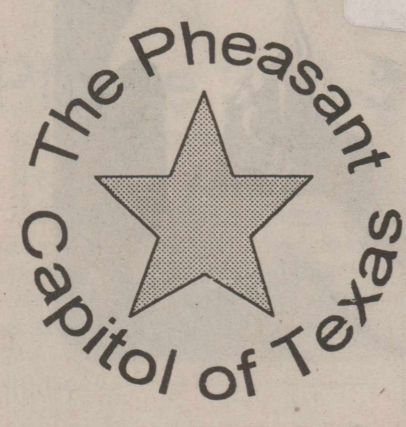


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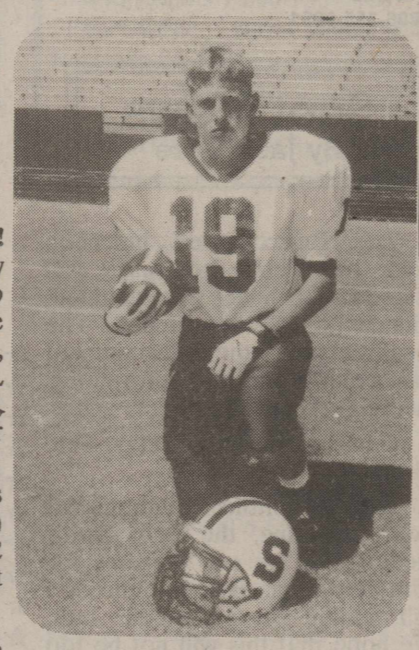
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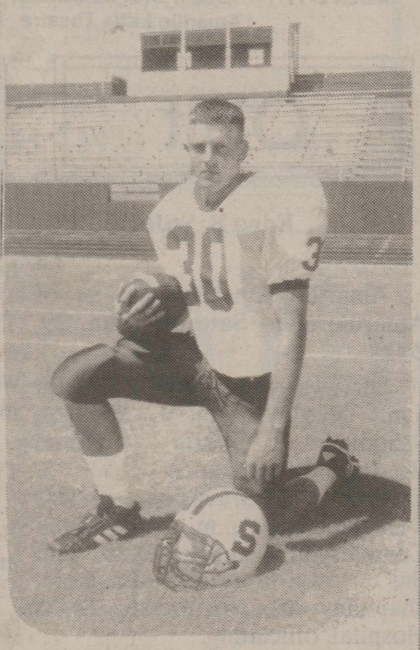
On Sunday, January 23, 2000 person or persons unknown set at least five separate fires on CRP land. The first was by Keys, Ok., the second northeast of Kerrick in Oklahoma and three north of Stratford in Sherman County. Arson is a second degree felony. Anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons or persons involved will be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.00. Call the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS and leave a code name and telephone number. All calls remain confidential. Or contact the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551.

Show Your Elk Spirit

SHOW YOUR ELK SPIRIT! Spirit Flags are now on sale by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members. Club members want the flags to fly for football games, basketball games, track, UIL scholastic events, in other words, anytime there is a cause for celebration!
Large 3 ft. x 5 ft. flags (especially good for businesses) are \$50.00. House flag size is 2 1/2 ft. x 3 ft. they are \$30.00. Student flags are 14" x 18" and \$20.00.
If a member doesn't find you, call Laurie Spurlock at 366-2772 or contact a Study Club member.



Parker Wells



David Hunsaker

Wells & Hunsaker Australia Bound

Parker Wells and David Hunsaker have accepted an invitation to play in the 2000 DOWN UNDER BOWL in Australia next June after being selected for the honor by International Sports Specialists, Inc. The two SHS High School seniors will be playing in the American football tournament featuring All-Star State teams from representatives chosen from all 50 United States.
The twelfth annual event is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Parker and David. They will play in at least two games, in front of Australian and New Zealand fans, sign autographs, occasionally appear on TV, have radio interviews, and interact with Australian and New Zealand students. Acting as Ambassadors for America and for the Texas Panhandle, Sherman County and Stratford, Parker and David are expected to maintain the rules of good citizenship. They have been in contact with their Head Coach, Coach Ed Hula and have attended their first team meeting held in Lubbock, January 24th. The 13-day trip will include travel and 7 days and nights on the Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia where they will be competing at the Parklands Showgrounds.

Der Wurst Dinner Feb. 13th

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Der Wurst Fest Dinner on Sunday, February 13th. The dinner will be held at the Stratford High School Cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meal will be a traditional German Sausage Dinner with all the fixings. Tickets are Adult \$6.00 and children ages 5-12 \$5.00. Children 4 and under eat free.

Also available at the dinner will be a Special Line for Take-Out dinners and a Country Store (cakes, cookies, breads, etc.) AND you will also be able to purchase sausage by the pound.

Buy your tickets in advance and save time waiting in line the day of the dinner!

Tree Orders Still Being Taken

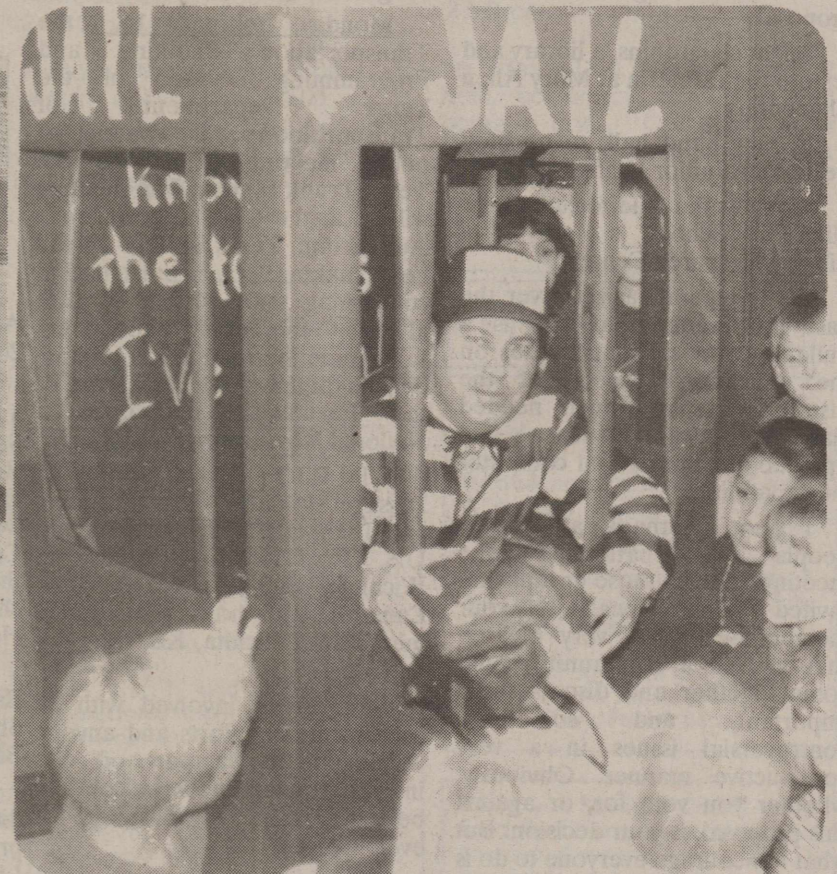
REMINDER: The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District is still taking orders for windbreak and landscape trees. The deadline is the first of March. Come by the office or call as soon as possible.

Younger Texans 4-H Club To Hold Meeting

The Younger Texans 4-H Club Meeting will be Monday, February 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the EMS Building. The program will be on Emergency Health Care and all members are encouraged to attend.

Valentine Lunch At School Monday

We all know that our children and grandchildren are our true Sweethearts. Please join them at school or just for lunch Monday, February, Valentine's Day. Come and visit your child's or grandchild's class. As always, we welcome your visits.



T Goes To Jail For A Good Cause

Tuesday, February 1, the Mary Allen Elementary students set a goal to reach 500 points on Accelerated Reader in order to put Mr. T. in jail. After two and a half hours of diligent reading and testing, the students met their goal. At 12:00 noon Mr. T. started paying his time. His sentence was from noon until 3:25. Mr. T's private cell was centrally located at the elementary school in the hall in front of the library. Around 1:15 p.m. there was a jail break but the prisoner was quickly captured and safely returned to his cell by Sheriff Jack Haile. The students and teachers checked out and read 955 books. Remember students, crime doesn't pay but reading does! Go Mary Allen Elementary! Reading is Awesome!

Lanning Awarded EMS-Administrator of the Year

The Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System (PEMSS) held its annual Awards Presentation on Saturday, January 15th in Amarillo to honor area Emergency Medical Services for their excellent care and to recognize regional health care professionals for an outstanding year. At the annual event Jimmy Lanning was awarded EMT-Administrator of the Year.

Jimmy Lanning was nominated by colleagues and friends for demonstrating his willingness and dedication to go the extra distance for EMS education. He has served as an EMT Basic and Intermediate before becoming director of the Stratford EMS.

Serving as an advanced TDH instructor-examiner and an AHA Basic Life Support instructor, Jimmy is currently teaching an EMT-Basic class and is active in recruiting instructors, examiners and coordinators to make the Stratford community one of the premier education sites in the Panhandle and an approved AHA Training site.

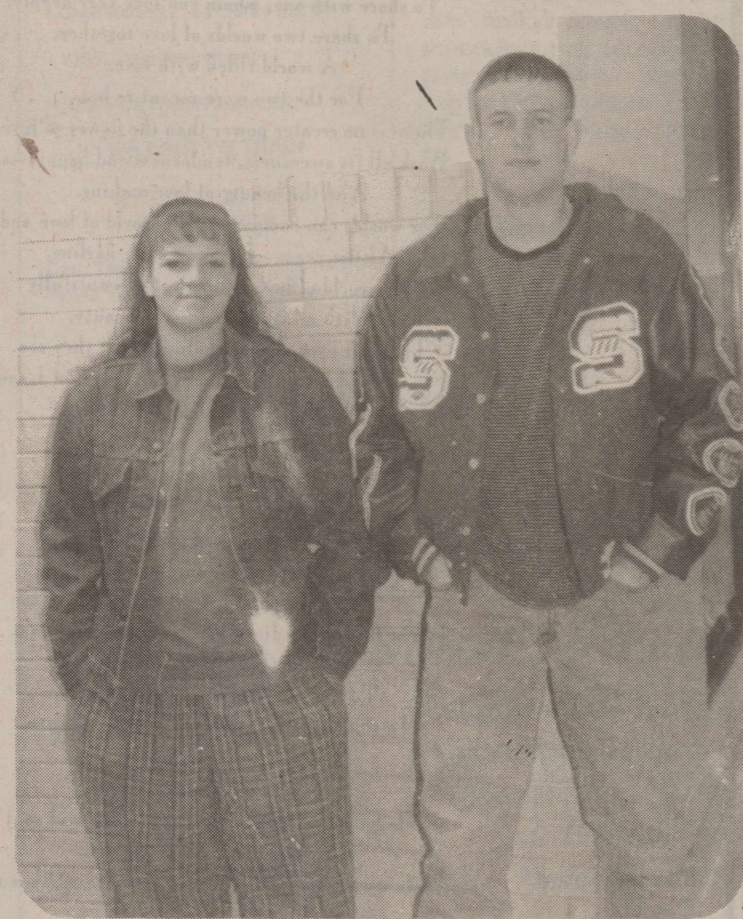
Jimmy always seeks to improve service and is willing to listen to advice and suggestions from peers to make this happen. He regularly takes weekend and night calls to allow volunteer staff more time with their families. Jimmy has a strong commitment to helping the community by regularly teaching CPR courses in the school. He coordinates and helps set up bicycle safety programs and helmet giveaways as well as assist the fire department with the "smoke house" for elementary school children. He assists with monthly blood pressure checks for citizens, annual flu shots and educational presentation to civic groups. Jimmy has also been very instrumental in the distribution of videotapes from the Regional Advisory Council (RAC) titled "Adolescents and Alcohol" to five high schools and middle schools in the region.

Crop Production Clinic

Goodwell-There will be a Crop Production Clinic held on Thursday, March 2, at the Oklahoma Panhandle research and Extension Center, Goodwell. The clinic will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Call 580/349-5441 on or before February 24, to make reservations.

CEUS's approved for the clinic are Nutrient Management, one hour; Pest Management, one hour; and Crop Management, four hours. Speakers and topics will include Dr. Tom Royer, OSU, Insect Control in Corn and Sorghum; Dr. Gene Krenzer, OSU, Wheat Production and Management; Dr. Gordon Johnson, OSU, Micronutrients in Crop Production; Dr. Ron Schlar, OSU, Soybean Production and Management; Dr. John Caddel, OSU, Alfalfa Production and Management; and Mr. Rick Kockenower, OPREC, Corn & Sorghum Hybrid Selection.

Witcher & Hunsaker To Perform In All-State Band



Janet Witcher

David Hunsaker

David Hunsaker and Janet Witcher, members of the Stratford High School Band will perform with the ATSSB All-State Band in San Antonio, Saturday, February 12, 2000, with the concert beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the historic Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Attention Stratford

Attention Stratford! The SHS Senior Class needs your help. If you wrote a check to the senior class, and it has not yet cleared the bank, please call the school at 366-3330.

Stratford Offers Night Classes

Stratford ISD would like to offer the following night classes. Classes will be on Monday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for eight weeks. The cost of each class will be \$25.00. There must be at least 10 people sign up to offer the class. Please call 366-3300 if you wish to sign up for a class. We must know by Wednesday, March 1, if you wish to take the class. This will give us time to contact everyone if we are going to have the class or not.

Classes will begin Monday, March 6 and end Thursday, May 4. There will be no classes during Spring Break, March 13-17. The following six classes will be offered:

- English as a Second Language
- Beginning Conversational Spanish
- Basic Computer Operations
- Word
- Power Point and Internet Use
- Desk Top Publishing

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Timis Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Older Texans, readers and citizens this 55 degree F. Monday, Feb. 7, 2000.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, we visited Bessie Palmer who is in the Dumas Nursing Center. On arrival we found her daughter Joyce and husband Ted Iribeck showing Bessie a picture of Randy Iribecks family with the Pope, giving Randys child a kiss. They were very happy and appreciative of having the babys picture. In the excitement, we failed to get the babies name.

Our visitors this week have been the Bill Austins, J.O. Pulliam and Anne Pulliam who is in therapy. Brother Bill Austin visting his sister Louise Hudson this week.

Also visiting Joy Aro and Candy Aro, Mattie Baskin, Linda Spurlock, Reba Davis, Evelyn Kirkwood and Russell Beall daughter Dorothea Beall Riggs. Rowena Williams reports that her sister and husband who live in Dumas are not so well.

Andrea Slaton sent e-mail to Lillie McAdams Monday, January 31, 2000 5:48 a.m. to tell me later. She said, "It was too early in the morning to call mother, so I thought I would e-mail you". Mary Cook had her baby this morning at 4:35 a.m. His name is Deion, weighs 9 lbs, 8 oz and 21 1/2 inches long. He was born in Arlington, TX. "I am going to take Angela up later-to see her new brother". About 7:00 p.m. Andrea called to tell great grandmother Marjorie Pilch the good news.

Of course we are in therapy for my broken leg and we have suffered pure torture and right here we want to say the therapists are "Angels of Mercy" as they help people bear the pain.

Timi is going to be x-rayed on her fractured leg tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2000.

To be sure it is straight and healed our therapy will then involve walking up and down stairs with a walker.

Therapists were in Stratford to access our house last Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2000. To our peers, we want to say the same thing, be thankful you can pat one another shoulders and luv each other. For that is very important. How about our Timi

Groundwater Transportation Issue
By Richard Bowers
General Manager NPGCD

There has been a lot of concern recently in regard to transportation of groundwater from the northern Panhandle of Texas to other areas of the Panhandle and throughout the state. The first time this issue surfaced to any large extent was when the Canadian River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) requested a permit from Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) which ended in an agreement between the two entities. The City of Amarillo has been using groundwater produced from their Carson County well field located in PGCD since the late 50's. They also have negotiated with PGCD for a change in their transportation permit.

Within the last 30 days local and national news media have publicized stories about the purchase, transportation and sale of groundwater from the Panhandle of Texas, by private corporations, to cities as far south as Fort Worth and San Antonio. what has amazed me is how surprised everyone seem to be in regard to this possibility. I can't remember how old I was when I first heard that water would be more valuable than oil. That day may soon be here and it appears that the oil companies are realizing that groundwater is a transportable and marketable product.

At the time the groundwater districts were formed in the Panhandle of Texas, one of the concerns was that our water (groundwater) would be pumped from our area to other areas of the state. Perhaps a groundwater district could prevent this from happening. Texas groundwater law, in my opinion, has never provided a groundwater district with the authority to prohibit the transportation of groundwater within the district or exported out of the district. Texas groundwater law has allowed the district the right to regulate the production of the groundwater. This gives the

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Flower Shack Celebrates One Year

The Flower Shack celebrated their "One Year Anniversary" on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. Shown above is Tina Brooks, Mary Brooks and Chris Eggers. Remember your "Honey" on Valentines Day. (Notice the 70 Roses waiting to be delivered to Billie Stewart from her loving husband Hugh".

Cheddar & Jalapeño Magic Biscuit Bites
Created by: Debbie Bracker

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose biscuit mix
- 1 can (15.5 oz.) Bush's Chili Magic® Chili Starter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup drained and chopped jalapeños
- 2 cups (8 oz. package) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup melted butter, optional

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine biscuit mix, Bush's Chili Magic Chili Starter, milk, jalapeños and cheddar cheese. Stir until combined. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto baking sheets sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake 12-14 minutes or until tops begin to brown. Brush tops of warm biscuits with butter if desired. Serve warm or cooled.

Gray To Be Guest Speaker At Assembly of God Church

Dr. Harry Gray will be the guest speaker at the Assembly of God Church in Stratford, located at Purnell & Fulton Gray is a certified Human Behavior Consultant whose expertise is in the field of Diagnostic Evaluations, Behavior Consultant and Counseling. His services include complete scientific assessment for corporations, schools, colleges and universities.

He has traveled throughout the 50 states and Canada as a Behavior Consultant, and Counselor speaking at colleges, universities, banquets, retreats, youth camps, and camp meetings.

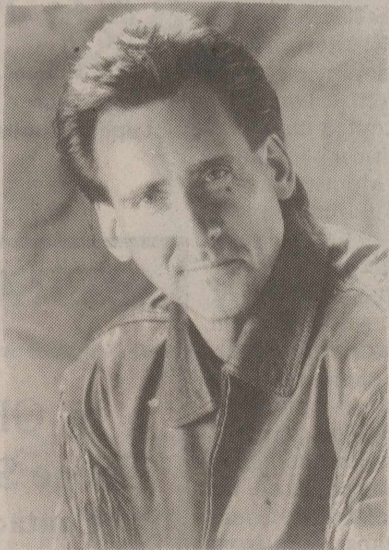
His versatility includes 34 years of pastoral and evangelism ministry. His unique style of ministry includes seminars on "personality", "stress", "family enrichment", "self esteem" and "child abuse".

Dr. Gray will be holding a Personality seminar Saturday, February 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Assembly. Any that are interested in attending are asked to call Pastor Dean Williamson at 396-2340. He will also be speaking at both services on Sunday, 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

—Oscar Wilde

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For More Information, Call (806) 244-5584 or 244-2777

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Wed. Royal Rangers (Straight arrows & Buckaroos) 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Missionettes - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm

First Christian

- Rev. Rob Chandler
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
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Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
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Thurs. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

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Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
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Engagement Announced

Wayne and Haroldina Robertson of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter Paige Lynn Robertson to Rex Artho, son of Willie and Jeanette Artho of Stratford. The bride-elect graduated in December of 1999 with a bachelor of science in history/social studies degree from WTAMU. She was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority and the student alumni board. She is currently substitute teaching. The prospective groom has a bachelor of science in biology degree from WTAMU and currently builds custom cabinets for the Cabinet Shoppe. The couple will exchange vows on July 8, 2000 at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Announces Rules For Annual Essay Contest

Dumas-The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District would like to announce the rules and deadline for its annual scholarship contest.

The contest is open to all high school students (freshmen through seniors) who reside within the Water District. The District includes all of Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb counties, as well as most of Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties, and the northern portion of Hutchinson County.

By writing an essay emphasizing the importance of water conservation, high school students are eligible for scholarships up to \$4000 for the college of their designation. Each essay should have a title, and the subject should be: "Why is Water Conservation Important?". The essay must be more than 1,000 words but fewer than 1,500 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. The essays will be judged on accuracy of information, originality, neatness, arrangement, subject matter, grammar, and spelling. Additional points are awarded for each applicant's scholastic record, school activities, community involvement and future plans.

All essays must be received by the District Office located at 603 East First (Post Office Box 795) in Dumas by 5 p.m. on April 3, 2000. Any essay which is found to be a resubmission of a previous winning essay will be disqualified.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows:

First Place - \$1000 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$4000 total award amount

Second place - \$750 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$3000 total award amount

Third place - \$500 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$2000 total award amount

These scholarships are to be paid to the college of the winner's choice and applied toward his/her education. Each initial scholarship amount awarded will be renewable for three additional years as long as a minimum of a 2.75 Grade Point Average and 12 course hours per semester are maintained.

Any students who are interested in entering the contest may obtain additional contest and resource information from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

There is but one time to win a battle or a campaign and that is the first time.
—General George S Patton



Freeman Honored

A shower was held for Hillary (Frank) Mrs. Mark Freeman Saturday, January 29, 2000 in the home of Leonda Fedric. Shown above is Cindy Jackson, Hillary Freeman, Mrs. Hudgins and Marie Johnson.

Births

Bailey Brooke Bryant was born January 28th, 2000 2:58 a.m. Weighing 6 lbs. 13 3/4 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Parents are Bruce and Monica (Cher) Bryant of Happy, Texas.

Grandparents are Roger & Marjeanne Moore from Amarillo, Texas and Susie Moore from Idalou, Texas.

Grand parents are Ed & Marg Moore from Stratford and Larnce & Pat Hartman from Idalou.

One Act Play Needs Props

This year, the Stratford Speech Department will be putting on a one act play that is set in the early 1900's. The name of the play is **The Small World of Millie McIvor**. We are in need of several pieces of furniture that we are asking to borrow for this play. We are looking for a small couch or love seat from this time period. Also, we need 2 stools, one footstool, a fern stand, and a small standing mirror. If anyone would be willing to let us borrow these items for the play, we would be greatly appreciative. also, we are always willing to accept donations.

Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

Check out some of the new books that have recently arrived at the library:

Michael Crichton's new novel, *Timeline*, opens on the threshold of the twenty-first century. It is a world of exploding advances on the frontiers of technology. Information moves instantly between two points, without wires or networks. Computers are built from single molecules. Any moment of the past can be actualized—and a group of historians can enter, literally, life in fourteenth-century feudal France. Imagine the risks of such a journey. Not since Jurassic Park has Michael Crichton given us such a magnificent adventure. Here, he combines a science of the future—the emerging field of quantum technology—with the complex realities of the medieval past. In a heart-stopping narrative, *Timeline* carries us into a realm of unexpected suspense and danger, overturning our most basic ideas of what is possible.

The Cat Who Robbed A Bank by Jackson Braun. It's September in Pickax, 400 miles north of everywhere, and the citizens of Moose County are all agog: The Highland Games, celebrating Pickax's Scottish heritage with such revelry as bagpipe skirling and tossing the caber, are expected to yield aggressive country-partisan competition: the town hotel is reopening in grand style; and the mysterious Mr. Delacamp, a renowned estate jewelry dealer from Chicago, is honoring the town with a visit. The excitement rises Delacamp is found murdered in his room at the new hotel—and his assistant is inexplicably missing. Then the winner of the caber-tossing contest disappears as well, and it's up to journalist/philanthropist Jim Qwilleran and his suspiciously sagacious Siamese cats, Koko and Yum Yum, to get to the bottom of it all. With her 22nd Cat Who...mystery, Lilian Jackson Braun once again catapults the

reader into an engrossing mix of fun, foul play, and feline escapades.

The Terrible Hours by Peter Maas takes place on the eve of World War II. America's newest submarine, the *Squalus*, plunged helplessly to the North Atlantic bottom during a test dive. Miraculously 33 crew members still survived. In this thrilling true narrative of terror, heroism and courage in the depths of the ocean, Maas brings us in vivid detail a blow-by-blow account of the disaster and its uncertain outcome. The man was a U.S. Navy officer, Charles "Swede" Momsen, an extraordinary combination of visionary, scientist and man of action. Until his advent, it was accepted that if a submarine went down, her crew was doomed. But Momsen, in the face of an indifferent, often sneering naval bureaucracy, battling red tape and disbelieving naysayers every step of the way, risked his own life again and again against the unknown in his efforts to invent an d pioneer diving technique, to save an entombed crew. With the crippled, partially flooded *Squalus* lost on the North Atlantic floor, Momsen faced his personal moment of truth: Could he actually pluck those men from a watery grave? Had all his work been in vain!



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At home and away were topics for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club last week. Speaking on the SISD bond issue were Jim Taliaferro and Ricky Reed, seated left to right, and standing, Lorie Vincent & LeRayne Donelson, who told of their experiences with "Leadership Texas".

Prospectus Study Club News

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members went "Tripping Across Texas" with LeRayne Donelson and Lorie Vincent and by letter from Gaynelle Riffe. These three ladies have participated in "Leadership Texas". They were introduced by Sonja Kendrick, Texas Heritage Coordinator.

Mrs. Donelson has visited many acres of Texas with the group—Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Dallas, Austin, Fredricksburg, Matagorda Island.

Mrs. Vincent has been to Austin, Abilene, Houston, Corpus Christi, Padre Island. She met and talked with Lady Bird Johnson and Liz Carpenter. She especially enjoyed a class reunion in Grapevine.

Both women were privileged to go "behind the scene" at each place.

Speaking to the club about the upcoming school bond issue were Ricky Reed of the SISD board and Jim Taliaferro, Mary Allen Principal.

Marsha Wright, president-elect, conducted the business session.

Club has Elk Spirit Flags for sale! These are for business and homes. See separate story for details.

There will be another Book Fair at the School March 7-8-9. Watch for details. Club hosted Feb. Coldwater Manor Birthday party Feb. 8. Pictures and story next week.

Ronna Jo Riffe asked to be placed on the Associate Member list. Her request was granted with regret.

Hostesses were Margaret Reed and Mary Woodford Wisdom. Members present were Shorty Albert, Jimmie Pronger, Liz Sanders, Mary Peach Smith, Marylou McDaniel, Mattie Baskin, Ann Johnson, Laurie Spurlock, Dorothy Haile, Patti Vincent, ViAnn Reed, Oline Caraway, LaVell Haggard, Linda Haynes, Barbara Chumley, Linda Swain, Michelle Lutes, Becky Adams.



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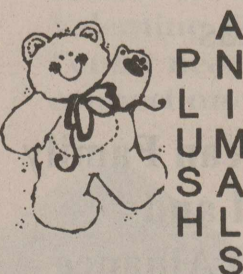
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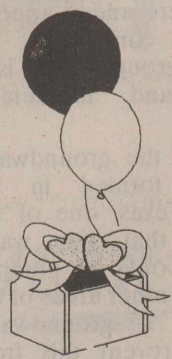
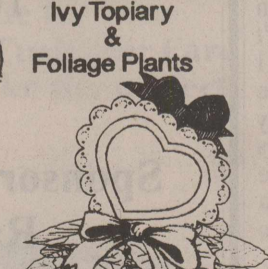
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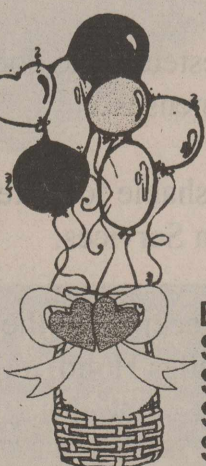


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Horse Club Takes Field Trip To Amarillo



Back Row-Trenton Boyd, Haley Long, Mark Miller, R.J. Kelling, Cheyenne Ziemann, Middle Rustin Russell, Roy Allen, Caleb Watson, Channing Ziemann, Valerie Kelling, Sydney Shipp, Front-Sunny Russell, Haden Long.

On January 21 the 4-H Horse Club took a field trip to Amarillo to tour the AQHA and the Heritage Museum. The Museum is featuring an exhibit called Horse Town which has interactive activities. The club learned many interesting facts about the American Quarter Horse Association. It does so much business that it has its own zip code. The trip was fun and educational. While at the museum everyone participated in our "name the 40 parts of the horse" contest. This month they only had to get 30 right. We had 3 girls who got all 40 - Haley Long, Valerie Kelling & Cheyenne Ziemann. Next month's meeting will be the last chance to win a new halter and lead by getting all 40 answers right. Our trip was a great success, due in part to all the parental participation we had. We want to say thanks to Lem & Cindy Russell, Kent & Toni Watson, Malcolm & Amy Long and Ted Allen for going along.

Our Feb. and March meetings will be moved up to the first Sunday of the month - Feb. 6 & Mar. 5 at 2:00. Bring your horses - we will ride inside if the weather is bad.



Halter & Lead winners! Haley Long, Valerie Kelling, Cheyenne Ziemann.



When we warm up our voices by singing the syllables *do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do*, we are employing the musical system known as *solfeggio*.

Water cont. from page 4

district the ability to adopt rules to provide for the orderly production of and the use of the groundwater.

The "Rule of Capture" does not apply within groundwater districts. "Private Ownership" of groundwater does apply. Many times these two terms are misunderstood. Some people may think they mean the same thing. They do not!

The "rule of capture" applies in area of Texas which are not within a groundwater district. Simply, it means that a person (entity) has the right to capture and use the water beneath the surface. This is unregulated production and use. When a groundwater district is created and confirmed by a vote of the people, the district then has the power through Chapter 36 of

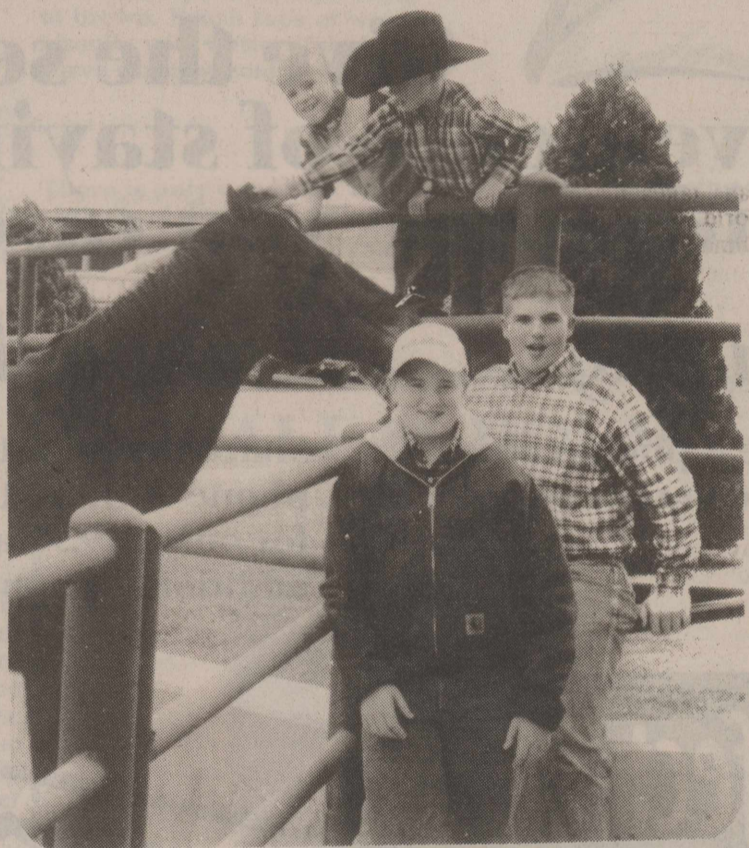
the Texas Water Code to regulate the groundwater within the district.

Private ownership of groundwater applies throughout the state and basically means that groundwater is a privately held resource and may be used, sold, purchased and transported by the owner or entity having a right to the resource. This may be through a sale, lease or other contracts. It is understood that unless the groundwater has been separated from the surface it belongs to the surface owner. Many cities in the Panhandle area have purchased groundwater (groundwater rights) from surface landowners. These cities have the "right" to produce the groundwater. If the groundwater is within a groundwater district, the rules of the district will govern that production of the groundwater.

The Rules of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District do limit the production of groundwater. We limit the total gallons which may be produced from a section of land. This limit is currently 5 gallons per minute per acre (Rule 9). In addition to Rule 9, we address "overproduction" of groundwater in Rule 11-Depletion. This Depletion rule allows the District to restrict the production from any well within the District that is depleting the groundwater at a rate greater than the "allowable decline rate" as determined by the Board. The current allowable decline rate is 1 1/4 percent of the saturated thickness. At this time our Rules do not address transportation of groundwater.

The issue of individuals or corporations buying groundwater and transporting it to other areas of the state, in my opinion, can be done within the provisions of the

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Roy, Haden, Trenton, Mark hanging out with "Penny".

February Scholarship Deadlines

The following scholarships for juniors and seniors will be due during the month of February. Please mail your applications before the deadline!!

ESA Foundation-seniors	Feb. 1
Jaycee War Memorial Fund-seniors	Feb. 1
Texas Leaders Scholarship-entering UT freshmen	Feb. 1
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority-seniors	Feb. 1
Helium Litigation-specific majors	Feb. 1
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West Texas A&M-entering WTAMU freshmen	Feb. 1
Society of Petroleum Engineers-engineering majors	Feb. 11
Horace Mann-parents employed by a school	Feb. 12
Easley National-seniors	Feb. 15
Cargill Program for Rural Americans-farm families	Feb. 15
*Democracy Essay Project-juniors and seniors	Feb. 15
FFA Scholarship for Farm Bureau-FFA member, family must carry Farm Bureau Insurance	Feb. 15
FFA Organization-FFA members	Feb. 15
USA Today 2000 All-Academic Team-top 20%	Feb. 25
Pantex Plant-math, science, engineering majors	Feb. 29

* - Scholarship for junior students
For more information on any of these scholarships, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.



Heritage Museum

Texas Water Code. As stated earlier, groundwater is a privately held resource and may be used, sold, purchased and transported. Although it may concern many of us that "our water" may be transported to Houston, this can only be done because the entity who currently owns the water wants to transport it, or someone conveys their water or an entity planning to transport it.

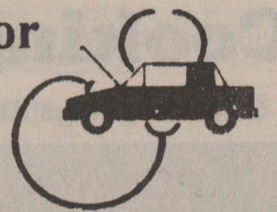
My best advice is to create a groundwater district if you are not currently in one, and if you have groundwater to sell or convey, get the best deal you can. Top dollar today may be a bargain basement price 30 years from now when the water is transported.

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(NAPS)—Postal inspectors are federal law enforcement agents who will take the limelight in *The Inspectors II*, a new Showtime movie about identity theft, starring Louis Gosset Jr. and Jonathan Silverman.

Dandruff may be aggravated during fall and winter months, but shampoos such as Nizoral A-D contains the anti-fungal agent ketoconazole, which inhibits the growth of the *P. ovale* fungus which causes dandruff.

A new book, *Three Minutes To a Strong Mind and a Fit Body* (Brown Books, \$14.95) offers advice that helps many Americans achieve and maintain their diet and fitness goals.

Kmart features brands that people develop trust in, such as the Martha Stewart Everyday household merchandise, the Jaclyn Smith and Kathy Ireland clothing collections and Sesame Street apparel for children.

A clinical trial is currently testing the effects of CASODEX, an antiandrogen manufactured by



AstraZeneca, in treating prostate cancer.

One wonderful way to warm up the family during colder months is to serve a tasty seafood chowder made with surimi, corn, celery, green pepper, onion and skim milk.

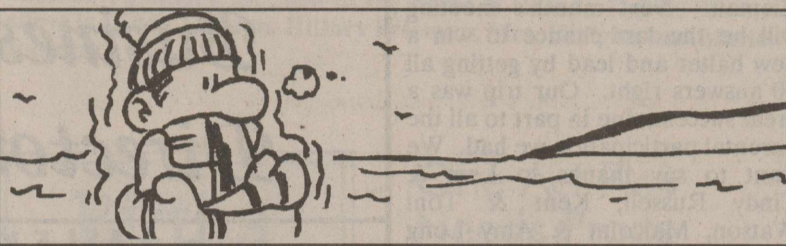
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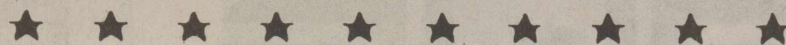


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AgriPartner Report

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Greenbugs continue as the most important insect pest in wheat. In Moore and Gray Counties infestations between 300 and 500 per foot of row have been reported. The heaviest infestations in fields being checked in Randall and Dallam Counties were near 50 per foot of row. Very light infestations have been reported from Ochiltree County. No greenbugs were found in the four fields being checked in Collingsworth County. A very light infestation of Russian wheat aphid was reported in one field being checked in Randall County.

Cooking Corner

Tips To Help You

Salad Dressings: Delicious And Smart For Your Heart



(NAPS)—Here's a saucy idea. While it has long been known that salad is good for you, researchers are now finding that salad dressing may also have health benefits. A recent Harvard University study found that salad dressings and mayonnaise may help protect against fatal heart attacks in women.

"Women who consumed one to two tablespoons of Italian-type salad dressings almost every day had about a 50 percent reduction in heart disease," said Dr. Frank Hu, the study's author. It's because the dressings contain an important polyunsaturated fat called alpha-linolenic acid, found primarily in soybean and canola oils (the main ingredient in salad dressings and mayonnaise), flaxseeds, walnuts and many dark green leafy vegetables.

Reducing fat can deprive the body of vital nutrients that play a critical role in health, transporting fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. Besides dressing up salads and delivering vitamins, salad dressing can be used to marinate steak or spice up a chicken sandwich. Here's a savory recipe for Mediterranean Rice Salad:

Mediterranean Rice Salad

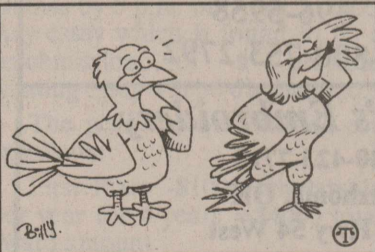
- 3 C. Instant brown rice, cooked
- 1 Can (15 oz.) Black beans, drained, rinsed
- 1 1/2 C. Cucumber slices, quartered
- 1 C. Tomato, seeded, chopped
- 1/2 C. Red onion, chopped
- 1/4 C. Fresh parsley, chopped
- 3/4 C. Regular or low-fat Italian dressing

Mix all ingredients except dressing in large bowl. Add dressing; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Makes 5 (1-cup) main-dish servings.

For more information about dressings and sauces and for delicious recipes, visit www.dressings-sauces.org.

Valentine's Day Then and Now

A Look At Love Past And Present



In old England people believed February 14 was the day birds chose their mates.

(NAPS)—When you share a romantic moment with your beloved this Valentine's Day, you may care to also think about all the long-ago lovers and present participants who helped make the holiday what it is today.

Then: Legend has it Saint Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. When the emperor forbade young men to marry, believing bachelors made better soldiers, Valentine secretly presided over their nuptials anyway.

Some historians trace the custom of sending Valentines to a French Duke in the 1400s. A prisoner of war in England, he sent his wife a rhymed love letter from his Tower of London cell on Valentine's Day.

Now: Today, modern American romantics often express their sentiments in song. One lovely way to do so many say is with the "Sentimental Reasons" album. This loving



In modern America, romance can take wing to the sounds of swing, jazz and pop on a CD.

tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford, jazz-pop duo of the 1950s, features famed acoustic guitarist Bob Harris and songstress Lucy Clark.

Highlighting the best of jazz, big band, Broadway and film tracks of the 1920s through the 1950s, the delightful collection of 15 sentimental classics includes: "Mr. Sandman," "Blue Moon," "How High the Moon," "Tiger Rag," "Alabama Bound," "Tennessee Waltz," "Heartache," "In the Mood," "Am I Blue," "Bye Bye Blues," "I Really Don't Want to Know," "Vaya Con Dios," "Limehouse Blues," and the title song, "(I Love You) For Sentimental Reasons."

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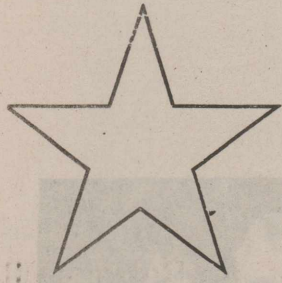
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Valentine's Day

Pooh Ponders Love

(NAPS)—What love-lier way to share Valentine's Day fun with the family than to indulge in two love-laced video tales for children.

The all-new-to-video, Emmy-winning *Winnie The Pooh, A Valentine For You!*, from Walt Disney Home Video, includes three new songs and features the voices Pooh fans have grown to love, including Paul Winchell as Tigger, Jim Cummings as Pooh, John Fiedler as Piglet and Peter Cullen as Eeyore. In *Winnie the Pooh, A Valentine*

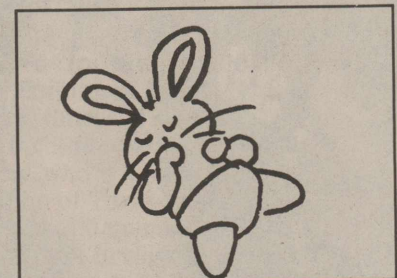


Here's a sweet idea—a duo of delightful videos can help your family share the romantic fun of Valentine's Day.

For You!, Pooh and his friends are afraid that Christopher Robin has been bitten by a Smitten when he becomes interested in—gasp!—a girl. They search the Hundred Acre Wood for the love bug hoping it will bite him again and cure his lovesickness. They discover that Christopher Robin isn't actually sick, and that his heart will always have room for his friends.

Also available is *Belle's Magical World*, featuring all the magic, music and unforgettable characters from the animated classic *Beauty and the Beast*. It contains three charming storybook fantasies that star Belle and her enchanting friends.

These two delightful videos for Valentine's Day offer heart-felt fun for the whole family and are each priced at less than \$15.



A baby rabbit is called a kit.

Houses For Sale

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For Sale: 313 S. Maple, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, corner lots with small rent house in back. Call 396-2024 or 383-9790 for appointment. Doug & Lola Cathey.
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Cards of Thanks

Dear Family & Friends near & far,

I shall take the liberty of writing a communal letter to everyone who gratefully and thoughtfully shared time, and gifts to mourn and rejoice at Nila's departure to a heavenly mansion. We have been and are being blessed greatly by each of you.

Nila and I, and our children, appreciated and thank you for the numerous expressions of love and caring concern during the 27+ months of our battle with PH, pulmonary hypertension. She had symptoms of PH before September of 1997, however, we did not recognize a health problem existed. We finally learned PH was the culprit after a heart catheterization was performed in April of 1998. PH is a rare disease, apparently the causes are many. For us the diagnosis was slow in coming and the journey was long.

The services and care by Nila's doctors and their staffs and the loving care of the BSA Hospice staff members were a great gift to Nila and me. Our children and their family members provided much additional help. Your visits, phone calls, e-mail and "snail mail" letters, cards and floral and memorial gifts brought and are bringing joy and pleasure to us and glory to the Lord. The cut floral gifts were beautiful. I was surprised at how long they lasted. The potted plants are receiving continual care and a regular drink of either rain or snow water. They add color to our living room and a supply of oxygen. The food gifts were shared and enjoyed by many who were here at mealtimes. One lady gave us some maintenance supplies, paper products etc.

Your personal visits and fellowship were great. We were able to share with some of you Nila's continuing and recent efforts in compiling genealogical and pictorial records. Your financial and memorial gifts have been and are going to bless many. To give you an idea of Nila's friendship and gift to others, we had expressions of love and concern from folks living in 17 or more states and three foreign countries. There are still some people who have yet to learn that they will no longer receive mail and gifts from my companion and wife of nearly 48 years. Our first "date" was February 14, 1952. Please drop by for a visit, call, or write.

Respectfully yours
The Clough Family
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The most common element in the atmosphere is nitrogen.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits & concern during Paul's recent accident. The Lord was certainly watching over him. Paul is back in college now with some help & the doctors said he should be fully recovered in about 3 months.

Thanks again for everything,
David & Janice Brown
Davy, Paul & Beau

Thank you Stratford Contributor's Fund for buying my lamb at the Sherman County Livestock Sale. I appreciate your support.

Will Homfeld

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

Computer Bowling May Be Right Up Your Alley

(NAPS)—Bowling enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels might have a ball bowling at home. Ingenious bowling software allows you to bring the thrills usually found on the PBA circuit to your computer.



Bowling can really be in your hands when you customize it.

Some computer bowling products, such as Bethesda Softworks' PBA Tour Bowling 2, provide realistic graphics and use accurate ball, lane and pin physics to simulate a real game.

Using these products, bowling enthusiasts are able to improve their bowling skills or test their skills against computer models.

Most computer bowling products enable you to customize the game. You pick the lane conditions, weight, texture and color of ball. You can even have control over the ball's spin, power, aim, and the "design" of your bowler.

PBA Tour Bowling 2 offers several options of game play. Players can warm-up, practice strategy, or critique style in the game's practice mode. Bowlers may choose to play alone, with friends or against computer models based on actual pros. The simplified controls allow children of all ages to join in the fun.

The game also makes it possible to see the action from every angle with fly-by camera replays. You can get Bethesda Softworks' PBA Tour Bowling 2, on CD-ROM, for \$29.99. For more information, visit the web site www.bethsoft.com.

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and border and salute each other.
—Rainier Maria Rilke

COOKIE BOUQUETS... Surprise that special person with a Valentine Cookie Bouquet from Elk Pharmacy. Call 366-5505 for details. Free delivery in town... Monday, February 14th.

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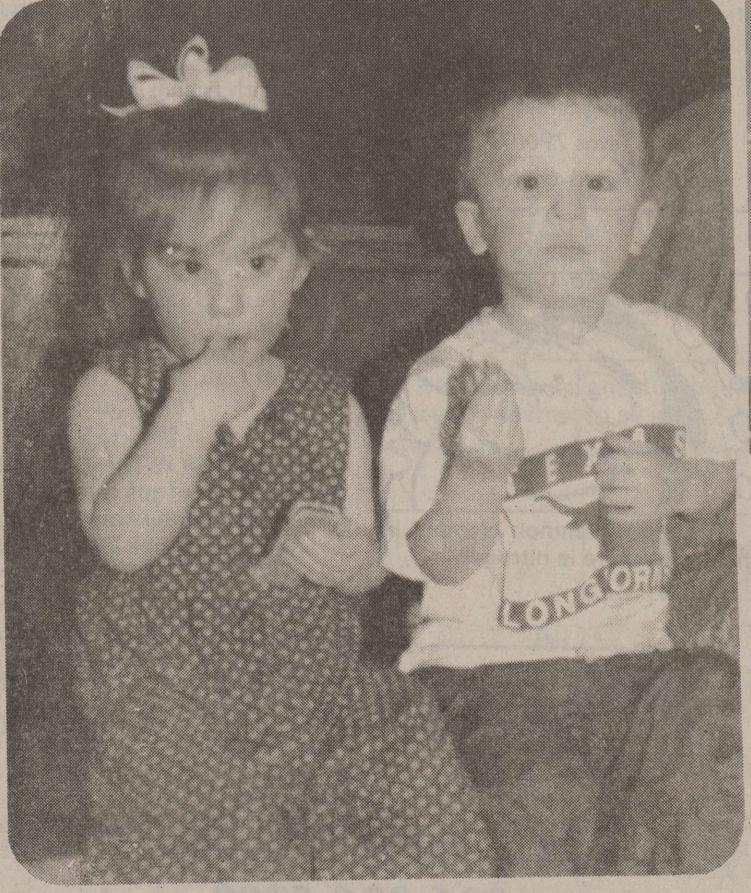


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Basketball Shots!!



Stratford Elk and Lady Elk fans Landry Davis and Jack McBryde enjoyed the basketball games at Sunray on Friday, February 4th.

The 7th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 32-25 on Monday, January 31st to put the Lady Elks 8-0 in District and 13-1 overall. Leading the Lady Elks was Deidre Tarver with 19 points. Lindsay Stein followed with 3 points. Scoring 2 points each were Kayla Willard, Brittany Hudson, Jaime Valenzuela, Amy Woods, and Ashley Duke.

The 7th Grade Elks beat Sunray 35-21 on Monday, January 31st and brought them to 8-0 in District play and 13-1 overall. Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 12 points followed by Chris Ortega with 11 points and Josh King with 8 points. Others scoring for the Elks were Travis Soto with 2 points and Mark Miller and Asbell

Gomez with 1 point each.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Sunray 28-20 on Monday, January 31st. Erin Ashley led the Lady Elks with 10 points followed by RoAnn Lopez, Amber Larance, and Alisha Sladek with 6 points each. The Lady Elks are 5-4 in District and 7-7 overall.

The 8th grade Elks beat Sunray 33-28 on Monday, January 31st. Levi Artho was high point with 12 points followed by Jason Ashley with 7 points and Marcus McAlister and Carlos Jacquez with 6 points each. Adding 2 points was Brian Kimbrough.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 23-34 to Canadian on Tuesday, February 1st. Tiffany Duke led

the Lady Elks with 8 points followed by Heather Ashley with 7 points and Amie Witcher with 6 points. Robin Daniels added 2 points for the Lady Elks. The Lady Elks beat Sunray 38-33 on Friday, February 4th. Ashley Brown and Carly Mathews led the Lady Elks with 14 points each followed by Robin Daniels with 4 points. Adding 3 points each were Valerie Valenzuela and Amie Witcher. The Lady Elks are 19-3 overall and 7-1 in District.

The J.V. Elks lost 14-47 to Canadian on Tuesday, February 1st. Dalton Sladek led the Elks with 6 points followed by Mathew Taliiferro, Denton Crabtree, Scot Plunk, and Dylan Everett scoring 2 points each.

The Lady Elks lost 30-42 to Canadian on Tuesday, February 1st. Oralia Vital led the Lady Elks with 12 points followed by Carla Bell with 8 points and Jessica King with 4 points. Carly Mathews added 3 points followed by Thea James with 2 points and Ivonne Hernandez with 1 point. The Lady Elks beat Sunray 66-38 on Friday, February 4th. Leading the Lady Elks were Lynz Browning and Jessica King with 15 points each followed by Oralia Vital with 10 points. Also scoring were Kara Brownlee and Missy Sikora with 6 points each, Keri Wight 5 points, Carla Bell 4 points, Jessica Young 3 points, Ivonne Hernandez 2 points. The Lady Elks are in the play-offs and are 14-8 overall and 4-3 in District.