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Attention Stratford Days Rodeo Notice

If you have any money from Stratford Days Rodeo ticket sales, please turn it in at the Extension Office, immediately so we can close the books and settle all accounts.

Prospectus Study Club To Meet Fri. Sept. 13th

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club meets this Friday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Members are to be a salad.

Alby K. Peters, Potter Co. Home Extension Agent, will have a program on "Recycling Around the House". Also bring some loose change for a special game!

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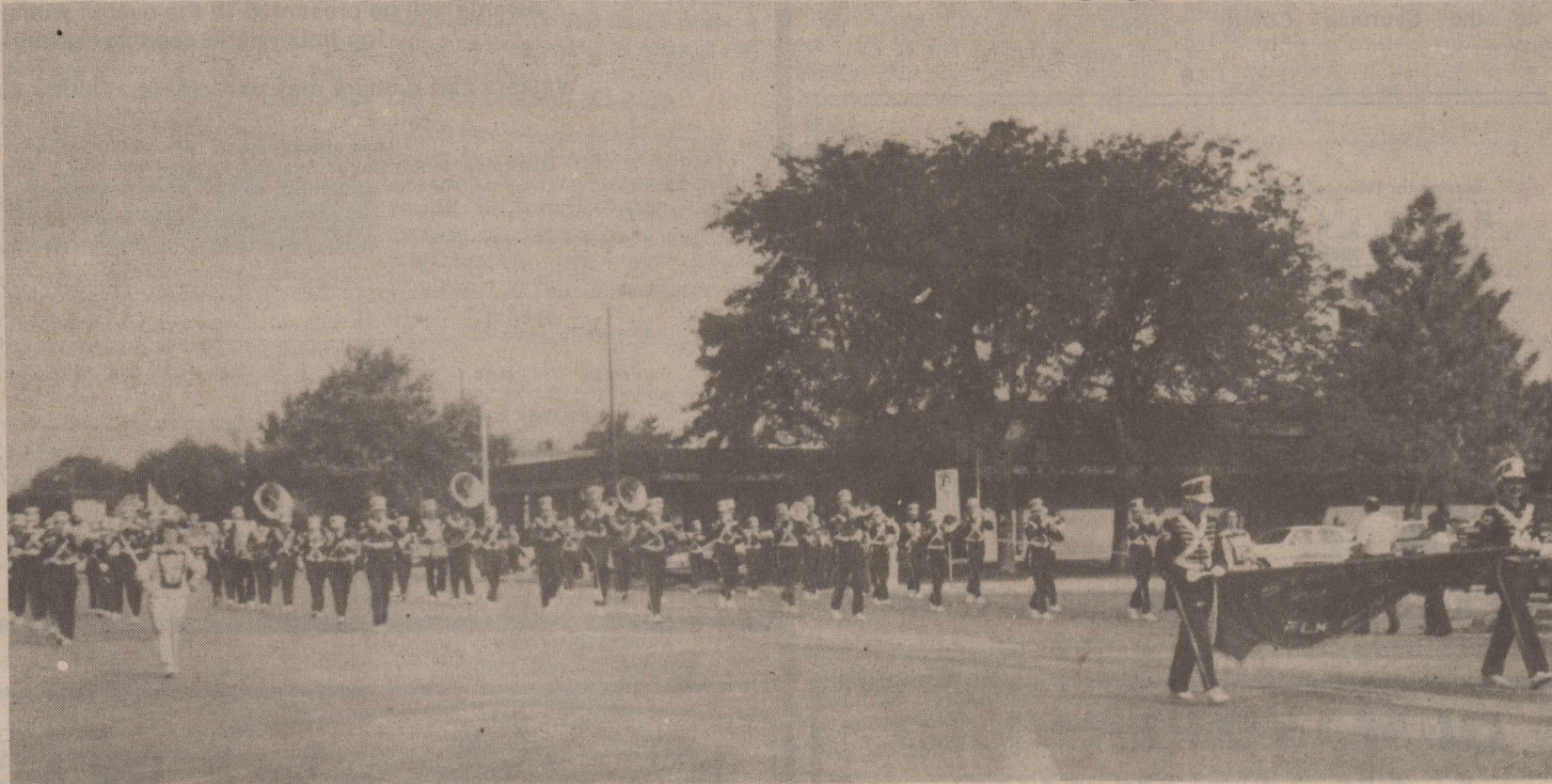
EMT Class Scheduled

An EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class is scheduled to start in January 1992. If you are interested, contact W.D. Brannan at 396-2844 and pick up an application. The course is a minimum of 120 hours, which includes hospital hours.

Horse Play Day Postponed

Horse Club Play Day has been postponed. It will be held on Sunday, September 22, 1991 at 2:30 p.m. at the Stratford Arena.

Sherman County Fair & Jamboree



The Stratford Big Blue Band looked and sounded very impressive during the Stratford Days Parade. They also entertained at the Old Timers Program held later on in the afternoon at the Stratford High school Cafeteria. More fair pictures on Pages 6 and 7.

New Business To Open

The new Top Hat Hair Salon will be open for business Monday, September 16th at 9:00. Christopher Matthews, the owner-operator is an experienced hair stylist, graduating from the Exposito School of Hair Design in Amarillo. He has worked at Regis, Barbra Tabor European Skin Care, J.C. Pennys Hair Salon & Glamour Shots as Hair Stylist and Make-Up Artist.

Chris is the Grandson of Mary & George Lovett and son of Michelle Lovett.

The Salon is located in the building formerly known as Lola's Cafe, which has undergone extensive remodeling, and is dedicated to Lola.

The signs were designed and painted by Michael Lovett.

Chris will be doing Womens, Mens and Childrens Hair cuts, plus all kinds of permanents and hair styling as well as some of the newer procedures, including Sun glitzing.

The Salon will be open 6 days a week from 9:00 until 6:00. A special afternoon for men will be set aside on Wednesday from 1:00 until 6:00, but of course you are welcome anytime. Appointments are recommended but Walk-ins are always welcome.

School Support Group To Be Formed

A group of interested parents met at Ellie M's last Tuesday night

to discuss forming a support group for the schools. It was decided to compose a questionnaire to send home with the children to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in the formation of an organization that would try to meet the needs expressed by school administrators that night.

The group will also publish the questionnaire in the Stratford Star to involve the whole community. There are many people whose children are grown that still might enjoy volunteering their time to listen to a child read, help in the lunchroom, run off papers for the teachers, read a story or tell the children about past experiences or about their job. We are lucky to have a vast resource of people in our town that could contribute a great deal to the education of our children.

We will send home the questionnaire Monday and it will be printed in next weeks paper. Your support of this effort will be

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Elks Win Opening Game of Season Elks - 48 Springfield - 12

Stratford Elks won their opening game of the season against Springfield, Colorado with a score of 48 to 12.

It was a rainy night in Stratford but Stratford was tough. Junior Gomez carried the ball a total of 30 times for 187 yards and Michael Brooks carried 15 times with a total yardage of 75.

Junior Gomez scored 4 touchdowns and 2 extra points. Michael Brooks scored 1 TD. Paul Davis scored a touchdown on a pass from Quarterback Donnie Gray and Donnie Gray scored 1 touchdown.

Stratford had 24 first downs, 352 yards rushing, 70 yards passing, 422 total yards gained. Passes attempted were 15, 7 passes completed. 3 passes intercepted, 1 punt with an average of 30 yards. Stratford had a total of 4 penalties with 45 yards.

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Annual Event To Be Held At Kerrick

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick, Texas--the little community with big ideas! Last year they served nearly 500 persons barbeque, calf fries, beans, potato salad, cole slaw, red apples, bread, tea and coffee. There are only about 50 in the community and that's counting some family relatives who come to help!

The annual event is planned for Saturday, Sept. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. at Kerrick Community Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students 6-12, children under six free. Available from Community members.

Stratford Hi-Plains Drifters will provide good listening music during the meal which is served outdoors. In case of inclement weather, serving will be in the

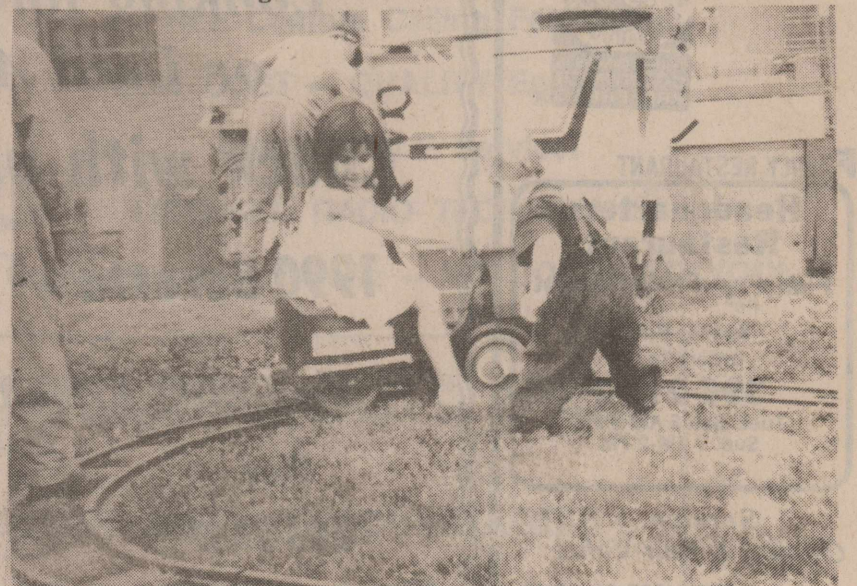
Mexican Pile On Held At Coldwater Manor



The food was delicious and there was a good crowd on hand to enjoy the Mexican Pile On held at the Coldwater Manor on Friday August 30th.



The High Plains Drifters performed at the Mexican Pile On held at Coldwater Manor on Friday August 30, 1991. It was a beautiful night for it and there was a good turnout.



Two kiddoes enjoyed the train that was at Coldwater Manor during the Mexican Pile On.

CED 20 Sets Tax Rate of .78 Per \$100

County Education District #20 set a tax rate of 78 cents per \$100.00 property valuation at a meeting in Dumas Thursday, Sept. 5, 1991.

The CED is mandated by the state to collect 51.2 million from school districts in Sherman, Dallam, Hansford, Moore and Potter Counties. That tax is then disbursed back to schools based on a state formula which changes each year.

The first year that tax will cost taxpayers in Stratford I.S.D. \$1,834,703.00. Stratford I.S.D. will receive back \$1,812,696.00 In 1995 the CED tax will be \$2,786,721.00 and they will receive back \$2,176,958.00. The additional tax raised will go to the poorer school districts inside the CED.

Texhoma I.S.D. will pay \$886,067.00 of taxes in 1991 and will receive back \$273,963.00. In 1995 Texhoma will pay \$1,345,842.00 and will receive back \$330,818.00.

The CED is represented by one board member from each district. Rick Reinart represents Stratford I.S.D. and Texhoma is represented by David Hass.

Opposing the tax rate was Rick Reinart of Stratford of Stratford, David Hass of Texhoma, Dennis Steigy of Gruver and Jack Miller of Bushland.

The Stratford I.S.D. is expecting a rate of 26 cents per \$100.00 to replace State Foundation Funds lost because of the new school funding bill.

Other big losers in this CED are Highland Park, Dumas, Pringle Morris, Gruver, Bushland, Sunray and Spearman.

Center.

This benefit goes toward Center upkeep and annual expenses. Kerrick is located on Highway 287 between Stratford, Texas and Boise City, Ok. and yes, it's in Texas!



Obits

Marjorie Cleavinger

Marjorie Cleavinger of 5209 Kingswood Cr. died August 31. Memorial services at St. Paul Methodist Church were Sunday at 3:00 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. Keith Wiseman presiding. Private interment services followed at Memory Gardens Mausoleum. Arrangements were by Bell Avenue Schooler Gordon Funeral Home.

Marjorie was born in Wheeler County, attended several schools in the Texas Panhandle before Stratford; a twin sister, Pearl graduating from Stratford High School. She attended McMurry College, after which she worked in government office in Stratford. She was married to M.E. Cleavinger on June 7, 1938. Marjorie's most productive work years came while living in Dimmitt where she served for 16 years as church secretary at First Methodist Church.

Retired to Amarillo in 1978, she was affiliated with St. Paul Methodist Church, actively working in church choir programs, as well as her Sunday School class.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters: Judith Roberson of Oklahoma City and Jane Stollings of Perryton; one son; Mark Cleavinger of Katy; six grandchildren, one grandchild; three sisters; Carmen Vaughan and Ruth Jones of Amarillo, Florene Nelson of Oklahoma City; two brothers; Clarence Hitchcock of Shreveport, La. and Joe Hitchcock of Lubbock.

Memorials may be to a favorite charity or St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Walter Earl McIlroy

Dalhart-Walter Earl McIlroy 91, died Friday, Sept. 6, 1991.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9th in the Denver Avenue Church of Christ with Dale Pearson, elder of the North Ridge Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Gaylord Cook, minister, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. McIlroy was born in Granbury. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ora Burton. He came to Dalhart in 1922. He married Iris Crow in 1928 at Amarillo. She died in 1990. Mr. McIlroy worked for the American Railway express, People's Furniture and opened McIlroy's Furniture, which he owned and operated for 51 years before retiring in 1972. He became a deacon of Denver Avenue Church of Christ in 1930 and had served as an elder since 1942.

Survivors include a daughter, Earlene Warren of Amarillo; a son, Ted McIlroy of Stratford; two sisters, Della Rowley of Fort Worth and Cristell Peters of Tyler; a brother, A.Y. McIlroy of Denver City; seven grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

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Earl Phelps

Earl Phelps, 84, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 1991.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10th in First Christian Church with the Rev. David Harker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Phelps was born in Deepwater, Mo., and had lived in Stratford since 1947. He was a retired self-employed general contractor and was a member of First Christian Church. He married Trophena French in 1936 at Nevada, Mo.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, James R. Phelps of Raton, N.M., and Dennis L. Phelps of the Texas Panhandle before Stratford; a twin sister, Pearl Christian of Des Moines, Iowa; two grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the Sherman County Library.

Elks Cont. From Page 1

Springfield had 4 first downs, 119 yards rushing, 38 yards passing with 157 total yards gained. 21 passes attempted with 7 completed. 4 punts with an average of 33 yards. Springfield had 6 penalties with 25 yards penalized.

Playing for the Elks this year are Scott Asher, Donny Gray, Matt Brotherton, Alan Gore, Paul Davis, Micheal Brooks, Junior Gomez, Daniel Gomez, Ramiro Rodriguez, Toby Diamond, Justin Long, Clint Parsons, Ramey Cozart, Albert Aguilera, Kiley Seaton, Colby Wheeler, Brandon Hart, Jeb Brotherton, Adrian Aguilera, and Greg Vandiver. Manager is Rhea Chumley.

Head Coach is Dwayne Gray, Asst. coaches are Neal Hugg, Mark Keener, Jimmy Lanning and Bob Rapp.

Stratford will be playing Dalhart here Friday Sept. 13. Game time is 8 p.m.



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Martha Robertson Editor & Publisher

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5K Run/Walk - 8:30 A.M.

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Walkers and runners may participate at either distance, or both.

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Mail entries to P.O. Box 43, Stratford, TX 79084. City map on back of this entry form.
For more information call Mike Flores - 352-0515 or 354-0737.

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5K Run 1 Mile Run 5K Walk 1 Mile Walk

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. White announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Carol to Russell Ediger. Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ediger of Inman, Kansas. The wedding will be November 30th.



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Prospectus Study Club

Quick! Get your "Mr. G's of Amarillo" Style Show ticket from any GFWC/Prospectus Study Club Member. The show is slated for Saturday, Sept. 21 at noon, at Mary Allen Cafetorium, Stratford, Texas.

Food will be cooked and served by Study Club members. There will be door prizes. Local models will be wearing the latest fashions.

No tickets are sold at the door. And can you believe--tickets are only \$10.00 this year! Deadline for tickets is noon, Thursday, Sept. 19th.

See any club member or call 396-5945.

Star Extension Homemakers

Star Extension Homemakers Club met Sept. 3, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. with Ava Keener and Roll Call was "My first Memory of School."

The Exhibit booth for the Fair was discussed and Members chose the theme "Don't Bat It, Compost It."

The group decided to have "Gifts of Love with the Surger" for the demonstration at Christmas in November and this will be given by Susie Spurlock.

Plans were made for "Santas Workshop" to be October 1, 1991 at the Extension Room with a covered dish luncheon at noon and Jimmie Pronger, hostess.

The following officers were elected for 1992: President-Jimmie Pronger; Vice-President-Ava Keener; Secretary-Treasurer-Joyce Irlbeck and Council Delegate, Dorotha Allen.

A very interesting program "Balancing Act" was presented by Susie Spurlock to Melba Keener, Doris Dyess, Dortha Allen, Jimmie Pronger and Joyce Irlbeck and Ava Keener.

The next meeting will be Sept. 17, 1991 with a covered dish luncheon in the home of Dorotha Allen.



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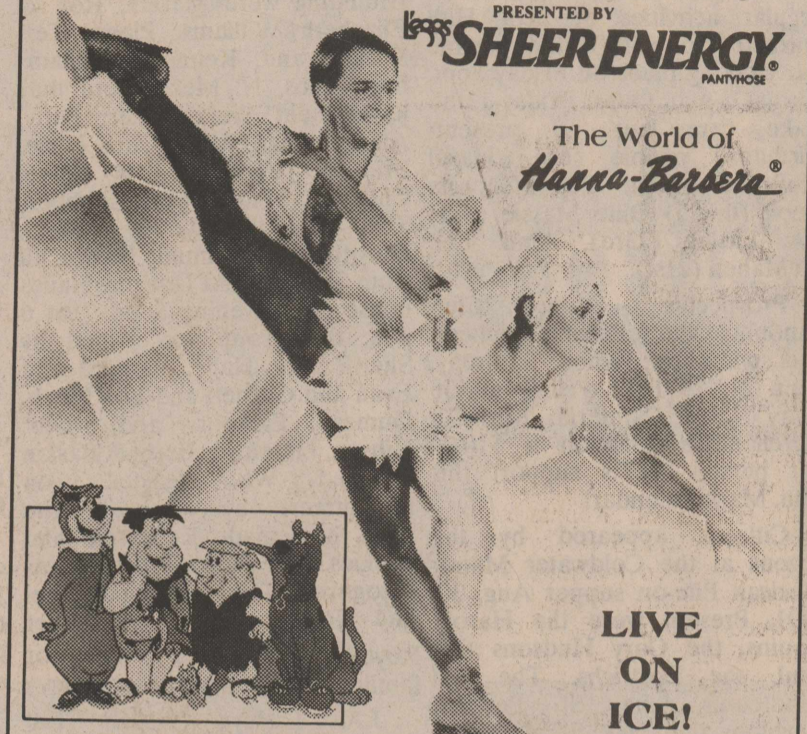
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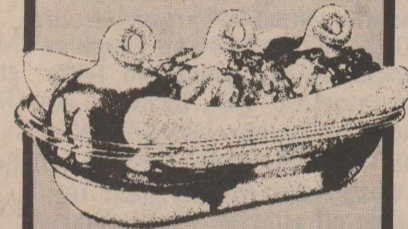
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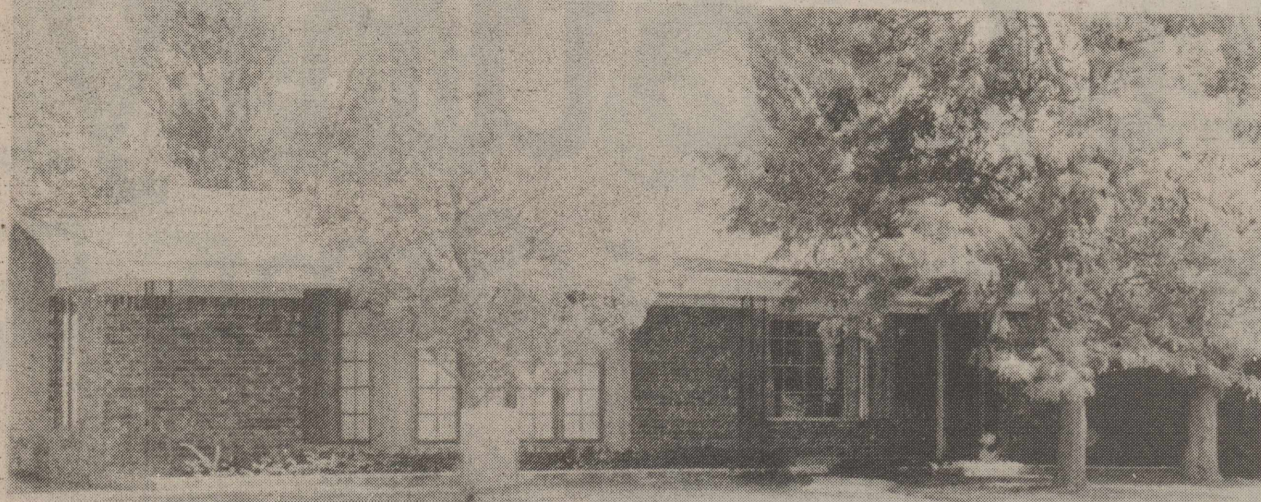
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Yard of the Month



The Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson was chosen as Yard of the Month for September by the Womens Division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. Their home is located at 720 N. Grace.



Tips & Topics

by Susie Spurlock - County Extension Agent

Two Sherman County 4-H's will advance to the District 4-H Better Bake Show to be held in conjunction with the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Hillary Baskin and Buffy Ellison will compete for first place prizes of \$25.00. The contest is co-sponsored annually by the Tri-State Fair, Texas Wheat Producers in Amarillo, Arrowhead Mills of Hereford, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The 4-H's who advance to the district contest won first place honors in the Sherman County Bake Show on Sept. 4. The purpose of the contest is to promote the use of wheat which is one of the Panhandle's leading agricultural products. In the baked product division, the 4-H's prepare a product using a minimum ration of 1:3 parts whole wheat to white flour. The emphasis is on the nutritional value of the recipe chosen, the taste, texture and appearance of the product. Baskin's recipe of Whole Wheat Pumpkin Muffins will represent the county in the Junior Division. Ellison's recipe of Cheese Onion Buns will compete in the Senior Division. Alternate in the Junior Product Division was T.D. Baskin. Juniors (ages 9-13) prepared a muffin and seniors (ages 14-19) prepared a yeast-bread recipe.

Project record forms are also entered at the district level. Junior, Hillary Baskin, and Senior, Buffy Ellison, will compete in the records division. Records are scored on the basis of goals set, knowledge learned, educational activities, leadership, citizenship and community service, awards and a summary of the bake show activities. Alternate winner was Kyle Ellison in the Junior Project Record Division.

Other Junior entries include: Jessica Sikora, Megan Baskin, Ryan Swain, Brock Swain, Kyla Helmuth, Missy Sikora, Amy Sladek, Jayme Lunt, and Finnan McClellan.

Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show are Stratford Grain, Sherman County Grain, Texhoma Wheat Growers, Sunray Co-op, and Southern Union Gas Company.

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Cinnamon and orange flavorings complement the blueberry filling of this pie from Sally Sibthorpe, of Troy, Mich. Her recipe earned her a trip to New Orleans, where she competed for prizes including a full kitchen of premium KitchenAid appliances—all part of the Crisco-American Pie Celebration. For Sibthorpe, pies are a family tradition: "We were a pie family when I was growing up," she says. "When I got married, I couldn't cook very well, but I could bake pies."

Blueberry Pie
2 c. all-purpose flour
1 c. Butter Flavor Crisco
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. salt
About 1/4 c. cold water

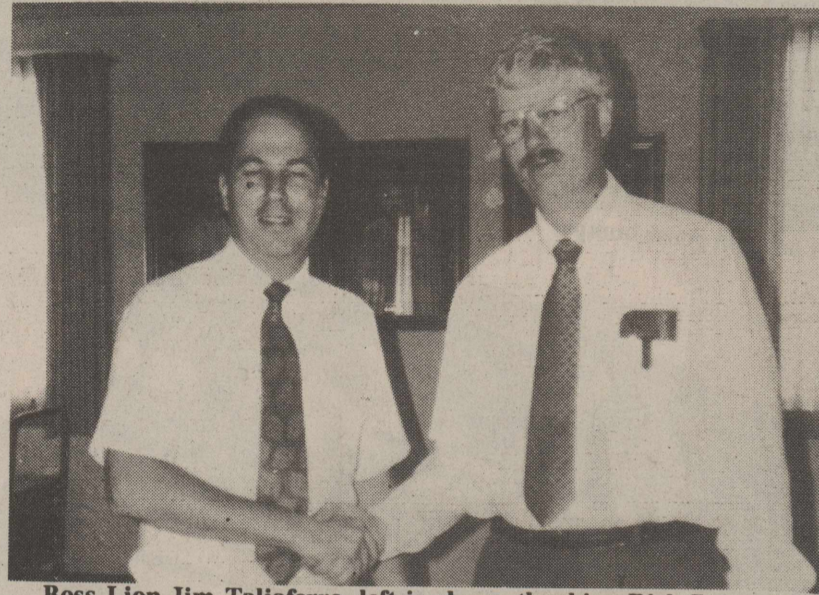
Filling
3 pkgs. (12 oz. each) frozen blueberries, thawed
Liquid drained from berries
1/4 c. quick-cooking tapioca
1 1/2 c. sugar
1/4 c. cornstarch
2 tbsp. grated orange peel
1 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 tsp. cinnamon

Glaze
Milk
Sugar (optional)
1. For crust, place flour in medium bowl. Cut in Crisco using pastry blender (or 2 knives) until all flour is just blended in to form pea-size chunks. Stir in sugar and salt. Refrigerate for 10 min.

2. Sprinkle with half the water. Toss lightly with fork. Add enough additional water so that dough will form a ball. Divide dough in half. Press between hands to form two 5-6-in. "pancakes."
3. Flour rolling surface and rolling pin lightly. Roll dough for bottom crust into circle. Trim one inch larger than upside-down 9-in. pie plate. Loosen dough carefully. Fold into quarters. Unfold and press into pie plate. Trim edge even with pie plate.
4. Heat oven to 425°F.
5. For filling, drain blueberries, reserving liquid. Pour liquid into medium saucepan. Stir in tapioca. Let stand 5 min. Stir in sugar and cornstarch. Cook and stir on medium heat until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Stir in orange peel, butter and cinnamon. Fold in blueberries. Heat until bubbly. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Moisten pastry edge with water.
6. Roll top crust same as bottom. Lift onto filled pie. Trim 1/2 in. beyond edge of pie plate. Fold top edge under bottom crust. Flute.
7. For glaze, brush with milk. Sprinkle with sugar, if desired, avoiding fluted edge. Cut slits in top crust for escape of steam.
8. Bake at 425°F. for 45 min., covering with foil, if necessary, to prevent overbrowning. Cool until barely warm or to room temp. before serving.

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of Health will offer an immunization clinic on Wednesday September 11th from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn, 501 S. Maple. Immunizations against the diseases of haemophilus influenza, polio, tetanus, diptheria, pertussis, measles, mumps, and rubella will be available at this clinic. Parents planning to attend are encouraged to bring their child's shot record with them so that immunizations are not duplicated. The Health Department is assessing a nominal fee for this service. It is on a sliding scale from \$0.00 to \$15.00 depending on family size and income. We will take cash, check or money order.



Boss Lion Jim Taliaferro, left is shown thanking Rick Reinart for the program on C.E.D. #20 at Lions Club at Noon on Monday, Sept. 9, 1991. Rick gave an excellent talk on what the C.E.D. will do to Sherman County Taxpayers.



School Menu

Sept. 16-20, 1991

Monday-Barbecue weiners, macaroni and cheese, english peas, salad, rolls, applesauce, peanut butter and milk.

Tuesday-Hamburger patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, peanut butter brownies, milk.

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

Thursday-Hamburger-cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle slices, tator tots, apple crisp and milk.

Friday-Chicken noodles, frozen mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, chocolate cake and milk.

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Tuesday, September 17, 1991
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sherman County Exhibit Building

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration and coffee
9:00 a.m. Leave County Barn to begin field tour
Tour Schedule
1. Corn Variety test plot-Jimmy Chesher Farm
2. Bindweed Test Plot-Jimmy Chesher Farm
3. Range Weed control test plot-Larry Parsons/Leroy Judd Ranch
4. Grain Sorghum variety test plot-Stan Macias Farm
11:30-12:00 noon Insect control in wheat-Dr. Carl Patrick, Area Entomologist, TAEX
LUNCH Sponsored by Farm Bureau Ins., First State Bank & Joe Flores
12:00-1:30 p.m. Keynote speaker-Mark Ellison, assistant commissioner for Marketing & development, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin
1:30-2:00 Laws & Regulations for CEU requirements-Lavon Harman, Texas-Department of Agriculture Amarillo
2:00-2:30 Weed control in wheat, grain sorghum and corn-Dr. Clay Salisbury, Agronomist, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
2:30-3:00 p.m. Chemigation-Mr. Leon New, Area Irrigation Specialist, TAEX

The information provided will allow producers to obtain three (3) CEU's toward their requirement in keeping their private applicators license valid.

We also plan to have commercial exhibits set up for producers to observe and allow agri-business companies to display their merchandise and services.

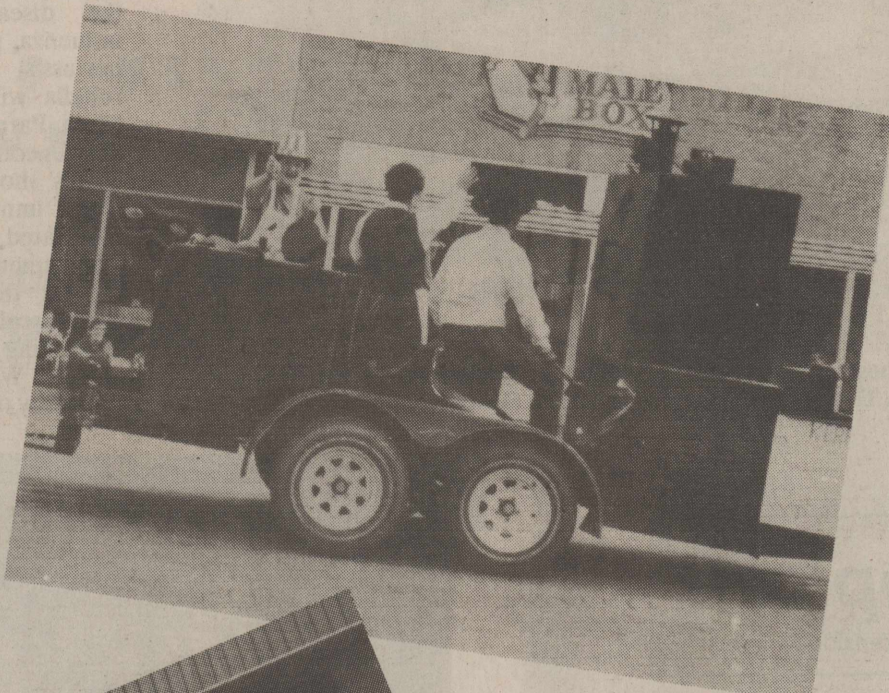
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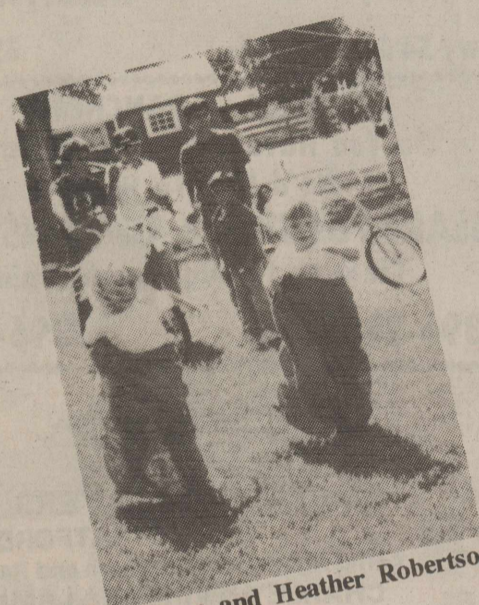
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The Color Guard was very impressive. It brought goose bumps.



The Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. was a

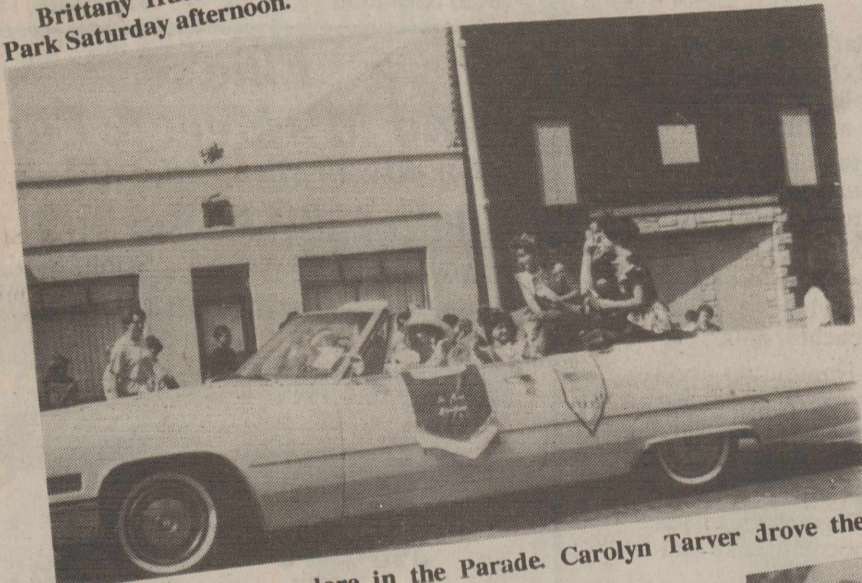
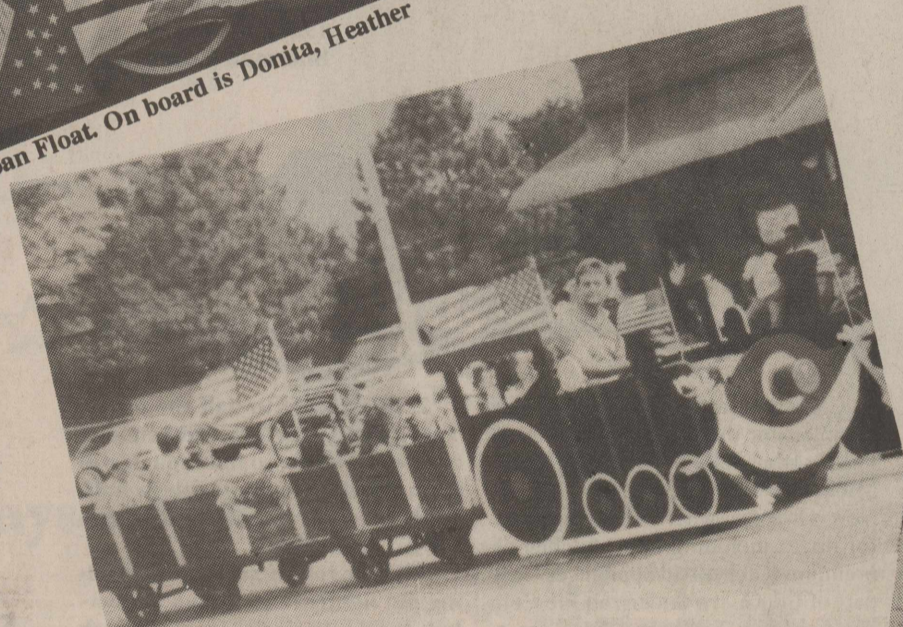


Brittany Hudson and Heather Robertson at the City Park Saturday afternoon.



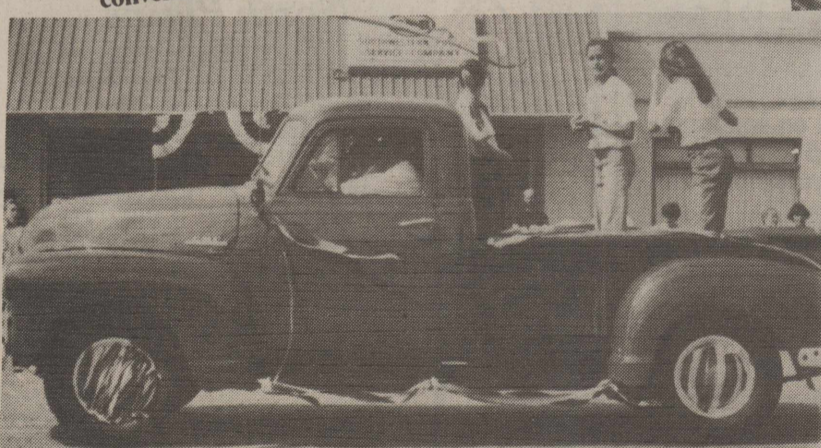
North Plains Savings and Loan Float. On board is Donita, Heather and Kayla Robertson.

Audrey Rodgers, daughter of Stan and Barbara Rodgers, won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from the Sherman County 4-H Parents Association, for selling the most advance tickets to the Stratford Days Rodeo. Audrey is a member of the Younger Texans 4-H Club. Congratulation, Audrey!



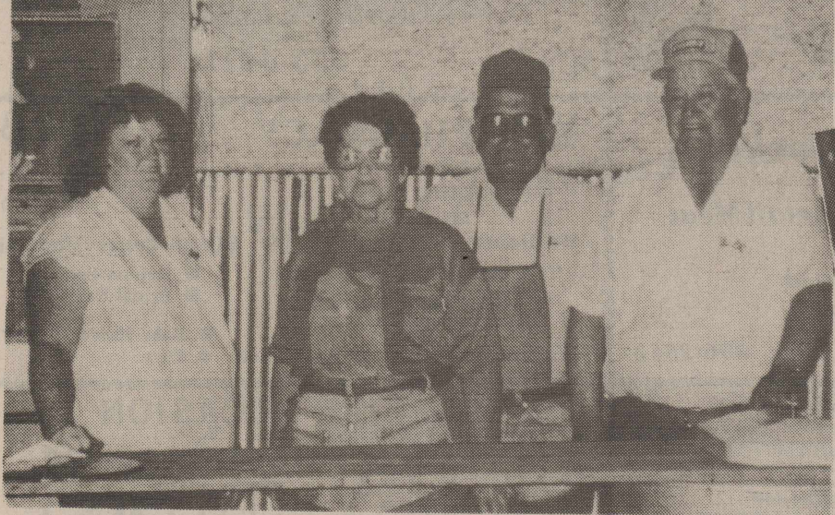
Beautiful Girls galore in the Parade. Carolyn Tarver drove the convertible.

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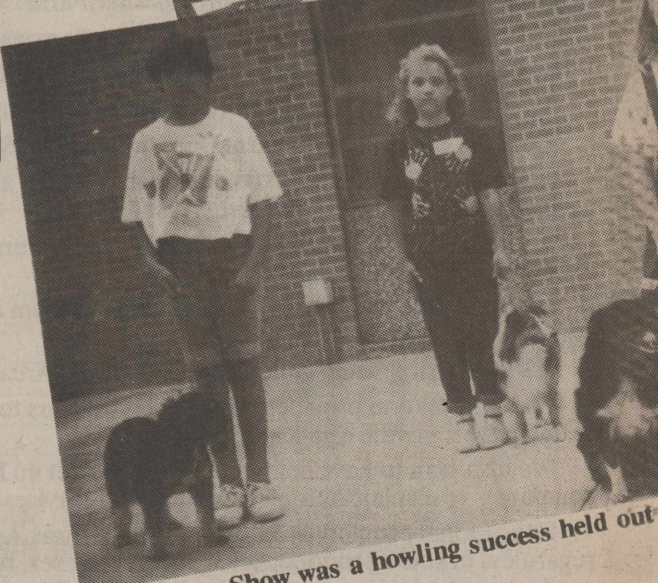
Miss Top of Texas Jagee Crownover.



Chili Cook Off was held Friday evening. 1st place Janis Tillery, 2nd Place Jo June McDaniel and Bill Gillenwaters and 3rd place Ed Duggan. 1st place showmanship went to Jo June McDaniel.



Kyla Bell, Scott Hudson, Shari Hudson and Heather Robertson.



The Dog Show was a howling success held out Friday evening.

Fair & Jamboree

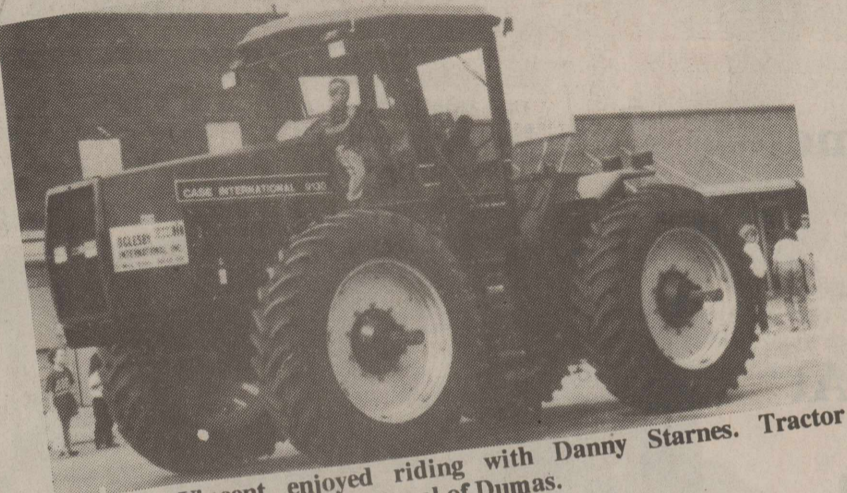
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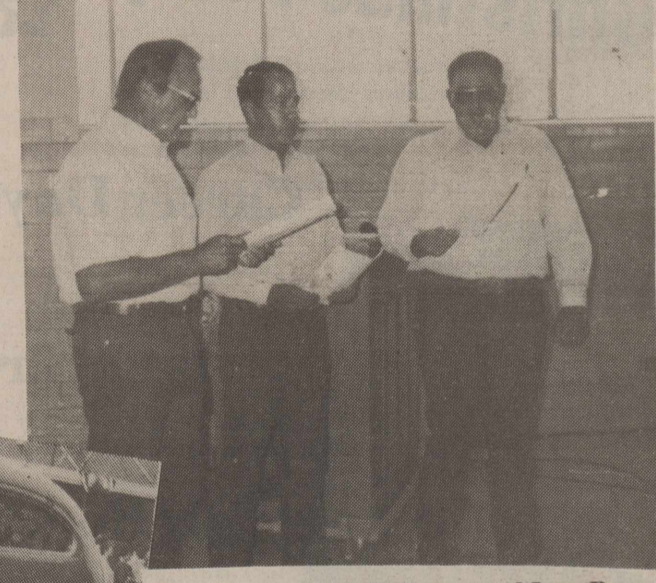
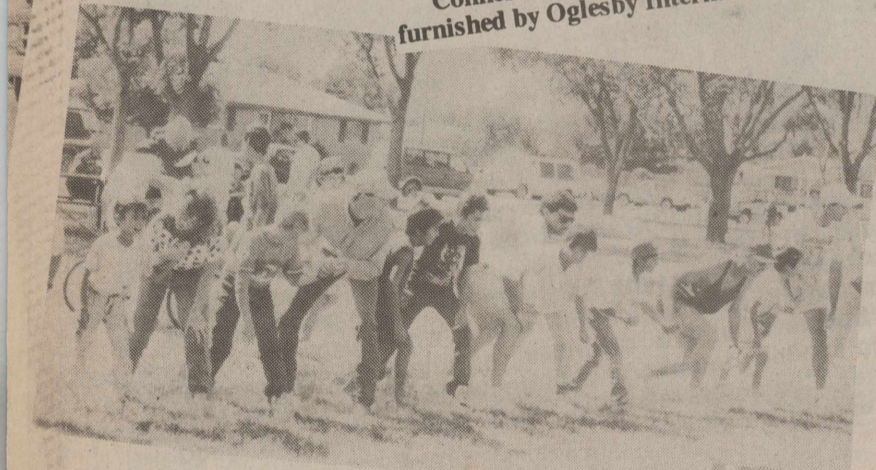
King Lorel Haile and Queen Rebecca Lavake.



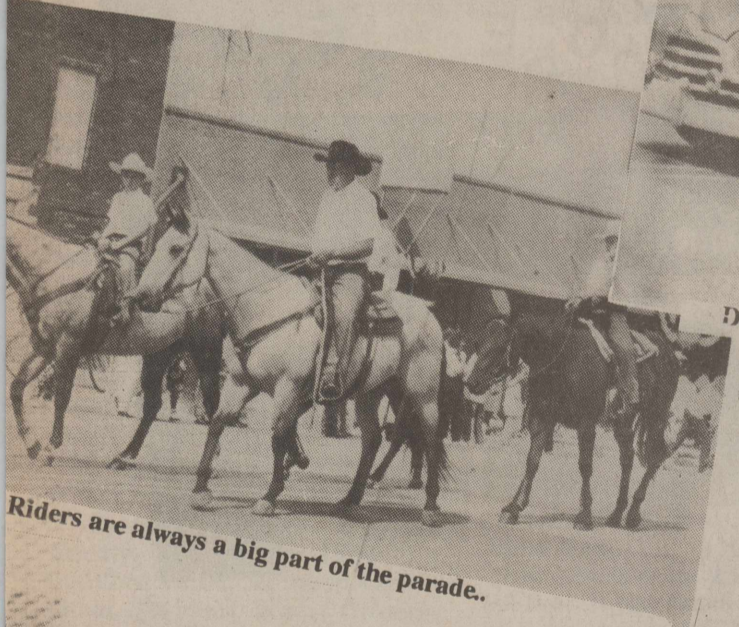
Conner Vincent enjoyed riding with Danny Starnes. Tractor furnished by Oglesby International of Dumas.



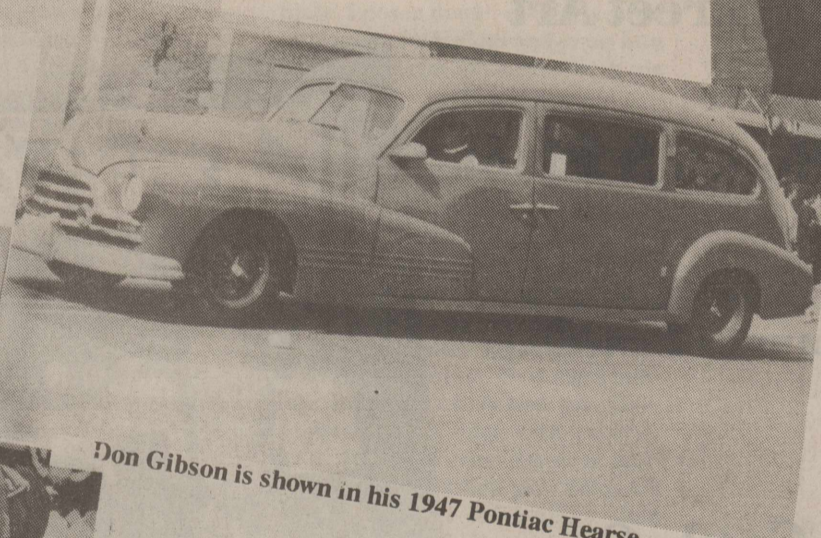
Sue Hudson, Barbara Dettle, Shannon Taliaferro, Carolyn Tarver and Joyce McBryde.



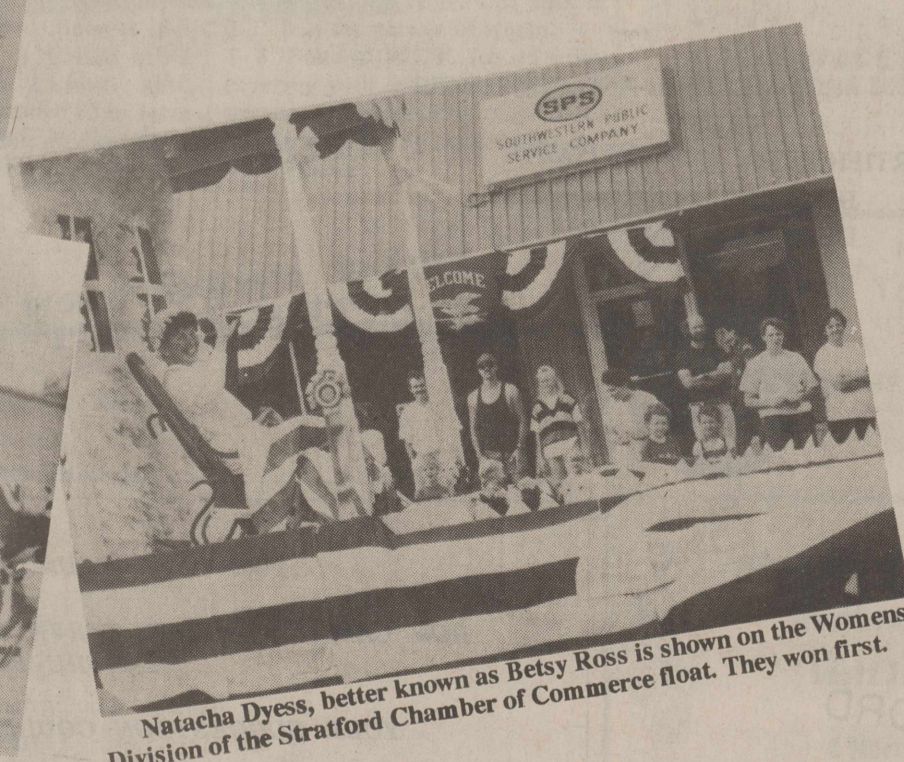
Gary Hudson, Jim Taliaferro and Lem Russell.



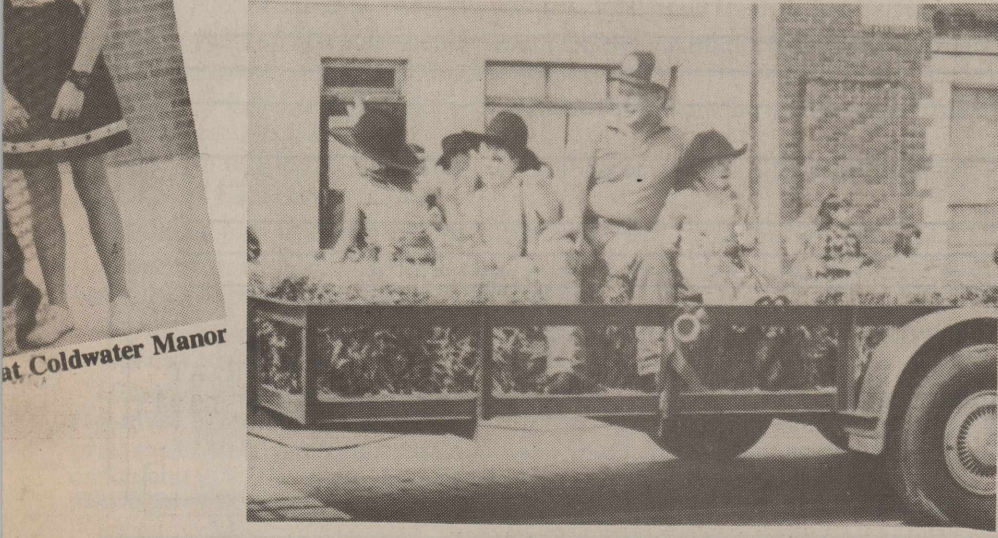
Riders are always a big part of the parade.



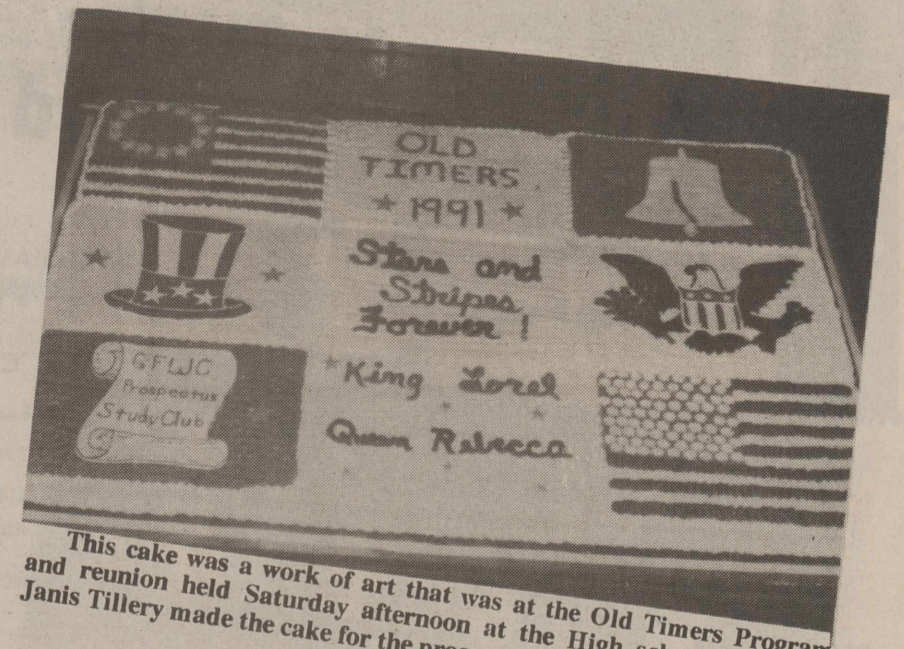
Don Gibson is shown in his 1947 Pontiac Hearse.



Natacha Dyess, better known as Betsy Ross is shown on the Womens Division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce float. They won first.



Winners of the Rodeo Clown Contest, sponsored by the Sherman County 4-H Parents Association were: Pre-school-Cass Cooper, son of Christy and Craig Cooper of Gruver, (grandson of Yvonne and Duane Pittman) Kindergarten through 1st grade-Brian Booth, son of Steve and Rene' Booth, and 3rd and 4th grades-Kasey Plummer, son of Lynn and Linda Plummer. These winners each received a trophy and rode in the parade. Special thanks to each of you and your parents for your cooperation.



This cake was a work of art that was at the Old Timers Program and reunion held Saturday afternoon at the High school Cafeteria. Janis Tillery made the cake for the program.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent are shown in front of their booth, Dumas and Dalhart Travel Center at the Sherman County Fair this weekend. Brown Brown won a trip to Dallas given away by them.

Stars and Stripes Forever, an Americanism/Old Timers Project of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, attracted nearly 200 Saturday, Sept. 7th. A musical program entertained the crowd after the crowning of King Lorel Haile and Queen Rebecca Lavake. Dorothy Haile, the King's sister-in-law, and D'Lynn Reed, club president, crowned the royal couple.

The couple had ridden in the parade in a 1959 Pontiac that had been club member Oline Caraway's mother's. Barbara Haile was the driver. It is now owned by Howard Naugle.

Old Timers gathered at the First State Bank before the parade and enjoyed the art show and visiting.

The welcome was given by Mattie Baskin and emcee Marylou McDaniel. Betty Brown introduced the families of the royal couple and past royalty.

A men's trio of Lem Russell, Jim Taliaferro and Gary Hudson sang two World War 1 songs, "Down by the Old Mill Stream" and "K-K-Katy".

Carolyn Tarver, Shannon Taliaferro, Barbara Dettle, Joyce McBryde, Sue Hudson sang songs of World War 1. They were "Sentimental Journey", "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and "Sincerely".

Lorraine Mehner accompanied the singers.

The Stratford Elk Band played the National Anthem after the crowd said the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the program. They played a selection of Irving Berlin patriotic songs, an Irish March and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" which brought people to their feet.

The audience sang "Let Stratford Be Your Kind of Place" as the closing.

An unusual patriotic cake that featured nine sections was made by Janis Tillery. There were an eagle with shield, Uncle Sam's Hat, Liberty Bell, Stars & Stripes Forever, Scroll with GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, an American Flag, 13 colonies flag, Old Timers 1991 and King Lorel Haile, Queen Rebecca Lavake. Red punch was also served.

Committees for the project were Chairman Betty Brown, Mattie Baskin and ViAnn Reed; Registration, Mary Peach Smith, Oline Caraway; Refreshments and table decorations, Dana Buckles, Sharon Blain, Karen Riffe; Name Tags and program covers, Mary Hill; Parade, Patti Vincent, Barbara Haile; flowers furnished by Ellie M's; Crowns, Marilyn Albert.

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Mike Harrison and Frank Adams presented a seminar “How To Achieve Excellent Customer Service” Thurs. evening May 17th sponsored by the First State Bank of Stratford at the Sherman County Barn. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance. They gave ideas on how to listen, communication skills, why customers stop doing business with a business, greeting the customers, problem solving, telephone techniques and many other ideas on Better Customer relations. Also tips on being a good employer and employee.



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Stratford Days Rodeo Committee
Mike Schafer
Thom Sikora
Steve Baskin
Sandy Tillery

A big thanks to the "volunteer" judges who helped during the community recreation activities Saturday and to the parents and kids who participated in the races. Thanks also to the Fire Dept. Auxillary for the refreshments.

Ronda Mathews

We would like to say thank you to our friends and family who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary reception a very special one. All the love shown by hugs, kisses, cards, visits, phone calls, gifts and flowers will be treasured memories to last a lifetime. A big thank you to our wonderful friends who labored in the kitchen, to Becky for taking great pictures, and to Randy for making a video of this extra special day. We are so glad we moved to this community 49 years ago to share our lives with each of you. May God Bless each and everyone.

Our love
Garland & Beulah Bardwell

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who brought pies and cakes for us to sell at the fair and to all of you who bought our pies and cakes. We are truly grateful to live in a town where people are as generous and supportive as all of you!

The Imaginarium Ladies
Barbara, Cindy, Dana, Karen,
Kay & Patti

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Well we made it through another fair. I owe a big thanks to all my superintendents. I couldn't have made it without you. Thanks to all the people who helped pull the parade off. It was a good one. Great appreciation goes out to the color guards coming from Amarillo and also to all the judges for volunteering their time. Thank you to all the people who entered items in the fair and entries in the parade. Without you there couldn't be a fair or parade.

Thanks for all your help
Sheryl Ellison

A special thanks to Dr. and Susie Harlow, Dee Brannon, John and Terry Wagoner, Jack Gore and Bill Kelp and all the other wonderful folks for the hospital visits, telephone calls, get well cards, food and all the other deeds of kindness while I was in the hospital and since my return home. God Bless each of you.

Leona Kelp

Thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, words of comfort, and the special acts of kindness shown to us, during the illness and passing of our Mother and grandmother.

The Family of Anise Husmann

I would like to thank the Stratford Masonic Lodge and the Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. for the Scholarships I received from each organization. They are greatly appreciated to help further my education.

Sincerely Garth Palmer



Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

It has been a successful weekend. The next time you see Sheryl Ellison, Leonda Fedric, Mary Pool, Shari Hudson, Donita Robertson, Carole Gibson, Scott Buckles, any Lion Member, Cindy McMurry, all of the Supt. of the exhibits, Betty Brown, with the old timers, given them a big pat on the back for another year and a job well done. A lot of planning, tireless hours of organizing, go into making our Stratford Fair and Jamboree. The theme, this year, brought goosebumps and almost tears, for nowhere else in the world, but the USA can we demonstrate the red, white and blue, such a surge of patriotism makes me all the more proud, to be an American.

From time to time I get a Texas report. The last one that I received I was a little taken back. I would like to share some of what it had to say: "The Texas economy has seen better times and Texas Taxpayers are tired of being asked to solve Mammoth Public Problems. We deserve a break".

The Corporation For Enterprise development (DFED) in Washington released its 1991 development report card for the states. The annual report grades each of the 50 states in the areas of economic performance, business, vitality, state policy, and development capacity. Those numbers for Texas are not

favorable, but they give a strong indication of why this state's economic recovery has a way to go.

Texas is failing the areas of State government and economic performance and is barely making the grade in business development. The larger problem for Texas may lie in the under development of its human resources.

Out of the 50 states, Texas ranks 43rd overall in economic performance, giving it a grade of "D". It is important to note, however, that the only category within economic performance that kept Texas from receiving an "F" was its ability to sustain short term employment growth. Long term outlooks for employment pulled Texas' ranking down considerably.

In the area of business vitality, Texas' 24th ranking gave it a "C" score. Texas ranks 20th in its ability to attract new businesses, but receives failing marks in its ability to compete in the current global market.

Texas State policy receives a "D" in fact, Texas ranks dead last among the states in the "Tax Fairness" category. Development capacity receives a grade of "C" with a 22nd ranking nationally. Other rankings are 17th and 20th respectively in technological and financial resources, 40th in human resources, 44th in the number of adults who have attained a high school diploma, 37th in adult illiteracy, the The highest of any state in the nation.

Even though the state does not seem to be bringing its annual report card scores up very quickly it does appear that Texans are becoming more aware of the problems and are acknowledging the consequences and the costs that will eventually be a result of inaction.

All of this does not sound too good, and in the next few weeks I will be bringing you what and how

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In closing I would apologize to all who had problems with the flags this year. The high winds and the rains played havoc and there is nothing that we can do about that. It is the 2nd year for the Chamber to put the flags up, we will get better or we will check it in. We appreciate your patience in this effort. For whoever ripped the flag at North Plains Savings and Loan, the rest of what you did not take is down at the Chamber and for the

one taken at the Sherman County Real Estate, hang on to it for dear life. It is yours!

Girl Scouts
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them grow into competent, resourceful women. Their responses to the fun, friendship, leadership experiences and enduring values that they find in Girl Scouting are the reward we receive for a job well done.

Boy Scouts
Cont. From Page 9
the successful development of young people," said McGinnis. "Our goal has always been to assist in the growth of young people in America, and 'learning for life' provides yet another way we can play a role in building good citizens for tomorrow," added McGinnis.



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Public Notice

On June 28, 1991, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to add a new optional service offering for business Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Trunk customers called Digital Loop Service. The application has been assigned Docket No. 10461.

Digital Loop Service provides digital transmission of circuit switched voice and data communications between the customer's premises and the central office. This service allows the customer to use a 1.544 Mbps facility capable of delivering up to 24 line terminations. Southwestern Bell will provide Digital Loop Service within the customer's serving central office where facilities are available.

If approved by the Commission, the rates for the Digital Loop Service facilities will be \$445 per month for each digital transmission loop arrangement which provides a capacity of up to 24 line terminations, plus \$3 per month for each line termination and \$9 per month for each channel termination. The proposed rate for the unlimited use of the central office varies from \$12.25 up to \$18.90 per month for each line termination depending on the rate group classification, determined by the customer's location. Southwestern Bell estimates revenue of \$2.1 million from this offering during the first year.

As proposed by Southwestern Bell, customers who currently receive digital loop compatibility through facilities installed under a special construction agreement will have the option to receive their current digital loop arrangements pursuant to the Digital Loop Service Tariff or continue to pay their current charges until they make a change of location or account. Any increase in the number of line terminations to a customer's current digital transmission loop arrangement will be provided pursuant to the proposed Digital Loop Service Tariff; however, the customer will continue to have the option of paying current charges for the existing digital transmission loop capacity. Southwestern Bell's proposal to "grandfather" existing digital loop facility arrangements is subject to review and approval by the Commission.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, but not later than October 15, 1991. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256. The telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) number is (512) 458-0221.



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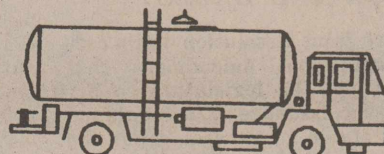
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I am writing in the hopes of dispelling the far-flung myth that law enforcement officers support gun control. The police administration on Capitol Hill, most of who haven't been on the street for decades, do not speak for the majority of rank & file police.

Take it from someone who knows. Gun bans and other harsh anti-gun laws directed at lawful gun owners ultimately do nothing to reduce violent crime. Semi-automatic gun bans in some states put law-abiding gun owners at risk of arrest and prosecution for refusing to register, surrender or otherwise dispose of their guns. Now a similar NATIONWIDE ban is proposed. I want to arrest criminals, not lawful citizens made into common criminals by means of misguided laws. That's why I oppose semi-auto gun ban proposals and other worthless anti-gun laws masquerading as crime control.

My job would be a lot easier if our elected officials would dedicate more time, money and effort toward developing anti-crime tools which legislate against the criminal, not law-abiding citizens. Let's cut out the easy parole and courtroom injustice and start enforcing the tough laws already on the books.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey C. Onstott

8-29-91

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank the newsmen from Channel 7 for coming to Stratford to hear about the problems facing our school system, but feel that, at least in one respect, the whole story was not told. Although I do understand some of the very real problems facing metro areas and large school districts, I'm not sure that the problems facing rural systems are understood, or given much thought, because of our number of representatives in our legislature.

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Right for any home.

Surely, people with higher education and the need to render help to the many areas in need, cannot believe that by taking basic necessities from the ones barely surviving harder times, they will have fixed the problems! It may look well and good on paper, but someone needs to take a hard look at what those systems taken from, will be doing without after the taking! The Stratford ISD had problems also; we are a collective group of citizens also; we have minority students with needs just as every other system has. I've been told that our Freshman High School Class is 60% minority, for example...Channel 7 was gracious enough to come hear our concerns, but summed quite a bit up as "consolidation", without explaining what that means to us. It spells out a few major concerns: Closure of the Elementary School Cafeteria; reduced Bus routes; fewer school personnel....

The word "Consolidation" is one that floats around the shadows of our problems, anyway...we may indeed have to consolidate with the nearest school systems in the future. This, also, may look very good on paper. (BUT) It may be very easy for those who do not understand the real distances our children must travel to school, to say consolidate these rural systems. Almost anything, is easy to SAY. Many of our bussed students must travel about an hour to an hour and a half to school and back home again every day already. Many are young...kindergarten...first grade...and many of the parents do not have any other means to get them to school from our surrounding farms. Aside from getting on the bus in the dark, and getting back off it in the dark, in winter, they have no play time, no family time, and for some, no time to WORK, being needed to help their families survive already hard times! They are tired from riding hot, dirty busses down dusty dirt farm roads on hot days, (Dusty almost regardless of the weather--this is the Dust Bowl) mired in mud on wet days, sometimes stuck, for long lengths of time, or let off at the pavement to trudge home in the MUCK...in the dark, (now that our busses are cut back and the routes are so much longer) if there is no one that can pick them up, or on steamed up busses in winter that are still cold...

Some people living in large metropolitan areas do not think about our daily problems because

they have never experienced them! I am from a large metropolitan area and never once gave a thought to farm area children in any regard! Now that I live here and see the problems every day, I'd like to say, think a minute--for example, about everyday problems connected with "normal bussing" (Pre-CED); we have dealt with both rattlesnakes and coyotes between the bus and the house...They aren't crack dealers by you can't just say no, either!

Compounding this problem is the sad fact that these same children, attending the Elementary School, now must reboard those busses at lunchtime and ride them over to the High School Cafeteria for lunch! We neither have the money to bring their cafeteria up to standards to feed them, nor to operate it. Today, they see this as a glamorous thing...eating lunch at the "Big" school...but what about January, February, and March, when it is very cold outside, sleeting, snowing wind blowing always, and most times hard enough to knock them down..it means coats, hats, gloves, mittens, boots... and since the teachers' aides are a thing of the past, it's their teachers that must keep up with the students and all their things, just to see that they are fed! Bussing them over has disrupted school schedules, lunch hours have been adjusted; what about the education they are supposed to be receiving? it disrupts the middle school students' schedules and the high school students' schedules, who also have to eat in the cafeteria. (It doesn't make serving breakfasts to students who need them any easier, either.) Our younger students now eat very early, and our older ones eat very late. Girls in high school physical education no sooner put up their trays than they are out running on the track! (Think about it!)

Speaking of track...the next thing to go will most likely be our football team, and although our students do not need to play ball to graduate high school, it may be an awfully hard pill to swallow, hearing from the media, how well Amarillo High or Tascosa, for example, or the schools in Dallas, are doing and how far they'll be going in the playoffs, when we no longer have football! (Added to loss of cafeteria, less than adequate bus routes no teachers' aides, fewer teachers, and absolutely no pay, raises at all for those left to teach, along with added responsibilities...and possible future dismissals...when many of our tax dollars will go to "help Amarillo (and others) survive"...knowing full well that their cafeterias will not close, and for all the media attention, there are new teachers & other personnel hired at many of those schools, and teachers are receiving some sort of pay raises; whether it is what they wanted or not is beside the POINT! Yes, some teachers have been let go...(HERE, TOO.)

I'd like to mention that many of the same systems our money will go to, already have more opportunity to study a more varied curriculum than we have ever been able to offer. They have many more advanced classes to offer, also. It now looks as if our students, who are among the TOP in the state, will never have the opportunity to learn many things that many others are taking for granted in other systems. It makes it hard for our students to compete in SAT and ACT scores, and state testings. We have a very good system, because our school personnel, community and parents CARE to do all they can to help our students succeed! this has been our magic potion, and has been the reason our students do

so very well! The computer system that was to give our students new opportunities to learn, will probably never get off the ground. If it does at all, it will offer LESS.

LESS seems to be the key word, now, and it will NEVER equal MORE. It is a sad day to realize that while we spend more tax dollars, our students will be receiving much less, and we cannot see areas like Amarillo "Losing" Much, in comparison. They just have more people complaining than we do, and more representatives to work for them. I am not happy about our tax dollars going to pay off someone else's debts or schemes.

Socialism does not work, in any form; Sweden can tell you; Russia can tell you. This will not work, either. One more thought...if education is lowered state wide, to "raise the standards of the worst systems" and it does not

work...who will have the abilities to work at the jobs and careers that will pay the salaries needed to enable future workers to help the ones in need? There will always be those in need. We must think of another way to help them. It can never work to tear down the ones who are barely making it, to "fix" what is wrong with the system. The money gets lost in bureaucracy along the way, the ones in need get little, and continue to do without, and the others lose the small gains they had over already huge obstacles in their way. Whenever those who really work hard for our students become so weighted down by circumstances out of their control, and without any compensation for long hours at the job, they will become like many others in our nation, already at that point, and will not do their jobs in quite the same, caring way. Our students will pay the price.

Stratford is not alone in this tangled web that is surfacing. All our rural schools are. Compare for a moment how many rural schools Texas must have, compared to metro schools! Yes, we need to find a way to help everyone needing help! But never by making others suffer serious consequences. It may all look good on paper! Things are already predicted to grow worse and then worse again, over the next few years. How much more can our students and teachers really lose?

I do not know the answers. I do see some of the huge problems our legislature is dealing with. I do not see that we have found any sort of solution with our legislative plan and CED. I do not care to watch our children lose, while politicians put on a good face, talk a lot of talk, spend a lot of money,

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NOTICE OF COMPARABLE TAX RATES AND REVENUES

The legislature has enacted a statute on school funding to comply with a court mandate enforcing the state constitution. Under prior statutes (SB 1) the tax rate for last year provides \$ 5,330 per student in state and local revenues. Under this statute (SB 351) that same rate now provides \$ 4,659 per student in state and local revenues.

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