

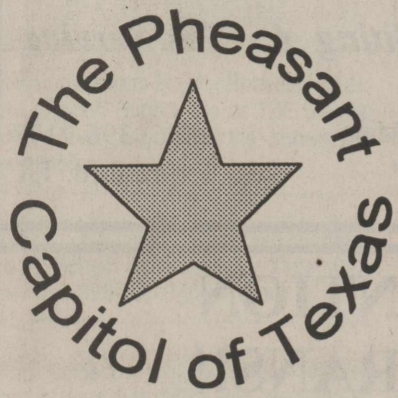
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Starting this week The Stratford Star is having a "Trivia Question" every week. At the end of the month all the people who answered the trivia question correctly will be thrown in a hat with all the other correct answers and one winner will be drawn out for the month. The prize this month will be a free years subscription to The Stratford Star. Every month will be a different prize for the Grand Winner.

Trivia Question this week: After gaining more yards than any other rookie in NFL history, what did Earl Campbell buy his mother?

If you know the answer please tell us or stop by and we will put your name in the hat for the months drawing.



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Mark Your Calendars!!!!

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. and Stratford Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual Meeting and Banquet on Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at the Stratford High School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Look for more details to follow!!

Imagination Station Hosting Randel Chamber Orchestra

Imagination Station will host the Randel Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. in the Stratford High School Auditorium. This group, part of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, is being presented through a grant from the Texas Commission for the Arts who receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Local sponsorship of being provided by the First State Bank.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, and \$8.00 for seniors and students. A buffet will be served at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for \$5.00 a ticket. For ticket information please call 2262 or 2380. Tickets will also be available at First State Bank.

Come and join us for a special local concert to benefit the non-profit Imagination Station.

Scot Box Supper

SCOT Box supper February 15th. Open to everyone to come and buy a box lunch and have a meal with a surprise guest.

TRTA To Have Meeting Feb. 15th

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will have it's next meeting on February 15, at Community Room, Senior Citizens Center, 610 Denrock in Dalhart. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A program on Music Therapy will be presented by Wynelle Phillips Kirby from Dumas. There will be a business meeting. Hostesses will be Awanda Morris and Nannie Belle Graves.

All retired educational personnel are encouraged to attend. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

Story Time At Sherman County Library

Storytime at the library for 3 and 4 year olds. Theme is "Holidays". Time is 11:15 to noon and each Wednesday.

Community Awareness Program To Be Held In Dalhart on "Inhalants"

There will be an Community Awareness Program on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at the Dalhart Youth Center, 402 Denver Avenue from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program speaker will be Harry J. Weiss of Texas Prevention Partnership in Austin and he will be speaking on "Inhalants". The public is invited to attend this program.



School Evacuated

Tuesday morning, February 6 the Stratford High School and Middle school were evacuated when a smell of Ammonia was detected. Stratford Firefighters were called to the school. Shown above is Darla Cummings and Penny Boyd as they were leaving the school.

Campaign Signs, Highway Right of Way Don't Mix

The recent filing day for candidates for statewide public office brought the start of the campaign season. To avoid a deluge illegally placed campaign signs, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) is reminding candidates of the laws on signs along highways.

TxDot is mailing information about illegal signs to statewide candidates. The information is also available at TxDot's 25 district offices.

Under Texas law it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on highway right of way without a license and permit. The fine for violating this law can be as much as \$500 per sign.

It is also illegal to place a sign, even off state right of way, along most major highways in the state with a license and permit. Violation of this class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of as much \$1,000 per sign.

Within city limits, the placement of signs along roadways may also be regulated by local ordinances.

"These laws are designed to keep roadsides clean and uncluttered so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public," said Bill Burnett, TxDot executive director. "We ask candidates to remind their workers about sign laws to save themselves a lot of time and money."

Texhoma Annual Chamber Of Commerce Banquet

The Texhoma Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Monday, February 19th. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Joyce Ann at the Chamber office, 396-2260.

DAR Good Citizens Selected

The DAR Good Citizens for 1996 have been selected. These students represent the Molino de Viento Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The honorees are Tommy Don Baskin, Stratford; Haley Crowe, Sunray; Reagan Schweitzer, Channing; Nicole Bowers, Dalhart; Deette Cates, Hartley; Brenda Browning, Texline; and Kimberly Bowman, Dumas. The DAR Good Citizens are chosen by their respective schools on the basis of Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism.

Being a DAR Good Citizen is an honor that the recipients can include on resumes or applications to college or employers. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has approved this program and has placed it on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

The DAR Good Citizens will be honored on Sunday, April 14, 1996 in the XIT Historical Museum in Dalhart. This will be a patriotic program and reception. The public will be invited.

Allen Files For County Attorney

Kimberly Allen has filed to run for County Attorney in Sherman County.

Mrs. Allen is a 1981 graduate of Texas Tech University and a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas Law School where she served as an associate editor of the Texas Law Review. After graduation, she practiced law in Austin and San Antonio until 1994.

In 1994, she moved to this area with her husband, Stratford native Will Allen, when rejoined his family's farming operation. She and Will have two sons, ages 4 and 2, and a third child due at the end of February.

Mrs. Allen states, "I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving as County Attorney, and I believe have the background that will enable me to do a good job for the citizens of Stratford and Sherman County."

Remember all of Stratford's Activities Coming Up!



Cardigans Perform

"The Cardigans" are shown above greeting the folks that came to their performance Saturday night at the Sherman County Depot Museum Dinner Theater. The four young men put on an outstanding performance and the dinner was excellent. Details were not available at presstime of how successful the fund raiser was, but a good crowd turned out for the performance.

Gaynelle Riffe Selected For 1996 Leadership Texas Program



Gaynelle Riffe

Austin-Gaynelle Riffe of Stratford is among the 110 women chosen from throughout the state to participate in the 1996

Leadership Texas program. Kicking off its 14th year, Leadership Texas will welcome its largest class ever to Austin for the opening session February 21-23. Riffe will join a network of more than 1,100 women who have participated in the Leadership Texas Program.

"Leadership Texas is a year-long series of seminars bringing an advanced level of issue-oriented discussion and exposure to the top women leaders of the State of Texas," said Executive Director Candace O'Keffe. "Our goal is to provide the most up-to-date information on leadership and issues affecting the future of our state." In 1996, participants will travel to Austin, Laredo, Fort Worth, Amarillo, and Houston to



These lovely ladies from left, Geneva Bell, Rose Wells and Myrtle Ellison invite you to join them and everyone else at SCOT Hall for their Box Supper on February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

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Dear Readers
By Marty

Community Wide Thank You

The Stratford Star is wanting to do a "Community Wide Thank You Page" to thank all the surrounding towns and folks that came to our aid the night of February 5, 1996. We will send copies of this page to every city that responded that night so they will know how appreciative that we all were. If you are interested, please contact us at 806-396-5885 or come by our office at 309 N. Main for more details. Thank you.

We Want Your Story About The Evacuation

We want your story about your "Evacuation" Experience, Funny or serious. Where or what you were doing when asked to evacuate, anything you would like to share with our readers. If you do not want names used, we will only relate the facts.

Example: One funny comment we heard: "A child said instead of being evacuated, he was "Executed".

Please take the time and share with our readers your tale of Monday night. We know there are some humorous stories out there as there are serious ones. Let us know what they are.

"Opinion Line"

The Stratford Star is going to start an "Opinion Line". This will be open every evening after the office is closed at 5 p.m. and you may call until 8 the next morning. You may call anytime over the weekend. We will be asking a question every week in our paper about a particular subject, and we would like input from our readers. If several respond to this idea, then we will continue. This will not be a column for anyone to get even with someone or trash anyone. Names will not be used, only your comments that we are entitled to edit if we see necessary.

We want to help this community by either making suggestions or commending when a job is well done! We love this town, and want to help in anyway we can, to make it a better place to live for our families. Also sometimes, we need to let folks know that they are doing a good job, and that we appreciate them also.

For the first week, we would like your opinion on "HOW YOU THOUGHT THE EVACUATION MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1996 DUE TO THE ANHYDROUS AMMONIA LEAK, WENT IN STRATFORD".

We will call this column "Readers Opinion Line". We hope that this will be something that we can continue with your help.



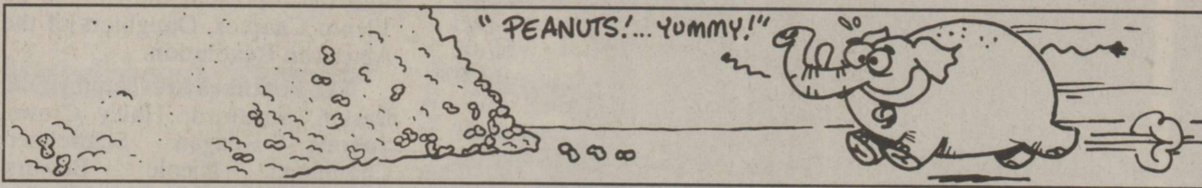
The tune for Yankee Doodle was sung in Europe in the Middle Ages. It was first sung in the United States to make fun of the untrained American troops during the French and Indian Wars. By 1768 new lyrics made it a favorite in every patriot camp.

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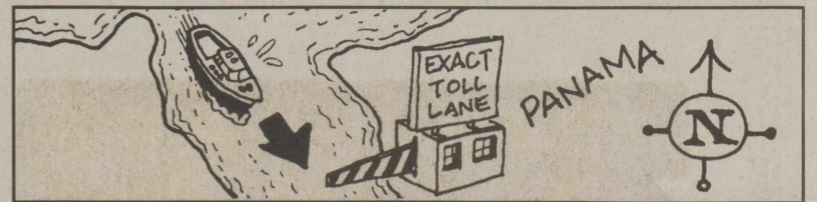


Reichert Receives Check

John Reichert, center recently bowled his 10th sanctioned 300 game. The 2nd 300 game ever to be bowled in Dalhart in 32 years. John is employed by the Dalhart Unit of the TDCJ Institutional Division as a teacher. The America Bowling Congress (ABC) will display his score at the Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Missouri. Shown from left, Brent Holman representing First State Bank presented John with a check. First State Bank was 1 of 10 businesses who sponsored John. They were his only sponsor from Stratford and will be a continuing sponsor. Pat Boren, far right was also on hand to congratulate John on his bowling success.



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Timi's Tidbits
By Timmie Brown



Happy Valentines Day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this moon-lit Monday a.m. Feb. 12, 1996. Moon-lite? Yes, when we got up at 4 a.m. there was a splash of light on the living room floor which came from the glass in the front door. The low last night was 21 degrees F. the wind calm. The wind during the daytime has been very unpleasant lately.

Stratford Star Readers and TV Viewers know of the "evacuation" due to the ammonia leak in our town last Monday evening, Feb. 5, 1996. Our personal experience is the only news for readers- so here is our story. About 6-6:30 p.m. we heard the prolonged siren, but paid little attention because sometimes it blows for various reasons. But when G.G. daughter Joy Powers called saying that we had to get out of town and why we were ready in about 2 minutes. We followed instructions and drove east on the Gruver Road and stopped at Jon Hart's house. (Jon is our nephew). From there we put a message on Baskin Browns answering machine telling where we were, (of course, he missed it, because he was already on the way to our house) Among others at Jon's house were his parents, Betty Lou O'Brien, Mary Peach Smith, Mrs. Archie Wright and Mrs. Steffens, her mother our baby, Devan and three other young people. About 11 p.m when TV information said we could safely go home, we drove by the County Barn where many towns

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

There was a meeting Feb. 6 at Kerrick Cafe. Plans were discussed about entertaining the Fire Department and EMTs. Present were Barbara Schoonover, Pat Boren, Joyce & Ted Irlbeck, Virgie Mathews, Donna & Bill Gillenwaters, Ciccy Harris, Marylou McDaniel, Lynn Wells, Jo June McDaniel, Nita Taylor.

Earl & Virginia Brown, Junction City, Ks., parked their fifth wheeler at Marylou McDaniel's on Feb. 5. They sure thought there was a lot of traffic until Marylou came home from bowling and told them about the evacuation of Stratford and the re-routing of traffic! Earlier in the day they visited with Myron Leedy at Coldwater Manor. They were on the way to Phoenix for two months.

Kerrickites spotted at the Depot Museum dinner/theater were Kenneth & Lynn Wells, Bill & Pat Boren, Trisha Schoonover, Marylou & Mike McDaniel, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel.

George & Barbara Avent and Tyler Avent enjoyed visiting the Jimmy Wright family at Vermejo Park, N.M. over the weekend.

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters were in Woodward, Ok., to see his mother, Thurma, this weekend.

Peggy Hawkins returned Sunday evening after a flight to Memphis, Tn., and Mississippi for her mother's birthday. Maylene Risi and other daughters, Martha Bradbury, Susie Holladay along with Peggy, get together for the yearly event.

Lyall & Ruth Murdock spent Thursday night with his sister, Mabel & Hank Rogers. They were returning to Red River, N.M. after visiting with the Bob Murdocks in McAllen.

"Gymnast of The Month"



Brittany Hudson

Kelly Brooks, Gymnastic instructor at Stratford Health & Gym Club will be spotlighting student a month for "Gymnast of The Month". Kelly's first "Gymnast of The Month" for January is Brittany Hudson. Brittany is the most improved since August of 94 when Kelly started teaching gymnastics. Brittany has learned to do Back Hand Springs and Front Hand Springs by herself and is currently working on her Back Tucks. Brittany is the 9 yr. old daughter of Gregg and Shari Hudson.

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something.
—Jackie Mason

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Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. Annual Meeting And Banquet Tuesday, February 20, 1996 7:00 P.M. Stratford High School Cafeteria Admission \$7.50

"Together...Making Strides"

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Check Out The Library By Dorothy Haile

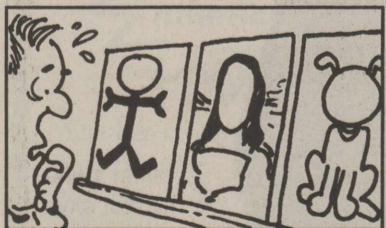
Story time is in full swing at the library on Wednesday mornings from 11:15 to 12 noon. There were 24 children that present for the fun "Holiday" theme. This week is the Valentine holiday. You are encouraged to bring your 3 and 4 year old children to share stories, crafts and books.

New fiction books that are gifts to the library for the adult reader: Postmortem and Body of Evidence - Patricia Cornwell; The Revenge of the Forty-Seven Samurai - Erik Christian Haugaard; The Forest of the Clouded Leopard - Christopher and Lynne Meyers; Anne is Elegant - Mary Louise Cuneo; and Arena Beach - Donna Staples.

More than 50 stories from the best science fiction writers are compiled in one book - The World Treasury of Science Fiction.

Lessons in Living by Susan Taylor and Glory Days by Janus Adams are by African-American writers.

"If you're hankering for a look into a past that can never again be, Benjamin Capps has a team hitched and you can ride along on one of the last great cattle drives. Day by day you will relive the sweat, the fears and the exaltations of the cowboy who seeks dominion over the cattle." This is the quote from the Denver Post in describing The Trail to Ogallala.



In 18th Century America, artists journeyed from town to town with paintings of men and women, complete in every feature, but the faces. A person wishing to sit for a portrait had to select the body he liked best and let the artist fill in the missing hair and face.

Timi's
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people were housed AND we were detained there for a short time until everyone was released. We apologize publicly to Baskin for not putting information that we were Joy, However we could not have given our location. He knew we were safe but not where we were? We and most other citizens were home by 12 a.m. We have had personal inquiries about our safety from near by and far away friends. Thank you, ALL!

The evacuation was a "Once in a lifetime" experience, we assure you.

Life-as-usual continues in our community. The Museum Dinner and Program was well attended and successful.

Plans for Sweet Heart Banquets and SCOT Box Supper will take place this week. Happy birthday to Corda Pleyer our beloved peer, on Feb. 14; You are a living Valentine! First Baptist congregation sang Happy Birthday on local T.V. to Corda on Sunday evening.

We are told that Ann Langford, daughter of Emma Lou Flores Conon, is choreographer for the Amarillo Little Theater which sent the group for the Museum dinner entertainment.

Congratulation to Barbara and Steve Dettle upon the arrival of a grandson born to their daughter, Shawna and husband. This little boy is a 6th generation person of the pioneer Flores family.

Baby lore is very enticing, our little great grandson, Joe Shane Brown is a 5th generation person of the J.T. Brown-Baskin and Lee Pioneer families. Added to these little ones, our great grandson and daughter Berry Lee Powers and Devan Nicole P. Powers are 6th generations persons of the pioneer T.F., Baskin, J.T. Brown and Coffman-Braddock families and Cassilyn Shaye Steel is a 6th generation girl born to the Aleck, Wallace W. John Steel families. These little people and their pioneer families cover a century of Sherman County citizens (There are other Pendletons, Jacksons, Spurlocks, Rogers, Foremans, more families BUT we don't have the information).

John Steel, Colorado Springs called relatives in Stratford Sunday Feb. 4, 1996 to announce the birth of his great grand daughter, Cassilyn Shaye Steel,

born to Scott and Dayna Steel, Kansas.

Cassilyn Shaye is not only John's first great granddaughter but is also the first little girl born in 83 years in the A.L. Steel son Wallace, son John Pendleton Steel, John and Cindy Jr. son Scott line of the Pioneer families of A.L. Steel who came to Sherman County in 1905.

Very special blessings on the parents, the Scott Steels and new grandparents, Cindy and John, Jr. Steel.

Loving congratulations to EVERYONE.

Thanks to Carolyn Tarver and our daughter, Betty Brown, (for reading in G.G.G.) for getting this information for Timi about the Steel baby. Carolyn is a distant cousin to Cassilyn thru the John P and Billie (Hester) Steel family.

Weather is a dull subject to write about after all other editing tidbits, but personally WE are SOP thankful for our reasonably normal windy weather after the long cold siege that we are happy to mention it.

Thanks to our church and our niece, Carolee Campbell, Liberal, Ks. we received taped devotionals. Today's devotional is based in Thessalonians where Paul says that we should follow "directed love" love of God, who we cannot see directed to him by love of our fellowman, who we CAN see AND via versa pray that we have that thought in mind as we greet folks with shoulder pats and luv!

Riffe
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explore trends and advancements in business, border issues, government, leadership, technology, work force and the environment.

Bell Helicopter-Textron, Central and South West Corporation, Enron Corporation, Northrop Grumman, Southwestern Bell Foundation, Southwest Airlines, and Texas Instruments Incorporated are program partners for the 1996 Leadership Texas class. "Their participation in this funding partnership demonstrates an important commitment to the women of Texas and to the development of leadership," said

Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

It was a consistent haze of light in Stratford, Texas, Monday the 5th of February. There cannot be enough said, nor thanks given for the courageous acts of those directing the evacuation of the residents in Stratford. And for the generous help received from neighboring towns. Certainly Monday evening proved that of saying "You are not an island within yourself." Stratford is full of heroes and the angels are those that helped, in spite of danger.

A friend, a talking parrot and yours truly left 101 N. Main with no real destination in mind. The parrot was a happy camper, she was on the road again. This threesome ended up out in the country about 1 mile from town. Before the evening was over and were signaled to return to our homes, there was a hodgepodge of folks in and out of this country home. The parrot didn't do much talking in the home, only a lot of showing off. Definitely, she was the center of attention. Her arrival back home was uneventful. She probably thought a plenty!! You would not have wanted to repeat what she was thinking.

The Chamber present Betty's Place with a certificate, recognizing the date that she was back in business. Betty's comment was that she did not need another ribbon cutting. New look, but same old bunch waiting on their customers. We are glad for Betty, that she is back. Today between

the hours of 2:30 and 4, you can get a free cup of coffee and piece of cake at Betty's Place.

Paco Taco Fast Mexican Food place owner, Ginger Walton, and the Chamber's Hunter Chairman is doing a double. She is now the trainee for the manager's job at Gophers Travel center. Kay Stedham is staying around long enough to help train Ginger and then she will be leaving Stratford (and we regret this, but wish Kay well) for other pastures. Maryann Ewers is taking over the management of Paco Taco. There is no doubt that both Ginger at Gophers and Maryann At Paco Taco will do a good job. What would we do without changes.

The Dinner Theater is past history and was well attended. Those that recalled those 50's and 60's had to be really taken back into good memories. The museum uses this one big rally for their number one fund raiser. We, as citizens, can be really proud of our museum and the efforts that the museum board gives to making it even better. Do you realize folks how many entities that we have that are for non-profit. It had been awhile since it was realized and recalled just how many Stratford, Sherman County did have, all of which are essential and very worthwhile. And, as always, Stratford continues to give and give.

Recipient for Business, Farmer and Citizen of the Year have been selected, awards readied and the night of Chamber Banquet and Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. meeting is upon us. Have you gotten your ticket to this gala affair? There is still time and tickets are available at the Chamber, \$7.50 for a meal and nothing for the program you will see and the entertainment you will enjoy.

Coming up the 18th of this month will be the St. Joseph's Sausage Dinner. Keep that in mind as the food is always great, plus the service you receive at Parish Hall and the goodies they have to sell on the side.

Friday the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce will be having their

GTE Files Request To Recover Expanded Local Calling Expenses

GTE today (Feb. 7, 1996) applied with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to recover from customers \$16.6 million for revenue losses resulting from the mandated expansion of toll-free calling areas to over 250 smaller communities across the state. The expanded calling areas were required by Senate Bill 632 passed by the 1993 Texas Legislature.

The legislature allowed the PUC to set rules for communities with less than 10,000 telephone lines, and outside metropolitan areas, to expand local calling areas where there is a community of interest, such as county government, churches, a school district, hospitals and doctors. The service is called expanded local calling (ELC).

The law, passed in 1993, allows the additional costs and investment, as well as long distance revenues associated with ELC, to be recovered by assessing customers in the requesting community a monthly charge of no more than \$3.50 for each residential line and \$7 for each business line. Revision of the law in 1995 limited the number of distant calling areas that can be added to the local calling area for the \$3.50 for \$70 maximum charges to five. Additional calling areas over the five limit will include an additional \$1.50 a month for both residential and business lines for each additional calling area.

Any revenue deficiency not recovered from the capped surcharge must be collected by a general surcharge on other customers across the state.

"GTE resisted passing the unrecovered costs and lost toll revenues to our customers; however, the losses have reached a point where we can no longer ignore the impact," said Kathy Harless, regional president of GTE.

When approved by the PUC, customers in areas with ELC service who are not paying the maximum \$3.50 residential or \$7 business rate will see charges for ELC increased to the maximum. Customers not paying an ELC charge will receive a \$1.06 monthly surcharge per line.

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A Grandmothers Shower was held in the home of Helen Judd, Sunday, February 11th for Rita Harker. Shown above is Frankie Shields, Rita Harker and Helen Judd.



Vows Exchanged

Kimberly Ann Thompson and Timothy David McNemar were united in marriage September 9, 1995 at the Chapel in the Hills in Rapid City, SD. Kim is the daughter of Gary & Vicki Thompson of Oelrichs, SD. Tim is the son of Ann McNemar of Grand Island, NE and Mr. & Mrs. Don McNemar, Mesa, AZ. The ceremony was held outside on a small patio, with the chapel and beautiful surroundings as the backdrop. Harold Trout of Rapid City, Kim's Great-uncle, performed the ceremony. Many friends and family from the surrounding area joined in the celebration, along with guests from Grand Island, Lincoln, Omaha, NE, Arizona and Oklahoma. Standing with Kim were her aunt, Dayle Harris, of Edgemont, Matron of Honor and Vicky French and Jodi O'Daniel of Oelrichs - Bridesmaids. Standing with Tim were Tony Curtis, friend of the groom of Lincoln - Best Man; P.J. McNemar brother of the groom and Chris Johnson, cousin of the groom, both of Grand Island - Groomsman.

Kim was escorted to the altar by her father, Gary. Ushers were Matt Thompson, brother of the bride, and Eugene Kosmicki, friend of the groom. Dean Harris, cousin of the bride was the music coordinator. Dayle and Jay Harris, aunt and cousin of the bride were the photographers.

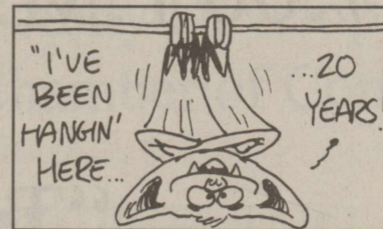
Kim wore a tea length gown covered in old fashioned lace, by French Creations. Pearls were draped off the waistline and off the shoulders. Pearls and sequins were also used throughout the gown. She carried a bouquet of silk pansies draped with lace and pearls. For something old she wore an antique gold band bracelet, that was a family heirloom given to her by her Grandmother for college graduation. Something new was her wedding dress. Something borrowed were her earrings and something blue was her garter.

A reception was held at the Elk Creek Steak House in Rapid City. After a honeymoon at "The Point", at the Tapatio Resort in Phoenix, Arizona, the couple are home at 11903 S. 35th St., #401, Omaha, NE.

Tri-Corner Art Association

The Tri-Corner Art Group met Tuesday, February 6 at the County Barn. The ten members present were: Mary Hill, Rene Plunk, Anita DeBord, Faye White, Shirley Durham, Mary Jo Cox, Ione Kendrick, Velma Blake, Dicy Stephenson and Mary Lovett.

We would like to invite new members to join us each Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the medium of your choice; some use oils, water colors or acrylics; just whatever you like.



Some species of bats live as long as 15 to 25 years.

Births

Malcolm and Holly Waters are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mallory Kay, born January 19, 1996 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She weighed 7 lbs. and 13 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Keith and Carollee Waters of Stratford and Ron and Linda Moore of Dallas, Texas.

Trey and Kristi Rothenberger, Pearland, TX are proud to announce the birth of a Rouel Franklin, IV (to be called "Klin") weighing in at 8 lbs, 10 1/2 ounces, 22 inches long. He was born at 3:46 a.m. at Texas Women's Hospital in Houston, TX.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Betty Fesler, Great grandmother Emma Naylor all of Stratford and great-grandfather, John Fesler of Ponca City, OK.

Paternal grandparents are Rouel and Cheryl Rothenberger of Azel, TX. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook, Azel, TX., Mrs. Rouel Rothenberger, China TX.

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock

Last week's evacuation of the city brought home the fact that disaster's can affect any part of the United States at any time of the year, swiftly and without warning. Most people don't think of a disaster until it is too late; then they suddenly realize how unprepared they are for the massive change it makes in their lives. Local officials can be overwhelmed and emergency response personnel may not be able to reach everyone who needs help right away.

Each type of disaster requires clean-up and recovery. The period after a disaster is often very difficult for families, at times as devastating as the disaster itself. Families that are prepared ahead of time can reduce the fear, confusion, and losses that come with disaster. They can be ready to evacuate their homes, know what to expect in public shelters, and how to provide basic first aid.

Steps to being prepared for a disaster includes establishing a disaster supply kit that contains water, food, first aid kit, tools and supplies, clothing and bedding, and special items. The second step is to develop a family preparedness plan that all family members are aware of. This plan should include knowledge of what types of disasters could happen in your area, the community's warning signal, emergency response for your workplace, children's school, or day-care center, or other places where your family spends time. Based upon this information, a family should create a family disaster plan and make a checklist and periodically update it along with practice and maintain your plan. One should take consideration when preparing children and people with disabilities in the plan.

I was returning home from Amarillo when I received a call from my husband that Stratford was being evacuated. In the conversation, we agreed upon a general area to meet and with the assistance of cellular phones were able to keep our family unit together. In addition, we were able to spend the night in the country and return home the next morning. Others were not as fortunate as we were.

This week, I had a clientele call concerning the safety of food in the homes located in the area of the highest concentration of anhydrous ammonia. Food contained in vacuum sealed containers should pose no problems if the seal is not broken. Broken seals are easy to spot there will be a bulge in the top of the can. Staple foods stored in airtight containers are safe for consumption. Produce such as fruits and vegetables not stored in the refrigerator should be washed prior to consumption, as always the best rule in determining food safety is "When in doubt, throw it out". As a country we are blessed with an abundant and cheap food supply. It is more economically feasible to replenish any food in question than consume the product and become ill.

For more information about a family disaster preparedness plan or food safety concerns, please feel free to come by the County Extension Office or call at 396-2122.

The richer your friends, the more they will cost you.
—Elisabeth Marbury

School Menu

Thurs. Feb. 15 - BBQ Sandwiches, TT, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk.

Fri. Feb. 16 - NO SCHOOL

Mon. Feb. 19 - Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Corn, Tossed Salad, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

Tues. Feb. 20 - Frito Pie, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Cowboy Bread, Milk.

Wed. Feb. 21 - Stew, Crackers, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

I could now afford all the things I never had as a kid, if I didn't have kids
—Robert Orben



A Sweetheart Dinner was held Friday, Feb. 9th at the Country Club. A great meal was enjoyed by all who attended.

Happy Birthday, Chris, Dicy, Javier, Sulema, Mikol, Brady, Jolene, L.S., Rebecca, Frank, Glen, Jean, Kara, Susanna, Greg, Steve, Craig, Dorothy, Garry, Jerry, Lane, S.J., Joan, Mandi, Opal

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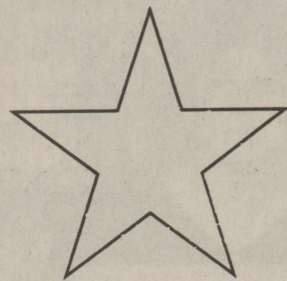
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Shower selections for Ely Rhoades, bride-elect of Mark Rogers are at THE General Store. Free delivery to the shower on March 2nd.
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2-15-tfn

Border Collie puppies for sale: Call Will Allen at days 249-5533 and evenings at 249-9732.
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Baby Bed for Sale: Call 396-5869.
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25% off Winter Clearance Sale at THE General Store. Walls coversalls and coats, underwear, and winter boots.
2-15-tfn

Hay for sale: alfalfa, high energy Legume Grass mix (excellent for horse or cattle). Small square or round bales. 405-426-2256.
2-15-c

For Sale 1991 GMC Sonoma extended cab Pickup. 87,000 miles. See at 619 S. 4th. or contact 396-5861.
2-15-p

For Sale: 1988 Regal. See at Brooks Motor or call 396-5884 after 5:00
2-8-tfn

For Sale: sofa, good cond. \$75.00. Call 396-2354.
1-18-tfn

For Sale: 1 hide-a-bed sofa and matching loveseat. Call 806-396-2125.
2-15-c

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1-14-tfn

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2-15-p

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Houses For Sale

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3-7-c

House For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, dining room, garage. Contact Jo June McDaniel at 727-4522 or leave a message.
3-7-p

House for sale in Stratford, 3 bedroom 1 bath with fireplace and attached garage. Call 249-0534 after 6 p.m.
2-15-c

For Sale: 3 BR, 1 bath, basement, 396-2348 after 6 p.m. 401 N. Wall.
1-4-tfn

For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, central air and heat, large fence, 2 car garage. Completely renovated 3 yrs. ago. 619 N. 5th. Call 396-5308 p.m. at 1-817-454-2102
1-12-tfn

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

House for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 bath. 420 N. Maple. 396-5869.
1-25-4xc

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11-23-tfn

House For Sale: 3-bedroom, 2 bath, brick home, across from Mary Allen Elementary corner lot, fireplace. Call 396-2526.
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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Maj. Jim Smith, husband of Carrie Riffe Smith is always amazed at the people the world over with whom they have come in contact, that are from Stratford or have family or friends in Stratford.

Maj. Smith is a surgeon with the 212th MASH Unit serving in Croatia at the bridge. A knock at his tent door and who should step in but Jason Spurlock, a crew on a medical helicopter. Even in Bosnia a Stratfordite!! Jason's relatives had written to him about Jim's location. Jim invited Jason in for a cup of coffee and other treats sent by the Methodist Jr. Hi youth. The MASH unit is moving south to Tusla and beyond. Perhaps other Stratford connected persons will link up.

Gaynelle Riffe

P.S. This past week-end, we had a family reunion in Wichita Falls (a half way point) and all 20 of us attended the First United Methodist church. A young man came up after the service and introduced him self as Keith Hill, son of Elsie Spurlock (yes Stratford Spurlocks) Hill. H had attended a funeral in Dalhart the day before and was told to watch for a bunch of Riffe's from Stratford in church. Spurlock's turn up about as much as Stratfordites!

Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Feedyard Truck Driver and General Feedyard work. Call 396-2426.
2-15-c

Station help needed at Consumers. Apply in person only.
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Lost and Found

LOST during the Evacuation: Red Lab - answers to the name of "Red Dog". Call 396-2498.
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For Rent

For Rent: One bedroom, furn. apt. 6th and Fulton. 396-5892 night, day 5541 day. 12-21-tfn

Apartment for Rent: All electric, 2 bdms. Call 396-2462.
1-11-tfn

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

Cards of Thanks

The residents and staff at Coldwater Manor wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with our evacuation on Monday evening, Feb. 5th. There were so many of you who helped load residents on the bus, provided personal vehicles, sat with the residents and helped return them home. Without your help, it would have been tremendously more difficult. We are also grateful to all staff members who returned to the facility and the County Barn to help care for the residents. We firmly believe that all of you are committed with love to our residents at Coldwater Manor! Thank You!!!

from David Boggs and the Board Members of Stratford Hospital District

Stratford Emergency Medical Services would like to thank all the Emergency Services for their quick response to the hazardous materials accident in Stratford. We would also like to thank all the citizens for their help and cooperation. Without all the cooperation and support, the accident could have been a disaster. We are proud to be a part of this community.

I would like to say Thank You for your prayers, telephone calls, and your caring for me. Especially do I thank D'Lynn Reed and Larry Norris and the ambulance crew for coming so quickly. I appreciate and thank you so much for the time you take of me.

Thanks again,
God Bless each of you,
Lillie Galloway

My daughter, Ashley, was worried about the "nice firelady with brown hair" who came to our house to warn us. After many tears and prayers for all the people who risked their lives, Ashley asked if she could write a thank-you note but she was afraid she would leave somebody out. I assured her we would try to make sure and tell everyone involved. This is her note which I think reflects the feelings of a lot of people: Thanks to our firemen and policemen, and brave people. Thanks a lot for keeping us safe. Jesus blesses you. Let Jesus guide you and keep you safe.

Thanks a lot your friend,
Ashley Duke

I would like to thank the Contributors Fund and its supporters for adding to the sale of my lamb and to Keener Oil for buying my lamb.

Brittany Hudson

Dear Editor,

My husband, Donald and children, Kelly, Crystal and Annie and I are writing to say thank you to all the residents, friends and families of Sherman County for the prayers, support, strength and financial aid provided for us during this very trying time of healing my leukemia. As with any unrelated bone marrow transplant there are many unforeseen complications and the road to recovery will be long, however we feel blessed that this road is paved with your love, support and especially your prayers. We also want to extend a special appreciation to Jack & Donna Gilley and Jackie and Jill for their tireless help and hospitality extended to our family and our parents during all this. Also a special thank you to all my Aunts, Uncles, Cousins for their constant love, cards and phone calls.

God Bless & Keep You,
Susan Spurlock Rawlins

Legal Notice

School Board Elections

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a School Board Election on May 4, 1996. Filing for a position on the Board will begin February 19, 1996 and continue through March 20, 1996. You may file at the Superintendent's office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Positions held by Barbara Chumley and Ken Wight will expire this term. Holdover members are Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, Roy McAlister and John Wheeler.

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annual banquet, 7 p.m. Rita Blanca Coliseum. Their speaker, Dr. Margaret N. Maxey, PHD. Then on Monday night the 19th the Texhoma Chamber of Commerce will be having their banquet. It is really nice when we have folks representing "our town" at these neighboring town's banquets. Lets folks know Stratford is a "good neighbor".

The 19th is President's Day and the City Hall and Chamber of Commerce will have a holiday. This is also Veteran's Day, so get that ole glory out and fly it proud. Ash Wednesday will be the 21st of February, the 22nd on Thursday will be the SCOT Luncheon.

Ah! I failed to mention there will be no school this Friday.

Still a favorite saying and one that as manager of the Chamber is kept on the wall in clear view "You never fail until you stop trying."

Have a good day and keep, keeping on!

I would like to thank all of the supporters of the Contributors Fund. Your support helped in the buying of my pig.

Thank you,
Brad Williams

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Dinner Theater a success. I hope that everyone who came this year and enjoyed themselves and plan to spend another evening with us again next year.

MariHoward

We would like to thank everyone for their support in the last 19 months at "The Crossroads". We have made many good friends during this time. We are going to miss each and everyone of you. Thanks again for your support & kindness. There are many good people in this town.

Love Steve and Judy
(The Crossroads)

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Sherman County Extension Program Council and the Sherman County 4-H Parents and Leaders Association for the very nice reception that was given for Rinda and I. It is very difficult to express the love I have for the wonderful people of Sherman County. For the past 23 years, you have showed your love for us and really been a blessing to our lives. The memories of our experiences are special, and they will be with us where-ever we go. Thanks again for your tremendous support and more importantly the friendships we share. I hope you will come by the Potter County Office to check on me.

Sincerely,
Jim and Rinda

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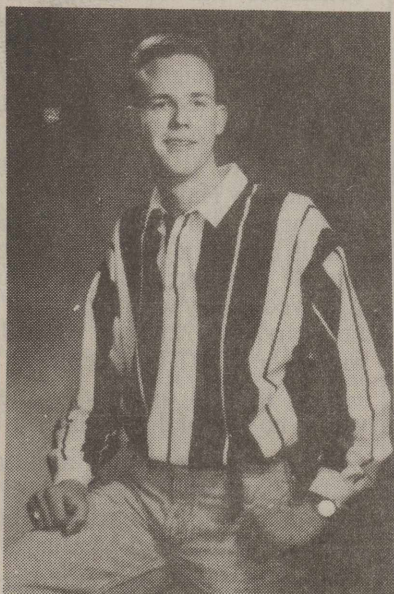
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Congratulations Erika, Jennifer, and Misty

On Saturday, February 3, Mr. Hunsaker took three of his clarinet players to Canyon to the annual UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. These three ladies were from left, Erika Baeza, Freshman; Jennifer Weiland and Misty Bruns, Juniors. Erika Baeza played "Adagio" by R. Wagner from memory with the piano accompaniment of Gail Hunsaker. She scored a first division and will be going on to state later this spring. Erika also joined Jennifer and Misty in a trio composed by George Friedrich Handel named "Bourree". These three ladies played well together and also scored a first division. We are very proud of these ladies for going down there and giving it their best shot while carrying with them that famous "Elk Pride"!

Weiland Enjoys "Hardware Stores"



Tracy Weiland

Working at Johnston's Hardware store in downtown Canyon suits Tracy Weiland just fine.

Weiland, 18, a freshman majoring in management at West Texas A&M University, anticipates owning and operating his own hardware store after he graduates. "I want my own business," Weiland said.

He said he chose a hardware store because it appears to offer a better way to meet to public than some other kinds of businesses.

Born in Dimmitt, Weiland said as a second grader he moved with his family to Stratford. His parents, Mary and Gerald Weiland, and sister Jennifer, 16, a junior at Stratford High School, live in Stratford.

Weiland attends the First Christian Church in Stratford and holds membership in Alpha Kappa Psi, a national professional business fraternity.

Weiland said he works about 32 hours a week at Johnston's, waiting on customers and learning about being a retailer.

He chose to attend WT for its proximity to his home, its size and the cost.

Weiland said his part-time employment pays for his education.

He looks up to Ronnie Pickens, owner of the General Store in Stratford, where Weiland worked for two and one-half years before enrolling at WT.

He described Pickens as "a solid member" of the Stratford community.

Weiland said having Pickens as a mentor helped him choose his career.

The toughest part of being a college student, Weiland said, comes in "trying to make you study enough. College is not hard if you apply yourself. You can't just blow it off."

Meeting people and making new friends, he said, ranks as his most enjoyable experience at WT.

In addition to coming to a new town where he know no one at first, Weiland said the worst part of college "is paying for it."

Weiland said he would enjoy traveling to wildlife refuges and places like Yellowstone National Park.

He would not, however, want to visit Alaska "or anyplace else cold like that. I like it here." He also would like to skydive one day. "I guess I just need the courage," Weiland said.

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Jason Ashley and Juana Aguilar were the winners of the posters that the PTA gave away in a drawing on Feb. 9th.



Elephants have one of the largest brains and rank high in intelligence among animals. A well-trained elephant can learn about 30 verbal commands.



Stratford's PTA book fair was a success. PTA donated \$30 worth of books to the Middle School library. Shauna Artho above, chose several books the school needed.



Gale Shafer and Lauri Ewers, above of the PTA handled the Book Fair. They are shown with just a few of the many books that were available. PTA would like to thank Mr. Taliaferro, teachers and parents and especially the children for their support of the Book Fair.

Basketball

The 7th grade girls blue team beat Boys Ranch Lady Riders on Jan. 29th 56-22. Scoring for the Lady Elks were Jessica King - 15, Kara Brownlee - 12, Shelli McCarver - 7, April Whatley - 6, Cristina Chabolla - 4, Ivonne Hernandez - 3, Terra Whetten, Sara Velasquez, Brenda Aguilera, Ginger Crabtree, Terri Daniels - 2 each and Crystal Roberts - 1. On Feb. 5th, the 7th grade girls beat Sunray 44-25. Scoring were Jessica King - 22, Brenda Aguilera - 8, Kara Brownlee & Shelli McCarver - 4 each, April Whatley & Thea James - 3 each. The 7th grade girls white team beat Sunray 23-2. Scoring were Terra Whetten - 8, Crystal Garza - 5, Elena Aguilar & Stephanie Reinart - 4 each and Zulema Torres - 2. The 7th grade girls white team finished their season with a record of 4-2 in District play. The 7th grade girls blue finished their season as District Champs with a record of 11-3 overall and 6-2 in District.

The 7th grade boys lost to Boys Ranch 29-37 on Jan. 29th. Scoring for Stratford were Carlos Ortega - 16, Corey Naugle - 7, Tommy Keener, Aaron Rhoades & Rene Vital - 2 each.

The 8th grade girls beat Vega 31-19 on Jan. 29th. Scoring were Veronica Leyva - 10, Missy Sikora - 8, Oralia Vital - 7, Keri Wight - 6. On Feb. 5th the 8th grade girls played Sunray, but the game was called at half-time due to the evacuation. The 8th grade girls finished their season with their 2nd District Champion title. Their first being earned their 7th grade year. Their season record was 12-3 overall and 6-1 in District.

The 8th grade boys beat Sunray 30-19 on Jan. 29th. Scoring were Roy McCracken - 10, Martin Acevedo - 7, Parker Wells - 6, Brock Swain, Mario Ortega and Cody Moore - 2 each, Brent Wilhelm - 1.

The J.V. boys lost 61-32 to Spearman on Jan. 30th. Scoring were Efrain Ortega - 12, Scott McAlister - 9, Daniel Hunsaker - 3, Nathaniel Walden, Jose Reta, Paul Brown - 2 each, Levi James & Cliff Moore - 1 each.

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Spearman 42-18 on Jan. 30th. Scoring for the Lady Elks were Ashlie Lasley - 14, Gloria Aguilera - 11, Mandi Bell - 7, Megan Baskin - 6, Julie Kimball & Jasmin Sanchez - 2 each. The J. V. girls beat Gruver 43-24 on Feb. 2nd. Scoring were Ashlie Lasley - 10, Megan Baskin & Mandi Bell - 6 each, Jasmin Sanchez, Maggie Acevedo & Tai Ann Brownlee - 4 each, Julie Kimball & Joy Burkhalter - 3 each, Gloria Aguilera - 2 and Lori Young - 1. The J.V. Lady Elks beat Boys Ranch Lady Riders 62-20 on Feb. 6th. Scoring were Ashlie Lasley - 16, Maggie Acevedo & Ashley Stoy - 10 each, Jasmin Sanchez - 7, Joy Burkhalter & Mandi Bell - 4 each, Gloria Aguilera - 3, Tai Ann Brownlee, Jennifer Sladek, Robin Hart & Odilia Soto - 2 each. The J.V. Lady Elks finished their season as District Champs also with a 23-5 overall record and a perfect sweep in District play with 7-0.

The Varsity Lady Elks beat Spearman 48-47 on Jan. 30th. Scoring were Jennifer King - 14, Kelli Wight - 12, Cara Lavake - 10, Jessica Sikora - 8, Chancey Rhoades - 4. The rest of the Varsity girls stats were not available at presstime.

The Varsity Boys lost to Spearman 48-52 on Jan. 30th. Scoring were J.B. Presley - 12, T.D. Baskin - 9, Ryan Davis - 7, Brandon Starnes - 6, Oscar Aguilera & Dusty Stewart - 5 each, Coby Galla & Ross Davis - 2 each.


Hopefully, as you read this our Varsity boys will have won 2nd in 1-AA district at their play-off game against Spearman on Feb. 13th.



St. Patrick is said to have baptized more than 120,000 persons.

Jump Rope For Heart

The K-4 grade students are classes. The money raised by the Jump Rope for Heart volunteers event will allow the AHA to this week and next for the continue providing educational American Heart Association. programs and materials at no cost They will be asking you to sponsor to our school, and it will ensure them in the Jump-A-Thon this the continuation of research week and the week of Feb. 19-23 efforts to fight heart and blood in which they will be jumping on vessel diseases, including stroke teams during their entire Phys. Ed- and heart attack.

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