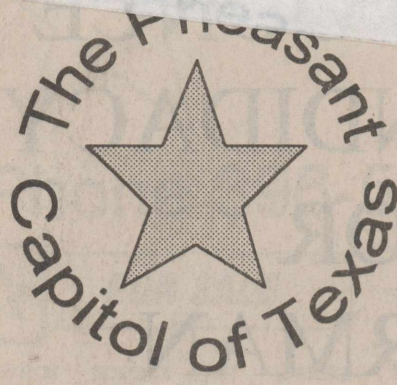


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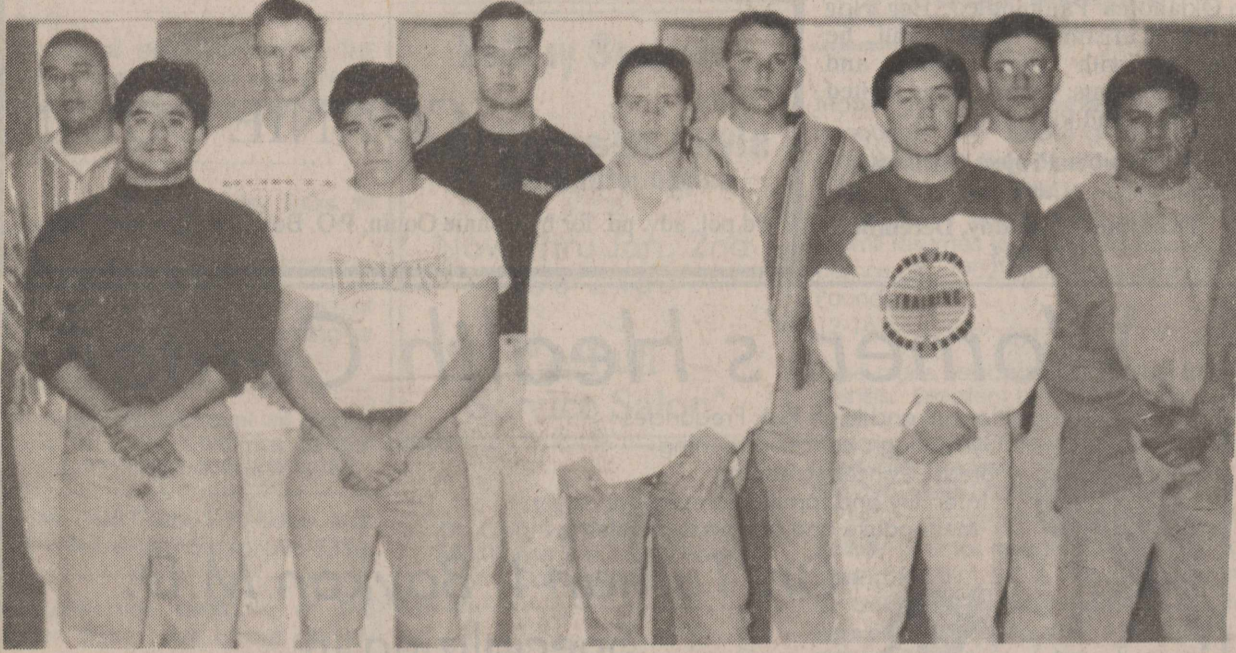
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All-District Football Players Named

All-District Team front left are Adan Gonzales, Honorable Mention, Defensive Lineman; Julian Licon, First Team, Offensive Lineman, First Team Linebacker; Clint Vincent, First Team Running Back, First Team Defensive Back; Chan Smith, Second Team Tight End, Honorable Mention Defensive End; Oscar Baeza, Honorable Mention Running Back and Defensive Back. Back left are Julio Torres, First Team Lineman; Marcus Lavake, Second Team Quarterback, Defensive End and Punter; Colby Wheeler, Second Team Offensive Lineman; Kyle McAdams, Second Team Center; Heath Starnes, First Team Running Back and Second Team Defensive Back. Not Pictured is Coby Seaton, Second Team Linebacker.

Damage Done By High Winds

Monday, December 13th, early in the morning the winds came, and they blew, blew, blew. Reports of 60 to 84 mph gusts were reported. Windows were knocked out, fences blown down, tin ripped off of some buildings. Christmas decorations were thrown about and broken.

Pheasant Season Opened Saturday

Pheasant Season opened in Sherman County on Saturday, December 11, 1993. From all information that we have gathered, there were lots of hunters that came to town, and some were successful, as others were not. Hope to have some pictures in next weeks edition.

Appraisal District Contracts Signed At Board Meeting

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met Thursday, December 9, 1993. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 a.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Supt. Sam Brite presented the board with the claims and accounts for the month of December. The motion was made to approve and pay the bills.

In other business, Supt. Sam Brite discussed Tax Collection, Insurance, Transportation-new bus, Athletics, School Board Travel. Supt. Sam Brite was appointed Property Casualty Coordinator.

The Board also signed the Appraisal District contracts, in other business. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 a.m.

Simmons Cable Representative Meets With City Council

Stratford City Council met in regular session, Thursday, Nov. 18, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Ken Forthman presiding and the following Council Members present: Sandy Williams, Claude Harlow, M.D., Johnny Garza, Andy Riffe, and Ronnie Pickens. City Attorney, Kyle Lewis also present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read. Ken Fitzpatrick and Rich Readicke, Simmons Cable representatives, met with Council to discuss complaints about the cable system. Several citizens were also in attendance. Mr. Readicke assured Council that the City will continue to have 24 hour access to problems with the 800 number, bills can be paid at Allen Agency or mailed, a repairman is in town twice weekly or more if needed. Simmons will be installing line monitors. The FM radio service is controlled by the FCC not the cable system.

Bill Sladek met with Council to request a livestock permit. Mr. Sladek has pigs on his property, but Council has received complaints from some of the neighbors. Andy made a motion and Johnny second to give him a permit for 120 days. Motion carried.

Johnny made a motion and Sandy second to grant Chuck Oakley a livestock permit. Motion carried.

Council looked at several bids for carpet to be installed at City Hall. They are as follows: Furniture Fashions - \$2,710.96, Broxson's Hardware & Furniture - \$1,888.62, Joan Palmer - \$1,355.00 plus carpet. Andy made a motion and Ronnie second to accept the bid from Broxson's Hardware and Furniture. Motion carried.

Ronnie made a motion and Sandy second to vote for Gary Hudson, Andy Riffe, and Fred Velasquez for the Sherman Co. Appraisal Board representatives. Motion carried.

An ordinance to allow pot belly pigs was tabled for a later date. Andy made a motion and Ronnie second to approve the amended 1992/93 City budget. Motion carried.

Andy made a motion and Sandy second to approve the 1992/93 utility charge-offs. Motion carried. Claude made a motion and Johnny second to accept Chief Kerry Copeland's resignation. Motion carried. Johnny made a motion and Andy second to give Kerry his Christmas bonus. Motion carried. Sandy made a motion and Andy second to send a letter to the bank on Dec. 5, 1993, if the issue of the incinerator has not been resolved, giving them 7 days to remove it or produce a permit. Motion carried. Sandy made a motion and Claude second not to pay the plumbing bill for the Assembly of God Church. Motion Carried. Andy made a motion and Ronnie second to give City employees a 3% Christmas bonus. Motion carried.

Claude made a motion and Andy second to approve the financial statements. Motion carried. Andy made a motion and Johnny second to pay all bills. Motion carried, Ronnie abstained.

A motion was made to adjourn, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

French Services Scheduled For Saturday

Oleta French of Des Moines, New Mexico died December 13, 1993. Graveside services will be at 2:00 Saturday, December 18, 1993 in Stratford Cemetery.

Remember to bring in your Santa Claus letters. Deadline is Monday by 5 p.m. on Dec. 20th.



1/2 Beef Winner

Ronnie Engelbrecht, second from right was the winner of the 1/2 beef given away by the Stratford Fire Department Saturday morning at the Pheasant Hunters Breakfast. Also in picture is Jack Gore, Bill Riffe, Karen Pulliam, Billy Bell and Sandy Williams.



Shotgun Winner

Rex Sladek of the Stratford Lions Club is shown above presenting the winner of the shotgun given away at the Pheasant Hunters Breakfast. Eric Macias was the lucky winner.



Local News

Remember Project Christmas Card. Deadline is Monday, December 20, 1993

Stratford Police Department Warns Citizens To Take Precautions

The Stratford Police Department would like to remind you that this is the time of year when crime increases. Please be sure to lock your houses and vehicles at night and when you are away from home. The Stratford Police Dept. wishes you a happy holiday season.

Hospital Report

Brian Adams in St. Anthony's. David Beebe in High Plains Baptist Hospital. Rick Keener in St. Lukes, Houston, TX. and Mrs. Sarah Ortega in St. Anthony's.

Shop at Home

J.V. & Varsity Basketball

Stratford J.V. & Varsity Boys and Girls vs. Highland Park here, Dec. 17, 1993 at 4 p.m.



Sell Receives Award

Stratford Police Officer Stacy W. Sell will be awarded the Department Lifesaving Ribbon and Commendation for his part in reviving a passenger on a flight from Dallas to Houston on December 6, 1993. Officer Sell and an EMT-Intermediate performed CPR from Dallas to Houston, after a passenger on the flight went into cardiac arrest until paramedics form Houston could take over the situation. Pictured are left Police Chief Mike Hare, Officer Stacy Sell and Mayor Ken Forthman.



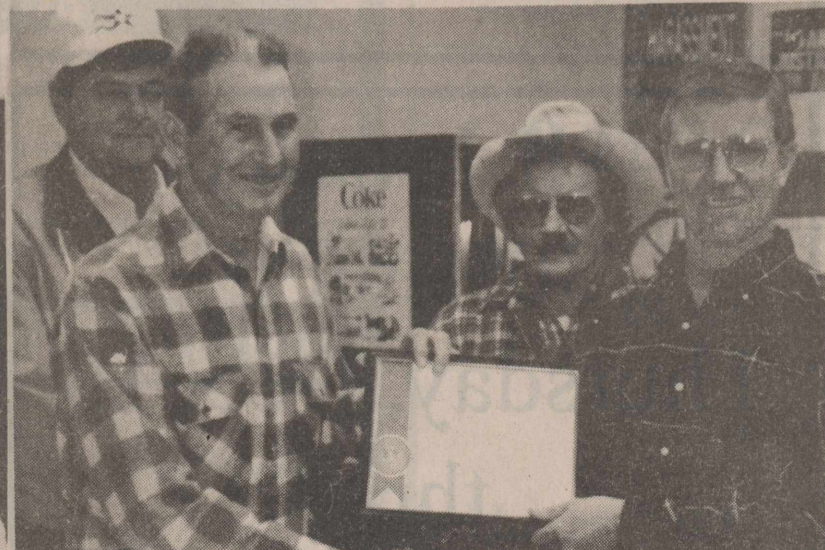
Grand Champion Winner

Ashlie Lasley's Steer "Truck" took Grand Champion at the Wheeler County Warm Up Show held Saturday December 4th.



Miller Receives Scholarship

Les Howard of XIT Feeders, the immediate past President of Texas Cattle Feeders Assoc. congratulates Alicia Miller of Stratford as the Grand Champion winner of the recent TCFA Jr. Fed Beef Carcass Challenge. Alicia won a \$2000 College Scholarship along with other prizes. Alicia is the daughter of Wes & Cindy Miller of Stratford.



Olen Branham second from left, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Texas State ASCS for 9 years of distinguished service. The certificate was presented to Olen by Gary Lundberg, far right, County Executive Director, Sherman County ASCS. Others in the picture are County Committee Men Gary Goetz, far left and Gary Dettle. This completes three consecutive 3 year terms on the County Committee which is the maximum allowed by ASCS regulations. Gary Lundberg said, "Olen Branham is an example of service to the Sherman County farming community. He has done more than anyone should expect. He has been a real friend to me and every farmer in Sherman County. We will miss him."

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Dear Readers

Marty Robertson
Editor

I was very impressed at the Open House at Casa Viejo Apts. held Sunday afternoon. They look very nice and you have a feeling of being very comfortable and right at home. J.A. Lasley let us tour her apartment. Just the right size and very convenient. She says she loves it and "It's all the room that she needs".

Congratulations All District Football Players. You had a great year.

As you can see by all the pictures and articles in this weeks edition, folks in Stratford are busy and very involved in things. We have a great town.

If you haven't got your Christmas Shopping done yet, time is running out. Good luck!

Congratulations to all persons who have been honored or won something, (several are in this weeks paper). You make Stratford proud.



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 letters in the Star anonymous anymore for name on file. Name will appear in paper. 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:

I would like to take this opportunity to mention all of the beautiful decorations around Stratford. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. The celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ the highlight of my life every year. To be able to share that with friends and family make it even more special and to be able to touch the hearts of strangers and wish them cheer and love throughout the season just as Christ did throughout his life, gives me more pleasure than you know. That is why people including myself decorate their houses and yards. It is hard work, very time consuming and not to mention the cost of the decorations themselves and the cost to put them up. Yet I do not mind because I know someone, somewhere where will look at these decorations, smile, have a warm feeling inside and know someone is saying...You are not alone or forgotten, have a Merry Christmas. That is why I am appalled at certain individuals who forever what reason, tries to steal, damage or just plain destroy other peoples property and decorations. I know the true meaning of Christmas has more or less been pushed aside and commercialism has stepped in. But there are still some of us that know the true meaning and try to keep it alive and share it with others. Then there are the elderly people, such as my parents, who put in long hours and hard work to share their love of Christmas with the community, only to have someone come and destroy it. It is very sad. My parents are up in years and are physically unable to do the decorating, so us kids do it for them because it is the only way they have to spread the Christmas spirit. Then to go by and see things gone from their porch and decorations torn up, thrown on the lawn is heart breaking. I understand that there may be people who do not believe in Christmas, but why ruin it for the ones who do believe in it? I also understand that there are people whose finances are not as good as their neighbors. But why steal? Chances are if they would just ask, they would be given whatever decorations they need or want. And why pick on elderly people? The one thing I cannot understand, is destroying things just because you don't like that person, or because you think it is funny, or letting your children destroy property because you are too busy to watch them. I will go ahead, try to fix the damage done to my parents decorations and replace what I can, but it will be done with a heavy heart because I know that the love and cheer my parents are trying to spread along with the love of our Lord is being taken lightly. I do hope that you and your family, as well as the community of Stratford have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Lela Reynolds



Obits

Eugene Gordon Livingston

Keyes, Okla.-Eugene Gordon Livingston, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 4, 1993. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday December 8, 1993 in First Baptist Church with Harold James and Bob Witt officiating. Military graveside honors were in Willowbar Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cimarron Mortuary of Boise City.

Mr. Livingston was born in Spring Garden, Ala., and raised in Hale Center, Texas, and Frederick. He moved to the Keyes area in 1937 after working in the Kansas oil and gas fields. He and his brother operated the International Harvester dealership until 1948.

He married Lorraine Stiles in 1939 and they ranched and farmed in the Keyes area. They also operated a meat-processing plant and grocery store in Keyes from 1951 to 1955.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater and was part of the landing forces on several Pacific Islands, including Okinawa. He also served with the occupational forces in Japan. He was a noncommissioned officer and attained the rank of staff sergeant.

He married Celia Walton Cobb in 1973. They continued to ranch and farm, retiring in 1985. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife: a son, Gene Livingston Jr., of Davis, Calif.; three daughters, Marie Williams of Greensburg, Kan., Mary Smith of Stratford, Texas and JoAnn Cochran of Keyes; a

stepdaughter, Bonnie Grabeal of Griggs; four stepsons, Tommy Cobb, Jerry Cobb, Rocky Cobb and Mickey Cobb; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat grandchildren.

Jewel Peterson

Jewell Peterson, 91, died Sunday, December 12, 1993.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Genoa Goad of the First Baptist Church at Spur officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mrs. Peterson was born in Gainesville and had lived in Stratford since 1951. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Stratford. She had taught schools since 1935 in California and in Texas. She retired from the Stratford school system in 1969 after 18 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy William Peterson, in 1970.

Survivors include a son, Mike Peterson of Stratford; and two sisters, Eula Frederick of La Mirada, Calif., and Ruby Carlson of Tuttle, Okla.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Stratford.

Lorene Mae Ollis

Texhoma-Lorene Mae Ollis, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 11, 1993.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Mike Dumler, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ollis, born in Hutchinson County, Texas, moved to the Texhoma area in 1933 from Campo, Colo. She worked at the school cafeteria for 13 years. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lela Mae Harland, in 1984.

Survivors include two daughters, Louise Wyatt of Wimberly, Texas, and DeEtta Phipps of Henrietta, Texas; a son, Lafelle Ollis of Texhoma; two sisters, Bonnie Wiggins of Tooele, Utah, and Irene Rinard of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Hext Hoff of Fritch, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association.

Scot Activities

Scot Hall was the place for the CHRISTMAS PARTY, last Friday night, Dec. 10th. If you missed it, then you missed the Christmas punch, Egg Nog, cookies, and Christmas music that was enjoyed by those who came. Later dominoes, games finished off the evening.

December 16, Thursday at 7 p.m. will be your last chance to play bingo this year at Scot Hall. Be There.

Saturday, Dec. 18th will be our Christmas Dance from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. Music will be furnished by the Country Five, Country and Western music band from the Oklahoma Panhandle. Egg Nog and Christmas punch will be served with other snacks and refreshments. Everyone is invited to come and join in the fun.

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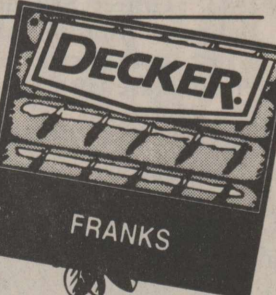
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Timmies Tidbits

Hi to ALL this 2nd Monday a.m. of Dec. 1993. While checking our personal calendar we realized that for our Seasons Greeting to reach many of our supportive readers before Dec. 25, 1993, it is necessary to get it published in the Dec. 15, 1993 issue of The Stratford Star. Due to mailing arrangements some of our out of town subscribers receive their Stratford Star several days later than we do here.

To Sherman County Old timers, peers friends, neighbors, Scotters, Readers: May this be the most blessed, merriest Christmas and May 1994 be the happiest, most fulfilling year of your life! That's our greeting to each.

A heart-felt, appreciative, thanks to you who have encouraged us for over 10 years in our effort by words to lead out citizens to feel pride in our "roots" in Sherman County and to continue being a concerned, understanding community. We send "a shoulder pat and luv" to each of you!

To close out Scot's 1993 Season members need to remember "bingo" on Thursday Dec. 16 evening and the "Dancing Scotter" are expecting those who "trip the light fantastic" to join them at Scot Hall on Sat. Dec. 18, 1993.

Regular game players were present for Director Jack Gore's Christmas party. We enjoyed the atmosphere, the delicious eats, the games, and the spirit of good-fellowship in which the party was given! Congratulations, Jack and Dorothy for a successful year with Scotters.

We enjoyed very much a short visit with Scott Buckles, Carson, Haley and Hunter at the Museum Open House Sunday, Dec. 5. We enjoyed pointing out to the children, the picture of their great grandfather R.C. Buckles and that R.C.'s father, D.L. Buckles, lived in Sherman County several years. They, Carson, Haley, Hunter a 6 generation people. We appreciate the fact that Scot and Dana are very busy being good parents.

The Lois and King's daughters Sunday School classes of FBC met at the graciously hospitable home of Layvon and Glynn Don Hughes on Thursday evening Dec. 9, 1993 for the annual Lois Class Christmas party. The K.D.'s class were guest. Informal parties at

Layvon's house are such fun-folk enter the house by the "front" door or the kitchen door-ones choice- and gradually overflow the living-dining-kitchen area. Where a cheery welcoming air pervades. After much merry chatter, and a short serious period of time recognizing the holy import of the Christmas season each person filled her plate with delicious food in Hawaiian pile on fashion then chose her place at green and red plaid covered tables, each accommodating six guests. On each table were six small plaid material wrapped "prayer rocks" attached to a cleverly worded prayer poem making the point of "prayer times". After the food was disposed of lovely gifts were brought to Lois teacher-leader, Margaret Reed and K.D. guests Arnita Lane, Teacher, Emma Naylor, Corda Pleyer, Lillie Galloway, Timmie Brown, Following this Arnita led us in "making a joyful noise unto the "Lord" using Christmas carols and songs. We do not know who are Lois class officers but we do know that Margie (Bryson) Bookout was very busy keeping things going at a lively pace. Present beside persons already mentioned were Mattie Baskin, Cynthia Reed Schonkalf, Marty Bain, Betty Lee Brown, Alice Ellison, Katie Allen, Betty McMillon, Centa Luther, Members of the King Daughters Sunday School class tender a BIG "thank you for the delightful memory" we add to those of other parties, to the thoughtful, caring Lois SS class.

The minds and efforts of most Stratfordites were centered on pheasant hunting and caring for Hunters Saturday, Dec. 11, 1993. The Glenn Harts are local people who host and feed their invited Hunters who come from far and near. Among non-hunters that Joyce and Glenn invited to visit and share barbeque and trimmings were Mary Peach Smith, Mr. Brewster, Lorelyn Powers, Baskin, Betty & Timmie Brown. Our conservation partners at the table were Joyce and Joel Hart and guest Lou Seiter, hunter from Borger, Lou and wife Barbara have lived in Borger about five years. He is with J.M. Huber Co., there. We had some lively talks centered around the Stratford Star of Dec. 7, its format and contents: also information about the vulcanizing process of making better and safer tires of Hubers company and cartoons. Lou said he was impressed with Stratford folks and hospitality and enjoyed visiting here adding, "incidentally I got 2 birds." Joel's other special guest we met was

Dale P. Roush, President of Ingenuity, Inc. of Amarillo, a printing company. Some time ago Joel and others had discussed the demand for copies of God, Grass and Grit Vol. 1 for a reasonable monetary consideration. As a result we are asking help from the general public to gather names of persons interested in supporting this project. Contact Mary Peach Smith, Joyce Hart, Lorelyn Powers, Timmie Brown if you have interested supportive information.

Weather in Stratford has been very windy and unpleasant. However, some rain has fallen and there has been hail we know of!

All Sherman County people have strongly supported Texhoma's Red Devil ball club and congratulate the team and coaches in their reaching State competition. There is 1994 challenge!

Anna Mullicans week-end guests were Sonora Fansler and Crystal, Amarillo.

Stratford's morale-champion, Fern Gupton, had a busy time last week on Wed. Dec. 8. Fern with Lorelyn Powers help met with Amarillo doctors and was fitted with two artificial limbs. The fitting and walking therapy took all day. But they were able to enjoy driving through home town to see the Christmas lights. Fern enjoyed a weekend visit from grandson Wm Luther, Texline, Wm also visited his grand parents, Dolly and Henry Luther. Today, Monday, Dec. 13, with Marta Smith's help, Fern goes to Dumas for therapy treatment. Bless and your never-fail happy out look on life, Fern!

Betty Lou O'Briens guests, cousin Bill and Kathy Dixon, Cairo, Egypt arrived in Amarillo, Sat. Dec. 11. They were met at the

airport by Mary Hazel Hill and John Frank Dixon. Later the party of four came to Stratford for the weekend. (Bill is a grandson of the late Ella (Smith) and Paul Dixon.

Helen and Jim Taylor spent Thanksgiving with daughter Mary Sue and Marvin Cotton.

The Dee Brannans Andrews, Texas spent a day or so in Stratford. They send "Hi, to everyone!"

Happy report: All sick friends are doing okay, hopefully, including Marilyn Albert who underwent surgery in Amarillo on Dec. 8- (we were unable to secure information this A.M.) and Mrs. Ortega, whose tumor operation restored her eyesight.

Our cares and prayers are with sorrowing friends who have lost loved ones, namely: the sisters, and son Mike in the death of beloved and honored Jewel Peterson who died Sunday A.M.; Mary Smith whose father Eugene Gordon Livingston, Keyes, Ok. who died Dec. 4; the family of Lorene Mae Ollis, Texhoma who died Dec. 11, 1993.

Greetings to Susie Harlow. We met her in Dumas on Tuesday. Do you remember that it is Susie's late father who taught us the value of a "love u and shoulder pat".



Deputy Grand Matron made an official visit to Stratford Chapter 960, Order of the Eastern Star, Dec. 7. Barbara Ochs, Amarillo, left, is pictured with Worthy Matron Vernnie Day and Worth Patron Dick Woolsey.

Stratford Chapter 960, Order of the Eastern Star, welcomed seven guests Dec. 7 when the Deputy Grand Matron made her official visit. Barbara Ochs, Amarillo, is this year's representative of Marcella Curry, Robstown, newly installed Worthy Grand Matron.

Other guests were Maurine Skipper, Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon;

Milton Skipper, Poet Laureates Book Finers; Richard Ochs, Fraternal Ambassador District Two Chairman, all of Amarillo; Herman and Alice Ochs, Dumas; Kay Hale, Dalhart.

A salad supper preceded the meeting.

Vernnie Mae Day and Dick Woolsey are Stratford's Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

Texas Country Music Program To Be Presented At Assembly Of God Church

Are you a country music lover? If you are you won't want to miss the Texas Country Christmas Musical Program at the First Assembly of God Church Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m. Come listen to the twin fiddles and steel guitar play beautiful Christmas songs with that home town "Texas Flavor".

Rev. Mike Leonard has written and arranged several songs you are guaranteed to Love.

EVERYONE is invited to come and enjoy the evening. If you want to come listen to the music program at 6:00 it will be over in time for you to get to your own church service. We want to share this wonderful time with all of you.

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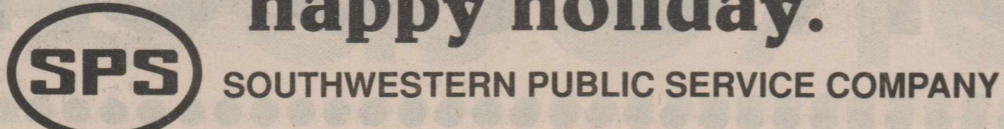
When decorating for Christmas, Make A Safety List And Check It Twice!

SAFETY LIST

- CHECK ALL CORDS for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- TEST LIGHTS BEFORE STRINGING.
- UNPLUG LIGHTS BEFORE MAKING REPAIRS or replacing light bulbs.
- DON'T OVERLOAD CIRCUITS. Too many lights on one circuit can cause fire.
- NO LIGHTS ON METALLIC TREES.
- KEEP YOUR TREE FRESH. Trim the base and keep plenty of water in the tree stand.
- TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS BEFORE LEAVING or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- DON'T USE INDOOR LIGHTS OUTSIDE.
- AVOID OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL LINES when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- USE WATERPROOF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT OUTDOORS. Also, hang sockets downwards and don't leave a socket empty.

Contact your local SPS office for more safety tips.

Wishing you a safe, happy holiday.



Calvary Baptist
Tony Roe
302 S. Main
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm

First Baptist
Interim, Bill Austin
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Assembly of God
Rev. Mike Leonard
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Super Church 10:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for Morning Worship Service
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian
Rev. David Harker
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist
Rev. Brian Adams
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
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic
Father Richard Schully
6th & Wall
No Saturday Mass
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ
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Stratford Tourney
Dec. 28-30



The Varsity girls are from left Ashley Parsons, Lea Shuping, Sarah Ortega, Kelli Wight, Cara Lavake, Coach Larson, Courtney Dettle, Chancey Rhoades, Elly Rhoades, Wendy Palmer and Shannon Burkhalter. Not pictured is Jami Allen.

Danny, Cheryl,
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Justin Starnes

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The J.V. girls are bottom from left, Hillary Frank, Audri Acevedo, Wendy Meil, Anita Rapp, Jennifer Sladek, Misty Loman, Misty Bruns. Top left are Gloria Aguilera, Rachelle Mungia, Lori Brooks, Autumn Woolsey, Coach Terry Davis, Cheryl Beattie, Keely Naugle, Robin Hart and Jennifer Weiland.



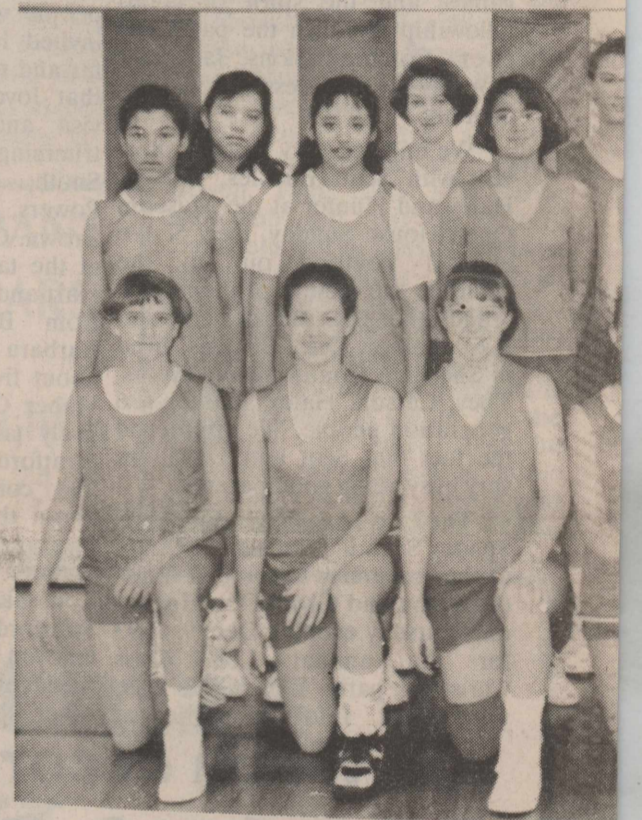
The 7th grade girls are Jennifer Velasquez, Erica Rendon, Lacy Thomas, Joy Burkhalter, Rocia Aguilera, Julie Kimball, Martha Ramos, Erika Baeza and Teresa Wells. Top from left are Amanda Rapp, Lisa Horton, Marysa Sutterfield, Cassie Adams, Tai Ann Brownlee, Lori Young, Jenny Talavera, Jasmine Sanchez, Casie Ramos, Mandi Bell, Carrie Newcomb, Kasey Garcia, Karina Ruiz, Laurie Norris, Barbara Presley, Hillary Baskin, Lari Wells, Amy Sladek and Coach Terry Davis.

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The 8th grade girls are bottom left Kyla Helmuth, Odila Soto and Annie Ortega. Top from left: May Reinart, Cassie Bell, Megan Baskin, Ashley Stoy, Jennifer King.

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The 8th grade boys are from bottom Daniel Mungia and Oscar Aguilera, Chris Bell, Justin Starnes and Coach Anthony Lucero and Billy Young.

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The Varsity boys are from left Coach Jimmy Lanning, Ben Pigman, Shane Galla, Colby Wheeler, Adrian Aguilera, Marcus Lavake, Clint Vincent, Clint Craig, Chan Smith, Lawrence Aguilera, Rhea Chumley and Heath Starnes.

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 * To All Our *
 * Basketball *
 * Teams and *
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 * Best Wishes *
 * For a Good *
 * Year! *



Ashlie Lasley, Tami Davis, Jessica Bryson, Wendy Gray, Angie Acevedo, Susana Gonzalez, Laura Gonzalez, Amy Ceisha Naugle, Jessica Sikora, Coach Terry Davis and

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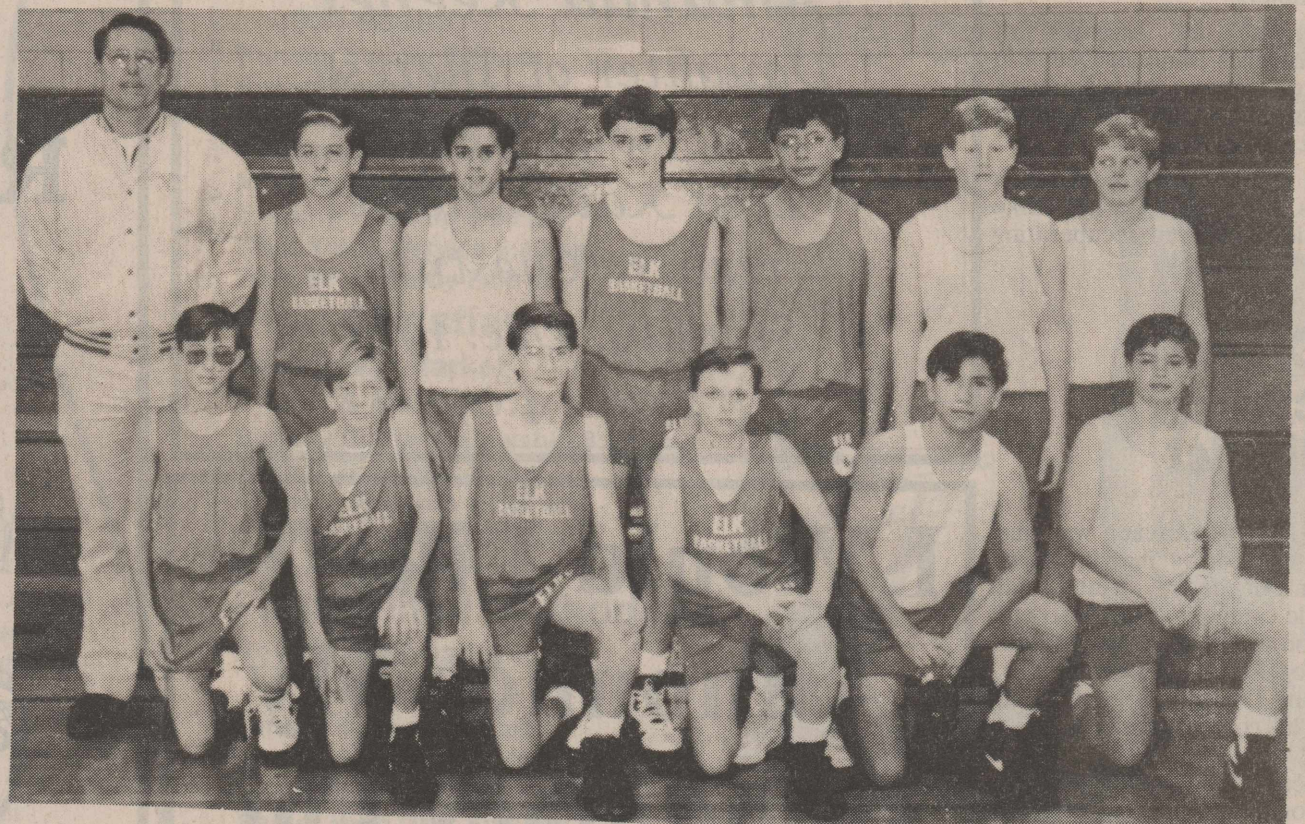
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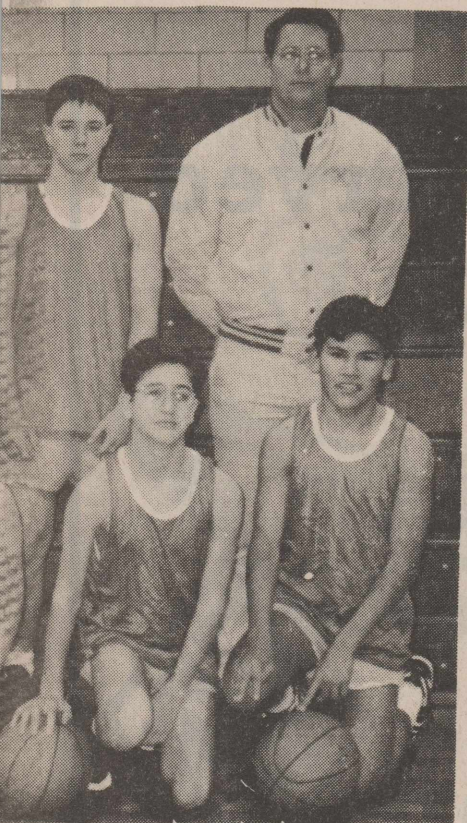


The J.V. boys are from left, Coach Dwayne Gray, W.G. Lasley, Clint McAdams, Owen Asher, Kyle Ellison, J.B. Presley, Brandon Starnes, Daniel Hunsaker, T.D. Baskin, Dusty Palmer, Trew James, Richard Chabolla, Ryan Davis, Chris Haynes and Jose Reta. Not pictured is Coby Galla.



7th grade boys are bottom left Brian Watley, Nathan Meil, Stephen Husmann, Jeremy Pool, Eric Hernandez, Nathaniel Walden. Top left are Coach Mark Keener, Josh Francis, Ross Davis, Paul Brown, Jose Maldonado, Scott McAlister and Levi James.

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om left Casey Switzer, Cliff Moore, Top left are Finnan McLellan, h Mark Keener. Not pictured are

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Gary, Mary, Jeremy & McLain Pool
 Gregg, Shari, Brittany & Scott Hudson



Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Everyone tried to guess who had her name, but only two were even close! Secret Pals enjoyed a salad supper at Marihoward Engelbrecht's Dec. 9. Co-hostesses were Lynn Wells, Barbara Avent and Brenda Taylor.

The Engelbrecht home was decorated in every room and there were at least three Christmas trees. It was a Christmas treat for all.

Favors were wooden pins made into attractive soldier ornaments, and small boxes of chocolates.

There are 17 pals, only two were unable to attend, Joyce Harper and Florencia Eslinger.

Present were Donna Avent, Pat Boren, Donna Gillenwaters, Jackie Groves, Joyce Irlbeck, Gayla James, Jo June McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel, Barbara Schoonover, Trisha Schoonover, Franny Taylor, Nita Taylor and the hostesses.

Brenda is not a Pal, but she graciously served as a hostess anyway. It helped to have a non-pal there! Mabel Rogers keeps a list of names and who has whose name. If a Pal is two weeks behind on a birthday or anniversary gift, she is to let Mabel know and she jogs her memory!

Santa comes to Kerrick Friday night, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Some adults are working really hard on a Reader's Theater. (Ha!) Cleaning, sacking and trimming are 2 p.m. Thursday.

Sunday's night's wind was clocked by the Hamptons at 84 miles per hour. Moisture recorded was .40, although the rain was so horizontal that it probably wasn't correct! The barometer was registering lower than many could remember Sunday morning, 29.2!

It did things to Boren's and McDaniel's satellite dishes, blew down a tree and fence at Kayo McDaniels, took some shingles, cattle fences, etc. Electricity was off about six hours in Kerrick, but not in the country. The reason, the electricity was off was that the wind took out two highline poles that run to the pump station near Kerrick!

Bill Boren attended the Deerfield, Ks., Tournament. Kerry Carlisle team won all three games in excess of 30 points a game.

Trisha Schoonover attended "The Nutcracker" Saturday afternoon with a "bunch" of Tillerys.

Also going to "The Nutcracker" Saturday were Merilee McDaniel with her grandmother, Marylou and Great-aunt Thelma Smith of Dumas.

Jackie Crabtree Watts and husband Mac of Amarillo visited Saturday with the Hamptons and Rogerses. She is the youngest daughter of Virgil Crabtree, for you oldtimers.

Attending the Assembly of God Christmas Banquet Dec. 8 in Stratford were the Leonard Hawkins family and their guests, Hank & Mabel Rogers.

Will report that Sadie, Brenda Taylor's dog, and Corky, Mike McDaniel's dog, are recuperating from recent surgery.

McCracken Places At District

Roy Don McCracken was one of the top scoring individuals in the Intermediate fruit and vegetable category at the District I 4-H Food Show at Borger Middle School on Saturday, December 4, 1993. Roy Don prepared Curried Fruit as his competition dish.

Other Sherman County 4-H'ers who competed at the District event were: Janelle Pronger, Lori Wilhelm, and Brock Swain. Youth participating in the show demonstrated skills in food preparation, knowledge of nutrients, knowledge of dietary recommendations, leadership, and community service.

The District 4-H Food show is sponsored annually by Morrison Milling Company. Area sponsors include the Borger Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Association for Family and Community Education.

Educational programs of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

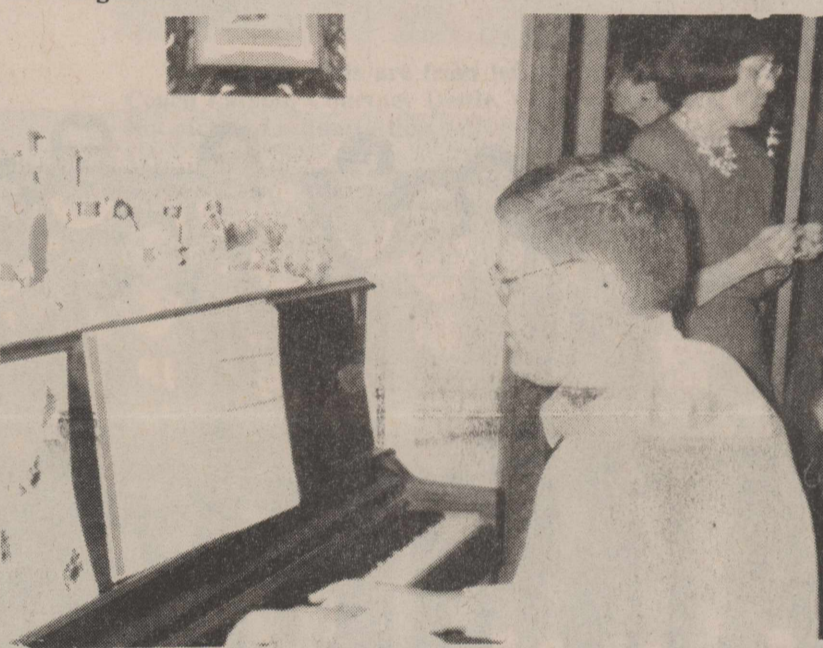


Secret Pal Hostesses

Secret Pal hostesses were from left, Lynn Wells, Brenda Taylor, Barbara Avent and Marihoward Engelbrecht in whose home the annual Kerrick Pal party was held. Dec. 9. Good food and visiting kept all busy.



Lindsay and Kelsey Stein enjoyed the Open House held Sunday from 2 to 4 at the Casa Viejo Apartments. Joan and Rex Palmer were the tour guides.



Bobby Buhr entertained the visitors at the Open House at the Casa Viejo apartments Sunday.



Hudson Wins Drawing

Judy Griffith of Elk Pharmacy, left is shown above presenting Sue Hudson with the Wreath she won at the Open House Held December 2, 1993.

Candlelighting Service To Be Held

The annual Christmas Carols and Candles service of First Christian Church will be this Sunday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. This is a candlelighting service. Little by little, light will be brought into the darkened sanctuary, while Scriptures are read presenting Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. Then the Christmas Story will be read from the Bible, along with the singing of carols and special music. The highpoint will come during the singing of "Silent Night," as we each light our candle, expressive of our witness as Christians. Jack Haile is in charge of the service.

Lynda Hauser and Jo June McDaniel will lead in singing "Silent Night." Prayers will be offered by Jack Haile and David Harker. The candlelighters will be John and Nina Lavake, Ken and Linda Forthman, and Jim & DeeDee Dewees. The ushers are Randy Williams and Don Dietrich. Jo June McDaniel will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Michael Hare will sing "O Holy Night." Mari Bells will ring "An English Christmas," and Abba Ringers will play "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Marihoward Engelbrecht is the organist and director of choirs at First Christian Church. The church's annual Grilled Cheese Sandwich Supper will follow the service. Everyone is cordially invited to share in these Christmas expressions, according to David Harker, minister of the church.

Scriptures will be read by Lori Christian and Steve Griffith, Harold Oquin, Orlanda Garoutte, Mary Pat Williams, Richard Dally, Wendy Palmer and Dean Hauser.

Project Christmas Card Time

It's Project Christmas Card time! GFWC/Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star again join in asking that Sherman County Library be remembered at Christmas.

It's a nice way to send greetings to your local friends and support the Library.

This is the way it works. Add up what you would normally spend for cards, stamps and time in sending to local friends. Add a little to it and leave check at First State Bank with your name. Make check to Sherman County Library Fund.

The Stratford Star will print your greetings on a full page ad and the Library will have something extra for books and other items.

Deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 20.

Christmas Cantata To Be Sunday, Dec. 19th at First Christian Church

The Adult Choir and the three handbell choirs of First Christian Church will present a Christmas cantata on this Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10:45 a.m. All of the choirs are under the direction of Marihoward Engelbrecht, who is also the church's organist. The cantata is titled, "God's Promise." It is by Don Phillips and Johnny Carr. Music has been arranged for handbells by Don Phillips and Marihoward Engelbrecht. Vocal soloists will include Steve Griffith, David Newcomb, Karen Pulliam, Sandy Newcomb and Marietta ricks. Leonda Fedric and Joe Harker will be readers. Carley Bryson, Tami Davis and Carrie Newcomb will sing as a trio. Handbells will be playing on most numbers throughout the cantata. The two adult handbell choirs are the Abba Ringers and the Mari Bells, which are in addition to our Youth Bells. Everyone is cordially invited to share in the joy and the inspiration of this beautiful Christmas presentation in music and song, according to David Harker, minister of First Christian Church.

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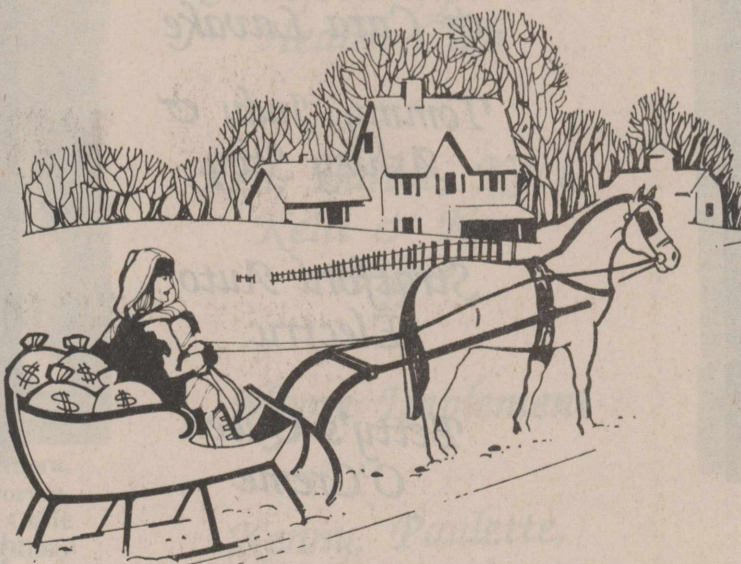
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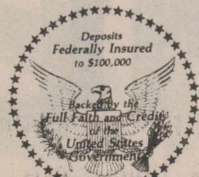
Friday, December 17

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Teacher of the Month



Mrs. Kay Hudson

Some of her students wrote these wonderful things about why they chose her. "She is a very strong woman and a great teacher." "English teacher, speech teacher, and friend that's Kay Hudson." "She not only make learning an experience, she makes it really very fun." "Mrs. Hudson made me want to come back to school after I had quit." "She always has a smile and by the time you leave her room, you'll have one too." "My decision is based mainly on the fact that she stands out a little in her interests. For example, she likes all kinds of weird things like reptiles and amphibious creatures. She enjoys and appreciates art." "Mrs. Hudson is a very gifted and smart teacher." "I do not know how I could get through school this year without her classes on my schedule."

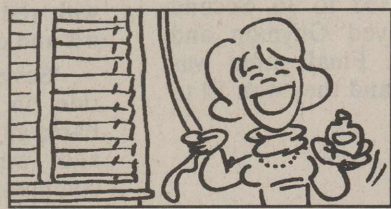
Our Teacher of the Month for December is Mrs. Kay Hudson. The students have written essays nominating their favorite teacher and an independent panel selected the teacher. Mrs. Hudson teaches English and Speech in High School.



School Menu

Dec.20-Monday-Baked Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, heavenly delight and milk.

Dec.21-Tuesday-Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots, ice cream bars and milk.



You can use white shoe polish to touch up soiled areas on blind tapes between washings.



Voting delegates left to right first row Jimmie Pronger, Juanita Crownover, Jeanie Bennett and Ineta Chesher. Back row Alfred Pronger, Lloyd Crownover, Hal Bennett and Jimmy Chesher

Eight Voting Delegates Attend 60th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention

Eight voting delegates from Sherman County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 60th Annual Texas Farm Bureau convention November 28-December 1 in San Antonio. They were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pronger, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crownover, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Chesher.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held Jan. 9-13. in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Speakers featured at the

convention included: William Perry Pendley, of the Mountain States Legal Foundation; S.M. True of Plainview, TFB president; Billie Ray Huddleston of Celina, TFB secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus, Texas.

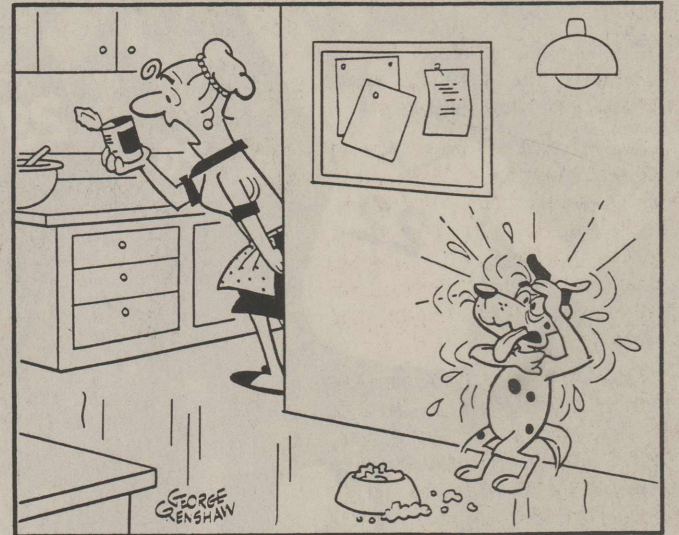
This year's youth winners were Marla Kay Rudd of New Home, Texas, Miss Farm Bureau; Adrienne Rhone of Grapeland, Texas, Talent Find winner; and Ben Starr of Abilene, Texas Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1993" was Randy Jasik of Poteet, Texas.



Terri Teig is shown with Caleb Brown and Nicole Rouse. They presented a program to Lollipop Junction Friday, December 10th. The play was titled "The Turtle That Crowded". This is the Kindergarten Speech class

BELVEDERE by George Greshaw



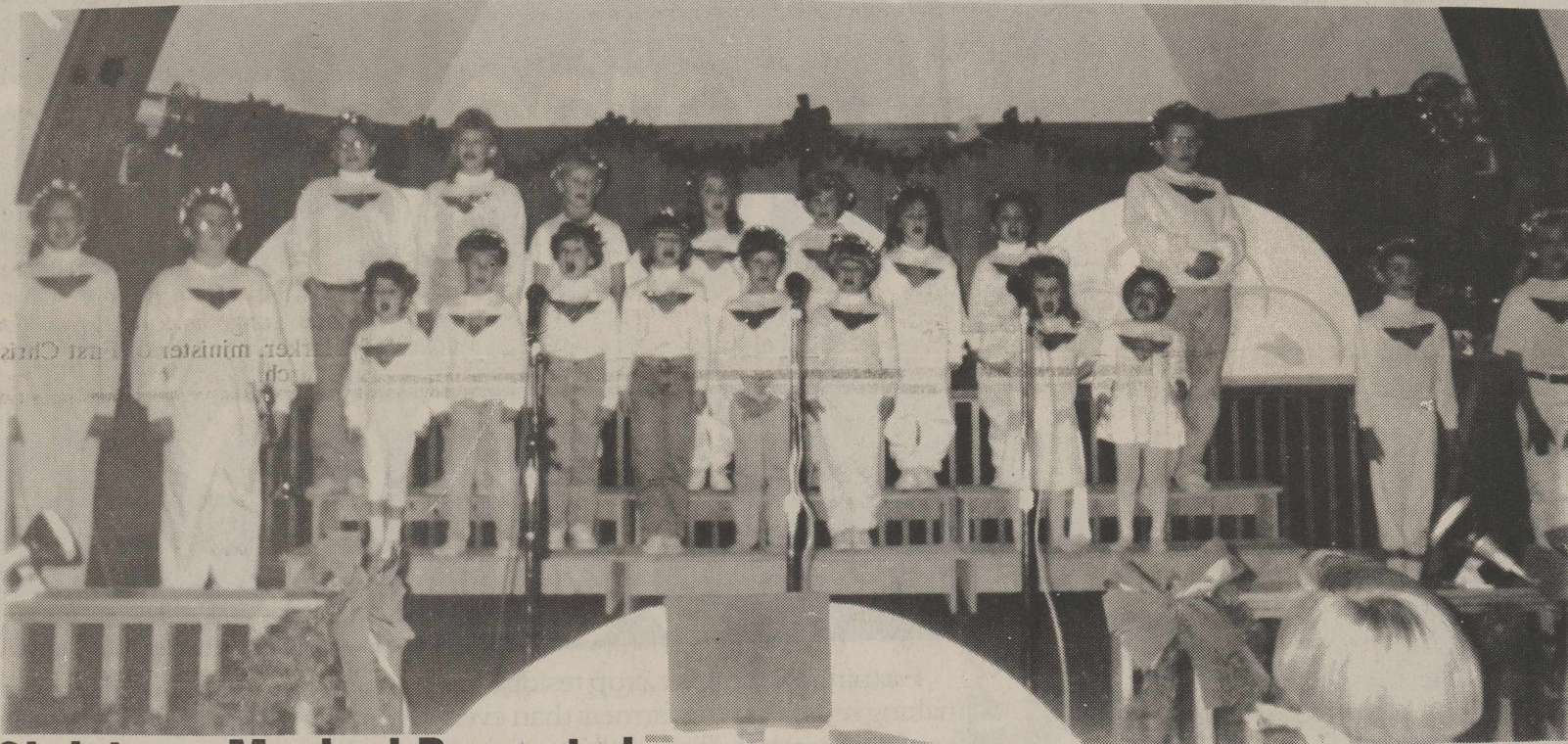
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Christmas Musical Presented

A Christmas Musical, titled "Don't Be Afraid Brigade" was presented Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. The Musical was created and written by Kathie Hill and was directed by Shannon Taliaferro and assisted by Terri Teig. There was a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

Determining The Equity Needed For Your New Business

By Lorie Vincent

Unfortunately, the days of 100% loans have gone by. If you are considering starting a new business or purchasing an existing one, be prepared to provide some sort of capital into the total cost of the project.

Most funding sources including state and federal programs, banking institutions, savings and loan organizations, and private investors, require you to provide anywhere from 10-50% capital injection into your project.

By requiring capital, the funding source not only lessens their risk, but realizes that you are willing to make a financial commitment to the project.

presently, programs through the Texas Department of Commerce, Farmers Home Administration, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Small Business Administration, all require a portion of the project to be provided by outside sources.

For a new business venture, equity will usually come in the form of actual cash. Other forms of equity to be considered are land, buildings, equipment, and inventory. The overall risk and collateral of the project will also be included in the formula for determining the percentage of capital injection needed for your venture.

Be sure and ask your funding source what their requirements for capital/equity are before you request the funds. Therefore, you can make the necessary arrangements for capital and include it in your business plan.

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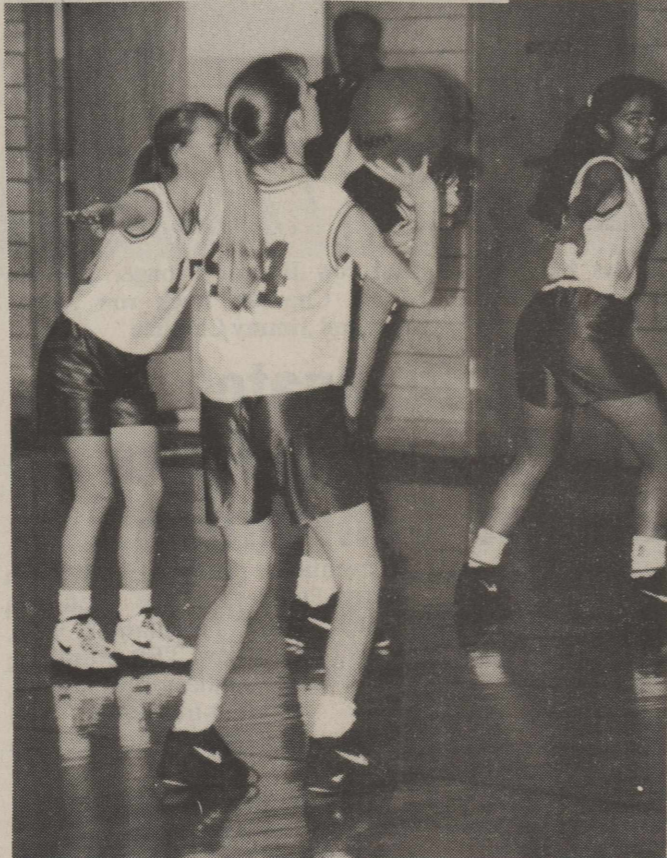
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Jr. High Girls Basketball Action



Shown above is #22 Ashley Stoy and standing behind her is Ashlie Lasley. These girls play on the 8th grade basketball team.



Lori Young shoots free throws during 7th grade basketball action. Also pictured to her left is Joy Burkhalter and Jasmine Sanchez.



More 7th grade action is left Jasmine Sanchez and Tai Ann Brownlee.



Shown above is Ashley Stoy with the ball and Jessica Sikora next to her. Also in front right is Ashlie Lasley and Jennifer King. These girls are in 8th grade.

Photos by Becky Asher

Elks Have Been Busy

The Stratford Elks won Consolation bracket in the Vega Tourney held December 2,3 and 4th.

They lost to Hartley by 72 to 63 in the first game of the tournament. They played Bovina and won 58 to 48, and in the third game they beat Claude by 54 to 45.

Heath Starnes was named to All Tourney at the Vega tournament.

The Elks played Fritch December 7th. They won by 56 to 52.

At the Sunray Tournament held December 9, 10 and 11th Stratford boys took first place. Named to All Tourney were Adrian Aguilera, Heath Starnes, Marcus Lavake and Clint Vincent.

They played Happy the first game and won 53 to 36. Second game they played Guymon and won 63 to 47. Final game was against Sunray and they won 54 to 39.

Farmers Insurance Group To Have Float

Stratford-A fantastic adventure is about to be launched with "A Salute To the Tournament of Roses." The Farmers Insurance Group of Companies float, which features three vintage floats passing beneath a colorful floral archway, at the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in Pasadena, Calif.

The 55-foot wide float will depict a combination of three vintage floats originally created for the Tournament of Roses Parades in the early 1900s. The float will also have the distinct honor of having the March of Dimes Youth Ambassador ride on it, along with the 1992 Tournament of Roses Queen.

"We are proud to be entering our 34th consecutive float, and enjoy carrying on the Farmers' tradition of participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade annual festivities," said Carolyn Tarver, local agent.

The float, designed by Studio Concepts, inc., is twenty-four feet high and has a "Swanmobile" which is decorated with white roses, white iris and dendrobium orchids. The central carriage is decorated with yellow roses, oncidium orchids, yellow iris and chrysanthemums. The third coach is decorated with red and yellow roses, purple and yellow iris and oncidium orchids.

"Several Farmers employees and agents will ride on the float who are part of Farmers' Partners in Pride civic involvement program and were selected for their outstanding community service," said Tarver.

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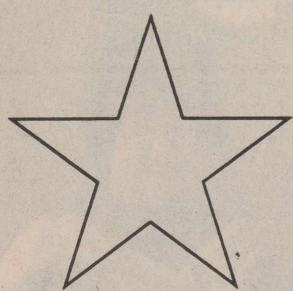
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Safety Tips For Winter Driving

Winter driving on wet, icy, or snow covered roads is different and drivers should prepare themselves by "cold proofing" their vehicles and adjusting driving habits, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Batteries, tires, windshield wiper blades, and anti-freeze are items that need to be checked. Weak batteries should be replaced, tires should have good deep treads, and good wiper blades are vital in winter when visibility is poor," he said.

Safe driving in winter requires more patience, so Beighle advises the motorist to start early, adjust their speed for road and traffic conditions and avoid sudden driving maneuvers.

Beighle said, "Skidding on slick roads is a major accident factor and is usually caused by driving too fast for conditions or from locking wheels when drivers slow down."

Beighle stated that if a skid occurs, the driver needs to ease off the accelerator, then turn into the skid. If your car's rear end slides left, turn your steering wheel to the left; for right skids, turn right. Pump your brakes if necessary; don't lock them.

He emphasized that impatience won't get you to your destination any faster. Patience won't get you there any faster either, but he said, "It'll sure make the trip more pleasant and safe."



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Remember Your Santa Letters



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Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1993. Then publicly opened and read.

All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bidders' Conference which will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas. Time & Date: 10:00 a.m.; Friday, December 17, 1993.

Bidding Proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the Engineer's Office At:

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NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SHERMAN

Jack Haile, Sheriff,
Sherman County, Texas by
Jim Dewees, Deputy Sheriff,
Sherman County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the honorable County Court at Law, of Moore County, on the 23rd day

of August 1993, by said County Court at Law, for the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Forty Eight cents (\$8,534.48) and Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) Attorneys fees and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Sunray Co-Op, in a certain cause in said court, No. CL113-93, and Styled Sunray Co-Op, vs. Mike Vasquez, and placed in my hands for service, I, Jack Haile as sheriff of Sherman County, Texas, did, on the 18th day of November 1993, Levy on certain real estate, situated in Sherman County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: A parcel of Land out of Survey #15, Block 3-T, T.B.N.O. R.R. Company Survey, Sherman County, Texas, containing 457.037 acres of Land more or less, of which 10.103 acres are in road easement and levied upon as the property of Mike Vasquez and that on the first Tuesday on January 1993, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the courthouse door of Sherman County, in the City of Stratford, Texas between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said Levy and said Writ of Execution, I will offer for sale and will sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.

And compliance with law, I give this notice by Publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks, immediately preceding the said day of sale, in The Stratford Star, a newspaper published in Sherman County. Witness my hand, this 3rd day of December, 1993.

Cards of Thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation for your thoughts and prayers for us. So many of you have called, visited, sent cards and offered help. We have needed your prayers and support. Our hope and prayer is that each one of you will be richly blessed.

We Love You,
Herb & Alfa Folsom
Stanley & Carolyn
& families

We want to thank all who shared their care and concern at the death of our son and brother.

Roger Martensen

Thanks for your cards, visits, phone calls, gifts and flowers while I was in the hospital. Also thank you for the food and visits since we have been home. Your concern and prayers have really helped us the last few months.

Elmer & Charline Oquin

Your many expressions of kindness and sympathy in our great loss will never be forgotten. We appreciate each and everyone of you. Thanks and God bless you.

Winnie Dunlap
Kermit and Jeanie Dixon
and family
Mark and Karen Greer
and family

The EMT Association would like to thank all the people who made our Pheasant Hunters Barbecue a success. Stratford Feedyard, Lasley's Feedyard, Dick Chumley's, First State Bank, Stratford Grain, Sherman Co. Grain, Cargill, Gopher's, Moorman's, Kent Kimball, Brown's Meat Locker, Martha & Donnie Ellison and City of Stratford.

Thanks a lot
Stratford EMT Association

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Slim Mooney memorial. A tomb stone has been purchased and set in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Go by and see it.

Millie Hacker & Doris Dyess

Remember Project Christmas Card. Deadline is Monday, December 20, 1993.

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Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

There has been nothing but good things said about Open house last Thursday and the comments have been super about the decorations downtown. And if you have driven around town it too has been decorated. I will admit with the snow, cold, ice of last year it was not very conducive to doing much decorating. The judges will be in Stratford (they are from out of town) on Saturday the 18th. Your lights should be on by no later than 6:15 p.m. that evening. I have already informed the judges that they are going to have quite a time. Never have I seen Stratford this festive. Thanks good people. What you are saying is this is your town too.

We have gotten two more families situated into homes and are still looking for two houses for folks who are in Stratford or wanting to come.

Last Tuesday Wes Reeves from the Amarillo Daily News was in Stratford. Thursday morning he called me from the newspaper to tell me what an enjoyable day that he had. Wes grew up in Wellington, Texas. He knows about small towns and enjoys going around and visiting with residents and merchants in these small towns. His only regret is that he does not get to do it often enough. I am hoping that all of you that take the paper did read his article. Some he visited with did not want to have their name published and being the kind of person that Wes is, he abided by their wishes. The one thing he left with me in person and by phone is that he would relish, anytime, that we had something to offer the paper in the way of news, whatever that we get in touch with them. Here is the 800 # of the paper: 1-800-692-4052. The Fax # is 373-0810. It is nice to be recognized. Lets do it more often.

I mentioned in my column, last week, that Seaboard wanted to meet with Stratford folks, show a video and answer any questions that we might have. I visited with Lorie of the SCDC and checked our calendars for a time. Monday morning of last week I returned Mr. Florentino Lopez call and we have set up Thursday, January 13th on our calendar for that meeting. It will be held in the County Library, 7 p.m. Circle your calendar. It is important to us that Seaboard wants to come and visit with Stratford and Sherman County.

This coming Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. we will have a ribbon cutting for the Hummingbird. You will recall we had one for Country Cousins, but all of that has changed, with new ownership and merchandise. Come out and help us make Linda Spurlock and Stephanie & Mike Helton glad they are in downtown Stratford. Then on Friday the 14th of January (time to be announced later) we will be having a ribbon cutting for the Stratford Star (91 years and the Duane Robertson's are now owners) Roberts Service Center on 54, Duncans Body Shop on 287 and Lutz Classic and Body Shop on 287.

Be watching the old Buckles

and Bow. Right now it has very clean windows, but one of these days there will be other activity there and the Mundens CPA Service will be open. This should be in the spring. What you see in there is, now their household as they had to store it somewhere until they get their house. Also watch carefully the Taylor building that at one time housed Rafter J. Boot Shop. Debbi Vandiver, and Becky Brooks are putting in a salad, and soup bar along with cappuccino coffee. The ladies along with their husbands are going to make that area something you will not recognize. Recently I heard a young lady say that when she could not find a parking place downtown-she got really excited. I do too as it says things are going on that is definitely what we like to hear and see.

And when I visited with Betty Henry at school and she tells me that have eight new students that are eating in the cafeteria, that excites me too. We're not failing 'cause we haven't quit trying. I can only see it getting better.

Your Right To Know

By Sandy Baskin

A winter storm could confine your family at home and possibly cut off basic services-gas, water, electricity and telephones-for days. After the storm, local officials and relief workers will be on the scene, but they cannot be everywhere immediately. Would your family be prepared to cope with the emergency until utilities were restored and roads opened?

Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster before it strikes. One way to prepare is by assembling a Disaster Supplies Kit. Once the disaster hits, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. But is you've gathered supplies in advance, your family can endure home confinement.

There are six basics you should stock in your home:

1. Water-Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Avoid using containers that will decompose or break. Store one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation/sanitation). Children,

Happy Birthday to Kathy, Kenneth, Tara, Lari, Michelle, Roger, Teresa, Tim, Deide, Gloria, Jamie, Joe, Justin, Nicole, Francis, Jennifer, Oscar, Taylor, Bill and to all other Birthday Honorees!

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Library Notes

By Dorothy Haile

New books for middle school readers: Harriet The Spy-Louise Fitzhugh, The Cat Ate My Gumsuit-Paule Danzinger, and Caught In The Act-Joan Lowery Nixon. Nixon is the author of the Orphan Train Series.

Two books by Ronald Dahl that are new, The BFG, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Blubber is by noted author of Children's literature, Judy Blume.

The next five titles are by Betsy Byers. She has written stories that are loved by juvenile readers. They are: A Blossom Promise, Beans On The Roof, Wanted...Mud Blossom, The Animal Vegetable and John D. Jones, and The Blossoms and

The Green Phantom. Easy Readers or picture books for the small child are: inch by

Inch-Leo Lionni, The Man-in-the Moon In Love-Jeff Brumbeau, It chanced to Rain-Kathleen Bullock, The Seashore Book-Charlotte Zolotow, and Fat Chance, Claude-Joan Lowery Nixon.

The Quick and Easy Cookbook gives hints and rules to make cooking easier and safer. Some of the recipes are for soups, sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

Encourage your child to use the library during the Christmas vacation.

The Library will be closed Thursday, December 23, Friday the 24th and Christmas Day the 25th.



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