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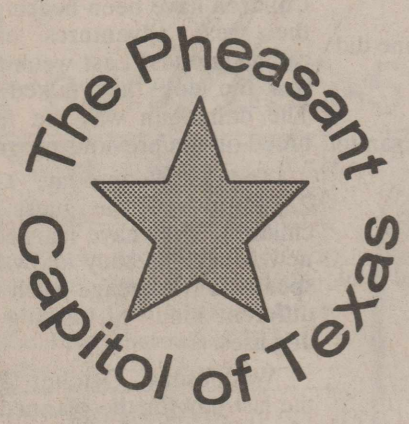
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Daylight Savings Time ends this
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Band Advances On

CONGRATULATIONS BIG BLUE BAND!!!! The Big Blue Band received Division 1 Rating this past weekend at Marching Contest at Borger. The Big Blue Band, under the direction of Randy Hunsaker and assistant band director Jeff Witcher will march this Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo at Area "A" Marching Contest. GOOD LUCK BAND!!

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
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Hembree Attends State Science Convention

Dan Hembree, High School Science teacher, attended CAST '97, the Science Teachers Association of Texas Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching. The convention was held at the Tarrant County Convention Center, Fort Worth, Texas on October 16, 17 and 18, 1997.

Highway 54 Meeting Thursday

The Southwest Passage Initiative for Regional and Interstate Transportation (SPIRIT), which sees the widening of Highway 54, will meet in Greensburg, KS. on Thursday, October 23rd.

CWF To Host Annual Stew & Chili Supper

Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church will be hosting their annual Stew and Chili Supper with Bake Sale on Saturday, October 25th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Prices will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. 6 and under will be free. This is a time for great food and fellowship so remember to come and eat supper with us at the First Christian Church.

Scot Activities

Scot Luncheon, Thursday, October 23, 1997.

Scot Dance Saturday, October 25th from 8 to 11 p.m.

Scot Depression Supper Nov. 14th

SCOT Depression Supper and Silent Auction, Scot Hall Nov. 14, 1997 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Beans, cornbread, relish, pie, cake, and drinks. Good friends and good fun.

Planned Parenthood Offering Flu Vaccine

Planned Parenthood will be offering the Influenza (Flu) vaccine after September 20th, 1997 at their clinic in Dalhart. The vaccine is recommended for adults and children at least thirteen years old. Appointments can be made by calling 249-5635. The cost of the vaccine is \$5.

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The focus for this year's convention was "New Frontiers in Science". Landmark advances into new frontiers in science, technology, and education have made history this year-the Pathfinder probe landing and searching for clues to the geology and possibility of life on Mars, the upcoming launch of the Cassini Saturn probe, and the new cosmological questions posed as a result of the Hubble telescope discoveries. The CAST Planning Committee provided a rich source of new ideas and methods for science teachers that will help prepare the next generation of students.

Guest speakers at the Convention included Dr. Christopher S. Romanek, Asst. Professor of geology at the University of Georgia; Dr. Kenneth R. Miller, Professor at Brown University; Dr. Louis Jacobs, Professor at SMU; Dr. John Hoffman, Chair of the Physics Department and Associate Dean of the School of Natural Science and mathematics at UT Dallas; and James W. Collins, Director of Science, Texas Education Agency.

Teig Part Of Northwest Texas Volunteers Mission Trip To Russia

This summer Terri Teig was a part of the Northwest Texas Volunteers in Mission trip to Russia. She worked with Rev. Bezchansky who is a Russian Orthodox Priest. His ministry is to orphans in orphanages in Sergeiv Posad and Mozhaysk. On Thursday, Oct. 30th at 6:00 Father Sergey and his wife Tatiana will be at the First United Methodist Church in Stratford to share more about this project. Everyone is invited to come at 6:00 for a Spaghetti dinner and have a chance to meet them and hear about this wonderful ministry.

The main agenda item for this meeting is to review and define the plan of action for SPIRIT. Each of the four states will also provide an update on the latest information regarding highway funding.

All interested individuals and businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting. For additional information, contact the Chamber office 396-2260.

CRP Signup

Another CRP signup started on October 14th and will run through November 14th," announced Richie Brotherton, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "Once again bids will be accepted based on the number of points." It will be very important, stated Brotherton "that each producer come in and go through the point process. This will help to ensure that the maximum number of points will be achieved in the scoring."

"Rental rates will be based on soil types. This is the same method used in the last signup. Water, wetlands and cover types help earn points, but will not help a producer gain a higher rental rate."

"Producers interested in signing up land in CRP should call for an appointment. Appoints will be scheduled by the FSA office at 396-2211.

Haunted House To Be Held In Dumas

There will be a Haunted House at 723 S. Bliss, Dumas, TX (Across from the Sheriff's Dept.) on October 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 & 31. 7:00 p.m. to ?????? \$3.00 donation. Proceeds benefit Safe Place A.C.E. Red Cross.

Lamb Validation Set For October 27th

Lamb Validation for Sherman County has been set for Monday, October 27, 1997. Validation will be held at the County Livestock Barn from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All Show lambs for the Sherman County Livestock Show and Major Livestock Shows must be brought to the County Barn and validated on October 27th. There will be no lambs validated at an exhibitors house or lamb pen. Exhibitors need to bring their lambs, address, and social security number. Exhibitors signature is required on validation form. The cost to validate lambs will be \$4.00 per lamb to cover the cost of ear tags and nose prints.

If you are unable to attend the validation, you need to find someone to bring your lamb(s) to the County Barn on the 27th with all needed information. If lambs are not validated, they will not be eligible for the Sherman County or Major Livestock Shows. If you have any questions, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

Remember-all lambs MUST be brought to the County Barn on October 27th for validation. This includes lambs for the Sherman County Livestock Show.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tax Impact for New \$3,050,000 Bond

I hope this will clear up some misunderstandings about the tax increase for the Bond Election. A persons taxes will increase from their current rate \$5.94 for every \$10,000 of net taxable value. If you take your current tax bill, find your net taxable value and multiply that number by .000594, you will find your exact increase in your taxes to pay for the Bond. To pay off the bond it takes 13.94 cents of taxes, but the increase in your current tax rate will be 5.94 cents. Eight (8) cents is already in the budget for renovation purposes. I hope this clears up any misunderstandings. If you have any questions, please feel free to call any board member or administrator.

Net Value of Property	Taxes Due	
	Annual	Monthly
\$20,000	\$11.88	\$0.99
\$30,000	\$17.82	\$1.49
\$40,000	\$23.76	\$1.98
\$50,000	\$29.70	\$2.48
\$62,500	\$37.12	\$3.09
\$75,000	\$44.55	\$3.71
\$100,000	\$59.40	\$4.95

FARMLAND (Figured by the Section)

Property	Net Value	Annual	Monthly
Irrigated	\$154,880.00	\$92.00	\$7.67
Dry Land	\$65,280.00	\$38.78	\$3.23
Native Grass	\$26,880.00	\$15.97	\$1.33

College Financial Aid Workshop Geared To Assist Parents In Planning For College

As a parent, have you asked yourself one or more of the following questions? How am I going to pay for my child's college education? How do I financially plan for college? What type of state and federal financial aid programs are available? How do I properly apply for financial assistance? If so, then you will be interested to know that a College Financial Aid Workshop will be held in Stratford.

The workshop titled "Preparing For Your Child's College Education" will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at the Stratford School Cafeteria. The workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to educate both high school students and their parents about financial aid opportunities for college bound students. Participants will learn about financial planning for college, federal financial aid grants, work-study programs, guaranteed student loans, and various

scholarship opportunities (local, state and national). In addition, some "Do's and Don't's" of applying for financial aid will be discussed.

The College Financial Aid Workshop will be conducted by Dave Corley-Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority-Canyon, Texas and Viola Kautz, Counselor-Stratford I.S.D. The workshop is sponsored by the Executive Board of the Sherman County Extension Program Council, Stratford Independent School District, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Refreshments will be provided by Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority.

If you need financial assistance for your child's college Education, you are encouraged to attend the workshop. For additional information, contact Viola Kautz, Stratford High School, at 396-2612 or the Sherman County Extension Service at 396-2081.

Bonar Park Update

Please come by the park and see the bricks that have been put on the wall. Joe Mungia did a great job with the design to allow us to add additional bricks, which brings me to my next request. With all the final bills in for the park, as with all things cost surpassed money received. Therefore, we will open up brick sales again with hopes to sell enough to "cover" both walls also, please, if you need an "end of the year" tax write-off, please think of the park. Remember memorials can be made to the Park and notices will be sent to the families!!! will appreciate any and all that can be given toward this pretty asset for Stratford, thank you very much.

Carolyn Tarver

P.S. The Veteran monument will be here shortly.



Brooks Motors Holds Open House

A large crowd enjoyed hamburgers and all the fixings at Brooks Motor's Open House on Thursday, October 16, 1997.

Looking Ahead

Chamber Calendar

- October
 18-Project America Day (Community Service)
 25-Make a Difference Day (Points of Light volunteers)
 CWF Chili & Stew Supper and Bake Sale
 26-TIME CHANGE-Back to Central Standard Time
 31-Halloween
- November
 6-Christmas In November
 7-Calf Fry-First Christian Church Disciples of Men
 11-Veterans Day
 14-SCOT Depression Supper & Silent Auction
 27-Thanksgiving

- DECEMBER
 1-Christmas Parade
 7-Depot Museum Open House
 Tour of Homes
 11-Judging of Christmas Lighting
 13-PHEASANT SEASON OPENING

LaFerne Glenn Mott

Obits

David Carl Crabtree

Boise City, Okla.-David Carl Crabtree, 41, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1997.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 1997 in St. Paul's United Methodist Church with David W. George and J. Robb Bartlett officiating. Burial was in Boise City Cemetery by Cimarron Mortuary.

Mr. Crabtree was born in Boise City. He attended school at Plainview, Texas, through the sixth grade. His family then moved to Boise City, where he graduated from school in 1974. While in school, he played football and basketball. He also was active in FFA.

After high school, he started a ranching and farming program. He began working as a representative for Superior Livestock Video Auction in 1986.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, the board of directors for Boise City Farmers Co-Op and the board of directors for Cimarron Golf Association.

Mr. Crabtree married Coleen Randolph in 1975. Survivors include, his wife; a son, Clay Crabtree of Boise City; two daughters, Lori Crabtree and Tami Crabtree, both of Boise City; his parents, W. Roger and Mary Crabtree of Boise City; a brother, Doak Crabtree of Stratford, Texas; and grandparents, R. P. and Carrie Crabtree, and Eldon Brown, all of Boise City.

The family requests memorials be to the Cimarron County Golf Association.

Opal J. Bufkin

Opal J. Bufkin, 83, died Monday, Oct. 13, 1997.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 15, 1997 in Coldwater Manor with the Rev. Mark Metzger officiating. Additional services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Spicer Funeral Home Chapel at Memphis with the Rev. Tom Posey of First Christian Church of Memphis officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Memphis by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bufkin was born in Memphis. She moved to Stratford in 1981 from Memphis, where she was a longtime resident. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford.

Her husband, Park Bufkin, died in 1955.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Mitchell of Stratford; two sisters, Jean Horchlet of Mountain Park, Okla., and Dorothy Rose of Weatherford; two grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to Coldwater Manor, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Letter To The Editor

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

To the Citizens of Stratford:

I am writing this letter to let the taxpayers know what is happening to their tax dollars, at City Hall. It's being thrown away by incompetent employees and some incompetent City Council members and our Mayor. I have lost all respect for certain members of our city government. I have set in and taken minutes at the last four or five council meetings and the citizens of Stratford would be appalled by the actions of some of our city councilmen.

I brought to our city administrator attention several mistakes costing our city over \$15,000.00 dollars. Some of these things were cleaned up and made right, ask Carolyn Tarver about Bonar Park or B.A. Donelson about the 1/2 cent sales tax Corp. There was even theft of sick leave and this was blamed on E.R. Bell again, even though he had been gone for two months prior. There were bills not paid, files and ledgers not kept. I walked into a giant mess. I discussed this problem if that what you want to call it with Ric Walton, he told me that I should present this to our City commission. On Oct. 11 I did present this to our City commission and I want the citizens to know that Sandy Williams and David Brown acted like I was on a witch hunt to get Teri Meil. More problems were discovered by both Ric Walton and myself. Cynthia Schoenhals and Connie Oquin were both award of what was going on. Ric and I discussed for sometime how things were not being taken care of and I quote Ric Walton "he could not trust Teri Meil and did not know how he was going to work with someone he could not trust." Ric said he would call on executive city council meeting and asked me to write down in order what I found wrong. So I did, and guess what some of our council members and mayor didn't want to here it again.

Excuses were made by both city employees and certain city council members and brushed under the rug again. Ric Walton said he had not seen what I wrote before Monday, Oct. 20 and that is an out and out lie. He read exactly what I wrote by for the council received it on Friday Oct. 17. Ric did ask me for a copy Monday Morning and both he and Teri had copies Monday before 1:00 p.m. Again I am not on a witch hunt, but it's time people are held accountable for their actions or their inactions.

I am proud I was raised right here in Stratford by a family who taught me right from wrong. I can't say the same for certain members of our city government. If you don't believe me ask Cynthia Schoenhals, Connie Oquin, Joan Palmer and Dennis Phelps. Thank you for your time and if you have any questions just call, I have copies of everything I just wrote.

Sincerely Toni Vincent Watson

P.S. Thursday night is another City Council meeting.

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago a group of men from our town took a trip. They went to Washington to Stand in the Gap. They have met with praise as well as criticism from our town. I wanted a chance to express my feeling on the matter.

"What A Stand To Take"

They left on a warm sunny afternoon to catch a plane.

When they got to Amarillo the news was not good but not a one did complain.

They found out there was going to be a delay.

They did not get mad. Instead they bowed their heads and began to pray.

The sun was setting and their plane was still no where in sight.

They began to wonder if they were going to leave that night.

As the hours passed they sang hymns while others kneeled and prayed.

God answered their prayers you see.

The plane did arrive to take them to Washington D.C.

Those men did more than just Stand in the Gap for one day.

And they did more then sing and pray.

They searched their hearts deep and wide.

Some found answers that they long denied.

Others found out life doesn't need to be a rough road.

They found somebody to help lighten their load.

I'm glad to know some of those men who took that plane.

After hearing some of their stories, I know my life will not be the same.

GOD BLESS THE MEN WHO STOOD IN THE GAP!!!

Sincerely Julie Williams

Member of First Baptist Church, Stratford, Texas.

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The largest of the 88 usual constellations is Hydra (Sea Serpent), which contains at least 68 stars visible to the naked eye.

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Timi's Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers and Citizens this overcast Monday, a.m. Oct. 20, 1997. Our first telephone call today was from Lorelyn to say that her surprise for the day was a flat tire when she left her work in Amarillo to come home and that it is pretty cold. That isn't a very good start for the day at 6 a.m. is it?

Let us house-bound older citizens count our blessings and be glad for the comforts and security we have and rejoice in the day that the Lord has given us!

We can all take notice that next Monday will be a mite slower pace since we will have set our clocks back one hour on Sunday Oct. 26 1997. That fact we accept happily.

Sherman County farmers are busily finishing their corn harvest and just as earnestly getting ready to harvest other crops we saw in progress on Saturday, pumpkins of ALL Things!

Thurs. Oct. 23 is SCOT Meeting Day. We hope to be present, as one of the hosts. Hosts for October are Rose Wells, Anita DeBord, Red DeBord, Alma Lee McMahan, Timmi Brown, Rowena Williams, Reba Pittman, and Myrtle Ellison.

The Bertha Smith Bible Study Group have resumed their yearly class with Joyce Hart and Luzelle Lowe as leaders. We are a small group of earnest truth-seekers. Last Wed. Oct. 15 we enjoyed lunching at Headquarter's Cafe. Present were Joyce, Luzelle, Lillie Galloway, Luella Johnson, Cecilia DeBord, Lorelyn Powers, Timi, and Ione Kendrick who will soon go to Sun City West, Arizona for awhile.

A telephone call from Hilma B. Cleveland, Irving, TX on Sunday was a delightful event. Hilma and Helen Mason (our sisters-in-law) live in a retirement home in Irving, TX. They are happily situated and well, near Joe Cleveland, Hilma's son.

To poet Adabelle (Knight) Covington, whose poem about Conlen, TX appeared in Star dated Oct. 9, 1997. We send congratulations and high praise.

From reading in G.G.G., we learned that her mother Ann was related to Campbell Roberts. We did not know her parents personally but do know of them and appreciated their importance in Sherman and Dallam County history to Adabelle; Do you remember Joe Brown's Fine Food Store in Stratford; Marijo Brown, his daughter and member of Stratford basketball team; Maurine Reeder, Billie Merl Hester Amelia Green? Timmie Brown and Joe Brown (the late) are the parent of Baskin Brown also (Timi is Timmie Brown).

Timi would love to keep in touch with you Adabelle, we referred to G.G.G. which is Sherman County's History books namely God, Grass & Grit. These two volumes are available for reading in Sherman Co. Depot Museum & Sherman Co. Library, Vol. 1 is not available to purchase but there are a few volume II's for sale at the museum. Anna (Basket) Knight Mullican gave us important information concerning your father. My address is Timmie B. Brown, P.O. Box 356, Stratford, TX 79084-0356, if you are interested in contacting me.

Sunday, Oct. 19 was a good day for us. FBC Amarillo is usually our first sermon and was back on the air yesterday - FBC here was as always our main stay, both a.m. & p.m. Yesterday was different with Cowboys and World Series on T.V. Such games are long enough that we can watch our church services and keep up with them also.

Joy et al were in Albuquerque, N.M. for the week-end. Baskin and Time had nice time together Sunday evening. Betty is more comfortable at home, she leaves for Dallas Oct. 26 where she has appointments with 2 doctors. She will be with Carrie and they need your prayers that she can find relief from pain.

Lorelyn reached Stratford mid morning after a visit with her father, H.L. Haile. We have edited "Tidbits" and are now free to face the day.

The sun is not shining yet as we finish Tidbits - but the air is balmy and great to breathe - So older citizens can safely to outdoors - Let's us remember folks who are house bound. Let us cheer them but cheery phone calls and words of luv and good wishes.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

It's Kerrick Night Out Saturday for all who want to go to Ekland Hotel for dutch treat dinner. The community has enjoyed this for several years. Meet to leave at 6 p.m. and only take the necessary cars. Nita Taylor makes the arrangements.

A BIG MOVING SALE will be held Saturday at the Community Center. There will soon be house swapping going on as Mabel Rogers makes room for Leonard & Peggy Hawkins to move in and as Mabel moves to Stratford. Others will be having items there, too. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jo Alice Rogers, Oden, Arkansas, has been visiting with mabel Rogers. She had been at Eagle Nest, N.M., with Zelda Beth Lang, Saturday Florene Wolfe of Amarillo visited with them.

Bill & Pat Boren enjoyed the Air Show at Liberal, KS, Saturday with Kelly, Kerry & Kevin Carlisle.

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel visited with his sister, Beth McDaniel, in Dumas one day last week.

The wedding of Kevin Payne and Brenna Tharp was held Saturday at Harrington Farm, Hardesty, Ok. Among those attending were Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover.

Sunday Terry went to their place in Folsom, N.M. to winterize.

Kerrick Community extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of David Crabtree. The Crabtree family is very close to this community.



The hardest naturally occurring substance is the diamond.

Imagination Station News

Exciting projects are currently in progress at The Imagination Station at 202 N. Main. P.J. Pronger, new programs and exhibits Coordinator, is working on Mondays and Fridays so feel free to stop in and see for yourself what is happening.

Volunteer Board members and all interested community helpers (y'all come!) will be participating in a work day in the building on Saturday, October 25 from 8 a.m. till we wear out. Prison crews from Dalhart were available to tear out old paneling & carpet in September and now walls are ready to construct and there is lots of clean-up to be done.

Watch for new, innovative programs to begin when the building is in even better shape.

Watch for ongoing building changes and program announcements. Thanks for Stratford's interest and support of The Imagination Station. We're your hometown and area source for educational and community arts and science programming. Call 396-5881 for information.



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Breakfast on Mon. Oct. 27th & Tues. Oct. 28th at 7:00 a.m.

Public Is Invited !!!

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
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Dr. Syd Carnes - Interim Pastor
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
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. David Contreras
6th & Wall
Rectory - 5887, 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 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
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
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

Roca de Salvacion

Mision Bautista
401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

*In the home it is kindness;
In the business it is honesty;
In society it is courtesy;
In work it is fairness;
Toward the unfortunate it is sympathy;
Toward the weak it is help;
Toward the wicked it is resistance;
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Pastor Roberto Frescas
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Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)
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November 6- Christmas In November

The annual Christmas In November will be Thursday, November 6, 1997. *AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS* is the theme for the day which will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

Programs and demonstrations will focus on creating holiday decorations and activities to celebrate Christmas with an old fashion charm.

The traditional Turkey Dinner will be served with advance tickets on sale now. Ticket prices are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any club member or the County Extension Office.

Persons who would like to rent booth space for the Holiday Showcase are asked to contact the County Extension Office at 396-2122 or Liz Sanders at 396-5354 for details.

Mark your calendar now for this day of holiday inspiration.

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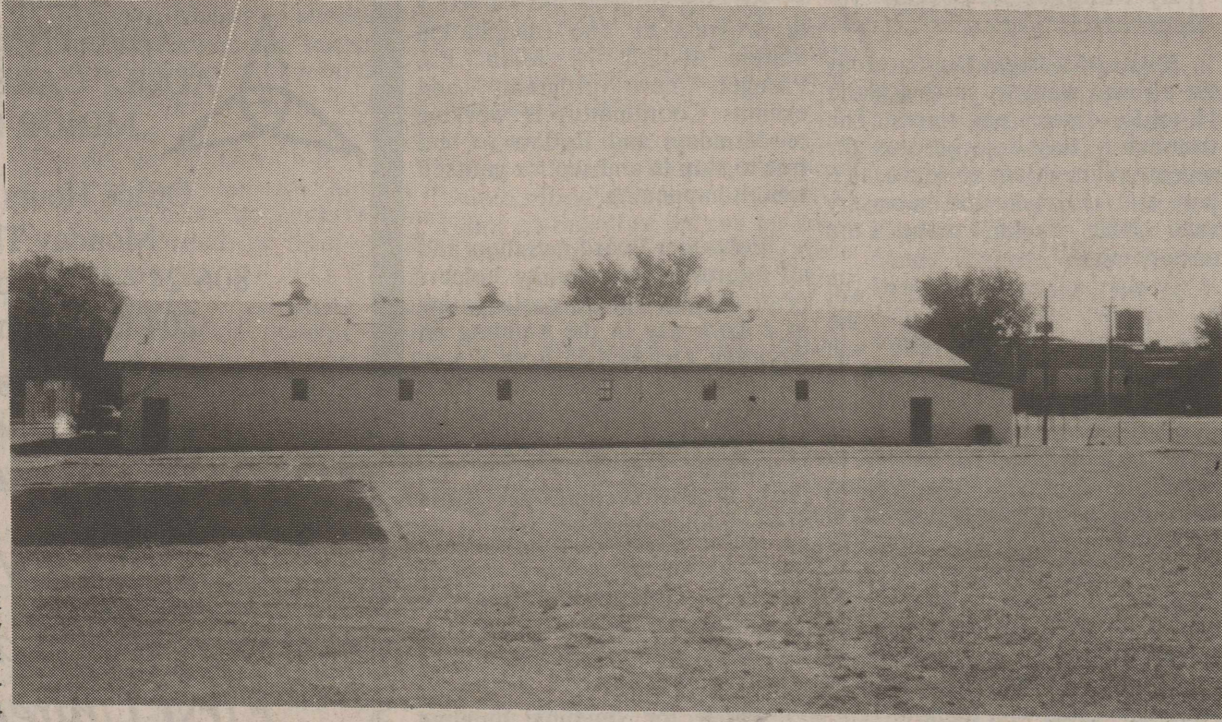
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New Face on an Old Place, the Stratford School Indoor Swimming Pool. The large 70x30 ft. heated indoor pool has served the community since 1953. It has not only been a facility for teaching the lifesaving skill of swimming to the community but the facility has been used to train scuba divers, rescue personnel and train area lifeguards. Stratford pool received a much needed face lift this past summer. Four New sky lights plus additional ventilation were installed as the

hail damaged roof was replaced. A new boiler and filter system was installed. New hand rails were installed to assist safer pool entry. New paint job by the Honor Prison Crews from Dalhart Prison. Rhonda Mathews is the manager for the Swimming pool. Marietta Combs was her assistant. Rhonda is also the PE Instructor at the Mary Allen Elementary and has used the pool for all the elementary classes in September and October. She offers the pool to be rented for parties or civic

groups. The school uses the pool for all their P.E. Classes, swimming lessons are taught to Kindergarten in spring. The pool is open for community use in the summer with the average attendance of 40 and the largest number at one time was 90! The pool is also used for exercise class after 5:00 p.m. twice a week.

Stratford is very fortunate to have such a fine facility in the community.

Births

We want to welcome the newest member of the Hernandez family. Kevin Tyler Hernandez was born October 19, 1997. He weighed 7 lbs 4 oz, 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Joe & Mary Hernandez.



The maximum possible duration of an eclipse of the sun is seven minutes, 31 seconds.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

This week will be busy with board meeting (Tuesday) Luncheon Thurs and Dance Sat. come and participate in one and all of these activities. Come to the luncheon Thursday and enjoy a great meal and a very informative program.

Scot activities will conclude the yearly activities by their Depression Supper / Auction on Nov. 14th, then the annual Prospectus Study Club's Turkey and Dressing Luncheon Nov. 20th.

Happy Birthday,
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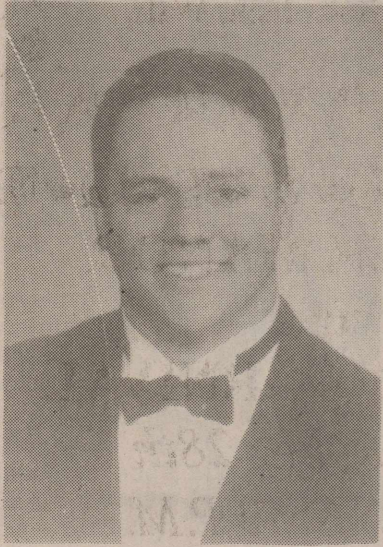
will provide you with information on how to receive your discount, and the location of the participating provider(s) nearest you. Remember, you must call CTC prior to visiting one of the providers in order to receive your discount.

The program offers a mail-order discount program for Ray-Ban and Serengeti non-prescription sunglasses at up to 50 percent or more off retail prices. The telephone number to place an order is 1-800-878-3901.

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Vincent Selected For Membership In Golden Key National Honor Society



Clinton David Vincent, son of Mike & Patti Vincent, of Stratford, Texas, has been selected for membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society.

A junior civil engineering major at Texas Tech University, Vincent has also received the McFadden Leadership Scholarship and is an active member of the Gamma Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order.



Arnita Lane, of the First State Bank is shown presenting Tammie Helmuth, of Lollipop Junction a check for \$100.00. First State Bank donated their prize money from the parade to Lollipop Junction. Shown with Arnita & Tammie are the kids of Lollipop Junction.



Neon can cut fog better than other kinds of light. Pilots have reported seeing neon beacons through fog 20 miles away.

Arts In The Area

- Oct. 23-OPSU Goodwell-Noontime Choir Concert
- Oct. 25, 26, 27 LaRita Theater Dalhart "Elephant Man" 249-5646
- Nov. 8-LaRita Theater Dalhart "Mark Twain: Very Much alive and Joking" 249-5646
- Nov. 5-Amarillo Civic Center "Damn Yankees"
- Nov. 11-16 Amarillo College Children's Theater "The Jungle Book" 371-5353
- Dec. First Week-Goodwell OPSU Christmas Choir Concert
- Christmas Concert and Jazz Band Concert



Dayton, Ohio is named for Jonathan Dayton, the youngest signer of the United States Constitution.

The Metropolitan Opera House in New York City is the largest opera house in the world, it has a standing and seating capacity of 4,065.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—To help children eat the five servings of fruits and vegetables a day they should for good health, many parents create great fruity drinks with the help of Produce Partners Banana Frost Drink Mix.



Digital Video Discs (DVD), which offers super-sharp pictures and digital surround sound, is now available from Toshiba in local stores.

Want to use more fresh and canned fruits or fresh vegetables in your family's menus? Check out www.dole.com's recipes such as the "All-American Banana Split."



The first bridge across the Mississippi was built in 1856 at Davenport, Iowa.

GOOD LUCK
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Girls & Boys
District Meet
Monday, Oct. 27
Stratford Country Club
4:00 p.m.

Boise City Chamber Banquet

The Cimarron County Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Awards and Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, October 25th. The purpose of the event is to recognize individuals, organization, and businesses who have helped to promote, preserve and project Cimarron County.

The Master of Ceremonies (Jarrod Stewart) and the evening's entertainment (Rick Jones) will be from Keyes, Ok. Dalhart is providing the quest speaker (Snuffy Pritchett) and the food (Hodie's Bar-B-Q). The banquet will be held at the Boise City Grade School Cafeteria and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact the local Chamber office 396-2260 or Boise City (405) 544-3344.

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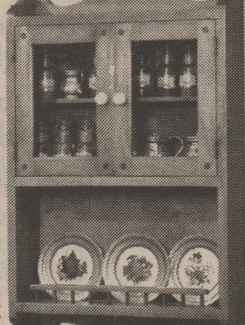


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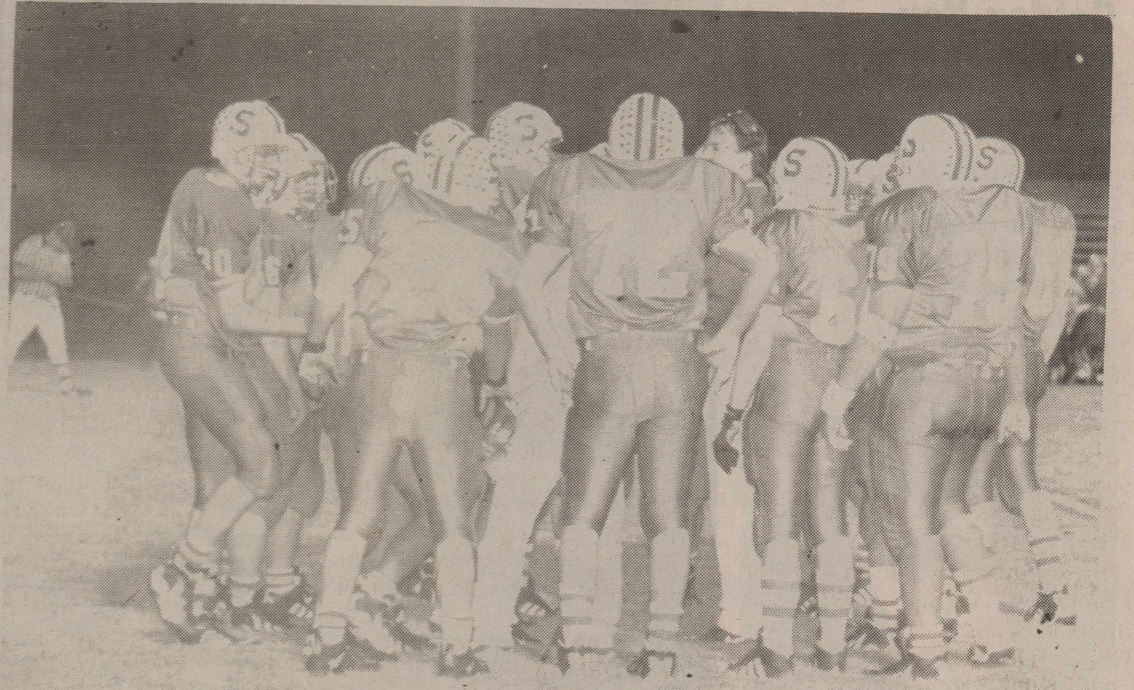
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Stratford Elks Defeat Boys Ranch



Varsity Cheerleaders from left, Ashlie Lasley, Jennifer King, Mascot Jessica Sikora, Keisha Naugle and Ashley Stoy cheer the Elks to victory on Friday, October 17th. Not pictured Jasmin Sanchez & Lynz Browning.



The Elks get a Pep Talk from the coach!



The Elks Beat Boys Ranch 46-7 on Friday, Oct. 17th.

The Stratford Elks beat Boys Ranch 46-7 on Friday, October 17 1997 to bring the Elks District record to 1-1. The Elks accumulated 423 total yards while Boys Ranch was held to 202 total yards.

Justin Starnes carried the ball 22 times for 164 yards and scored on runs of 2, 7, 8, and 2 yards for 4 touchdowns for the Elks. Ross Davis scored on a 11 yard pass from Levi James and Michael Navarette scored on a 2 yard run. Levi James scored for the Elks on a 11 yard run. Kicking the extra

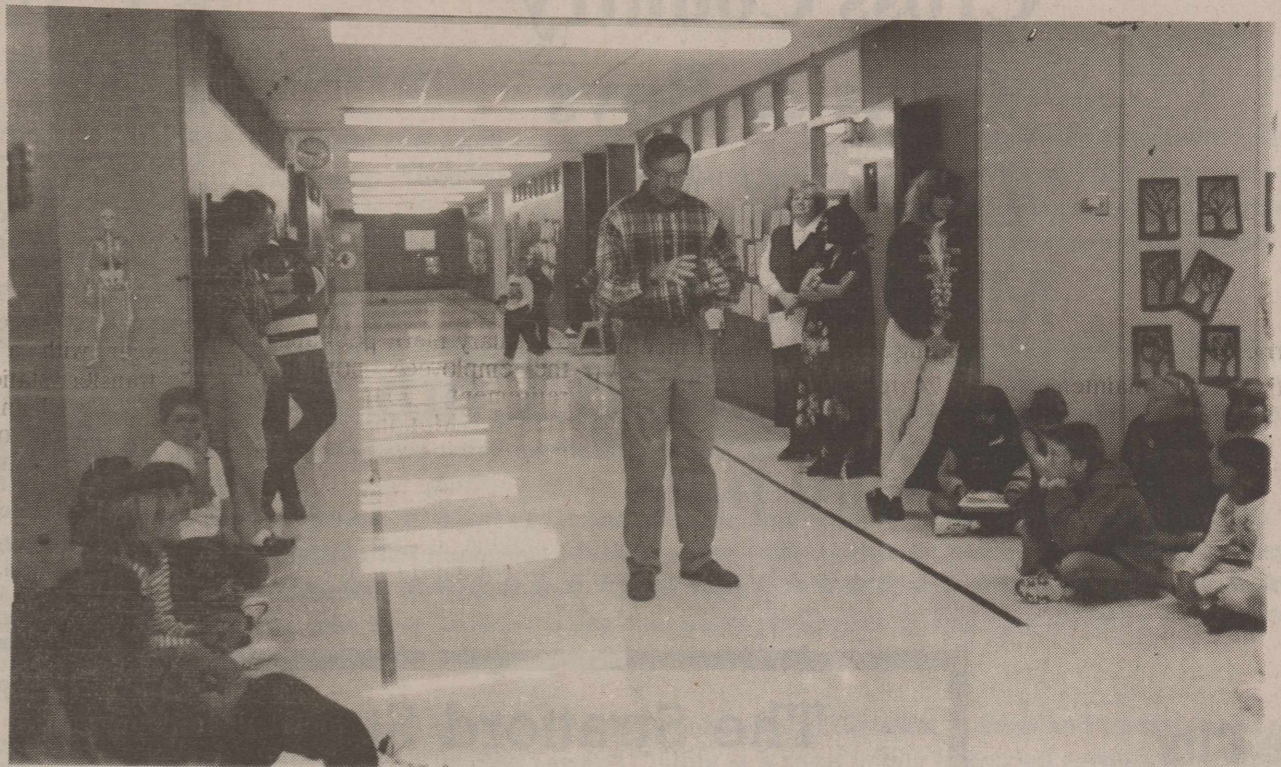
points for the Elks was Dane Ashley.

Eric Hernandez accumulated 73 rushing yards on 5 carries followed by Michael Navarette with 67 yards on 10 carries. Levi James passed the ball for 78 yards on 4 of 7. Leading in receptions was Ross Davis with 57 yards on 2 receptions followed by David Hunsaker with 13 yards on 1 reception.

The Elks will face Sunray, there at 7:30 p.m. Good Luck Elks!!



Jody Taylor, shown above cooked hamburgers for Brooks Motor's Open House on Thursday, October 16th.



The Special Services Staff at Mary Allen Elementary is sponsoring a "We Can Share" food drive. Students are to bring non-perishable items to school beginning Monday, Oct. 20th through Thursday, Nov. 20th. This special collection of food will be going to the Food Pantry. The goal is to collect 500 cans. Reverend Mark Metzger of the First United Methodist Church spoke to the children about the Pantry & The Ministerial Alliance on Monday, Oct. 20th.

Farmers Sees Strategic Advantage From Announced Merger With Zurich Insurance

Los Angeles, Calif. Oct. 16, 1997 Today's announced merger agreement between B.A.T. Industries' financial services group, which includes Los Angeles-based Farmers Group, Inc. and Zurich Insurance, headquartered in Switzerland, to form Zurich Financial Services Group, will create one of the world's largest property and casualty insurance groups, and the third largest property and casualty group in the United States. Farmers, with operations in 30 states, is a leading provider of personal, life and commercial insurance in the United States, and is currently the nation's fifth-largest property and casualty group. Farmers will be the largest U.S. member of this new insurance and financial asset management group that includes Scudder investments and Kemper and the reinsurance operations of Zurich U.S. among others.

"We are enthusiastic about this merger and the opportunity it provides Farmers," said Martin D. Feinstein, president and chief executive officer at Farmers. "This will provide Farmers with the opportunity to access an expanded menu of new products and services. This joins us with a truly global organization dedicated to insurance, and one which will enhance our future growth plans."

Girl Scout Field Trip

All registered Stratford Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Clayton Lake State Park on Saturday, October 25. Girls need to meet at The Imagination Station at 9 a.m. with a permission slip signed by parent or guardian. Troops may also need parents to drive.

A park ranger will lead a guided tour and provide information for the Girl Scouts.

Troop leaders are Jennifer Koch, Daisy Kindergarten; Carlotta Johnson and Monica Duran, Brownie Grades 1-3; Maria Moreno and Pam Combs, Cadette grades 7-9; and Evlyn Schmidt, Seniors grades 1-12.

Come and join or rejoin for fun activities, field trips, craft projects and special Girl Scout events! For more information please call Brenda Johnson at 396-2494 or Evlyn Schmidt at 396-2380.

15th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival To Be Held

The 15th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival of Arts and Crafts will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 1-2, 1997. It will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, Oklahoma. The public is invited to attend Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. No admission fee.

Lambda Psi, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is sponsoring the event. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch will be donated to community service in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

A concession stand serving various luncheon items, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available. Approximately 115 exhibitors with various arts and crafts will be showing their wares in what is expected to be the best show yet. The public is invited to start their Christmas shopping at the 15th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival of Arts and Crafts.

Attention WTAMU Fans!!!!!!

The West Texas A&M University athletic department is hosting a "Salute to Chamber of Commerce" night at the Buffalo football game on Saturday, November 1. The Buffs plan Lone Star Conference foe Midwestern State in a 6 p.m. kick-off at Kimbrough Stadium.

Chamber of Commerce members will get \$2.00 off an adult ticket as a small token of appreciation for their community pride. The discount coupons are available to Chamber members at the Stratford Chamber of Commerce office (520 N. 3rd) or call 396-2260.

Help your hamburgers have added zip by mixing in two tablespoons of horseradish to the ground beef before cooking.

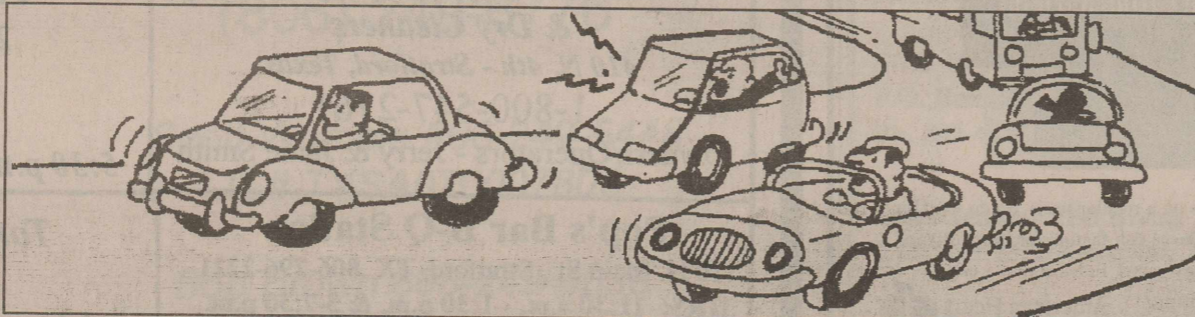
Teachers Attend Techonology Conference

Education Technology for the 21st Century was the theme for the recent conference attended by Stratford teachers and administrators. The conference was hosted by Region 16 Education Service Center. Highlights of the conference included keynote speakers Don R. Foshee and Dr. Keith L. Mitchell. Mr. Foshee is president of both Innovative Interactions, Inc. and the Texas Distance Learning Association as well as being past president of the U.S. Distance learning Association. Dr. Mitchell, a frequent keynote presenter, known to be both entertaining and enlightening, is a national education technology specialist for Apple Computer, Inc. Dr. Mitchell's technology demonstrations illustrated how student use of technology can make our academic curriculum relevant to the workplace. The conference took place at the Amarillo Civic Center on October 14 and 15, 1997. The conference was well attended both days by educators from area schools.

Many breakout sessions were provided by area educators during the conference. These breakout sessions covered many areas of Technology, providing valuable help and information to teachers and administrators. Vendors, representing computer hardware and software companies, also did presentations. Other unique opportunities afforded by the

conference were live videoconferencing. On both days teachers could sit in on sessions in progress or actually participate in a videoconferencing classroom session. Brad Parkinson from Bemidji Middle School, Vemidji, Minnesota taught participants how to play the guitar! This unique experience gave teachers the opportunity to actually participate in a real distance learning classroom. After the completion of this lesson from Minnesota, the methods used by the distance learning teacher was discussed. GTE provided a videoconferencing classroom which offered several different learning opportunities. Dr. Lloyd Korhonen, with the Center for Distance Learning Research at Texas A&M University was present at some of these sessions to offer insight and instruction.

Dr. Dan Lumley of Spring Hill ISD, Spring Hill, Kansas, and Dr. Gerald Bailey, KSU, were also featured speakers at the conference. These gentlemen provided two hour workshops to help schools develop technology plans. Technology plans that follow state and federal guidelines are essential if a school district plans to submit TIE grants in the future. Educators attending these sessions were able to take away a blueprint for their district's technology plan. Commercial exhibits were also available for teachers to examine the latest in technology hardware and software.



Keep your lane-changing on the highway down as much as possible. The acceleration and braking that are needed will eat up 30 percent more gas.

4-H Highlights!!

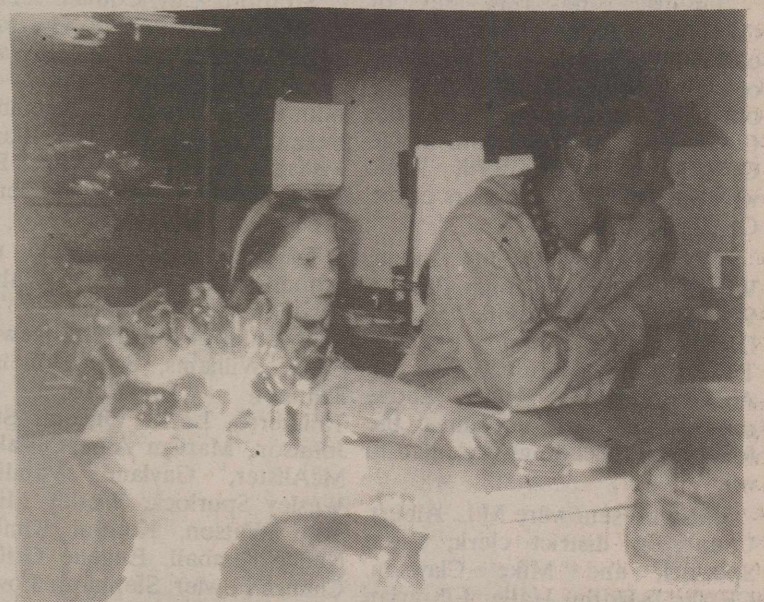
National 4-H Week Oct. 5-12



Preparing decorations for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet are Chelsea Christian, Alisha Sladek, and Nicole Davis.



Learning teamwork skills through recreation are 4-H club and council officers attending the annual county 4-H Leadership Retreat.



Erin Ashley and Wyatt Young provide leadership at the organization's stockshow concession, one of the fundraisers.

Cross Country

Elk Cross Country-Lake Meredith

Varsity Girls Team placed 4th
Jennifer King 2nd 12:22-Keri Wight 14th-13:26; Julie Kimball-16th 13:26; Ashlie Lasley 21st-13:34; Jessica Sikora-88th 15:32.

"Coach Horsford said Great job by these five young ladies, probably ran the best we have all year." "Looks like we are really beginning to run well."

JH Girls Team placed 3rd
Carly Matthews-9th 13:32; Heather Ashley-11 13:33; Jessica Young-23rd 14:23; Lori Wilhelm 24th 14:23; Amy Witcher-49th 15:50; Trish Teig 50th 15:51.

"Coach Horsford said Outstanding job by the JH girls. They ran against all classifications of schools. Special effort by Trish Teig, she ran most of the race with only 1 shoe.

JV Boy: Corey Williams 12th 19:24.



It was once believed that if you were born between the 21st and 24th of any month, you'd have good luck on the 13th of any month.

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CONFINED HOG OPERATIONS POSE PROBLEMS FOR AREA RESIDENTS

October 15, 1997

The recent and rapid expansion of corporate hog farms into the Texas panhandle area is staggering. Their establishment and proliferation has created a great deal of anxiety with the populace in this and in other areas where they have located. Various reasons are given for this and none of them satisfy because of the difficulty assessing whether or not the impact to our economies and environment is positive.

Sherman County has apparently been targeted for a build up of confined hog facilities by their respective companies, with little or no information available to unsuspecting residents. The intent of this article is to inform and to make our citizens aware of problems other communities are having and point out that this in fact may not be economic growth.

The movement is not expansion of swine production but rather relocation. This area would certainly offer numerous advantages for other industries wishing to relocate their respective businesses. However, most of these businesses would bring more, economically speaking, than they take away. Since the hog operations employ few people most counties are questioning this economic balance.

The corporate hog farming operations in North Carolina, Kansas and Oklahoma have met strong opposition with Seward County in Kansas voting to rescind corporate hog farming. South Dakota has a bill before the senate which authorizes a moratorium on hog confinement operations. Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri have experienced pollution problems created by swine units and are reversing support of these projects. This is apparently due to the explosion of facility construction and a reassessment by the communities of these farms and their overall, long term impact.

All the aforementioned states have an economic base heavily reliant on agriculture. This makes opposition particularly difficult. My business and means of support comes from cattle feeding operations located throughout the Texas panhandle, so I am hard pressed not to sound self serving. However, the issue for Sherman County residents is that these facilities are new and that makes the environmental impact additional. Consequently, the long term affect is unknown, reason would have us think that concentration will exacerbate the problem, long or short term.

The attitude of VALL, Inc. dba VC Swine, Inc. is one of utmost confidence. Construction of the facility located three miles east and two miles south of Stratford has begun prior to state regulatory agencies approval and issuance of proper permits. Neither were the residents of the county given any chance to voice opinions or accumulate information regarding the effects to the locality and existing or future enterprises.

There are a lot of people in this county who have worked hard over the years supporting local businesses and promoting new business into Stratford. No one knows what effects this will have on tourism and pheasant hunting but it likely will not be good. Nor can we know how this might hinder any other industries seeking localities, such as Stratford, for expansion. It has the potential to limit any possibilities which exist, and public perception is difficult to measure until it is too late to change.

Coincidentally, the last two facilities have been sighted adjacent to existing cattle feeding operations. This practice is questionable and deserving of an answer. Being left to speculate about the reason for doing this adds conjecture to the intent and fuels suspicions as to their vision for future growth.

Recourse is available by contacting the following:

State Representative Warren Chisum
P.O. Box 2061 Pampa, Texas 79066
Ph. 806-665-3552

State Senator Teel Bivins
P.O. Box 9155 Amarillo, TX 79105

Jack Rhoades

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<p>FARM EQUIPMENT</p> <p>1 HAMBLY 13 SHANK 3 pt RIPPER 2 TYE 21' 3 pt GRAIN DRILL 8' spc DBL DISC 1 BUSH HOG MOD 13368 1 SHREDDER 1 24 DBL DIAMOND TOOL BAR 1 8 ROW BED SHAPER 1 3 BOTTOM ROLL OVER FLOW 1 LILLISTON 8 ROW CULTIVATOR 1 JD 940 LAND PLANE w/12' CUT 1 BROYHILL SPRAY RIG 1 24' DBL BAR TOOL BAR w/ SWEEPS & GAUGE WHEELS 1 REYNOLDS 21' 3 pt 8 ROW SWEEP RIG 1 8 JD 71 FLEX PLANTERS MOUNTED ON REYNOLDS TOOL BAR w/BED SHAPER 1 REYNOLDS 30' TOOL BAR 3 pt w HYD MARKERS w/2 COULTERS 1 WEDGE WIK ROPE WICK 1 SECTIONS OF HARKOWS 1 ROLL A CONE PICKUP 1 V DITCHER 1 4 ROW KNIFE SLED w/PICKERS 1 SET MARKERS 1 SEVEAL DRAG BULLETS 1 JD 36' FOLDING FIELD CONDITIONER 2 CASE 16'x10" GRAIN DRILLS 1 24' 3pt CULTPACKER 1 CASE IH 496 FOLDING 30' TANDEM DISC 1 DBL BAR 3 pt ROD WEEDEE LISTER RIG 1 YETTER 3428 30' 3pt ROTARY HOE 1 30' 3pt CULTPACKER 1 ROLL A CONE 21' 3 BAR TOOL BAR w/DBL GAUGE WHEELS/19 SHANKS w/SWEEPS 2 BIG YELLOW ANDERSON HYD HITCHES 3 PORTABLE GRAIN LOADERS 1 CALDWELL PWR GIANT 3pt HYD 10' BLADE 1 GRAIN TRANSFER AUGER 1 WYLLIE 110 GAL SPRAY RIG w/ B&S GAS ENGINE & PUMP!</p> <p>TRACTORS, COMBINE, GRAIN CARTS</p> <p>1 1981 CASE 2590 DIESEL TRACTOR w/CAB/AIR/HTR/WTS/18.4X38 DUALS 7329 HRS (990489) 1 1979 CASE 2590 DIESEL TRACTOR w/CAB/AIR/HTR/WTS 1 1974 CASE 1370 TURBO DIESEL TRACTOR w/CAB & AGRI KING FRONT END LOADER 18.4x38 RUBBER 1 HAGIE 647 HI BOY TRACTOR w/ CAB/AIR/SPRAY RIG w/FOLDING BOOMS & STAINLESS STEEL TANKS 1 A&L MOD 650 TANDEM GRAIN CART 1 BIG 12 400 BU GRAIN CART 1 1980 JD 6620 DIESEL COMBINE w/CAB/AIR/24' HEADER APPROX. 1800 HRS</p>	<p>TRUCKS</p> <p>1 1974 CHEV C65 GRAIN TRK V8/ 5spd w/22' METAL BED & HOIST/ ROLL OVER TARP/TANDEM AXLE 9'00x20 RUBBER 52,000 MILES 1 1965 GMC 4000 GRAIN TRK V6/ 4spd SINGLE AXLE 16' METAL BED & HOIST 9.00x20 RUBBER 1 1959 CHEV GRAIN TRK V8 4spd/ 2spd w/HOIST 1 GOOSENECK 14' GRAIN BED TRAILER w/HOIST</p> <p>LIVESTOCK TRAILERS & EQUIPMENT</p> <p>1 TURNER UNIVERSAL CATTLE WORKING CHUTE 1 DAN HAUSER 3pt POST HOLE DIGGER SEVERAL FENCE CHARGERS 1 16' TANDEM AXLE 1/2 TOP STOCK TRAILER 1 2 HORSE SINGLE AXLE SHOP MADE TRAILER</p> <p>TANKS</p> <p>2 1500 GAL POLY TANKS 1 1000 GAL BUTANE TANK</p> <p>VEHICLES</p> <p>1 1979 CHEV SCOTTSDALE PICKUP AUTO/LWB 1 1983 DODGE CUSTOM VAN (GRANGER) V8/AUTO/PWR/AIR (GOOD SHAPE)</p> <p>ANHYDROUS STORAGE TANKS & TRAILERS</p> <p>2 6000 GAL ANHYDROUS AMMONIA STORAGE TANKS w/ PUMP 8 1000 GAL ANHYDROUS NURSE TANK TRAILERS (5 w/FRONT DELIVERY & 3 w/ TOP DELIVERY</p>	<p>RIDING MOWER, THREE WHEELER & DISC ROLLER</p> <p>1 DISC ROLLER MOD J w/NEW MTR (TOP SHAPE) 1 2 WHL PICKUP BED TRAILER CUB CADET 782 RIDING MOWER 1 HONDA 200 3 WHEELER w/ NEWLY OVERHAULED MTR 1 IHC CUB CADET #100 GARDEN TRACTOR w/MOWER DECK, BLADE & CULTIVATOR 1 MAN'S FREE SPIRIT BIKE!</p> <p>ROAD GRADER, BALER & ENSILAGE CUTTER</p> <p>1 CAT 12 ROAD GRADER (RIGHT HAND DRIVE NEEDS WORK) 1 JD 30 PULL TYPE ENSILAGE CUTTER 1 M & W 1800 ROUND BALER</p> <p>TRAVEL TRAILER & CAMPER</p> <p>1 1972 PATHFINDER 14' TRAVEL TRAILER/AIR COND.—GOOD SHAPE 1 SHORT WIDE PICKUP TOPPER 1 RED DALE SLIDE IN CAMPER w/ LONG WIDE BED PICKUP</p> <p>IRRIGATION PIPE MOTORS & TRAILERS</p> <p>60 JOINTS 10" ALUM 30' GATED ON 30' ROWS 23 JOINTS 8" ALUM 30' FLOW LINE PIPE 42 JOINTS 8" ALUM 30' GATED ON 60" ROWS 16 LOT ALUM PLUGS - T's, L's, ETC SEVERAL IRR ALUM PLUGS - T's, L's, ETC 1 IRRIGATION PIPE TRAILER 4 535 FORD IRR ENG 1 504 MM ENG 3 292 CHEV ENG</p>
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attachment on the permit that all surrounding home owners are notified about the fire hazard and if the home owners sign to go ahead and let Lisa Ramos put her mobile home there. City manager Ric Walton will be in charge of contacting the home owners. Kenneth Forthman made the motion and Earl seconded it. Motion carried.

Lane Robertson and Shari Hudsons livestock permit was heard. Kenneth Forthman made a motion to approve it and Earl seconded it motion carried.

Wesley Spurlock spoke on behalf of the SCDC for funding of \$5,000.00 dollars from the City Commission. Then Lorie Vincent spoke on how the funds were spent from the County and what the cities money would be used for, meals, motel rooms, etc. Since the counties money could only be used for line items. There were no decisions yet from the Council till they decide on a budget.

Discussion about appointing David Brown as magistrate he asked if we might contract with the County to do that. This issue was tabled with motion being made by Dennis and seconded by Kenneth Forthman, motion carried.

Second reading of the water utility ordinance combining ordinance 231, 234, 270, 280, 281. The motion made to approve by Earl Griffin and seconded by Dennis Phelps motion carried.

Consider adoption of National Electric Code by reference. Kenneth Forthman made motion to adopt Dennis Phelps seconds, motion carried needs 3 readings.

Discuss a price increase in the cemetery lots from \$75.00 to \$150.00 due to the fact of the increase in the upkeep of the cemetery. A motion was made to increase the lots to \$150.00 per lot by Dennis Phelps and was seconded by Earl Griffin taking effect on Oct. 1, 1997. Contact

Railroads about purchasing more land. motion carried.

The 1997-1998 (FY98) budget was discussed we need to have a much more conservative water budget. We need to get water gallons for the last 10 years, to make new projection, take city water bills off budget. Ric did not want to budget in sale of assets (dumpsters, garbage truck, etc.) A 3% tax rate was agreed upon by the members for the new budget setting our new rate at .8711. Theresa Edmond needed this to order new tax roles. Council was informed about the BFI Meeting here at 12:30 p.m. on September the 17th, mayor David Brown and attorney Jon King need to be present.

Solid Waste Grant application PRPC. Ric was granted permission to preuse the grant on behalf of the city. The deadline being September 22, 1997. Earl Griffin made the motion to approve and Joan seconded Motion carried. Grant for recycler, baler, forklift, Etc.

Consider Kenney and Hembree for the audit: Joan Palmer made a motion to use them and Dennis Phelps seconded motion, carried with Kenneth Forthman opposed.

Consider Ordinance abolishing the City Marshall position we have a chief of police and the Marshall position was never abolished. The motion to abolish the marshall position by ordinance was made by Earl Griffin and seconded by Kenneth Forthman. Establish office of Police Chief, motion carried. Must have 3 readings.

Approving the bills for the end of Aug. Thru first of Sept. 1997, Dennis asked about the Wallace Monument Bill, if the money was from donation and not out of the cities pocket. The money was from donations. They moved to table the financial statement since they did not have any, because of the computer glitch. Also the repeater hit by lightning was filed with insurance. Earl Griffin made motion and Dennis Phelps seconded the motion carried.

Police Chief Jim Dewees informed the council that he hired a new officer a Gerald McDonald. He will start on Monday the 15th of September, 1997. The new police cars is in, with light bar attached. Jim informed council that he sent off for grant with cop fest to see if we qualified for a free officer, with the government paying the officers salary for 3 years Dennis asked for new officer to be at the next meeting.

City administrator report: Informed the Commission that for the interim period of the landfill that there will probably be a surcharge added to the utility bills, but once the contract is signed with BFI the rates should not be

effected much if any on the house hold users but the business'es with large volumes of trash will see an increase. That the commission will problem have to draft and ordinance for fines, for people who unlawful dump into containers.

Engineering of the Elk Addition Unit 1 for the purpose of boundaries. Wes Willey given permit to build his house by eyeballing the north from the apartments and the west side from Jim Dewees's house on Putman and Maxell we can't find copy of easement, and otherwise there is a 6" water main on private property. Deed restriction can only be enforced by property owners. We need a bench circuit survey for grades and flows at Putman and Maxwell. Then there is a engineering mistake on the water line at HWY 54 and S. Spruce there is not one and no 6" water main on new water connections Dennis wants shutoffs at each new connections. Ken Loman with SPS out of Guymon wants to run electric line on Sherman ave. A minimum of 59" depth. This would be and improvement to the south side of town. We need to find out where water main crosses Beaver Road. Discussion ended and Earl Griffin left at 9:25 p.m.

Phillip Bain had a question about where he was going to put tires when landfill closes. The landfill still has 2/3 of the tires there and they must be gone by the 30th of September.

P.J. Pronger requested that the City's backhoe be used to remove some elm tree stumps at the back of the Imagination Station it was denied do the the liability.

John Wilson asked about his zone variance from J. to A. for the Land on Sherman Ave. He was told it had to run 3 times in the paper before the council could vote on it. Ric mention cost sharing with the Bank on the water line down by Sherman Ave.

The motion made to adjourn was by Dennis Phelps and seconded by Kenneth Forthman at 10 p.m.

Stratford City Council met in regular session Thursday September 18, 1997 with Mayor David Brown presiding and the following council members

present: Joan Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Sandy Williams and Earl Griffin. Also present City Administrator Richard Walton, Steve Johnson, Lorie Vincent, Marilyn Albert, Eddie Williams, Jim Dewees and Bill Riffe.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Brown at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read and a motion was made to approve by Joan Palmer and seconded by Earl Griffin. There was discussion about appointing David Brown magistrate. The County can't be and extra for the City because they can't enforce the city ordinances. The cost is \$500.00. The motion was made to appoint David Brown magistrate by Joan Palmer and seconded by Sandy Williams. The motion carried.

This was the third reading of the water utilities ordinance the motion to approve was made by Sandy Williams and seconded by Joan Palmer, the motion carried.

There was discussion about adopting the National Electric code by reference so we have a standard to go by. Eddie Williams asked if this would apply to only new or remodelled properties. It will only apply to new or remodelled properties. Earl made a motion to approve and Sandy seconded, the motion carried. This was the second reading.

The ordinance abolishing the City Marshall was discussed and the position being conveyed to the police dept. The motion was made by Sandy Williams and seconded by Joan Palmer the motion carried. This was the second reading.

The 1997-98 budget was discussed. The water sales from 196-97 budget are down about \$40,000.00

The Fire Dept. looks higher due to the fact of the count helping purchase new equipment.

Earl asked about the courtroom security money of \$3.00 added to each fine and he was informed that it would not be spent till they had enough to purchase the video camera.

In the 1996-97 budget the utilities were split 4 ways between the water, sewer, streets and trash now it will be split ways with the alleviation of the trash dept. Street

lights are most of the expenses. They asked about checking with SPS about new lights that were ore cost effective.

The utilities has now transferred \$67,000.00 to the General fund.

The Library Grant must be changed to Library fund instead of grant to make it legal.

On the landfill we will have 10 months on contract and 2 months of interim we do not have to bid out for our garbage since it falls under a police action. The landfill closure will be a washout due to the fact we will be selling the dumpster to who ever contracts out garbage. The estimated cost of closure of landfill is approximated at \$45,000.00. The cost of the dumping fees will increase per month \$1732.00 due to the volume of commercial usage. A BFI representative will put on a program about recycling for fee. The salary merit pool shows a 5% increase.

Postage and freight will increase in the general fund due to the way things should be broken out.

We are looking at new software for the 1997-98 budget. Item 411-301 is repair to the east wall. Item 411-403 is advertising which we will be doing more of.

Item 411-409 is employers benefits such as flowers and cards, etc.

Item 411-412 is community development which is for any group that might ask for funding such as the SCDC. Item 411-701 if 1/2 cent sales tax for the past 9 months.

Police chief report: In the police dept. the dispatcher salary is staying the \$12,000.00 for the next year. Payroll insurance is up \$6000.00 from last year. All computer software taken care of Item 412-209 is the equipment note for the new police car. Jim will get bids sometime on the K-9 Unit and the old green blazer. No revenue will be shown in the new budget.

Item 411-412 the community Development was brought up again. Lorie Vincent asked about a grant for the SCDC and was told that it had to be a contract and Sandy asked for it to be in writing.

The council also asked for a SCDC budget. Lorie also stated that the money the City council gives is 12% of SCDC budget. Lorie was asked how much the estimated sales tax per year is \$32,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per year. 1/3 of the sales tax money is pledged to the Taylor building project for 4 years. The other 2/3 to build up.

Item 413-302 the dog pound vehicle repair and maint. the pickup that Daryl uses needs a new engine.

The Fire Dept. needs to get it's inoculations the drug testing has to be done every quarter. They are picked from the pool. The new volunteers can be picked.

Item 415-407 parks new equipment this is an attempt to put money aside for 3 or 4 years. The council might want to contract ground maintenance around the trees on Hwy 54.

The school lights on 287 not flashing Connie called the Highway Dept. about this.

item 417-304 street repair was cut \$60,000.00 from last years. But

there is nothing in here for weed or bug control. David Brown talked to Billy Joe Potts with the school system. He will not be able to do it. There was discussion about building onto the City Barn.

Theresa with the Tax Appraisal is plotting the meets and bounds on the property at the new ball parks. They show Wayne Cummings only owns 150' x 300' and he has only been paying tax on that amount.

There was some discussion about raising the water rate from \$1.35 to \$1.50 the Water tower is \$1.50 per 1000 gallons. A motion was made to raise the rate \$1.50 per 1000 gallon by Sandy and seconded by Joan, motion carried. This doesn't change the base rate.

Water sales were amended to \$240,000.00

Item 421-215 equipment notes this is for the sewer machine which broke down on the 18 September. 1997

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