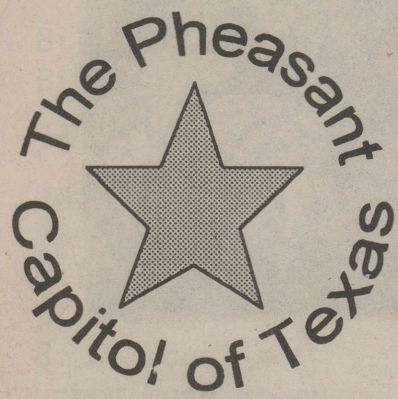


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Younger Texans 4-H Club To Meet

The March meeting of the Younger Texans 4-H club will be held **Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the County Exhibit Building. Refreshments will be provided by Brock Swain and Crystal Garza. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Girl Scout Cookie Delivery

Girl Scouts will be delivering cookies after March 12th. Please contact Gail Shafer at 396-2294 or any Stratford Girl Scout if you did not get asked to order cookies. Extra cookies will be available. Thanks to all residents who supported the annual Girl Scout Cookie sale.

Fundraiser For Spanish III Trip

Stuffed Baked Potato Dinner Sunday, April 20, 1997-11:30-1:30 Fundraiser for Spanish III Trip to Mexico. Free will donation

Sherman County Livestock Show Board To Meet March 24th

The Sherman County Livestock Show Board will meet on Monday, March 24, 1997. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sherman County Extension Office.

The meeting is open to the general public. At the beginning of the meeting, a session will be held for the public to address the Board with comments or concerns. Anyone wanting to address the Board is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Library To Sponsor Tutor Training Session

The tutor training class to provide tutors techniques for teaching English as a second language will be held on March 21st and 22nd at the Sherman County Library.

Carolyn Winningham of Pampa is a certified literacy teacher and will be the presenter of the two day workshop. The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. on March 21st. An eight hour session will be on Saturday March 22nd to complete the required hours for the tutor.

If you are interested in this program and have not contacted the library, please do so as soon as possible so materials may be secured for the class group.

This is a FREE service for tutors as well as those interested in learning to read, write, or speak English. If you are an English speaking person and just want to learn to read better, there will be help for you, also.

Call the library if you would like more information. Our number is 396-2200.

Scot Bingo

Bingo Thursday, March 20th at 7 p.m.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
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Kathie Altman - 396-5611
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Patsy Harland - 827 - 7568
Viola Kautz - 396-2058
Jerry Stewart - 396-5554
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THE General Store Celebrates "10"



THE General Store celebrated their 10th Birthday on March 17, 1997. Door Prizes, Scavenger Hunts and Specials were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Shown above with the "Birthday Cake" that was served are Ronnie and Zelda Pickens.

Chamber Banquet-March 25th

"Stars Over Stratford" is the theme for the Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Banquet to be held next Tuesday, March 25, 1997. Local art, crafts and products will be featured in the silent auction which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by "star" members of the "Big Blue" Band. These young people will be competing in the state individual competition next month.

The "Superstars" of the evening will be the Farmer/Rancher of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, and the Citizen of the Year. There will also be some special guest "stars" at this year's event.

A filet mignon dinner and trimmings will be served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and can be obtained from Chamber board members or call the Chamber office 396-2260.

Sherman County Development Update

The SCDC is still busy putting the finishing touches on the Taylor Building Project. Hopefully, in just a few weeks you'll see activity in the building as renovations will be underway. But we still need your help. If you would like to participate in this project in the form of a loan to the SCDC or with volunteer labor on the renovations, please give us a call at the SCDC office. For those of you who already so generously contributed your time in helping put the project together, Thank you.

Isn't it an exciting time in Stratford as several building projects or renovations are underway! And with more to come this summer. But since Spring is around the corner, remember that April is Keep Stratford Beautiful month. We are asking everyone to participate in the effort to brighten up our community. As an individual or business, please keep in mind the city ordinances on junk cars, debris, overgrown alleys and vacant lots. And as organizations, please adopt a "Clean-up" project. We have several in mind, so if you need some suggestions, we'd be glad to help.

And make a note that the SCDC will be sponsoring several business seminars this year on the topics of Community Image, Time and Management Skills, Board Training, Grant Writing, and at least one more computer course. Watch for details soon!

We are also in the process of updating our housing records and availability. We are administering a new comprehensive Housing Survey and urge everyone to respond to this. A survey will be mailed out to the SCDC members in our membership packet and other surveys will be available at the Sherman County Courthouse, City Hall, the First State Bank, and at the school. Please help us with this survey as the more information we receive, the better we will be able to tailor our efforts to those needs. We are also updating our database of commercial buildings. So you building owners will be hearing from me soon!

If you have any ideas or suggestions on the demolition of the Harbour Motel, we really need to hear from you! If you have any questions on any of our activities, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 396-2897. Have a Wonderful first week of Spring!

New Place To Pay Electric Bill Announced For Stratford

Stratford Thriftway on Highway 54 is now accepting payments for Southwestern Public Service Company from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

"We are pleased to offer our customers who wish to pay in person this new location and longer hours," said SPS President David Wilks. "We appreciate working with local businesses to provide this service. Of course, customers can continue to pay by mail or automatic bank draft, which may be the most convenient option of all."

Customers must bring their bills with them when making a payment. The payment centers can even accept payments to restore disconnected service. After payment, the customer will receive a verification code, and can then call SPS to restore service.

The new payment centers are being opened throughout the SPS service area. They are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union. First Data is the nation's leading provider of such services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.

Green Thumb Salutes The Abilities Of Older Workers

Waco, Tx.-For over thirty years, Green Thumb, Inc., has operated the Senior Community Service Employment Program which provides our nation's seniors with part-time employment and training opportunities.

Operating primarily in the rural areas of 132 Texas counties, Green Thumb has given older economically-disadvantaged jobseekers the opportunity of sharing their years of experience, hard work, and dedication through local community service employment and training projects. As viable manpower resources for their community-based organizations, participants maintain their independence as productive members of society. Funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, the program's emphasis upon training allows program participants to transition back into private sector employment.

Each year *Hire the Older Worker Week* spotlights the contributions our seniors bring to the labor force and encourages employers to profit from their skills, abilities and experience. According to Diane Cowan, program director, "During this important week, March 9 through 15, let us recognize and highlight the work force contribution of our seniors while we strengthen our commitment to assuring that we invest in their talents and resourcefulness as productive partners in tomorrow's future."

Green Thumb, Inc., encourages employers to utilize the skills and abilities of seniors for their job openings not only during **HIRE THE OLDER WORKER WEEK, MARCH 9 THROUGH 15**, but every other week. Hiring experience, dependability, reliability, and dedication is good business!

For more information regarding senior employment and training opportunities, contact Green Thumb, Inc., P.O. Box 7898, Waco, Texas 76714, 817/776-4081.

Depot Museum Dinner Theater Saturday, March 22

Preparations for the Depot Museum's Dinner Theater are winding down for the annual event takes place on Saturday, March 22, 1997 at the Stratford High School cafeteria and auditorium. The dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the entertainment following at 8 p.m.

Students from Panhandle State University will offer musical selections before and between the scenes of the comical play presented by the play cast from Stratford High School under the

direction of Mrs. Ronna Jo Riffe.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 yrs. old and under. These tickets may be purchased from any Depot Museum board member or at the museum, usually 2-4 p.m. on weekdays.

Board members are Pat Johnson, Shannon Taliaferro, Eugene Griffin, E.R. Bell, Billy Joe Ross, Al Baker, Jim Bob Brown, Helen Judd, Arthur Judd, and Daina Starnes.

Pesticide Handler Training To Be Held

A pesticide safety training for agriculture workers and pesticide handlers will be held on Thursday, March 27, 1997. The training will begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Under current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Worker Protection Standard (WPS) guidelines, all Ag workers and pesticide handlers must be properly trained in pesticide safety and handling. It is the responsibility of all agricultural producers to assure that their farm employees are properly trained. The training must follow WPS guidelines. After employees have completed the training, a card will be issued to them to verify that they have been trained. The card is valid for five (5) years.

An Ag worker is anyone employed for any type of compensation and performs tasks related to the production of agricultural plants. This includes harvesting, weeding, planting, cultivation, and watering. A pesticide handler is anyone hired for any type of compensation and is responsible for any tasks related to pesticides. This includes mixing, loading, transferring, applying and incorporating pesticides.

One (1)CEU hour will be offered for recertification for producers who attend the meeting with their employees. The hour will be in Laws and Regulations.

If a farm hand only speaks Spanish, then an English translator must be provided for the training. Any employer needing a translator for their employee, should contact the Sherman County Extension Office prior to the training in order for arrangements to be made.

For further information regarding the training of WPS guidelines, contact Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

Spaghetti Dinner Raises Funds For Children's Programs

On Sunday, April 13, the scents of northern Italian cooking will once again fill the air in Stratford as The Imagination Station's fourth annual Taste of Italy Spaghetti Dinner kicks off at noon at the Sherman County Barn.

Featuring an authentic pasta recipe from the Ticinese region of Italy, fresh made garlic bread, salad by The Olive Garden restaurant of Amarillo, and home-made desserts, this annual favorite in the Stratford community raises funds for the exhibits and programs of The Imagination Station. Ticket prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children and are available at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at First State Bank of Stratford, The General Store in Stratford and at

Complications associated with diabetes will be the theme of the third session of the Diabetes Management Series on **Thursday, March 20**. Dr. Bryan Bullard of Amarillo will be addressing *The Diabetic Foot* and Dr. Beverly Clark of Amarillo will discuss eye care during the session. The program will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford beginning at 12 noon.

An appropriate lunch will be served for \$3.00 per person by members of the Sherman County Family Living Committee.

The final session of the series will be held on **Tuesday, March 25** at 12 noon. Dr. Lyetta Day of The Pavilion in Amarillo will be the guest speaker. Her presentation will be *You Are In Control*. Stress Management techniques will be discussed.

Persons interested in attending the sessions are asked to pre-register by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 396-2122 so that adequate arrangements may be made.

Sponsors of the seminar are the Sherman County Family Living Committee, Sherman County Extension Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Coldwater Manor, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 396-2122. This program supports the state-wide goal of Health, Safety, and Well-Being and the Sherman County Long Range Extension Program goals of Promotion of Wellness for County Residents and Promoting Independence of the Elderly.

All proceeds from the dinner will support the mission of The Imagination Station which is to provide hands-on exhibits and programs in the arts and sciences to the adults and children of Sherman, Dallam, Moore, and Hartley Counties of the Texas panhandle and the counties of the Oklahoma panhandle. Recent programs of The Imagination Station have included *Blades in the Sky*, a photo-panel exhibit based on Baylor historian T. Lindsay Baker's book by the same

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Taylor Building To Be Renovated

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is currently developing a project which will be of great benefit to the community. The "Taylor Building Project" will benefit the community in many ways including:

- * the renovation of an empty building
- & putting a sub-standard Building back on the active tax rolls
- * the recruitment of a new business in town
- * the creation of jobs
- * stopping some of the "leakage" to out-of-town businesses
- * increase in sales tax revenues
- * increase in consumer traffic in commercial district
- * providing products which are not currently available in Stratford
- * and more...

The funding for this project will be pooled from several sources. The owners of the building have generously agreed to sell the building at a discounted price and the renovations will be financed. At this time, Sherman County Development is raising funds to purchase the building. Duckwall Variety Stores has agreed to a lease and there are currently tenants in the beauty shop and doctor's office. The project would be on-going with rent to service the "renovation" and "building" notes. The funds raised for the building would be in the form of a loan which would be paid back with interest at a future date. In addition, several volunteers will be needed to complete a portion of the renovations to update the building.

It is not the intention of the SCDC to own the property indefinitely. We are interested in completing a

project that would generate the benefits listed above. The property will be for sale on the condition that all outstanding notes be paid in full.

It is our goal to raise \$30,000 to complete this project. We are asking you, the community, to make an investment in this worthy project in the form of a loan to the Sherman County Development, Inc. Several pledges have already been received, however, additional funds are needed. Please consider this request and join us taking an exciting step towards continued growth in Stratford. For bookkeeping purposes, any amount of \$100 or more will be considered a loan. Any amount less than \$100 will be appreciated and considered a donation to the project. This fundraising drive will take place through March 31st. More information concerning the details of this project are available at the SCDC office and regular status reports will be in The Stratford Star.

Please keep in mind that this is purely a business proposition that will not financially benefit the Duckwall Variety Store or the SCDC. No concessions were directly made to Duckwall. This is merely the best way to structure this deal in which all parties are paid back and we, the community, reap the benefits from the results.

Thank you in advance for your interest in future of Stratford and your loan to the "Taylor Building Project". If you would like to participate, have any questions or would like to discuss the project, please feel free to contact Lorie Vincent at 396-2897 or any of the following current or former SCDC Board of Directors. They are: Steve Johnson, Wesley Miller, Marilyn Albert, Wesley Spurlock, Bill Riffe, John Schmidt, Rodney Burd, B.A. Donelson, Gayland Vandiver, Don Riffe and Steve Dettle.

Outstanding 4-H Project Record Form Recipients Recognized

During the Buyers' Appreciation Banquet, five (5) Sherman County 4-H members were recognized for their outstanding project record forms. The recipients received a Sherman County Stock Show cap courtesy of the 4-H Parent/Leaders Association.

The 4-H members recognized were Alisha Sladek-Junior Lamb, Tye Young-Senior Lamb, Walter Spurlock-Junior Swine, Cassie Bell-Senior Swine, and Brock Swain-Senior Beef. Congratulations to each of these 4-H members for their hard work and accomplishments.



Lorie Vincent, Steve Ahlenius (Amarillo Chamber of Commerce) Gaynelle Riffe, & Cynthia Schoenhals at the Capitol Marriott for lunch.

Trio Attends Panhandle Day

About 150 Texas Panhandle residents attended Panhandle Day in Austin Tuesday, March 4. Stratford was represented by Gaynelle Riffe, Cynthia Schoenhals, and Lorie Vincent.

The Southwest charter flight from Amarillo to Austin provided an opportunity to exchange ideas, problems, and solutions. Attendees included other Chambers of Commerce as well as farmer/ranchers, mayors, city council members, judges, bankers, lawyers, educators, small business owners and average employees.

The afternoon was spent in small teams of three people visiting senators' and

representatives' office. The area Chambers had designated three legislative issues for discussion: Panhandle Plains Museum, Panhandle Information Network (libraries & schools) and transportation. The Stratford representatives emphasized the transportation issue in the area of widening US 54 and restoring US 287 to good condition.

Panhandle Day was finalized with a "beef-on-a-stick" reception to which all legislators and staffs were invited. Governor George W. Bush dropped by and gave a few brief remarks. The governor spoke primarily about his current property tax relief proposal.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

"Always, Patsy Cline" was special. It is still traveling and I have written for their schedule to share with Star readers.

April 4, West Texas A&M University Music Department will produce "Showcase of Music" at the civic center. Music majors and just for fun musicians share their talents for an evening of good music, fun music and some serious music. It is a great evening to tap your toes. This is open seating and usually full so plan to go early for a good seat.

Please let me know about area arts in the Panhandle to share with Star readers.

A quote I think from Neil Hess, "The arts are the glue that holds society together". If not from him, it is still a good thought.

Gaynelle Riffe

P.S. remember the UIL One-Act Play contest, March 25 in the Branding Iron Theater, W.T. A&M University in Canyon.



An elephant herd may wander over an area of about 390 square miles.



Become a Hospice Volunteer in Stratford

Memorial Hospice of Dumas will offer free hospice volunteer training classes April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 for those who would like to assist individuals in the Stratford area who have been diagnosed with a terminally illness. The classes are open to anyone who would like to learn more about the hospice philosophy of care. Those who attend are not required to become volunteers.

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Timi's Tidbits

By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old-timers, Readers, this slightly overcast Monday morning March 17, 1997. Where's your green Shamrock? Wear green to honor good St. Patrick (Patron Saint of all Ireland). Of course this advice is all in the past when you read tidbits, we just wanted to honor March 17, 1997. Read your Stratford Stars of March 6 and 13th for upcoming events in the community and check your personal calendars.

Check the March 27th because that is the regular SCOT meeting and dinner. Hopefully we will be in attendance, since we missed the last meeting. Remember Chamber Banquet on Tuesday, March 25 and the Depot Dinner Theater Saturday, March 22 (Read the foregoing announcements 3 times).

On Sunday, we followed our usual routine of listening to various services including First Baptist, Stratford. The announcement of Mother Teresa stepping down of her place of leadership impressed us deeply. It interests the whole world.

Palm Sunday, March 23, 1997 is Great Day for the First Baptist Church, Stratford. The congregation will be seated for services in the newly renovated auditorium. Surely it will be a time of praise and Thanksgiving to ALL interested people-Baptist or otherwise.

From the Methodist Joy and Concerns: most people mentioned were improving healthwise. Lillie Galloway is having eye trouble that will be treated in Amarillo.

Robin Hart of Dallas and friend Stephanie spent Spring Break with Robins parents, Jeff and Shelia Hart.

We-Lorelyn, Matt, Joy, Devan Powers and Timi are safely returned from the wedding of Lori Goins and Mike Powers which took place on March 8, 1997 in the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, LA. If you have some spare time and you would like to hear details of the wedding just contact us-we can talk for a long time about it. Suffice for now, it was an impressive wedding- lovely, joyful, informal from the rehearsal supper to the reception held in the Goin yard.

Tuesday, March 4, 1997 Darlene Bruni and Lorelyn and Timi were at Vi's Beauty Salon being readied for weddings. The Bruni wedding in Chicago and The Goin wedding in Mansfield, LA. One wedding 1000 miles north of Stratford, the other 1300 miles Southeast of Stratford. All parties leaving Amarillo Wednesday, March 5, 1997. We had a lot of fun being beautified for these occasions.

Perhaps next week will be back in the groove of reporting interesting events taking place in Stratford to you, Readers, in the meantime just keep being sweet, cheering others with shoulder pats of encouragement and expressions of love. Our thanks to Joy in editing Tidbits.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Just when those from Kerrick were about to give up winning any door prizes March 12 at XII Telephone annual meeting, Mike McDaniel won a four pack of T-Bones. After a long gap, Nita Mae Taylor won a hand Dirt Devil, and Marylou McDaniel won a Pyrex Portable set.

Then Jo June McDaniel won \$100! So, it was worth the wait.

Others from Kerrick were Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Ken & Lynn Wells, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Pat Boren, Hank Rogers, and Jo June's grandson, Travis. Joining the group was Barbara Avent, now of Dalhart.

There were 213 registered voters, plus lots of guests. All enjoyed the good dinner.

Hunter Dante Cortesi was born March 5, 1997, 2 p.m. at Dumas. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz and was 20 1/2 inches. Hunter is the son of Bobby & Tracy Cortesi of Dumas. His daddy is manager of Kerrick Elevator.

Welcoming him home were two big sisters, Hailey 11 and Heather 8.

Maternal grandparents are John Hendricks, Midland and Linda Williams, Amarillo. Paternal great grandparents are Elbert and Ellen Young of Etter.

There are three women who belong to the previously men only ABC Bowling leagues in Dalhart. Pat Boren is one of them and she and Keith Reynolds won doubles in the recent Dalhart City Tourney. The Wannas, a team she and four men bowl on, won first and she was fourth in All-Events. Congratulations!

Louise Hudgens celebrated her birthday March 9 when daughter Florencia Eslinger hosted a family dinner. They played games and Louise had two cakes! Present were husband Shorty, daughters Mindy of Amarillo, Beckv Howell and her children,

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last week was proclaimed "Hire The Older Worker Week" so if you didn't get hired by someone, keep on trying, maybe there is a job out there for you.

I went to Shamrock over this past weekend to join the St. Patrick Celebration and Dorothy left Monday to visit her mother on her mother's birthday, so there is not much happening around SCOT hall this week. But let's all "gear up" for next weeks activities.

Kira & Keegan, and Monty Lily, all of Dumas and Gary Hudgens.

Nita Taylor dropped by during the afternoon.

Donna Gillenwaters spent Spring Break baby-sitting with grandchildren, Jacy who is 27 months and Dasan who is 2 months old. They are the children of Duane and Stephanie Gillenwaters of Freedom, Ok.

Joyce Irlbeck, Belinda and Megan Roberts attended a baby shower for Kelby Dennis, new son of Dennis & Jeanette Irlbeck, in Amarillo Saturday.

Travis McDaniel, Dumas, spent Spring Break with his grandparents, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel.

Mike McDaniel visited in Alpine Thursday-Sunday with Hunter Ross and his parents. The Hunters hunt in this area.

Word was received Sunday night that Randy Coon, Dumas, had died after back surgery in Dallas. Randy was the husband of Diane McDaniel's sister, Cindy.

Sandy Trail Farms did very well at national Carcass Show at Terre Haute, Indiana. Ralph James Hampton and Annette Hampton returned Sunday night with an on foot Grand Champion, Landrace Breed and Reserve Champion Crossbred of their class.

Nathan Ellison, son of Ernie and Sheryl Ellison, Dumas, showed for them. Results of the carcass grading will be known later this week.

Beth McDaniel, Dumas, was given a birthday dinner in Dumas Saturday at Lew Haile Annex. She is the daughter of the late Orval & Flora McDaniel, early day settlers of Felt and Kerrick.

All of her children except one and all of her siblings but one were present to help celebrate. Her large birthday cake had a big 80 on it and the over 60 present consumed most of it!

Beth's sisters present were Fern Allen, Boise City; Inalve James, Logan, N.M.; and brother, Kayo McDaniel, Kerrick. Inez Dye, Wichita Falls, was unable to attend as her husband was having surgery.

Beth's children plus grandchildren and great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews and friends enjoyed the dinner and visiting.

Children present were Robbie of Nashville, TN.; Don D., Abilene, TX.; Tony, Las Vegas, NV.; Randy, Abilene, TX.; Rhonda and Janet, Dumas.

Going from Kerrick were Jo June and Kayo McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel.

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March

22-Depot Museum Dinner Theater-Dearly Departed One Act Play performance

25-Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Silent Auction "Citizen," "Business," "Farmer" recognition.

April

Keep Stratford Beautiful Month

Chamber of Commerce Month

4-8th grade prom

5-Jr. Sr. Prom

6-Daylight Savings Time

14-County Commissioners Court

26-CASA's "Kids for Kids" Stratford park

29-FHA Cookout

May

1-LFFA Banquet

3-Lollipop Junction Calf Fries/Auction

Spaghetti

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name on the history of windmills; a full length concert by the Randel Chamber Orchestra of the Amarillo Symphony; and the construction of a community-build sculpture project led by world renowned sculptor, Judy Sutton Kracke, in Stratford's Pendleton Park.

The Imagination Station was founded in 1990 as the Arts Committee of the Stratford Economic Development committee. It became an independent 501 (c)(3) organization in 1992, and found its permanent home at 202 Main Street in Stratford in 1993. Since its opening, The Imagination Station has served thousands of children and adults with high quality educational opportunities which engage the minds and hands of visitors.

Board members of The Imagination Station are Karen Riffe, President, Stratford; Sheri Long, Treasurer, Stratford; Kristi Walden, Secretary, Stratford; Kay Brizzolara, Building and Fundraising Committee Chairs, Amarillo; Blynn Bryson, Play House Chair, Stratford; Jon Engelbrecht, Dalhart, George Harding, Stratford; Steve Roach, Facilities Chair, Texhoma; and Evelyn Schmidt, Programs and Nominating Chairs, Stratford.

For more information about either the Taste of Italy Spaghetti Dinner or The Imagination Station, please call (806) 396-2262.

Arts Around The Panhandle

March 22 - Depot Museum Dinner Theater "Dearly Departed" comedy by Stratford High School.

March 25 - UIL one act play contest. Branding Iron Theater, W.T. A&M University.

April 4 - "Showcase of Music" West Texas A&M Univ. Amarillo Civic Center

April 10, 11 - Guymon Community Theater "Same Time Next Year"

Assembly of God

Rev. Mike Leonard

921 Fulton

Sunday School 9:45 am

Super Church 10:45 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for

Morning Worship Service

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm

Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

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 - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298

No Saturday Mass

Sunday English Mass 9:00 am

Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00

Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

Jon Heatwole

N. 3rd & Chestnut

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist

Gerald Clark

302 S. Main

Morning Worship 10:30 am

Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart

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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

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What today denies to you.

Let no love or faith to waver-
While tomorrow you await-
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And can hear the prayers you pray;
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Miercoles (Wednesday)

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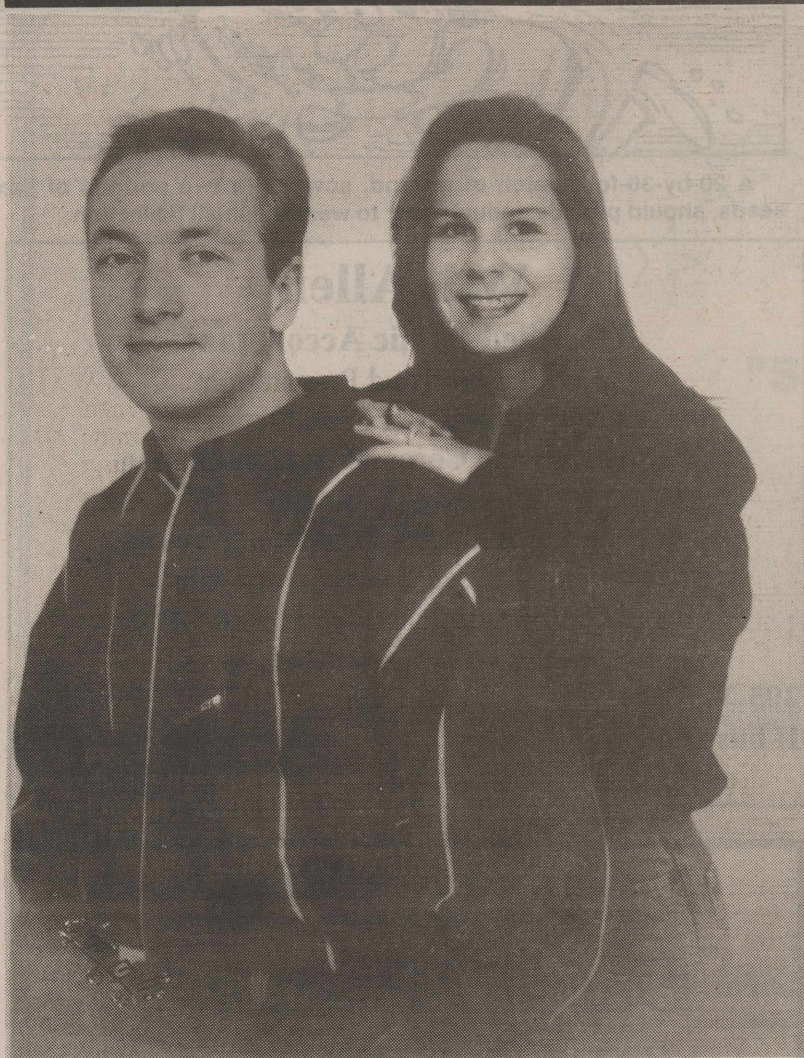
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Engagement Announced

Ken & Susan Cardin of Bedford, Texas, and John & Joan Zaleskie, of Tampa, Florida, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Dawn Zaleskie, to Shannon Norris of Stratford, Texas. The wedding is scheduled May 17, 1997, in Bedford, Texas at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church. Karen graduated from Texas A&M University and is presently attending University of Texas at Arlington where she is pursuing Social Work. Shannon will graduate from Texas A&M University in May with a degree in Computer Engineering. He will be employed with Rockwell International in Richardson, Texas, and the couple plans to live in the Irving area.

New Places-New Faces



A new face at the corner of 3rd and Fulton. David and Desir'e Davis home has almost doubled in size going up! This home was moved to this location in the early 40's and was the home of Auntie Eunice Kirkwood Buster. Mrs. Buster was Desir'e great aunt. The Davises bought the home in 1986 from the estate.



Engagement Announced

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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 14th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ✦ You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ✦ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ✦ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1996. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1997.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1997 renditions is Monday, April 14. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 14 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District
402 North Third - P.O. Box 239
Stratford, Texas 79084
(806) 396-5566

For more information stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities"

Or contact:

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¡Protega sus derechos! "Rienda" su propiedad antes del 14º de abril.

Una "rendición" es un reporte al distrito de valoraciones en donde Ud. alista toda la propiedad que poseó o controló el día 1 de enero, 1997. El formulario para la rendición se puede obtener en su oficina local del distrito de valoraciones...o puede improvisar una forma parecida.

¿Quien debe hacer una rendición?

Debe hacer una rendición si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad personal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio.

¿Que ventaja me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una rendición son las siguientes:

- ✦ Ud. registra su opinion sobre la valoración de su propiedad. Si el distrito opina que el valor es mas grande, deber avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar el nuevo valor a su junta de revisión.
- ✦ Registra su dirección correcta para que le pueden mandar sus tarifas de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos sin demora o de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—aunque la tarifa se haya mandado a una dirección equivocada.
- ✦ Tambien puede someter un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en 1996. El distrito examinará su propiedad antes de designarle un valor en 1997.

¿Cual es la hora del cierre?

El día lunes, 14º de abril es la última fecha para mandar sus rendiciones para 1997. Favor de llamar a su distrito de valoraciones para obtener la última fecha en que puede mandar su redición por correo. Puede obtener 15 días adicionales si los pide por escrito antes de la hora de cierre.

¿Donde hago mi rendición?

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Para mas información, visítenos y obtenga una copia gratis de

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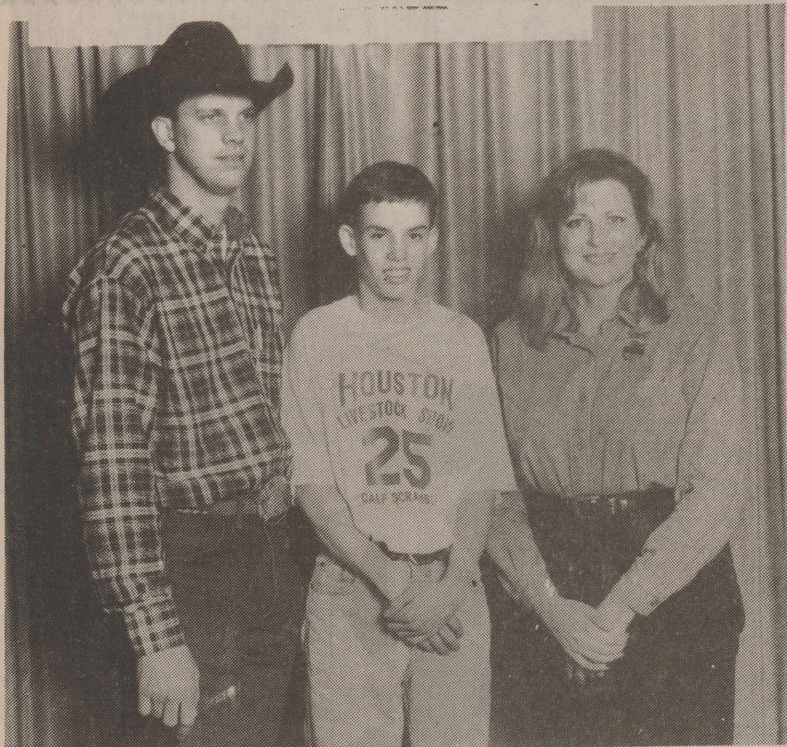
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4-H Members Participate In Major Livestock Shows

During the months of January through March, Sherman County 4-H members were busy participating in major livestock shows. Twenty 4-H members from Sherman County attended stock shows in Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and San Angelo.

Patrick Pronger placed 10th in the Ft. Worth Junior Hereford Heifer Show and in the San Antonio Hereford Heifer Show. Cassie Bell, Carla Bell, Kyla Bell, Keri Wight, Brock Swain, and Barrett Shafer participated in the San Antonio Market Swine Show. Brock Swain participated in the Steer Show and Chelsea Christian participated in the Lamb Show at San Antonio.

Roy McCracken placed 6th in the Scramble Show and 7th in the Junior Angus Heifer Show at Houston. Roy also participated in the Commercial Steer Contest at Houston. Barrett Shafer, Brock Swain, and Walter Spurlock participated in the Houston

Market Barrow Show.

4-H members exhibiting pigs in the San Angelo Market Barrow Show included Ivonne Hernandez, Sid Resendes, Adam Gomez, Johnna Ewers, Marca Ewers, Jared Ewers, Josh Kautz, April Kautz, Whitney Kautz, Brock Swain, and Logan Potts. Logan placed 7th with a Duroc barrow, April placed 11th with a Hamp barrow, and Johnna placed 15th with a Cross barrow.

Four 4-H members participated in the calf scrambles. Patrick Pronger caught a calf in the Ft. Worth Livestock Show Calf Scramble. Cassie Bell and Levi James caught calves at the San Antonio Livestock Show Calf Scramble. Brock Swain caught a calf in the Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble. Patrick, Brock, and Levi will purchase a heifer with their calf scramble certificates. Cassie plans to purchase a breeding gilt.

Congratulations to these Sherman County 4-H members.

Wheat Producers Need To Check Fields For Army Cutworms

"Local entomologists are asking wheat producers to watch for emerging army cutworms. The pests have been infecting wheat in the north central portion of the Texas Panhandle and in southwest Kansas alfalfa fields. According to Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service in Amarillo, the army cutworm is a sporadic pest of wheat and alfalfa in the Texas Panhandle. Occasional heavy infestations can cause considerable damage to both of these crops.

Although there is no reliable way to predict when a major outbreak will occur, they do prefer dry conditions, thin soils and slopes of hills," said Dr. Patrick.

Farmers should be aware that cutworms lay eggs and hatch offspring in the fall. This species will feed periodically as temperatures allow during the winter. And, given the type of winter, the worms can be quite large by February and March, and be most damaging.

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Talents are best nurtured in solitude: character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.

—Goethe

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Heinze Williamson is the author and Arvis L. Stewart provided the unique art work. The Junior League of Amarillo provided three copies for our collection.

The 1997 edition of the following will be of interest to those who are involved in testing for college entrance exams: ACT, SAT, and Psat. New, also is the Civil Service Handbook.

For those college students who have to write politically correct papers, may find the Official Politically Correct Dictionary useful.

For a fun read, if one enjoys unique information on weather and natural disasters pick up The Old Farmer's Almanac.

Chuck Amuck, The Life and Times of An Animated Cartoonist, by Chuck Jones, brings to life the history of the creation of those enduring characters like Bugs Bunny, Wile E. Coyote, and Pepe Le Pew. Chuck Jones offers some of the wittiest insights into the quirks of human nature and the art of comedy since Mark Twain.

The tutor training program for those wishing to work with ESL students is this weekend at the

library. Starting time is 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 8:30 on Saturday morning.

Two new books that have been given to the library are: Treasures Of The Smithsonian and Amarillo, the Yellow Rose of Texas. These are outstanding in text as well as illustration and photography. Beta Sigma Phi donated the Smithsonian Book in memory of Pauline Martin.

The book about Amarillo is written for the juvenile reader, but is great for any one who loves the history of the Panhandle. Sarah



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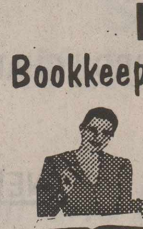
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1968	Joan Bell	1983	Lorraine Mehner
1969	V. O. Lasley	1984	LeRayne Donelson
1970	A. E. Pronger, Jr.	1985	Timmie Brown
1971	Bill Kent	1986	Ken Metzger
1972	Bill Sladek	1987	Linda Spurlock
1973	Don Riffe	1988	Max Stephenson
1974	Shirley Plunk	1989	Bill Pendleton
1975	H. T. Galloway	1990	Oline Caraway
1976	W. S. Frizzell	1991	Reverend David Harker
1977	Fern Gupton	1992	Jim Taliaferro
1978	Cindy Crabtree	1993	Jeannie Knight
1979	Gaynelle Riffe	1994	Wanda Riffe
1980	B. A. Donelson	1995	Dick Davenport

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1980 L. B. Blake
1981 Ron Englebrecht
1982 Bert Steffens
1983 Horace Sneed
1984 Jodie Reesing
1985 Ronnie Pickens
1986 Billy C. Bell
1987 Jimmy Chesher
1988 Joe Everett
1989 James Spurlock
1990 Bill Reed
1991 Mary Stowers
1992 Archie Wright
1993 Hal Bennett
1994 Tommy Asher
1995 Gary Hudson

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1969 Jack Davis	1986 Howard Naugle
1970 Joe Wells	1987 Chuck Wilson
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1972 Bill McMinn	1989 Doak Crabtree
1973 B. A. Donelson	1990 Jim Taliaferro
1974 Lance Harrington	1991 Teresa Edmond
1975 Greg Pye	1992 Jack Gore
1976 J. J. "Buddy" Messer	1993 Andy Riffe
1977 Don Owens	1994 Eugene Griffin
1978 Don Owens	1995 Kay Aston
1979 Jerry Dyess	1996 Gaynelle Riffe
1980 Lance Harrington	1997 George Harding
1981 Steve Dettle	

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1973 Martha Mitts	1986 Ellen Tillery
1974 Martha Mitts	1987 Andrea Norris
1975 Marillyn Albert	1988 Penny Boyd
1976 Irene Hughes	1989 Vickie Gore
1977 Ann Steward	1990 Arnita Lane
1978 Lena Mae Davis	1991 Arnita Lane
1979 Benita McAlister	1992 Sharon Blain
1980 Andrea Norris	1993 Sharon Blain
1981 Audrene Olson	1994 Natacha Dyess
1982 Kaylynette Reinart	1995 Gina Sladek
1983 Valerie Naugle	1996 Teresa Edmond
1984 Debbie Vandiver	1997 Teresa Edmond
1985 Leonda Fedric	

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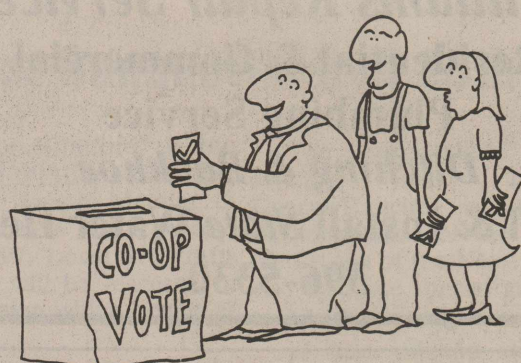
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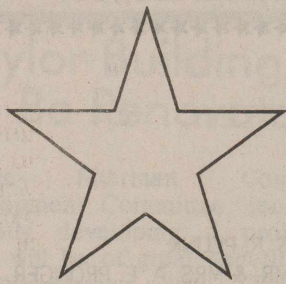
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To our friends in Stratford and Kerrick areas. Thank you so much for everything you have done for us during Eddie's illness and heart and liver transplant. Your words of encouragement, phone calls, cards, good deeds and especially your prayers have made this long illness so much easier to bear. Please continue to pray for a complete recovery.

Geneva & Lorel Haile

Thank you seems so little for those who give so much. Your calls, visits, gifts, food and prayers are appreciated. A special thanks to all my family for their TLC. Stratford is a small town with lots of big hearts.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for construction of 48,645 SY of street sealcoat for the City of Stratford will be received at the office of the City Manager until 2:00 p.m. April 1, 1997 and then publicly opened and read.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a cashier's or certified check written upon a national or state bank in the amount of five (5%) percent of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the City of Stratford or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute a performance bond within ten (10) days after notice of award of the contract to him. Bids without check or bid bond will not be considered. Bids not exceeding \$25,000 will not require a performance bond.

The attention of bidder is called to the special provisions concerning minimum wage rates and hours of employment included in House Bill No. 115 of the Forty-fourth Legislature to the State of Texas. Compliance with the above wage and hour bill is required. Further, the bidder agrees to abide by the requirements under Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, including specifically the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

The low bidder shall supply the names and addresses of major material suppliers and subcontractors when requested to do so by the OWNER.

The CITY reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the CITY. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents may be secured from the office of Glover & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 977, Dumas, Texas 79029, on deposit of Fifty-five (\$55.00) Dollars per set, which sum so deposited a total of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars will be refunded, provided: (1) All documents are returned in good condition to Glover & Associates, Inc., not later than 48 hours after the bid date; or (2) The CONTRACTOR submits a bid and all documents are returned in good condition to Glover & Associates, Inc., not later than five (5) days after award date.

City of Stratford
By David Brown, Mayor

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Stratford is accepting bids for the following vehicle: A Police Car. The Specifications for the Police Car are as follows: 4 door, full size, rear wheel drive, with, a manufacture's Police Package, at least a 4.6 liter engine or equivalent, Heater/A/C., bucket seats, preferably white in color. Bids shall be sealed and addressed to the City of Stratford, Post Box Office #188, Stratford, Texas 79084.

All bids must be received no later than the 7th day of April. Bids to be opened at 1:00 p.m. on the 7th day of April. Detailed specifications upon request.

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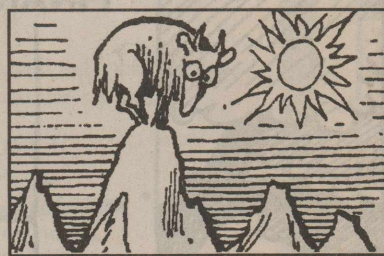
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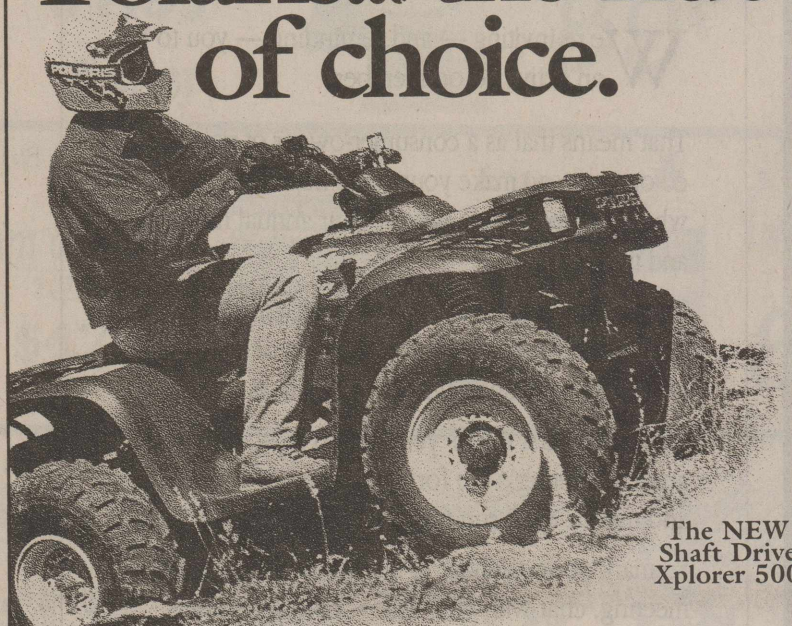
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—Anatole France

Wheat Producers
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"Mature larvae can attain lengths of 1" to 2", Patrick said. The worms are greenish-brown or greenish-gray, and have a narrow pale stripe down their backs, the full length of their body.

"Although true cutworms, they feed on foliage much like armyworms. During sunny days they will be under debris or slightly underneath the soil surface. Their presence will be obvious on plants during overcast days and at night when temperatures are above freezing," said Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension agent.

"Fortunately, there is only one generation per year," said Patrick, who advises area farmers to look for pest in dryland fields, or the dry corners of center pivot irrigated wheat where higher infestations have been found.

Insecticide applications are justified when four to five army cutworm per square foot are causing visible damage in well established wheat or alfalfa. In poor, thin stands of wheat or seedling alfalfa—the economic threshold should be dropped to two per square foot.

"During outbreak years, it is not uncommon to find 10 to 20 army cutworm per square foot," said Patrick.

Effective treatments for wheat are Karate, and Lorsban SG, and alfalfa producers can select from Lorsban, Pounce, Ambush or Baythroid insecticides.

"I have seen army cutworm reduce early stands of sugar beets, but they aren't much of a problem in corn," Patrick added. The cutworm moths, also called "Millers" can be a real nuisance in April and early May before flying away from this area.