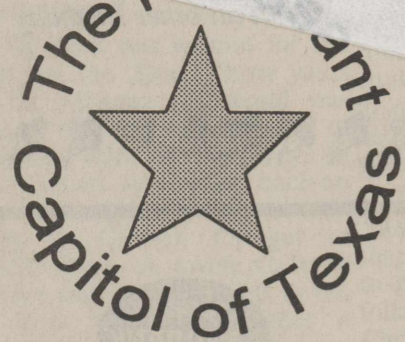


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The Stratford Star would like to wish everyone a safe & Happy Thanksgiving.

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Local News

Band Picture Correction

Editors Correction: I would like to apologize to Chan Smith and Hollie Husmann. They were not in the picture that Becky Asher took of the Band Seniors that was in last weeks edition of the Star, and we inadvertently left them out. Again our apologies.

Lunch-N-Learn

Lunch-n-learn will meet at 12:00 Noon December 2 at the County Exhibit Building. Felix Navidad is the theme and the program will inspire holiday creativity. Lunch will be served for \$3.00 a person. Please RSVP by calling 396-2122 by noon December 1.

Depot Museum Christmas Open House Dec. 5th

Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you for your wonderful response to our dinner theatre! The food was great, thanks to our loyal volunteers and supporters. And a great big thank-you to the Dalhart Theatre Group for the entertainment. We made some mistakes (we're human) but we'll change those and hope to do this again. And thanks to you all, we're in the black again!

Now on to other things. Our Christmas Open House is coming soon. It will be on Sunday, Dec. 5th from 1:00 to 3:00. You can eat lunch out and come by the museum for dessert! We'll have Christmas cookies and hot cider, thanks to MariHoward. We'll have Joan Bell's and Gaynelle Riffe's collection of Santa Clauses. Then we have a collection of John Deere belt buckles and the barbed wire collection from McLean for the gentleman. So plan now to come by and visit with us on Sunday, Dec. 5th.

We'll also have our Christmas ornaments available at our Open house. Remember, they are one of our money making projects also. And there is only one more to go and then no more! If you've missed a year or so, we'll have those available too. It's nice to have the whole set to pass along to the children.

Another note to our volunteers-if you're missing a dish from the dinner theatre, please call MariHoward. She has several and she'll deliver if you'll give her a call.

Don't forget, we'll see you Sunday afternoon Dec. 5th from 1:00-3:00 at the Depot.

Hospital Report

Herb Folsom is in Northwest Texas Hospital Room 461 in Amarillo. Alvin Oquin (Myrtle Starkers brother) is in Amarillo in Hospital.

J.V. and Varsity Basketball

Stratford J.V. boys & girls, Elks and Elkettes play Texhoma Nov. 30th starting at 4:00 p.m.

Junior High Basketball

Stratford 7th-8th grade boys play Sunray here on Nov. 29 at 5:00 p.m. and 7th-8th girls at Sunray at 5:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING Greetings



Shown above is Peggy White RN, Christina Garza, Aide, Kenneth Forthman, Mayor who proclaimed this as National Home Health Care Week, Rebecca Mead L.V.N. and Maria Morena, Aide.

National Home Care Week Celebration The People's Choice

Panhandle Health Services, along with agencies nationwide, joins Congress and President Bill Clinton in celebrating National Home Care Week, November 28-December 4, 1993.

This year's theme "Home Care: The People's Choice," reflects the unanimity of voice with which the American public chooses home care as the solution to the growing long-term care problems. Millions of Americans of all ages need Home Health care services, either because of a chronic illness, permanent disability or a temporary condition that renders them helpless to perform basic tasks of daily living without assistance.

"Home care is an excellent and cost-effective alternative to institutional care, providing patients a way to recover in a familiar environment surrounded by their loved ones and treasured possessions," said Randall Keeney RN, Director of Public Education for Panhandle Health Services.

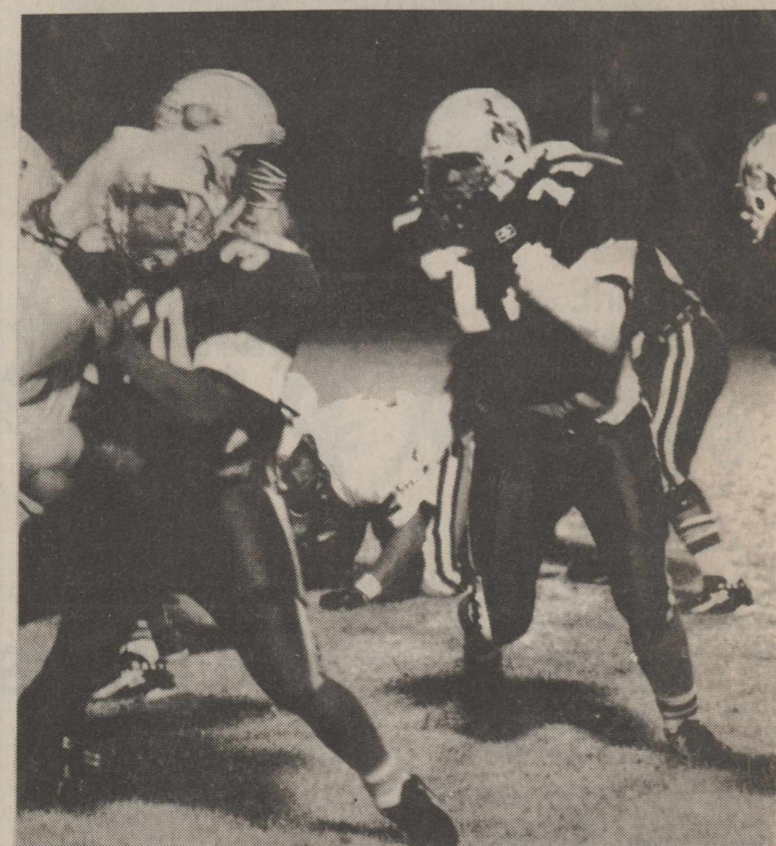
"Modern technology has developed to the point where virtually anything that is available in a hospital can be provided at home. Considering the spiraling costs of institutional care and the growing number of Americans in need of health care, home care is clearly and idea whose time has

come." Proclaimed by an Act of Congress and by President Bill Clinton, National Home Care Week provides the opportunity to pay tribute to the thousand of nurses, therapists, home care aides, clerical and physicians who dedicate their lives to providing the highest quality care at home. In addition, it provides the opportunity for agencies to focus national attention on the issues of home care.

Panhandle Health Services has scheduled an array of activities and events to help celebrate National Home Care Week. They will have an open house with free blood pressure checks and hearing tests in the Dumas office December 2, 1993. We will be presenting awards to show our appreciation, to all employees throughout the week.

Panhandle Health Services was founded in 1975 and has been providing high-quality professional home health care services to the Texas Panhandle since that time. Employing 120 nurses, home health aides, and clerical staff, the agency offers comprehensive home care from the most basic assistance with daily living sophisticated high-tech medical treatment.

Wolverines End Elks Season



#71 Trew James and #30 Oscar Baeza.

Stratford ended its football season to Springlake-Earth 21 to 8 Friday night at Canyon High School. The two teams were playing for Area Championship in Class 2A. Stratford finished an excellent season at 10-2.

Springlake-Earth will be advancing to regional play against Hamlin.

Stratford had 11 first downs, 134 yards rushing, 85 yards passing, 219 Total yards gained.

Comp-Att-Int. 5-15-2; Punts-Avg. 4-32.7; Fumbles-lost 4-2 and Penalties-yards 3-20.

Individual statistics for the Elks were for rushing-Clint Vincent 19-69, Marcus Lavake 9-24, Oscar Baeza 7-24, Heath Starnes-4-15, Coby Seaton 1-2.

Passing-Marcus Lavake 4-13-2-58; Clint Vincent 1-2-0-27.

Receiving-Adrian Aguilera 2-49, Chan Smith 2-30 and Clint Vincent 1-6.

Thompson Speaks At District TRTA Meeting

Gary Thompson, of the Texas Teacher's Retirement System was the speaker at the District XVI meeting held in Amarillo at the First Christian Church. It was an informative speech that held the attention of the listeners who learned about present facts and the goals of the future for TRTA and for all retirees covered by the system.

Goals of membership for 1994 and long range goals for the year 2000 were presented. Increased membership demonstrates interest and support of members of the retirement system to themselves, their legislators and to Texas citizens. The legislative agenda for 1994 and 1995 is now being set by committees. Give your ideas to your local chapter president and to the legislative chairman.

There was a detailed description of the TRTA building that hopefully will be built before 2000. An architect's drawing was on display in the dining room A lot near the state capitol has been purchased. Also there was a description of how the present medical system and hospital care and prescription drugs for TRS retirees may be affected by a national health care system. All retirees should carefully read



First State Banks Has Open House

The First State Bank of Stratford held their open house Friday, November 19th. Shown above are some of the folks that stopped by to enjoy the delicious food and drinks that were on hand for the occasion. B.A. Donelson is shown second from right. Names unavailable on other three gentlemen in picture.

The delegates from individual chapters were greeted by Kenneth Gibson, District president. The pledges of allegiance to the United

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I Dare You Leadership Award Recipient Named

Kyle Ellison has been awarded the national I Dare You Leadership Award in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential for leadership. The honor was presented by Jim Allison at ceremonies held at the Sherman County 4-H Achievement Banquet on October 11, 1993.

The I Dare You Leadership Award is made available each year by the American Youth Foundation in cooperation with Principals, Headmasters, and 4-H County Agents across the country. The Award was offered in 1941 by William H. Danforth, founder of the Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of services. The Award takes its name from the book, I Dare You!, written by Mr. Danforth, in which he commends the balance life of mental, physical, social and spiritual development at the backbone of leadership.

In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, Kyle receives a copy of Mr. Danforth's inspirational book, I Dare You!, and a scholarship opportunity to attend the American Youth Foundation's International Leadership Conference at Miniwanca in Michigan or Merrowista in New Hampshire. Over 8,000 schools and 4-H programs participate in the I Dare You Leadership Award each year.

In 1924, Mr. Danforth helped establish the American Youth Foundation, a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization committed to the service of youth through summer camps and leadership conferences. For more information about the I Dare You Leadership Award and the American Youth Foundation, contact the office at 1315 Ann Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63104.



#72 Colby Wheeler, #76 Kyle McAdams, #52 Julian Licon, #71 Trew James and #11 Marcus Lavake.

Photos by Becky Asher



#30 Oscar Baeza, #25 Clint Vincent and #11 Marcus Lavake.

We are now getting ready for our full page ad for Basketball. If you are interested in supporting this page, please call The Stratford Star at 396-5885 for more information.



Dear Readers

Marty Robertson
Editor

First off, my apologies to Chan Smith and Drum Major Hollie. They are seniors that play in the band and their names were left off of the picture that Becky Asher brought in last week for the paper. They were not in the picture but they are definitely seniors and they play in the band. Congratulations kids!

Please take a moment and stop and look at page 8. The Stratford Open House will be taking place on Thursday, December 2nd. Be sure and plan to visit all the businesses that are listed on the page. They are the ones that are participating. And remember Santa will be around also.

Congratulations Stratford Elks, you are the best in our eyes. There's always next year. But don't be ashamed, you accomplished much this year. Everyone is proud of you.

We hope you made it to the First State Banks Open House last Friday. If you missed the display of Art by J. Bryon Test of Guymon, you missed seeing some beautiful items. They were very good.



Obits

Mabel Page

Dalhart-Mabel Page, 78 died November 18, 1993 at Coon Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 20th at Lakeview United Methodist Church with the burial at 2:00 p.m. in the Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Woodward, pastor officiating. Arrangements were by Hass-Ferguson Funeral Directors.

Mabel was born and raised near Stratford. She married Andy Page and they ran a grocery store in Plainview until 1970 when they moved back to Stratford. Andy Page died in 1971. Mabel moved to Dalhart in 1978. She was a member of Lakeview United Methodist Church, the 55 plus Club and the Fourtytwo clubs.

She is survived by one daughter Linda Hamilton of Dalhart; 1 sister Grace Trublood of Dalhart; two granddaughter Sondra Lang of Dalhart and DeLona Hamilton of Austin, Texas. 4 great grandchildren. 2 stepdaughters, Mrs. James (Bonnie) Brown of Dalhart, And Wanda Cannon of Sparks, Nevada 6 step grand children. 2 step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, James Robert Eyre.



Proceeds from the Tip Top of Texas Arts & Crafts Festival were distributed between The Pantry and Lollipop Junction. Shown above is left Earl Griffin receiving a check for \$569.00 for the pantry from Betty McMillion. Also pictured are Committee Members back left Anita DeBord, Barbara Schoonover, Cecilia DeBord and Stephanie Helton.



Shown above is Barbara Schoonover left presenting Trisha Schoonover of Lollipop Junction a check for \$569.00 donated from the Tip Top of Texas Arts & Crafts Festival. Pictured in background, left are Committee Members Anita DeBord, Stephanie Helton, Cecilia DeBord and Betty McMillion.

Happy Birthday Tammy, Boyd, Ausencio, Cecilia, Olga, Luis, Manue, Tiffany, Tina, Claude, Efrain, Robin, Desiree, Don, Doug, Jayme, Patty, Toby, Amy, Steve, Zola, Heather, Jim Bob and all other Birthday Honorees!

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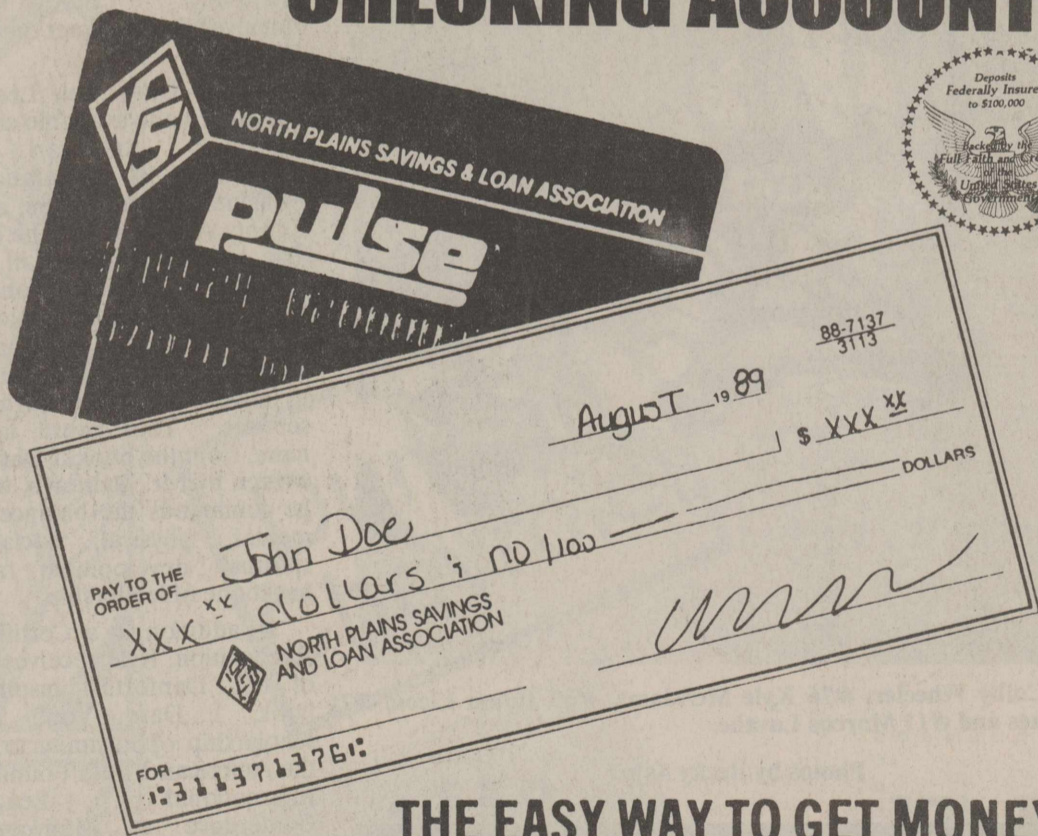
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Timmies Tidbits

Hi, Readers on this the 22nd day of November, 1993. (our 76th Wedding anniversary) May it be the best day of our lives!

Last Thursday, Nov. 18, was a great day for the 140+ people who gathered at Scot Hall for the Prospectus Study Club's Thanksgiving Dinner. Visiting, music by youngsters from Mary Allen School—they sang American the Beautiful, God Bless the USA and American (new version to O.T.'s) with vim and vigor. Max Stephenson spoke of veteran care and appreciation—feasting on delicious and bountiful food, door prizes and just being together ALL made it a lovely memorable day. Among guests were Gladys Arnold her sister Rose and brother John Dalh, Mr. Leedy, Grovone DeBord Hardy and the Jim Farris, Dumas.

Gore's Dec., newsletter was distributed telling of upcoming nomination of new board members, a Christmas Party at Scot Hall on Dec. 10 (Friday) and a semi-formal dance Dec. 18 (Sat.) These specials added to regular activities make up Scots Dec. Calendar.

Marian Barton, Lillie McAdams, J.W. Flores, Jo June McDaniel, Kathrine Schriber, Timmie Brown and Lorelyn Powers were among P.M. Callers at the Banks open house Friday, November 19th. The Tate brother art display was especially interesting to history buffs because they are local Guymon men who are making good!

The expression "Making good" leads to the following stories of three women: two were born and reared in Stratford; the third has "deep roots" here. Marian Haile Williams, Plano is the daughter of H.L. Haile and the late Marijo Brown Haile. Marian's interview from the Plano, Texas newspaper, reports that Marian says, quote: "I am a homemaker, wife of R.R. Williams, mother of Elizabeth Rose and a funtual art worker in clay, which is one of my hobbies". (In everyday language Marian's hobby is pottery) Her pottery is displayed at Schimelpfenig Showplace, 920 W. 18th St. Plano. Marian second hobby is Hosting and producing "The Evening Show" on Plano's Telecable. Incidentally Marian is the

granddaughter of the writer of Timmie's Tidbits!!

Second Story. Teresa Harris Hollway is the daughter of Roy Harris and nee Cleo Ledbetter. Teresa was born in Stratford and went to school here. Her interviewer, Ray Westbrook from Lubbock's Avalanche Journal reports the following. Teresa says that some ten years ago she found that putting her emotions into poetry was very satisfying. She soon felt that God had called her to write initially in Prayer form, prayers of hope, sorrow, compassion and so-called "golden years" and finally prayers of intercession. Lastly, Teresa and "her friend Cathy Quest, who is a graphic artist, collaborated and have produced what are called combination of picture and prayer, very effective. Teresa is also, first, a homemaker for husband Steve, mother of Matt, Clint, Robyn.

Teresa displayed her work at the last Art Show in Stratford. She is the grand daughter of the late Lenore (Bybee) and Charlie Harris, Stratford. Mrs. Harris is the past president of Woman's Missionary Union, First Baptist Church, Stratford who led the women of the church to tithe.

Ann Foster Cone is the third woman we mentioned earlier. Ann is the daughter of the late Velma (Pendleton) and John Preston foster and was born in El Paso, where she lives. Ann is a business woman and with a woman friend own the "Blooming Desert Nursery" in El Paso. They supply healthy, right time blooming bedding plant to Walmart; K Mart and such distributors. Ann's "deep root in Stratford" come the fact that Velma and John are her parents and in addition she is the granddaughter of the late O.T. Agnes and Clyde Foster and Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Pendleton.

Ann and Blanch Foster, (widow of John) visited in Stratford with cousin Billy and Selma and Uncle Bob Pendleton, and attended the Sherman Co. Depot Museum dinner and Love Letters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Newman, Austin are guests of his sister Mattie and T.F. Baskin Loved ones who have departed this life are Hazel Phillips, mother of Lanelle Waldrop OT's Mabel Clark Page, Dalhart; J.D. Amend, Amarillo.

On OT's list are Fay White (at home and improving); Ricky Keener and Herb Folsom, hospitalized. Hilma Cleveland's address now is 2910 N. Eastman Rd Apt. 109 Longview Texas 75601.

Inclosing: from Teresa's Golden years:

"In the golden years of your life when there's nothing much to do; God will hold you close to Him and help you make it through."

For those who are hard pressed, she offers these thoughts:

Those that no one else would touch are precious in His eyes; He sees past the hardness to where their spirit lies."

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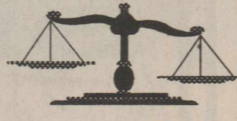
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Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

With fall arrangements of miniature pumpkins, Indian corn, gourds and leaves, accented with pilgrim dolls, Kerrick Community had their annual Thanksgiving Supper Nov. 18.

Enjoying the bountiful table were from Stratford, Collen Irlbeck, Bessie Palmer, Joyce Harper, Kay and Winnie Dunlap, Shirley Armstrong, Zola Mae Aduddell, Bud & Frankie Shields, Mark, Debbie, Nicole & Kelsey Rouse, R.J. & Mary Hill, Jim & Helen Taylor, David & Rita Harker, Mike & Sharon Leonard, Fabian & Patsy Cruz, Joey Rangel. Also Mike Gibson of Lubbock.

Others were Kayo & Jo June McDaniel, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Florecia Eslinger, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Mike & Merilee McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel, Myron Leedy, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters, Barbara Avent, Virgie Mathews, Brady Schoonover, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Doug Taylor, Carla

Marguardt, Nita Taylor, Bill & Pat Boren, Bevin, Donna, April & Kodi Avent, Leonard, Peggy, Kenna & Chandra Hawkins, Gayla & Thea James, Franny & Brenda Taylor, Gerald Wilhelm & Children.

Florecia Eslinger spent Nov. 15-16 in Oklahoma City for tests.

Marylou McDaniel flew to Denver Nov. 12 where she was joined by Patti McDaniel for a flight to Sacramento, CA. They attended the wedding of Teri McDaniel to Tom Prior. They saw several relatives and enjoyed some sight-seeing in the four days they were there.

For those who may not have heard, Thelma & Duane Smith took Marylou to Amarillo to catch the plane. The trio couldn't have been gone thirty minutes when the Dumas Smith home was on fire! It destroyed the kitchen and den and thoroughly smoke-damaged the whole two story house. By the time Marylou returned home Nov. 17, everything had been removed from the house to be "de-smoked". The Smiths will be living elsewhere while their home is repaired.

Patti McDaniel arrives Wednesday night for Thanksgiving holiday.

Marylou McDaniel and Thelma Smith, Dumas, attended the Khiva Temple Memorial Service Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21. David McBryde and Fred McDaniel were among the 88 deceased Nobles of the past two years who were honored at the service.

Everyone is busy getting ready for Thanksgiving and the McDaniels seem to have been the only ones running around! When contacted everyone said, "No news!"

Scot Notes

By Jack Gore-Director

A BIG THANKS goes out to all the members of the Prospectus Study Club for the superb Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday. Over 136 people were in attendance for food, entertainment, program, and prizes that were handed out to all. A lot of work was spent by Zelda Pickens and her staff to make it a great success for SCOT MEMBERS.

SCOT ladies that helped in another bake sale which was held at Thriftway, Sat. Nov. 20th needs our thanks as well. Dorothy Robbins and crew sat all morning at Thriftway selling baked goods so that more money can be added to our general fund. AGAIN, I SAY THANKS TO ALL THE LADIES THAT PREPARED THE BAKE SALE ITEMS, THE WOMEN THAT WORKED AND TO FRED FOR ALLOWING US TO DO THIS AT HIS STORE.

We will finish out the month of November by enjoying the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and then end the month of activities on Saturday Nov. 27th with a country western dance with music provided by the COUNTRY FIVE from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THIS

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Thanksgiving Dinner At Scot Hall



Shown above is the Third graders with Mrs. Ricks, music teacher. These youngsters presented the entertainment for Scot/Prospectus Study Club Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 18.



Shown above is just a few of the folks who turned out to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner provided by the Scot/Prospectus Study Club.

Minnie Reeder.

Donating door prizes were Elk Pharmacy, The Hummingbird, Stratford Printing, Ellie's Reed & Sons, Family and Friends, The General Store and GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members, Betty Brown, Oline Caraway, Marty Bain, Zelda Pickens.

Club members prepared the turkeys, dressing, gravy and other dishes with SCOT also bringing dishes.



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No gifts please, only your presence and years of friendship needed.

There were around 130 at Sherman County Older Texan/Prospectus Study Club Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 18, plus 26 Third Grade Students and ten Mothers who came to hear the choir sing. Coldwater Manor guests numbered 14.

Zelda Pickens, Social Chairman, was in charge of the event. Table Grace was given by Oline Caraway. Margaret Reed introduced the program. The young choir presented rollicking patriotic songs under the direction of Marietta Ricks.

Max Stephenson spoke on citizenship, "The Red, White and Blue" and brought an update on the VA Hospital in Amarillo.

Melba Keener played pre-dinner piano selections.

Dana Buckles gave the courtesy thank yous to Girl Scout Brownies No. 48 and Daisies 305 for decorations and door prizes; Stratford Grain for turkeys; Thriftway for rolls; Bain Tire, cranberries; First State Bank, favors of Flashlights.

Winning door prizes were Kenneth and Ione Kendrick, Tommie Baskin, Edna Knight, Zola Mae Aduddell, Cecilia DeBord, Rowena Williams, Myron Leedy, Charlene Oquin, David Boags, Elsie Pickens, Bobby Strong, Jewel Dovell, Clarence Willman, Ken Strong, Dicy Stephenson, Raymond Dyess, Arlene Baker, Lew Bruni and

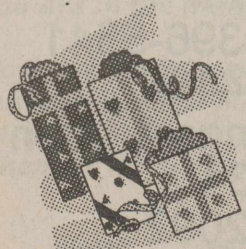
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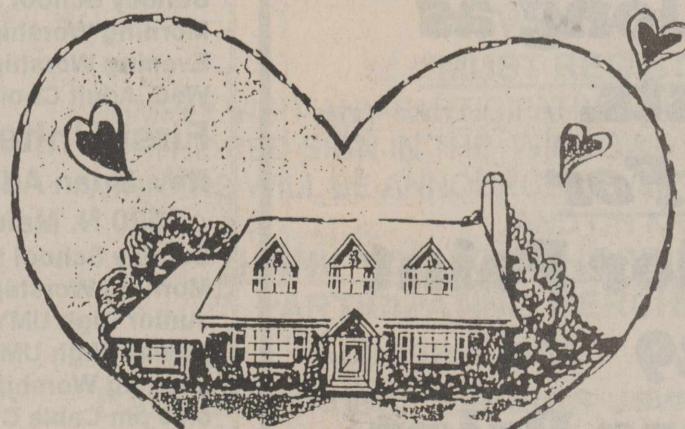
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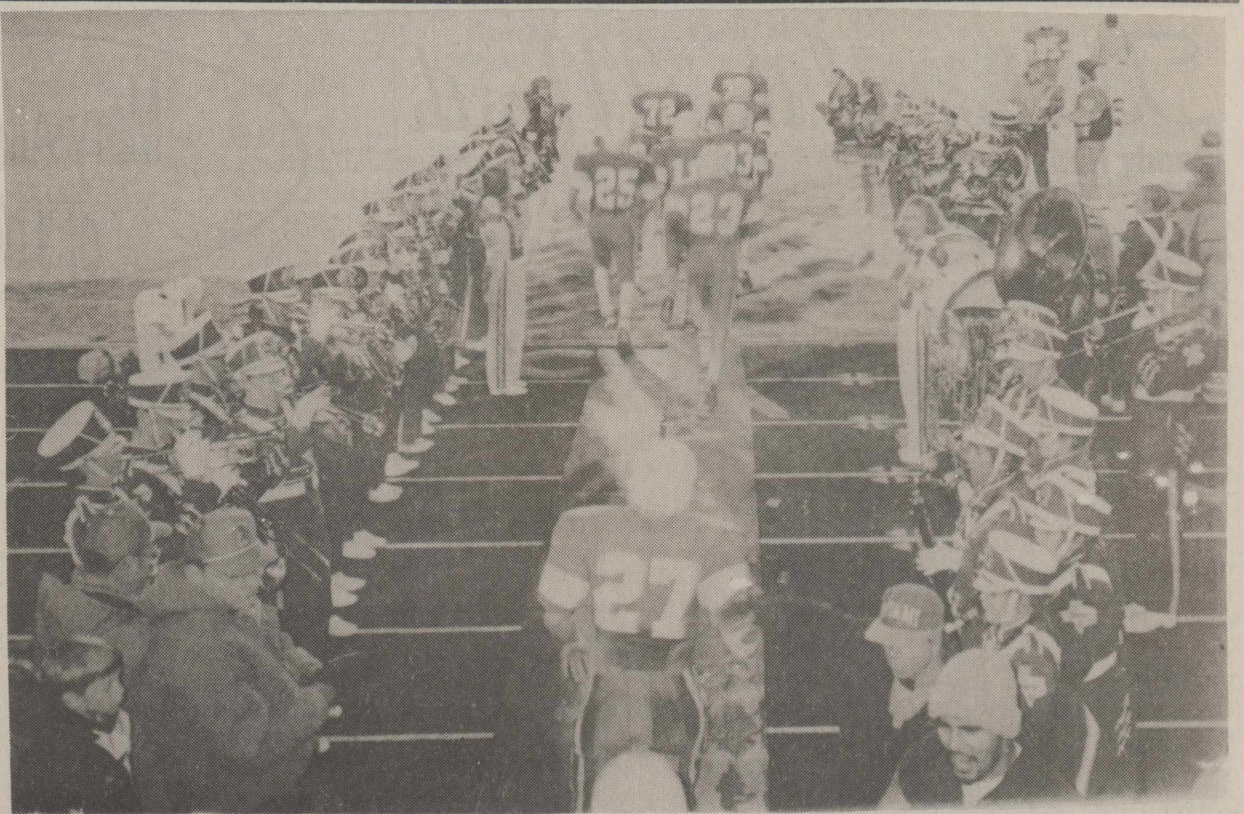
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Lungwitz were prepared to encounter unfriendly drivers who did not understand that bicycles have the same rights on the road as cars. However, they never had one single incident of anyone trying to dish out trouble. In fact, many motorists all across the state waved in support of the cyclists' efforts, or were inquisitive about the trip at restaurants and other rest stops.

Perhaps most importantly, they secured a listing of all Texas motels which guided them from town to town. "When possible, we tried to support the local motels and restaurants as opposed to the chains," Curry said.

Although they both say the trip was one of a lifetime, Lungwitz and Curry were certainly glad to be back in Austin a mere one week before snow began to fall in the panhandle.



Elk Fans and Big Blue Band wishing the Elks good luck before the game at Canyon High School last Friday night where the Elks played Springlake-Earth.

Native Texans Complete 16 Day Trip

Two native Texans from Austin recently completed a sixteen day bicycle trip across Texas, on a route that took them from Brownsville to the top of the Texas panhandle. Brock Curry and Kevin Lungwitz left Brownsville on October 8 and crossed the Oklahoma state line in Texhoma, on October 23, covering some 980 miles. "We never had an intent to set any speed records," said Lungwitz, a 29 year old attorney for the Texas State Teachers Association. "We were just riding for the challenge, the fun and the exercise."

Curry, a budget manager for the City of Austin, celebrated his thirtieth birthday on the backroads between Falfurias and Freer in South Texas. "We both just happened to have this rare window of opportunity to attempt the trip, so we decided to go for it," stated Curry. "The trip consisted of fifteen riding days and one rest day caused by the weather in Snyder," said Curry. Their shortest ride was 31 miles from Junction to Menard. Their longest-106 miles from Amarillo to the finish line in Texhoma.

The two riders passed through Stratford on Saturday, October 23 after leaving Amarillo that morning. They rode on highway 87 to get to Dumas where their wives joined them for the finale. Originally, they had planned to stay in Dumas and finish the trip the next day. However, after a long lunch in Dumas and gauging the strong wind, they decided to make a break for the border. They left Dumas at about 3 p.m. The south winds got stronger and the duo arrived in Stratford, 34 miles away, at about 4:45 p.m. They took a break in Stratford by the large, colorful sign that greets visitors on the south side of town. They also took pictures by the "Last Chance to Stop in Texas" sign on the way to Texhoma. The

duo continued to Texhoma where they finished the trip at about 6:00 p.m. having completed a 106 mile day and a 980 mile trip. Curry and their wives were glad they had chosen to include Stratford in this very memorable trip.

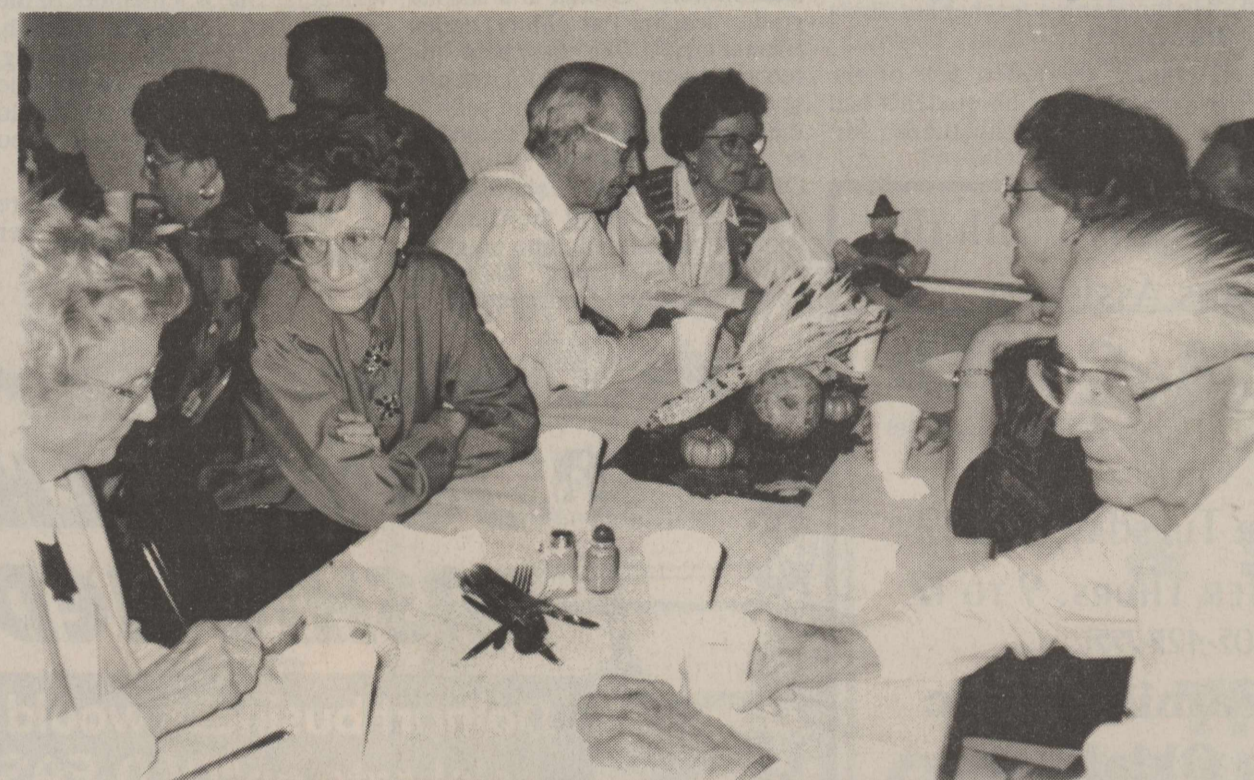
The cyclists were supported on the road by their wives who joined them on the weekends. Betty Curry and Jeana Lungwitz drove a vehicle which carried the riders' supplies on the beginning weekend in South Texas, the middle weekend in Central Texas and the final weekend in the northern panhandle. During the week, the riders carried all of their water, clothes, equipment and some food on their bicycles.

Lungwitz and Curry agreed that the route they took was dictated by three main factors: wind speed, road conditions, and motels.

They went south to north to take advantage of the prevailing southerly winds in Texas, although they were aware that a cold front could reverse the winds. "Sure enough, we rode against strong north winds from Falfurias to Freer and from Snyder to Slaton in the panhandle," explained Lungwitz. However, the cyclists agreed that they benefited overall from the prevailing south winds. They travelled 183 miles from Plainview to Texhoma on their last two days, taking advantage of strong south winds.

They also checked with the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin and in all the road districts on their route for information about the safety of the roads. They primarily stayed on the shoulders of highways, but took back roads when available. The riders were impressed by the overall high quality of the roads that extended the length of Texas. Being native Texans, Curry and

Kerrick Annual Thanksgiving Supper



Kerrick had their annual Thanksgiving Supper on November 18th. Shown are some of the folks that turned out for the delicious meal and fellowship.

Editors Note: Martha Ellison received this poem from her grandson Chris Craig & we wanted to share it with our readers.

It was a month before Christmas and even though he was gone Chris's mind was still thinking about the time soon to come.

Turkey and dressing
cobblers and pies
presents and family
make it a great time.

But wait!
The one thing
that Christmas is for
makes this holiday more special
than these things I adore.

Jesus was born on this wintery date
and was sent to the earth
for our salvation's sake.

So let's still eat turkey
and cobblers and pies
but let's all remember
the Lord at this time.
Let's rejoice and sing carols
and talk of last year.

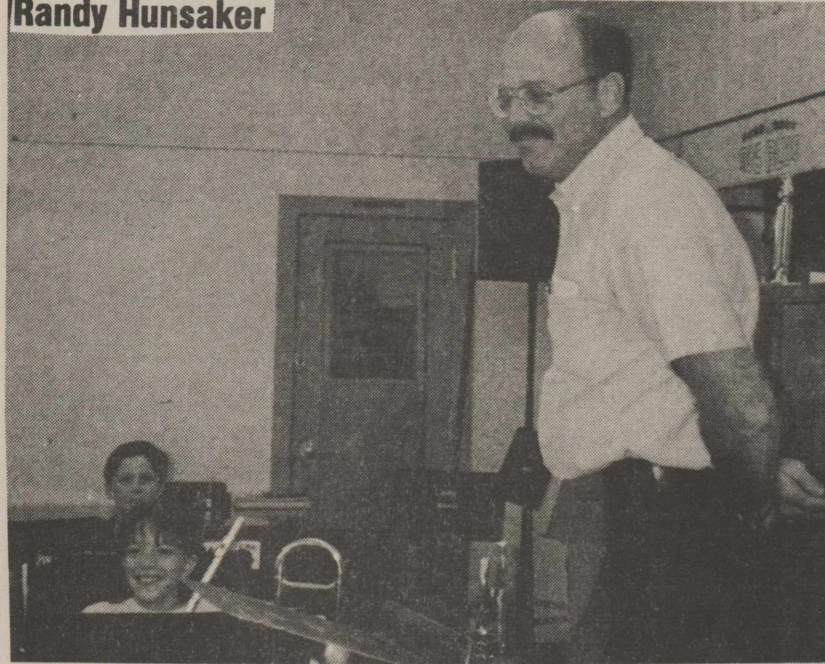
Let's all come together
and understand why we were there.
Then we all will be merry
and the Lord up above
will rejoice and sing praise
with his angels of love.

See ya soon,
Chris Craig

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Teacher of the Month

Randy Hunsaker

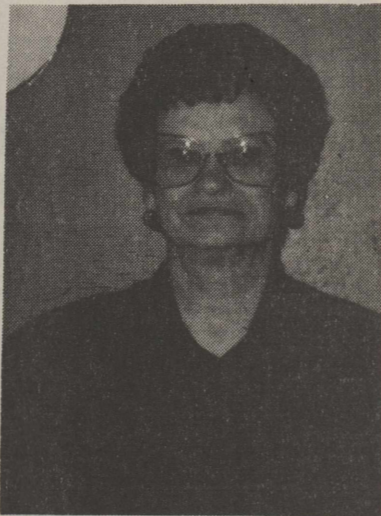


We have started a Teacher of the Month. The students have written essays nominating their favorite teacher and an independent panel selected the Teacher of the Month. Our first teacher chosen is Band Director Randy Hunsaker. He was picked by Middle School and High School.

Some of his students wrote "He has taught me not to be a quitter and not to settle for anything less than the best." "He is a very intelligent man who is always concerned about what is going on in today's society." "Mr. Hunsaker has been my teacher for four years and when I graduate, he will be the teacher that I miss the most." "He is not only a teacher but also a friend."

These are just a few of the wonderful things his students had to say. Congratulations Mr. Hunsaker.

Mary Allen Spotlight of The Month



Donna Gillenwaters

We are now starting a Mary Allen teacher spotlight of the month. Our first teacher is Donna Gillenwaters. Donna is a second grade teacher at Mary Allen Elementary. She has held the second grade position for twenty-seven years following one year in the fourth grade. She also taught in Gruver, Texas, Guymon, Oklahoma, and started a kindergarten class at the Chelsea, Okla. Public School. She taught a six-weeks 'Headstart' class at Foile, Okla. during one summer.

Donna was born at Woodward, Oklahoma but attended two other elementary schools in Northwest Okla. She graduated from Ft. Supply Okla. High School and then went to NWSC at Alva, Okla., and Panhandle A & M College, Goodwell, Okla. where she received a B.S. degree.

Donna married her high school sweetheart, Bill, on May 30, 1954. They have two sons. Both sons graduated from Stratford High School. Duane and his wife, Stephanie are looking after their ranch at Freedom, Okla. James (Jimmy) is a power-plant inspector.

Donna is active in TSTA, Delta Kappa Gamma and Weight Watchers. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include: reading, gardening, and going to antique stores. Her "big" wish is to become a grandmother before too many more years go by.

Donna says, "All children are very special, and especially her second graders."

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States and Texas flags were led by Dale Parvin. Musical entertainment was by Robbye Garret, Wilma Bridges and Sue Stephens. The guest speaker was introduced by Teddie Poindexter.

A business session followed. This included introduction of units represented, and their delegates. Secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were printed and handed to those in attendance.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted and new officers were introduced. They will be installed at the drive-in in April.

A Thanksgiving dinner was catered by the First Christian Church. Dr. Posey of Canyon gave the blessing.

The next meeting of the Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit will be December 10th at the First Christian Church in Dumas. It will be a Christmas Party. Bring a child's toy for a gift. Also please bring a completed list of volunteer hours. The form is in the handbook. There will be further information about this meeting in the local newspapers and on the local radio stations.

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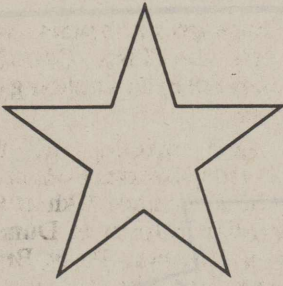
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The family of Bill Moore
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Bruce Moore

I want to express my thanks to each of you for your love, concern and prayers said on our behalf, during the illness and death of my dear brother. Also for the many cards and calls we received. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. God bless each of you.

Lillie Galloway

We would like to thank everyone for their concern, cards and prayers during and since Ava's return home from the hospital. God Bless each and everyone of you.

Ava Keener &
Family

★ School Menu

Wednesday-Dec.1-Smothered Steak, mashed potatoes, English Peas, salad, rolls, choc. cake and milk.

Thursday-Dec.2-Hamburger Pizza, black-eyed peas, tossed green salad, pudding and milk.

Friday-Dec.3-Barbecue on buns, cole slaw, tator tots, fruit delight and milk.

Mon.-Dec.6-Steak Fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach, salad, rolls, spice cake and milk.

Tues.-Dec.7-Chili beans, corn bread, cole slaw, peach cobbler and milk.

Wed.-Dec. 8-Ham pockets, tossed salad, with whole kernel corn, fruit jello and milk.

Thurs.-Dec. 9-Chicken noodles, English peas, carrots, rolls, sugar cookies and milk.

Fri.-Dec. 10-Hamburger/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickle slices, tator tots, cinn. rolls and milk.



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Christmas Open House
December 2nd

Refreshments!


Come See Us!

Stratford Businesses Would Like To Invite Everyone To Their Open House
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Listed On This Page Are The Businesses That Are Participating.
Each Store Will Be Doing Something Different, Please Take A Moment
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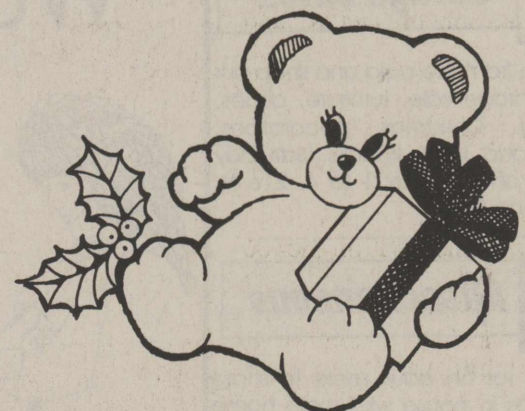
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Santa is Coming!



Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

This item was written for the paper on the 22nd. Thirty years ago on Monday the world was stunned with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, in Dallas, Texas. As I reflect back on that day our family was a host family to Carmen Ortegui of Madrid Spain. A lovely Catholic girl who was literally glued to the TV from the moment that it happened way into the night. I can recall how tragic she thought this to be and to happen in her adopted state, of Texas. And how strong her faith was. She spent a great deal of time in prayer. It was a memorable day in our household as I am sure it was in many homes. I often times wonder what our nation would be like had this not have happened.

The Chamber office is gearing up for the pheasant hunters. Donnie Ellison and Andy Riffe are Co-Chairmen for this annual event. Lions will again be feeding breakfast at the County Barn.

High Plains Area Christmas Festival Parade

The Guymon Christmas parade has evolved into the High Plains Area Christmas Festival. Parade under the leadership of Lynn Collins of Guymon.

The parade will be Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Route is down Main St. from Northridge Shopping Center to downtown.

Collins sees the fourth annual lighted Christmas parade as a way to involve youth.

"We want to see more kids participate in the parade than left on the sidelines watching," he said.

Parade theme is "Christmas for the Kids".

Collins said the theme is to stress the importance of school age people participating. local business owners and managers who will not be entering a float in the parade are being urged to help sponsor a float through a donation of funds, supplies or trailer or vehicle. Businesses will be thanked for sponsoring by having the name advertised on the float.

Twenty-nine marching bands from Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma have been invited to compete in a marching band competition. First, second and third place trophies will be given. Guymon High School Band will march in the parade, weather permitting, Collins said.

Collins admits the Christmas festival is not as big as Pioneer Days, Guymon's annual western festival, but he hopes the parade will grow to be as big or bigger involving the entire area. Floats and nine royalty cars have already entered, he said.

While the parade is traditionally a lighted parade, Collins said, lighting does not have to be complicated and is not mandatory.

"A group of carolers with flashlights and cellophane paper" came make an impressive display, he said.

Trophies will be awarded to the best entries, best lighting, best theme and others including special grand marshal's award.

Use of the commercial building for constructing floats has been donated, Collins said, but will be assigned to school children's floats first.

Pre-parade festivities include free hot dogs and soft drinks served at Santa's House on the courthouse lawn. Pre-parade activities also include a short program of music and Christmas carols. Free candy will also be given to children.

For more information or to help sponsor or volunteer call the Guymon Chamber of Commerce at 338-3376.

Williams Completes Basic Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew R. Williams, son of Tim R. and Nancy C. Sutterfield of Stratford, Texas, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

He is a 1993 graduate of Stratford High School of Stratford, Texas.

beginning at 6 a.m. and this year the EMT Association will be serving lunch at the County Barn. Their menu is brisket and all of the trimmings. Even if you are not a hunter lets support our EMT's. They do so much for our community and they need new equipment. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that they have had anything to raise much needed monies.

Remember Open House on Thursday, December 2nd. The last that I heard ole' Santa was going to be in town that evening. The folks down on Main are putting up Christmas lights so that downtown will be festive. Hopefully downtown will be decorated and we all will be in the Christmas spirit.

The Chamber office will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. I will be in the office some on Friday. I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Scot News Cont. from page 3

December 4th-bus outing to Amarillo to eat out and see the CHRISTMAS LIGHTING. (The first 20 people to sign up will go.)

DANCE YOU DONT HAVE TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN TO COME TO OUR DANCES.

December activities as of now: (besides our regular activities)

December 2-Bingo At Scot Hall 7 p.m.

December 10-Christmas Party at Scot Hall at 7 p.m. cake and ice cream first then some games of 42, cards and maybe checkers.

December 16th-Bingo Again at 7 p.m. at Scot Hall.

December 18-CHRISTMAS DANCE AT SCOT HALL 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

There will be no Scot Board meeting for the month of December, nor will there be our regular Scot Luncheon. HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Tips & Topics

by Susie Spurlock County Extension Agent

Delicious food is often a special part of Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holiday events. Entertaining for family or friends on a small or large scale is fun, but often demanding, and definitely needs to be done with food safety in mind.

When planning a large scale event, keep in mind that preparing and handling large amounts of food will take planning ahead of time for safe preparation, storage and serving. If large quantities of food will be prepared ahead of time, quickly cool and refrigerate them. Divide into portions and store in shallow containers. Deep containers increase the time the center of a pot of food stays warm, encouraging bacterial growth. Consider the amount of refrigerator space available.

If perishable foods are picked up from a deli or purchased from a caterer, transport them quickly, and serve immediately, or if purchased ahead of time, transport them quickly to your refrigerator where they should remain until serving time. If you're purchasing a large quantity of food items such as meat trays or any perishable foods, ask that they be packaged in small portions, or do this when you get home. By doing this, you can replace trays often at the party event and not leave one large tray out for too long.

If holiday meals are served buffet style, this may mean that the food remains on the table as guests come and go. This is not the safest situation as foods left at warm room temperatures are

susceptible to bacterial growth that causes foodborne illness. Plan serving times so that perishable foods do not remain at room temperature for more than two hours. Use smaller portions on the serving table, and replace them often from the heat source in the kitchen or from the refrigerator.

On the serving table, or in the kitchen, keep hot foods hot. Chafing dishes may or may not keep foods at the necessary temperature or 140 degrees F. or above. Keep cold foods cold on the table by nesting serving containers in beds of ice.

When replenishing foods on the buffet, it's best to replace containers, rather than putting fresh food in a container that contains food that has been sitting out, especially if the food has been at room temperature.

Make your holiday events special and food safe by following safe food handling practices. If it is an event to remember, make it a pleasant one. Protect you and your guests from foodborne illness.

However brilliant an action it should not be esteemed great unless the result of a great motive.

—Duc de La Rochefoucauld

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Please remember, we are a newspaper and we do have time limits on stories. For example, we publish weddings up to four weeks after the event. Call our office, and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Remember Fax # 806-396-5885

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Attention Business Owners Nominate One Of Your Employees For "Employee Of The Month"

The Stratford Star will select one employee a month starting in December. If you have someone you would like to nominate please contact the Star and write a brief explanation as to Why.

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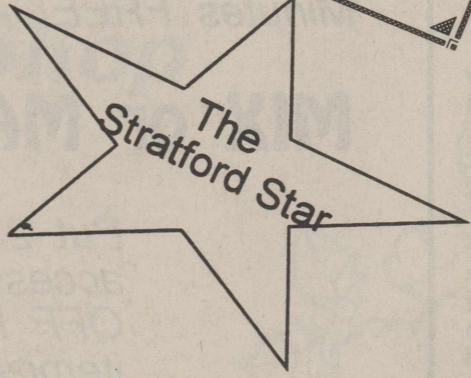
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