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Notices

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Story Time Begins Jan. 29th

Story Time at the Library, January 29th thru March 18th. 11 to 12 noon, every Wednesday for 3 and 4 year olds.

Commodities Delivery Dates

Commodities will be delivered in Texhoma on Feb. 11th from 10 to 11 a.m. They will be in Stratford on Feb. 14th.

Deadline Nearing For Tour

First State Bank Spring Bluebonnet Tour sign-up deadline is Feb. 17th. Contact Sherry Phelps.

Invitation Is Extended to All Buyers of Livestock

Sherman County 4-H and Stratford FFA would like to extend an invitation to our Buyers Appreciation Banquet, to all those who donated to the Stratford Contributors Fund and the Texhoma Merchants Fund. The banquet will be held Monday, February 17, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Please RSVP by February 13, by calling the Extension Office at 396-2081.

Deadline For School Trustee Sign-up

Filing for a position on the Stratford Independent School Board will begin February 17, 1992 and continue through March 18, 1992, 5:00 p.m. You may file at the Superintendent's office at the Stratford High School. Positions held by Margaret Reed and Rick Reinart will expire this term. Holdover members are Jack Rhoades, Jerry Dyess, Steve Dettle, Ken Wight and Kenton Kimball.

"A Word To The Wise"

A word to the wise, according to Don Riffe, president of the Sherman County Local Chapter of the American Cancer Society. It has been brought to Mr. Riffe's attention that a number of local residents are receiving letters asking for contribution to Cancer research. These letters have come from Maryland, Tennessee, Washington, as well as other states.

Please be-aware of the Logo-the Red Sword beside the name American Cancer Society. Any group that does not use this official logo is in no way connected to the American Cancer Society. Any contributions to one of these other groups is not going to ACS and may not be used the way the contributor intends.

If you have a question or complaint about a solicitation method or group, you may contact your nearest Better Business Bureau, the Attorney General Jim Mattox, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, 78711, or contact Don Riffe, at 396-5541.

47th Annual Sherman County Jr. Livestock Show



Wendy Allison is shown above with her Grand Champion Steer. Shown also is the buyer B.A. Donelson with the First State Bank of Stratford.



W.G. Lasley took Reserved Champion with his steer. Buyer was Wesley Miller owner of Professional Hay Service.



Grand Champion Lamb belonged to Ashley Parsons. It was shown by her brother Clint Parsons. Buyer was Stratford Feedyards, Jack Rhoades is shown with Clint.



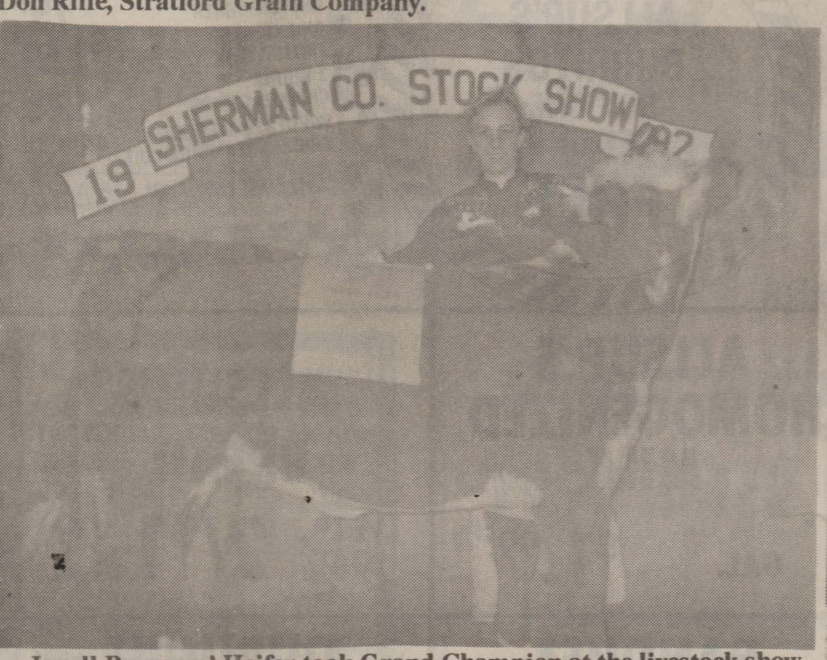
Reserved Champion Lamb was Jamie Mitchell. Shown above is the buyer, Gary Goetz of Stringer Farms.



Donny Gray took Grand Champion in the swine division. Buyer was Don Riffe, Stratford Grain Company.



Kaci Wight had the reserved swine. It was bought by John Lavake.



Janell Prongers' Heifer took Grand Champion at the livestock show. Jeff Ricketson captured Reserve.



"Cowboy Jack" Stan Cobb is a man who leads a double life. By day, he is "Dr. Cobb," a dentist in Spearman, Texas who dedicates himself to seeing that his patients have healthy smiles.

Hass Announces

David Hass announces his candidacy for county commissioner, precinct 3. David owns and operates a business in Texhoma, where he lives with his wife, Yvonne. He has been a resident of Sherman County for all of his life, and has been active in community affairs, serving on the Texhoma City Council for 8 years. Davis has served on the Texhoma, Texas school board for 7 years, and has been the board president for the last 3 years. If elected, he will resign from this board.

David has one daughter, Darci (Mrs. Galen) Knight and one son, Clint. Both attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. His wife teaches at Texhoma High School.

David's experience as a businessman working for area citizens gives him practical insight into the particular needs of Sherman County.

Your support in the March 10 primary would be much appreciated.

Paid Political Announcement paid for by David Hass, Box 601, Texhoma, Texas.

PLA To Hold 77th Annual Meeting

The Panhandle Livestock Association-the oldest organization in Northwest Texas-will hold its 77th annual meeting Saturday, February 22, 1992 at the Harvey Hotel.

Nancy McIntyre, President of the organization, said the convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration in the atrium. At 10:30 a.m. the Board of Directors will meet. At noon there will be a luncheon and fashion show, by Images in Pampa. Models will be Association members' wives. The guest speaker will be Mr. Jack Moreman, Director of Clarendon College Ranch and Feedlot Management School.

The Panhandle Livestock Association was formed in 1915 when 18 well known Panhandle Cattlemen got together to form the Buyers and Sellers Livestock Association. The Association began when rail service came to Amarillo.

In 1908, the Santa Fe Railroad made application to the Texas Legislature for permission to abandon its line from Panhandle to Washburn and construct a shorter line from Panhandle to Amarillo.

The Attorney for Santa Fe appeared before the lawmakers in support of the Panhandle to Amarillo route, but the proposition was voted down by a large majority of the legislators.

A prominent cattleman, J.H. Avery, then asked 187 Amarilloans to write legislators to request reconsideration of Santa Fe's application. On the second vote the proposition passed by a large margin.

With the coming of the rail line, it was necessary for the cattlemen to organize. Mr. Avery wrote of the situation at that time:

"From 1901 to 1909 the livestock shipments over the Santa Fe Railroad from West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma was in a deplorable state, and most cattlemen were held up from a few days to two weeks at shipping points, waiting for stock cars, and a small percent were unable to get shipments out and had to return to their ranch, resulting in a long list of lawsuits."

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FEB. 14th
VALENTINE'S
DAY

Obits

Jesse C. Davis

Conlen-Jesse C. Davis, 79 died Friday, Feb. 7, 1992.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in First Christian Church at Stratford with the Rev. David Harker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. Davis, born in Jones County, was a lifetime resident of Conlen. He was a farmer and a rancher. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Mae; a son, Curtis Davis of Dalhart; two daughters, Jessie Preston and Dorene Harrison, both of Stratford; a brother, Norval Davis of Dalhart; a sister, Ada Mae Anderson of Canadian; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE PROPERTY AND LAND OWNERS WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE NORTH PLAINS GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held March 2, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. on the top floor of the Hansford County Courthouse in the District Courtroom.

The purpose of the hearing is for the Board of the District to receive testimony in support of or opposition to the annexation of a certain portion of Dallam County into the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District No. 2.

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Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

Time is fast approaching for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. We still need more nominees for Citizen of the Year, Farmer, and Business Person of the Year. Deadline for these to be in the Chamber Office is Monday, 24, 1992. Monday evening the selecting committees will meet and make the decision. Tickets are on sale now-at the Chamber Office or any of the Women's Division Directors or General Board Directors will have tickets. This year we did not go up on price as many of the Chambers around did. They are 12.50 for adults, 10.00 for senior citizens, and children over 6 years of age. We are doing things a little different this year. Our honorees will be recognized first and seated so that their families who come from out of town will be able to eat with them and to enjoy the rest of the program. I feel that you are going to be in for a real treat with "Cowboy Jack" a humorist, Liar? and comic. Better come and defend yourself, as no telling what he might tell on you.

Our membership drive was a success. There will be a complete list of new members in next weeks paper, as more are coming in at this time. It is the hope of the Chamber to be able to provide for this community more services, a better quality of life, even in time,

added businesses.

Last Thursday, the 6th, we had a ribbon cutting for "Ole Town USA" John and Andrea' Bolf new business. If you have not been by do so-they have done a good job of restoring the old Taylor Mercantile-it is clean, neat, and well run.

The task force of the Retail and Business Clientele of Stratford had a very successful meeting on Monday evening of last week. There will be more about this later, when the time, place for the bank to have Don Taylor here to look us over and give us some hints of how, where, what, and when.

I have visited with Beckie Crockett who has leased the Health Club and has already began work with a goodly group shaping up the bodies each morning. As soon as she has all of the paper work and a new sign up we will be having a ribbon cutting for this new business. Beckie is excited about how well it has already shaped up. Not many people know that Beckie has served in the armed services and is a nurse. She knows to have a healthy mind, one has to have a healthy body.

Family and Friends aerobics are having 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Classes in case you are an early bird or work and cannot go later in the mornings. Gracious we are probably going to be the healthiest community around.

I have had some inquiries good ones in regard to the recycling. We

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advertised for someone enterprising individual to be around town-choosing the day and time and that people who had recycling to be picked up would place items, bagged in their front yard. This could grow in to a fairly busy business. The task force committee of the Women's Division will be meeting with the interested party and getting directions for this adventure, watch the paper for more information.

We are still in need of an interested party to take over the Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant. Just call the Chamber office for more information.

This is your Chamber and we want to serve this community in whatever way that we can.

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Monday-Chicken nugget, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate brownie and milk.

Tuesday-sausage pizza, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk.

Wednesday-Meat patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, W/K corn, salad, rolls, fruit cups.

Thursday-Stew, carrot/pineapple salad, corn bread, sugar cookies, milk.

Friday-Hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle slices, tator tots, pudding, milk.

Your Right To Know

The Local Emergency Planning Committee has been in existence for over two years. Its main function is to accept reports from local reporting entities in the county and to assimilate them. They are about to have their first meeting. If you would like to attend, call the Office of Emergency Management and find out the date and time. If you are required to report, you may be able to help in the filling out of your annual reporting forms. There is additional information needed on the local level that is not asked for on the Tier Two Forms. It is to your advantage to report. The LEPC is not a watch dog. Your duty to report is yours alone. The LEPC is supposed to do is plan for control of a situation as the need arises. The LEPC is strictly for the benefit of the community.

Cowboy Jack Cont. from Page 1

But when he leaves the office, he assumes another role. Heading to a local ranch, he transforms into a regular cowboy doing day work at a local ranch. Seeing the humor of such a unique double life drove him to become "Cowboy Jack"—a cowboy poet, a philosopher and an entertainer. With his sharp wit and keen sense of humor, he paints a vivid picture of life in the Texas Panhandle.

Cowboy Jack is a regular at cowboy poetry gatherings across the country and has appeared before a variety of groups. He's been featured on television, radio, newspapers and magazines and his voice has been heard from Hawaii to Nova Scotia.

Raised in Ft. Worth, Texas, he graduated from dental school, but left the "big city" to seek the pleasures of life in a small town. Dr. Stan Cobb opened his dental office and a sheer lack of dental business drive him to the ranches of his friends. There he helped with cattle roundups, branding and doctoring and developed a keen appreciation of the cowboy life. Cowboy Jack was born.

Now his dental business is thriving, but the cowboy life is a part of him, too—and he considers himself a very lucky man who combines the best of two worlds. His goal is to continue to write and perform his poetry and to keep making people smile.

The Sherman County Crimestoppers Inc. Telephone Number is 396-2600

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company recently filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to redefine the location of the demarcation point, or demarc. The demarc is where Southwestern Bell Telephone wiring connects with customer-maintained wiring.

This request will not increase customers' service rates. This request simply changes the point within the wiring where Southwestern Bell's maintenance responsibility ends and the customer's maintenance responsibility begins. As before, customers will be able to connect their own wiring directly to Southwestern Bell's network at points up to the new demarc.

Southwestern Bell is seeking approval of this new demarc location to bring its tariff into compliance with a Federal Communications Commission Order in CC Docket 88-57.

More information will be included in customers' bills beginning February 1, 1992. Persons who wish to comment on the application should notify the PUC by March 20, 1992. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, TX 78757, or you may call the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Society



Engagement Announced

Mrs. and Mrs. Ed Bryson and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beattie would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Chris Beattie and Charissa Bryson. The couple will be wed on March 7th in the First Baptist Church in Stratford.



Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Arnold of Austin wish to announce the arrival of their son, Stephen Kyle, born January 30, 1992. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is welcomed home by his sister Megan.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mason of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Arnold of Stratford. Great grandparents are Thomas O'Brien, Friona, Mrs. T.B. Mason of Tahoka and Mrs. Mollie Price of Odessa.

TRTA To Meet

The Dallam, Hartley, Sherman Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall in Hartley.

A video from KVII Television will be shown, Mr. Nick Craig of Dalhart will speak on "Opportunities for Volunteers".

A committee will present a slate of officers for 1992-93. Regular business items will be on the agenda.

All people who are interested in learning how volunteers can help a community in any capacity are cordially invited to attend.

Refreshments and visiting follow the regular meeting.

Cards Of Thanks

Sherman County 4-H would like to thank everyone who patronized the food concession during the recent Junior Stockshow. A big thanks is extended to Lynn Allen and Moreman's Feed for the donation of cups, Mungia's for the ice donation, and to all 4-H families who donated food and worked the concession. Thank you Doris Parsons, Tammie Helmuth and Kay Dickson for coordinating this fund raiser.

Sherman County 4-H

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Shock Show Board for dedicating this years stock show to Susie Harlow and myself. I have enjoyed working with the students and the board for the last 27 years and I hope the show will continue to be a success.

Richard Carter

News From Your Library

Carolee Waters has lent the library a collection of kaleidoscopes. These are unique since each is different in size and construction. The pictures that develop as one turns the cylinder are beautiful in color and design.

Carolee's collection began with gifts when she was a child. Recently, her sister, who lives in New Hampshire, added to the collection. Several are antiques that were in a home that the sister and her husband inherited in the late 1950's. Kaleidoscopes may be fairly inexpensive, but can be priced in the hundreds of dollars.

Sir David Brewster invented the kaleidoscope and patented it in 1817. The construction is usually a tube containing two small



Carolee Waters collection of Kaleidoscopes is on display at the Sherman County Library. You must take time and stop in and see this unique display.

mirrors and two small plates that hold beads and pieces of colored glass. The mirrors reflect the beads and glass as colorful symmetrical patterns. These pattern change continuously as the tube is turned. A person looks into the tube through a peephole.

These unusual toys are probably enjoyed more by adults than young children. They can be more than a toy since designers often use the kaleidoscope to find new patterns for rugs, wallpaper, and fabrics.

Dear Members of the Contributors Fund, Thank you for purchasing my steer. The money will be used to further my 4H interests. I appreciate your help and investment in my future.

Sincerely Ryan Swain

I would like to thank everyone for your cards, visits, concern and prayers while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

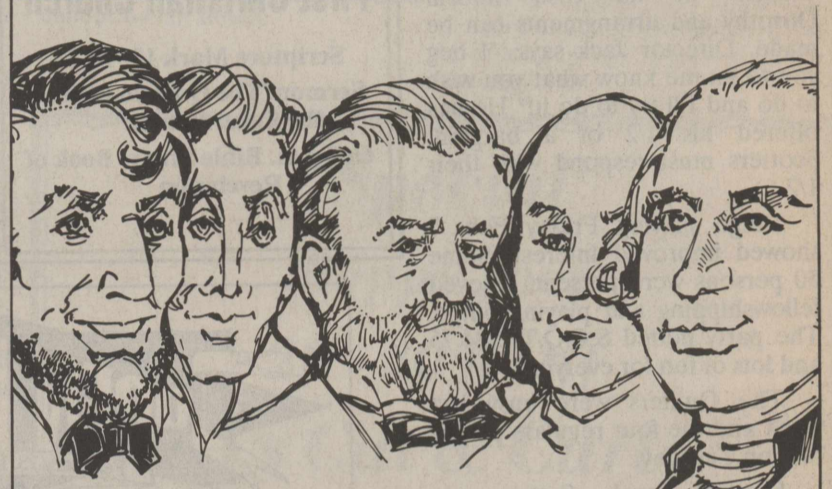
Dee Brannan

Thank you everyone for the Get Well Cards. I really enjoyed them. I just want to let you know that I liked everything. Thank you for all your prayers and calls. All you did for me helped me believe that I could recover quickly. A great thanks to my family for their visits.

Thank you very much
Ann Mitchell



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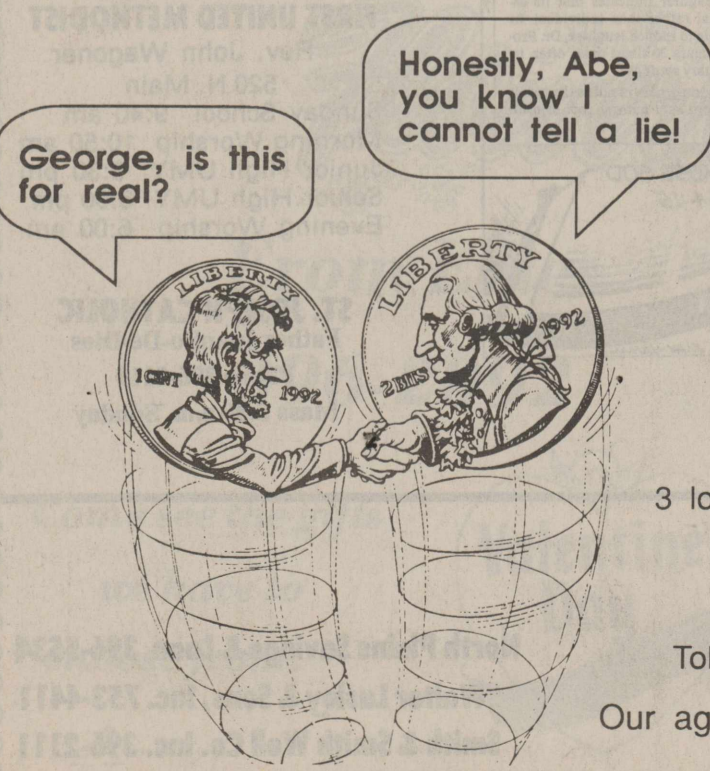


Mr & Mrs Lorens Lebeck (Hap & Bernice) Celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary February 2, 1992. They moved to Stratford in July 1991. They are the parents of Jean Moore of Stratford & Doris Noal of Ordway Co. We here at Coldwater Manor wish to extend congratulations on this marvelous occasion.

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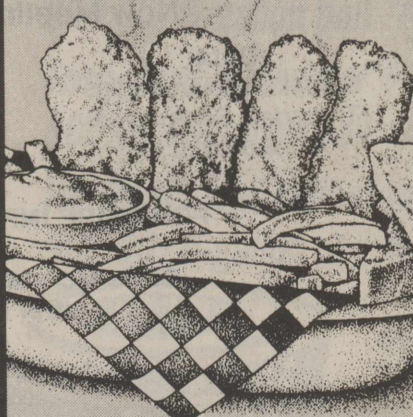
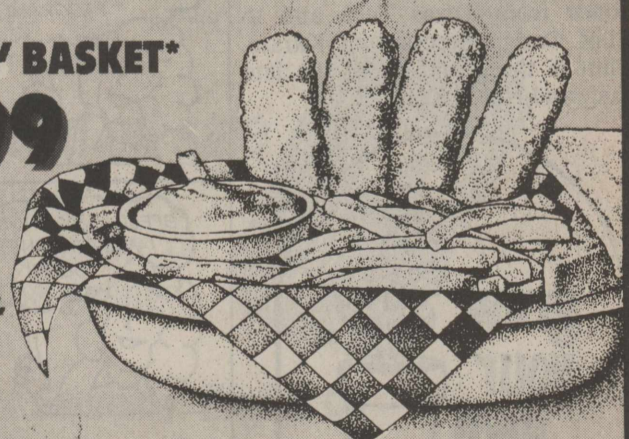
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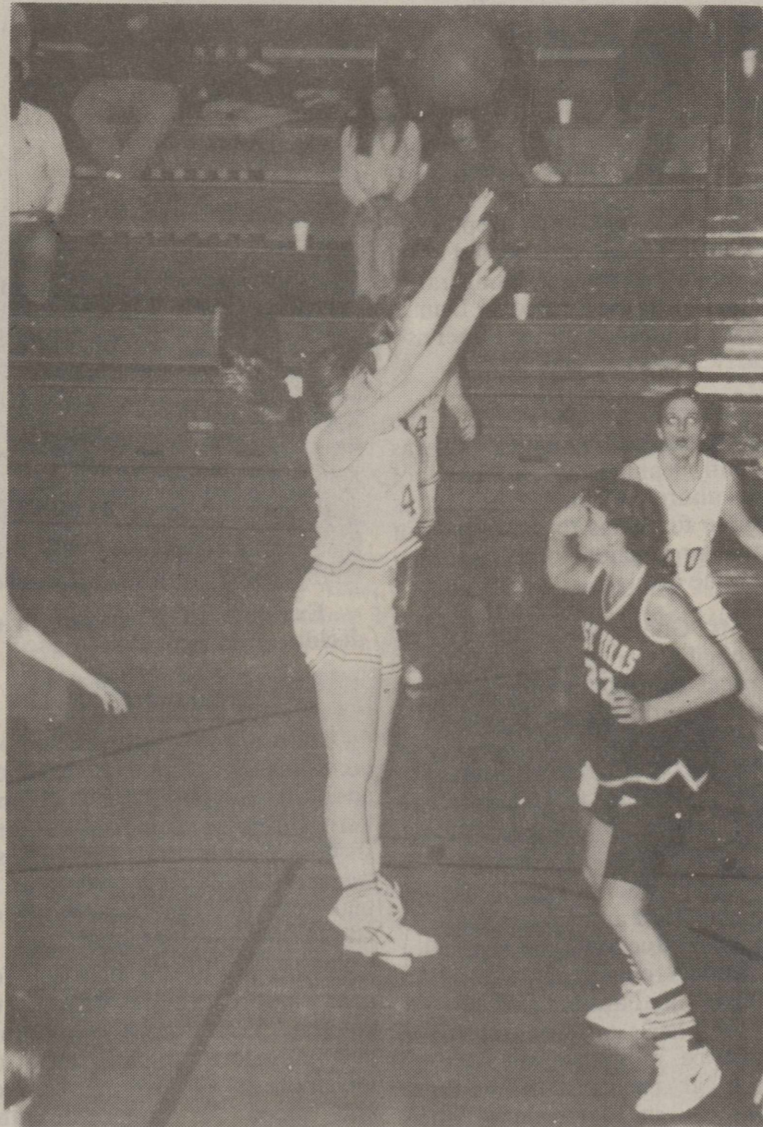
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Basketball

Photos on this page by Becky Asher.



#32 Scott Asher playing against West Texas.



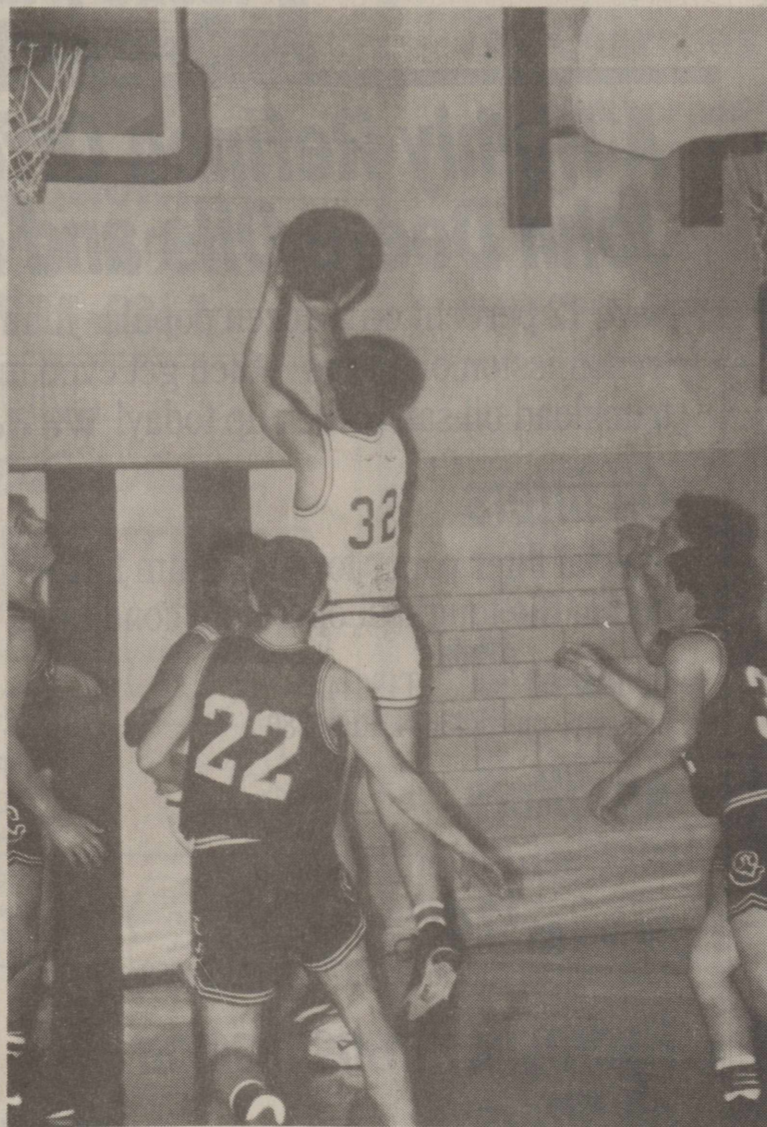
Stratford Varsity Girls vs. West Texas. Shooting is Sasha Browning #44, #34, Kendra Tillery and #40 Jolina Garoutte.



The "Bleacher Creators" are on hand at all the basketball games, supporting our coaching staff and kiddos. Congratulations! Kids. Keep up the good work.



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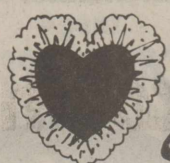
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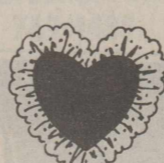
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Happy Valentine's Day





National F.H.A. Week

National F.H.A. Week is this week and in honor of that fact: Shown above is the Officers of the F.H.A. in Stratford High School. Front is Alicia Miller, Reporter; and Jalane Rhoades, Secretary-Treasurer; Standing left to right is Buffy Ellison, Historian; Sasha Browning-Vice President, Jolina Garoutte, Social Chairman and; Junior Gomez-Recreation Chairman. Not pictured is Wendy Allison, President. Activities for the week include: Nutritious Snack Day on Wednesday, Teachers Appreciation Day, Thursday, Sweetheart Day is on Friday and Sweetheart Dance will be Saturday.



Principals Honor Roll for the second nine weeks of school at Texhoma Public School is 9th grade: Jared Clark, Brad Cornelson and Jerod McDaniel.

10th grade is Jennifer Baber, Levi Berry, Jayson Cole, Mark Freeman, Brady Mitchell and Gary Wallace.

11th grade: Adrienne Bergner, Jo Berry, Tonia Burd, Brandon Hyde, Nathan Ross and Cassie Worley.

12th Grade: Shawna Hale, Jason Hardaway, Becky Ingham, Erik Jones, Shawn McDaniel and Tracy Winfrey.

Principals Honor Roll for the first semester of school at Texhoma Public School is 9th grade: Jared Clark, Brad Cornelson, and Nikki Unruh.

10th grade: Jennifer Baber, Tonia Burd, Daphne Coffey, Jayson Cole, Mark Freeman, Brady Mitchell, Jana Skelton and Gary Wallace.

11th Grade: Adrienne Bergner, Tonia Burd, Nathan Ross and Cassie Worley.

12th grade: Shawna Hale, Jason Hardaway, Shawn McDaniel, Tracy Winfrey.

Supt. Honor roll for 12th grade was Erik Jones.

Contemporary Issues Workshop Slated

Yuca Girl Scout Council is conducting a one day workshop on two contemporary issues, "Valuing Differences" and "Leading Girls Into Math and Science" for its leaders and all interested adults.

There is a cost of \$3.00 per participant. The workshop will be held at Panhandle State University from 9:45-3:30 p.m., Room 101 Hefley Hall on Saturday, February 15th. Call 405-338-6414 or send name, address and phone number with \$3.00 check made out to Yuca Girl Scout Council. The registration is due to the Guymon office February 12th by 4:00 p.m.

Applications Now Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought between January 1, 1991 and September 30, 1991, are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Dumas, Texas, FmHA County Supervisor Larry J. Goetze, said today.

Sherman County is one of the eight contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Clayton Yeutter as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Mr. Goetze said, farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000.00, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 4.5 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must suffer at least a 30 percent loss or production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan," Mr. Goetze said. Farmers participating in the PIK or Federal Crop Insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 31, 1992 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Goetze said.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. Citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. Citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Dumas is located at 801 Bliss, Suite 104, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Windbreaks-Practical Beauty For Farms & Homes



Example of a mature windbreak featuring both conifers and deciduous trees.

By Mary Wilder

There is hardly a more beautiful or more practical addition to your farm or home than carefully planted trees and shrubs. Spring is less than six weeks away. Now is the time to plan for your new windbreak or add to one you started earlier.

If this will be the first year for your windbreak, start with a row of conifers. You can choose cedars and junipers for rapid growth, or the more slow growing spruces and pines for long life and exceptional beauty. Either choice will yield wind and weather protection for your home as well as wildlife, and with proper planning, livestock as well.

To get your windbreak off to a good start, adequate moisture is a must. There are many kinds of drip systems available to suit almost any watering problem of situation. Next step is weed control. Weed control is essential the first three years. Not only do weeds and grass steal moisture, some emit toxins that will stall or stop tree growth. Grasses like bermuda and weeds like kochia are notorious for this.

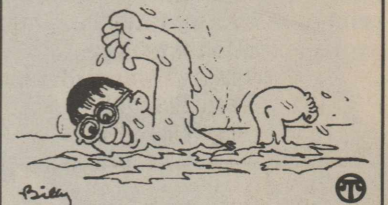
So, good watering techniques plus weed control equals a windbreak in a shorter time than you may imagine.

The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District has trees for windbreaks and wildlife plantings for sale now. Call 396-

Scholarship Applications

High School students who are U.S. citizens and who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by March 15, 1992 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5002, Lake Forest, IL 61145-5002. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state, zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. All requests for applications will be fulfilled on or about April 15, 1992. One hundred winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and need for financial aid.

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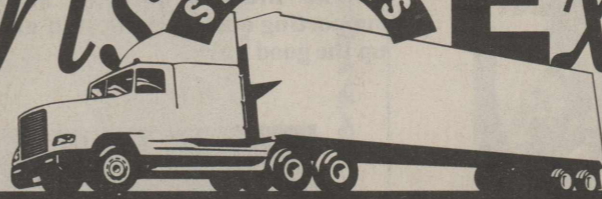
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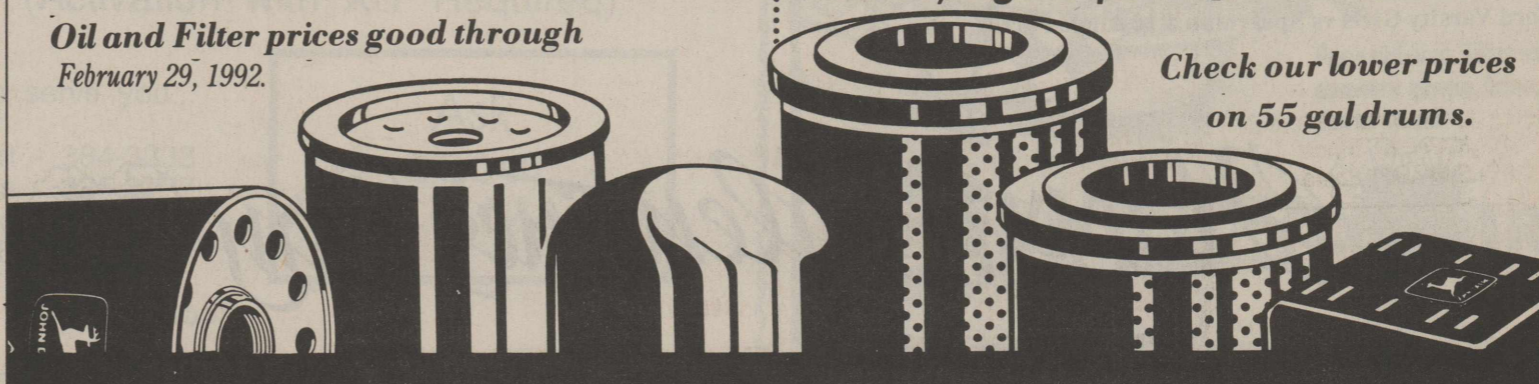
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