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Local News

Weather Sirens

WATCH: Severe weather is possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

WARNING: Severe weather is occurring.

SIRENS FOR THE CITY OF STRATFORD-10 minute Wavering Siren-Tornado Warning. Issued when Tornado has been sighted and is approaching the City of Stratford.

3 minute Steady Siren-All Clear. Issued when all danger has passed area.

Time To Think About Planting Your Garden

Time to think about planting that garden. Think also about your produce and canned products for the Sherman County Fair, Sept. 8, 9, 10. Best of Show will be entered in the Tri-State Fair.

Annual Clean Up Day At Cemetery To Be Saturday

The Stratford Cemetery Board has designated Saturday, May 14, 1994 as the second annual clean up day at the cemetery. If you have a little time you can spare, please come armed with rake and shovel and come give us a hand. Bring a picnic lunch if you want. The drinks will be provided by the board. Last years' clean up day was quite successful and we hope that this year will be even better. Hope to see you there.

Stratford Cemetery Board

Clinic Dates Are Changed

The Texas Dept. of Health has had to change the clinic date for the Stratford clinic. The clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 25th with clinic hours being the same. Shot clinic will be 3:00 - 5:00 that day.

Junior-Senior Prom Pics

NOTICE-JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM PICS: Will be available for ordering on Wednesday, May 18th after 2 p.m. at the High School. They must be ordered by Tuesday, May 24. Give orders to Mrs. Gilley. No late orders, please!

Orders for windbreak trees now being taken

Windbreak & wildlife trees and shrubs have arrived. We have a variety of trees that are still available. Come by the Soil Conservation Service at 419 N. 4th.

Hospital Report

Pat Pentland, Dumas Nursing Center.

A Safe Place Outreach Representative will be in town, on Thursday's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. A Safe Place representative is always available to speak to civic clubs and organizations. Safe Place can be reached anytime day or night, by calling our crisis hotline 1-800-753-7553. Safe Place's services are free and strictly confidential. HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY!!



National Police Week

Pictured is Michael J. Hare, Chief of Police, City of Stratford, and Jack Haile, Sheriff, Sherman County, observing the signing of the proclamation of May 15th, as National Police Week, by W.C. Fesler County Judge, of Sherman County. The week which begins on Sunday, May 15th, will be observed by local law enforcement officers, who will wear a black mourning band over their badges, in remembrance of officers who have given their lives in the line of duty, and to remind everyone that in the United States, an officer will lose his life in the line of duty, every fifty seven hours and that 136 officers will be seriously injured in the performance of their duties. The week will end on the morning of the 23rd of May. Stratford churches have been asked by officers to offer prayers for the officers departed and those that remain on duty, Sunday, May 15th.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 15th to be dedicated as "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" and May 15th of each year to be "PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY" &

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men, warriors in the war against crime and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS, it is known that every fifty seven hours an American police officer will be killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and 136 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our community joins with other cities and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere and

We THEREFORE PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 15TH TO MAY 22ND TO BE POLICE WEEK and call upon all our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the police officers of this community by deed, remark and attitude. I call upon all our citizens to make every effort to express their thanks to our officers who make it possible for us to leave our homes and family in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing we are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

Signed this 2nd day of May at the city of Stratford, County of Sherman, State of Texas, in the witness thereof the seal of Sherman County in witness thereof the seal and signature for the county affixed.

W.C. Fesler, County Judge of Sherman County

Scot Dates

Friday-May 13th-Game Night. Come and see how good you are at Playing "42". Saturday May 14th, Trip to Taos, N.M. (Just a few seats left). Thursday, May 19th Bingo 7 p.m.

Babe Ruth Team Travels To Dumas

The Stratford Babe Ruth Team traveled to Dumas on Friday, May 6th. They played B & D Industrial and won 11-3.

Cowboy Rifle Match To Be Held

Cowboy Rifle Match will be Sunday, May 15, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. at No Man's Land Range-Guymon City Landfill from the corner of 12th and East Street in Guymon, Go 2 miles north and 1/2 mile east. Turn in at the Ram Sign.

This will be a fun match utilizing only lever action rifles and single action pistols with open sights. There will be a category for centerfire guns as well as rimfire guns.

This is free!! Come out and enjoy our First Cowboy Match at no charge.

Contact Chris Hinchey, 405-338-8423 or 405-338-1875 or Frank Vaughn at 396-5997.



Shown above are just some of the crew, who helped with the Lollipop Junction's 3rd Annual Ranch Hand Supper and Auction that was held Friday, May 6th.

Community Wide Reception Honoring Two Retiring SISD Employees To Be Held

A community-wide reception honoring two retiring Stratford Independent School District employees will be held on Sunday May 15th from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

Honorees are Delvin Howard and Dwayne Plunk.

Mr. Howard has been with SISD since August 1969. He has taught Spanish, Journalism and Speech.

Mr. Plunk has been with SISD since August 1969. He has taught History and Social Studies.

The Stratford Schools will deeply miss the association of these two fine people. SISD wishes them a happy and healthy retirement and we encourage the community to come out and take part in honoring these individuals this Sunday.

There will be a brief presentation to Mr. Howard and Mr. Plunk at approximately 2:30 p.m.

TRTA To Meet Thursday, May 12th

The local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday May 12th at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dumas, it is located at 1400 South Maddox. The program will include nutrition and fitness (wear comfortable clothes so you can participate), installation of officers, reports on Canyon Drive in, legislative report, dues will be collected and a membership drive will be organized for the 1994-1995 dues.

All retired educational personnel should plan to be present. They can learn how to help teachers retirement program and increase their benefits. Refreshments will be served by the hostesses Marie Waters, Francis McMurry and Cleo White.

Storm System Passes Through The County

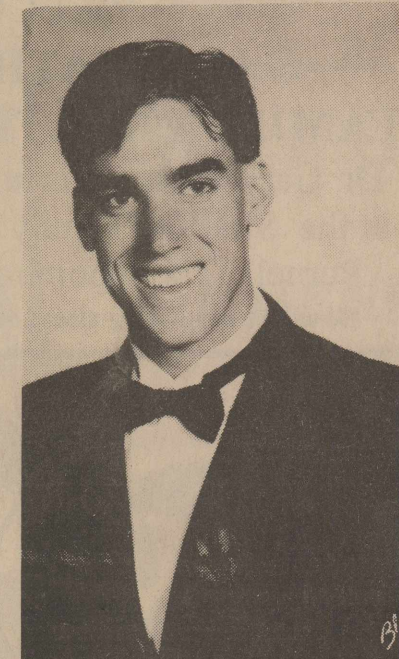
As the Star went to press we had a major storm pass through Sherman County. We will have pictures and details in next weeks edition. Reports have been from 3 to 6 inches of rain in places. Hail standing in fields and on roadways. This newsperson needed a helicopter to get to where she wanted to go.

There may be more beautiful times: but this one is ours. —Jean-Paul Sartre

Annual All Sports Banquet May 16th

The annual All Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May 16, 1994 in the high school cafeteria, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Parents and all supporters of the SISD athletic program are invited to attend. Awards will be presented to outstanding athletics in each sport, including cross country, football, basketball, track, tennis and golf.

Tickets for the All Sports Banquet may be purchased from Coach Jimmy Lanning or from the Superintendent's office for \$5.00 each.



Mark Freeman

Election Results

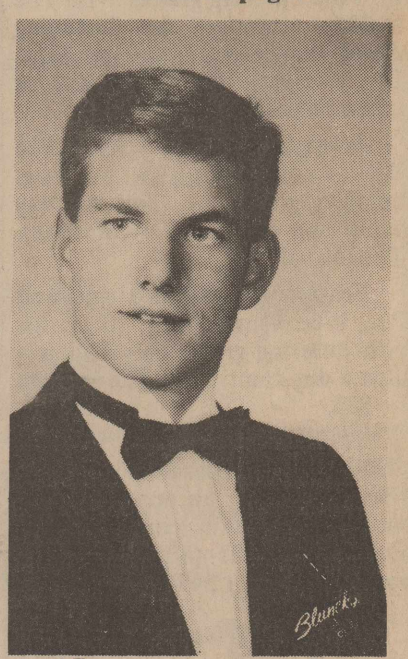
Election Results in Saturdays election were

Mayor: Ken Forthman (I), 179
City Council (top 2 vote getters): Doug McBryde, 119; Johnny Garza (I), 111; Ronnie Pickens, (I) 89; Roger Jeffries, 25; Jack Osborn, 55.

Stratford Independent School District

School board (top 3 vote getters): Philip Walden, 117; Kent Kimball (I), 106; Sandy Baskin, 101.

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Levi Berry

Freeman and Berry Top Honorees At Texhoma

Texhoma High School would like to announce that the high school Valedictorian is mark Freeman. Mark is the son of George and Jean Freeman of Texhoma. Mark's grandparents are George and Mary Freeman of Texhoma and Pauline Steward of Guymon. Mark is ranked number 1 in his class of 19 and has achieved a 3.94 GPA. Mark has been named to the honor roll each semester for 4 years. Mark has participated in basketball 4 years, football four years, band 1 year, track 3 years, and FFA 4 years. His honors in football include All District, District Lineman of the each semester for four years. He is Year, and class A All State member of Who's Who Among Defensive End. In basketball, High School students and Mark was named first team All-National Honor Society. Levi has Conference, second team All State Tournament, Daily Oklahoma All FFA for 4 years, and band for 2 State by class and Academic All years. Levi is currently the State. Mark is a member of the President of the Senior Class, Vice Methodist Church in Texhoma. President of National Honor Marks's hobbies are almost all Society. Levi has especially been sports activities. Mark has been a active in judging contests and member of Who's Who Among plans to continue judging while in American High School Students college. Levi plans to continue his for four years and has held a class studies by attending college at office 2 years. He is currently the Casper College in Casper, President of the National Honor Wyoming. Levi has also received Society and treasurer of the Senior the Oklahoma State Honor Class. He is a member of the Scholar Award, State FFA Farmer Oklahoma Honor Society and has and is a member of the Methodist received the Oklahoma State-Church.

University Honor Scholar award. Mark plans to continue his studies by attending college at Oklahoma State University.

Texhoma High School would like to announce that the High School Salutatorian is Levi Berry. Levi is the son of Andy and Lenora Berry of Texhoma. Levi's grandparents are Ted and Ann Berry of Texhoma, Oklahoma and Nora Austin of Estancia, New Mexico. Levi is ranked number two in a class of nineteen and has achieved a 3.79 GPA. Levi has been named to the Honor Roll of the each semester for four years. He is Year, and class A All State member of Who's Who Among Defensive End. In basketball, High School students and Mark was named first team All-National Honor Society. Levi has Conference, second team All State Tournament, Daily Oklahoma All FFA for 4 years, and band for 2 State by class and Academic All years. Levi is currently the State. Mark is a member of the President of the Senior Class, Vice Methodist Church in Texhoma. President of National Honor Marks's hobbies are almost all Society. Levi has especially been sports activities. Mark has been a active in judging contests and member of Who's Who Among plans to continue judging while in American High School Students college. Levi plans to continue his for four years and has held a class studies by attending college at office 2 years. He is currently the Casper College in Casper, President of the National Honor Wyoming. Levi has also received Society and treasurer of the Senior the Oklahoma State Honor Class. He is a member of the Scholar Award, State FFA Farmer Oklahoma Honor Society and has and is a member of the Methodist received the Oklahoma State-Church.

—William James

Dear Readers
By Marty Robertson

If we made some mistakes in this weeks issue, please forgive us, Shari and I have been very busy this Tuesday morning, trying to make press deadline and get pictures of the storm. We will have pictures and details in next weeks edition.

If you missed the Lollipop Junction Ranch Hand Supper, you missed a really good meal. Our understanding is that it was a huge success and raised quite a bit of money. Good for you!

Kids, days of school are limited now.



The Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree will have the Theme "Families" this year. This is the symbol for 1994 The International Year of the Family. It is a heart sheltered by a roof, the two being linked together with another heart, thus symbolizing not just life and love, but also home, warmness, caring, security, togetherness, and tolerance. The design indicates openness, the ideas of being a building block in society. The brush stroke which creates this openness indicates individuality and continuity, with a hint of uncertainty. In this way, the simple design becomes the abstract symbol of the complex notion of the family which in itself also becomes a symbol: (the symbol for the smallest democracy at the heart of society).

Election
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Stratford Hospital- Gary Hudson 118; Kathie Altman 108 and Bonnie Hamilton 122.

Three Basketball Camps To Be Held

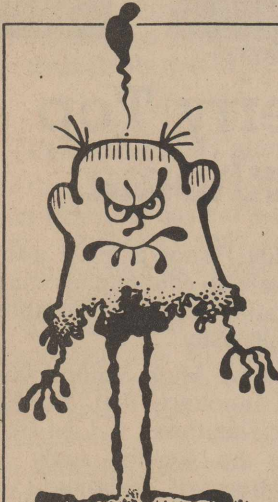
Oklahoma Panhandle State University men's basketball coach David Todd will be holding three basketball camps this summer at the university.

Session I will be May 29-June 2 for boys entering grades 7-12. The resident campers fee including dorm and cafeteria will be \$150. Day campers fee (no dorm or cafeteria) is \$70.

Session II is the Weekend Pee Wee Camp, June 3-4, for boys entering grades 3-6. This is a day camp only (no dorm or cafeteria). The fee will be \$35.

Session III will be a weekend Pee Wee Camp, June 10-11, for girls entering grades 3-6. This is a day camp only. The fee will be \$35.

The camps will be held at OPSU's Oscar Williams Fieldhouse. For an application or more information contact coach David Todd at (405) 349-2611, extension 234 or 349-2827 (home).



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Martha (Marty) Robertson
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Police Report

By Michael Hare
Chief of Police

05-03: Officers escorted a funeral procession from the Farm Bureau Building to the cemetery.

05-04: Officers assisted the Sheriff's Department with a mental patient. Officers went with the Stratford EMS to Northwest Texas Hospital. While enroute, the subject obtained a pair of Trauma Shears and threatened the Paramedic. The patient was subdued and re-restrained. It was later determined the subject had taken a large dose of Crystal Methamphetamine. The subject was admitted to the Care Unit for observation.

05-05: Officers received a call in reference to a snake in the engine compartment of a pick-up in the 300 Blk Of N. 2nd. Upon officers arrival, the snake could not be located. Officers also received an assault call. The victim declined to pursue charges.

05-07: Officers assisted the Sheriff's Department in arresting an intoxicated subject at the bus station. Later, officers again assisted the Sheriff's Department on a call in reference to a truck driver with a gun approximately 1 1/2 miles North of Stratford on U.S. 287. The subject was arrested without incident.

During this period, officers issued 17 citations; 9 for speeding, 4 for Fail to stop at stop sign, 1 for Unrestrained child and 3 for Minor in possession of Alcoholic Beverage. Officers also received two requests for Vacation Watches.

News From SCOT

By Jack Gore

Friday the 13th, Game night of 42 and any other game that anyone wants to play. Come and join in the fun.

Saturday, May 14, the Bus will leave Scot Hall at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast in Clayton, N. M., then through Cimarron Canyon, on to Taos, New Mexico's Arts and Craft Festival, Return home by 9 or 10 p.m.

May dates to remember- Monday night dance practice 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 19th-Bingo 7:00 a.m. Tuesday-24th Board meeting 10 a.m. Thursday the 26th Luncheon at 12 noon. Saturday the 28th Dance 8 to 11 p.m. Monday the 30th Memorial Day.

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—Winston S. Churchill

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Obits

Verda May Boney Cooper

Verda May Boney Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Boney, was born May 21, 1906 in Gray County. She died April 11 in Warrensburg, Mo., Graveside services were held in Big Spring, Tx. April 15, 1994.

Mr. and Mrs. Boney moved to Sherman County in 1906, the year Verda was born.

Verda and Audie Lee (Aud) Cooper were married in 1924 in Guyton, Okla. Mr. Cooper preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1962. She and her late husband owned and operated Big Spring Livestock Auction. In 1988 Mrs. Cooper and Son, Warren Lee moved to Warrensburg to be near her daughter, Laverne McCulloch.

Survivors include one son, Warren Lee & daughter Laverne McCulloch, Warrensburg, Mo., two sisters, Annie Craig of Sunray, Tx. and Cora Stinson of Denton, Tx. two grand children and two great children and two sister-in-laws Evelyn Cooper and Dorothy Kendall of Amarillo, Tx.



Hare Graduates

Melissa (Missy) Hare graduated May 12, 1994 from Frank Phillips College Nursing Program. Missy is married to Police Chief Mike Hare and they have one daughter, Lauran.

Cheerfulness is the spice of all truth.

—Pestalozzi

Stratford Hospital District
and
Moore County Hospital District
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Engagement Announced

Susan A. Williams and Lonnie R. Eslinger, Jr., both of Carlisle, Pa., announce their engagement and approaching wedding on June 4. They exchange vows at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stratford at 2 p.m. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams of Carlisle and Lonnie is the son of Lonnie R. Eslinger, Sr., Keyes, Ok. and Mrs. Florencia Eslinger, Kerrick, Texas. The groom to be is stationed with the army at Carlisle, Pa. Area friends of the couple are invited to attend and wedding and reception which follows at Kerrick Community Center.



Engelbrecht To Be Honored

Marihoward Engelbrecht of Stratford, Texas will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Region 1 Awards Banquet on May 12, 1994. The banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas.

Region 1 consists of 51 counties in the Panhandle of Texas.

Categories in which awards will be presented include: Outstanding Conservation District; Resident Conservation Farmer; Resident Conservation Rancher; Absentee Conservation Farmer/Rancher; Business/Professional Individual; Conservation Teacher; Wildlife Conservationist; Public Media

Award and Conservation Homemaker. Additional awards are presented for outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the Awards Program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the regional awards program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and 211 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

Be patient when people growl at you; they may be living with a bear.

Births

M'Kaley Shayn Seaton was born April 28, 1994 at 8:51 a.m., weighing 5 lbs. 13 ozs and 18 inches long at Dumas Memorial Hospital. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kiley Seaton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Childress, Grove, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Seaton.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Lois Sparks, Rotan, Texas; Mr. H.R. Perry of Amarillo, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Melton, of Afton, Oklahoma.

Days are like suitcases. By careful arrangement, some people can pack more into them than others.



40th Anniversary Celebrated

At a 40th Anniversary Renewal Mass, Ted and Joyce Irlbeck of Kerrick celebrated their anniversary on April 30th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They were married on April 29, 1954. Father Richard Scully led the Mass. Others assisting were Rev. Willie Artho, Deacon; Marihoward Engelbrecht, Organist; Ron Engelbrecht, Song Leader; Acolytes were Aaron and Megan Roberts; Lectors, Jeanette Artho and Belinda Roberts; Ushers, Dennis Irlbeck, Melvin Irlbeck and Jim Roberts. A reception for about 85 friends and relatives was held in the Parish hall.

The driest part of the world is the Pacific coast of northern Chile between Arica and Antofagasta. The annual mean rainfall is less than 0.004 inches.

Prospectus Study Club



Shown (l to r) are Margaret Reed, Jimmie Pronger, D'Lynn Reed and Linda Haynes.

President Linda Haynes, GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, led the club in a busy but efficient meeting May 4 at the home of Lore Dietrich. Co-hostess was Mary Woodford Wisdom.

1994 Old Timer King and Queen were selected and the scholarship was awarded to a 1994 Senior. There were 13 applicants - all very deserving. The \$500 scholarship will be announced at graduation.

A letter of thanks was read from Ryan Swain who attended Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar.

Members were reminded of D.A.R.E. graduation on May 12, 2 p.m. at Mary Allen.

Assisting with Summer Reading at Sherman County Library will be Linda Swain, Marty Bain and Jimmie Pronger.

Club voted to donate beef for the Lollipop Junction Auction. They will also replace the vests and safety paddles at Mary Allen.

Members plan to tour American Quarter Horse Museum in Amarillo on Thursday, June 2.

They will meet at Barbara Chumley's at 9 a.m.

With regret the resignation of Lorraine Mehner was accepted.

A donation of \$100 will be made to Depot Museum.

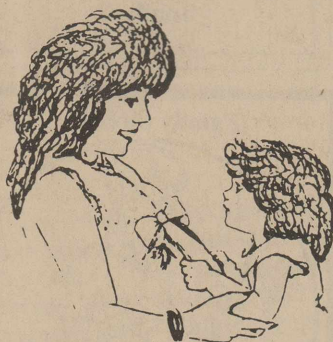
Club will be meeting next year on first Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

1994-1996 Officers were installed by District President Margaret Reed. She used yellow tulips while reminding them of their duties. D'Lynn Reed was installed as president; Jimmie Pronger, president-elect (Yearbook); Margaret Reed, Secretary; Linda Haynes, parliamentarian. Others are Sharon Blain, 1st V.P. (Finance); Zeldia Pickens, 2nd V.P. (Social); Dorothy Haile, Treasurer.

Present were Linda Haynes, Patti Vincent, Kathie Altman, Oline Caraway, Marylou McDaniel, Barbara Chumley, Joyce Ann Lasley, Marty Bain, Sonja Kendrick, Linda Swain, Mattie Baskin, Mary Peach Smith, Margaret Reed, Jimmie Pronger, Mary Woodford Wisdom and Lore Dietrich.

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- Rena Cathey, LVN
- Brandi Drake, LVN
- Anthony Giraitis, LVN
- Shelene Jines, LVN
- Belinda Roberts, Med. Aide
- Diana Bones, NA
- Bridget Branham, CNA
- Tina Henry, CNA
- Aurora Hernandez, CNA
- Amy Martinez, NA
- Victoria Montoya, CNA
- Bertha Peregrino, CNA
- Tom Shaw, CNA

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Prairie Dog Hunters

Jack Beery, Head of the local Chamber of Commerce, Hunter Committee greeted seven hunters from north eastern Iowa, at the Ranger Motel. They were here a couple weeks past varmint hunting. The weather was cold and damp and not conducive for prairie dog hunting. This was their first hunting trip to Texas. They hunt prairie dogs in western Wyoming and South Dakota. Shown at the left are Jack Beery, far left with the group of seven hunters.

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock
County Extension Agent



Family Fun!!

The Children's Fun Pass allows free admission to over 150 attractions including Sea World and Fiesta Texas! Only \$15.

Call the American Lung Association of Texas at 800/252-5864

Just after finishing the dishes from Saturday's lunch, Andrea hears Jeremy crying. "Short nap," Andrea says to herself as she climbs the stairs to check on her 2-year old son. Jeremy's watery eyes seem redder than usual, and his nose keeps running even after Andrea has wiped his tears away. "He feels a little warm," Andrea thinks as she finishes changing a very messy diaper. "You must have caught a little cold at day care this week, sweetie," she whispers to him as she wraps him in some warmer clothes and takes him downstairs. Jeremy's coughing confirms Andrea's idea. A few days later, however, Jeremy develops a red rash on his forehead and behind his ears. Andrea calls a friend to fill in for her at work and rushes Jeremy to the medical clinic across town. "Jeremy has the measles," Dr. Brown explains after a thorough examination. Dr. Brown informs Andrea that measles is a very serious, contagious disease which can result in complications including ear infection, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain (encephalitis). "When did Jeremy have his MMR immunization?" Dr. Brown asks. "Immunization?" responds Andrea, "What is that?"

Immunization or vaccination is the process by which people are made resistant (immune) to germs that cause disease. You can become naturally immune to an infectious disease by first catching the disease. An infectious disease is a disease caused by particular germs that enter your body and multiply within it. Your body creates antibodies that destroy the infectious agent. Antibodies are special substances in the body which disarm or destroy invading germs. Once you have had an infectious disease, your body can recognize reinfection when it occurs, and reproduce the necessary antibodies to fight it off before symptoms occur.

You can also be made immune without ever having to have an infectious disease even once. A physician can give you a vaccine by injection or by mouth, which helps your body produce the antibodies needed to fight off infectious agents. Thus, because you are immune, you do not have to suffer the symptoms of the disease or the serious complications that may result.

The Texas Department of Health will be conducting "Shots Across Texas" immunization clinics in May. Cable Channel 6 offers more details of the clinic or call the Texas Department of Health office in Dalhart at 249-6090.

Pine Wood Derby Winners



1st-3rd place winners for Pine Wood Derby are (l to r) Josh Williams 1st, Wesley Hunsaker 2nd, and Carson Buckles 3rd place.



Decorated Car winners are (l to r) Scott Plunk 1st, Jarett Pemberton 2nd and Dalton Crabtree 3rd.

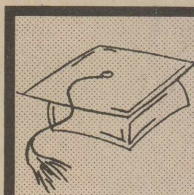


Shown above are Pine Wood Derby 4th-6th place winners. L to R Denton Crabtree 4th, Scott Zak 5th and Jared Ewers 6th.

Happy Birthday Dean, Jim, Amber, Homer, Trisha, Matt, Miguel, Scott, Von Ann, Cyndy, Elizabeth, Kyla June, Anna, Chan, David, Arther, Ashley, Domingo, Frank, Frankie, Philip, Rebecca, Shannon, Wanda, Rustin, Ryan, Shelby, Thea, Wendy.



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Teacher of the Month

Mary Allen Spotlight of the Month

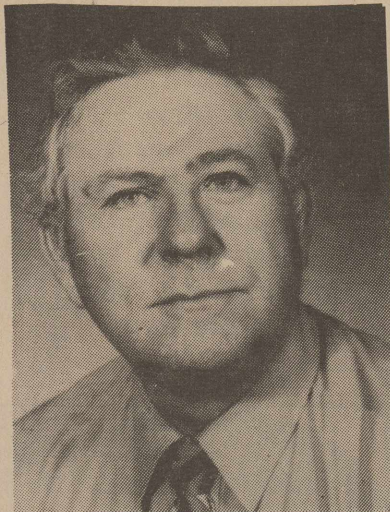


Jeannie Knight

The High School Teacher of the Month for May is Mrs. Jeannie Knight. Mrs. Knight teaches Home Ec.

Students who chose Mrs. Knight had these nice things to say about why they felt she should be Teacher of the Month. "Mrs. Knight makes the class interesting." "Mrs. Knight is very patient and helps and understands when you mess up." "Mrs. Knight heads up the FHA and has a good program." "Mrs. Knight makes learning fun and enjoyable." "Mrs. Knight also cooks for many board meetings and other important meetings." "Mrs. Knight is also a great person to talk to. She understands and takes the time to listen to you." "Mrs. Knight has really taught me how to understand the real world. I was having family problems and I could always go to Mrs. Knight and she would help me." "I think she has a very special heart and she would help anybody that asked." "Mrs. Knight is a very loving, caring and hardworking person."

Jeannie and her husband Don have 3 children, Valerie Voogt of Dallas, Daron Knight of Stratford and Galen Knight of Dallas. She and Don have four grandchildren. Congratulations Jeannie!

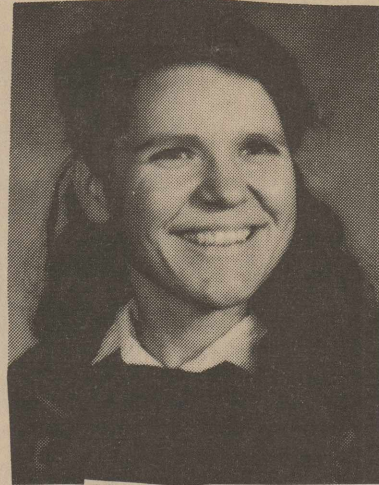


Dwayne Plunk

Middle School Teacher of the Month for May is Mr. Dwayne Plunk. Mr. Plunk teaches history.

His students had these comments on why he should be Teacher of the Month. "Mr. Plunk, a teacher, a farmer, a friend to those who know him. Mr. Plunk is an interesting guy." "Mr. Plunk has taught for twenty-five years here at Stratford Junior High." "With his experience, Mr. Plunk knows what works with students and what doesn't." "The generations, dress code, and hair styles have changed, but his study guides haven't. Every Thursday they are due and that is final." "He blends comedy with learning. Sometimes he starts to sing about something educational, he puts just enough humor in it to make you laugh." "When Mr. Plunk retires, it will be a sad day. He brings something to our school that will be gone when he leaves." "I think Mr. Plunk has been one of the greatest teachers Stratford Middle School has ever had."

Dwayne and his wife Peggy have six children. They are Cheryl, Kim, Kevin, Jim, Rendy and Wade. Dwayne and Peggy also have six grandchildren. They are Heath, Brandon, Justin, Scott,



Marietta Ricks

Mary Allen Spotlight Teacher of the Month is Marietta Ricks. Marietta is the Music teacher for Mary Allen and 5th grade middle school.

Marietta was born in Plainview, TX. She attended Spearman Schools and West Texas State University. Marietta is a member of the First Christian Church. She is involved in TSTA, Church Choir, Bell Choir, Daisy Girl Scout leader and works with Tiger Cubs. Marietta has taught at Stratford for four years.

Marietta has 3 children. Two sons, John and Matthew and one daughter, Shannara. Marietta enjoys doing things with her children and reading. Marietta will be getting married on May 26 to Roman Combs of Liberal, Kansas. They will make their home in Stratford.

Chance and Ashton. Congratulations Dwayne and we wish you well on your retirement.

1994 Ranch To Rail-North Field Day

The 1994 Ranch to Rail-North Field Day will be held at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center on May 10. The program was initiated to allow producers the opportunity to learn more about their calf crop and the factors that influence value beyond the weaned calf phase of beef production. It is not an effort to promote retained ownership, nor a contest to compare breeds or breeders. It is, however, a system that provides a format for information exchange between the cow-calf, feeder and packer segments of the industry. Producers enroll weaned calves into the program and are subsequently provided with detailed performance, carcass and financial summary reports. Many producers have found that calf health, prior to shipping from the ranch, is as important or more important than genetics. The system is currently in its third year of operation. This year over 2,100 steers were entered and will begin to complete their finishing phase in the feedlot this month (April).

The field day is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and will include the following topics:
8 a.m.: Complimentary Tex-Mex breakfast - Chuck Fries, Roche Animal Health

- 9:00: "A Wake-Up Call for the Beef Industry" - Dr. Bill Mies, Texas A&M University, College Station
- 9:15: "1993-94 Ranch to Rail - North Update" - Dr. Matt Cravey, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Amarillo
- 9:45: "Vaccination Programs That Worked" - Dr. John McNeill, Texas A&M University, College Station
- 10:15: "Injection Site Problems Begin at the Ranch" - Dr. Korb Maxwell, Pfizer Animal Health, Leawood, Kansas and Toad Tucker, Miles Animal Health, San Angelo
- 10:45: "Carcass Defects That Hurt Our Industry" - Dr. Jeff Savell and Dr. Davey Griffin, Texas A&M University, College Station
- 11:30: "Hitting the Packer Target" - Dr. Dan Hale, Texas A&M University, College Station
- 11:45: "Beef Quality Excellence in Texas" - Richard Wortham, Texas Beef Council, Austin
- 12:00: "Ranch to Rail Prime Rib"
- 1:00: "Signals in the Market" - James Herring, Friona Industries, Amarillo; Ralph Myrick, Midland Cattle Co., Amarillo; Buddy Jeffers, Superior Livestock Auction, Ft. Worth; Burt Richards, Buffalo Livestock Commission Co., Buffalo
- 2:00: "Beef Needs to Beef Up Its Image" - Russ Wolfe, TOPCO, Skokie, Illinois
- 3:00: View Ranch to Rail Steers on Feed - Richard Winter, Manager and Phil Moreman, Assistant Manager, Randall County Feedyard
- 5:30: Arrive Back at Research and Extension Center (6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo)

THOSE WANTING TO ATTEND THE FIELD DAY NEED TO REGISTER BY MAY 1 WITH ALLYSON BUTLER AT (409) 845-3579

Library Notes By Dorothy Haile

Whether you're a sports enthusiast or not, you've heard his name, and seen his face...Nolan Ryan... the miracle man of baseball with an incredible forty-eight major league pitching records. Now, for the first time, meet the man behind that 95-mile-per-hour fastball that has propelled him to legend statue. The Autobiography of the Miracle Man, Nolan Ryan is about a 45 year old Texan with the ageless arm.

Jack Boyd has published two more volumes of articles that have appeared in the Abilene Reporter News each Saturday since 1987. Boyd writes about small town Americana with compassion and good humor. If It Ain't Broke and Boy, Howdy join his first column, Life As It's Lived in the Texas Collection. Boyd is a professor of music at Abilene Christian University, and has authored numerous articles, musical compositions and books, including a college textbook.

Private eyes is Jonathan Kellerman's newest suspense novel.

Another of the "Josh, The Wonder Dog" series will intrigue the early reader. This book gives the history of how the books were conceived, the author's affection for the real live Josh, and what has happened to Josh in a real life.

A gift book to the library is The Final Prophecies of Nostradamus by Erika Cheetham.

A Pictorial Bible Dictionary is also a gift book.

Summer Reading Club for children entering kindergarten through fourth grade will begin on June 6. Programs will be on Monday only.

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The Mary Allen Kindergarten class held a rodeo last Wednesday, May 4th. They participated in roping, pole bending and even removing the ribbon from the goat's tail. A good time was had by all who participated or watched. Shown above is Heather Robertson. Shown above, left are Mrs. Susan Wheeler, Mrs. Linda Haynes holding the goat and Caleb Brown. Bottom left is Cheyenne Ziemann roping.

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The Amarillo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will be holding two public meetings. The meetings will explain the way transportation projects are planned by the department, and are intended to serve as a means of gaining public input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The first meeting will be Thursday, May 26, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd floor of the City Hall in Amarillo. The second meeting will be Tuesday, May 31, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building, 16th and Maddox in Dumas.

The public meetings will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meetings for public comment.

The meetings have been scheduled in order to provide the public with an opportunity to attend a meeting in their area; each meeting will present the same material. The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently being planned or any additional projects which might be proposed; however, speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any projects may be submitted at the meeting or only written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 2708) Amarillo, Texas 79105. Comments must be received no later than June 10, 1994.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at (806) 356-3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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County Agent

By Jim Allison
County Agent

Iron Chlorosis is a consistent problem in lawns in Sherman County. Each summer I receive numerous calls about yellowing and discoloration in lawns.

Dr. Richard Doble, Extension Turfgrass specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service wrote the following article relating to Iron Chlorosis. I think this article will answer many of your questions relating to correction iron chlorosis.

Iron chlorosis presents a significant problem to crop production in the western United States. In Texas, crop production is impacted by iron chlorosis in the entire western half of the state and in South Texas. All of these areas are characterized by high pH, calcareous soils. In such soils the growth and appearance of many plants, including turfgrass, are impaired by iron deficiencies.

Iron chlorosis results when green chlorophyll in leaf tissue fails to develop or is destroyed. Although iron is not part of the chlorophyll molecule, it is one of the nutrients essential for chlorophyll synthesis. Iron chlorosis first develops in new growth and appears as yellowish-green leaves. As the condition worsens leaves appear yellow to almost white, usually accompanied by interveinal yellowing giving the leaf a striped appearance. In severe cases of iron chlorosis, loss of turfgrass and other plants occur in irregular patterns.

Traditionally, iron chlorosis was attributed to reduced availability of iron in calcareous soils. But, today, scientists find iron chlorosis associated with high levels of bicarbonates in plant tissue growing in calcareous soils. Apparently, the bicarbonates form a chemical complex with iron in the roots of grasses; thus, iron is rendered ineffective for the synthesis of chlorophyll in the leaf.

Management practices can also contribute to iron deficiencies. Excessive irrigation and soil compaction result in poorly aerated soils and reduced iron uptake.

Well aerated soil is needed for plants to take up iron. High phosphorus levels resulting from excessive fertilization also interfere with iron uptake by plants.

Environmental factors such as temperature, rainfall and light intensity also impact iron uptake and assimilation by plants. Low soil temperatures reduce soil microbial activity which, in turn, reduces iron uptake. Wet soils or excessively dry soils and low light intensities also reduce iron uptake. Iron chlorosis is common in St. Augustine grass under shaded conditions.

Plant genetics may also influence the plant's ability to take up iron. Some grasses of the same species differ in their ability to take up iron. Floratam St. Augustine grass, for example, is much less likely to show iron chlorosis than other varieties of St. Augustine grass. Bermudagrass varieties also differ in their ability to take up iron.

Correcting Iron Chlorosis

One approach to correcting iron chlorosis has been to reduce soil alkalinity with acidifying materials such as elemental sulfur and sulfuric acid. In soils, elemental sulfur is oxidized by microorganisms to form sulfuric acid. The oxidation rate varies with soils and environmental conditions. Although the mechanism involved in iron uptake and assimilation with acidification is unclear, experience has shown it to increase plant growth and reduce iron chlorosis in plants.

In turfgrasses, 50 to 20 pounds of elemental sulfur per 1,000 sq. ft. are applied to reduce soil pH and iron chlorosis. Also, sulfuric acid may be added through the irrigation system in dilute concentrations to lower soil pH. Both methods of acidification have been shown to reduce iron chlorosis in some soils. However, both methods have as an additional effect, increases soluble salts. On poorly drained sites, where salts would accumulate, these methods should not be used without first correcting the drainage problem.

The application of products containing iron to the soil or directly to the plant is the most widely used method to correct iron chlorosis. The problem with this method is the longevity of the

effect. Typically, iron applications improve the color of turfgrasses for only 3 to 4 weeks. In soils, iron is rapidly oxidized to form insoluble iron oxides. In grasses, iron is immobile and is removed

with the clippings. Thus, the response is of short duration.

A product of Duval Sales Corporation called "Iron-Sul" demonstrated promise as an effective means of correcting iron chlorosis. A single application of Iron-Sul at 10 pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. to bluegrass turf significantly improved the color of the turf for 16 weeks. Similar responses have been reported on St. Augustine and Bermudagrass Du. Iron-Sul is a product of mining operations in Arizona and is reported to contain 20 percent iron and 30 percent sulfur. In soils, the sulfur seems to keep the iron from Iron-Sul in an available form for several months.

Phosphorus fertilization can also interact with soil applied iron to cancel the greening effect of iron. Even at relatively high rates of Iron-Sul (400 lbs. per acres) no greening effect was observed where phosphorus was applied at rates greater than 1 pound per 1,000 sq. ft. Similar interactions between phosphorus and iron have been demonstrated on centipedegrass and other plants.

Other dry products can be applied in a granular form include Ruffin and Ironite. Both products have demonstrated effective greening responses to turf and ornamental plantings. Foliar applications of iron sulfate and iron chelates provide a temporary solution to iron chlorosis. Again, the effect of a foliar application to turf usually disappears after two or three mowings since iron is not mobile in the plant. Ferrous

Hansford Showtime Car Club To Have 6th Annual Shine & Show 5-14-94

The Hansford Showtime Car Club of Spearman, Texas, will be hosting their sixth annual Shine and Show on Saturday, May 14, 1994, at the Swimming Pool Park, 210 E. 7th St., in Spearman. The show will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 4:00 p.m.

Scheduled activities include valve cover races, Pokey's pulling trucks, sale boar, games, and fun in general. Entry fee is \$5.00 per vehicle. There is no pre-registration and all types of vehicles are invited. All show registered vehicles will receive free dash plaques and goodie bags. All proceeds will benefit the Spearman Little House.

The Spearman Lions Club will be sponsoring a road rally in conjunction with the Shine and Show. There is a \$10.00 registration fee and will begin at noon. This rally is a smaller version of the famous Great Race.

The Boy Scouts will be selling concessions featuring their famous hamburgers. Come join us for a day of fun at the park on Saturday, May 14. For more information call Sam at 659-3019, Bruce at 659-5410, or Terry at 659-3691.

sulfate produces a dramatic greening response on warm season grasses at 4 to 6 ozs. per 1,000 sq. ft. and on cool season grasses at much lower rates. Iron chelates produce similar responses when applied to the foliage at recommended rates. The addition of nitrogen (5 lbs. of urea per 100 gallons) to the spray solution of iron greatly increases the level of response.



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