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Local  
News

## Elks & Cross Country Are #1

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to water damage in the Clerks and Justice of the Peace Offices, the carpet is having to be replaced and due to the fact that the Carpet layers will not work on Sunday, the Clerks and J.P. Office is going to have to be closed on Friday, November 6, 1992.

### Craft Show Dec. 5th

On December 5th, we will be having a craft show with lots of ideas for Christmas. This again will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and will be held at the Sherman County Barn, 400 South Maple. To reserve space and for further information, contact the Chamber of Commerce in Stratford, 806-396-2260.

### Fall Festival Craft Show Sat.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Fall Festival Craft Show, Saturday 7, of November. The show will be held in the Old General Store Hardware Bldg. on Highway 54 Time; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts, collectibles, wood, art, stain glass and more. For further information contact the Chamber at 806-396-2260.

### Story Time At the Library

Story Time at the Sherman County Library for 3 and 4 year olds will be on Wednesdays, starting Sept. 30 and run thru Wed. Nov. 18th, from 11 to 12 noon.

### 4-H's Reminded Of Date

4-H's planning to participate in the County food Show, Saturday, November 7, are reminded that records, menu and recipe are due in the County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 30, 1992.

### Bingo At Scot Hall

Bingo 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5th at Scot Hall.

### Bridge-Scot Hall

Bridge 7:30 p.m. Friday Nov. 6th at Scot Hall.

### Ellie-M's Style Show

Ellie M's Style Show Nov. 16th 7:30 to 8:30. Donations go to Scot Hall.

### CORRECTION

CORRECTION: In Last Weeks Letter to Editor the Name should have been Justice Bob Gammage.

## Good Luck Elks

### Stratford 1992 Football Varsity

Nov. 6  
Boys Ranch There  
7:30 p.m.

### 7-8-JV

Nov. 5  
Boys Ranch Here  
5:00 p.m.



#11 Marcus Lavake makes a tackle against Highland Park. #27 Heath Starnes, #32 Toby Diamond #67 Albert Aguilera, #65 Todd Lemons #52 Julian Licon and #50 Clint Parsons.

The Stratford Elks took home the Football District Championship Friday night here on a cool night in Stratford.

The Elks stomped Highland Park 27 to 0. Stratford is now 8-1 Overall and 5-0 in District 1-2A. Stratford controlled the clock by rushing for 322 yards on 57 carries en route to 403 yards of total offense. The Elks' defense forced four turnovers and limited Highland Park to 191 yards.

Kiley Seaton, Daniel Gomez and Adam Gonzales keyed a Stratford front line that continually harassed the Hornets Quarterback. Stratford halfbacks Clint Vincent and Heath Starnes each took advantage of his offensive line to rush for 100 yards. Vincent carried 23 times for 1558 yards. He scored three touchdowns, once in each of the final three quarters as Stratford gradually built a commanding lead.

### Stratford Country Club Country Store

Stratford Country Club, Country Store "Delicious, De-Liteful" Luncheon and Auction Appetizers served beginning at 11:00 lunch serving beginning at 11:30 to 1:00. Auction to begin at 1:10. Silent bids will be accepted on all items. The focus of the meal is delicious healthful eating with tips on cooking substitutions. Club members will decorate the tables with Auction items plus wonderful things from the kitchen. Luncheon tickets are on sale at \$7.00 to include recipes. Tickets will be sold at the door.

### Ordinance To Be Enforced

ORDINANCE NO. 228

An ordinance prohibiting any person driving a motor vehicle from turning left across double yellow stripes in order to park the motor vehicle in a parking space on the opposite side of the street, providing a penalty not exceeding \$200.00 for violation of this ordinance.

City police will start enforcing this ordinance immediately.



Hospital

Myron Leedy is in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Dick Davenport and Les Dodson are in the hospital. Dorothy Pronger Summerour and Johnette Bass in Tyler Hospital.

Heath Starnes had 124 yards on 20 carries and a touchdown.

Vincent credited the line when saying "Anybody can run through the holes when there are holes there." Vincent also intercepted a pass on defense.

Donny Gray had 6-10 for 80 yards and Albert Aguilera kicked 3 extra points.

The Elks had 21 first downs, 322 yards rushing, 80 yards passing for a total of 402 yards gained.

Highland Park had 14 first downs, 123 yards rushing, 68 yards passing for a total of 191 yards gained.

## 4-H Food Show

The Sherman County 4-H Food Show will be conducted Saturday, November 7th at the Sherman County Exhibit Buildings.

Judging of 4-Her's will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the public viewing and awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

The county 4-H Food Show is the achievement event of the 4-H Food and Nutrition project in which youth learned about human nutrition, food buying and preparation skills, cultural and social roles of food and food safety. County winners will advance to District competition December 5th at Randall High School.

Volunteer leaders for the 4-H Food and Nutrition project are Marie Sladek, Gay Wilhelm, Jeannie Sikora, Nina Ellison, Marsha Pronger. Junior Leaders who assisted were Janell Pronger, Kyle Ellison and Ryan Swain.

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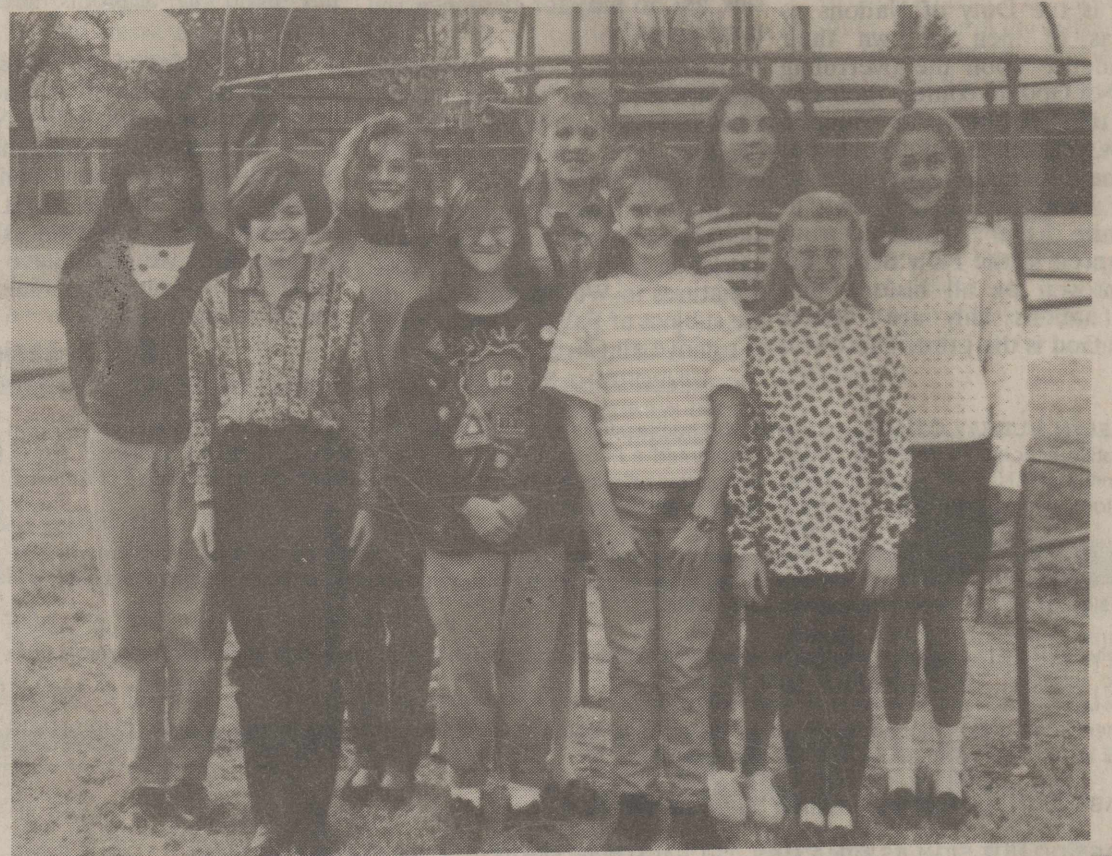
The Elks will play Boys Ranch there this Friday night.

7th grade boys lost to Highland Park Thursday by 20 to 20. The 8th grade boys won by a score of 32 to 20. They will play Boys Ranch here on Thursday night starting at 5 p.m.

Congratulations to all the teams. You are all winners with us.



Sarah Ortega, Amber Woolsey, Lea Shuping, Elly Rhoades, Kaci Wight, Sunny Lasley, Chancey Rhoades, Wendy Palmer, Not pictured Jolina Garoutte and Anita Rapp.



Back row is Gloria Aguilera, Ashley Stoy, Cara Lavake, Lori Brooks, Jennifer King. Front is Hillary Frank, Annie Ortega, Ashlie Lasley, Jessica Bryson, Not pictured is Wendy Gray.

The Stratford Girls Cross Country took first in District at Boys Ranch on Monday October 26th. Stratford varsity girls had 28 points, Gruver had 35, Sunray had 92, Spearman had 96 and West Texas had 107.

Individual scoring: Kelly Wight 12:25.34; Sunny Lasley 12:26; Elly

Rhoades 13:03; Sara Ortega 13:14; Chancey Rhoades 13:36; Lea Shuping 13:36.

Derrek Wells on Boys Varsity placed 12th with a time of 19:27.

JV Girls also placed first with 15 points. Individual scoring was Jennifer King 12:55; Wendy Gray 12:56; Annie Ortega 13:31; Anita

Rapp 13:39; Cara Lavake 14:04; Autumn Woolsey 14:09; Gloria Aguilera 14:17 Ashlie Lasley 14:21; Hillary Frank 14:22; Lori Brooks 14:34; Ashley Stoy 14:51; Jessica Bryson 15:09. Both teams have won district and will be going to Lubbock this coming Saturday.

## Annual "Christmas In November"

The annual Xmas in November will be held Thursday, November 5th at the County Exhibit Buildings. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the bazaar featuring local and area craft exhibitors.

Programs to create holiday excitement begin at 10 a.m. Stephanie Helton will be demonstrating "Broombloom Angels" followed by Barbara Burrus of Lipscomb with a program on "Updated Menswear--in InVESTment in Style".

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets prices are \$5.00 in advance and can be purchased at the County Extension Office or \$6.00 at the door. Children's tickets are \$2.00 and take out orders are available.

"Visions of Sugarplums" will be presented by Jean Everett and Susie Spurlock at 1:00 p.m. to conclude the day's activities.

The public is invited to attend the holiday inspired day sponsored by the Sherman County Extension

Homemakers Clubs and Council. Proceeds from the fund raiser are used toward community service projects, enhancing the local 4-H programs, and educational training opportunities for club members.

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**Obit**

**Kenneth Carl Connolly**

Texhoma-Kenneth Carl Connolly, 75 died Thursday, October 29, 1992.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in First Baptist Church with Harold James and Winston Curtis officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Connolly was a lifetime resident of Texhoma. He married Ruby Ray in 1952 at Ardmore, Okla. He was a farmer and rancher.

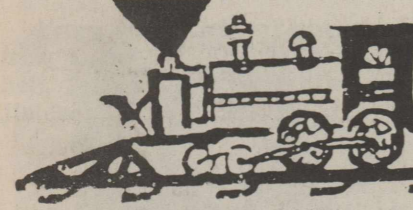
Survivors include his wife: a daughter, Brenda Huffman of Texhoma; a son, John Connolly of Texhoma; a stepson, Larry Trout of Weleetka, Okla.; a brother, Reese Connolly of Texhoma; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to The First Baptist church.



Mary Allen Halloween Carnival was put together by the Chapter One Reading Class, under the direction of Kathy Switzer. Pictured are the workers and helpers. Tokens were given to the classes as they came to play the games.

**Museum Notes**



We had a great Northwest Texas Museum Assoc. meeting! The attendance was great, the programs interesting, and the response fantastic! A big thank you to everyone that helped in anyway. A big thanks you especially to our local merchants. They are great to support us everytime we ask. This time they provided all kinds of items so that we had a "Goody bag" of Stratford items for each person that came. Thanks again to all involved.

A new year begins for the Depot in Oct. and we begin with new officers. Marihoward is our new president, and Marilyn our efficient secretary. We're pleased

also to have two new board members Joan Palmer and E.R. Bell. We're happy to have their input and know they'll be a big help.

Our annual Appreciation dinner for our volunteers is coming soon. It will be Dec. 1st at Marihowards beautiful country home. So mark your calendar for that.

Christmas is coming and so is the Depot's Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6th. The Imagination Station is having a home's tour at the same time so you can see all at once. Mark your calendars and come see us at the Depot.



Coach Gray gave the Program Monday at Stratford Lions Club. Shown above with Coach Gray left is right Gary Lundberg, who brought the program.

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

-Mark Twain

**Stand Up for Your Beliefs  
Mail The Following Form**

Surprisingly enough as I read I just keep learning things that I guess should not surprise me but does. Some would have you believe that President Abraham Lincoln was not a Christian. Where they have derived that information I do not know. However during the American Civil War Abraham Lincoln Proclaimed April 30, 1863, as a Day of National Humiliation, fasting and prayer, he wrote:

"It is the Duty of Nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord. This awful

calamity of Civil War which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

I write this as I have requested the Stratford Star to print the last of many tricks that Madelyn Murry O'Hara, an atheist who has successfully eliminated the use of the Bible reading and prayer from all public schools 15 years ago. She has taken her petition, with 27,000 signatures to Washington, D.C. on the subject of F.C.C. Campaigning to remove all Christmas programs,

Christmas songs and Christmas Carols from Public schools. This petition R.H. 2493 would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the gospel on the air waves of America. You can help! Write your congressmen and let them know, as Christians Madelyn Murry O'Hara will not have her way.

Nations, Churches and individuals all must heed the call to repentance and to stand up for our beliefs. We must as a nation not bend to Jezebels such as O'Hara.

I have copies of the forms that need to be mailed in. Come by, and get a copy. Act today. Never in the history of our great nation has such turmoil arisen. Can one atheist, racist dictate what our congress could impose on us as people. Do we not have any backbone? Stand up American and be accounted for.

By J.A. Lasley

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

MADelyn MURRAY O'HARE, an atheist who successfully eliminated the use of the Bible reading and prayer from all public schools 15 years ago, has been granted a Federal Hearing in Washington, D.C. on the subject of F.C.C. The petition R.H. 2493 would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the Gospel on the air waves of America. She took her petition, with 27,000 signatures to back her stand.

If her ATTEMPT is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast either by radio or television will stop. Many elderly people and shut-ins, as well as those recuperating from hospitalization or illness, depend on radio and television to fulfill their worship needs every week.

Madelyn O'Hara is also campaigning to remove all Christmas programs, Christmas songs and Christmas carols from public schools. **YOU CAN HELP THIS TIME !!**

We need one million signed letters. This should defeat Mrs. O'Hara and show that there are many CHRISTIANS ALIVE AND WELL AND CONCERNED IN OUR COUNTRY. This petition is No. 2493.

PLEASE SIGN, CUT OFF AND MAIL THE FORM BELOW.

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN AS MR. & MRS. LET EACH ADULT SIGN ONE SEPARATELY AND MAIL IT TO THE F.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission).

BE SURE TO PUT THE PETITION NUMBER 2493 ON THE LOWER LEFT HAND OUTSIDE CORNER OF THE ENVELOPE WHEN MAILING YOUR LETTER !!

PLEASE HAVE THIS LETTER AND FORM PHOTOCOPIED AND SEND IT TO TEN FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

*Chamber office has copies*

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 "H" Street  
Washington, D.C. 20054

RE: PETITION NO. 2493

Gentlemen:

I am an American and proud of my heritage. I am also very much aware of the place religious faith has played in the freedom we, as Americans, now enjoy.

Therefore, I protest any human effort to remove from radio or television any program designed to show faith, God or a Supreme Being, or to remove Christmas songs, programs or carols from public schools.

PLEASE PRINT

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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703 Hart Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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CALL IN ORDERS WELCOME CHECK OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS



## Scot Notes

by Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman Co. Older Texans, Friends, Neighbors, Scotters this quiet Monday A.M. Nov. 1, 1992. The term "Quilt" came to our mind to describe nature this A.M. as we paused a minute under a rose and gray streaked sky wondering if "quiet before the storm" was suggested. Of course, we mean the Storm of Voting on Tues. Nov. 3, 1992: voting and results. We do send (via notes) a shoulder pat to every Sr. Citizen who voted.

Important Correction: Scot Depression Supper date is December 5th repeat Dec. 5, 1992 repeat Saturday, Dec. 5, 1992 at 6 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m.

Scots thanks for donations beginning at \$3 per person Depression Supper at Scot Hall Scot calendar reminders and Thurs. Nov. 5th bingo at 7 p.m. Friday Nov. 6 Nov. Style Show Nov. 16th Bridge Players meet at 7:30 p.m. Note carefully from Ellies Holiday Open House and Style Show to Benefit Scot Monday Nov. 16th Open House 5:00 to 8:30 Style Show beginning at 7:30. Ladies and Childrens holiday fashions will be shown. Free will donation for Style show to benefit Scot Organization.

Board Meeting: Tues. Nov. 17th, 1992. 10 a.m. Thanksgiving luncheon, Thurs. Nov. 19th 12 noon. hosted by Prospectus Study Club; Bake Sale, Sat. Nov. 21, 1992. Scotters lets have many assorted items for sale!

Sat. Oct. 31 a gaily decorated Scot Hall welcomed 55 dancers who had good time keeping pace to music furnished by The Country Five orchestra from Keyes, Ok. Vickie Gore decorated the Hall carrying out Halloween theme. Guests came from towns surrounding Stratford, some came from Kansas.

The TOPS Quilt Show Sunday was a lovely place to enjoy fine works of art and visit. We met Wanda Oquin Welch, Borger who was visiting her sister, Myrtle Starker; Eva Ray Lowes who is Mae Borths twin sister; Katie De Vorse who is visiting her daughter Dixie Ewers and Dorothy Varner, local friends Leona and John Woods, who leave for the Texas coast on Thursday. Renee Plunk, Zenia (Mrs. Bill) Green, Jane Smith, Pat Boren, Lorelyn Powers, who won a door prize, numbers of TOP Members. There were many beautiful quilts to admire.

Monday we met Claudine Allen at the Library. She reads while waiting for George who attends Cattle Sales and other places of business. She is his official chauffeur. Son Ted had taken George to drive a tractor Monday, hence Claudines day off.

Corda Pleyers weekend guests were Ethel Alley and Ediths Stanfors. Niles, Ks. They visited Bertha Oquin, Coldwater Manor. Timmie Brown was included for an p.m. of game playing and dinner at Headquarters. Opal Bryant and Wanda Riffe left Friday for a two week Vacation and visiting in Cal.

While enjoying a Red Raider Brunch in Lubbock Sat. a.m. Betty and Baskin Brown had one of those unusual chance experiences. They shared a table with Dr. and Mrs. Tom Neal. In the usual way of introduction and identifying oneself they learned that the Neals knew Dr. Stanley Ullom and the Late "Jiggs" Ullom, Canadian, Tex. later this four were joined Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith. Smith was a 1938 R.R. player under Pete Cawthon. Small World! We are wondering if Geo Allen and Smith played with Cawthon the same years. Answer us, Geo!

Carla Mathews, a member of the GA's at the Baptist Church, made a happy day for us when she brought a heart shape arrangement of dried leaves, tiny squash and pumpkins to us, accompanied by a big hug. Thank

you Carla and; your leader. We love you.

Special congratulations to Judy Diamond, winner of tickets to Cowboy Game, Dallas; Big Blue Band and Varsity Elks for their wins! On the community sick list are Myron Leedy, Kerrick, Dick Davenport, Johnette Bass, in Tyler Hospital, Charlie Lamb, Chris McAdams, Dorothy Pronger Summerour, Dalhart, Grady Mullican gravely ill was hospitalized this Mond. A.M.

Scot and personal prayers and Christian love to each of you ill friends.

Remember that shoulder pats and "luv" are great spine-stiffeners! Helen Taylor reports that to add to the worldly confusion she has a purple iris blooming in her garden Oct. 31, 1992.



## Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Myron Leedy, father of Marylou McDaniel had surgery Saturday morning in High Plains Hospital in Amarillo. Monday he was still in CCU but was doing ok.

Kerrick had another night out last Friday. This time we went to Guymon and ate Chinese food. Those enjoying were Terry and Barbara Schoonover, Jo June and Gail McDaniel, Joyce and Ted Irlbeck, Nita Taylor, and Franny Taylor. It was fun as usual.



The leaves of asparagus plants are so tiny that they are hard to see without a magnifying glass.



## Births

Doug and Melissa Elders are proud to announce the arrival of Mason Robert. Mason weighed 8 lbs. 1/2 oz and was 21 inches long. He was born at Northwest Texas Hospital In Amarillo at 4:37 p.m. on October 23, 1992.

He is welcomed home by his big sister, Morgan.

Grandparents are Bob and Ann Steward of Canyon, Texas and Ron and Clara Elders of Bonne Terre, Mo.

Maternal Great grandparents are Betty Pearce of Iowa Park, Texas, Joe Dean and Laverne Tidwell of Wichita Falls, Texas. Paternal Great Grandparents are Herschel and Roxie Elders of Canyon.

## Annual Blood Drive

By Sarah Graham

Whose blood is needed to save lives? Yours!

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting its annual blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 10th. The drive will be held at Stratford High School in the old gym from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year, the center collected 59 pints of blood during the event, including about 20 pints given by SHS students.

In order to give blood, one must be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may give blood but must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. Contact Mr. Delvin Howard for consent forms.

The drive is sponsored by the student council and is open to anyone who wishes to give blood. A short screening process must be completed first as a precautionary measure.



## Letters To The Editor

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY FOR PUBLICATION:** All letters will be accepted, provided they are not anonymous and a bonafide address is given. We will not print statements that are obscene or libelous per se. This paper assumes no responsibility for content and all views are strictly the views of the writer. Copies of letters which have been submitted to other newspapers will receive a low priority for publication. The newspaper reserves the right to edit letters with respect to length or potentially libelous material.

Dear Editor:

Having turned 18 this year, I looked forward to voting for the first time. I researched the candidates and their views, and decided who I would vote for. Before I moved to College, I went to Zeldia Pickens office, our Sherman County Tax Assessor Collector and registered to vote. I filled out the form given to me and asked what I should do to have an absentee ballot mailed to me at college. Pickens instructed me to write my new address on a slip of paper which she attached to my voter registration form, and assured me that I would receive the ballot at Oklahoma City University.

When other out-of-state students received their ballots, I wondered why I had not received mine. I came home October 23, and went to the Sherman County Courthouse to confirm that I would receive a ballot, or to vote absentee that day. M.L. "Shorty" Albert, the county Clerk, assured me that the ballot had been mailed during that week, and I should be receiving it on the following Monday or Tuesday. I understood I could not vote that day because the ballot was mailed. She did not tell me that I could vote absentee on the day, or that there was any problem in my receiving my ballot. I left assured that I had complied with all requirements and would receive a ballot.

## First Christian Church

"I Believe" Adult Choir

1 Timothy 2:9-15

"Women in the Church: Was Paul an Old Meaney?"

By last Friday, I had not received my ballot. I requested my parents to notify the court clerk. At that time that my parents were told that had not been mailed any ballot, and that the County Clerk's office had never received a request for one to be mailed.

We called the Secretary of States office and received no response though one was promised. Finally Senator Teel Bivins called them in my behalf and he was told the only chance for me to vote was to return home or for the elected officials to admit they had erred.

Call if negligence, call it indifference, call it a mistake, but due to these elected officials, my right to vote has been taken away. It is financially impossible for me to return home to vote, and it is unlikely that the officials will admit any mistake. Due to their mistakes I am not even able to vote against them in this election.

I have lost my right to vote in this election. I now have to sit by with my hands tied, and watch my nations fate being decided without me. I cannot vote for the

individuals I studied and believe would lead our nation well. I cannot help to create my own destiny.

I encourage those who can vote to cast their ballot. Don't just sit around and complain because someone you don't like has been elected. I hate it that I cannot vote, but I would hate it more if those of you who can do not.

Emily Graham



## Rifle & Pistol Club

The Stratford Rifle and Pistol Club will be holding an Approved 1800 Match, Sunday November 8, 1992 at 9 a.m. This is a Two Pistol Match. A 900 Match with a "22" Caliber Pistol and a 900 Match with a "45" caliber pistol.

One Pistol Shooters are welcome. If you don't know what the sport of Conventional Pistol shooting is, come by and watch the match. The club is located at 720 East Texas in Stratford.

The Sherman County Ministerial Alliance has become convinced of a need for counseling to be made available to all citizens of the county who may need such services. None of the ministers offering their services are licensed as counselors, but have all had the practical experience of counseling in their role as ministers. Some of them have had quite a bit of formal training in counseling as ministers.

## Free Counseling Offered

First Assembly of God Church 396-2340  
Mike Leonard 396-2322

Frist Baptist Church 396-5554 Derrel Lewis 396-2234

First Christian Church 396-2301 David Harker 396-5848

First Methodist Church 396-2178 Brian Adams 396-2013

Church of Christ 396-5546 David Stite 396-2242

You may call Derrel Lewis at First Baptist Church to set up a an appointment or call the minister of your choice.

ALL OF COUNSELING BY THESE MINISTERS IS FREE AND IS NOT LIMITED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR CHURCHES.

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Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday-Youth Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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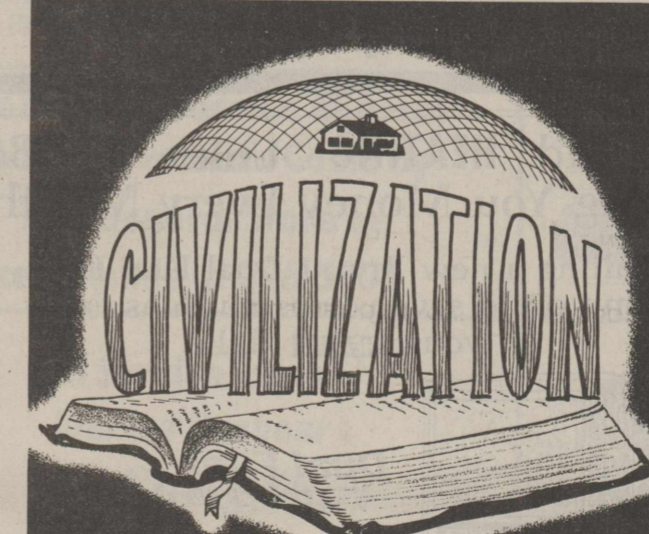
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## Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

As the old saying goes "It's not over until it's over, or not 'until the Fat Lady Sings." and so the election is over thank goodness. My TV has had quite a rest. Homecoming is a thing of the past, football is winding down and basketball is coming on, with two a days for the Elkettes having commenced this past Monday. The Elkettes cross country is still in the hunt, having won District the 26th, they will be going to regional this coming Saturday, and hopefully Georgetown for a state win the next Saturday.

The Imagination Station has completed its first exhibit with over 1400 in attendance. Isn't that great. I stand to be corrected in regard to the large map on the floor of the new exhibit barn. Seems our tireless volunteers felt that our elementary children would be the ones to suffer, so without hesitation they got busy and replot the map on the floor. A big undertaking. Those that are working so diligently are to be commended. In the long run the Imagination Station will prove to be a big boon to our tourism in Stratford. The next exhibit will be in January. In the meantime support the Imagination Stations efforts!

Enough cannot be said about this past week and the efforts of the PTA and school for the "Texas War on Drugs". We need not just stop at this week telling our youth to stay away from drugs. Also to re-enforce that alcohol is a drug, a deadly drug. Good job PTA and Stratford Ind. School Dist.

Coming up is the Extension Councils, "Christmas In November" Tomorrow with demonstrations and um-turkey, and trimmings. Then on Saturday there will be our second sponsored Chamber Fall Festival Craft Show. It will be held in the Old General Store building on 54, with Christmas just around the corner there will be some good ideas. Then there is that wonderful day Thanksgiving where we have family and friends around and eat ourselves into oblivion. Yet as Americans and proud we need to give the good Lord thanks for the abundance we have received.

The business affairs of the chamber have really concentrated on a great Christmas promotion. Christmas lights and decorations will be in place for the weekend after Thanksgiving. Santa will be here to check out the lists of the children, there will be drawings for Tip Top Bucks the 5th, 12th, 19th of December. Tickets will be on sale in the Businessse from drawing of \$200.00 and \$500.00 Tip Top Bucks and a trip for the individual who purchases the most in Stratford, there will be more details concerning this promotion in the weeks to come.

The Women's Division, "Recognition Tea" will be held this coming Monday Evening at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship Hall, of course those chosen by their respective clubs or organizations need to be present, but it is always nice for the rest of the members to be present. Besides each club or organization nominated two from their club or organization and a no partisan committee will make the final decision. Each candidate will be recognized receiving a certificate and one will have his or her name exemplified on an engraved plaque with the club or organizations name. We have a lot of unsung heroes in our community This is just one way we can recognize a few.

Watch main for the fall festival of Harvest! Another of the many projects that the Women's Division of the Chamber does. Enjoy!

Along with this line of thinking the seniors will be having their fall festival this weekend. Support our school and our seniors.

1993 Stratford Fair and Jamboree is up and running. It will be held the 9-10-11 of Sept. 1993. Be promotion and if asked to help, do it enthusiastically!

A thought in closing; Anne Dillard once said, "How we spend our days is, of course, How we spend our lives"; are your days fulfilling? Let's all work to make our community even greater!



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Lynn Allen, right, Chairman of the 1992 Texas Cattle Feeders Jr. Fed Beef Carcass Challenge, congratulates left to right Alicia Miller, for 2nd Place Best Rookie, Sunny Lasley for 3rd place in Record books and Jami Allen for 2nd place in the Oral Interview. All three girls were joined by Richard and Rhea Chumley and W.G., and Ashlie Lasley of Stratford and 51 other youths from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico who were competing for over \$16,000 in scholarships and prizes. This unique Cattle Feeding and Educational Contest was held this past September in Amarillo.

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Cool in pans five minutes; remove from pans and cool on wire racks. Wash pans; grease and flour. Repeat baking with remaining batter. Combine applesauce and cinnamon; spread between cooled cake layers. Spread whipped cream on top; garnish with sliced apples. Serve with additional whipped cream. Makes 20 to 24 servings.

## Students Learn About The Democratic Process

By Sarah Graham

From Presidential debates to the electoral college, students in Stratford High School are learning about all aspects of the election process.

The Gifted and Talented (G/T) Class of SHS organized a "mock election" in order to inform students of the process of electing a president.

Mrs. Cathy Woolsey, G/T class sponsor, says the class began the project to emphasize the indirect election of the president by means of the electoral college. Since then, the project has grown.

In order to focus on the issues and not political parties "Republican" and "Democrat" were not used. Instead, the American and National Parties were created.

The candidates for the American Party were: Sarah Graham, President; Matt Brotherton, Vice President, and Anna Cano, Campaign Manager. The American Party adopted the Republican Party's platform.

The National Party candidates were: Josh Marshall, President,

Hollie Husmann, Vice President, and Clint Vincent, Campaign Manager. They adopted the platform of the Democratic Party.

Other class members helping organize the project were Kimberly Bouldin and Jared Sims.

During the weeks leading to the election, students watched three presidential debates and one vice-presidential debate between the candidates of the G/T class. In addition, presidential nominees Josh and Sarah held a press conference, answering any questions students might have about issues in this year's election.

The opposing parties also filmed a political commercial and selected electors from the student body.

The actual voting took place on Monday, Nov. 2, the day before the national election.

In the school election, the popular vote actually determined the electoral vote, just as in the real election.

The project has already gained recognition among area educators. Horizon, a regional newsletter for teachers, carries an article on the project in this month's issue.

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Wednesday-Green chili casserole, brown beans, cole slaw, corn bread, peaches and milk.

Thursday-Hamburger, cheese, tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle slides, oatmeal cookies and milk.

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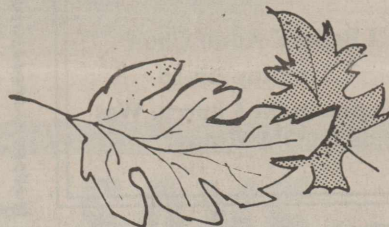
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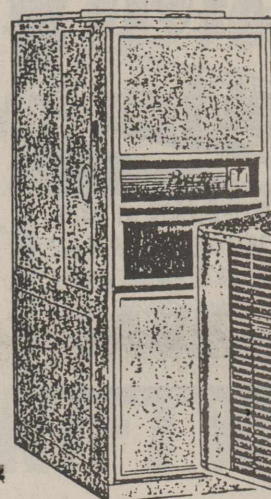
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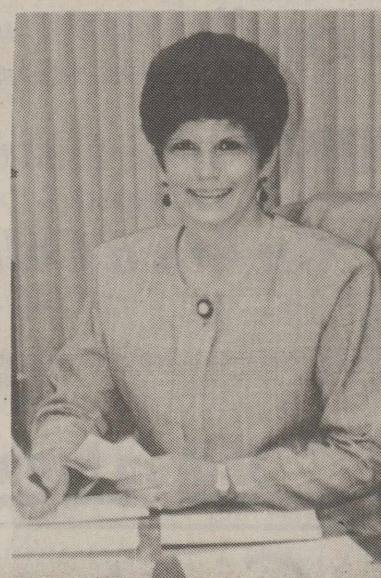
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# Lollipop Junction News

By Trisha Schoonover



These Little dressed up folks went trick or treating Friday morning at the downtown businesses. They are kiddos at the Lollipop Junction.

October has been another busy month at Lollipop Junction. We've had an average attendance of 25 with as many as thirty five kids on some days. All this despite an outbreak of Chicken Pox!

October 7, we visited the Stratford Clinic. Dr. and Mrs. Crockett gave us the "grand tour", including a treat for each child. We really appreciate these busy people taking time out for us. Sometimes a trip to the doctor can be a scary experience, and we know that the Lollipop Junction kids will have good memories of Dr. Crockett and may be more at ease when having to visit a doctor. We also visited Coldwater Manor and would like to thank the staff and residents for welcoming us.

The kids have really enjoyed attending the Pep Rallies this month. If the weather permits, we walk, but when it is cold, several mothers and grandmothers have helped by driving us. Special thanks to Patti Vincent, Cindy Russell, LaRenda Wright, Jeanie Bennett, Jacqer McIver and Susie Spurlock for their help. Thank you to the Cheerleaders, Sasha Browning, Wendy Allison, Stacy Reese, Elly Rhoades, Kaci Wight, Ashley Parsons, and the kids favorite, the "REAL" Elk, Melissa Beattie and their sponsor, Mrs. Linda Young for giving us all a football.

Jacque McIver has donated a freezer to the center. This really helps out when serving breakfast, lunch and a snack to thirty kids each day. Thank you, Jacque.

Thanks also to Mr. Jack Gilley, who built "kid sized" tables for the center. These are really nice and give us plenty of room to eat and do crafts.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Norris gave us a playhouse which the kids are really enjoying and Cindy Russell brought us some pumpkins to help us celebrate the season. We really appreciate these gifts which make our days more fun!

On October 30 we went "Trick or Treating" downtown. A big Thank you to these businesses for treating us so well: Allen Agency, Ellie M's, Stratford Printing, Stratford Star, Southern Union Gas Co. Southwestern Public Service, The Elk Pharmacy Smith

Agency, First State Bank, Family and Friends, Mungias, Chamber of Commerce, North Plains Savings and Loan, Vincent Insurance, Cathy Taylor Accounting, Brooks Video and Betty Brown.

October 26th a Parents Meeting was held at the center. Some important information was shared with those present. If your child is enrolled, but you were unable to attend, please come by and see me to get this information. We also have a list of upcoming activities that you may sign up to help with.

Lollipop Junction has been approved as a vendor for Child Care Management Services. This is an organization which assists parents in paying for child care. Anyone needing information can get CCMS toll free number from me. They will assist with all of part of the child's day care cost, depending upon income. We have also been approved to participate in a food program which will pay a certain amount per child, dependent upon income. We need EVERY PARENT to fill out an application. Every child is eligible; for this program, the amount

determined by income. This can be a great help financially to the center.

We are now taking applications for a part time care giver and cook. If you are interested in this position, please call me for an appointment at 396-5886.

Once again, I want to thank the community for their continued support of Lollipop Junction. Please plan to attend our Open House on November 19th. The children will be presenting programs at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. so you can see some of our activities.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
November 5th 4:30 to 6:00 Tupperware Party-the center will get 15% of each order placed. Come by and order for yourself or to help furnish the centers kitchen.

Nov. 6th Pep Rally  
Nov. 10 Fall Carnival  
November 19th OPEN HOUSE Programs at 10 and 4.  
November 25 and 26 Center Closed for Thanksgiving  
Dec. 23 Christmas Party  
December 24 and 25 Center Closed for Christmas.

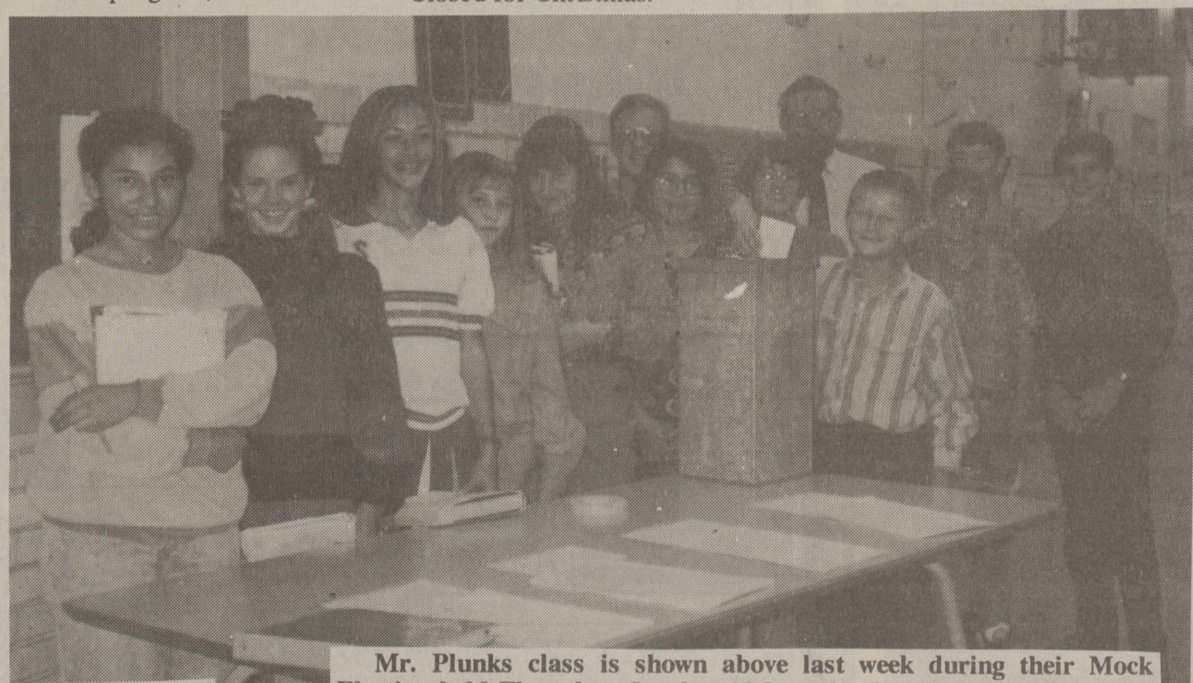
# "Trick or Treaters"



Mrs. Cheryl Reese Pre-School A.M. Class were dressed up for the occasion Back row is Nicole Rouse, Bailey Bryson, Candie Bell, Thomas Griffin, Bradford Iclver. Front row is Chad Smith, Derek Blain, Jessica Hies, Kyler Keener, Scott Hudson and Mary Clark.



Mrs. Reeses P.M. Class back row is Travis Macias, Conner Vincent, Jordan Taylor, Brady Bell, Haley Buckles, Katelyn Reed, Caleb Brown and Casey Crabtree. Front row is Aleacia Helton, Brandon Davis, Emily Shafer, Josh Lanning & Heather Robertson.



## Mock Election

Mr. Plunks class is shown above last week during their Mock Election held Thursday, October 29th at the Stratford Middle School. Grades 5th thru 8th grade voted. Results were Bush 56 Clinton 8 and Perot 8. Kathy Woolseys' 9 thru 12 grades classes voted. In the National Election Popular vote Bush 74, Clinton 26 and Perot 17. In the School election Sarah Graham got 63 Josh Marshall 55. In the Electoral Vote Sarah Graham's American Party 317 and National Party Josh Marshall 221.



## Halloween At Library

Story Time at the Library last Wednesday was a scary time with all the folks dressed up. Shown above are just a few of the many kiddos at the library for the morning.

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# 4 H Achievement Banquet

Wendy Allison and Sarah Graham have been awarded the national I DARE YOU LEADERSHIP AWARD in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living, and potential for leadership. The honor was presented by County Agent, Jim Allison at ceremonies held at the 4-H Achievement Banquet on October 27th.

The I DARE YOU LEADERSHIP AWARD is made available each year by the American Youth Foundation in cooperation with Principals, Headmasters and 4-H County Agents across the country. The award was first offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service. The award takes its name from the book, I Dare You, written by Mr. Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social, and spiritual development as the backbone of leadership.

In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, Wendy and Sarah received a copy of Mr. Danforth's Inspirational Book, I DARE YOU, and a scholarship opportunity to attend the American Youth Foundation's National Leadership Conference at Camp Miniwanca in Michigan or Camp Merrowvista in New Hampshire. Over 8,000 schools and 4-H Programs participate in the I DARE YOU LEADERSHIP AWARD each year.

In 1924, Mr. Danforth helped establish the American Youth Foundation, a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization committed to the service of youth through summer camps and leadership conferences. For more information about the I DARE YOU LEADERSHIP AWARD and the American Youth Foundation, contact the office at 1315 Ann. Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63104.

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These 4-Hers were presented 4-H Project Completion Certificates: Carla Bell, Garrett Macias, Jessica Sikora, Chris Haynes, Clay Wheeler, Audrey Rodgers, Wes Kimball, Julie Kimball, Mandy Helmuth, Missy Sikora, Eric Macias and Justin Wright.



County Ext. Agent Susie Spurlock, Sherman Co. Commissioners Wayland Brown and Dale Hamilton and Co. Extension Agent Jim Allison.



Ryan Swain presented Friend of 4-H Award to Sandy Tillery.



Sherman County 4-H Council-Sandy Tillery, President of 4-H Parents Association with 4-H Council members: Colby Wheeler, Jami Allen, Ryan Swain, Carla Bell, Jessica Sikora, Wendy Allison, Cassie Bell, Kimberly Bouldin and Brock Swain.



Cassie Bell presented Outstanding Leader for 1992 award to Thom and Jeannie Sikora.



4-H Project Completion Certificates were presented to these 4-Hers: Colby Wheeler, Jami Allen, Kyle Ellison, Ryan Swain, Patrick Pronger, Finnan McClellan, Sarah Graham, Kimberly Bouldin, Wendy Allison, Kyla Helmuth, Cassie Bell, Brock Swain and Lori Unruh.

Sherman County 4-Hers, their parents and special guests gathered October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sherman County Exhibit Building for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet.

Wendy Allison, President of Sherman County 4-H Council, welcomed guests and served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Cassie Bell gave the invocation which was followed by the meal. Jeff Kautz cooked the meat which was donated by Stratford Feedyard. After the meal, Jessica Sikora introduced the following Special guests: Mrs. June Frizzell, Commissioner and Mrs. Dale Hamilton, Commissioner and Mrs. Wayland Brown, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Everett, Mrs. Shirley Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hacker, Mr. and Mrs. Doak Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Artemio Cano, and Mr. Rick Reinart.

Carla Bell led the group in the Pledge to the American Flag and Brock Swain led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. T.D. Baskin introduced GOPHERS as the Business Friend of 4-H, stating that the staff at Gophers is always willing to donate goods and help with any 4-H project. 1992 Friend of 4-H, Sandy Tillery was introduced by Ryan Swain. Ryan commented that Sandy has served as president of 4-H Parents Association for two years, and was always willing to help with concession stands and any other 4-H activity.

4-H club and project leaders were recognized by Kimberly Bouldin and T.D. Baskin. 1992 Outstanding leaders, Thom and Jeannie Sikora, received a plaque from Cassie Bell. Thom has served as Vice-President of Parents Association and Jeannie was leader for several projects. Together, they were leaders for 4-H Horse Club.

County Agents, Jim Allison and Susie Spurlock presented 4-Hers with project completion certificates.

Sandy Tillery, President of Sherman County 4-H Parents Association, introduced the Sherman County 4-H Council. Thom and Jeannie Sikora introduced Ashlie Lasley, Horse Club Queen, and Brock Swain, Horse Club King.

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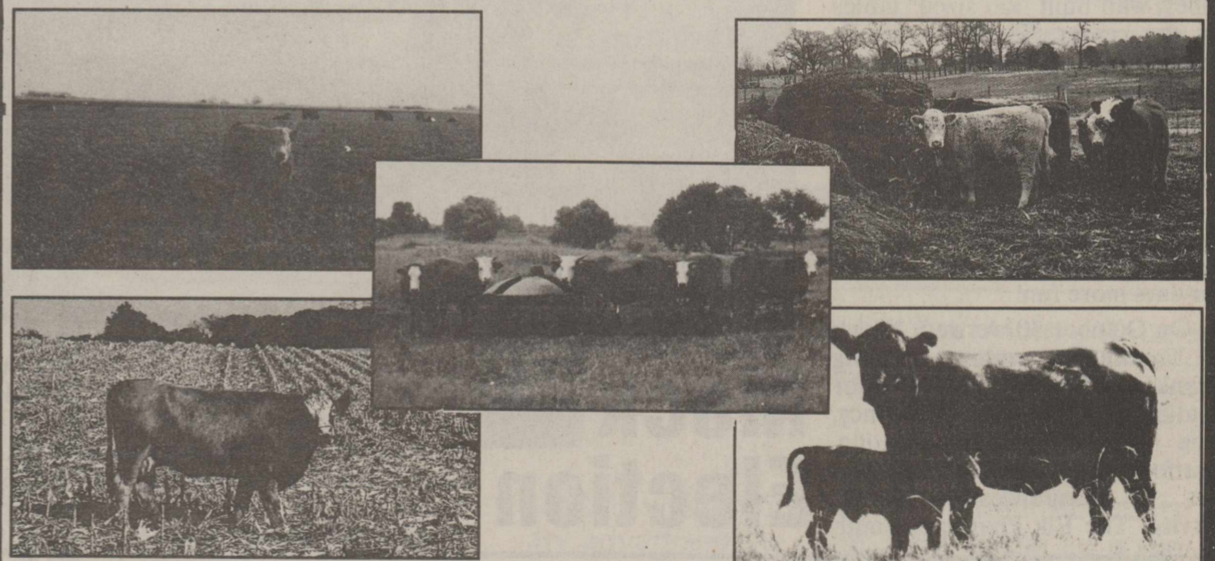
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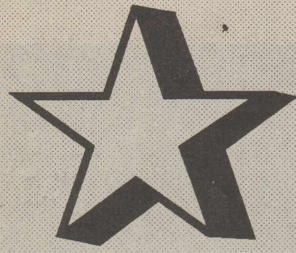
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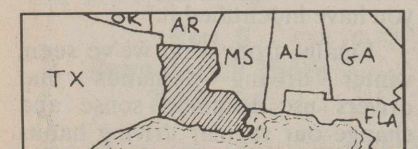
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Lost: girls coat at Homecoming game on visitors side. Dark blue, \$20.00 reward for return. Call 948-5361.

## Garage Sales

Garage Sale: Friday Nov. 6th 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 7th 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1201 Putman. 396-2234. Many new items. Ladies rings, pendants, perfumes and men's cologne, pocket knives, dolls and collectibles. One set Mikasa fine China. All at a fraction of value. Many used household items. Christmas gifts at a bargain.

Garage Sale: Friday Nov. 6th 1 to 5 Sat. 9 to 5 Corner of Boston and Purnell. No early sales.

## Cards of Thanks

Thank you for flowers, cards, calls, food and prayers during the loss of Joe's father.

Joe, Billye and Scott Zak

In appreciation of your thoughtfulness. We would like to say thanks to everyone for the calls, visits, cards, prayers and food, while Frank was in the hospital and since his return home. A special thanks to David Harker for his kindness.

Frank and Emily Ross

## 4 H Banquet Cont. From Page 6

Rookie of the year, Jame Lunt was announced by Ashlie Lasley.

Each year, the First State Bank gives the Gold Star Winner a portrait by Fred Hughes. This portrait hangs in the bank lobby for one year. Bank President, B.A. Donelson presented this portrait to the 1991 Gold Star Recipient, Wendy Allison.

Jim Allison presented the 1992 "I Dare You Award" to Wendy Allison and Sarah Graham.

Kimberly Bouldin, sixteen year old daughter of Ted and Judy Bouldin, was named 1992 Gold Star Recipient. Kimberly was chosen on the merits of her 4-H work as documented in her Awards Program Record Book, and an interview conducted by a prominent business person in the community. The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H'er can receive on the county level. Susie Spurlock presented Kimberly with her Gold Star pin. She also receives a \$250.00 scholarship from the Judge Bill Frizzell Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dale Hamilton, Sherman County Commissioner presented with a plaque in appreciation of his support of the Extension Service in Sherman County. Mr. Hamilton has served as a county commissioner for the last twenty-eight years, and has always been a true friend and loyal supporter of the youth in 4-H as well as Extension Homemakers, and agricultural programs. Mr. Hamilton will be greatly missed by the Sherman County Extension Service.

At the Conclusion of the

PTA would like to thank the many many people who helped make the "Texas War on Drugs" week a success. Thanks to Mr. Brite, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Taliaferro and Mr. Brown for allowing us access to the students. Also, thanks to Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Haile and the library staff, and Lollipop Junction for allowing us to pass out ribbons to our youth. Special thanks also to Mrs. Young and the cheerleaders, Mrs. Hudson and her Drama class students, and Coach Gray for helping with the Drug-free pep rally. also thanks to Mr. Howards and the Student council for participating and sponsoring the week's events. Thank you to Lions Club for poster contest prizes and to the First State Bank and Gail Allen for running off pamphlets; to Coldwater Manor for judging posters; to Jack Haile for locating McGruff costume; to Prospectus Study Club; to Mrs. Wight, Mrs. Dyess and Mrs. Hembree for their assistance; to Region 16 Center for 6 speakers; to Dr. Crockett for booklets and as a speaker; to Judge Fesler. Also thank you to J.A. Lasley for her assistance and support; thanks to the 66 businesses who wore red ribbons; and to Marty Robertson for loaning PTA a camera for the week. As you can all see, this took total community involvement to make it a success. We appreciate all the support.

The Stratford PTA

banquet, officers of the 4-H Parents Association were recognized and a new slate of officers was elected, these being: President-Thom Sikora, Vice-President Mike Shafer, Secretary Marie Sladek, Treasurer Fred Pronger, Council Delegates, Cara Dawn Macias and Linda Swain.

Wendy Allison then closed the banquet by thanking all parents and Jim Allison and Susie Spurlock for the support and love they show all 4-H members.

4-H would like to say special thanks: to the banquet committee-Jeannie Sikora, Sandy Baskin and Cara Dawn Macias; to the Star EH Club; to Jeff Kautz for cooking the meat and very special thanks to Mr. Jack Rhoades of Stratford Feedyard for furnishing the meat.



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# Meet Mary Allen Teachers & Students



Front Row is: left to right Josh Houston, Tim Coaly, Jaret Pemberton, Jesse Porras, Baldomero Holgoin, Isaac Chabollya, Lori Wilhelm, Marca Ewers, Lara Shafer, Jessica Young. Back is Gabe Crocket, Adam Bell, Javier Licon, Scot Plunk, Trisha Teig, Michael McAlister, Erich Taylor, Steven Luther, Minerva Jimenez, Candice Rodgers, Mrs. Sonja Ragsdale.



Front l to r Adriana Acevedo, Brittney Lemons, Carlos Rivera, Silvia Morales, Valerie Valenzuela, Falgunie Bhakta, Isaac Kimbrough, Jamie Luther, Josh Kautz, Craig Moore, Tony Ruiz, Nicholas Artho, Back l to r Adam Reed, Mrs. Brenda Brownlee, Mandy Helmuth, Kelly Crockett, Heather Ashley, Ashley Brown, Carly Mathews, Wesley Hunsaker, Wes Kimball, Skyler Walden, Scott Reese, Angel Garza. Teacher is Mrs. Brenda Brownlee.

Sonja Kay Ragsdale 3rd grade teacher was born April 21, 1942 in Floydada, Texas. She was married November 23, 1961 to Robert. They have two sons Rhett Ragsdale age 27. He is married to Tracy and they have a son Reid Ragsdale 1 year old. Richard is 22 and is a senior at West Texas State and will graduate in Dec. of this year.

Sonja attended West Texas State University and graduated in 1963 with a Bachelors Degree in education, a minor in English and a second minor in art.

She is a member of the Methodist Church. She is a past member of Study Clubs and Home Demonstration. Presently she is a member of Professional Teachers Origination ATPE-Association of Texas Professional Educators and United Methodist Women.

She began her teaching career in Stratford ISD teaching 3rd grade 1963 to 1964. Robert was stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska with the Army and they moved there for two years. When they returned to Stratford, she again taught 3rd grade 1967-1968. Then they moved to Spearman, Texas where she taught first grade 1968-1969. She was a substitute teacher from 1973 to 1981 in the Stratford School System. She again began teaching 3rd grade in 1981 and has been teaching 3rd grade until the present time.

Sonjas' hobbies include

reading, yard work, interior decorating and traveling.

Sonja said "I have always enjoyed teaching in the Stratford School System. I think we have dedicated, caring teachers and staff. Our board and administrators have always tried to provide the best system, within their means, for our kids. My Father was a teacher and a County School Superintendent in Floyd co. for 37 years, so teaching came naturally for me.

Brenda Brownlee is a 3rd grade teacher at Stratford Mary Allen School. She was born October 2, 1954 in Amarillo and is married to Mike Brownlee. They met at WTSU and married Aug. 14, 1976. They have two daughters Tai Ann age 11 in the 6th grade and Kara age 9 in the 4th grade.

She lived in Claude, Texas all 18 years and graduated from Claude High School in 1973. She graduated from WTSU in 1977.

She is a member of First United Methodist Church. She has taught 15 years, 3 years in 3rd grade Floydada, 3 years in JH Math, Sunray, 1 year at Bowie Jr. High in Amarillo, two years in Gruver Jr. High and have finished 5 years here in Stratford.

Brendas hobbies include reading, sewing, crafts, following athletic teams.

She has wanted to be a teacher since she was in 3rd grade. Teaching is very rewarding.

## Safe Place Hotline

By Phyllis Melton

Society teaches men to control their relationships with women. Violence, or the threat of using it, is the way that batterers achieve power and control over their female partners. Unchallenged, men who batter learn that violence is an acceptable and effective way to resolve problems.

\* Men who batter come from all classes, races, religions, and income and educational levels.

\* Many batterers are not violent in other relationships, such as at work or with friends.

\* Many abusers have a rigid, traditional view of sex roles and parenting.

\* Batterers are more focused on their own needs than on the pain or fear that their violence causes their victims.

\* The majority of men who batter are not mentally ill. Viewing batterers as "sick" wrongly excuses them from taking responsibility for their actions.

\* Alcoholism or drug abuse do not cause battering. Intoxication may only intensify an already existing violent behavior.

\* Batterers characteristically deny the existence and severity of their violence. When confronted with their abusive behavior, they tend to blame their partner for provoking it and refuse to accept responsibility for it.

\* Batterers will continue to abuse their female partners until society condemns their behavior and ensures immediate and serious consequences for their actions.

\* 70 percent of men who abuse their spouses also abuse their children.

Men are increasingly being held accountable for their violence against their female partners. In addition to the criminal justice system's more active involvement, programs for men who batter are being implemented around the country.

Many batterers come to counseling via referral or mandate of a court or probation department, after arrest and/or conviction for a family violence assault. Some studies indicate that arrest may help under certain conditions. An encounter with police or the judge gets a

batterer's immediate attention but is unlikely to change his long-term behavior. Specialized counseling and rehabilitation services, coupled when appropriate probationary supervision, are a more promising means for long-term change.

A basic principle of battering intervention is that because battering is a learned behavior, it can be unlearned. Non-abusive behavior can be learned and replace the harmful abusive behavior.

"Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced."

If you are in an abusive relationship, you cannot change your batterer or force him to seek help, but you can get help for yourself.

Safe Place, Inc. can give help to the victims of family violence. Counseling, victim advocacy, legal referrals, aid in seeking employment and/or social services, and a safe shelter is offered. All of these services are free and strictly confidential. You do not have to be a resident of our shelter to receive our services. If you need help or would simply like to talk to someone who will listen, please call our 24-hour crisis hotline. In Dumas the number is 935-2828, and out of town call 1 (800) 753-7553.

## Legislative Priorities Theme For TRTA Meeting

Legislative priorities for education and for retired educational personnel were the subjects of discussion at the recent Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers which met at the First Presbyterian Church in Dumas. Kenneth Gibson, legislative chairman of District XVI was the speaker. The fourteen points will appear in a later issue of the paper. Emphasis is upon a return of 8% contribution by the state, keeping the system accurately sound, securing a raise of annuities for all retirees with emphasis on increases for those with very low incomes.

The health insurance system will be improved. Members are urged to read all correspondence from the Teacher Retirement office and to contact the offices of the system when there are questions. Members should also be aware of proposed changes made by the Texas legislature and by the Retirement system.

Preceding the speaker the meeting was called to order by Lois Gossett, president. Frances Wardlaw, secretary read the minutes of the May and September meetings. Nancy Woods, treasurer, gave a financial and membership report. There are now 49 members, including life, regular, and associate members. Those who wish to join, please contact Mrs. Gossett or Mrs. Woods.

The retirees were led by Marjorie Bolwhann in singing "America". Mildred Bosler was pianist.

A social meeting followed the business meeting. Hostesses were Ommie Ruth Moon, Mildred Bosler, and Frances Wardlaw. Refreshments were served from a table decorated with autumn leaves and flowers.

The next meeting at Dalhart will be a discussion and additional explanation of the health insurance benefits and proposed changes.

Major Cawthon explained, "Simply put, back off the accelerator, stay off the brakes, and steer the car in the direction you want the car to go. Use gentle, steady motions when turning the wheel. Turning too much or too fast can worsen the situation. Remember, on wet or icy roads, your brakes can be your worst enemy."

When the road is wet or icy, it takes more time and distance to do everything. So allow more time to stop, turn or whatever else you want to do. It's critical that you increase that space between you and the vehicle ahead. Major Cawthon said, "You need to allow two to three times more following distance when the road is hazardous than when it's dry. This additional distance gives you time to react safely to a situation once you have identified it."

Finally, from what we've seen, winter driving demands that drivers use common sense and change our regular driving habits to an "easy does it" way of driving. We need to allow plenty of space around us and plenty of time to get to our destination. With these thoughts in mind, together we can make winter driving safer.

## Spook Shots



You've heard of "two bumps on a log", well here is "three pumpkins on a couch". Sandy Williams and Donita Robertson, North Plains Savings and Loan.

## Tips For Winter

According to local safety officials, now is the time to think about winter snow and ice and the fact that they pose special problems for even the most experienced driver.

Major Vernon Cawthon, Regional Commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Lubbock, stated, "Winter driving is treacherous because it's unpredictable. Fog could be over the next hill, a patch of ice on an overpass, or someone in front of you on a snow-packed road goes into a skid. However, if drivers are armed with a few basic rules for winter driving, the risk of collision can be lowered."

Probably, the most basic driving rule of all is to adjust your driving to the current conditions. If all drivers follow that one rule, collisions year round could be reduced dramatically. Major Cawthon advised there are two general winter driving rules which could help keep drivers out of trouble or hazardous roads: Rule No 1-Drive smoothly. Anytime you are on a slick surface you must maintain traction. Any jerky movement can upset that traction causing loss of control. So every touch of the brakes, every turn of the wheel, every move to the accelerator must be gentle and gradual. Rule No 2-Stay alert. The slicker the surface, the farther down the road you must look, because it will take you longer to stop. Here is a good rule-of-thumb. Generally, allow double your normal stopping distance for wet roads, triple it on snow-packed roads, and even more on ice.

Winter driving problems, if they do happen, usually arrive in the form of a skid. First, it should be noted that skids don't just happen, they are caused. Hit the brakes or accelerate too hard, turn the wheel too fast and suddenly you have lost both traction and control. This is a scary, helpless feeling that most of us have felt, at sometime.

When asked about skid



Dairy Queen Spooks, Saturday were Barbara Rogers, Nina Jurado, Isabel Reta and Jody Guest.

There is no feeling in a human heart which exists in that heart alone—which is not, in some form or degree, in every heart.

—George Macdonald

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