award to Jim Taliaferro, right, Above and beyond the call of Duty award.



Master of Ceremonies-Gared McBryde

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Obit

Lewis P. Crabtree

Boise City, Okla.-Lewis P. Crabtree, 71, died Friday, March 23, 2001.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday March 26, 2001 in First Baptist Church with Brian Long officiating. Burial was in Boise City Cemetery by Cimarron Mortuary.

Mr. Crabtree was a retired farmer. He was a longtime resident of Boise City.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Crabtree; a son, John Crabtree of Boise City; three daughters, Nancy Scott of Dalhart, Texas, Cathy Richardson of Boise City and Tena Hullinger of Salt Lake City; a stepson, Michael Storm of Springfield, Colo.; two stepdaughters, Shawna Jeffrey of Provo, Utah, and Dayna Casper of Liberal, Kans.; a brother, W. Roger Crabtree of Boise City; two sisters, Lynn Wells of Stratford, Texas and Judy Potter of Boise City; 10 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Soutar Memorial Library in care of the mortuary.

Burton Adolph Olsen

Oslo-Burton Adolph Olsen, 78, died Saturday, March 24, 2001.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2001 in Oslo Community Church with Pastor Paul Fiske officiating. Burial was in Oslo Lutheran Cemetery by Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon, Oklahoma.

Mr. Olsen was a farmer and rancher in the Oslo community. He served with the Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Olsen; two sons, Jon G. Olsen and B. Wayne Olsen, both of Oslo; two sisters, Genevieve O. Miller of Dawn and Camilla Thompson of Fertile, Minn.; and a brother, Marvin T. Olsen of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Oslo Lutheran Church or a favorite charity and may be mailed to Henson-Novak Funeral home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK. 73942.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Remembering Tobacco Road

No!, Tobacco Road is not a new book about a lawsuit against the tobacco companies in which a bunch of greedy lawyers win a judgement the size of our national debt...

Please let me suggest Tobacco Road to those of you with a reading level beyond Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood, and The Three Little Pigs. I like to think of Tobacco Road as the Peyton Place of the 1930's. Only it was written by a man, Erskine Caldwell, about poverty-stricken white farmers, Georgia "Crackers", with problems resulting from the depression era economic hard times...In it's day was thought to be very immoral with a fair share of sex, violence, and sensationalism...A good read!

This book reminds me today that our farmers are headed back into depression as I write...President Bush has requested that farm aid be sharply reduced if not totally excluded from his budget. (US News & World Report, March 12, 2001...Page 26) Senator "Cracker" (Phil Gramm) voted against the last farm bill. While most that had to run for re-election voted for it...(Senator Hutchison) However, today the members of the House of Representative, who are paid \$145,000.00 a year are more concerned with their vote for a \$165.00 a day pay increase at your expense! Politics as usual.

I'm going to plant a very large garden this year! I would urge you to think about it.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Seaman
Elk Cla:s '57
2510 Sequoia
Perryton, TX 79070

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic April 3, 2001

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell in Stratford on April 3, 2001.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Some Scholarship Applications Due In April

For the seniors at Stratford High School, there are many scholarship applications that will be due during the month of April. The following is a list of those scholarships and their due dates. If you have any questions regarding the requirements for these scholarships, come by the scholarship board outside Mrs. McBryde's office at the Junior High School or call Mrs. McBryde at 366-3322.

Prospectus Study Club, V.O. Lasley Memorial, Sherman County TSTA, Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Nu Beta Sorority Scholarships - due April 2nd.

Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship - due April 17th.

Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

Vikki Carr Scholarship - due April 1st.

Slough Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship - due April 2nd.

E.W. Carter Scholarship - due April 6th.

National Rural Education Association Foundation Essay Contest - due April 15th.

Dalhart Knights of Columbus - due April 15th.

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship - due April 27th.



The Pudu of South America is the smallest known deer. They grow about a foot high and weight about 20 pounds. They are also known as rabbit deer.

Arts in the Area	
By Gaynelle Riffe	
*** denotes new listing	
March 31	BEETHOVEN AND BRAHMS Piano Amarillo Symphony Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
March 30,31 April 1*****	"Once Upon A Mattress"(Princess and Pea) Fri.-Sat. 7:30 Sunday 2:30 Amarillo Little Theatre Children Academy 806-365-9911
April 3,4	Sesame Street Live "Let's be Friends" 7:00p.m. 10:30 a.m. Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
April 6	WTA&MU "SHOWCASE OF MUSIC" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-661-2854
April 7	"Ain't Misbehavin'" ALT Touring Dumas High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m. ABWA Scholarship- Paula Cowley 935-6354 or 4009
April 7	Harrington String Quartet Easter Concert 7:30p.m. Polk Street United Methodist Church 806-651-2853
April 11**	"Chicago" Musical Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-4297
April 21-23** 28-30	"Oklahoma" Musical Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
April 27**	Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra First Baptist Church 806-376-8782
May 3-20**	"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Amarillo Little Theatre 806-365-9991 (Musical)
May 11-12**	Palo Duro Canyon Pops Amarillo Symphony Palo Duro Canyon 806-376-8782

Transportation Report

By Gaynelle Riffe

Quarterly Transportation meeting was held January 18 at the Headquarters Restaurant. Area engineer Kenny Course gave an update on Transportation issues in Sherman County.

U.S. 287 (Ports-to-Plains) South: Under construction is ready for asphalt weather permitting in March or April; Southbound Bridge over Coldwater Creek will be replaced; U.S. 287 South will continue to be rehabilitated;

Approach intersection to U.S. 54 will be concrete with landscaping of the turning corners as designed by TxDOT Landscape Engineer, Chris Chambers. (Surprise, we are first before projects in Dumas and Dalhart!) Ports-to-Plains Feasibility Study north of Dumas to Denver: U.S. 287 through Boise City, OK, Lamar, Limon, Co or U.S. 87 through Clayton, NM, Raton Pass meeting the congestion of I-25 in Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver. Needless to say, Stratford is supporting U.S. 287. The last of the public meetings was held in Raton, NM and was a pep rally with approximately 600 persons in attendance. Maybe ten for U.S. 287 route. Speakers including: Kevin Evans, Lubbock; Joe Kiley, Limon; Gaynelle Riffe, Stratford. The Study will be presented to the Texas Transportation Commission in Austin April 26th.

State Hwy. 15: West to Gruver is ready for Hot Mix. Rehabilitation will continue to Gruver; The County Commissioners and the City of Stratford has asked TxDOT for a feasibility study to utilize McKee Avenue as a connector for U.S. 287 and State 5.

U.S. 54 (SPIRIT) Kristine Olsen and Gaynelle Riffe attended TxDOT Planning & Programming meeting in Austin for the final hearing on addition to the Texas Trunk System. U.S. 54 was among the additions. The recommendations will go to the Texas Commissioners maybe in June.

Main Street: Application for the Enhancement Grant is being prepared by Amarillo TxDOT. This project is to improve the drainage, curbs, gutters and brick streets. Do you think we need this, after the winter we have had??

The next quarterly meeting will be held in April.

Common sense is very uncommon-Horace Greeley

Office sign: "If you have nothing to do, don't do it here!"

VOTE FOR
★★ JOE ZAK ★★
CITY COUNCILMAN
"Your Vote will be Appreciated On
May 5, 2001"
Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Joe Zak, P.O. Bx 381, Stratford, TX, 79084

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Coldwater Manor Birthday Party

Coldwater Manor Birthday party was held on Tuesday, March 13th. Celebrating birthdays were Earl Green and Grace Trainham and seated Wanda Craig.

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- Know of an industry or commercial business which may have an interest in locating in your area?

Contact Kristine Olsen, Sherman County Development Committee (806-366-2897)
Or talk with Sam Cartwright, PREDCI Executive Director (580-338-8500)
Email predci@psi.net
Web www.predci.com
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Panhandle Regional Economic Development Coalition, Inc.

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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REMEMBER

You have until **April 16, 2001**

to make contributions to your **2000 IRA.**

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Timis Tidbits
By Timi Brown

April Child Abuse Prevention Month Opens

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Stratford Centennial 2001 Committee Wed. April 4th

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers this Thirty Degree snowy Monday, March 26, 2001.

On Thursday, March 22, 2001 after getting Reba Davis to come to the Kendrick farm & ranch north of Stratford to get Lorelyn who was there on her job. Reba & Lorelyn then picked up Timi and went to SCOT hall for a delicious meal and visiting with friends and neighbors that we have known in long past and now. Timi visited with Jim Lanning who sat across the table, he was very interested in how we were getting along since he had taken care of her when Timi had misfortune of falling and breaking her leg.

Rose Wells & Viola Springfield program at SCOT was a musical program presented by Dee Mason, of Kenton, OK who after singing songs by Loretta Lynn - Coal Miners Daughter and Patsy Cline - Crazy, said that she would be very pleased to come and entertain again.

After leaving SCOT Hall, Reba & Time and Lorelyn returned to the Kendrick place with booster cables to use on the Tracker Lorelyn had been driving because Joy & Matt Aro & Devan & Jo had Dr. appointments in Amarillo and were to go to check on Devan's modeling on Sunday, March 25, 2001 at the Super Walmart on Coulter in Amarillo. Then on Sunday, March 25, 2001, Devan Aro, Mom & Dad and Aunt Kandi left baby sister Jo with grandma Lorelyn & Timi and were at the Walmart store and Devan was among the youngsters modeling the Spring and Summer clothes - Children's Miracle Network.

In visiting with Hilma Cleveland, we found that she herself has been having some bronchitis and was hospitalized to have it checked up on - she reports that Hazel Martin and Patty & Helen Mason are doing very well.

We are wondering if Herb Folsom, who is with daughter Carolyn, is reliving good times by visiting with William Glenn Hart by letter written from Brazil.

We hope that when Kelly Campbell makes her trip to Brazil that she and Aunt Joyce & Uncle William will have a grand ole time touring Brazil.

In talking with Betty Lou O'Brien, their family is doing well as can be she jokingly said she was playing an ambulance with taking Wayland Green back and forth to doctors.

Maybe if our weather clears and is nice for awhile Timi & Lorelyn can make a trip to Campbells in Liberal. We have had trouble making connections with them lately except by email or phone.

We are not the only people with wet weather, Elizabeth Williams of Plano baseball game was cancelled due to rain, but Nathan Haile was allowed to participate in his track events. In a couple of weeks, we are hoping for a longer time to visit with Joe Ray, Rose & Joe Shane as they will be coming back for Easter and we look forward to them staying a longer time, we do so enjoy seeing them.

The Methodist Hour reports that May 13 will be an exciting day as it is Mother's Day along with that the church will be celebrating 100 years, they will have with them the Bishop and some former Pastors. The joys they share with the community are youth winning 1st at UUL contest. Jack Gilley's health, it is wonderful that one can see his progress on the world-wide web. Bill & Janice Sladek will be returning to us from Romania, we hope all their belongings will return, it seems they lost luggage on their way to Romania. Our friend and peer Opal Bryant is in from the hospital, stay well Opal, we will come again to visit hopefully in day time and stay longer.

The concerns are Mark Metzger's grandparents, pray all is well with them, Eddie Metcalf's sister, Phillip Bain. We pray for speedy recovery for Travis Spurlock, Haywood Vaughn, and Felix Saenz.

We offer personal and Scotter prayer and support to the family of Lewis Crabtree in his passing from this life.

As we bring this issue of Tidbits to a close, we trust the related incidences that we have related will fall into understandable reading material. I want to commend Lorelyn on the struggle she has made in explaining Timi's thoughts to her and passes them on, she makes a

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. On April 5, 2001, CASA 69, Inc. will host its second Light Vigil as part of a state and national movement to increase awareness for abused and neglected children. The Vigil will be held at the Dallam, Moore and Sherman County Courthouses and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

During the Vigil, carious city and county officials will speak in honor of the abused and neglected children in our area and area school children representatives will be present to participate. CASA 69 Board President, Beth Moore, said "The April 5 Vigil will be an opportunity to thank the dedicated people who have given their time and support to our organization. More importantly, this event, by bringing about awareness and education, would muster support for individuals to become trained volunteers for their county. I encourage everyone to come out with their family."

Every year in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties, the lives of more than 60 abused and neglected children are placed in limbo as they wait for the courts to determine their fate. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to thoroughly research the specific needs of each child's case, and to advocate in court for the child's best interests. They give their time to assure these children can reach safe, lasting homes where they can thrive. Since its inception in 1986, CASA 69, Inc. has advocated for more than 396 children. National evaluations of CASA/GAL programs indicate cases are resolved faster when children have a CASA/GAL volunteer. In turn, children spend less time in foster care saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year.

CASA 69, Inc. is a member of Texas CASA and the National Appointed Special Advocate Association. There are more than 840 programs in 49 states that advocate for abused and neglected children.

To learn more about the Light Vigil and CASA 69, Inc., how you can help abused and neglected children, call CASA 69 Assistant Director, Kathie Alver, at 806-244-2684.

Too many people confine their exercise to running up hills, stretching the truth, bending over backward, lying down on the job, sidestepping responsibility, jumping to conclusions, and pushing their luck.

Timis Tidbits Cont. from col. 1

very readable story and I appreciate her hard work.

Time goes on and incidences become fax but as usual we remind you our aim is to encourage our peers to continue to pat shoulders and say I luv u because luv makes the world go round.

Jo June McDaniel came home March 21. She had been staying with Thelma & Duane Smith in Dumas following her surgery. Doing well now.

Irene May Miller, 74, died March 17 at Oklahoma City. Irene lived in Kerrick many years ago and has relatives in the area. Services were held March 20. She had three boys, Jerry & Roger who live in Oklahoma City and Dean of Dallas. The boys went to school in Stratford.

Two more connected to Kerrick died last week. Lewis Crabtree, brother of Lynn Wells, died at Boise City on March 23. Burton Olson, brother-in-law of Minnie Hampton, died in his sleep March 24.

Community sympathy is extended to all the families.

Mark your calendar now for Easter Dinner, April 15, at the Community Center. The Hampton family are hosts. Bring a covered dish or two and the family if you have no other plans.

Mike & Marylou McDaniel attended Rita Blanca Electric Co-op annual meeting March 21.

Peggy & Chandra Hawkins, Shelia Audrain and Shadley & Sterling went to Houston, Mississippi, during spring break. They visited with Peggy's mother, Maylene Rish and others. Peggy said the tornado damage in the area was tremendous! luckily none of her relatives were hit.

Marylou McDaniel flew to St. Louis March 15-19 to visit with niece Sherri Hutchison and grand niece Lori. She saw Aline Judd who is looking good. Lori was in a volleyball tournament at East Peoria, Illinois, so they spent 17-18th there. (Knowing little about volleyball prior to the tournament, I soon learned a lot after two days of non-stop watching!).

Bill & Pat Boren made a trip to Tucumcari, Santa Rosa and other eastern New Mexico places. They were looking for Moncus Canyon which had been settled by Bill's great uncle. They found it. Also enjoyed a classic cars museum at Santa Rosa. Toured Billy the Kid places at Ft. Sumner. Antique stores weren't open yet and some wondered if and when because of heating gas prices!



If you are cutting flowers from your own garden, cut them early in the morning, before they have lost too much moisture.

Stratford Centennial 2001 Committee will meet Wed. April 4th at the Headquarters Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. (notice time change). Final plans will be made for the May 5th tour of County Historical sites including a Memorial Service at the Coldwater Cemetery, Spurlock Chapel, Whaley Cemetery, Pronger Ranch and perhaps Coldwater Ranch. Plans will also be made for May 12 activity at the Court House remembering the moving of the records etc. The United Methodist Church and the Church of Christ are planning reunion celebrations for the 12 and 13.

Ideas and plans through the year. Present the Girl Scout Time Capsule; Cookbook at the publishers ready in May; July 4th (maybe more centennial brick for park improvement; Post Office Cancellation Stamp; EX-Students Reunion; Working with Guymon to secure participation from the Railroad; Stratford Jamboree September 8th, Decades of pictures exhibit and Free Bar-B-Que; Panorama picture for sale: Improvement of Main Street; Beautification of Highways through town.

Finances: It has been difficult to find a willing organization and treasurer. WE have been reluctant to ask for funding until we were sure public money was properly taken care of and reported therefore we have been using individuals loans. We now have an agreement with the Chamber and the promise of a bookkeeper so we will begin a fund raising campaign. The God, Grass and Grit book was financed by individuals and pre-sales. Marillyn Albert Harkins is keeping the books under the museum's umbrella with the understanding that the profits will go to the Museum. The Wagon Train Committee handled their own financing.

All organizations have been and are still invited to these Centennial meetings which have been happening since 1998. We need your input and information on your organizations plans

First Assembly of God

921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
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 - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

Stephen Schwenke
302 S. Main - 806-376-4553 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am Estudio Biblico &
Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninos Durante El Servicio.



Shown at left: 3rd Grade student Justin Smith was the winner of the Perfect Attendance drawing for the 4th Six Weeks. Justin was treated to lunch with principal Mary Pat Williams.

4-H Clothing Project Update

Sherman County 4-H members have been busy with their clothing and textile projects in preparation for the County 4-H Fashion Show that will be held April 12th. The group will meet on April 4th at 4:00 p.m. for a lesson on grooming and self-poise prior to the county achievement event. The meeting will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

The County 4-H Fashion Show will be Thursday, April 12th at the County Exhibit Building. The interviews will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a public awards program and afternoon tea at 5:00 p.m.

4-H members planning to participate in the Fashion Show are reminded that their 4-H Fashion Show information Sheets are due in the county Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 9th. The 4-H Fashion Show is open to all members regardless of race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

For more information or to obtain the Fashion Show information sheet, please contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent at 366-2122 or come by the Sherman County Extension office at 701 N. Third Street, Stratford.

Gold Award Received By T&L Irrigation

T-L Irrigation Company is proud to announce that T-L Irrigation Co., Dumas, Texas, received a Gold Award for outstanding sales achievement. The award was presented at T-L's National Sales Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are three award levels given each year to the top percentage of T-L's dealers; a bronze award, a silver award, and a gold award.

T-L Irrigation Company is a leader in the irrigation field, building the most complete line of hydrostatic powered irrigation systems in the world including center pivots, linears, corner systems, and quick tow center pivots.

T-L Irrigation Company is celebrating it's 46th year in the irrigation business and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate T-L Irrigation Co., Dumas, Texas, on a job well done.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Friendship With God

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Marriage Announced

Crystal Cullander, daughter of Burr and Linda Cullander of Claude, and Granddaughter of Roland and Mary Maxey of Jacksboro, Texas married Wesley Jack Luther Feb. 14, 2001. Wesley is the son of Carl Luther of Sunray and Toni and Kent Watson of Dumas. Wesley's grandparents are: Carl and Centa Luther of Dumas, Jack and Sisty Vincent of Stratford. Wesley's great grandfather is Wendell Flores of Stratford. Crystal graduated from Claude High school and is attending West Texas A&M University and works for Taylor Oil. Wesley graduated from Sunray High School and earned a degree as a certified pipeline welder at Southwest Tech. Wesley is employed by I.B.P. as a welder. Wesley and Crystal are living at Apt. No. 149 3326 Julian Blvd, Amarillo, TX 79102.

Jump Rope For Heart Update

Mary Allen students jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in Jump Rope For Heart. Of the 207 students participating in this year's event, 57 students raised \$2,200.00 for the American Heart Association. Funds raised for Jump Rope for Heart help fight heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers.

"This year's event was a huge success," said Ronda Mathews Jump Rope For Heart

coordinator. "We're very proud of all the jumpers, and we all had a lot of fun."

Thanks so much for your contributions to make this success.

Jump Rope For Heart is a program designed to promote physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. It is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



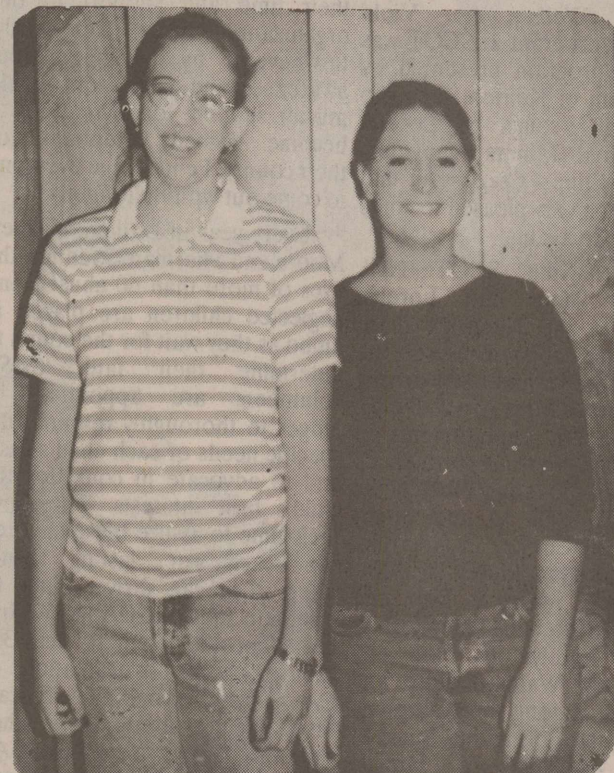
The Scholastic Book Fair hosted by Prospectus Study Club was a great success. It was only 2 days long but was well received in those two days. The recipients were able to choose and take all the books the week of the fair. We want to thank all that came and helped support such a worthwhile event. The success resulted in the following: Mary Allen received \$235.00 worth of books and \$500.00 cash; The Jr. High received \$600.00 worth of books; Sherman County Library received \$100.00 worth of books and Lollipop Junction received \$50.00 worth of books. Shown above, Marsha Wright and Laurie Spurlock presenting Cheryl Galla and children of Lollipon with books.



Shown above, Sherman County Librarian Sandy Baskin received books from Prospectus Study Club members Marsha Wright and Laurie Spurlock.



Marsha Wright and Linda Haynes of Prospectus Study Club presented Mary Allen Principal Mary Pat Williams a check last week as Kindergarten student Dallas McCroskey looks on.



Congratulations to Trisha Teig, One-Act play All-Star Cast and Marca Ewers - Honorable Mention.

Stratford Centennial 2001

Why is Stratford celebrating its 100th year this year? Because of the Rock Island Railroad.

The Rock Island railroad was completed to Liberal, Kansas in March, 1888 and for lack of funds, construction stopped for thirteen years. During this time, the White Oaks railroad was built from El Paso to Alamogordo, leaving 263 miles to connect.

An agreement was made between White Oaks/El Paso Northeastern and Rock Island to connect the two lines. Work began in early 1901 from Alamogordo and from Liberal, KS to meet in Santa Rosa, NM on Christmas Day, thus crating in connection with the Southern Pacific from El Paso, another transcontinental railway.

Not a mile of the road from Liberal to Santa Rosa is on the original survey. The Texas railway commission had become so drastic in its exercise of authority that practically every railroad in Texas was bankrupt, and the Rock Island determined to build no more roads in Texas. The original survey missed the northwest corner of the Texas Panhandle and crossed the Canadian River some forty miles upstream from the present location. Texas assurance of fair treatment was made and the route changed to the present line. Thus the moving of the Sherman County Seat from Coldwater to Stratford and the Centennial Celebration for Tyron, Hooker, Optima, Guymon, Goodwell, Texhoma, OK; Stratford, Dalhart, TX; Nara Visa, Logan, Tucumcari, Santa Rosa, NM.

The only human habitations seen upon the entire 263 miles were Old Optima on the Beaver River and the John V. Farwell XIX ranch headquarters at Middle Water. Smallpox broke out shortly after leaving Liberal and spread to every camp. Many deaths occurred from this and other tragedies. Of the 6,000 men shipped from Kansas City to work, only 200 remained at the finish. What became of the others? Many were buried along the track and they were known only by number.

Water was the greatest problems for locomotives. The town of Goodwell, OK was given its name because after many weeks of search, a well of sufficient volume was found.

From Liberal to Dalhart, the track is almost a tangent. From a point a few miles southwest of Guymon to Middle Water, a distance of seventy-two miles, it is entirely a tangent, and probably the longest stretch of straight track in the United States.

The above information is taken from the Kansas Historical Society publication, "Early History of the El Paso Lien of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway."

Shown at right, Catalina Resendes, Mary Pool, Judy Stoy, Gilbert and Candy Gutierrez serving at the Down Under Bowl Fund Raiser for Corey Naugle, Gilbert Gutierrez, and Sid Resendes held Saturday, March 24th. Shown below, the early crowd enjoying calf fries, BBQ and all the fixings.



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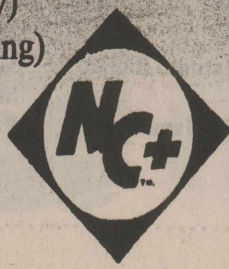
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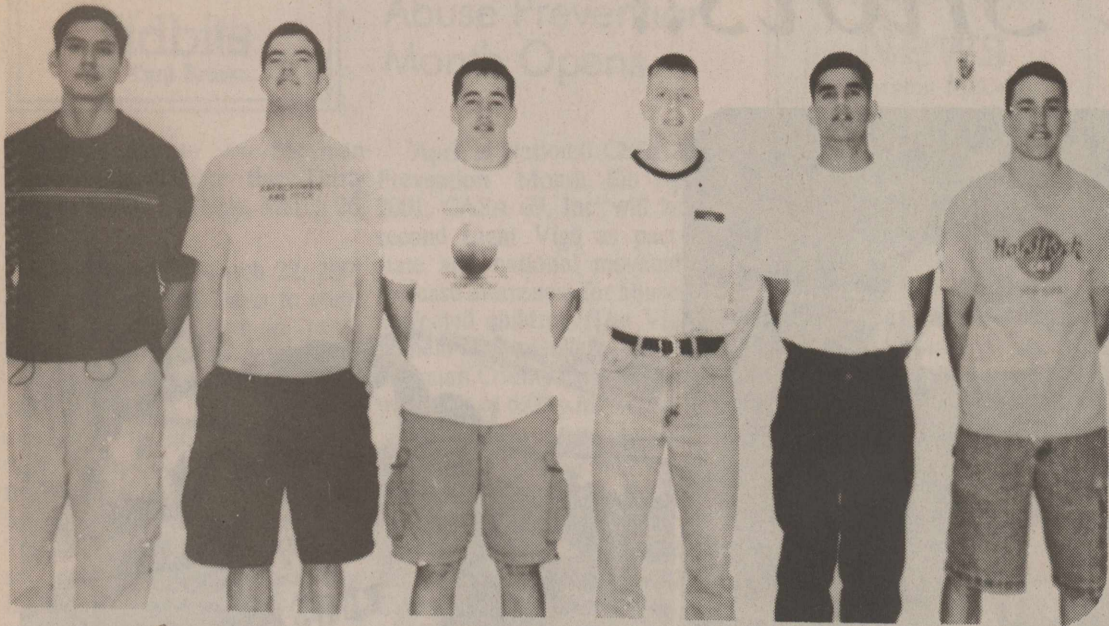
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Having a good time, (we think) breeding calf fries for the fund raiser (l-r) Sarah Talley, Candra Holland, Gilbert Gutierrez, Corey Naugle, Carly Mathews, Heather Ashley, and Kara Brownlee.

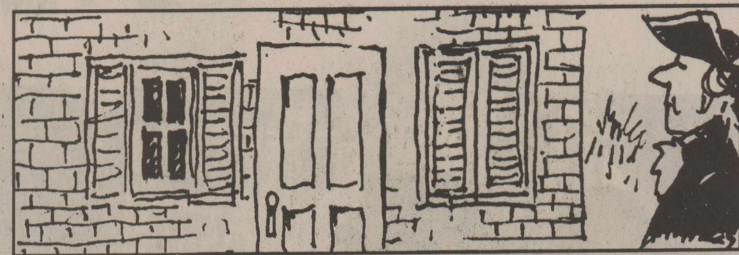


All-District Honors went to Skyler Walden - MVP, 1st Team - Rene Vital and Adam Bell, 2nd Team - Michael McAlister and Honorable Mention honors to Corey Naugle and Carlos Ortega. Shown from left: Rene Vital, Sr., Corey Naugle, Sr., Skyler Walden, Jr., Michael McAlister, Jr., Carlos Ortega, Sr., and Adam Bell, Jr. Also, Congratulations to Adam Bell and Skyler Walden for being chosen for Amarillo Globe News 1A Super Team and Coach Lance Simpson - Coach of the Year.



Griffin and Haile Win Spelling Bee

Sherman County Spelling Bee was held on March 19, 2001. Students from Stratford and Texhoma schools participated. From Stratford and shown from left standing: Mrs. Valda Burkhalter - coach, Allison Baskin, Brandon Davis, Kody Willard, Tyler Haynes, Josh King, and Thomas Griffin participated in the Sr. Division. Jr. Division spelling bee participants kneeling from left: Samantha Hart, Jordan Confer, Harrison Walden, Juliana Taliaferro, Kristen Crabtree and Evan Haile. Shown at left standing: Thomas Griffin was Sr. Division champion and Tyler Haynes was runner-up. Thomas will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee which will be held on the WTAMU campus on April 7, 2001. Seated from left: Mrs. Valda Burkhalter and Jr. Division champion Evan Haile. Congratulations to all of these students on a job well done!



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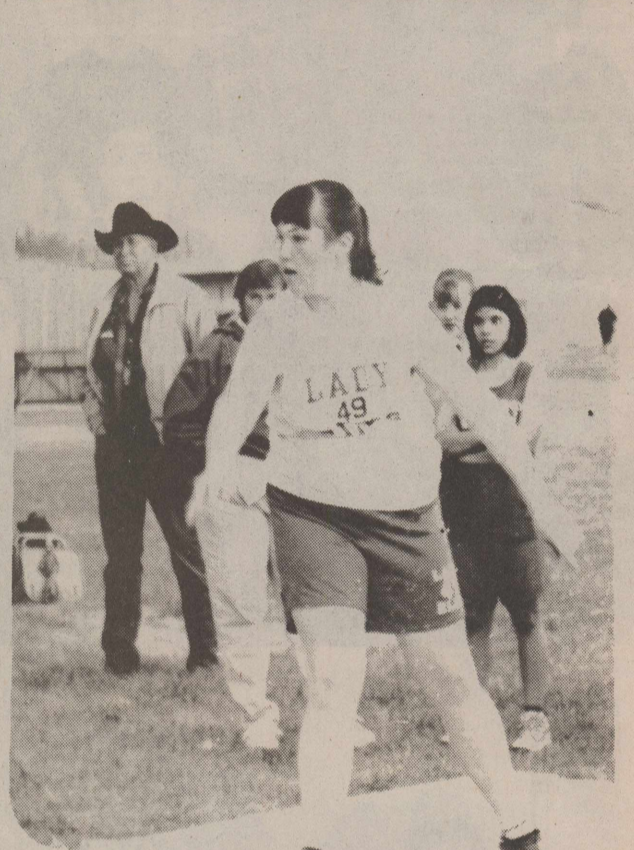
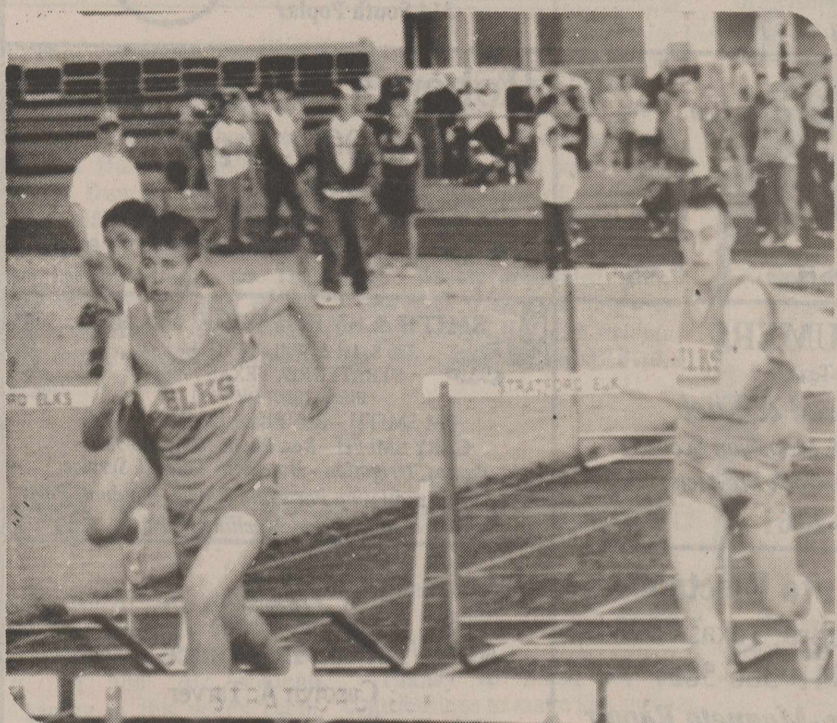
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Silver Dollars and Sweetheart Cash are getting scratched April 30th.

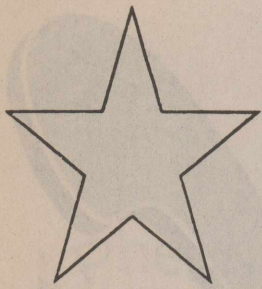
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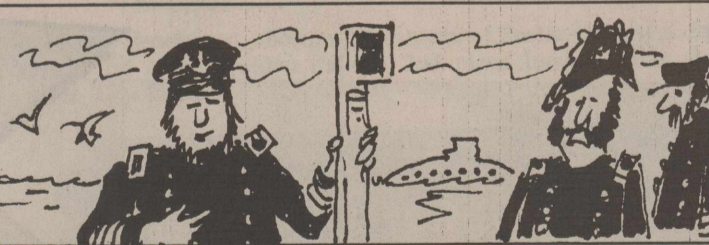
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The periscope was invented by Thomas Doughty of the United States Navy in 1864.

Card of Thanks

We want to "Thank" all those who helped at our Calf Fry/Barbecue Dinner. We could not have done it without all the great volunteers. Thank you Richard Chumley, who was the driving force behind us! Thanks to Mike Boyd and Brown's Meat Locker for the Calf fries, Bill Gillenwaters, Dick Chumley and Phillip Bain for cooking the calf fries, Ken Forthman for cooking the BBQ, Marcus Lavake, John Lavake and Billy Elliott for cleaning the calf fries, Mary Pool, Beth Bench, Judy Stoy, Marie Sladek, Martha Ellison for all your hard work. Heather Ashley, Carly Mathews, Kara Brownlee, Candra Holland, Sarah Talley, Wes Kimball, Nick Ashley, J.J. Barroza, Danny Davis and Terri Teig for breeding the fries and preparing the meat, United Grocery in Dumas for the donation of the Bread, the Coaches for the vegetable trays, Gopher's and Allsups for the ice donation, Marty and Shari and the Star for all the publicity, to Mr. Taliaferro and the School for the use of the facilities and especially to our family members who worked so hard. A very Special thanks to all of you who came and supported our fund raising!

Sincerely,
Corey Naugle
Gilbert Gutierrez
Sid Resendes

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District for choosing me as the 1st place winner of the annual essay contest. The \$200 scholarship is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,
Shelli Ann McCarver

The Hulen Family would like to say Thank You to all of the community for their prayers and gifts that were brought to use during our time of sorrow. I would also like to thank the EMT's that attended to the late Mr. Hulen on the night of the 15th. Thank you all and may God be with us all.

The Hulen Family

How do we begin to thank the people of Stratford for all they've done for our family in the past few days? First, there was the concern for Marcella as she was in the hospital and on her return home. The staff at Coldwater Manor took care of her every need and showed so much love and kindness to her while she was there and to us on Saturday. We thank you for the food, visits, flowers and memorials since BoBa's death. The funeral service was so very special and we want to express our gratitude to Bro. Jerry, the choir, Jim & Shannon, and Gary & Sue for all you did to make the service a celebration of Marcella's life. It lifted our spirits to have shared laughter and tears with you, our friends. We were once again reminded how fortunate we are to live in this community. God Bless you all.

Doug & Joyce McBryde
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School Board Minutes

The Stratford ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Economics building.

President Steve Johnson established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Steve Johnson, president, Joe Reinart, Vice President, Ted Allen, Ricky Reed, Max Christian, Gared McBryde, Ronna Riffe, Jim Taliaferro, Superintendent.

Others present: Travis Melton, Mary Pat Williams, Eddie Metcalf, Steve Haynes, Brad Thiessen, Dinah Horsford, Eric Riffe, Chris Riffe, Daniel Nusz and Kristi Walden.

Steve Haynes gave the invocation.

Jim Taliaferro introduced Kristi Walden who attended the board meeting as a requirement for a college education class. Eric Riffe, Daniel Nusz and leader Chris Riffe attended the meeting to fulfill a citizenship badge requirement for Boys Scouts.

Mr. Taliaferro recognized the districts honors for the past month. They were as follows 1. Lady Elk and Elk Basketball Academic All District Nick Ashley, Adam Bell, Wes Kimball, Corey Naugle, Skyler Walden, Ashley Brown, Kara Brownlee, Thea James, Carly Mathews, Amie Witcher.

2. Lady Elk All District Honors First Team: Kara Brownlee, Carly Mathews, Jessica Young Second Team: Ashley Brown, Thea James Honorable Mention: Candra Holland, Heather Ashley.

3. Elk Basketball All District Honors Skyler Walden MVP of the District First Team: Rene Vital, Adam Bell Second Team: Michael McAlister Honorable Mention: Carlos Ortega, Corey Naugle.

4. The Lady Elk Basketball team finished their season as Class A Division I State Runners-up.

5. The High School One Act Play was performed at a Dinner Theater on Sunday, March 18th at the cafeteria. About 80 people were in attendance. The play will be performed at the UIL contest on Tuesday, March 20th at Vega.

6. Thomas Griffin and Evan Haile won the Sherman County Spelling Bee.

7. Judy Stoy, Larry Norris and Carmelo Acevedo were commended for the work they did with night school.

Mr. Haynes gave the High School report. The High School is very busy with the district UIL Academic Contest this week. The District Ready Writing contest was held Monday night. The Stratford Invitational track meet will be the Friday and Saturday. Stratford High School and First State Bank have formed a partnership to promote America's Promise. Through this partnership, students will be rewarded for grades and community service work. The bank is providing the incentives. All sophomores that took the Reading and Math portions of the Exit TAAS tests passed.

Mt. Metcalf gave the Middle School report. The junior high band contest will be on April 3rd at Boys Ranch. The 8th grade prom is April 6th in the cafeteria. Several middle school teachers, as a result of a grant, will be attending a Ruby Payne conference in Denver to learn how to promote reading literacy in poverty stricken students Samantha Hart and Alex Martinez won the Soil Conservation contest and will be honored at a banquet.

Mrs. Williams gave the Elementary report and passed out the Little Elks Tale newsletter. About 87% of Elementary parents attended Open House. Tyler Pickens was commended for the gold medal he received in basketball at the Special Olympics. Math and reading TAAS preparation continues. These tests will be given on April 24th and 25th.

Travis Melton gave the transportation report.

Coach Thiessen gave the athletic report. All spring sports have started with district contests coming up in about three weeks.

Mr. Taliaferro gave the Superintendent's report. Tax collections are at 95.89%. 80.81% of the revenue has been collected and 43.85% of the budget has been spent. Mr. Taliaferro reported that the 1964 Big Blue Bus has sold. The marquee process continues and should have more information on this project for the next meeting. First State Bank has agreed to contribute to the purchase of scoreboards for the gym. The budget process for next year has begun. A construction update was given on all building projects.

Joe Reinart made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to accept the consent agenda with amendments. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro discussed the legislative bills pertaining to school calendars for the 2001-2002 school year. Ricky Reed made the motion and Ted Allen seconded to adopt the school calendar as presented for the 2001-2002 school year. Discussion was held. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Taliaferro explained the General Services Commission resolution. Ted Allen made the motion and Joe Reinart seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Max Christian seconded to renew the Mary Allen teachers contracts subject to assignment. motion carried 7-0.

At 7:55 p.m., the Board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session.

Ricky Reed made the motion and Ronna Riffe seconded to renew the Middle School teachers contracts subject to assignment. motion carried 7-0.

At 8:03 p.m., the Board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel.

At 8:12 p.m. the Board reconvened into open session.

Steve Johnson made the motion and Max Christian seconded to renew the High School teacher contracts subject to assignment. motion carried 7-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



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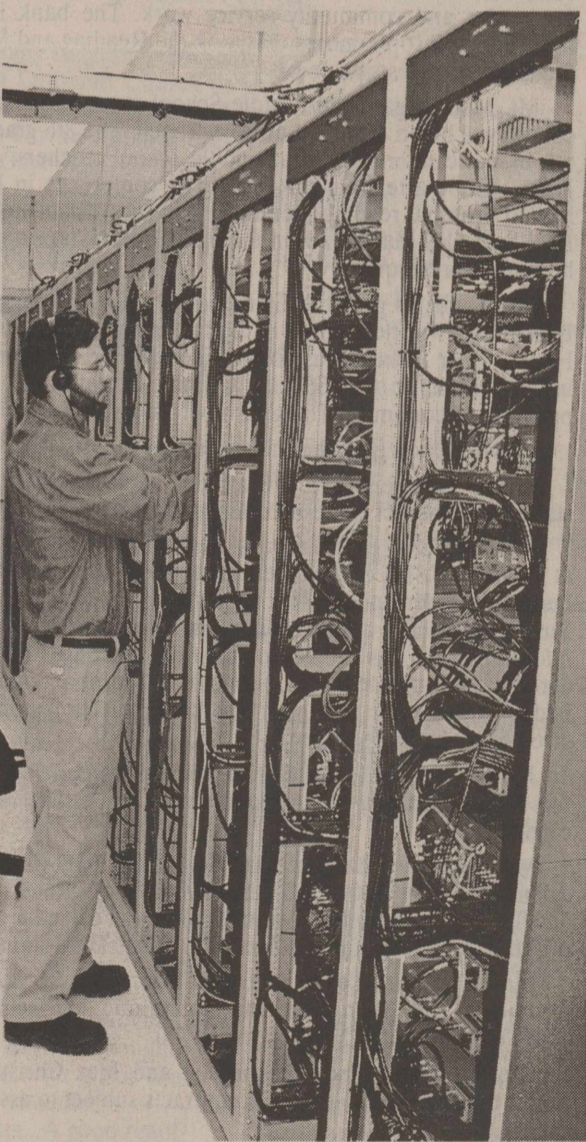
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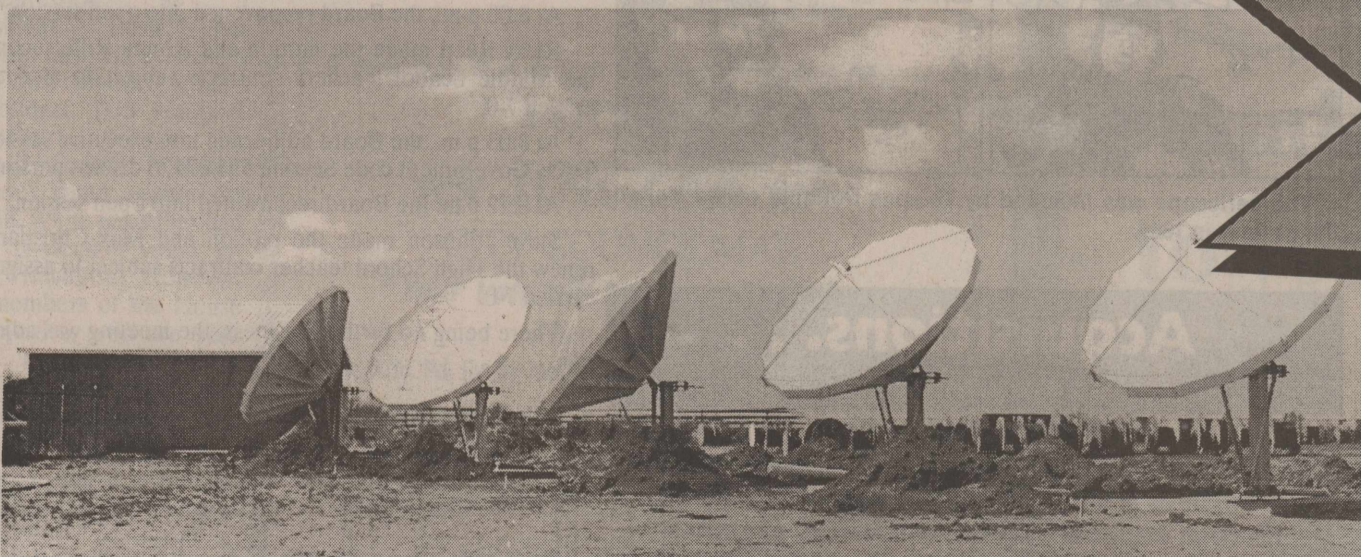


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