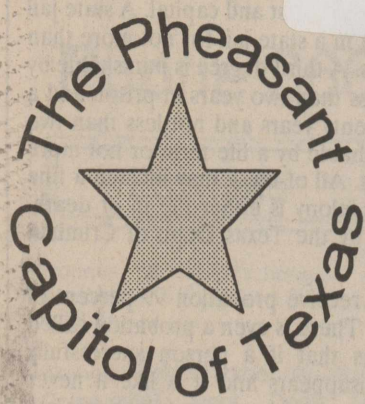


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Large Crowd Attends XIT Rural Telephone's 52nd Annual Meeting....

By Kathy L. Duggan
XIT Marketing Manager



Cody Brotherton

Brotherton Wins Big

The McMurry University men's track team needed only three athletes to finish the NCAA Division III National Indoor Track Championships with the best men's team finish in School history.

Catapulted by Cody Brotherton's first-place showing in the shot put, the Indians-also comprised of Ryder Peacock and Jarred Cook-finished the 76-team competition in sixth place. This qualified all three men to be an All-American.

Brotherton won the shot put with a throw of 55-11-a personal best and school record.

"I'm like real pumped and very thankful," said Brotherton, a sophomore, of his accomplishment. "I really thought I should win and had a good chance to win. Just finishing sixth as a team makes it that much more special."

Cody Brotherton is a 2000 Graduate of Stratford High School and is the son of Richie and Linda Brotherton of Stratford.

Tiffany Knight Scholarship Fund

A Tiffany Knight Scholarship Fund has been set up at The First State Bank of Stratford for the graduating Class of 2005. If you are wish to contribute please inquire at First State Bank.

April-Keep Stratford Beautiful Month

April is Keep Stratford Beautiful month. It is time to sweep Main Street curbs and gutters. Meet Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 a.m. and bring broom and a scoop.

Ex-Student Reunion News

Ex-Student Classes ending in a '3' ('33,'43,'53,'63,'73,'83,'93) will make plans for the Ex-Student Reunion to be held in August. Class representatives are asked to revise mailing list.

Meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Imagination Station. President Dario Garza, Treasurer - Donita Robertson, and Correspondence Gaynelle Riffe.

Prom Decorating Committee Needs Lights

Prom Decorating Committee is in need of clear running (chasing) lights. If you have some that can be borrowed please contact Shari Hudson at 366-5398 or 366-5885.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

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



Penny Boyd from Stratford entertained the XIT members and guests with a selection of Patsy Cline songs. Penny has worked as an accounts payable clerk for the Stratford Independent School District for 10 years. She is married to Mike Boyd. Their son, Trent, is a sophomore at Stratford High School.

Brown Announces Candidacy

Betty J. Brown has formally announced her candidacy for Stratford Hospital District, Director Position.

Paid Political Advertisement, Paid for by Betty J. Brown, PO Box 7, Stratford, TX 79084.

Spaghetti Dinner March 23rd

The Sherman County Depot Museum Spaghetti dinner will be Sunday March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the County Barn. A free will donation will be asked, proceeds to help keep our museum open and free to the public. See you there.

Crimestoppers Update!!

On February 21, 2003 between eight and twelve in the morning, person or persons unknown burglarized two vehicles at the Stratford School and one was burglarized at the Texhoma Oklahoma School.

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with these felonies. Please remember that the Crimestoppers telephone number, 366-TIPS, goes to an answering machine to protect your identity. You must leave a call back number and code name so that we can contact you. If you need to contact a person call the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551.

If you have any information regarding the persons responsible for the above listed crime or any other felony crimes please contact Sherman Co. Crimestoppers answering machine 806-366-TIPS (8477), the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

Stratford Chamber Banquet

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to invite the entire community to our annual banquet scheduled for Monday, April 14. The banquet will be held in the County Exhibit building. The Silent Auction will begin at 6:30 p.m with the dinner and program to begin at 7:00 p.m. the meal will be catered by Bar-H of Dalhart and feature rib-eye steaks!

The theme for this year's banquet is "Salute To Stratford Independent School System, An Exemplary School". Our entertainment will be students of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. These young men will perform original Cowboy Poetry. The *Citizen Of The Year* award will crown our evening's events.

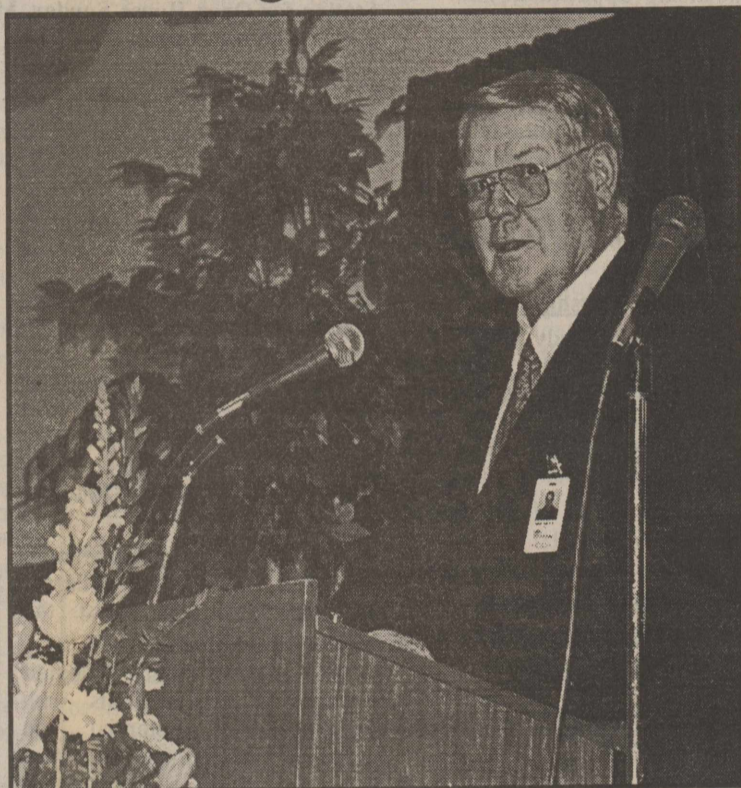
Tickets for the Banquet may be obtained from any Chamber or Women's Division member, or the Chamber Office. The cost of the tickets is: Single - \$14.00, and couple - \$25.00. The deadline for early ticket sales is April 3, 2003.

Make plans now to attend this community function. The silent auction will be filled with unique and exciting items. See who wins the coveted *CITIZEN OF THE YEAR* award and honor the wonderful school system of Stratford. For more information, contact the Chamber office (366-2260).

Study Club To Meet April 2

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club meets Wednesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library. It will be a Federation Program with Lyndi Shadbolt, District President, giving a program on The History of Federation.

All members are urged to attend.



XIT Rural Telephone Board President, James R. Spurlock, welcomed the XIT Rural landline members and their guests to XIT's 52nd Annual Membership Meeting held on March 12th at the People's Church Family Life Center in Dalhart. There were over 600 in attendance.

Fundraising BBQ Dinner and Bake Sale for Denton Crabtree, Sunday, March 30th 11:30-2:00 at County Barn. Free Will Donation.

Gov. Rick Perry Has Proclaimed April As Community Banking Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed April as Community Banking Month in Texas. The Happy Bank has made plans to celebrate this event with its customers and local community. The Happy Bank will be hosting a hamburger lunch for the entire community. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a hamburger meal at their parking lot on Friday, April 4, 2003 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. In case of bad weather the event will be moved to the County Barn.

Happy Bank being a community bank is well known for its excellent customer service, friendly personal touch and commitment to their communities and Community Banking Month is a way to officially recognize these achievements.

Annual Soil Stewardship/Awards Banquet-March 25

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District will host the Annual Soil Stewardship/Awards Banquet will be held at noon Tuesday, March 25. The winners of the school poster, coloring and essay contests will be honored. Also, this year we will honor a Conservation Family. Awards will be presented after a catered lunch. Please RSVP to Terry at 396-5517 est. 101.

The featured speaker this year will be Wes Robbins. Mr. Robbins is the guru of saving natural moisture for crop production. He is retired from a distinguished career with the natural Resource Conservation Service. He presently operated an ag consulting business in Guymon. He will speak on the changes in farming and the technology it takes to improve the use of naturally occurring moisture that falls on farm ground. He is very interesting to listen and to and will present ideas that can improve any farming operation.

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Stratford Represented At Panhandle Days In Austin

Chamber Executive, Paula Nusz; SCDC Executive Kristine Olsen and Gaynelle Riffe were among the 250 persons descending on the State Capitol for Panhandle Days February 24-25. A reception was held at the Bob Bullock Museum Monday evening and the Stratford delegation was joined by Cagle and Sonja Kendrick from the Texas Wheat Board. Austin was locked down on Tuesday, February 25 in an ice storm but the hardy Panhandle Folks didn't miss a beat. State Senator, Teel Bivins, Representatives, David Swinford, John Smithee, and Warren Chisum were pleased to greet their hardy constituents. The visits to the Capitol were met with very few staff and the lunch planned for a tent on the Capitol grounds was reorganized to the Hotel. The lunch was catered by Bobby Lee of the BIG TEXAS serving 72 oz. steaks! cooked to perfection and sliced like a roast. The day did not seem to productive other than for the rest of the State recognized there is life north of Wichita Falls and west of San Antonio. The Legislative visits were centered on education.

Gaynelle Riffe stayed over to attend the Transportation Commission monthly meeting on Thursday. During the open comment segment, Riffe asked for a report on the Phase II of the Texas Trunk System. The Commission information on the Trunk System was disappointing news. Because of the budget defect and the Phase I projects are still in construction the Phase II projects will not be considered for at least two years!! U.S. Hwy. 54/SPIRIT must be kept before the Commission at every opportunity.

Riffe also attended a lunch on Wednesday with Transportation Staff for Governor Perry and Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Ports-to-Plains Board members Kevin Evans and Kevin Knapp, and a reception on Wednesday evening for Legislators hosted by Tex-21, Ports-to-Plains and other transportation organizations.

March 21 National Agriculture Day

Sherman County Farm Bureau President George Bonds asks area residents to enjoy and recognize the modern miracle of American agriculture when National Agriculture Day is celebrated on March 21.

"American farmers continue to increase their production capacity to keep up with an ever expanding population," Bonds said. "In fact, one farmer now supplies food for more than 130 people in the United States and abroad compared with just 25.8 people in 1960."

This efficiency translates to affordable food for the American public. Research indicates that most Americans have to work about 40 days to generate enough income to pay for their food supply for a year. It takes nearly 129 days to generate enough income to pay federal, state and local taxes for a year.

President George Bonds said today's farmer understands the importance of improving the quality and quantity of food available to the world. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there will be an estimated 7.5 billion people worldwide by the year 2020, compared to 6.2 billion today.

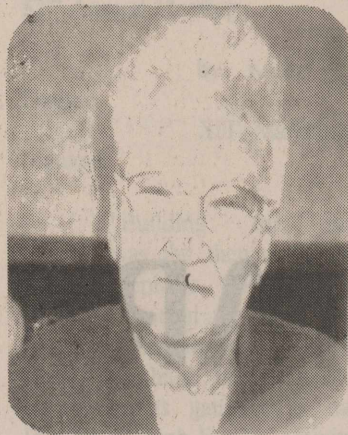
"It's agriculture's job to find a way to feed those people," Bonds said. "Improvements in crop technology, equipment technology and information management will make that possible. The American farmer will continue to meet this challenge again and again."

Stratford Education Foundation News!!

Joyce McBryde stated that the Teachers and administrators in Stratford have always been known for their dedication to their students and have given them the best education possible. Stratford Independent School District, in my opinion, is one of the best places in the state to educate your child. There is a desire in Stratford to do more than what is just required and that is one of the reasons I thought it important to serve and support the new Stratford Education Foundation. This Foundation gives students and teachers a greater opportunity to experience activities that are not funded by the regular budget. Fortunately for all of us there are teachers, administrators, civic and business leaders that have seen a need for special funding to help our youth further their educations. Local districts do not have the ability to fund extra creative education programs, but with the financial support from our community, these programs can now be made available.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 21st at the school

Obit



Frances Brewster

Frances Brewster, age 86 died Saturday, March 15, 2003 in Stratford, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2003 at First Baptist Church in Stratford with Rev. Brent Farney, Pastor officiating.

The family received friends at Morrison Funeral Directors in Stratford from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Mrs. Brewster was born September 8, 1916 in Bosque County, Texas. She was a homemaker.

She was a Sherman and Dallam County resident since 1946. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Stratford. She worked in the church nursery for several years. She married Alton Brewster on December 24, 1938 in Portales, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on November 17, 1994.

She is survived by two daughters: Lynda Hart of Levelland, Texas and Lana Smith of Guyton, OK, one brother Raymond Stokes, Arch, New Mexico. Five grandchildren: William and Brenda Naugle, David Naugle, Doug & Rachel Naugle, Candace & Jonathan Joiner and Dru Smith. 4 step grandchildren and 8 step great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas 79084 or Panhandle Chapter of Alzheimer's Disease, 2200 W. 7th in Amarillo, Texas 79106 or a Favorite Charity.

Luella Mary Johnson

Luella Mary Johnson, 84, died Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2003 with the Rev. Brent Farney, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Johnson was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Sunset. She was a teacher's aide for Stratford ISD. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford. She was a Stratford resident for more than 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.S. Johnson, in 1983; a son, James Johnson; and a great-grandson, James Ingham.

Survivors include a daughter, Nell Ingham and husband, Jim, of Amarillo; a daughter-in-law, Lola Johnson of Stratford; a sister, Zenoba Johnson of Oklahoma City; a brother, Don Craddock of Hollis, OK; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Leroy Boughan

Canadian, Texas-Leroy Boughan passed away in Canadian, Texas on March 9, 2003. He was born on November 15, 1929 at Atoka, Oklahoma to John Dennis and Mamie (Clark) Boughan. He grew up in the Bishop community, south of Higgins, Texas where he attended school. Leroy graduated in 1949 from Bishop High School, and in April of 1951, he was inducted into the United States Army. He served in the Korean War where he attained the rank of Corporal and was released from the service in April of 1953. After returning home he worked for various ranchers in the Higgins area and was known to be a very good cowboy. Leroy then went to work for the Texas State Highway Department where he served as a heavy equipment operator. He worked at this job for a period of 17 years before retiring.

Leroy was united in marriage to Donna Lou Booth. To this union one son, James was born. Donna brought a son, Brad Booth, to the marriage, and Leroy loved and raised Brad as his own son. Leroy was a very accomplished guitar player and with his sons did a great deal of playing at various social gatherings and dances.

While living in Stratford, Texas, Leroy had a band and played lead guitar.

In the early 1980's, Leroy returned to Higgins to care for his mother.

Leroy died Sunday, March 9, 2003 at Canadian, Texas at the age of 73 years. He was preceded in death by his father, John; his two sons, James Boughan and Brad Booth and brother-in-law Kenneth Stone.

His funeral service was Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. and interment was at Emmons Cemetery in Ellis County, Oklahoma.

Leroy is survived by his mother Mamie Boughan Hanan; two sisters, Rowena Stone and Rama Deeds and husband, Lewis; two brothers, Buck Boughan and wife, Thelma; Pee Wee Boughan and wife, Vonda, all of Higgins, Texas; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and numerous friends.

Scholarship Opportunities

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

Local Scholarships:

Prospectus Study Club, V.O. Lasley Memorial, Stratford Chamber of Commerce, Stratford Fire Department and Nu Beta Sorority Scholarships - due April 1st

Dalhart Order of the Eastern Star - due March 31st

Slough Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st

Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship - due April 1st

E.W. Carter/Sunray Co-op Scholarship - due April 4th

Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship - due April 7th

Dalhart Elks Lodge Scholarship - due April 15th

Dalhart Knights of Columbus - due April 15th

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship - due April 25th

Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship - due May 1st

Broadway Spotlight Series Season 2003-2004

The Broadway Spotlight Series, Amarillo Civic Center, announces the coming season ticket sale. The first offering is "Lord of the Dance" November 4-5, 2003, followed by "Scussical the Musical" January 6-7, 2004; "Grease" February 3-4, 2004; "Cats", April 6-7, 2004.

Guyton Community Theater Presents "Peter Pan"

A cast of 39 will make this fantasy production come to life. The show should be entertaining for all who are children at heart whether you are 1 or 101 or anywhere in between. Dates for "Peter Pan", March 27-30 on Thurs/Sat. 8:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 580-338-009.

A gentleman is the one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.
—Oscar Wilde

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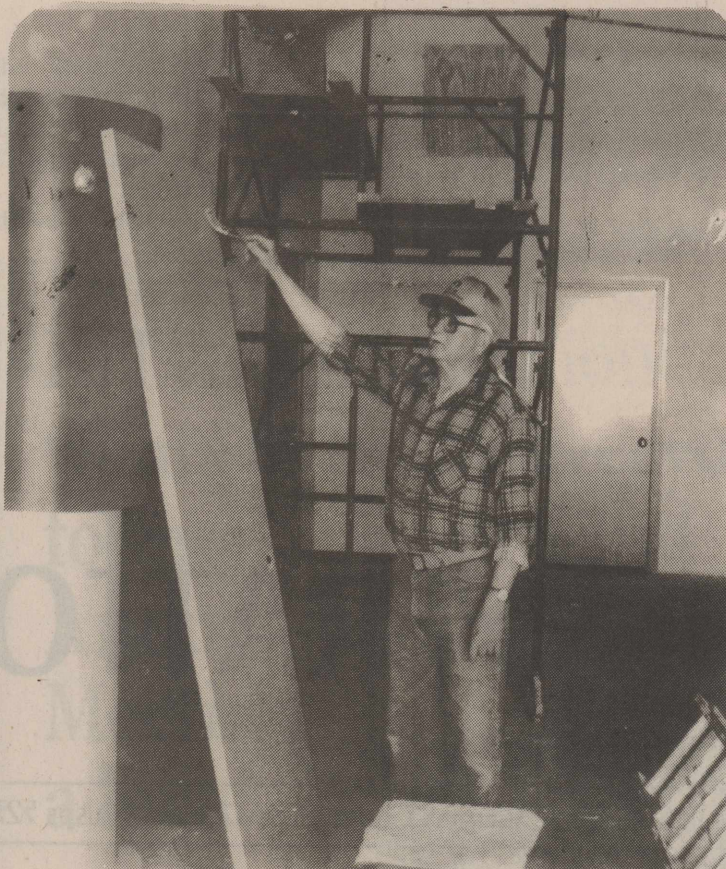
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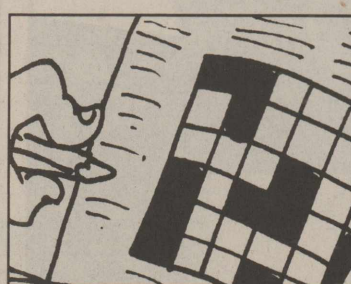


Harding Adding Finishing Touches

George Harding putting finishing touches on Imagination Station for Open House Sunday, March 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come see Phase I.

"Sons of the San Joaquin" at Dalhart LaRita Theater, April 4

The LaRita Theatre will host "Sons of the San Joaquin" on Friday, April 4 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person with reservations at the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 244-5646.



The first crossword puzzle appeared in the New York World newspaper Dec. 21, 1913, triggering a worldwide crossword puzzle craze.

Identification of Gifted-Talented Students

There will be a meeting on Thursday March 20, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Allen Elementary Library to discuss the identification of Gifted-Talented students in grades 1-11.

We will discuss characteristics of gifted and talented children. We will also talk about the nomination process.

The Gifted and Talented program is for students with above-average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills. It is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to go to the principals' office and complete a nomination form. The deadline for nomination forms is March 25, 2003.

Those students nominated will then go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. Parents will be requested to grant permission for the testing.

State guidelines mandate funding for no more than 5% of the average daily attendance.

For further information, contact Kathie Altman, G-T Coordinator, at 366-3340.

*Babysitting will be provided
*Interpreter will be present.

Identificacion de Estudiantes Talentosos

Habra una reunion el jueves 20 de marzo de 2003 a las 7:30 de la tarde en la biblioteca de la Escuela Elementaria (Mary Allen) para discutir la identificacion de estudiantes Talentosos en grados 1-11.

Discutiremos caracteristicas de jovenes talentosos. Hablaremos tambien acerca del proceso de nominacion.

El programa Talentoso es para estudiantes con potencia academica arriba mediano y creaciones productivas en habilidades pensativas. Esta disenado para desafiar estudiantes acelerar mucho mas alla del plan regular de la escuela.

Cualquiera que tenga deseo de nombrar a un estudiante creido ser un estudiante intelectual o creativamente talentoso es alentado a ir a la oficina del director y completar una forma de nominacion. El ultimo dia para entregar formas de nominacion es el 25 de marzo de 2003.

Esos estudiantes nombrados entonces atravesaran una seleccion de procedimiento que requiere examen especial. Los padres seran solicitados para otorgar el permiso para el examen.

Directivas estatales proporcionan fondos no mas de 5% promedio de asistencia diaria.

Para informacion adicional, contacte a Kathie Altman, Coordinadora de G-T, al numero 366-3340.

*Habra cuidado de nonos.

F.Y.I.

By Sheriff Jack Haile

Last week I talked about classes of felonies. There are five classes of felony, state jail, third, second, first and capital. A state jail felony is punishable by confinement in a state jail for not more than two years and not less than 180 days. A third degree is punishable by not more than ten years and not less than two years in prison and a second degree is not more than twenty years and not less than two years. A first degree felony is punishable by a life term or not more than 99 years or less than five years. All of these may include a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00 A capital felony is either life in or death. All of this time is in a prison run by the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

In reality a first time felon will receive probation 99 percent of the time except for a capital felony. There is even a probation called deferred adjudication. This means that if a person successfully completes probation the charge disappears and it is like it never happened. Unfortunately 15 percent do not successfully complete probation.

All felony cases are heard in district court. Sherman County is part of the 69th Judicial District. It is made up of Sherman, Dallam, Hartley and Moore Counties. The main probation office is in Dumas but they also have an office in Dalhart. One thing about probation is a person has to pay to be on probation. The fees are not cheap and if a person gets behind in their payments the probation can be revoked and the person goes to prison.

Before all the prisons were built and Texas prisons were overcrowded a person would serve a month per years of sentence. Which meant if a person got five years they serve would be less than five months on their sentence. With all the new prisons a person with a five year sentence will do four years plus. I think this is an improvement and it is the main reason the crime rate is down in Texas.

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Lollies Lines

By Lorelyn Powers

Spring Convention To Be Held In Borger

Top of Texas District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, will have their Spring convention in Borger on April 5 at Hutchinson Co. Library Auditorium. Theme for the meeting is Top of Texas Waves the Flag.

President Lyndi Shadbolt, Canyon, will call the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Reporting winners of Home Life are Laurie Spurlock, Special Projects; Women's Financial Information, Margaret Reed; and Women's Health, Marsha Wright.

Lunch will be nearby at Dake's Restaurant. Reservations should be made by Saturday, March 29. Send name, club and registration fee of \$6.00 and luncheon \$10.00, total \$16.00. Make checks to Top of Texas District, TFWC. Send to Lyndi Shadbolt, President, 20 Eagle Pass, Canyon, TX 79015.

No Man's Land Museum To Host Watercolor Oklahoma!

Once again the No Man's Land Museum is Goodwill is hosting the annual Watercolor Oklahoma! traveling exhibit produced by the Oklahoma Watercolor Association. This year the exhibit contains twenty-one watercolors by fourteen artists. The artists are residents of Oklahoma City, Norman, Stillwater, Edmond, and Tulsa. The works range from realism to abstraction, with a variety of techniques. The exhibit will close on March 22, at the end of Spring break. As was the case last year, the local art club Artists' Studio Northwest and the No Man's Land Historical Society are paying the costs for this traveling exhibit. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from nine to noon and from one to five. If these hours are not convenient, clubs and other groups may call the Museum at 349-2670 to schedule visits at any other times.

Cleve & Clark to Perform At Cowboy Church

Wes Cleve and A.J. Clark are arguably the best-kept secret in country music, but not for long. Hailing from Alvarado, Texas, 27 year-old Wes Cleve and 35 year-old A.J. are already seasoned veterans of the studio and stage, and they have carved a niche in the Texas music scene not only as performers, but as producers, songwriters, and studio owners as well.

The "brother" harmony Wes Cleve and A.J. deliver speaks for itself in their energetic stage performances and on their many recordings, but it's a long Texas road that has brought this dynamic duo to where they now stand. Hard work, a supportive family, hard work, an entrepreneurial spirit, hard work, unflappable faith, and hard work have kept Wes Cleve and A.J. on the road where they cut their teeth on southern gospel music, to the Christian country charts, and on to the break-neck schedule they keep today.

At age 15, A.J. started a southern gospel group called Heaven Sent and began traveling to churches playing wherever he could. As members of the band moved on, members of the family, who were already very involved in the business and booking of the group, started to fill the positions. A.J.'s dad came on as the keyboard player, mom sang lead vocals and continued booking tour dates, younger sister Felicia sang background vocals, and Wes Cleve joined at the age of 10 to sing and play drums. Soon after, the band changed its name from Heaven Sent to the Clarks.

The band signed a deal with Daywind Records in 1993, and they hit the road full-time. Their career in the Christian market is

decorated with award nominations from the GMA and the CCMA. As Wes and A.J. progressed, musically, they're interests changed and they began booking shows in venues as a secular country duo. Their faith is very much intact, and they still perform many gospel shows, their focus as performing artists is aimed at the mainstream country market.

Over the past five years, Wes Cleve and A.J. have been traveling to Nashville to write songs and to build relationships with people in the music industry that could help them achieve their goals. They have continued to perform up to 200 dates a year, and they've opened a studio where they developed their production skills and provided themselves with a vehicle to gain work as studio performers for their clients.

In the past two year the brothers Clark have trimmed their touring schedule back to 150 dates a year to focus on their songwriting skills, the record label. Stronghouse Music they co-own with their mother (they have signed four Christian country artists), and their studio work. They have released an independent CD called Life, and they have even secured an endorsement deal with CA Guitars.

Wes Cleve and A.J. are now ready to make their mark on the country music world in a big way. They know they've got their work cut out for them, but they believe that if they keep their faith strong and continue to deliver the best music they can, success will follow.

They will be performing at Cowboy Church Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Sherman County Barn.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

—John Wesley

First Assembly of God

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

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

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

Church of Christ

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

Calvary Baptist

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
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Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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We all like a people who are extremely gracious and forgiving. When we do something outrageous, they take it in stride and lovingly embrace us. It's hard not to like that kind of person. In fact we find ourselves bending over backward to work with them. Yes, we like gracious people! Why is it we so easily overlook the grace of God? Perhaps it is because we always think we owe something to that loving person who has been so forgiving of us. We say to them, "I owe you one." and we fully expect that loving person to collect on that debt. But the problem is, we really don't understand true grace. True grace does not collect on a debt you feel you owe. And just the opposite is true too. God is in no way obliged to love you or forgive you. The fact of God's love is rooted in His grace. And when you ask God to forgive you of your sins, He does so, not because He owes it to you, but because He is gracious. You see, God gave His only Son to die on a cross almost 2000 years ago to pay the penalty due to people like you for their sins. When Christ died, He did not pay for His own sins. He was perfect He was sinless. Christ paid for the sins of others! So when you ask God, He forgives your debt for sin, not because He owes you anything but because of Christ's sacrifice to pay for your sin. That's grace! For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, that no one should boast! (Ephesians 2:8-9).

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Kerrick Community Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Kerrick Community served Coldwater Manor for March birthdays. From left, Donna Gillenwaters, Lynn Wells, Joyce and Ted Irlbeck and not pictured, Marylou McDaniel. They used a St. Patrick's theme.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Eleven from Kerrick attended XIT Rural Telephone Annual Meeting March 12 in Dalhart. They enjoyed a luncheon and the business session. Penny Boyd, Stratford, brooded the musical entertainment.

Only one from Kerrick won a door prize. Mike McDaniel won a large electric skillet. Seated at one table were Florecia Eslinger, Donna Gillenwaters, Nita Taylor, Buck Weaver, Mike, Merilee & Marylou McDaniel and Jack Dettle of Stratford. Others present were Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Bill & Pat Boren.

Stratford Grain Bowling Team won third in the recent Dalhart Tournament. They are currently in first place by one. Bowlers on the team are Pat Boren, Laura Baker, Julia Bulls, Dorinda Dashnew, & Lauren Carter.

Pat Boren and Laura Baker were in Fort Worth for the recent Irish Tenors concert. The day after they returned, Bill & Pat drove to St. Louis to see Joe Bill and family. Pat and Jennifer Boren went to The Three Irish Tenors there!

Marylou McDaniel and Clifford Abbott of Canyon flew to Bullhead City, AZ, March 6-9 where they visited with their cousin Dean & Emma Lee McDaniel and Norma Royer. They went to the old mining town of Oatman, AZ, where burros have the right-away. Also saw Vicki Lawrence in concert.

Kerrick Community hosted the Coldwater Manor Non-Birthday Party March 11. That's right, no resident had a birthday, but a couple of employees celebrate this month.

Angel food and chocolate cakes, rainbow sherbet and green punch were served by Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Lynn Wells, Donna Gillenwaters and Marylou McDaniel.

In keeping with St. Patrick's Day, the residents sang Irish songs with Barbara Dettle at the piano and Marylou leading.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic April 8, 2003

The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, in Stratford on April 8, 2003.

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

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



The world's largest rodent is the Capybara. An Amazon water hog that looks like a guinea pig, it can weigh more than 100 pounds.

A small crowd enjoyed a great Third Sunday dinner at the Community Center. The Hamptons & Bill Gillenwaters were hosts.

Present were Lorene Oylor, Geneva Wells, Joyce Wells of Griggs, OK, Charley & Denton Crabtree, R.J. & Mary Hill of Stratford. Buck Weaver of Boise City, OK.

Gary Hudgens (who brought fried trout), Dr. Gary Mathews (homemade Bread), Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, Nita Taylor, Bill & Pat Boren, Mike & Marylou McDaniel.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had a houseful of grandchildren during Spring Break. Jacy, Dasan & Tala were here from Moreland, OK, and Kylee from Amarillo. They are three to seven years old. Donna stayed home with them from Sunday dinner. Chicken....

Pat and Bill Boren went to a track meet at Whiteface with Kelly & Kerry Carlisle and boys. Kelly is a coach at Ropesville. They all celebrated Bill's birthday in Lubbock and attended the Gun Show. Resc Schoonover's great grandparents of Liberal came for their first visit with her Friday.

Flores Commits Over \$1 million To Texas A&M

William H. Flores of Houston, a 1976 Texas A&M University graduate has committed more than \$1 million to his alma mater and its Mays Business School as part of the One Spirit One Vision campaign, a fund-raising endeavor to help the university attain national top 10 status. Flores' gifts, totaling \$1.15 million, will primarily benefit Mays by creating two \$300,000 William H. Flores '76 Endowed Faculty Fellowships and a \$300,000 William H. Flores '76/Heep and Endowed Graduate Fellowship with \$150,000 in matching funds from the Herman F. Heep and Minnie Belle Heep Foundation. In addition, \$50,000 will be used to establish the William H. Flores '76 Endowed Excellence Fund to support faculty research in finance. In addition to supporting Mays Business School, the gift also includes \$100,000 for The Association of Former Students, \$50,000 for the Corps of Cadets, and \$50,000 for the 12 Man Foundation.

The track is almost completely redone, Prom Time is here, so that is a sign that spring is here school will be out for summer in just a few weeks. We hope all of the people in our school system enjoyed their spring break.

The flowers are beginning to come out especially the tulips, lilac bushes, and red bud trees.

We had word last week from Hilma Cleveland of Irving that she will become great grandmother and Joe and Shirley Cleveland will be grandparents-Sidney and Heath are to be parents in August-Congratulations to all of you. This came by e-mail from Marian Williams, Thanks Marian.

In reading The Stratford Star March 13, 2003, Sherman County & Stratford are very busy places and will be busy all this month. and also May 3, 2003 voters need to be going to vote for City, Hospital, School Board elections. Museums Spaghetti Dinner March 23.

The Ex student is coming up, their planning meeting was Monday, March 17, 2003. As noon approaches we ask that everyone take care of yourselves and help one another.

TRTA To Meet In March

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers' Association (TRTA) will meet Thursday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church.

Mary Jane Keast will present a short musical program, and Father McKenzie will lead the invocation. A short business meeting will follow. District President John Krodel will discuss pending education legislation with members. Hosts and hostesses for this month are Dorothy Haile, Anita DeBord, Donna Gillenwaters and Bob and Nelda Askey. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Computer classes going again. Exercise classes still going, several Scotters went to Texhoma for Texhoma Keenagers Senior Luncheon last Friday.

This week- Birthday Party Thursday 2:30 p.m.

Bingo-7:00 p.m. Thursday

Computer 7:00 p.m. Thursday

Dance Sat. 8 till 1 p.m.

Next week board meeting 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25

Luncheon Thursday, march 27th.



When traveling, carry your medication in its original bottles to help avoid security questions.

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Bruce Crebiet of Champions for Life from South Dakota presented a program to Stratford Middle School through High School on Tuesday, March 4th. Several students and a few coaches were asked to participate with the program.



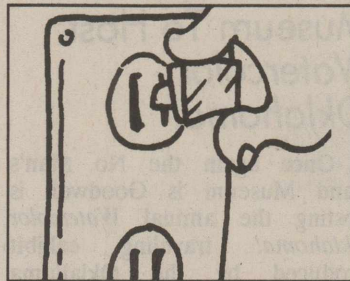
Over 600 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees at the Cooperative's recent annual meeting.

Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

*** note new listing

- March 21 "The Temptations" Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium 806-378-3096
- March 27-30 "Peter Pan" Guymon Community Theatre 580-338-0019
- March 29 Amarillo Symphony Sharon Robinson, cello Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3094
- April 2-3 Broadway Series "The Music Man" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 3-6 "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" ALT Adventure Space 806-355-9991
- April 4 *** WTA&MU SHOWCASE OF MUSIC Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-651-2840
- April 12 Amarillo Symphony- Amarillo Civic Chorus WTAMU Chorus Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782 (Following Golden Nail Awards)
- April 18*** The Fab Four Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- April 26-27*** "Little Shop of Horrors" musical Fri.Sat.7:30 Sun.3:00 May 1-3 Amarillo College Experimental Theatre 806-371-5359or5987
- April 23-27 "A Different Moon" 7:30 [27-3:00] Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2881



When travelling with small children, experts suggest taking along a package of outlet covers. Most hotel rooms neglect to provide these little shock savers, and there are often outlets placed at a child's height.

Uncertainty is the prerequisite to gaining knowledge and frequently the result as well.

—Edith Hamilton

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

—Robert Frost

2002 Citizen Of Year Award Nominations

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is now accepting Nominations for the 2002 Citizen of the Year award. The Award will be presented at the annual Chamber Banquet Scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2003.

A few 'rules' to keep in mind as you contemplate your nomination:
Only signed nomination forms will be accepted.

No verbal nominations will be accepted.

The winner will be chosen based on merit, not the number of letters received.

Guidelines for awarding this honor include:

- Consistent Community support (length of service)
- Number of people served and projects completed

Continued personal growth
Progressive ideas

A positive community attitude.

A nomination form may be obtained at the local Chamber office located in the City Hall Building, or use the form accompanying this article. The deadline is Monday, April 7. The selection committee will choose the winner on Tuesday, April 8. For further information, please contact the office (366-2260).

NOMINATION FORM STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2002 AWARDS

CITIZEN

Nominee: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Family Information: _____

Qualifications/Accomplishments: _____

Community Involvement: _____

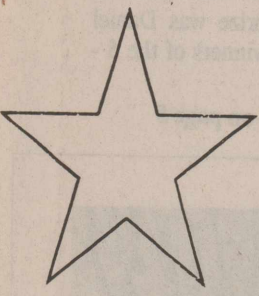
Name and phone number of nominator:
Signature _____

Type or print brief explanations. Additional information may be submitted as an attachment.

Deadline - April 7, 2003

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For Sale: 2001 Ford Explore Sport - 2 door, automatic, A/C, all power. Call 396-2047 or 679-0692. 3-13-tfn-----

The Trees are coming...The Trees are coming to THE General Store soon. 3-20-tfn-----

Watch what's happening in the parking lot at THE General Store. 3-20-tfn-----

For Sale: 1990 Chevy Lumina Van, APV, Real Clean, Real Cheap. 396-5396. 3-13-4xc-----

FOR SALE - ANGUS BULLS 10-14 months Reg. Bulls. Call Glynn Don Hughes, Canyon - 806/655-5838. 2-20-3xc-----

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FOR SALE: King size waterbed with 6 underdrawers, bladder cover, heater, set of navy blue sheets & accessories - \$75.00 - 366-5808. 3-20-1xc-----

Help Wanted

Retail/Clerical position at Elk Pharmacy. Duties include heavy phone usage, filing, deliveries, cash register usage, merchandising, customer relations, and general retail duties. Applications forms available at 317 N. Main, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 3-20-2xc-----

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D & C Greenhouse is seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate the store in Stratford. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants, and operating cash register. Starting pay is \$6.00/hour. Send resume to D & C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman, TX 79081. Call (806)659-5171 for more information. 4-17-c-----

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For Rent: Small 2 bdrm house with fenced backyard. New storm windows & carpeting. 619 N. Wall. 396-2364 9-12-tfn-----

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt. 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights. 1-28-tfn-----

For Rent: Nice 2 bedroom house, central heat & air. Good Location. Call 806-333-7418. 10-17-tfn-----

House for Rent: 2 bdrm, living room, kitchen. Call 366-2493 or 753-7761. 3-20-2xp-----

If you can't be funny, be interesting.
 ---Harold Ross, founder of The New Yorker

Houses for Sale

House for Sale: Great Location, beautiful corner lot, 2 large bedrooms, 1 large bath, garage, central heat/AC. 806-659-2345. 8-2-tfn-----

For Sale: Beautiful home on 1 acre - 519 S. Spruce. 2100 Sq. ft. 4 yr. old, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double car garage. Open floor plan large kitchen. Call 1-559-947-3272. 3-6-4xc-----

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For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park, 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 1-16-tfn-----

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House for Sale: 2 bdrm, large backyard, 414 N. Fulton, \$25,000. Call 727-4646. 3-20-2xc-----

Card of Thanks

Thank to everyone for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, gifts, and food while I was in the hospital and after I returned home. A special "Thanks" to my pastor, Rev. Mark Metzger for his kind words of prayer for me and my family.

God Bless you all
 Nita Taylor

Thank you, family & friends for remembering me with your prayers, visits, calls, flowers, food & many helpful acts, while I recoup from surgery. A special thanks to my family for such good care since coming home from hospital, also to all for remembering my birthday during this time.

Love you all
 Rose Wells

It is impossible to find words to express our appreciation for your concern, since my fall in Romania. Your calls, visits, gifts, food and prayers will never be forgotten.

Bill Sladek

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

REDUCED for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-7927. 1-10-tfn-----

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
 NOTICE OF SALE

In compliance with Vernon Civil Statutes Article 4477-9A, Section 5.03, Litter Abatement Act, I will proceed to sell at Public Auction to the Highest Bidder, for Cash, on the 1st of April, 2003.

All of the following listed abandoned motor vehicles.

Location of the sale will be:

C&D Body Shop
 814 East Texas Ave.
 Sherman Co. Barn
 501 South Maple
 10:00 a.m. at C&D Body Shop

SALE WILL BEGIN AT:

10:00 am at C & D BODY SHOP

| YEAR | MAKE | MODEL | VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | TAG STATE |
|------|---------|----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1985 | PONTIAC | | 2G2AF9X90R129922 | OPF259 KS |
| 1984 | VOLK | | WVVF00226F015775 | PS/517 KS |
| 1978 | FORD | PK | 8C7FB32147 | RA1166 KS |
| 1988 | CHEV | | 1G1LF11W41J145655 | RAM593 KS |
| 1987 | BUICK | LESABRE | G4HPS4C53H040551 | |
| 1988 | PONTIAC | LMA | K12LN2163JH361728 | 5861XC OK |
| 1985 | BUICK | PARK AVE | 1GCVW693VF1401145 | HW1241 KS |
| 1992 | CHRY | LBA | 3C3XA4635N1278928 | GMC01B TX |
| 1989 | MERC | | 2MEFN36X1KB635222 | KTP211 KS |
| 1983 | BUICK | LLM | 1G4AP37Y6DX450242 | DC C63Y TX |
| 1980 | PLY | TK | BB2JTX106369 | |
| 1979 | BUICK | | 4P69Y9X147270 | 806CJN TX |
| 1993 | FOID | PROBL | 1ZVC20AS5P193975 | 705GJM AR |
| 1993 | FOID | ARO | 1FMCA11U0PZC46386 | RI 6001 TN |
| 1988 | HONDA | LXI | JHMCA5647JC027079 | 0261HP AZ |

You must be a Texas resident to bid at this sale

Jack Haile
 Sheriff Jack Haile
 Sherman County, Texas

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SALE DATE: APRIL 1, 2003

SHERMAN COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS SALE

THIS SALE WILL FOLLOW THE SHERMAN COUNTY ABANDONED

MOTOR VEHICLE SALE AT THE SHERMAN COUNTY BARN

A LIST OF SOME OF THE ITEMS FOLLOWS;

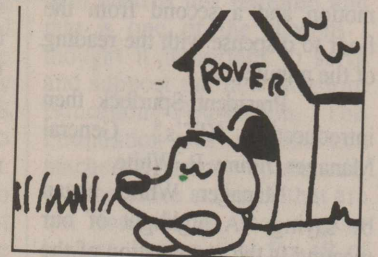
1. Lincoln Arc Welder (Burned)
2. 1987 Chev pickup (Burned)
3. Courthouse windows
4. Surplus office equipment
5. 1" wood blinds
6. Mini blinds
7. Brief case
8. File Drawer
9. Scanner
10. Curtain Rods

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman County is accepting bids for plaster, repairs, and painting around basement windows in courthouse. Painting should be submitted as a separate bid. Please contact Sherman County Judge's office (806) 366-2021, for specific details. Bids will be accepted through April 10, 2003.

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Lack of significant moisture in many weeks has the 2002-2003 dryland wheat crop in a very stressed condition. Some producers are irrigating wheat while others are waiting because of the high energy costs.

Some development in greenbugs has been reported with the most significant infestations in the southwest Texas Panhandle. The economic threshold for greenbugs infesting 3 to 6 inch wheat is 100 to 300 per foot of row. As plant height increases, higher infestation levels can be tolerated.

Pea aphids are being reported infesting the new growth of alfalfa. An economic threshold for pea aphids this early in the season is not known. If it appears that the aphids are slowing plant growth an insecticide application is likely justified.

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\$100 cash prizes were Glenn Reagan, Pete Crumpton, Barbara Unruh, Gary Herber and Eldredge Dixon. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's headquarters and held their Organizational Meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: James Spurlock, President; Glenn Olson, Vice President, and Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Large Crowd Attends
XIT Rural Telephone's
52nd Annual Meeting ...

by Kathy L. Duggan
XIT Marketing
Manager

"Building for the Future" was the theme of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative's 52nd Annual Membership Meeting. Approximately 600 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at the People's Church Family Activity Center in Dalhart on Wednesday, March 12th. Two hundred and twenty one were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Spring was in the air and the tulips were in bloom. Round tables were draped with white tablecloths. Multi-colored tulips in crystal vases centered each table. Blue gift boxes containing a knife and fork set was placed at each place setting.

The stage was set with royal blue draping and a white banner carrying the theme line. Ficus trees and spring-colored tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by Jerry Davis, Pastor of the People's Church in Dalhart.

Darrell Dennis, Assistant General Manager, introduced Penny Boyd from Stratford who delighted the audience with her selection of Patsy Cline songs.

XIT Board President James Spurlock welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

Director Walter E. Lasley then presented the 2003

XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Lasley explained that fourteen scholarship applications were received this year. He said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to select only five winners. Four of this year's winners are from Texline: Denton Higgins, Chris Albert, Brandi French and Rebecca Valles. Denton Higgins was the only one in attendance from Texline. The other Texline winners were on their senior trip. The fifth recipient was Austin Bridwell from Texhoma, who was in attendance. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

President Spurlock announced that a quorum had been met and called the business meeting to order. Board Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Finch, was asked to read the notice of the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting. There was a motion and a second from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

President Spurlock then introduced XIT's General Manager, Jimmy R. White.

Manager White began by saying, "A highlight of our meeting is the presentation of the XIT Education Program. This program reflects the epitome of our theme: 'Building for the Future.'"

XIT is most pleased to help these young people as they build for their future and to provide the leadership for our future as well. I add my congratulations to this group and wish them the very best. And as Director Lasley expressed, we only wish we could make an award to every applicant."

Manager White explained to the membership that the year 2002 was not kind to the telephone industry. He said that many telephone companies and dot.com companies either filed or were near bankruptcy in 2002. Some were self-inflicted through mismanagement - others by timing and the economy.

White stated, "XIT's concerns are not as much stock market related, but more the changes in the industry and the

environment or working relationship with other telephone companies and regulators. With the mega-mergers, other companies are much less responsive to XIT's needs or requests. Today, our regulators seem more focused on how the down turn in the economy affects large companies and less concerned about the need of the small rural companies." White explained that this is of grave concern to the small companies as some very critical small company issues are coming before the regulators - such as the Universal Service Fund, which is a major support mechanism for XIT. White went on to say that XIT's National Association, NTCA, and other associations representing small companies are very active in getting the regulators and the legislature to focus on small company issues.

White continued by explaining how XIT is "Building for the Future". He said, "We have just completed an extensive upgrade in XIT's rural service area, which will allow XIT to offer high-speed data access, or DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) service, to virtually all of XIT's rural members." White went on to say that DSL service will allow an Internet connection speed up to 350 kbps. This is compared to the maximum speed of 56 kbps on a dial-up connection. White said that by placing more fiber cable and locating more electronic equipment in the field that XIT is "Building for the Future." He added, "As technology improves, we are in a more positive position to bring new services to our members in the future."

Further, White explained that although XIT was planning for the future, the primary reason for the recent upgrade was to enable XIT to improve the services the members currently receive.

Manager White then presented the Cooperative's financial reports to the members. These reports included: Access Line History and Forecast; Corporate & Customer Operations; 2002 Composite Income & Expenses; 2002 Operating Revenue; Plant Operations, and the Patronage Capital Credit Summary Allocation.

Manager White concluded his address by recognizing and commending his employees for a job well done. New employees who have been added since last year's meeting include: Sandy Reynolds, Executive Secretary at the Cooperative's headquarters; Eloise Hass, Customer Service Clerk at the Dumas Customer Care Center; Mary Reynolds, Customer Service Clerk at the Dalhart Customer Care Center, and Jeff Harlow, Engineer at the headquarter's office. White offered these words: "Ladies and gentlemen, this is the group of people responsible for meeting your telecommunication needs - maintaining your service and offering customer-friendly service. We take a lot of pride in our personnel meeting those objectives on a daily basis. If we ever fail to provide you with satisfaction of service and the courtesy you deserve, please let us know. This is a most important issue to us."

In addition, White recognized the board of directors. White said, "These men provide the leadership and direction for this company." He went on to commend them for the dedication and integrity that they bring to the organization.

Manager White then introduced Darrell Dennis, Assistant General Manager, and asked him to give reports on the Cooperative's wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd. and XIT Cellular.

President Spurlock introduced A.E. Pronger, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - E.H. Little; District II, Hartley County - Gary Finch, and District III, Sherman County - T.F. Baskin, III. Spurlock then called for nominations from the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Cecil McClellan, Mack Macias, and Jim Gustin to tally

the ballots. The committee declared the election of E.H. Little, Gary Finch and T.F. (Tommy) Baskin, III.

Prior to the regular prize drawing, all the members'

children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were called to the front and were given stuffed puppy dogs. The puppies' blue T-shirts read: "Go XIT! You'll be doggone glad!"

Director E.H. Little then

conducted the drawing for the eighty-one door prizes, which were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Little was assisted by XIT employees, fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. and

members' children Josh Copley and Katlyn Boyer. The winner of the \$500 cash prize was Daniel Escobedo. The winners of the 5 -

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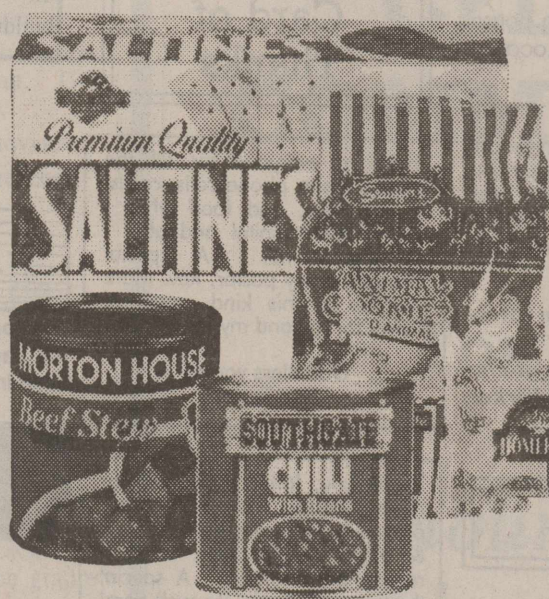


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