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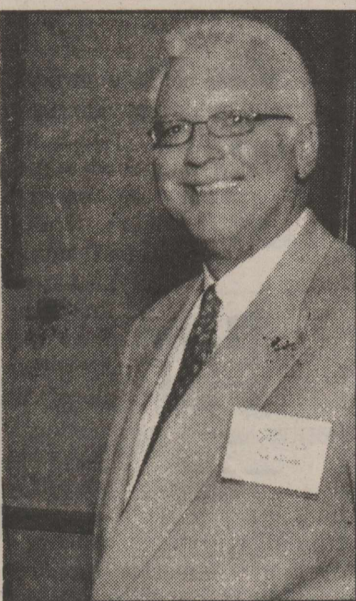
Queen Betty
 Lou O'Brien

Betty Lou, at 2 or 3 years



King Jack Dettle

Jack in his black velvet suit.

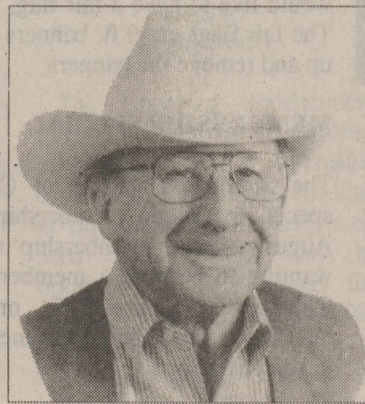


Joe Pete Flores

Flores to Receive Top Hand Award

Joe Pete Flores will be honored at the Stratford Ranch Rodeo with the Top Hand Award this year held during Stratford Jamboree, Weekend of July 30 and 31st.

Biography of Joe Flores was printed in July 22nd edition of The Stratford Star page 5. Congratulations Joe.



Pokey The Clown Bringing Jr. Ranch Rodeo To Stratford

Pokey the Clown is bringing his Jr. Ranch Rodeo to Stratford!

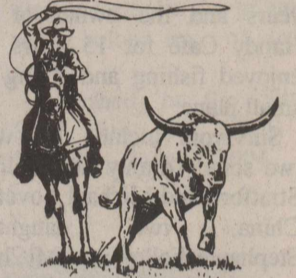
Pokey's Jr. Ranch Rodeo will be Friday, July 30th at Pendleton Park in Stratford. Registration begins at 4:00 and events will begin at 5:00. Jr. Ranch Rodeo events are just like the ones the "big" cowboys are in, including the Pony Express Race, Wild Cow Milking, Calf Branding and Doctoring.

Age groups are: 4-7 years (no more than two 7 year olds) 8-11 (No more than two 11 year olds) 12-16 (no more than two 16 year olds)

Each team should have four team members. Entry fee: \$20 per team.

So, round up your partners and meet at Pendleton Park (by the baseball fields) for a fun time!

For more information contact Trisha Schoonover 366-2265 or Mary Cross 396-5521.



Old Timer King & Queen To Be Crowned Saturday

Old Timer King and Queen for 2004 Jack Dettle and Betty Lou O'Brien will be crowned at the Old Timer reunion Saturday, July 31st at the First State Bank of Stratford. Visiting starts about 9:15 a.m. with the program at 10 a.m. They will ride in the 11 a.m. parade. GWWC/Prospectus Study Club hosts this event for the 44th year. Story and more pictures on page 5 of this weeks edition. Congratulations Betty and Jack. See you on Saturday.

Stratford Country Club Lucky Draw Ball August 14

The Stratford Country Club's Annual Lucky Draw Ball will be held Saturday, August 14, 2004.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and can be purchased from any board member or call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or Yvonne Pittman at 366-5831.

Watch for more details in next edition!

Beef Grooming Clinic- Aug. 7th

Sherman County 4-H will be sponsoring a Beef Grooming Clinic on August 7, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Steve Johnson's Barn. Anyone interested in participating with a Beef Livestock Project is welcome to attend. A free BBQ lunch will be provided following the clinic. For more information or to obtain directions please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 or go by the Extension office.

Horseshoe Pitch

Loosen up your pitchin' arm and start rounding up your 2-person teams for the Horseshoe Pitch to be held Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Pendleton Park after the Stratford Jamboree parade and Barbecue. It will start about 1:00 p.m. The Sherman County Depot Museum Board will host this event, and this year we're hoping to have some competition between some of the Honor Classes at the Ex-students' Reunion. You may contact Ann Wells at 396-2527 or Richard Ragsdale at 727-4613 to sign up your teams. Let's make the Horseshoe Pitch the best event of the Stratford Jamboree!

Attention: All Lions

The Annual Ex-Students/Stratford Days Barbecue is in the works. All Lions are needed to help at the following times.
 Thursday, July 29th at 5:00 p.m. at Brown's Meat Locker. Wrap Meat and throw wood in pit.
 Friday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. Light fire
 3:00 put meat on.
 Saturday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. Pull Meat
 12 noon serve.
 Clean up

Thanks to all Lions

Jim Taliaferro, Boss Lion

Estate Planning Seminar To Be Held

There will be an estate-planning seminar sponsored by the Stratford Independent School District Education Foundation.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear from two outstanding Experts in the field of estate planning.

Jim Allison, Executive Director of the Amarillo Area Foundation and Charles King, Amarillo, Texas one of the more noted estate planners in the Panhandle Area will be doing the presentations.

They will be sharing the best ways to transfer assets at the correct time.

Both presenters are knowledgeable, informative, as well as down to earth.

The meeting will take place at The Imagination Station on Tuesday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided. The public is invited. There will be no admission.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Stratford High School Announces Registration

Classes begin for students at Stratford I.S.D. on August 16 at 8:15 a.m. High school students new to the district may register at the high school office during regular business hours beginning August 4. New students will need a parent with them to register them into school. They will also need transcripts, shot record and any other pertinent educational records from their previous school. The staff at Stratford High School can assist you in requesting those records.

Students who pre-registered at school last fall may pick up your schedule and locker assignment at the following times.

Wednesday, August 4 - Seniors 1:30 - 2:30, Juniors 2:30 - 3:30.

Thursday, August 5 - Sophomores 1:30-2:30 and Freshman - 2:30 - 3:30.

Students who unable to pick up their schedule at the assigned time may do so in the high school office anytime during the week of August 9 or the first day of class.



Joyce McBryde, Margaret Reed and Jim Taliaferro putting the finishing touches on the Estate Planning Seminar to be held August 17th, 2004.

Fun at the FAIR

STRATFORD JAMBOREE PARADE "LOCAL HEROES"

The Stratford Jamboree invites you to show off your town, organization or business in the Stratford Jamboree Parade, Saturday July 31, 2004. The Parade theme is "Local Heroes".

Entries will be judged for awards: Theme Floats 1st - \$100.00, 2nd - \$80.00, 3rd - \$65.00
 Commercial & Organization Floats (Separate Adult and Youth categories)

Riding clubs must be attired in long-sleeved western shirts, blue jeans, boots and hat. Individual Cowgirl or Cowboy 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00 Riding Club - 1st prize- \$35.00, 2nd - \$20.00

Kiddie entries - Theme & Non-Theme, prizes ranging from \$7.50 to \$1.50

Parade entries will be placed and judged at 10:00am at the Stratford Depot parking lot. Horse participants may unload and park trailers on the CRP ground north of the ball park (the end of the parade) and assemble on the vacant lot north of the water tower. Kiddie entries will be placed and judged at the Stratford Grain Feed Store parking lot.

Please fill out this form below and return it to the Stratford Jamboree (Happy Bank) or the Chamber of Commerce by July 29, 2004.

For more information contact: Sean Hardman, Parade Chairman
 366-5581(work) 366-3650(home)
 Chamber of Commerce 366-2260
 Stratford Jamboree (Trish) 366-2265

Stratford Jamboree Parade Entry Chamber of Commerce
 PO Box 1 PO Box 570
 Stratford, Texas 79084 Stratford, Texas 79084

CIRCLE ENTRY AND INDICATE NUMBER IN GROUP

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Automobile | Open Class | Wagon or Buggy |
| Riding Club | Cowboy/Cowgirl - Junior/Senior | Machinery/Equipment |
| Theme Float - Commercial/Adult | Organization/Junior Organization | |
| Kiddie - Theme / Open Class | Marching Organization | |
| Number in Group _____ | | |

For publicity purposes, please give a description of your entry and identify the participants.

Organization Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

**Sorry Kids-
 18 days left
 till school
 starts**

Manor Friends To Meet Aug. 2nd

Manor Friends will meet in regular meeting Monday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Coldwater Nursing Home. We have new residents who need Birthday Pals.

Funders Forum on Wednesday

Editors Note: Following article was taken from Amarillo Globe News

Representatives of area nonprofit groups and foundations joined philanthropists to hear about trends in charitable giving at the fourth annual Funders Forum last week at the Amarillo Country Club.

Amarillo Area Foundation sponsored the event, which drew nationally known speakers. Attendees discussed trends and out-of-the-box alternatives to making the future brighter for philanthropic groups and the people who rely on them.

The foundation provides grants and services to strengthen nonprofit organizations and the services they deliver.

Some attending were: Jim Taliaferro, Joe Reinart, Martha Mitts and Vicky Freeman.

Chamber News

By Patti Tims

Obits



George Thomas Lovett Sr

George Thomas Lovett Sr., 79, died Saturday, July 24, 2004.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors. Flag detail will be performed by the American Legion Post 224 of Dumas.

Mr. Lovett was born Oct. 16, 1924, in Enterprise, MS. He had been a resident of Stratford for 63 years. He was married to Mary E. Walker for 61 years. He was a World War II veteran. He was a mechanic for over 30 years and the owner of the Handy Café for 15 years. He enjoyed fishing and flying his small plane.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Tommy Lovett Jr. of Stratford and Michael Lovett of China; two daughters, Stephanie Folley and Michelle Lovett, both of Amarillo; two sisters, Minnie Alma Weldon of Tucson, AZ, and Birdell Williams of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Dumas Memorial Hospice, 224 E. Second, Dumas, TX 79029.

Anna "Anita" Beltran

Anna "Anita" Beltran, 26, died Saturday, July 24, 2004 in Dumas.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ricardo Chabolla, minister of Roca De Salvacion, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Stratford.

Ms. Beltran was born in San Juan Gro. Chihuahua, Mexico, on Nov. 15, 1977. She had lived in Stratford for the past 18 years. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her father and stepmother Martin and Cecilia Beltran of Stratford; two sisters, Alicia Gonzales of Dallas and Cecilia Barajas of Stratford; and a brother, Martin Beltran Jr. of Stratford.

Ramon Pena Martinez

Ramon Pena Martinez, 67, died Saturday, July 24, 2004 in Wheeler.

Rosary was said at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2004 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Church. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Stratford.

Mr. Martinez was born in Mendoza on Sept. 25, 1936. His parents were Andres and Emiliana Martinez. Mr. Martinez was one of seven children. Ramon married Julia G. Albear on Nov. 26, 1960, and had four children.

Mr. Martinez was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Velma Martinez of Liberal, KS, Ramona Martinez-McClintock of Castle Rock, CO, and Amy Martinez-Flores of Amarillo; a son, Julian Martinez of Phoenix; four sisters, Lupe, Manuela, Lucilla and Rumalda; two brothers, Andy and Juan Manuel; and seven grandchildren, Thomas, Marcus, Andrea, Vicki, Adam, Emiliana and Olivia.

RANCH RODEO

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Ranch Rodeo will be held July 30 and 31. Friday night July 30, 7:00 p.m. will start off with the Calcutta, followed by the Rodeo at 8:00. Saturday night the rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please help support the Ranch Rodeo. Half of the income earned from the Ranch Rodeo is used for the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship given each year. As of today 18 teams are entered into the Rodeo, we have reached our limit. Please come out and enjoy all the activities Friday and Saturday night.

FAIR FLAGS

Fair Flags have been hung this past weekend by the Chamber of Commerce Board Members. If your business is missed and you would like to have a fair flag, please contact the office at 366-5570. The fair flags are 9 ft. banners and cost \$15.00; the chamber will put up and remove the banners.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is offering a membership special for single memberships. This will begin in the month of August. Single membership will cost \$15.00 for any individual wanting to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a non-profit organization that supports our local businesses please become a member and help keep the businesses we have in Stratford.

Harrington Medical Center League House Social August 3

Stratford will host an information "Sundae Social" for all interested person at the Imagination Station, Tuesday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.

Harrington Regional Medical Center and the Amarillo Junior League are committed to provide a hospital hospitality house for adults to compliment the Ronald McDonald House for families of hospitalized children. The Harrington Regional Medical Center, Inc will operate the Medical Center League House under their 501 (c3) non-profit status. A separate Board of Directors will provide oversight for financial and administrative decisions of the Medical Center League House. At least one member from the Junior League of Amarillo will always serve on the Board of Directors. The Junior League of Amarillo will provide volunteer support at the Medical Center League House with patient greeting and clerical assistance.

The Medical Center League House is a hospital hospitality house that will provide family centered lodging and support services to families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.

The Medical Center League House is reaching out to communities who will benefit from the facilities and asking for financial support from communities with the sponsorship of at least one "Stratford" room for \$15,000.00

Pledges cards for a five-year commitment will be accepted.

Please come Tuesday, August 3, 2004 to share a "Sundae on Tuesday" with your friends and

hear the presentation. Please call Martha Mitts at First State Bank 396-5521, Cindy Miller 396-5588 or Gaynelle Riffe 396-5303 so we will save a bowl for you.

Attention: Drama Camp Participants
The session for Drama camp on Thursday evening will be held at 4 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station

See You At The Fair

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- June 3- August 21 "Texas Legacies" (TEXAS) Monday Through Saturday Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park 806-655-2181 1-877-58TEXAS www.epictexas.com
- June 13 August 22 "Heavenly Country" (Sundays) Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park
- June 23 August 15 Wed.-Sun. "Lone Star Rising" Out door Musical 806-677-1706 Fritch Fortress Amphitheater- Lake Meredith
- July 30,31,1 "Victoria" Musical comedy Amarillo College Concert Hall theater 806-371-5359
- Aug. 5,6,7 "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" Melodrama XIT Celebration Thur./Fri. 7:00 p.m. Sat. 2:00 p.m. Dalhart LaRita Theatre 806-244-5646
- August 17 Nickel back Rock Band Civic Center Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Sept. 6 "Discover! Sky High" Symphony Concert /Fireworks Don Harrington Discovery Center 806-365-9547

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, Call

- Kathie Altman-366-5611
- David Cross-396-2396
- Ken Forthman-366-2586
- Patsy Harland-827-7568
- Michal Meyer-827-7453
- Jesse Resendes-769-4454
- Larry Evans-366-2242

Austin Hotline
1-800-252-5400
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See You At The Fair

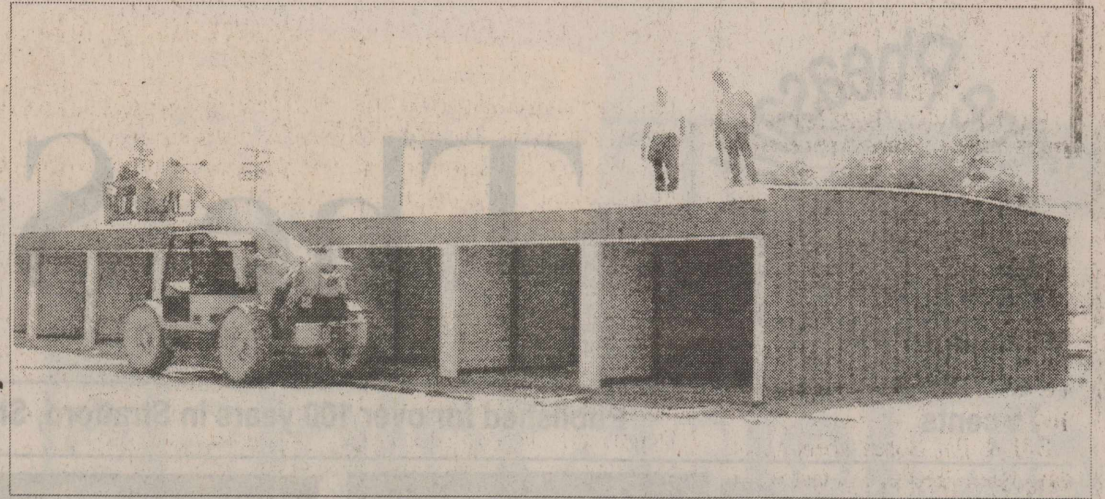
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New Places/New Faces

Stratford Self Storage, 1st and Poplar (287) nearing completion date of August 1st. Owners, J. Peeples and Jim Bob Reynolds, Dalhart.



A good scare is worth more than good advice.

—Horace

Dalhart LaRita Theatre Melodrama Aug. 5, 6, 7

"Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" presented by the LaRita Theatre, directed by Mary Jo Ondracek Thursday 5th and Friday 6th at 7:00 p.m., Saturday Matinee 7th at 2:00 p.m. All seats are reserved at \$8.00 each. Make your reservations now! as shows sometimes sell out.

Tickets Available at Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.

Frank Phillips College

announces its

Concurrent Scholarship Program

Earn tuition & fee credits if you:

*Live in the FPC service area (the top 10 counties of the Texas Panhandle) and have completed concurrent classes from FPC

*Enroll in at least 12 hours at FPC in Fall 2004 or Spring 2005 (Other conditions apply-please call for details)

For more information, call the FPC Office at Student Services at (806) 274-5311 ext. 721

Check out FPC's

Tyler Street Student Living Facility

This facility will house students who:

- have strong academic goals.
- are first generation or under-prepared scholars
- are low-income

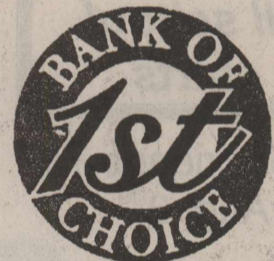
This facility will provide year-round housing with an atmosphere conducive to academic success and achievement.

Scholarships are available to assist you!

For more information, call FPC Student Services At (806) 274-5311 ext. 721

Parenting

(NU) - If picky eating were an Olympic sport, would your child be the gold medal winner? Many parents find that their children consistently place first in the "you can't make me eat that" category. How can you turn mealtime into a family-friendly hour as opposed to an all-out war? Look for "fun" foods. For example, products like Gorton's Popcorn Fish, bite-size fish coated in a crispy batter, appeal to children because of their fun shape and kid-friendly taste.



1st Person

DONITA ROBERTSON

Taking care of her customers, her kids, and her community... these priorities come First with Donita Robertson. As Information Technology manager at First State Bank, Donita takes care



of the bank's computer technology, which is constantly upgraded.

For the past eight years, Donita has also served as a volunteer firefighter. This

mother of two teenagers says, "My life is hectic, but I'm proud to serve my community." She adds that in a small town like Stratford, it's important for people to help each other.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Want a part time job? Understand that Kerrick Elevator is looking for a couple of people to help during corn harvest. Both women and men may go by and see Heath Collums at the elevator if interested.

Bill & Pat Boren spent three days near Creede, CO last week at Jennifer Boren's parent's cabin. Joe Bill, Jennifer and children, Brice, Wil, Kallie & Ryan returned recently from South Africa where they had visited with Jennifer's parents. Also present were Kerry, Kelly, Kevin, & Kole Carlisle.

The Community Center has a new roof with the help of the Stratford Area Foundation, Perkins-Protho Ranch, Happy Bank, Nita Mae Taylor, Virgie Mathews, and Marjory Munden in honor of Virgie. Now they need to raise more money to repair damage on the inside. Barbara & Terry Schoonover went to two family reunions over the weekend. Terry's family gathered at Kevin & Brenna Payne's in Amarillo Saturday. Sunday the Grice family gathered at the Dalhart Lake.

Visiting with Bill & Donna Gillenwaters Wed-Thur. Last week were grandchildren Kaiden & Kylee of Amarillo. Ralph Hampton is home right now.

Eleven "Preparing the Way" from Campo, CO, visited Sunday at Kerrick Community Church. They even brought dinner with them, reports Roy Harris.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, spent a week here. Thursday she and mother Marylou visited with Randy & Mary Pat Williams along with Alan Ross of Houston and James Young, former classmates.

Saturday, Patti, Mike and Merilee had lunch with Thelma & Duane Smith in Dumas.

Trisha, Reed, Rett & Rese Schoonover went with the Tillery family for a vacation to Possum Kingdom. There were 15 for the nearly week. Was warmer there!

Ex-Student Reunion July 31-31

Ex-Superintendent in the '40 M.E. Cleavinger regrets he will not be able to attend the Reunion this year but sends his good wishes. The Honored Classes and representatives are 1934 (70 years) Betty Lou O'Brien (Old Timers Queen), (60 Years)- Wanda Bryant Riffe; 1954 B.A. Donelson, Jo Wayne Harding Summerour, Yvonne Mitts Prichard; 1964 Gary and Sue Plunk Hudson, Sherry Collins Phelps; 1974 Jack Haile, Laura Melton Smith; 1984 Brent Spurlock, Greg Wright 1994 Dean Hauser, Kaci Wight McBryde, Friday Night 7:00 p.m. will be family visiting with Hamburgers and Ice Cream at the County Exhibit building. 8:30 the class of 1954 will meet at B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's home; the Class of 1964 will meet at Dennis and Sherry Phelps home.

Saturday activities include some classes to ride in Parade at 11:00 a.m.; the community Barbeque at the City Park at 11:30 (bring your own chair); the School, Museum and SCOT Hall will be open from 1:00 to 4:00; Senior Ex-students are invited to come to SCOT hall from 1 to 4 on Saturday, July 31. It will be cool and has tables and chairs. Class of 1974 will meet on Saturday, July 31 for a Come and go get together at Verlie Ellison Norris, 719 N. Maple. Class activities for 1954, 1964, 1984, 1994 will begin at 5:00 at designated homes.

Interesting note: I have spent several hours calling to get addresses and have not received ONE address from the list of addresses posted at the Post Office. Does it pay to advertise?? Maybe next year.

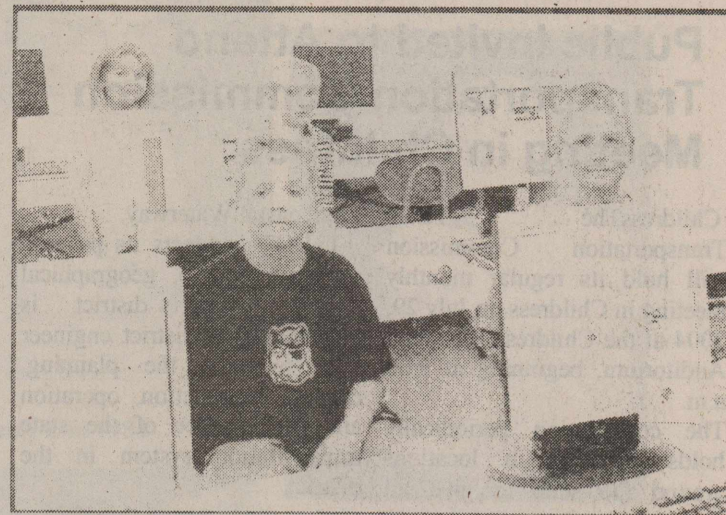
Cards of Thanks

Thank you Jack Gilley for the miscellaneous jobs and repairs you've done at the Library. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated!

Sherman County Commissioners Court

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards & flowers while I was in the hospital. Thank you for the visits and food since I have been home. Stratford is such a caring town and I really appreciate your love and support.

Peggy Plunk



Computer Camp

Imagination Station Computer Camp, July 19-23, "Web Find" and working in Word L/R Mattie Mayfield, Corey Sims, Jerry Brown and Zakary Sims. Director Linda Young. (A missed opportunity for young people 8-12).

Health

(NU) - Most Americans know that massage therapy can help relieve stress and pain, reduce blood pressure and boost the immune system. The American Massage Therapy Association can help you locate an AMTA massage therapist in your area through its free "Find a Massage Therapist" national locator service. Access the service online at www.amta-massage.org or call 1-888-THE-AMTA.

When my enemies stop hissing,
I shall know I'm slipping.

—Maria Callas

Nobody roots for Goliath.

—Wilt Chamberlain

A friend is a single soul dwelling
in two bodies.

—Aristotle

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Dumas—Alco Lot Fri. Aug 6 8:00—5:00 Dumas—Hwy. 287 N John Deere Lot Wed. Aug. 11

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Between the hours of 8:00 & 4:30

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed 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. Gene Weinette 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 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master 6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Church

N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn 302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 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

Brent Farney 702 N. 3rd
Early Service 9:00 a.m.
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed.- Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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 Susninios Durante El Servicio.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You Conversion to Christianity

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Public Invited to Attend Transportation Commission Meeting in Childress

ChildressThe Texas Transportation Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting in Childress on July 29, 2004 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The commission periodically holds meetings in locations around the state to give all Texans an opportunity to participate in state Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) encourages the public to attend this meeting. At the conclusion of all agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any matter that is under the jurisdiction of the commission. No action will be taken. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Anyone planning to make public comment must fill out a speaker's comment card that will be available at the registration table, prior to the meeting.

The Texas Transportation Commission consists of five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate to govern the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Members' six-year terms are staggered, so that an appointment is generally made every two years. The governor designates one member of the commission to serve as the chair.

The chair, referred to as the commissioner of transportation, is Ric Williamson of Weatherford. John W. Johnson of Houston, Robert Nichols of Jacksonville, Ted Houghton of El Paso and Hope Andrade of San Antonio are currently serving as commission members. Mike Behrens is the executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation.

This is the first time that the commission has held a meeting in TxDOT's Childress District. The first out-of-town commission meeting was in 1920, but TxDOT did not start regularly holding them outside of Austin until 1937.

The Transportation Commission is responsible for establishing policy and rules necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the commission and TxDOT, including the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state transportation system, and developing a statewide transportation plan that contains all modes of transportation, including highways and turnpikes, aviation, mass transportation, railroads and high-speed railroads, and water traffic.

TxDOT provides and maintains the state highway system, assists general aviation and public transportation and serves as the local sponsor of the Gulf

Intercoastal Waterway. TxDOT conducts its primary activities in 25 geographical districts. Each district is managed by a district engineer who oversees the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system in the district.

Terry Keener, TxDOT Childress District Engineer oversees a thirteen-county area that includes Childress, Wheeler, Donley, Collingsworth, Briscoe, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Cottle, Motley, Dickens, King and Knox. "Due to voter approval in 2000 of Proposition 15 and legislation enacted by the 77th and 78th Legislature, Texas now has more options than ever

before to meet today's growing transportation demands. In July the citizens and local government officials of the 13 counties represented by the Childress district will have a rare opportunity to meet the five members of the Texas Transportation Commission and other transportation officials from our state offices," said Keener.

Texas has a 79,000 mile state highway system (Interstate, U.S., State, Farm and Ranch-to-Market highways) on which motorists' travel an average of 417 million miles each day.

Girl Scouts Launch Online Fund Campaign

Five Star Council has launched its first online fundraising initiative. The three-year "Commit to a Girl" campaign features a new website with information on the challenges girls face locally and nationally, as well as opportunities to support Girl Scouting in the council's 30 county jurisdiction.

"Girl Scouting helps girls develop confidence, real-life skills and leadership abilities," says Maria DeBrango Stickel, CEO. "There are many girls in our area who could benefit from our program, including those struggling with tough issues such as peer pressure, low self-esteem and even violence."

"Girl Scouts is on the cutting edge offering activities that emphasize girl's abilities in math, technology science and social issues. Yet, today's girls still have opportunities to participate in classic troops and camping experiences that build skills, character and provide life-long memories of fun and adventure. It has never been more important to commit to girls and the online campaign makes it simple!" To make a difference in the life of a girl in your area, visit

www.committoagirl.kintera.org/fivestar

Visitors can donate directly or create their own "Commit to a Girl" page that can be customized to honor a loved one, contact old friends or host a virtual fundraising party.

Girl Scouts-Five Star Council is a dynamic and contemporary organization that prepares girls to seek and meet the challenges of our ever-changing society. Through an informal educational program, girls, ages 4-17, learn to have fun, gain self-esteem and contribute to their communities.

For more information, call the Girl Scout office at 806-356-0096.

Stone Recently Deployed

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Brian I. Stone, son of Melody Lemmones of Texhoma, OK and David L. Stone of Texhoma, Ok. And more than 2,100 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently deployed with the Belleau Wood Expeditionary Strike Group to the Western Pacific and Central Command area of responsibility in support of the global war on terrorism.

Stone's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEU's are built around a reinforced infantry battalion, a combat service support element, a reinforced helicopter squadron and a command element. With its complement of fully integrated air and ground forces, Stone's unit is ready to conduct real-world operations including amphibious, heliborne and boat raids, tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel, noncombatant evacuation operations and humanitarian assistance operations.

Stone is a 1999 graduate of Texhoma High School of Texhoma, OK and joined the Marine Corps in June 2002.

HEALTH MATTERS



Caring for the Caregivers

(NAPS)—Increasingly, health care professionals around the country are addressing an important need by asking a surprising question. The question? "Are you taking care of an aging relative at home?"

The reason? Individuals in one in four U.S. households would answer "yes" and many doctors know that the stresses of being a family caregiver can increase health risks. In fact, researchers have found that more than a third of caregivers provide intense and continuing care to others while suffering from poor health themselves.

Fortunately, there are a number of things doctors can do to help. First, they can assure caregivers that it's not just okay to ask for help—it may be essential for themselves and those they care for.

"People have a hard time admitting they feel frustration or fatigue or resentment," explains one physician. "We need to point out that it's okay to voice those feelings. That first conversation can open an avenue to activate a cascade of support."

Next, doctors and nurses can share survival tips for caregivers advocated by the U.S. Administration on Aging:

1. Plan ahead
2. Learn about available resources
3. Take one day at a time
4. Develop contingency plans
5. Accept help
6. Make your health a priority
7. Get enough rest and eat properly
8. Make time for leisure
9. Be good to yourself
10. Share your feelings with others.



People who care for ill or elderly spouses and parents may need—and can get—more help from physicians and others than they realize.

Finally, health care experts can provide information on organizations that can give caregivers a hand, from support groups and educational seminars for themselves to home delivered meals and transportation services for their loved ones.

Helping the health care providers with this task is *Making the Link: Connecting Caregivers with Services through Physicians*, a program of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging.

The program provides a self-assessment questionnaire to help caregivers identify themselves and a referral to local agency services. With or without a health care practitioner's intervention, any caregiver can find help in his or her community by contacting the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 or www.eldercare.gov.

AgriPartner Report

Week of July 19, 2004 Dallam, Sherman, Hartley & Moore Counties

Southwestern corn borer moth activity has dramatically increased this week. Eggs and small larvae can be easily found in most fields. An insecticide application is justified when 20 to 25 percent of the plants are infested with eggs or newly hatched larvae.

Spider mite infestations are increasing, but, in general, they are still very light. Continue to monitor this pest for they can rapidly increase this time of year.

Insecticide applications to control western bean cutworm are being made in the northwest Texas Panhandle area. Once corn is about 95 percent tasseled and western bean cutworm infestations are 14 percent and higher, an insecticide application is justified.

Western corn rootworm beetles continue to emerge. The beetles feed on leaves and silk. They are capable of reducing pollination if silks are chewed to less than 1/2 inch. More importantly, they will lay the eggs that will become next year's rootworm problem if corn is planted back on that same land.

Colonies of greenbugs are showing up in a few sorghum fields. Infestations are light at this time but can rapidly increase in mature fields where an adequate canopy provides suitable environment.

Sorghum that has headed needs to be routinely checked for corn earworm and/or fall armyworm that might be feeding in the head particularly during the grain-fill stage.

Sunflowers that are near bloom need to be monitored for sunflower moth. One to two insecticide applications made during the blooming phase of sunflowers will be required to adequately protect the plant from this pest.

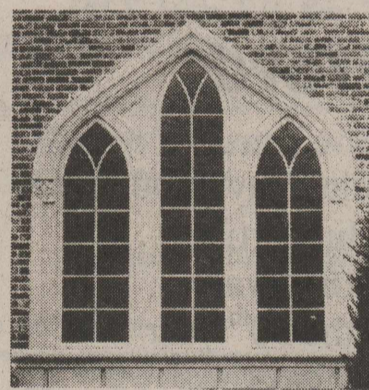
Cotton fleahoppers and Lygus bugs should no longer be a concern in cotton fields that are into the bloom stage. They may be present but, at this stage, no longer consider to be an economic pest. They could still be a problem in fields that have yet to bloom.

Bollworm eggs lays of up to 15,000 per acre have been reported; however, larval counts remain below the economic threshold. Excellent populations of beneficial insects and spiders can likely be credited with keeping the bollworm infestation below the economic threshold.

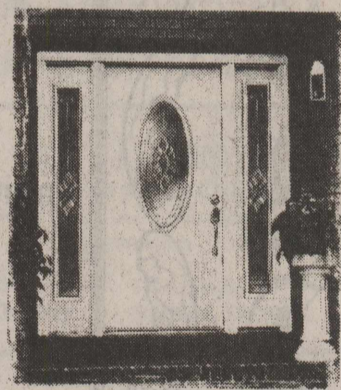
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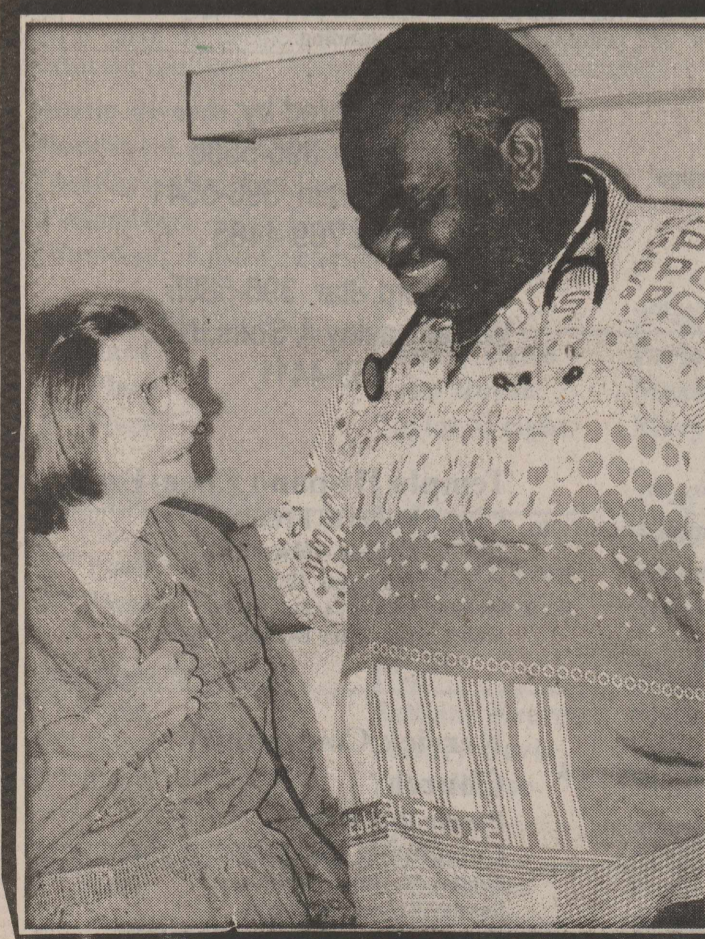
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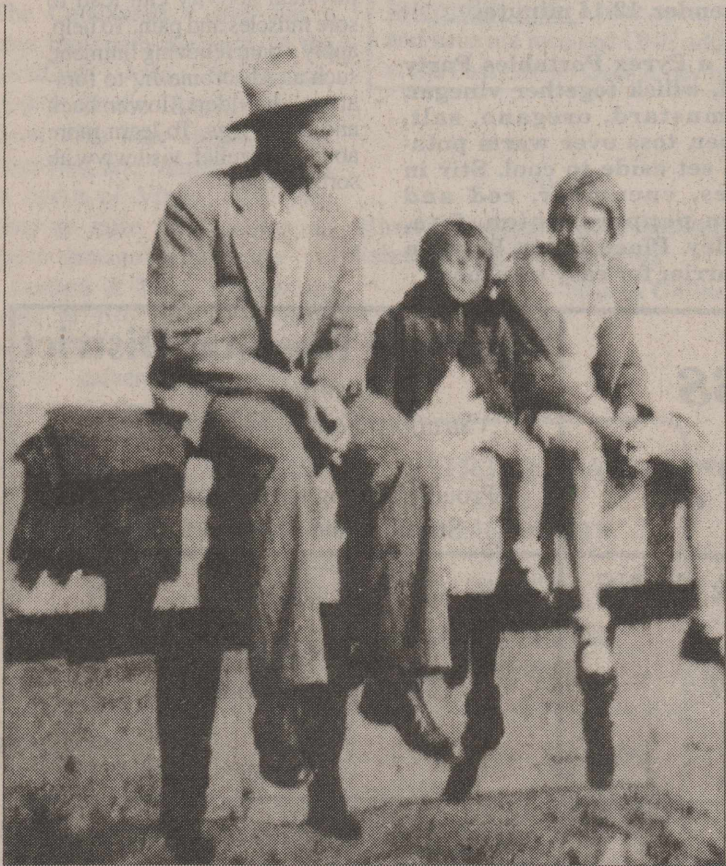
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Betty Lou 1984



Baby Betty Lou 1917



Curran, June Beth & Betty Lou at Long Beach, CA 1928.



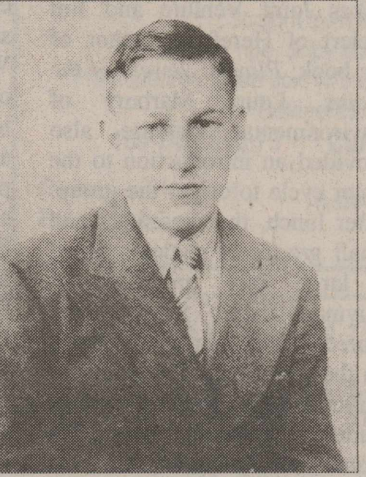
Betty Lou with Elizabeth & Curran Santa Barbara, CA 1945.



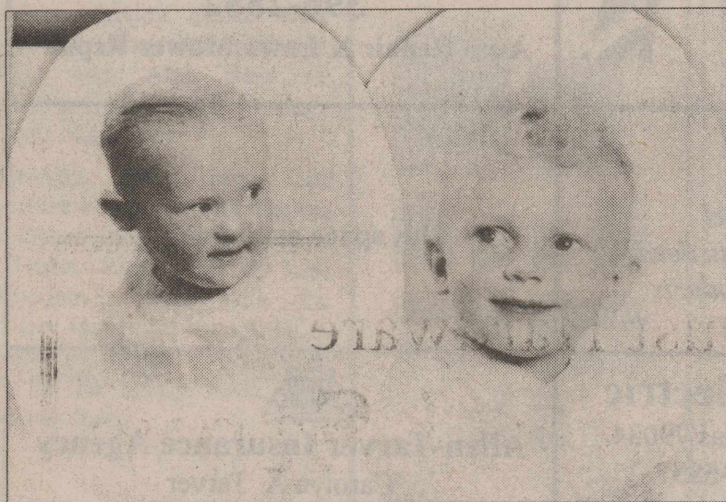
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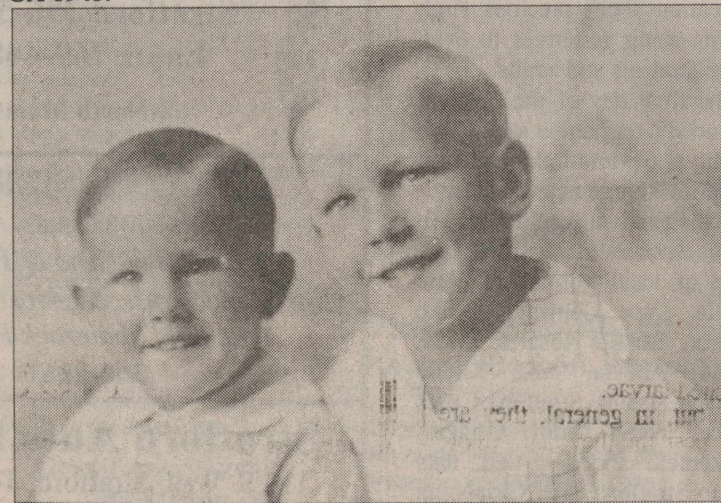
Jack delivered telegrams. That is the old hotel in background.



Jack 1940



Bruce & Gary



Jack on right with little brother, Doug.



Glennell & Jack in Maryland where Jack's Jimminy was a winner in 1977.

2004 Old Timer King & Queen Stories

Queen Betty Lou O'Brien

2004 Old Timer Queen Betty Lou O'Brien is the most traveled person in this area! She has been on all seven continents, visited 50 countries, but she has missed two states, South Carolina and North Dakota! Her most recent trip was to Machu Picchu, Peru in April of this year.

Betty Lou is the daughter of the late Curran and Elizabeth Smith O'Brien. (Curran was 1970 OT) Betty Lou was born Sept. 27, 1916, and they lived on the ranch on Beaver Road until it was school time for Betty Lou. Their nearest neighbors were her grandparents, J.P. and Lee Smith. She especially liked the Sunday family gatherings of aunts, uncles and cousins after attending First Christian Church.

Mrs. Harry Ingham was her first and second grade teacher. Her sister June Beth was born Feb. 3, 1924. About that time, her

Aunt Mary married Harry Brown and soon moved to California. "Where was California? All I knew was Texhoma, Dalhart, Gruver and a trip once a year or so to Amarillo", says Betty Lou. In 1929 the O'Brien's went to California along with the Royal Pendletons in Model T's. No pavements, dirt roads, few tourist courts. Betty Lou was 11 years old when she saw the ocean for the first time. The families made a second trip to California in new Model A's.

Sister June Beth died in 1933 of pneumonia. There were no miracle drugs then.

In the middle of dust bowl days and the depression, Betty Lou was Salutatorian of SHS 1934. Betty Lou says, "everyone taped around doors and windows and one planned the wash day around the weather and hoped

the clothes got dry before the wind and dust got up!"

The families all got together on Sundays for "fun, food and homemade ice cream, as many as four or five gallons".

She entered West Texas College in 1935 and graduated 1940. She taught in Stratford 1940-41 for \$90 a month. Some of her students were Don Riffe, William Glen Hart, and Kenneth Pemberton.

Having had hay fever and asthma for six years, Betty Lou moved to California in 1941. She worked for Firth Sterling Steel Co. for ten years, and then decided she would like to teach again. Mainly so she would have summers free to travel. She attended U.C.L.A. to get a California teaching certificate. In the summers her parents and she traveled in the states, then in 1953 she made her first trip to Europe—Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Scotland, France, Spain.

She attended the coronation of Queen Elizabeth from a grand stand. On her return to California, she got a job with L.A. School system and taught kindergarten for 21 years. After retiring in 1974, she returned to care for her parents. Curran died in 1975. She made a trip behind the "iron curtain" with Texas Farm Bureau, Russia, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia. "Every place we visited we

stopped at a farm and I learned more than I ever wanted to know about artificial insemination".

The next few years she took care of her mother. She died March 1984 and Betty Lou really started traveling. Her cousin Tommy Brown made some of the trips with her. The first trip was to Norway to visit with cousins Bill & Cathy Dixon. Also went to Greece and Turkey. Then came Ireland, a cruise to China, a cruise to Indonesia, and the "far east". A Mediterranean cruise, followed by a trip around the world. A trip to see the animals of Africa, a trip around South America with cousin Pearl Dixon, another trip to China and a cruise up the Yangtze River.

Cousin Tom and Betty Lou took a trip in the U.S. every year beginning 1987 until he passed away last year. Three trips to Hawaii, two to Alaska.

Marihoward Engelbrecht and Betty Lou went to Antarctica where Betty Lou went swimming! Her trip to Peru almost had too high an altitude for this 88-year young gadabout!

On her return to Stratford, she became a member of several organizations, many that no longer meet, Music Club, Garden Club, Art Club, and Sorority.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club hopes Queen Betty Lou travels many more happy miles!

King Jack Dettle

Jack Dettle is the 2004 Old Timer King. He started school in Stratford and graduated 1939. Jack Neff was born May 23, 1923 at Hutchinson, KS. His father, William (Bill) F. Dettle, was a Rock Island agent. His mother, Orel Neff Dettle, rode the train to Hutchinson to see the doctor. The family moved to Stratford where they lived in part of the depot as their home was being built. Jack graduated 1940 from Stratford. He went to Texas Tech for three semesters. Jack's brother, Doug Dee, was born Jan. 28, 1925, at Meade, KS.

A little girl, Glennell Garst, said that she was chased home from school when she was in the first grade by the "meanest boy in town". She married him Sept. 14, 1941. According to "God, Grass & Grit, Vol. II", as the couple drove to Dalhart, Glennell asked if he had the ring. He turned the pickup around and went back for the ring, marriage license and coat!

For several years, Jack farmed and ranched with his step-dad, Clyde Martin. The two "city" kids lived in the country without any modern conveniences for a time.

They had two sons, Gary Neff born Aug 26, 1943 and Bruce Dee, Aug. 8, 1945. Gary married

Louise Stone and they had two children, Martin Neff and Monica. Monica and Justin Bailey have three great-grandchildren for Jack; they are Alexandra, McKenna and Madeline. They live at Roanoke, TX.

Neff lives at Austin and has a son, Colton.

Gary died suddenly April 25, 2001. Louise moved to Roanoke later to be close to Monica and family.

Bruce Dee was born with Down syndrome. He lived to be 47 years old and brought much joy to those who knew him. He died Sept 24, 1999.

Glennell preceded the boys on July 18, 1989.

For several years, Jack raised thoroughbred horses and won with several. The area had lots of fun with Clyde Martin's "Phil D" thoroughbred, especially when he came in fourth at the 1950 Kentucky Derby.

These days Jack ranches in Hartley County. He considers himself a farmer and landlord. He is a member of First Christian Church, Elks Club and Stratford Country Club. He has enjoyed fly-fishing.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club welcomes Jack Dettle as 2004 Old Timer King.



Going to enjoy the week of attending the Playa Lakes Festival in Goodwell, OK were Back row l/r Katharina Pendergrace, Kathie Altman, Ann Wells, Lupe Conway, Tera Imler-Harris, Noelia Solano, Lidia Mendoza. Second row-l/r Angie Rosales, Karina Michel, Roy Allen, Jose Mendoza, Michael Ortega. Front l/rShyanne Acker, Delila Rosales, Mathew Chaffee, Samantha Aldavez, Monica Ramos and Violet Conway.

Playa Lakes Festival in Goodwell, OK

For thirty-seven students who attended the Playa Lakes Festival in Goodwell, OK last week, life changed very quickly. On the first day of the Festival, these students knew very little about playa lakes, wastewater reuse, the Beaver River, and the Ogallala Aquifer. By the fourth day of the Festival, the same students knew more about the local water cycle than most adults.

Festival director Darryl Birkenfeld, summarized the transformation that occurred with the students, who in August will enter Grades 4-7. "These kids and their adult sponsors received a crash course on water issues with some of the region's best teachers—this Festival would rival anything taught in a university. Our High Plains water isn't always easy to see, but it is hard at work in thousands of playa lakes, small springs, large draws and creeks that turn into some big rivers further east, and, of course, the might Ogallala Aquifer."

Students came from the towns of Boise City, Texhoma, Stratford, Griggs, Sunray, Guymon, Straight, and Goodwell to attend the Playa Lakes Festival held at the Oklahoma Panhandle Research & Extension Center and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Each day, they gained a better understanding of surface water hydrology, how Ogallala groundwater is being steadily depleted, and what they can do to preserve water and promote a healthy water cycle.

On the first day, students heard about playa lakes: their origins, their flora and fauna, their impact on wildlife, and their ability to recharge the Ogallala Aquifer. The presentations were given by Debbie Slobe of the Playa

Lakes Joint Venture and Jim Steiert of Hereford, author of the book, *Playas: Jewels of the Plains*. Laura Marbury of Environmental Defense also provided an introduction to the water cycle to orient the group. After lunch, the presenters and small groups of students board a large bus provided by Guymon Public Schools and toured a large playa lake basin on the Neil Hyer farm south of Guymon. Out on the playa, students gathered interesting plants and specimens in their Scavenger Bags. When the contents of the bags were sifted through back in the classroom, the faculty helped the students identify over a dozen plants and grasses, many of which grow only in the playa basins.

The second and third days of the Playa Lakes Festival featured four learning modules, held at the OSU Extension Center and the OPSU campus. Landscape artist Amy Winton on Canadian, TX and Dr. Rick Dings of Texas Tech taught an Art module where students used sketching, painting and photography as tools for learning about the water cycle. A second module conducted by Laura Marbury and Dr. Nick Parker of Lubbock, studied state, national, & global water situations. In addition, the group learned about water reuse, and got a tour of the Goodwell wastewater lagoons to observe how these systems actually work. A third module offered by Rhonda Artho from North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in Dumas oriented students to the history and current status of the Ogallala Aquifer, and issues surrounding its use and conservation. The group also toured the Beaver River north of Goodwell to learn how land management affects streambed

ecosystems. To further deepen student awareness, Andy Wilkinson and Amanda Shires of Lubbock taught students how to create poems and use writing as a creative tool to learn about playa lakes and water situations.

Festival organizers, with the help of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech, will create a traveling exhibit from the photography, art, and creative writing that students compiled at the Playa Lakes Festival. The exhibit will be displayed in the local towns and schools on the second weekend of October, thereby bringing education about precious High Plains water resources to even more students and adults.

The final day of the Festival included a tour and a sack lunch picnic at Optima Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Hardesty.

"This Festival would not have been successful without the help of local volunteers: Ann Wells, Lupe Conway, Mike Everett, Debbie Rosales, Joe & Viola Abeya, and Kathie Altman from Stratford, plus Joyce Wells from Griggs," Birkenfeld added. "Also, hats off to Stratford ISD, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and Guymon Public Schools for providing vans and a bus to transport students during the Festival, and to the Goodwell Booster Club for providing hot lunches each day."

The Playa Lakes Festival was organized by Ogallala Commons, and education resource network active in eight states of the Ogallala Aquifer region. Sponsors for the Festival were Oklahoma Farmers Union, High Plains RC&D (Buffalo, OK), Oklahoma Panhandle State University, The Southwest Collection/Special Collections

Attention: Drama Camp Participants
The session for Drama camp on Thursday evening will be held at 4 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. at The Imagination Station

Library at Texas Tech, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Texas County Conservation District, Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District, Cimarron County Conservation District, Environmental Defense, Ogallala Aquifer Institute, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, and Oklahoma Panhandle Research & Extension Center.

Potato Salad with Feta Vinaigrette
Serves 8

- 2 lbs. peeled red potatoes, cut into 1" pieces
 - 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 - ½ cup halved pitted kalamata olives
 - 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, diced
 - ½ cup chopped roasted red peppers
 - 1 small green pepper, diced
 - ½ cup diced red onion
 - 4 oz. (1 cup) crumbled feta cheese
 - ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- Steam potatoes until tender, 12-14 minutes

In a Pyrex Portables Party Bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, mustard, oregano, salt, pepper, toss over warm potatoes, set aside to cool. Stir in olives, cucumber, red and green peppers, onion, feta, parsley. Place Party Bowl in its carrier for easy transport.

Health

(NU) - We've all heard the news about the potential heart-health benefits of moderate alcohol consumption. Most news reports leave the impression that health benefits apply to men and women alike. Not so. Very little, if any, evidence suggests that alcohol consumption in younger women is beneficial. On the other hand, eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables is beneficial to the health of young women.

Fitness

(NU) - Summer means enjoying outdoor activities. Unfortunately, if you're just starting to get active after a long winter indoors, the increased physical activity can lead to sore muscles and pain. To help, apply a pain relieving liniment, such as Absorbine Jr., to forearms, shoulders, lower back and upper legs. To learn more about pain relief, visit www.ab-sorbine.com.

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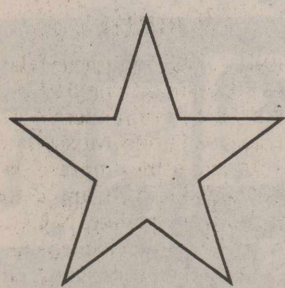
Lady Elk Basketball Camp

Eighteen girls attended the Lady Elk Basketball Camp from July 19th-22nd. Each camper received a T-shirt, water bottle, and a basketball. Coaching the girls at camp this week were: Coach Hudson, Mrs. Hudson and Alisha Sladek. The girls worked very hard on dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and pivoting. In addition to working on individual skills, the girls played fun games and competed in daily competitions. Although the girls worked very hard, they had a lot of fun and won great prizes including basketball hair scrunchies, picture frames, basketball bracelets, and many others. Several girls brightened up the gym as they participated in the crazy socks and crazy shots competitions. At the conclusion of each day the coaches picked the Hustle Award and the girls sang the basketball song of the week! On the last day of camp the campers performed for their parents. The winners of the daily competitions received medals and certificates. Thanks for making camp great girls!!

Hustle Awards

Monday: Lindsy Confer
Tuesday: Madeline Drake
Wednesday: Tyler Rouse
Thursday: Kelsi Keener and Taylor Wright

| Free throw Winners | 1 st -2 nd | 3 rd -5 th | 6 th -7 th |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 st Place | Landry Davis | Perla Reta | Chelbye Ellis |
| 2 nd Place | Tyler Rouse | Mazie Rae Vincent | Kimberly Melton |
| 3 rd Place | Taylor Wright | Mary Ann Spurlock | Lindsy Confer |
| Lay-Up Winners | 1 st -2 nd | 3 rd -5 th | 6 th -7 th |
| 1 st Place | Tyler Rouse | Perla Reta | Chelbye Ellis |
| 2 nd Place | Kelsey Pickens | Madeline Drake | Lindsy Confer |
| 3 rd Place | Taylor Wright | Mazie Rae Vincent | Channing Zieman |
| Hot Shot Winners | 1 st -2 nd | 3 rd -5 th | 6 th -7 th |
| 1 st Place | Bethany Everett | Perla Reta | Chelbye Ellis |
| 2 nd Place | Landry Davis | Mary Ann Spurlock | Channing Zieman |
| 3 rd Place | Tyler Rouse | Madeline Drake | Lindsy Confer |
| Dribbling Winners | 1 st -2 nd | 3 rd -5 th | 6 th -7 th |
| 1 st Place | Tyler Rouse | Perla Reta | Channing Zieman |
| 2 nd Place | Taylor Wright | Mazie Rae Vincent | Chelbye Ellis |
| 3 rd Place | Landry Davis | None | Lindsy Confer |



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Feed Mill Operator

Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Inc. a Major Agribusiness located in Texhoma, Oklahoma has a great opportunity for a Feed Mill Operator. The primary responsibilities include receiving, inspecting and processing ingredients into finishing feed. Other responsibilities include the load out of feed in trucks for delivery to customers, housekeeping, and health and safety tasks. A high school diploma or GED is preferred but not necessary. This hands-on individual must possess excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, good mechanical aptitude will be a plus, and utilize proven leadership skills in a team environment. All qualified candidates please send a resume to: Murphy Farms of Texhoma, Attn: Judy McDaniel P.O. Box 409, Texhoma, OK 73949 Fax: 580-423-2416.
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Farm & Ranch

1,277 acres land auction, August 6th, Cimarron County, Ok. CRP Cultivation, native grass & vineyard w/home site. Broker-Ed Desbien. Call 580-544-3274
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Celebrate The Bounty Of The Land With Farmers' Market Corn Salad

(NAPS)—Farmers' markets celebrate their spectacular bounty with an overflowing supply of fresh produce, perfect for delicious warm weather dishes.

Plentiful crops of sweet yellow corn and luscious vine-ripened tomatoes make colorful combinations full of flavor. A terrific centerpiece for a light meal, Farmers' Market Corn Salad combines the sweetness of fresh-picked corn with red tomatoes, diced red onion and fresh cilantro, deliciously flavored with the piquant taste of Tabasco® brand pepper sauce. It's a quick dish that's great for a leisurely lunch or a warm evening's repast, and vegetarians will particularly appreciate it!

Farmers' Market Corn Salad

- 4 medium ears corn, husked
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco® brand pepper sauce

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For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights.
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8-5-c

Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521.
10-23-tfn

Houses For Sale

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl (we're moving to the farm). 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage, extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775.
4-22-tfn

Must see! Beautiful home on 1 acre. 2,100 sq. ft. 4 yr. Old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan w/lg kitchen. Call Johny @ (806)366-3584 or Brian @ (559)947-3272.
4-1-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521.
9-25-tfn

Home for Sale: 1216 NW 2nd, 2240 Sq. ft. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, Sprinkler system. New Windows & Heating System & Roof. 366-3520.
5-27-tfn

For Sale: 3850 Sq. Ft. living area, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths, basement, covered patio, 2 car garage, corner lot w/circle drive. 420 N. Chestnut. Call 806-396-2348.
7-10-tfn

House For Sale or Lease: Recently remodeled 2500 sq. ft. house. 3 bdrm, 2 baths. Call for more information. 244-2155 or 333-7120.
8-8-tfn

House for Sale-611 N. Chestnut 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 baths, Call 366-2401
8-5-c

House & Acreage for Sale by Owner. 2400 Sq. Ft. House, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath. 14.9 acres. 40'x60' metal bldg, roping arena, 3 horse sheds, detached 2 car garage. Shown by appointment only. 806-966-5219, 806-679-8015.
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For Sale by owner: 3 bedroom, 1 & 1/2 baths, dining room, large living and utility rooms; 1 car garage w/shop; newly remodeled bathroom; new kitchen counter, cabinet, and dishwasher; carpet 2 years old. 1800 sq. feet (w/garage); vinyl siding, large 3-lot yard (90'x140'), 6' backyard picket fence w/ 3 gates, large storage building, backyard gym. \$39,900. 213 S. Fulton. Call (432) 586-6324 or (432) 940-6324.
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This 2 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath that has style. The office could serve as 3rd bedroom. Beautiful large living room and dining area. Extra room off of kitchen could serve many purposes such as hobby room or office. Hardwood floors, decorative wall paper. Home sits on a beautiful corner lot with sprinkler system, nice patio area and storage building in backyard. Hurry! \$78,900.

Buyers-You will fall in love with this 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home! The home has been lovingly taken care of and is wonderfully decorated. The kitchen, dining and living room are all open. Large master suite. Master bathroom shower has a wall with beautiful glass blocks. The property also includes a superb shop which is 1152 sq. ft and has 2 overhead garage doors. The shop also has heat & air and includes a 1/2 bath. Great patio. Near schools. \$98,500.

This charming home has been remodeled and sits on a 5 1/2 fenced lots. Attached 18'6"x24'8" workshop and 11'9"x12' storage building in backyard. Seller will furnish home warranty. \$79,900.

Super nice home has been recently refurbished with new floor coverings and paint. It has walk-in closets. \$33,000.

I'm glad cave people didn't invent television, because they would have just sat around and watched talk shows all day instead of creating tools.
—Dave James

Owner Financing, Buying a House Made Simple. All 3 Bdrm. 319 S. Main, 611 N. 3rd. Call Brett Cummings 366-7664 (hm) or 753-6677 (cell).
1-2-04-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482.
4-22-tfn

3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for Appointment
9-30-c

House for Sale: 320 N. Wall-2100 sq. ft. 3 bdrm-3 bath, hardwood floors, sprinkler system, 2-car garage, \$95,000. Will show by appointment only. Call 396-5521 or 366-3628.
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4 Bdrm Brick Home in Texhoma, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 car garage, large walk-in closets, new roof & barn in backyard 40'x25'. (580)423-4553 or (580)423-7718 for more info.
7-31-tfn

House for sale by owner: 204 S. Pearl, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath, utility, CHA. Possible financing. Call 806-244-5486.
7-29-c

For Sale: 4 -bd-2 bath. Lg. Living area, over 1800 sq. ft. 2 storage buildings, new fence & dog run. Sits on 3 lots, 104 N. 7th. Call 396-2300 daytime or 366-3109 nights.
7-22-tfn

Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Sat. July 31 from 8 a.m. till 12 noon. 601 N. 4th. 4-Wheeler, Dirt Bike, Trailer, 'Too much more to list' Come by and check it out.
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Legal Notices

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors to refurbish the slab at the Junior High playground area. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. August 9, 2004. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N. 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on August 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

Items include labor, material, and equipment for the renovation.

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Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District Board of Trustees will accept sealed bids for a 1999 Ford Pickup with the following specifications.

- 1999 Ford F250 XLT Crew Cab
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- Tilt Wheel/Cruise
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Car Care Tips Help Teens, Parents as School Starts

NewsUSA

(NU) - Whether they're driving 500 miles to their university or five miles down the road to high school, students' knowledge of proper vehicle maintenance will improve both their car's safety and their personal safety as they head back to school.

High school and college students nationwide understand that being able to drive is tantamount to personal freedom, making it important for them to develop good car care habits early — habits that will pay off for years to come.

That is why Firestone Tire & Service Centers developed a top five list to help students prepare to hit the road before they have to hit the books. Remembering to maintain a vehicle will help reduce repairs and help students save money.

"We hope this top five list bestows high school and college kids with a sense of responsibility for their safety, related to car maintenance," said Trisha Hessinger, automotive TV program host, car education specialist and pace car driver.

The chance that a 16- to 19-year-old will be in a crash, based on miles driven, is four times that of an older driver, according to AAA.

Five Car Care Tips

- Always keep tires correctly inflated.
- Maintain recommended fluid levels.
- Follow the manufacturer's maintenance schedule.
- Rotate tires at regular intervals.
- Watch for mechanical irregularities, such as misalignment of wheels.

A car can break down at the worst possible moment and in the worst situation. The dangers associated with a poorly maintained car are significantly increased by the driver's inexperience.

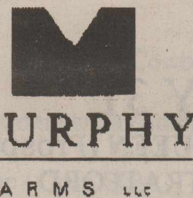
Vehicle maintenance is critical in maintaining optimum performance of any vehicle, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration.

So, if you are a parent of a young driver or are a young driver yourself, remember that taking care of a car consists of more than keeping it clean.

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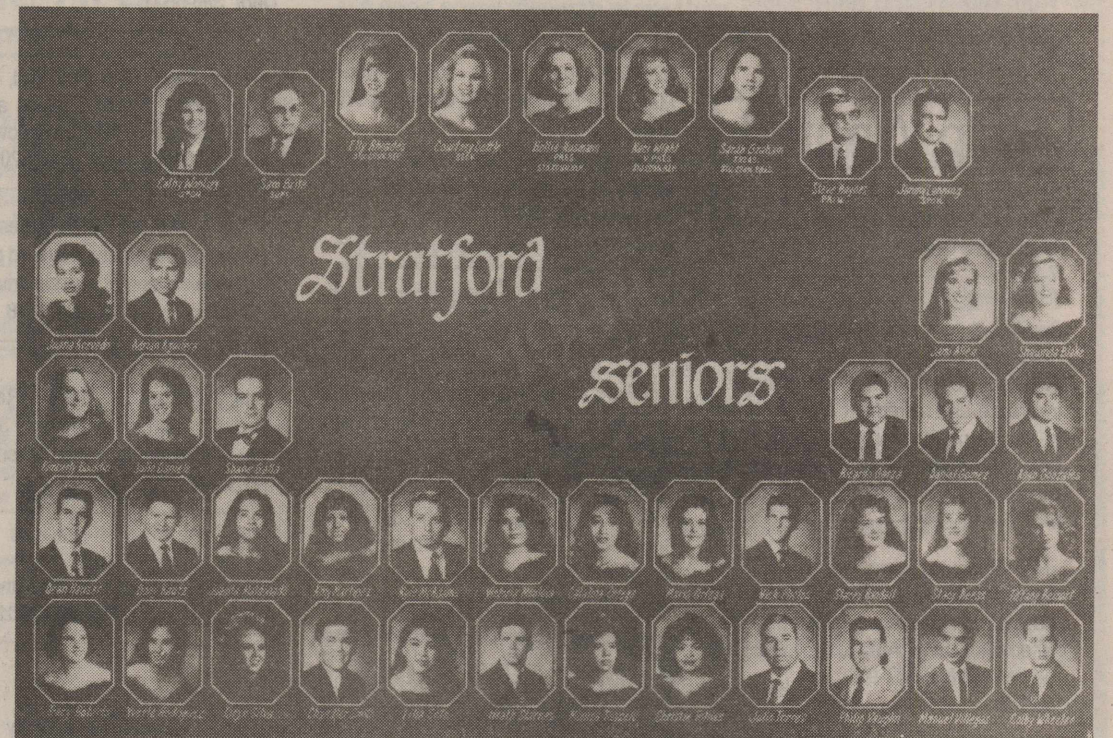
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Stratford Jamboree & Ex Students Reunion

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JULY 30

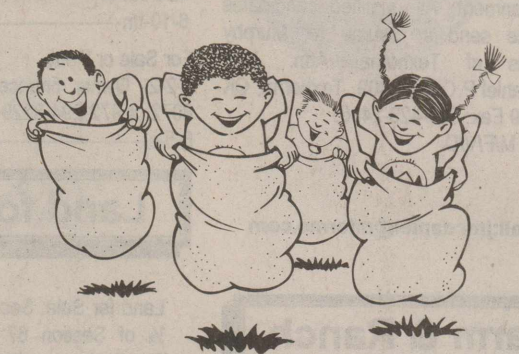
- 5:00 PM **POKEY THE CLOWN WRCA JR RANCH RODEO**
@ the PARK
- 7 p.m** **MEET AND GREET EX-STUDENTS**
@ COUNTY BARN
- 7:00PM **CALCUTTA**
BEFORE RODEO
- 7:30PM **RANCH RODEO** (Stratford Chamber of Commerce)
@RODEO ARENA

JULY 31

- 10:00AM **OLD TIMERS KING AND QUEEN** (Prospectus Study Club)
@FIRST STATE BANK OF STRATFORD
- 11:00AM **PARADE**
"LOCAL HEROES"
- 11:30AM **LIONS BBQ** -----ADULTS \$5.00 KIDS \$3.00
@PARK
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GREG WRIGHT
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EX-STUDENTS MEET AT THE PARK
- 12:00 **LIVE MUSIC** (GREG WRIGHT)
@PARK
- 12:30PM **KIDS GAMES**
(Stratford Student Council)
- 1:00PM **HORSE SHOE PITCH** (Museum Board)
@ PARK
- 2:00PM **GREENS FEE GOLF**
@ STRATFORD COUNTRY CLUB
- 7:00PM **RANCH RODEO**
@ RODEO ARENA

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contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide the food. All of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.