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## Scot Bingo

Scot Bingo Thursday,  
December 5th at 7 p.m.

## Chamber Manager Retires

J.A. Lasley, Stratford Chamber of Commerce manager will be retiring in January 1997 after serving the Stratford Community as chamber manager for the past almost 10 years.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is searching for a Chamber Manager. A resume and recommendations are required indicating skills in bookkeeping, record keeping and computer. Pay is based on 40 hr. week. Must be a people person with a love for Stratford. Inquiries can be made at the Chamber office, 396-2260; Gaynelle Riffe, President 396-5303; George Harding, Vice-President 396-2206.

## Lollipop Junction Open During Christmas Open House

Do you need to do some Christmas shopping ALONE? Well, Lollipop Junction has the answer for you. On Dec. 2 several area merchants will be hosting their annual Christmas Open House event. On Dec. 4, the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Christmas Parade with business staying open late on that evening also. Lollipop Junction will be open on these two evenings from 5:30 until 7:00 to accommodate any shoppers who might need child care. The child care will be free of charge so please bring your child by while you take care of your shopping needs.

## Stratford Youth Basketball Needs You

Stratford Youth Basketball needs coaches, referees, and directors for the 1997 season.

This is not only an opportunity for parents of players but if you are an interested person who enjoys children or basketball. We Need You!

If you are interested, please call Kristi Walden 769-4467.

**The Stratford Star Will Be Closed on Friday, December 6, 1996**

## 20 Shopping Days Until Christmas

**Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board**  
**To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call**  
Angie Aguilar - 396-2040  
Kathie Altman - 396-5611  
Arlene Baker - 396-5318  
Laura Dahl - 827-7476  
Patsy Harland - 827-7568  
Viola Kautz - 396-2058  
Jerry Stewart - 396-5554  
**Child Protection Services**  
935-6837  
**ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL**



## Deweese Sworn In

Jim Dewese was sworn in Monday, December 2, 1996 as Stratford's Chief of Police. We wish Jim the best of luck in his new endeavor.

## Holiday Tour Of Homes To Be Held December 8th

Nu Beta Sorority is pleased to present the 1996 Holiday Tour of Homes to be held on Sunday, December 8th. The event will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission fee is \$5.00 per person which allows you to view all four homes on the tour. The proceeds from the Holiday Tour of Homes is used for the Nu Beta Scholarship Fund presented annually to Stratford High School Seniors and to other local charities.

Nu Beta would like to thank those people who generously agreed to participate in the Tour of Homes this year. The following homes will be on the tour: Mr. and Mrs. Doak Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riffe, Mr. and Mrs. Gareed McBryde, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riffe.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the homes on the day of the event. More information and maps will follow soon. Make your plans to attend this exciting Holiday Tour of Homes! For questions, please contact Lorie Vincent, Keri Knight, or Stacy Metcalf.

## Depot Museum Open House Dec. 8th

Christmas scenes with snowflakes, snow covered pine trees, and miniature toy trains delivering Christmas presents can be seen at the Depot Museum during the annual Christmas Open House, Sunday, December 8, 1996, from 1-3 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Sherman County Depot Museum board to invite the people of the community to visit the museum. Refreshments will be served.

This Open House is a special time to view the new attractions but the museum is also open from 2-4 p.m. with capable volunteers serving as hostesses.



## Four CEU's To Be Offered At Sherman County Ag Day

The Sherman County Ag Day will be held Tuesday, December 10, 1996 in the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments. Lunch will be provided courtesy of DuPont Ag Products and NC+ Hybrids.

Four (4) CEU's will be offered for recertification of licensed private applicators, non-commercial applicators, and commercial applicators. Of the 4 CEU hours, 1 hour will be Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and 1 hour in Laws and Regulations.

Speakers and topics for the Ag Day include the following:

Kent Shaw, TDA Pesticide Specialist-Revisions and changes in TDA regulations and guidelines;

Dr. Jerry Michels, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-Advances in biological control of pests in wheat and grain sorghum

Jack Lyons, DuPont Ag Products-Pesticide labels and labeling;

Bobby Knoll, NC+ Hybrids-Integrated Pest Management and growth development of grain sorghum;

Richie Brotherton, Natural Resource Conservation Service-Control of beargrass on rangeland;

Mike Breiting, Farm Service Agency-Conservation Reserve Program Update.

Richard Bowers, Manager of North Plains Underground Water District, will be the keynote speaker during lunch. Mr. Bowers will address underground water quantity and quality in the North Plains District.

Please contact the Sherman County Extension Office at (806) 396-2081 by Friday, December 13th if you plan to attend the Sherman county Ag Day.

## Snow Storm Hits Panhandle

A snow storm blew into Stratford Early Saturday morning dumping anywhere from 4 to 9 inches in the surrounding areas. Wind also blowing created drifts, and the highways were very treacherous. Lots of vehicles off in the ditches and several fender benders.

## Coldwater Manor Commences Construction

Several months ago, Stratford Hospital District Board of Directors announced plans to build an 18-bed secure unit for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Construction actually began October 14th. Today, we are able to see the steel framework and outline of the addition. The addition is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 1997.

The new construction is an 1800 square foot area that is being added to the existing west wing of Coldwater Manor. It will consist of one additional semi-private resident room, a large common room for dining, activities and lounging, a nursing station with accompanying medical storage room, and two small storage rooms. There will also be a special outside courtyard that is secured by a seven-foot decorative fence. The courtyard has been designed with plants, shrubs and trees that give visual and tactile stimulation for dementia residents, but also protects them from plant poisoning. The covered patio has a circular pathway scored in the concrete to aid Alzheimer residents who normally wander in circular patterns.

The building interior has also been designed to help in the care of dementia residents. The existing west wing hallway will have sound absorbing fabric put to the wainscot level. The new living areas have sound absorbing walls and ceilings to help lower the overall sound level in the unit. Research has indicated that a quiet, simplified environment is essential in helping dementia people cope with their disease. The lighting system will have a dimmer switch to lower lighting levels as an aid to creating a calming surrounding. One of the

existing rooms will be decorated as a family living room where residents may visit with friends and family members in a private setting. All outside doors and gates will be electronically secured to reduce the likelihood of a resident wandering away from the facility. These doors will be wired to the fire alarm system, so that they release in an emergency to quickly evacuate the area. Resident rooms will be decorated with items familiar from their home settings. To aid in finding their own room, each resident will have a picture of themselves near their name at the room door.

Because dementia residents often confuse television as being the real environment and act accordingly, individual television sets will not be allowed on the unit. Group television will be used in conjunction with video tapes that lend to a calm setting rather than an exciting one.

Facility staff have already begun the training process to work with dementia residents. Some have gone to special seminars and brought back information for all of the staff. Video tapes related to the care of persons with dementia are also being used. We have already begun a quarterly support group for family members. Anyone having a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementia is welcome to participate in that activity, whether the loved one is a resident of Coldwater Manor or not.

The existing south wing will continue to be used for residents who do not have dementia. These residents are closely watching the construction process. Everyone is anticipating the pleasure of a quieter atmosphere in both wings of the building.

## Senator Bivins Town Hall Meeting Dec. 9th

Amarillo-State Senator Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) will conduct a town hall meeting in Stratford at 9:30 a.m. Monday, December 9th in the First State Bank Lobby located at 302 N. Main. All area residents are invited to attend.

Bivins will discuss the upcoming 75th Legislative Session and the bills he plans to introduce. He will also answer questions from constituents and solicit their views on state issues.

In January, the legislature is expected to address such issues as tax reform, redistricting, tort reform and economic development. "I look forward to hearing from my constituents about what is important to them," Bivins said. "I believe we will have another successful session like we did in 1995."

Bivins is serving his third term in the Texas Senate. He is chairman of the Senate Education Committee and also serves in the Finance and Natural Resources committees.

The legislature will convene January 14, 1997 and meet through June 2, 1997.

## Project Christmas Card

You have until Monday, Dec. 16th at 12 noon to give to Project Christmas Card for Sherman County Library! Donations are used to purchase books and other needed items for the Library.

Since 1962 Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star have joined in promoting this project for the Library. This is how it works. Figure what you would spend in sending cards to friends locally--the cards, stamps, time and make a check to Sherman County Library Christmas Project for that amount (maybe add more!)

Take to The First State Bank with how you want your name or names on the Christmas page. Your greetings will be placed on the page and the Library will benefit!

This will be in the Christmas Edition of The Star on Thursday, December 19, 1996.

## Time To Send Your Santa Letters Now!!!!

It's that time again-when Santa begins expecting letters from boys and girls listing their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus has once again chosen the Star as the official area drop-off point for letters to him.

Children are welcome to bring their letters to the Star office at 309 N. Main and place them in our special Santa mailbox. They can also be mailed to Santa Letters, c/o The Stratford Star, P.O. Box 8, Stratford, Texas 79084. Santas' Mailbox is also at Mary Allen Elementary if you would like to mail your letter there.

The Star will print all the letters it receives in its annual Christmas edition, which comes out December 19, 1996. We also forward all letters with the help of some of Santa's elves, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas Eve.

But remember, all letters must be received at the Star office by Friday, December 13th 5 p.m., and the sooner we have them, the better. Letters received after that date will not have time to reach the North Pole.

Don't forget to put your first and last name on the letter so that Santa Claus is sure to know who you are.

## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans from damages and losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Dalhart, TX., Hunter M. Latham said today.

Sherman County is one of 10 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Mr. Latham said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least as 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Latham said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be

accepted until June 16, 1997 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Mr. Latham said.

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

The FSA office in Dalhart is open from 8-5 Monday through Friday.

## After Parade Supper

Come to the Imagination Station after the downtown Christmas Parade for a warm meal. Frito pies, desserts and hot or cold drinks, will be served at 202 N. Main immediately after the parade. Cost is \$4.00 per person.

Also included are special craft activities for all children who have supper with their families. Craft activities are free. Children will be able to create a gift bag, a special present for their family, snowflakes to hang in The Imagination Station windows and reindeer or angel ornaments. Bring your children and encourage them to use their imagination!

Wednesday, December 4 is the second annual Stratford Christmas parade and the Imagination Station is happy to provide this meal following the parade. Join us for fun, family food and crafts. Call 396-2380 or 769-4467 for more information.

**Happy Birthday,**

A.D., Cindy, Jennifer, Jode, Joshua, Lisa, Sheila, Laura, Lori, Nayeli, Rene, Rusty, Angela, Anna, Brady, C.R., Chris, Mark, Ashley, Corey, James, Bill, Mike, Paula, Roann, Manuel, Jack, Jeanie

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## Ag Marketing Club Meeting To Be Held December 10

Sherman County producers are invited to an organizational meeting to discuss the formation of an Agricultural Marketing Club on Tuesday, December 10, 1996. The meeting will be held at 12:00 noon at the Headquarters Restaurant in Stratford. Meal will be on your own.

Marketing clubs provide an environment in which farmers and ranchers can meet monthly to discuss marketing, risk management, and pricing strategies for their Ag commodities. On December 10, Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Economist-Amarillo, will be on hand to discuss the objectives of a marketing club, roles of marketing club participants, how farmers and ranchers can benefit by being active in a club, and formation of a marketing club.

For additional information regarding marketing clubs, contact the Sherman County Extension Service at (806) 396-2081.

## Girl Scouts To Sing At Coldwater Manor

All Stratford Girl Scouts and leaders are encouraged to come and sing to local residents and at Coldwater Manor on Sunday, December 8, from 2 p.m. till 3:30 p.m.

All registered Girl Scouts are invited to **Bring A Friend** to share this holiday activity. All girls need to have a signed permission slip which they get from their Girl Scout leader. Friends need one too.

Hot dogs, chips, cookies and hot chocolate will be served after caroling.

Parents and leaders are needed to drive. Everyone please meet at the Farm Bureau Building on 287 South at 2 p.m. for a special activity to share the holiday spirit. Please call Evelyn at 396-2380 or Ann at 396-2527 if you know someone home bound who would like to have the Girl Scouts sing.

## Chemistry Students As Entrepreneurs

Chemistry students at Stratford High School have been involved in a six-weeks projects which covered many facets of the real world. Students had to keep records of labor and expenditures as they produced a drying agent using Epsom Salts as the raw material and a candle as the energy source.

The final product had to be attractively packaged and sold at a "buyer fair" as a legitimate drying agent. The students marketed their product for several uses, such as a drying agent in carpet cleaners, cat litter, and oil spills. One of the most creative uses of the product was "Dry Grip", a drying agent to use on golf gloves so that you could continue to golf in the rain!

The project involved calculating cost, labor, and tax. Each student had to determine their net profit after expenses were calculated. Approximately 1/4 of the students went bankrupt as their product did not net a profit! The class would like to extend their appreciation to the following people for participating as buyers for the products: Mrs. Susie Spurlock, Mrs. Lynette Kautz, Mrs. Tonya Theissen, Mr. Chris Riffe, Coach Jimmy Lanning, and Coach Eddie Metcalf. The participation of these people was greatly appreciated.

## Obit

Granvil Preston

Granvil Preston, 78, of Graham, a former Stratford resident, died Monday, Nov. 25, 1996.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 1996 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor, and the Rev. David Harker, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Preston was born February 7, 1918 in Jacksboro County. He was a former longtime Stratford resident and had been a Graham resident since 1989. He was a cowboy and a member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Preston, in 1987 and a grandson, Chris Preston in 1991.

Survivors include a son, Gerald Preston of Stratford; three daughters, Wanda McEwen and Ethel Maxwell, both of Amarillo, and Reba Hyer of Morgan Mill; a brother, John Gilmore of Dundee; a sister, Ann Garrison of Dalhart; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

## Basketball

The 7th grade boys beat Boys Ranch 41-33 for a 5-0 record on Nov. 25th. High point was Adam Bell with 15 followed by Skyler Walden with 10 points.

On Nov. 25, the 8th grade boys lost to Boys Ranch 34-37 for a 4-1 record. Corey Naugle was high point with 18 followed by Carlos Ortega with 6 points.

The 9th grade boys beat Boys Ranch 43-41 on Nov. 25th. Their record now stands at 2-0. Martin Acevedo was high point with 15 points followed by Andy Witcher and Cody Brotherton with 6 points each.

The 7th grade girls Blue beat Gruver 29-6 on Nov. 25. Ashley Brown was high point with 15 followed by Jessica Young with 6 points. After this game, their record stands at 6-0.

The 8th grade girls Blue beat Gruver 38-26 on Nov. 25th for a 6-0 record. Kara Brownlee was high point with 22 followed by Jessica King with 9 points.

The 9th grade girls beat Boys Ranch 30-11 on Nov. 25th. Christina Chabolla was high point with 10 followed by Jennifer Oakley with 6 points.

The Freshmen girls beat Gruver 62-16 on Nov. 25th. High point was Leah Bolf with 15 followed by Missy Sikora with 14 points. After this game their record stands at 2-4.

The J.V. girls beat River Road 47-17 on Nov. 26 to bring their record to 6-0. Tai Ann Brownlee was high point with 9 points. Keri Wight followed with 8 points.

The Varsity Lady Elks lost 54-56 to River Road on Nov. 26 to bring their record to 3-2. Jennifer King and Cara Lavake were high point with 15 points each. Lori Brooks followed with 13 points.



Normal temperature varies during the day, generally being a degree or two lower in the morning and rising toward evening.

## Thanksgiving Visitors At McMahrens'

Visiting in the home of Alma Lee McMahren over Thanksgiving holiday was Jeanette & Elwood Gillis of Lamar, Colorado. Jayme and Jimmie Greenfield, Logan Lacey and Larson from Lamar, Sharon & Lance Wilson and Taylor from Lamar. Marty & Phillip Bain, Stratford Karen Kempf from Vail, Colorado, Lynda Stein from Lubbock, Lindsay and Kelsey Stein, Stratford.

## Girl Scout News

By Emily Shafer

Tuesday, November 26, 1996. That day troop 147 made Christmas Potpourri pies. Mrs. Combs brought her C.D. Player so we could move to the music. Lacey Dean brought cup cakes and Kool-aid. The potpourri pies were fun. Troop 147 made paper snowflakes. Those present were Emily Shafer, Lacey Dean, Haley Buckles, Heather Robertson, Shannara Ricks, Rabekah Griffin, Francis Ternorio, Katelyn Reed. Mrs. Coombs is our leader.

Christmas Lighting Contest Judging will be the evening of December 11th.

Eli Whitney, who invented the cotton gin, is also known as the "father of mass production."

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Storm Date: Dec. 18, 1996  
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**Timi's Tidbits**  
By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers and readers this brilliant Monday A.M. Dec. 2, 1996. The sun shining on the snow is so bright that to look out of doors, even with sun-shades on is all most too bright for these aged eyes of ours to bear. We have no report on how deep the snow is, but we heard 8 inches mentioned.

Sunday was a great day. Every service we listened to had the same theme-namely the advent of the Christ-child.

We usually start Sunday service with First Baptist in Amarillo and that was when we realized some churches were closed due to the weather. We heard services from the Spanish mission and in the evening we heard the cantata "Behold The Man" repeated-it brought lots of pleasant memories.

Due to illness among our families last week was a busy one for us. But thanks to Dr. Novell's teaching us the aspirin and soda and bed rest was the best treatment for the "flu"- we are all up and around; busy with pre-Christmas (Advent) preparation.

To homefolks: remember Santa visits Stratford on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Maybe O.T.'s can find joy and fun in watching the youngsters joy.

Of course we did not join the other Haile families in Friona for Thanksgiving. We did not get to see David, Carrie and Claire Austin, even if they were in Stratford, but a few tears erased our disappointment and common sense helped a lot.

We have learned that Joe Cleveland, Irving and his mother, Hilma have agreed that an Arlington Retirement Center for her and Helen is more practical than their present location. We do not know when they plan to move.

The tidbits are being produced under pressure since Lorelyn is delayed this a.m. But we just wanted to say "Howdy" and "God Bless" everyone.

Let us be busy letting folks know how fortunate we are to live in Stratford, Tx; How will cared for we are by our families; and share a cheery luv you by phone, just past some the shoulder pats. Special blessings, Editor Marty!

Christmas lighting Contest judging will be the evening of December 11th.

Never stack glassware, and store with the rims upright to prevent trapping moisture inside.

**New Faces-New Places**



**New Face:**

Alexa and Michael Don Stoner. Alexa is from Bedford, Tx, where she attended L.D. Bell High School in Hurst and East Texas State University in Commerce, Tx. where she was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Alexa is on leave from her work at Coldwater Manor as a CNA. She and Don are expecting their first child in February. Alexa's hobbies are different kinds of crafts. Michael Don was featured in a recent Star issue. He is from Mineral Wells, attending high school there, was a Kappa Alpha at East Texas State University. Michael Don attended the D.P.S. Academy in Austin and is one of two Highway Patrol serving Sherman County. Michael Don's interests are sports, hunting and fishing.



A study commissioned by the National Livestock and Meat Board found that for 16 percent of those surveyed, a food's fat content is more important than its calories.

**Singing Christmas Tree**  
Presented by  
**Peoples Church Choir**  
Under the direction of **Velora Cummings**  
**December 6, 7, & 8**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
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**Stratford I.S.D. Receives Scholarship**

Tyler, Tx-The Trane Company, a major manufacturer of air conditioning and heating systems announced that Stratford I.S.D. was the winner of a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be given to a graduating senior in May, 1997. All school districts attending the Texas Association of School Board convention in Houston were eligible for the scholarship drawing. Superintendents and school board members from approximately one thousand districts attended the convention. The student selected will be chosen from leadership qualities in academics and overall good citizen and community activities. Shown above are Steve Haynes- SHS Principal, Brad Williams and Michael Meil representing Student Council and accepting the check for SHS from Dale Bradley, Sales Representative for Trane and George W. Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer, both from Lubbock. Trane congratulates Stratford I.S.D. and the student winner of the scholarship.

**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

Thanksgiving had people coming and going! (Not Saturday, though!) And Sunday morning the highway between Kerrick and Stratford was awful, terrible, dangerous and any other adjective you can think of! Best description is an "egg crate" mattress, with the humps about 6 inches in width. It made a washboard effect. A South Dakota pickup went around my 35 miles an hour and sure enough, he bounced off and spun in the ditch! Was told that condition was due to the highways not being worked soon enough or during the storm. At least in places the shoulders had been

graded. Have driven a few miles and had never seen such a road and hope to never again. It melted during the afternoon.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters enjoyed Thanksgiving with his sister, Leota & Ernest Campbell at Hough, OK.

Leonard, Peggy, Kenna & Chandra Hawkins joined other family members at Leroy & Barbara Judd's for Thanksgiving. Present were Leroy & Leta Hawkins of Stillwater, OK, Delton Judd family of Nara Visa, N.M. and Brenda, Kyla, & Stephanie Bell.

Winnie Dunlap hosted a family dinner at her Stratford home. Guests were Kevin, Vicki, Ashley & Daniel Hill and Vicki's mother, Nat, of Austin, Karen Greer of

Amarillo and her daughter Cindy of Dallas, R.J. & Mary Hill, Keith Hill, Virgie Mathews, Marjory Munden, and Dr. Gary Mathews.

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel had their home full for the Holiday. Present were sons John & Whit McDaniel and families of Stratford & Dumas, Penny & Linda Whitson, Faye Daniell, Danielle Whitson, all of Clayton, Jim Bob Black and three children of Teline and Joe Marshall of Conlen. Granddaughter Tasha remained with her grandparents through Sunday.

Enjoying Thanksgiving with Myron Leedy at Coldwater Manor were Marylou, Patti & Mike

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**Assembly of God**

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

**First Christian**

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

**First United Methodist**

Rev. Mark Metzger  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service

**St. Joseph Catholic**

Rev. David Contreras  
6th & Wall  
Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298  
No Saturday Mass  
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am  
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00  
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

**Church of Christ**

Jon Heatwole  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

**Calvary Baptist**

Gerald Clark  
302 S. Main  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

**First Baptist**

Bro. Jerry Stewart  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Church Training 6:00 pm  
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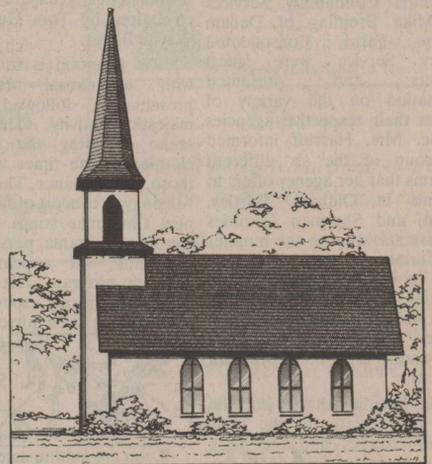
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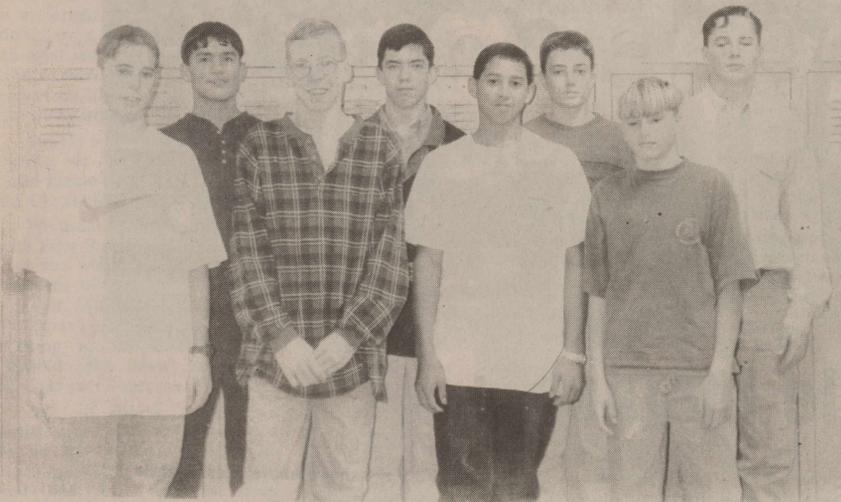
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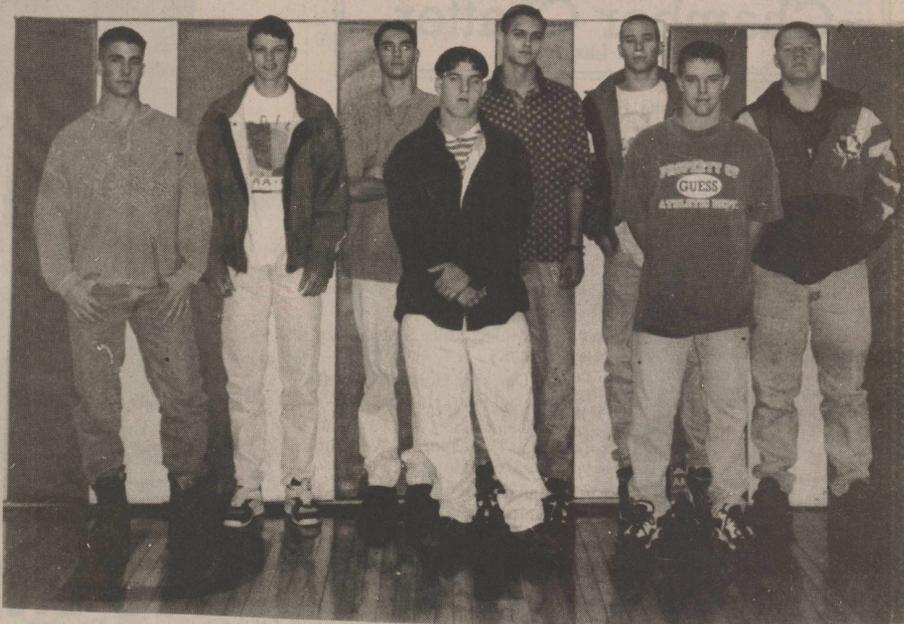
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All-District 1996 for Football shown above from left: Ty Young, Dusty Stewart, Ross Davis, Ezra Daniels, Michael Meil, J.B. Presley, Justin Starnes and Dane Ashley. Not pictured Mark Meil. First Team Offense - Dusty Stewart - QB - Unanimous Choice; J.B. Presley - Receiver - Unanimous Choice; Dane Ashley - Lineman. Second Team Offense - Justin Starnes - Running Back. Hon. Mention Offense - Ross Davis - Receiver; Ezra Daniels - Lineman; Michael Meil - Lineman; Mark Meil - Lineman; Dane Ashley - Kicker. First Team Defense - Dusty Stewart - Def. Back. Second Team Defense - Ty Young - Def. Lineman; Ezra Daniels - Def. Lineman; Dane Ashley - Linebacker; Michael Meil - Def. End; J.B. Presley - Def. Back.



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# Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

This week has been one of those. We have forgotten how to deal with snow in November, but as the old saying goes "LIFE GOES ON." The snow only made us realize that old man winter has arrived big time. As you read this the parade is on, but with the cold you will probably find old Santa at the IMAGINATION STATION, along with their children's art, and hot food.

Coming up this Sunday from 1-3 p.m. the museum will have OPEN HOUSE. This years exhibit is Christmas Decorations of the past. A conversation was overheard recently regarding the silver metal like Christmas trees, with the flood light effect. Probably the first Christmas tree put up in my home for our first born was just that. Mercy I wonder which garage sale that was put in. Remember those big lights that you strung on the Christmas tree and the ornaments that if you were not careful were broken. We have come along way with Christmas decoration, yet there is a certain amount of nostalgia regarding the old ones. Step into the past at the Depot this Sunday afternoon and reminisce with the rest of us.

A number of activities for the first day of December were put on hold, due to the snow and the icy conditions. The First Christian Church will have their HANGING OF THE GREENS on Sunday evening the 8th. Please advise either the Stratford Star or the community Calendar at the Chamber if other activities have been rescheduled. Because of the timing of Thanksgiving we will be short of time in Christmasing this year.

A reminder that the judges will be in Stratford the evening of the 11th of December to judge Christmas lighting. There are three categories, Residential, Commercial and Religious. Just make sure that your lights are on by 5:30 p.m. on the 11th. The winners will be announced in the Star, with photos in the week of the 18th first place in all three categories will be \$25.00 in top Top Bucks, & two tickets to the Chamber banquet, March 25th, second place in all three categories \$15.00 Tip Top Bucks and two tickets to the Chamber Banquet and for 3rd place two tickets to the Chamber Banquet.

Tip Top Bucks can be spent right here in Stratford with our merchants. In turn the Merchants bring those Tip Top Bucks to the Chamber and they are reimbursed for the amount. The Tip Top Bucks are in increments of \$5.00. It is the chambers way of encouraging folks to SHOP AT HOME. They are nice for buying gas for the car, or food for the tummy, or can be used to buy frivolous items and certainly for groceries. Look on the back of the Tip Top Buck-there is a three month time limit to spend them. This is important! The Tip Top Bucks are good for gift giving for that person you absolutely do not no what to get for. Let them do the choosing.

The Chamber is in need of three directors for the coming three years. It is not a paying job but a rewarding one. If you would like to be a part of the Chamber in this capacity, please let Gaynelle Riffe know. She, along with Max Stephenson, and Jesse Resendes will be retiring from the Chamber. The Chamber operates on Volunteerism.

### APPLE HARVEST RICE

- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1-1/4 cups water
- 3/4 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 2 cups cored, sliced, unpeeled apples
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seed

Cook carrots in butter until tender crisp, about 5 minutes. Add water and next 7 ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Stir in onions and apples; heat thoroughly. Top with sesame seed.

Makes 6 servings.

This is the season to be jolly and to remember, giving does not always have to be a beautiful wrapped gift, but the gift of sharing and caring is what it is all about.

Check out the coming events for the next week. Thursday 1 p.m. Scot pool. 8 p.m. AA-Alnon-County Barn

Friday, Dec. 6th Scot 1 pool and ceramics.

Sat. Dec. 7th Honor Veterans Fly the Flag! Pearl Harbor Day.

Sunday, Dec. 8th 9 a.m. Coldwater Manor Worship. Museum Open House 1-3.

Monday, Dec. 9th Scot 1 p.m. Pool and ceramics. 7 p.m. Dance practice.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 Scot pool. Chamber of Commerce General Board Meeting 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Wed. Dec. 11th Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool & ceramics, Coldwater Manor Bible Study Christian Church.



## 10 Little Indians +

The Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Linda Haynes and Mrs. Christy Burr are shown above wearing their Indian Head dress and vests they made in class.

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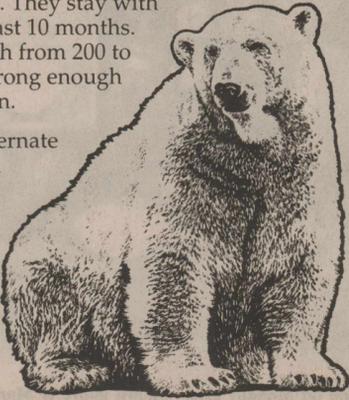
## POLAR BEARS

One of the largest bears in the world is the polar bear. In fact, it can weigh from 700 to 900 pounds and be up to nine feet long! This unique bear has white fur, a long head and neck, strong legs and a stubby little tail.

Polar bears live in the Arctic and spend most of their time on the ice and in the water. They are expert swimmers and use their strong front legs to move them through the cold water. They have a layer of fat underneath their fur that keeps them warm in the cold temperatures. Polar bears can also walk on the ice. They have hair on the bottom of their feet to keep them from slipping.

A baby polar bear is only a foot long and weighs about one and a half pounds. They stay with their mothers for at least 10 months. By this time they weigh from 200 to 400 pounds and are strong enough to survive on their own.

Polar bears do not hibernate like other bears. When the female becomes pregnant, she digs a hole in the snow and stays there until her cubs are born. The male may sleep in a similar bank of snow, but for very short periods of time.



## PENGUINS

Penguins are birds that can't fly. Instead, their wings are used as flippers—these birds "fly" underneath the water! They live in cold places, including the coldest place in the world—the South Pole! They are easy to recognize by their black-and-white feathers, which make them look as if they are wearing tuxedos. That's why many people call tuxedos "penguin suits"!

Penguins swim underwater using their powerful wings as fins and their webbed feet as rudders. Short, dense feathers protect them from the cold, dark ocean waters. Penguins can swim very fast and have been seen leaping from the surface of the water at speeds of over 20 miles per hour. Most penguins eat tiny shellfish called krill. They also eat fish and squid.

The largest penguin is the emperor penguin. These penguins live on Antarctica, in some of the coldest areas on earth. They are unusual when it comes to raising their young. Unlike most birds, the male penguin takes responsibility for hatching the single egg which his mate lays. He does this by carrying the egg on top of his feet, under a layer of skin and fat that hangs from his stomach. He takes care of the egg like this for two months without eating. After the egg is hatched, the female penguin cares for the chick while the male penguin goes to hunt food.



Hi. It's "ice" to meet you!



## Lucky FRIDAY THE 13TH

When the thirteenth day of a month falls on a Friday, what do you get? Friday the 13th!! Some people think that Friday the 13th is lucky, and some people think that it is unlucky. Whatever you think, it's true that Friday the 13th is unusual. Every year has at least one, but there are never more than three Friday the 13ths in any year. Want to know a neat way to tell if a month will have a Friday the 13th in it? Look at a calendar, and see what day the first of the month falls on. If it's a Sunday, then there will be a Friday the 13th in that month.

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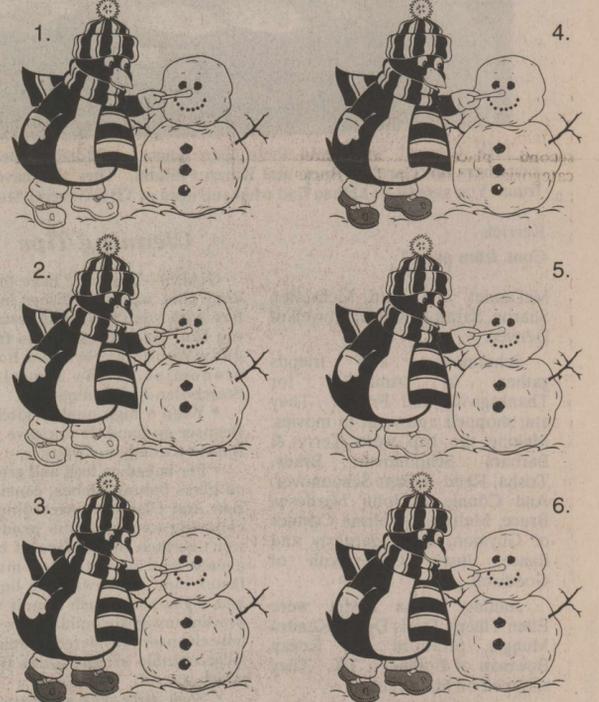
Rearrange the letters to find the winter words:

1. ARKPA
2. SNITEMT
3. LIZARDBZ
4. WAMONSN
5. LCIECI
6. GOTBONAG
7. TEELS
8. BEHTNAEIR
9. WILLDHICN

Answers: 1. PARKA; 2. MITTENS; 3. BLIZZARD; 4. SNOWMAN; 5. ICICLE; 6. TOBOGGAN; 7. SLEET; 8. HIBERNATE; 9. WINDCHILL

## FIND THE TWINS

Find the two matching pictures.



Answer: 3 & 4

## Emily Dickinson

Emily Dickinson was a famous American poet who lived in Amherst, Massachusetts. She was born on December 10, 1830, and attended the Amherst Academy. After one year at college she went home and never left. She began to write poems soon after returning home, and spent the rest of her life writing.

Emily Dickinson wrote short poems about many things, mainly things that she imagined. Her poems are so short that at first they may seem unfinished. But instead, they are like little pictures of life—they make the reader see and feel what Dickinson herself thought and felt.

Only a few of Emily Dickinson's poems were published while she was alive. When she was about 32 years old, a popular writing critic told her not to publish her poems. He advised her to change her style of writing, but she continued to write in her own way. After her death in 1886, her poems were discovered. Now, they are some of the most famous poems ever written by an American.

## SEALS

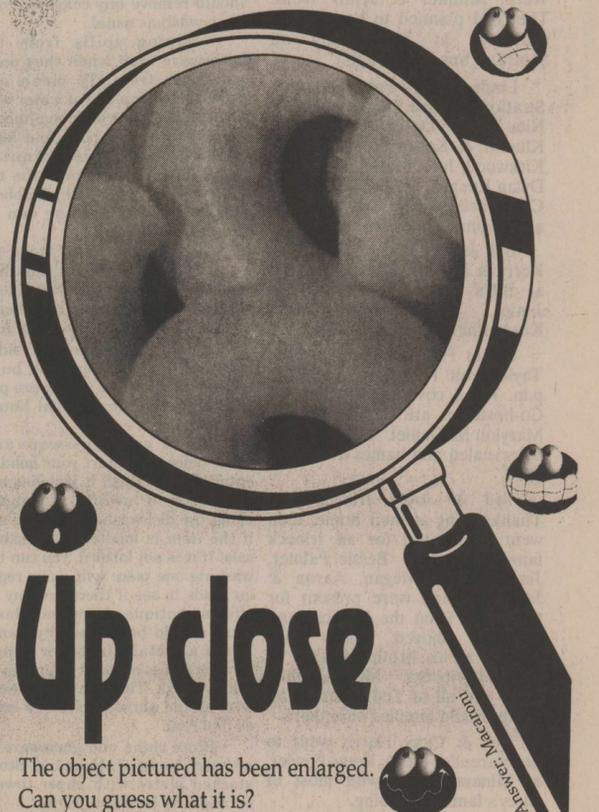
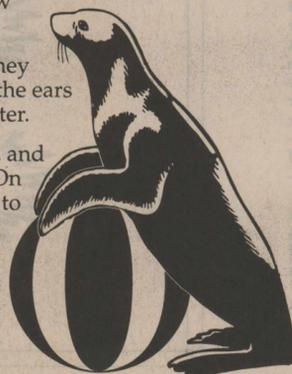
What happens when you put your head under water? You have to hold your breath, and sometimes you get water inside your nose and ears. Feels kind of yucky, right? Seals live in the water most of the time. They spend a lot of time underwater. So how do they keep water out of their noses and ears?

Seals keep water out of their noses by closing their nostrils when they dive underwater. While underwater, the seal holds its breath. Some seals can dive as deep as a third of a mile and stay below water for more than an hour! That's a long time to hold your breath!

Ears are another matter. True seals don't get water in their ears at all. How? Simple—they don't have ears! They have a tiny opening on each side of their head, but nothing like the ears that people have. Even though they don't have ears, seals can hear very well in the water.

Seals swim by wiggling their hind limbs in the water. Their body shape is streamlined, and their hind limbs are turned backwards and flattened, so they make excellent flippers. On land, however, these limbs are no help at all. Seals must use an ugly, hunching motion to move forward when they aren't in the water. Still, some seals can move very fast.

Most seals live in the far northern and southern oceans of the world. They eat small shellfish called krill, fish and squid. The largest seals in the world are called elephant seals because of their large, funny-shaped noses.



## Up close

The object pictured has been enlarged. Can you guess what it is?

# Open Houses Held In Stratford



Open House was held at K's Interiors on Friday, November 29th. Shown above is the outside of K's Interiors. If you haven't stopped by K's you have missed a treat, she has a lovely store and lots of Christmas Gifts to choose from. Stop In today.



THE General Store held their open house on Monday, December 2nd. Shown above greeting customers are Carole Gibson and Karen Pulliam. They also have a great selection of items to choose from. You should be able to find what you need at THE General Store.



Ellies held their Open House on Monday also. Shown above is Martha Ellison showing Joyce McBryde the Christmas Dishes she has in stock. Take your Christmas list and head for Ellies, she has a great selection of items.



"YA KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT BIRDS WITH 'BIG BILLS'?"  
The bill of the Australian pelican can be up to 18 1/2 inches long.

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Many a family tree needs trimming.

—Kin Hubbard



Some armadillos spend up to 80 percent of their life sleeping or dozing.

## Stratford Competes At FFA District Leadership Conference

Clarendon, Texas-Clarendon College hosted the 1996 FFA District Leadership Contests held on Saturday, November 2. Approximately 400 students from the Top-O-Texas, Greenbelt and Amarillo Districts were represented and competed in nine different contests. The top two placing teams will represent their respective districts at the Area 1 FFA Leadership Contest on November 23 at Clarendon College. Also participating in the Area 1 Contest was qualifying teams from Littlefield, Lubbock, and Plainview Districts. The 1st place teams from Area 1 competition will advance to state which will be held on December 7th at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

From Stratford in Creed was 5th place Stratford FFA, Stratford High School from Stratford, and in Radio 6th place Stratford FFA.

### Kerrick

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McDaniel, and Patti McDaniel, Sharon, Sarah & Kristen Powell of Denver.

Schoonovers and friends gather in Amarillo for Thanksgiving and Friday. They ate, shopped and went to movies. Making the trip were Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover. And Connie & John Hardesty, Bruce, Melissa & Talisha Costner of Guymon, Lexy Hardesty and fiancée, Justin Gift, both of Goodwell.

Joining Trisha Friday were Ellen Tillery, Doris Dyess, Kendra Mungia, Stratford and Roxan Bowman of Bollinger, TX. They shopped on 6th Street.

Kenneth & Lynn Wells provided Thanksgiving dinner for Paul Wells & family, Derrek Wells, Jennifer & Ryan Wells. They had planned to be with the Crabtrees at Boise City on Saturday, but guess what!

Linda & Poe Keener, Stratford, hosted Thanksgiving for Nita Taylor, Doug Taylor, Mark, Klinton & Kelsey Keener, Kyler Kirkwood, Jere, Marie, Michael & Dylan Keener, Melba Keener and Cassandra Hoscom, Sunray, David and Yvonne Haas, Texhoma.

Bill & Pat Boren met Kelly, Kerry & Kevin Carlisle of Liberal at Bill's sister for the holiday. Janice, Frank & Sarah Kirchoffner live at Silverton.

Secret Pals will meet at Nita Taylor's on Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. for a covered dish supper. Co-hostesses are Pat Boren and Marylou McDaniel. 1996 Pals will be revealed and names drawn for 1997.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck had Thanksgiving at their home, then went to Denton for an Irlbeck family gathering. Bessie Palmer, Jim, Belinda, Megan, Aaron & Jason Roberts were present for the day. Then the Irlbecks and Roberts enjoyed Friday thru Sunday at his brother's, Tom & Brooxie Irlbecks. Melvin joined them and all of Ted's sisters and brothers and families were there.

Roy & Ciccy Harris went to her parent's, Lit & Betty Fowler, at Mineral Wells with most of Ciccy's family attending.

### Cleaning Tips

(NAPS)—You don't have to let dirty pots, pans and dishes interfere with your holiday entertaining fun. Heed these hints from Judy Woolfolk, certified home economist at the Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Company.

- Keep a high quality kitchen cleanser on hand. It can save you time in a number of ways.

- For baked-on food and grease on glass baking dishes, consider Bon Ami Cleanser. According to cleaning experts, this product won't scratch the surface. It cuts grease and does the job much faster than a dishwashing liquid and if you use it each time it will prevent unsightly buildup. It's the only cleanser considered completely acceptable around items from which you eat.

- Soak dirty pots and pans as soon as food is removed from them. By the meal's end, a quick swipe of a sponge with cleanser should remove any caked-on food. Then wash as usual.

- Wiping spills from the microwave oven when they occur will save time. To clean and deodorize, mix a cup of water with three tablespoons of lemon juice in a microwave safe bowl and let it boil for two to three minutes. Remove the bowl and wipe the walls with a clean cloth. Stubborn stains on the interior can be removed with Bon Ami.

- Nothing sets the mood for holiday entertaining better than sparkling crystal candle holders. Soak the holders in hot soapy water and then wash. Bon Ami can be used to remove any residual candle wax. Tapers will burn longer and drip less if they are put in the freezer for several hours before using.

- Check your glassware and china before you start your holiday entertaining. Wash it if it has not been used for awhile. If you are using the dishwasher, check to see if the item is labeled dishwasher safe. If it is not labeled, you can try washing one piece with your regular loads to see if there are any ill effects. Antique china and glassware should be washed by hand. When a metal utensil or object scrapes across china, it often leaves a gray mark. This can be removed with a mild abrasive cleanser such as Bon Ami.

- Store china and glassware in an easy to reach location. Store stacked plates with paper towels or napkins between them.

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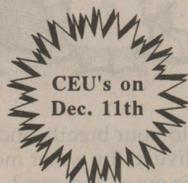
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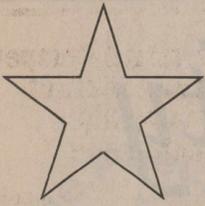


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New from Eureka - The Dream Machine Heavy Duty Steam Cleaner #2430 - \$139.89, Cleaner with Brush Plus #2450 - \$219.99 at THE General Store.  
12-5-2xc

Make an appointment to see Jewelry. Angel Pins & Beads. Make Wonderful Christmas presents. Alma Lee McMahan at 396-2439.  
11-21-4xc

For Sale: 4 poster King size waterbed, heater and mattress, 1 yr. old. Good Cond. 396-5982.  
12-5-p

Call for appointment-Christmas stuff - T-shirts, craft items. Bobbie Wilson at 396-5891.  
12-5-p

### Services

#### "Independent Insurance Agent"

Life Insurance, Retirement planning, Burial Insurance, Medicare Supplement, Disability Income Insurance  
**Molly Griffin, LUTCF**  
396-5612

#### For Termite Control

Call Leo Russell  
1-383-7075 Amarillo. Have been working Stratford for 28 years. Have City and State license for the City of Stratford.  
1-12-tfn

#### Christmas Wrapping Service Offered at

**K's Interiors**  
(217 Hwy 54E)  
Large Pkg. - \$4.50  
Medium Pkg. - \$3.50  
Small Pkg. - \$2.50  
Free Wrapping for In Store Purchases!

VETERANS - Needing assistance in filing Eligible Verification Reports (EVR) Applying for Pensions, Hospitalization, Land and Housing Purchase. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348.  
12-27-p

#### "Aluminum Recycling Center"

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Let me help you with individual shopping right in your home. A full line of Skin Care, Body Care, Fragrance and Gift items for everyone in the family. Free gift wrap and delivery. Call Kathy Bonds after 5:00 p.m. at 769-4478.  
12-26-c

#### Will Allen, CPA.

#### Income Tax

#### Preparation, Year-End

#### Tax Planning in the

#### Allen Insurance Bldg.

Mon. - Sat.

Call me at 753-7315 to

begin evaluating your

96 taxes.

### Help Wanted

TEXAS oil company urgently needs dependable person in STRATFORD area. Regardless of training, write W.O. Hopkins, TRC Dept. W-79084, Box 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76101-0711.  
11-28-2xc

Help Wanted: Needed - Truck Driver/Concrete Plant. Manager for the Stratford Plant. Apply at Trans Mix in Dalhart, Hwy 54 West.  
5-2-tfn

Nurse Aide Positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days. Will provide training for certification. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor. 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas. EOE.  
11-7-tfn

CONSERVATION JOBS: Wildlife positions \$16,000-\$35,000/yr. Clerical, Security, Game Warden, Etc. No experience. For info call 219-769-8301 Ext. WTX802, 8 a.m. 8 p.m., Sun-Fri.  
11-28-3xc

### Lost and Found

Found: White rabbit with brown ears. Please call 396-2427 to claim.  
12-5-c

### Houses For Sale

House for Sale: 2 story home, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den, North 3rd & Maple. Call 396-5927 or 396-5831.  
11-9-tfn

94 16 X 80 Mobile Home 3 Bdrm., 2 bath w/ fireplace. All appliances included. Call 396-2596.  
7-18-tfn

For Sale: 2 BR., 1 3/4 Bath Mobile Home. \$9,800. Interested persons call evenings 1-806-948-5409.  
9-19-tfn

Small house for sale in Stratford, may be moved or will sell property with it. Call 935-5626.  
10-3-tfn

14x80 Schultz Mobile Home - 3 bedroom, 2 baths with central heat and air, on 3 lots with a shed and storage building that have central heat. \$18,000. Call weekdays after 4:00 p.m. 396-2030.  
11-21-tfn

Houses for Sale: 3 BR, Brick home, 1200 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, central heat, equipped with dishwasher stove and refrigerator, close to both schools at 806 N. Fulton. A 3 BR, wood siding, 2000 sq. ft., 1 bath, central heat/air, with basement at 401 N. Wall. Call 806-396-2348.  
4-4-tfn

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, corner lot, 1,152 sq. ft. 620 N. Maple. Call 396-5891 or 396-5700.  
11-28-tfn

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11-21-4xc

### For Rent

For Rent: A large private trailer space at 418 S. Wall. \$50 a month. Call Margaret at 1-806-827-7612 - Texhoma.  
12-5-3xp

### Garage Sale

Moving Garage Sale  
Fri. & Sat. Dec. 6th & 7th. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 515 N. Pearl. Table, 6 chairs, twin bed, children's desks, exerciser, lawn mower, 7 ft. Xmas Tree & decorations, kitchen appliances, clothes, shoes, boots, luggage, games, toys, books.  
12-5-p

### Use Cellular Phone To Ease Holiday Stress

(NU) - During the busy holiday season, a cellular telephone can help make life a lot easier. Here are some tips from Motorola:

- Let someone else do the cooking — use your cellular phone to order dinner on your way home from work. It will be waiting for you and your family when you get there.

- Reduce travel stress by updating friends and loved ones of plane delays or traffic tie-ups. You'll ease their minds with a quick phone call.

- Bring your cellular phone shopping for quick phone calls to loved ones to ensure that you purchase the right size or color.

- Keep in touch when winter weather slows you down. And if you get stuck or stranded, help is just a phone call away.

- Call ahead to make sure stores have what you're shopping for.

- Skip the shopping mall hassle — catalog shop while you're stuck in traffic.

- Take care of "holiday greetings" to faraway loved ones as you commute.

- RSVP to your many holiday invitations while you're on the road. Or let your party host know that you're running late.

For more information about Motorola's line of cellular telephones, including the location of authorized dealers, call toll free 1-888-STAR-TAC (1-888-782-7822).

### Legal Notice

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The city of Texhoma, Texas is now accepting sealed bids for the purchase of Lots 1-2, Block 19, Sherman County, OT Texhoma, Texas. Bids will be accepted at City Hall 1008 South 6th in Texhoma or mailed to P.O. Box 736, Texhoma, Ok. 73949. Bids will be opened December 11, 1996 at City Hall.

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sherman County Sheriff's Office will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new 1996 or 1997 four door, four wheel drive full size SUV. Specifications may be picked up at the Sherman County Sheriff's office located in the Sherman County Courthouse at 701 N. Third or those interested may contact the Sheriff's office at 396-5551.

Bids will be received up to 10:00 a.m. December 9, 1996, at which time they will be opened and considered.

Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Jack Haile, Sheriff  
Sherman County, Texas.

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#### FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Texhoma will hold a final public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Texhoma City Hall, 1008 S. 6th Street, in regard to the water system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of Texhoma. Handicapped citizens needing assistance attend this hearing should contact Kim Crippen, City Secretary, at 827-7411.

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#### High Blood Pressure And Cold Medicine

(NU) - If you have high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, you have to make some vital lifestyle changes.

You have to watch your intake of salt, you have to watch your weight and what you eat and drink. Even the kind of cold medication you take can affect your condition, because oral decongestants can raise blood pressure levels. That's why doctors advise hypertension sufferers against taking cough and cold products that contain decongestants.

A cough and cold medication that's specially formulated for people with hypertension has been developed by Schering-Plough Health-Care products. Coricidin Cold & Flu and Coricidin Cough & Cold are the only major cold tablets that do not contain a decongestant and are available without a prescription.

The Cold & Flu formula provides effective relief from minor aches and pains, fever, sneezing, runny nose, and itchy, watery eyes. The Cough & Cold formula also provides effective relief from minor throat irritations. A third product, new Coricidin Nighttime Cold & Cough Liquid allows for a restful sleep while relieving cold and cough symptoms.

**Alcohol Anonymous And Al-Anon meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the County Barn**



#### Copy Cats



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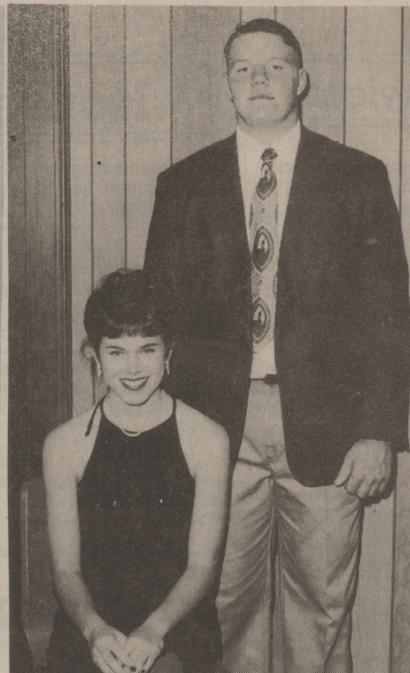
# 1996 Fall Festival Royalty



King & Queen - Seniors  
Lori Brooks & Ty Young  
Prince & Princess - 3rd Grade  
Haley Buckles & Connor Vincent



Juniors  
Megan Baskin & Rob Adams



Sophomores  
Julie Kimball & Dane Ashley



Freshmen  
Amy Smith & David Hunsaker



8th Grade  
Amanda Barraza & Jeremy Blake



7th Grade  
Marca Ewers & Nick Ashley



6th Grade  
Alicia Adams & Scott Zak



5th Grade  
Baylee Milecky & Terence Rodgers



4th Grade  
Crystal Rodgers & Seth Crowl



2nd Grade  
Ally Keener & Harrison Walden



1st Grade  
Veronica Flores & Eric Ortiz



Kindergarten  
Mary Lu Maldonado & Chandler Lutes

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