

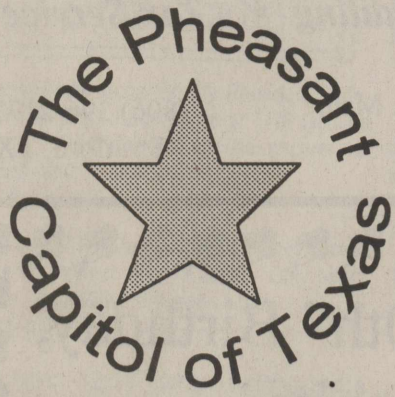
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## Youth Group Steak Supper

St. Joseph's CYO Youth Group will be having their Steak Supper Saturday, Feb. 24th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. If you had bought tickets before they are still good.

The Menu will consist of Steak, Baked Potato and all the trimmings for \$7.00 or a Charcoal Beef patty for \$4.00 with all the trimmings.

## Stratford Residents Attend Dalhart C Of C Banquet

Ten people from Stratford attended the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Friday, February 16. Stratford was the only community other than Dalhart in attendance.

## Look What's Happening At Bonar Park

The Bonar Park project has gotten a big start with big beautiful trees leading the way. Due to the weather, the project was stepped up a month sooner than planned. Therefore, with this early arrival, donations will be greatly appreciated. Soon, we will be announcing our plans for fund raising - but until then, any amount will help us. Stop by and take a look. We think you'll be pleased.

We also need red bricks, if you have any you would like to donate to the Bonar Park project, please contact Carolyn Tarver.

## Crimestoppers Needs Your Help

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help!! On or about January 10th, person or persons unknown shot and killed two horses north of Stratford. The horses were located eleven miles north and five miles west of Stratford.

On January 17, one mile south of Stratford someone broke into a van and stole a new air compressor. The air compressor was blue in color and brand new.

If you or anyone you know has information that leads to the arrest or conviction of the person or persons involved in these or any other felony crime, call Crimestoppers at 806-396-2600. Please leave a code name and telephone number where you can be reached on or our machine and a crimstopper will return your call.

Your call will remain completely confidential and a reward of up to \$1000.00 will be paid.

## Scot Luncheon

SCOT Luncheon: Thursday, February 22 at noon.

## Scot Dance

SCOT Dance, Saturday, February 24, 8 to 11 p.m. Music by the "Music Makers."

## 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.



## Trees Planted At Bonar Park

Shown above is Raymond Garcia and Mike Hughes while they were putting in the trees for the Bonar Park Project and Imagination Station. Hughes Nursery is located in Canyon.

## Ammonia Public Health Statement

Ammonia  
ATSD Public Health  
Statement, December 1990

This statement was prepared to give you information about ammonia and to emphasize the human health effects that may result from exposure to it. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified 1,177 sites on its National Priorities List (NPL). Ammonia has been found at 23 of these sites. However, we do not know how many of the 1,177 NPL sites have been evaluated for ammonia. As EPA evaluates more sites, the number of sites at which ammonia is found may change. The information is important for you because ammonia may cause harmful health effects and because these sites are potential or actual sources of human exposure to ammonia.

When a chemical is released from a large area, such as an industrial plant, or from a container, such as a drum or bottle, it enters the environment as a chemical emission. This emission, which is also called a release, does not always lead to exposure. You can be exposed to a chemical only when you come into contact with the chemical. You may be exposed to it in the environment by breathing, eating, or drinking substances containing the chemical or from skin contact with it.

If you are exposed to a hazardous substance such as ammonia, several factors will determine whether harmful health effects will occur and what the type and severity of those health effects will be. These factors include the dose (how much), the duration (how long), the route or pathway by which you are exposed (breathing, eating, drinking, or skin contact), the other chemicals to which you are exposed, and your individual characteristics such as age, sex, nutritional status, family traits, life style, and state of health.

What is ammonia?

Ammonia is a chemical made by both man and nature. The amount of ammonia produced every year by man is very small compared to that produced by nature every year. However, when ammonia is found at a level that may cause concern, it is usually produced either directly or indirectly by man.

Ammonia is a colorless gas with a very sharp odor. The odor is familiar to most people because ammonia is used in smelling salts, household cleaners, and window cleaning products. Ammonia easily dissolves in water.

In water, most of the ammonia changes to ammonium, which is not a gas and does not smell. Ammonia and ammonium can change back and forth in water. In wells, rivers, lakes and wet soils, the ammonium form is most common.

Ammonia is very important to animal and human life. It is found in water, soil, and air, and is a source of much-needed nitrogen for plants and animals. Most of the ammonia in the environment comes from the natural breakdown of manure and dead plants and animals.

Eighty percent of all man-made ammonia is used as fertilizer. A third of this is applied directly as pure ammonia. The rest is used to make other fertilizers that contain ammonia. Ammonia is also used to manufacture synthetic fibers, plastics, and explosives. Many cleaning products also contain ammonia.

Ammonia does not last very long in the environment. Because it is recycled naturally, nature has many ways of incorporating and transforming ammonia. In soil or water, plants and microorganisms rapidly take up ammonia. After fertilizers containing ammonia is applied to soil, the amount of ammonia in that soil decreases to low levels in a few days. In the air, ammonia will last about one week.

In the air near hazardous waste sites, ammonia can be found as a gas. Ammonia can be found dissolved in ponds or other bodies of water at a waste site. Ammonia can also be found sticking to soil at hazardous waste sites. The average concentration of ammonia reported at hazardous waste sites ranges from 1 to 1000 parts of ammonia to one million parts of soil (ppm) and up to 16 ppm in water samples.

How might I be exposed to ammonia?

Since ammonia occurs naturally in the environment, we are regularly exposed to low levels of ammonia in air, soil, and water. Ammonia has been found in both soil and water samples at hazardous waste sites.

Ammonia exists naturally in the air at levels between one part and five parts in a billion parts of air (ppb). It is commonly found in rain water. The ammonia levels in rivers and bays are usually less than 6 ppm (6 ppm = 6,000 ppb.) Soil typically contains about 1 to 5 ppm of ammonia. The levels of ammonia vary throughout the day, as well as from season. Generally, ammonia levels are highest in the summer and spring, when nature is most active.

Outdoors, you may be exposed to high levels of ammonia in air from leaks and spills at production plants and storage facilities, and from pipelines, tank trucks, rail cars, ships, and barges that transport ammonia. Higher levels of ammonia in air may occur when fertilizer is applied to farm fields. After fertilizer is applied, the concentration of ammonia in soil can be more than 3000 ppm; however, these levels decrease rapidly over a few days. Indoors, you may be exposed to ammonia while using household products that contain ammonia. Some of these products are ammonia cleaning solutions, window cleansers, floor waxes, and

## Alternative Schooling Discussed At SISD Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School District met for a regular board meeting on Monday, February 12, 1996. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. All members were present. Minutes were read from the previous meeting and special sessions and were approved as amended. The current bills were reviewed and approved for payment.

The board set public School Week for March 4-8. Open House will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Local policies for the school district were discussed. Funding for the Panhandle Information Network was discussed and approved. The board reviewed contracts on all the principals.

Quicksilver Construction will open bids for Heating for Heating and Air Conditioning, asbestos abatement and lighting on March 19, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. In other business, the possibility of an alternative school was discussed. Superintendent, Sam Britte, presented his report on Midwinters Conference in Austin, Transportation, Athletics, discussion on swimming pool. Tax collection is at 95.44%.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

smelling salts. You can also be exposed to ammonia at work because many of the cleaning products there also contain ammonia. Farmers, cattle ranchers, and people who raise chickens can be exposed to ammonia from decaying manure. Some manufacturing processes also use ammonia.

How can ammonia enter and leave my body?

Ammonia can enter your body if you breathe in ammonia gas or if you swallow water or food containing ammonia. If you spill ammonia on your skin, a small amount of ammonia might enter your body through your skin; however, more ammonia will probably enter as you breathe the fumes from the spilled ammonia. After you breathe in ammonia, you breathe most of it out again. If you swallow ammonia in food or water, it will get into your bloodstream and be carried throughout your body within minutes. Most of the ammonia that enters your body rapidly changes into other substances that will not harm you. The rest of this ammonia leaves your body in urine within a couple of days.

How can ammonia affect my health?

If you were exposed to much higher than normal amounts, you would experience some effects. For example, if you spilled a bottle of concentrated ammonia on the floor, you would smell a strong ammonia odor; you might cough, and your eyes might water because of irritation. If you were exposed to very high levels of ammonia, you would experience more harmful effects. For example, if you walk into a dense cloud of ammonia or spill concentrated ammonia on your skin, you might get severe burns on your skin, eyes, throat, or lungs. These burns

## Imagination Station Presents Randel Chamber Orchestra

Randel Chamber Orchestra, part of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, will be performing on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. in the Stratford High School Auditorium. Imagination Station, a non-profit local museum providing hands-on arts programming for area children and families, is sponsoring the event.

The concert will be a wonderful opportunity to attend a local performance of a quality musical group. Please take this opportunity to support local events which are special because of their convenience and cost.

The full-length concert will feature a trombone soloist who will also be a guest instructor with several high school band students. Randy Hunsaker, Stratford High School Band Director, will arrange for the student instruction Saturday before the performance. This is a unique chance for the local young musicians to interact with a professional musician.

There will also be a buffet served at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The symphony conductor will be in attendance to meet and greet Stratford and area guests. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Prices for the Randel Chamber Orchestra are \$10.00 for adults, and \$8.00 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at First State Bank and Imagination Station Board Members. Or call 396-2262 or 396-2380 for tickets or information.

This concert is made possible through the generous support of the Stratford Grain Company, the First State Bank of Stratford, and the Texas Commission on the Arts with assistance from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Come and join us for a wonderful evening and support the Imagination Station as it works toward building renovation and bringing more programming to the Stratford area.

## Girl Scout Thinking Day

Stratford Girl Scouts and families will be celebrating Thinking Day on Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m. in the County Barn. Each troop will present a game, song or skit about a country they have been learning about in Girl Scouts. Girls will also serve food representative of their country for a penny to taste to everyone attending. Drinks will be five cents. All money collected will be contributed to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund which supports international Girl Scout exchanges.

Cadette Girl Scout Bethany Johnson is planning this event to work toward the Girl Scout Silver Award.

There will also be a brief recognition ceremony for local contributors to Yucca Girl Scout Council. Plaques will be presented to long term supporters.

## Editors Note:

On the SCDC and Chamber pages in last week's paper, Nina Lavake should have read Nina Lavake, Bookkeeping and Income Tax Services. Also, John and Lois Husmann and Harley and Daina Starnes were left off the Chamber page. Joyce Ann apologizes for these errors.

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**Dear Readers**  
By Marty

Congratulations to the Elks, Good luck Thursday night against Panhandle.

I apologize for missing the Box Supper, we were previously committed elsewhere. If anyone has pictures, please bring them in.

No school Monday and Tuesday.

We were surprised this week that we only had one phone call in response to our Opinion Line. With all the opinions we had heard around town about the evacuation, we thought there would be more response. Guess no one wanted to share them. We will try one more week with a Question-How do you think Stratford Rates as a community that you are living in.

We did have a few responses to our Trivia Question. Glad to know that you liked that idea.

Trivia Question This Week is: **Where was the first "Marlboro Man" television commercial filmed?**

Good Luck!

We also want to clarify the rules on Trivia- There will be a new question every week. We keep putting all of the names of the folks that answer the question for that week into a box. You can answer any weeks question anytime during the month before the end of the month drawing. In other words you can go back two weeks and answer that question to enter the contest. At the first of every month, there will be a new question and a new prize. February will be short as we didn't start the contest until the middle of the month. If you have questions please call us at 5885 or stop by the Star office at 309 N. Main. Anyone is eligible to enter except employees or family members of Stratford Star folks. Good Luck!

Happy 30th Birthday Donita.

**Readers Opinion Line**

"Without any practice and without any knowledge of what ammonia could do, I thought it was excellent in the surrounding towns. I thought they were super by coming in on such quick notice and helping us. I thought it was very well done!"

"I can't say enough for our EMS, Fire Dept., Police Dept. & Sheriff Dept."

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic To Be Held**

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Stratford Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, on March 5, 1996.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of

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**Obituaries**

**Dick Woolsey**

Dick Woolsey, 78, died Sunday, February 18, 1996.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Woolsey was born in Canon City, Colo. He had been a Stratford resident since 1945. He was the former owner and operator of Woolsey's Appliances from 1952 to 1982. He continued his plumbing work after he retired from his appliance store.

He was a longtime member of the Stratford Masonic Lodge No. 874 and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 1051 in Dalhart and a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of the Army having served during World War II.

He married Wanda Garoutte in 1944 at Stratford.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Karen Woolsey of Stratford; a son, Donnie Woolsey of Amarillo; a brother, Robert Woolsey of Canon City; and two granddaughters Amber and Autumn Woolsey.

They request memorials be to a favorite charity.

**Beatrice Elizabeth Jones**

Texhoma, OK - Beatrice Elizabeth Gorman Jones, 96, died Friday, February 16, 1996.

Services were held Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Texhoma with the Rev. Mike Dumler officiating. Burial was in the Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jones was born in Fredericksburg, Ind. She moved to Texhoma in 1916. She worked 20 years in the Golden Spread Cafe and managed the sales barn cafe for several years. She married Harold Leroy Jones in 1951 at Tucumcari, NM. He died later that year. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Arlene Boothby and Winifred Humphrey both of Texhoma; a sister, Anna Rosenbaum of Ajo, AZ; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Texhoma Ambulance Service and Meals On Wheels.

Go, and never darken my towels again.

—Groucho Marx

**Scot News**  
By Jack Gore

Another busy week ahead for Scotters.

Monday - Dance practice  
Tuesday - Chamber Banquet and SCOT Board meeting.

Thursday - Luncheon

Saturday - Dance

Pool playing, ceramics and aerobics will continue as always.

Box Supper was attended by a few, but all that was there enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Bobbie Strong, Helen Judd and others for making it a financial success for SCOT. Thanks to Bill Pendleton for his talents that he offered.

There is nothing so consoling as to find that one's neighbor's troubles are at least as great as one's own.


—George Moore

**Prom Time!**  
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A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.  
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Happy "30th" Birthday,  
Donita  
Love,  
Your Father-in-Law



**Rural Health Clinics Topics At EPC Meeting**

Eleven members of the Sherman County Extension Program Council learned more about rural health clinics at their quarterly meeting Tuesday, February 13. Jan Wright, Regional Services Representative, High Plains Baptist Health System (HPBS) of Amarillo presented information on the objectives of rural health clinics, staffing patterns of clinics and changes in health care delivery. Ms. Wright stated that the Stratford Family Clinic is affiliated with HPBS with the main focus on primary care and preventive medicine.

Joyce McBryde, chairman, conducted the business meeting following a training of members on the roles and responsibilities of committee members in relation to Extension educational programming efforts. Reports from the program areas of 4-H and Youth, Family Living and update on the status of agriculture agent positions were given by Susie Spurlock.

Following the reports, the Health Fair plans were reviewed and the committee decided to cancel sponsorship of the Health Fair in 1996.

**BEEF-WE WOULDN'T STEER YOU WRONG**, and educational program addressing the consumer issues of health and food safety in the beef industry will be sponsored by the committee on Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Dr. Dan Hale, Meat Specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be the keynote speaker. In addition, the Texas Beef Council will be represented and a new menu idea shared with program participants. The program will be opened to the public and publicity will begin in early March.

Members attending the meeting were Cindy Miller, Jean Everett, Selma Pendleton, David Hass, Kim Crippen, Jesse Rescendes, Johnny Garza, Mark Metzger, Joyce Ann Lasley, Lori Vincent and Joyce McBryde.

**Reminders**

The SWCD is still taking orders for trees (evergreen and hardwood). Deadline is March 8, 1996. Please stop by or call 396-5517.

The Sherman County SWCD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

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**Timi's Tidbits**  
By Timmie Brown



Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this spring-time-like Monday a.m., February 19, 1996. Warm temperature and wind seem to be scheduled on our weather forecast for today so old times know how to handle the weather situation. Maybe a walk will be in order. We enjoyed a 4 block walk Saturday (Feb. 17) and think a repeat may be good today.

Thursday, February 22 is regular SCOT meeting and luncheon day. Hopefully we will have a big attendance and get to do some visiting. Of course, we will bring some tasty food. Who are hosts for the day? Whoever they are we know arrangements will be taken care of because of the responsible kind of folks Scotters are.

Woodford Wisdom informed us Wanda Slover has a Stratford Star dated 1904. An item in it states that pioneer J. T. Brown had drilled a water well for J. R. Quinby. We plan to contact Bob Pendleton to find out about Mr. Quinby.

Molly Griffin's invitation to be her guest at the Sweetheart Banquet was our very nicest surprise last week. So, Molly, Eugene and Timi were among the 125 people who attended the First Baptist Church dinner February 14. Molly and Eugene Griffin moved to Stratford ten years ago when he became manager of SPS. They entered into community life with interest. Molly is church organist and Eugene is supervisor of the T.V. operation. Molly has also established her insurance business located in her home. After the banquet, we had an interesting visit at our house and really became acquainted and laid a good foundation for treasured friendship. Thank you, Molly and Eugene for a wonderful experience.

Opal and Ben Bidy are quite well. We don't meet too often so our visit was refreshing.

Betty Fesler had just returned from a visit to meet her new little grandson. Roule Franklin Rothenberger, IV was born to Kristie and Trey on Friday, Feb. 2, 1996 and will be called "Klen". Congratulations to all.

Anita and Cecilia DeBord and Luella Johnson visited Lillie Galloway in the Dumas Memorial Hospital Sunday and found that she was feeling fairly well. Lillie has so much trouble with her blood pressure and the doctor plans to keep her in the hospital until he gets it stabilized. While James Johnson was in High Plains Hospital the found that Mike Carter (son of Richard and Eugenia Carter) and Angela Bradford worked in the hospital. The former Stratford citizen, Mack Carter, is Richard Carters uncle. Belva and Mack are happily retired.

Congratulations to citizens and former citizens who have made the Amarillo news recently. Namely to officers Stacy Sell and Mike Hare for not only making the news but for their heroic services to the community during our emergency evacuation; to Homer Haile the fine teller of tales who is using his talent in his new location in Amarillo; to Jerry Galloway, son of the late Travis Galloway and Lillie Galloway his mother. Congratulations also to Keith and Carolee Waters for their granddaughter, Mallory Kay, daughter of Malcolm and Holly Waters of Albuquerque; to Tommy Don Baskin. Stratford High School honoree is to receive the DAR good citizens award for 1996.

Our community is grieving over the loss of old timer Dick Woolsey. Funeral services will be held Wednesday 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. We tender old timer Christian love to grieving families. Amen.

We were unable to attend the SCOT Box Supper. I was catter shoulder pats and among our peers and be present at SCOT dinner.

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Partying is such sweet sorrow.  
—Jean Kerr

**Texas Corn Producers Board Announces Biennial Elections For Five Board Seats & Opens Nomination Process**

Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) announced that it will hold elections in five of its eight voting regions to elect five board members where current member's seats are expiring. The election will be conducted by voting regions. There is One Seat open for election in Voting Region Two which consists of Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer counties; there is One Seat open for election in Voting Region Three which consists of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Briscoe, Collingsworth, Hall, Childress, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cottle, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Clay, Montague, Foard, Archer, Baylor, Knox, King, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cockran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Young, Jack, Wise, Throckmorton, Parker, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Somervell, Comanche, Mills, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Glasscock and Midland, there is One Seat open for election in Voting Region Five which consists of Sherman, Randall, Hansford, Moore, Potter and Swisher; and there is One Seat open for election in Voting Region Seven which consists of Bexar, Guadalupe, Wilson, Gonzales, Karnes, DeWitt, Lavaca, Colorado, Bee, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Wharton, Brazoria, Harris, Matagorda, Fort Bend, Liberty, Orange, Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Calhoun, San Patricio, Refugio, Aransas, Nueces, and Kleburg.

A person is eligible to vote in this board election if he or she is currently a producer of corn, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of this election (April 22, 1996) has been a producer of corn or has caused corn to be produced for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers that pay the corn assessment. Any person qualified to vote is also qualified to seek nomination for election to the board as a Director. However, qualified persons must reside within the TCPB voting region wherein they seek nomination. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters in this election. Nomination forms are available at each county agent office in the 112 counties listed above in the five voting regions where elections are to occur, or they can be requested by mail directly from TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027. If you request a nomination form by mail from TCPB, please include your county of resident.

Nomination forms will be publicly available from county agent offices or by mail from the TCPB office starting February 15,

1996. For a nomination form to be valid, it must be signed by an eligible applicant for nomination and ten other eligible voters and must be mailed to the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027, with a postmark date of no later than March 15, 1996. Nomination applications with a postmark date later than March 15, 1996, will not be valid. Nominations applicants must reside in a county within a TCPB voting region where they seek nomination.

The TCPB is a research and promotion program for corn funded by a uniform corn checkoff, collected on a refund basis, from corn producers in every county of Texas. This election in five of the TCPB eight voting regions is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

**"Spay Day USA" Feb. 27th 1996**

What would you say if someone told you that community could save \$18 in the future for every \$1 it spent today? And what if doing so would help alleviate a problem that has become a tragic burden for the entire country.

Millions of dogs and cats are put to death each year in animal shelters across the country, and many more are abandoned and suffer abuse and neglect because there are not enough good homes for all of them. However, unlike most of society's problems, this situation has a simple solution. Responsible citizens can spy or neuter their pets, and the problem will disappear.

It can cost a local shelter or human organization up to \$100 for each unwanted animal brought in, a financial burden which is carried by the entire community. On the other hand, spaying or neutering an animal costs much less and makes economic sense. Each dollar spent today on spaying or neutering will save approximately \$18 on animal control by the year 2004.

The Pet Sterilization Program of the Panhandle, a reduced cost spay/neuter program based in Amarillo, will be participating in the second "Spay Day USA" on February 27, 1996, as part of an ongoing effort sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League. This is a national effort to educate the public on the benefits of having a sterilized pet. Everyone in your community can get involved either by altering their own pet, or by sponsoring someone else's animal.

In 1995, approximately 800 dogs and cats living in Amarillo and surrounding communities were sterilized by veterinarian participating in the Pet Sterilization Program. Information regarding this reduced cost program is available by calling 806-372-7777.

**Cards of Thanks**

Sincere appreciation is extended to the people of the community who helped make the Depot Museum's Dinner Theater such a success. Special thanks go to the "underwriters", volunteers, cafeteria ladies, 4-H and high school students, and spouses of board members who helped in various ways. This year's dinner and theater were both well received. Thanks again for all your support.

Board Members of Depot Museum  
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The Staff and Board of Lollipop Junction would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped to make the Mexican Food Dinner a success. Thanks to each business for contributions of food or money. Thank you to all the people of our community who once again gave their support. A special thanks goes to Betty Saenz for her time and expertise in once again making this event successful.

The Board of Directors, Stratford Area Youth Care Agency

We would like to thank all of you for your food, flowers, cards and prayers during the illness and loss of our father, Jake Robinson. Your help through this difficult time is very much appreciated. A special thanks to the Kerrick Community for the meal and the building for the Memorial Service.

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Call 396-5885 or come by 309 N. Main

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Man lives by affirmation even more than he does by bread.  
—Victor Hugo

**First Christian Church**  
Sunday, February 25, 1996  
10:45 a.m. Service of Baptism  
John 19: 23-27  
"Mother and Sons, Sons and Mothers!"

**We want to say a Special "Thanks" to the Stratford Fire Dept., EMT's, Sherman County Sheriff's Dept., & Stratford Police Dept. for all their excellent help Monday, February 5, 1996 when we had our anhydrous leak. You took a potentially dangerous situation and as quickly as possible brought it under control.**

**Panhandle Agri-Tech  
Rodney Burd, Donna Burd &  
Bill McCormick**

- Assembly of God**  
Rev. Mike Leonard  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Super Church 10:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for Morning Worship Service  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
- First Christian**  
Rev. David Harker  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm
- First United Methodist**  
Rev. Mark Metzger  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for Morning Worship Service
- St. Joseph Catholic**  
Michael Colwell - pastor  
6th & Wall  
Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298  
No Saturday Mass  
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am  
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am  
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**  
Tony Roe  
302 S. Main  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm
- First Baptist**  
Bro. Jerry Stewart  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Church Training 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
- La Mision Bautista**  
Roca De Salvacion  
219 Texas (Hwy 54)  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am  
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
- Miercoles (Wednesday)**  
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The work that can be done by me;  
God, give me ears that I might hear  
The cry of those who need me near.  
God, give me lips that I might speak  
Comfort and peace to all who seek;  
God, give me a mind that I might know  
How to help those who need me so.*

*God, give me hands that I might do  
Some large or simple task for You;  
God, give me a prayer that I might pray  
Thy help and guidance every day.  
And this one thing, all else above;  
God, give me a heart that I may love.*

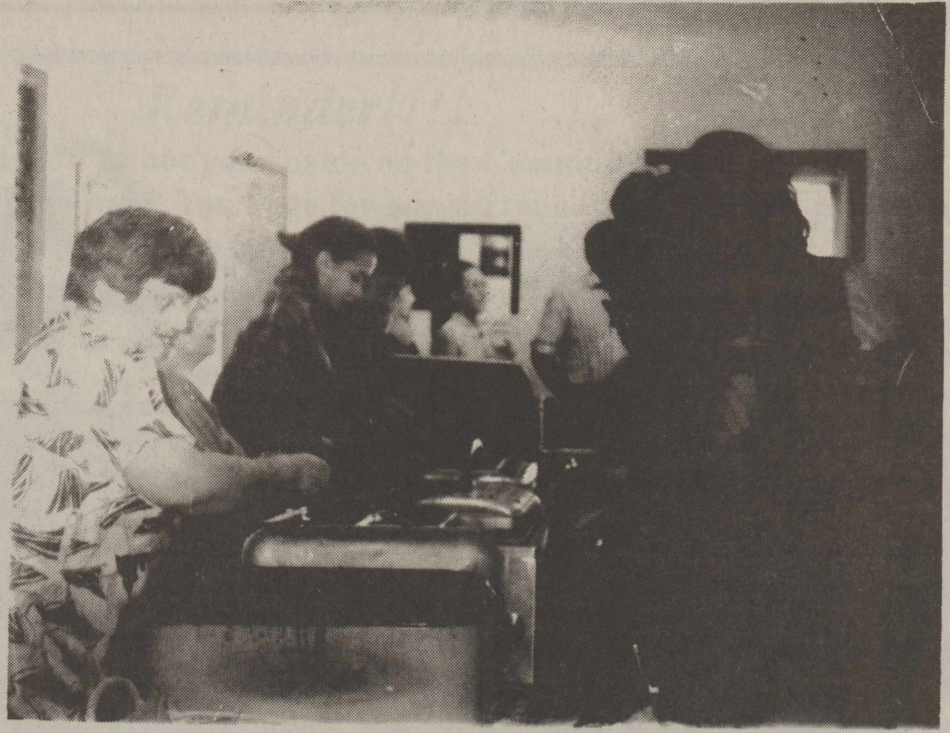
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.





St. Joseph's Der Wurst Fest was held this past Sunday, February 18th. Shown above visiting with some of those who attended is Father Michael Colwell. Good food was enjoyed by all who came.



Shown above are just a few of the ladies who helped serve at the Der Wurst Fest on Sunday, February 18th.



Stratford PTA donated several books to the Mary Allen Elementary library. These books were bought by several years of merits accumulated through the book fairs. Shown with the books seated from left, Emily Graham and Katie Blain. Standing from left, Bradford McIver, Logan Potts, Heather Robertson and Rebecca Griffin.



Checking out their books at Storytime held on Wednesday, February 14th were from left, Luke Haile, Jennie Spurlock, Halzie Holman and at bottom David Bishop. Helping the kids with their books were Doris Pleyer and Mary Woodford Wisdom.

**Check Out The Library**  
By Dorothy Haile

New fiction books for the juvenile reader: Donald Worcester has three: Lone Hunter's Gray Pony, War Pony, and Lone Hunter and the Cheyennes. Worcester was a cowboy and more recently a university professor in History. He is now retired from Texas Christianity University; he spends time writing and caring for his Arabian horses.

Stay Put, Robbie McAmis is a novel by Frances G. Tunbo. The story is set in 1848. The family was moving west and became separated, and thereby hangs a tale.

Juvenile sports fans will enjoy Barry Sanders, Football's rushing champ, David Robinson, NBA

Super Center; Jennifer Cappriati Teenage Tennis Star; and Jim Abbott, a Star Pitcher.

Interested in building a chimney. We have All About Chimneys: Building, Using, Maintaining and Repairing.

Easy readers will enjoy The Whistle Pig Wrangler by Kate Allen.

Sherman County Library has an extensive collection of Talking Books. You may enjoy listening to these as you are driving or while at home. We own 129 different books. We have a rotating packet from Amarillo Public Library. There are 48 titles to choose from in this collection.

Library hours: Monday 1-8 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday 1-5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Garoutte Named To Dean's Honor List**

Julina Garoutte, Criminal Justice major, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll List at Kansas Wesleyan University for the Fall 1995 semester. To be named on this list, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.499 and be enrolled full-time (12 or more hours).

Julina is the daughter of Gary and Orlanda Garoutte of Stratford.

**Guest Named To Dean's Honor List**

Jody Guest from Stratford has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1995 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

"We are pleased to announce the list of students who have worked very diligently to achieve an outstanding grade point average at SPC for the fall semester," said Dr. James Taylor, vice president for academic and student affairs. "They should be very proud of the hard work they have accomplished. We at South Plains are certainly very proud of these students."



Thurs. Feb. 22 - Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk.

Fri. Feb. 23 - Cheeseburgers, TT, Lettuce, Cinnamon Rolls, Milk.

Mon. Feb. 26 - NO SCHOOL  
Tues. Feb. 27 - NO SCHOOL

Wed. Feb. 28 - Chili Dogs, Ranch Style Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Crisp, Milk.

Happy Birthday,  
Joan, Mandi, Opal, Brian, Brian, Hollie, Robert, Blake, Cheryl, Tara, ViAnn, Billy, Don, Donita, Lori, Suzanne, Dorothy, Tamara, Don, Jay, Nora, Shawnda, Brandon, Hal, J.W., Patrick, Todd

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The world gets better every day—then worse again in the evening.  
—Kin Hubbard

# Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley



Betty's Place served cake and coffee from 2:30-4:30 on Valentine's Day. Shown from left, Betty Hamrick, Ava Griffin and Tina Ramos.

## "Fashions Of Yesteryear" To Be Featured At Museum

New displays in the Depot Museum feature "Fashions of Yesteryear". There are exhibits of antique children's clothes, handmade embroidery and tatting articles, women's dresses and purses. A corner display resembles a dressing room with clothing from the 1920's and 1930's. A full-length dressing mirror, loaned to the museum by Lorraine Mehner, helps complete this display. This mirror was used in the old Ross Brother's Dry Goods which was located on Main Street in the 1920's and 1930's. The women's clothing came from donations from the Burgess, Wohlford and Billington families. There "Yesteryear" articles include hats, gloves, purses, jewelry, hair switches and hair curlers. There is also a military exhibit of World War II articles donated to the museum by families of Jim Oquin, Glenn Slaton, and John Woods.

Other donations include cotton scales given by Howard Naugle, an old English book which was used in the Pronger school given by Laverne Smith, 1946 and 1954 annuals donated by Doris Dyess, ladies' hats given by Dean Smith, a football letter sweater belonging to Lorel Haile, worn in the early 1930's, two framed photographs of the 1942 First Christian Church which used to be on the corner of 4th street and Main, the present location of the First State Bank's parking lot. One photograph features members inside the church the other shows members outside the church. These two pictures were donated by Gaynelle Riffe. Odetta Hudson brought some 1965 calendars and a 1965 telephone book. These new acquisitions are appreciated. Thank you for remembering the museum.

### Screening

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Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Breast cancer affects one in 8 women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.



The most successful songwriters in terms of number-one singles are John Lennon and Paul McCartney, formerly of The Beatles. McCartney is credited as writer on 32 number-one hits in the U.S. to Lennon's 26 (with 23 co-written), whereas Lennon authored 29 Great Britain number-ones to McCartney's 28 (25 co-written).

## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held

A Groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday, February 15th at 10 a.m. at the old Casa Mia Motel site on Highway 87 for a brand new concept in McDonald's Restaurants.

Dalhart will soon be the home of a new concept in Gasoline and Fast Food Marketing. McDonald's Corporation and Chevron USA have entered into an exclusive agreement to develop new locations featuring McDonald's Restaurants and Chevron Food Marts located in the same building. The Dalhart location will be the First Distributor owned location of this kind.

Frontier Fuel Co. of Dalhart will be the owner of the new facility and the operator of the Food Mart and Car Wash. The McDonald's Restaurant operators will be Kenneth and Patty Allen of Borger. The facility is expected to open May 22 and will initially employ 86 full and part-time persons.

This new facility will include a 60 seat full line McDonald's restaurant with a playland as well as a Chevron Food Mart. The Food Mart will feature the usual array of convenience items. In addition, it will have Dalhart's only touch free computer driven car wash. Gasoline will be dispensed from pumps that feature a computer-touch screen for service options which will include the option of pay at the pump by credit card for gasoline, carwash and convenience food items. Gasoline customers will receive a discounted price on their car wash purchases.

## Scholarship & Grant In Aid Funds Discussed At Meeting

Scholarship and grant in aid funds were increased by a total of \$213.55 by a silent auction held by the Gamma XI Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society at their February meeting in Stratford. Members brought handmade handicrafts for the silent auction. There were food items, crocheted and cross-stitched items, stuffed toys, aprons, embroidered items, house plants and many other items offered for

sale at the auction.

The business meeting was called to order by president, Margaret Parsons. She read the minutes of the December meeting (no meeting was held in January) and they were approved. Shirley Hendricks gave a summary of the treasurer's report and a reprinted copy of the detailed report was given to each member. Reserved status was approved for Eula Vick.

With Mildred Bosler at the piano and singing led by Frances Holden, the society members sang the collect as a blessing for the meal served by the Stratford members who were hostesses.

President Parsons read correspondence from Delta Kappa Gamma Officials, and a thank you note from the Senior girl who received the grant in aid for 1995. She is now enrolled in WTAMU and is enjoying college life and her studies and is grateful for he help she received from the Delta Kappa Gamma members.

Members were urged to make plans for attending the area workshop in Sudan, Texas in August and the state convention in Beaumont in June. Members were asked to notify Margaret Parsons if they are planning to attend these meetings.

The next meeting will be held in Dalhart on March 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Dalhart Senior Center.

The meeting closed with the group singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song led by Frances Holden with Mildred Bosler at the piano.

Others in attendance not previously mentioned were: from Dumas, Kathryn Vinyard, Billie Terrell, Belinda Foreman, Joyce Marsh; from Dalhart, Pat Garrison, Mary Jo Ondracek, Portia Dees; from Stratford, Donna Gillenwaters, Viola Kautz, Linda Young, Kathy Altman; from Sunray, Janet Pipkin; from Hartley, Ann Hormel, Ann Green and Mary Weatherford.



Paper, historians say, was invented in China and brought to Europe in the late 1100's.

As you read this chatter you as well will know whom has been selected for Citizen of the Year, Business Person and Farmer of the Year. Everyone has to be pleased. Each year we have so many letters nominating folks for these honors. It is not an easy job. There are so many deserving folks. The fact remains, the voting is done by secret ballot and as a community we truly believe in the democratic system. Advice: nominate that individual again next year.

The Banquet and SCDC meeting truly represented what Stratford and Sherman County are all about. Working together to make for a better community. If you did not go, you missed out learning all that the Chamber and the SCDC have done for community and there is more to be done. Both entities need your support.

Thank yous have been written and sent to the neighboring communities who came in so quickly to help with the evacuation of Stratford on the night of February 5th. We do have good neighbors around us and we are eternally grateful.

In visiting with Jack Taylor, Liberal Chamber of Commerce CEO, it was learned that the Highway 54 Association is again going to be reinstated. March 1st at Greensburg, KS there will be a HWY 54 Association meeting which will include folks from Tucumcari, NM to Wichita, KS. You can be assured that Stratford will be represented. With Seaboard Hog Farms in full swing truck traffic is going to be out of sight. It is imperative that our highways are not only safe by being widened but that they be constructed so that they will handle the load and the traffic. This meeting will not just be for Chamber staff, directors, but will be for anyone interested in a better 54 highway. The one thing that the incoming president of the Chamber stressed Tuesday evening is we need to KEEP STRATFORD ON THE MAP. Make folks very aware of who we are, where we are, and how we are aggressive, innovative and interested.

## Tree Alert

Home owners have been asking if their trees and shrubs could be harmed by the Anhydrous Ammonia that leaked into the air on Monday, February 5, 1996. Richie Brotherton, District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service says, "It is possible that some of the trees in the immediate vicinity of the accident could be harmed. However, there are a couple of things that can be done to minimize the damage. First, wash the trees or shrubs off with a stream of water and then give them a good soaking."

A squeaky wheel gets folks attention-it grates on the nerves of folks to where they want something done now to put a stop to that noise.

Let's look ahead to rest of February:

Wed. 21: Coldwater Manor Bible Study. SCOT Hall 1 p.m. pool, ceramics and quilting. ASH WEDNESDAY.

Thurs. 22: Washington's Birthday. SCOT Luncheon at noon and 1 p.m. pool at SCOT Hall. AA & Al-Anon County Barn at 8 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Borger gym: Elks vs Panhandle.

Fri. 23: SCOT Hall 1 p.m. ceramics, pool and quilting.

Sat. 24: SCOT dance - here.

Sun. 25: Coldwater Manor Worship Service/First Baptist Church.

Mon. 26: Local In-service SISD. SCOT Hall 1 p.m. quilting, ceramics and pool.

Tues. 27: Local In-Service SISD. SCOT Hall 1 p.m. pool.

Wed. 28: Coldwater Manor Bible Study/First Baptist Church.

Thurs. 29: LEAP YEAR. SCOT Hall 1 p.m. pool. Chamber of Commerce sponsored 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Concession stand by Women's Division.

Looking ahead into March: The Imagination Station Randel Chamber Orchestra March 2nd at the Stratford High School.

The 5th and 6th grade Basketball Tournament will continue through the 2nd. Friday games commence at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Stratford Independent School District will be hosting the Elk Relays the 1st and 2nd.

A real busy weekend!

A big apology to Harley and Daina Starnes. They are very important members of the Chamber of Commerce. They were not listed on the membership list that came out last week. Sorry, Harley and Daina.

I also want to correct the membership of Nina C. Lavake Bookkeeping and Income Tax

This is good information to know. If anyone has more specific questions call the NRCS Office at 396-5517. Brotherton said he would be glad to help anyone that thought they had a problem. He also said, "Trees that are dormant should be fine, but watch evergreen trees closely and make sure you keep them watered."

If anyone thinks they may have lost some trees to the accident or due to other factors Brotherton reminds us that the Sherman County SWCD is selling seedling trees. You may order anytime up to March 9. Trees will be arriving on March 26.

Programs and services of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regards for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

Service. She is not a CPA. My apologies for this Nina. Her membership should read Nina C. Lavake, Bookkeeping and Income Tax Service.

It is without saying we do have understanding folks in Stratford. Mistakes happen and for the most part they are unintentional.

Do Have A Good Week!

## Soil Test Before You Buy Fertilizer: Extension Service Launches 1996 Soil Test Campaign & Advises Of Changes Of Where To Send Samples

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has launched the 1996 Soil Test Campaign. Homeowners should consider some things before buying fertilizer for the coming season. Hundreds of tons of fertilizer are applied on Texas lawns every year without knowing what kind and how much is needed for their individual lawns. Just as too much water creates problems for a lawn, too much fertilizer also can be damaging. If a lawn receives more nutrients (fertilizer) than it can use, the excess may run off and contaminate surface water or groundwater. Each lawn is made up of thousands of grass plants. Some soils have enough natural fertility to keep your lawn growing well, others don't. Plants use water and the nutrients they get from the air and soil to manufacture their own food. This process is dependent on a steady supply of nutrients, primarily from the soil itself. One key to a lush, green lawn is timely application of the right fertilizer.

"Soil Test now to insure a healthy lawn this spring" said Soil Chemist Dr. Tony Provin who directs the Texas A&M Soil, Water and Forage Testing Lab in College Station. "Odds are that it will need some fertilizer, but probably less than you think. Find out for sure with a Soil Test. With the ever-increasing environmental awareness of contamination of our natural resources, do your part."

The Extension Service is encouraging homeowners to pick up a new SOIL TEST kit at retail stores where fertilizer are sold, or from county extension offices. The kit contains simple directions, a plastic bag for the soil sample and information card and prepaid mailer. The \$13 cost covers the soil analysis, preparation of the report and postage. "For about the cost of one bag of fertilizer, 396-5517. Brotherton said he you can get information that could be glad to help anyone that thought they had a problem. He also said, "Trees that are dormant should be fine, but watch evergreen trees closely and make sure you keep them watered."

"The report tells you what nutrients are already in your soil and which formula of fertilizer, if any, to use, and how much," said Susie Spurlock, County Agent. "The report both recommends how much fertilizer to apply at first, as well as the rest of the year. Use your SOIL TEST report when you buy fertilizer. The recommendations are based on individual results rather than geographic areas."

The "Don't Bag It" program has been in operation for a few years now. The "SOIL TEST KITS" are available through retail stores where fertilizers are sold and from the local county extension office. For those who might have used this service in the past and may possibly have some of the envelope kits at home, this serves as a notice of some changes in the use of those bags. Anyone hat has a "Don't Bag It" envelope that shows the address of Plains Testing Lab, Lubbock, TX, may no longer use those bags EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24. The Lubbock Lab was closed on September 30 as a result of budget cuts. Since the time of their closing, the College Station Lab has taken over this program. They have worked out an agreement with the U. S. Post Office for these envelopes to be forwarded until the permit expired on February 24. During this time, the envelopes on hand with the Lubbock address were corrected and new envelopes were printed for all to reflect the College Station Lab address. Under no circumstances will the post office forward the Lubbock address envelopes after this date. NEITHER MAY you mark through the address and write in College Station. These will not be forwarded! New address envelopes are now in county offices and will be distributed to the retail stores. Please contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent, if you need assistance.

Remember, you can still make Tax Deferred deposits for 1995 until April 15, 1996

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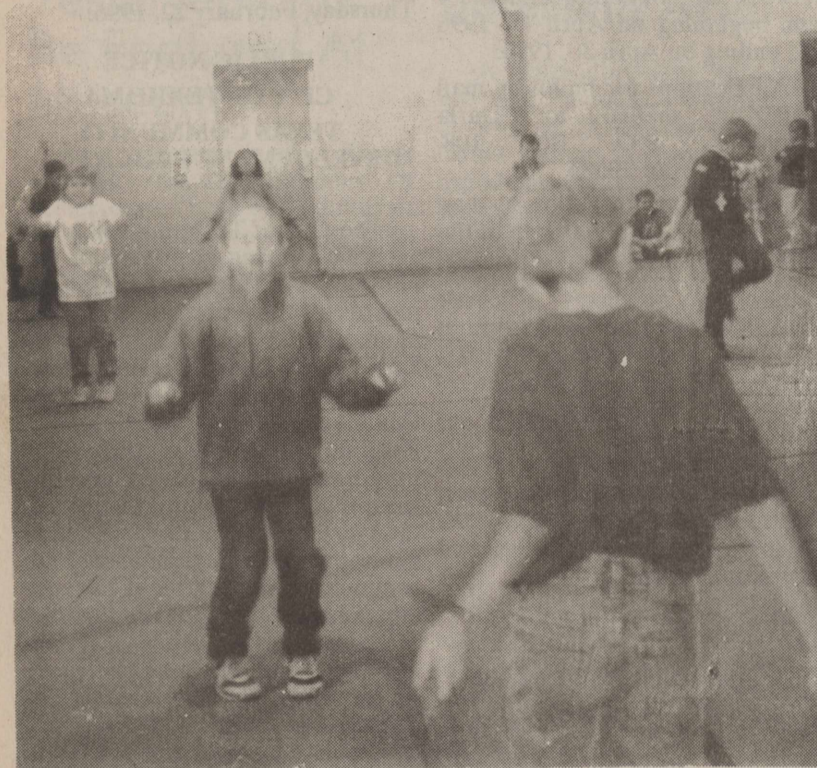
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## Valentine "Dancin"

These folks entertained at Coldwater Manor's Valentine party held on February 13th. Shown line dancing from left, Jack Gore, Mary Hill, Frankie Shields, Nadine Miller, Bonnie Hamilton and Dorothy Robbins.



## Jump Rope For Heart

K-4th grade students have been participating in the Jump Rope for Heart last week and continuing through this week. Shown above are just a few of the 2nd grade students participating during their P.E. class.

## Responsible Pet Ownership Month

In honor of February as Responsible Pet Ownership Month, the American Kennel Club would like to share ten important tips with America's 52.6 million dog owners. When properly followed, these ten easy tips can turn the average dog owner into a Very Responsible Dog Owner:

1. Take your dog to the vet for a checkup - every year.
2. Remember you dog's nutritional needs - and feed him treats that are good for him, such as carrots or white grapes (not fattening table scraps and never chocolate!)
3. Teach or review the five basic obedience commands with your dog: heel, sit, stay down and come. Go for Obedience classes if you and he need to start from scratch.
4. Get your dog a permanent identification, either a tattoo or microchip, and then enroll her in an animal recovery program.
5. Buy a new grooming brush or mitt, and spend some extra time grooming your dog each week.
6. Get outside with your dog for longer and more energetic walks - he needs exercise too!

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There may be more beautiful times: but this one is ours.  
—Jean Paul Sartre

7. Spend more quality time with your dog - playing or just snuggling.
8. Never, ever leave your dog unattended in the car - no matter what season, but especially not summer!
9. After the snow melts, give your yard a dog-proofing treatment - removing sticks and debris that your dog could try to eat or chew.
10. Before traveling with your dog, take the necessary precautions for a safe trip, such as ensuring that your dog's crate is large enough to allow him to stand, turn and lie down.

To learn more about being a Responsible Dog Owner, the AKC has a Responsible Dog Owner's Packet available free by writing to the AKC, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Scientists tested 17,000 British schoolchildren who were 11 years old. Testers found that the nearsighted children appeared on the average to be about a year ahead of the overall group in such matters as arithmetic and general ability. A check of their records showed that even at age 7, before they'd been fitted with glasses, they showed above average intelligence.



## New Look At Imagination Station

Drive by and see what's new at The Imagination Station. Trees have been planted and other improvements have been made.

## Cornelson Builds Better Teams

Editor's note: reprinted from the Southwest Daily Times, Steve Brisendine author.

Gary Cornelsen keeps building better teams, and the people who develop coaching honors are beating a path to his door.

The Liberal High School football and track coach's second award of the school year - in as many sports - came recently when he was awarded National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association 1996 Coach of the Year honors for track and field.

The Redskin and Lady Redskin Track teams swept the Class 5 A state meet last May, the girls winning by more than 100 points and taking 10 event golds. Both teams also won in 1994 and the Redskin boys have won a state-record five consecutive titles.

"I'm tickled to death," Cornelsen said, "but probably the people who need to get the credit are the athletes and my assistants. I just coach a few events, and everybody has something to do too."

"If we get a kid with a good attitude and some talent, we're usually able to do some good things," he said. "I think we've developed a good coaching play, but it does take some athleticism to start with."

With the award comes a trip in July to the NFCA annual conference in Lexington, KY where Cornelsen has been asked to make a presentation.

In November, Cornelsen was named The Associated Press' Kansas 11-Man Football Coach of the Year after leading the Redskins to their second straight Class 5 A state championship. It was their third title and fifth championship-game appearance in Cornelsen's five years as head coach.

"I must be living right," he said.

The AP awards was news the day it came out, but Cornelsen tried to suppress the track-coaching honor until after basketball season.

"I didn't want to take away from what the basketball teams were doing," he said. "This is their time."

Freedom of the press won out, though.

"The high-school paper (The Redskin) got hold of it somehow, and they're going to go ahead and run it," Cornelsen said. "I figured I might as well announce it to everybody else."

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### Ammonia

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might be serious enough to cause permanent blindness, lung disease, or death. Likewise, if you accidentally ate or drank large amounts of ammonia, you might experience burns in your mouth, throat, and stomach. On the basis of available data, we cannot say with certainty whether or not ammonia causes cancer or birth defects. Ammonia can also have beneficial effects, such as when it is used as a smelling salt. Certain ammonium slats have long been used in veterinary and human medicine.

What levels of exposure have resulted in harmful health effects?

The levels of ammonia in air, drinking water, and food that affect your health are summarized in Tables 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4. Ammonia has a very strong odor that you can smell when it is in the air at a level higher than 50 ppm. Therefore, you will probably smell ammonia before you are exposed to a concentration that may harm you. As seen in Table 1-2, levels of

ammonia in air that cause serious effects in animals are much higher than levels you would normally be exposed to at home or work.

You can taste ammonia in water at levels of about 35 ppm. Lower levels than this occur naturally in food and water. Swallowing even small amounts of ammonia in your household cleaner might cause burns in your mouth and throat. A few drops of liquid ammonia on the skin or in the eyes will cause burns and open sores if not washed away quickly. Exposure to larger amounts of ammonia in the eyes causes severe eye burns and can lead to blindness. Minimal Risk Levels (MRLs) are also included in Tables 1-1 and 1-3. These MRLs were derived from human and animal data for short-term and long-term exposure.

The MRLs provide a basis for comparison with levels that people might encounter either in the air or in food or drinking water. If a person is exposed to ammonia at an amount below the MRL, it is not expected that harmful (noncancer) health effects will occur. Because these levels are based only on information currently available, some uncertainty is always associated with them. Also, because the method for deriving MRLs does not use any information about cancer, an MRL does not imply anything about the presence, absence, or level of risk for cancer.

Is there a medical test to determine whether I have been exposed to ammonia?

There are tests that measure ammonia in blood and urine;

however, these tests would probably not tell you whether you have been exposed because ammonia is normally found in the body. If you were exposed to harmful amounts of ammonia, you would notice it immediately because of the strong unpleasant smell, the strong taste, and the skin, eye, nose, and throat irritation.

What recommendations has the federal government made to protect human health?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates the ammonia content in wastewater released by several industries. Any discharges or spills of ammonia of 100 lbs. or more, or of 5000 lbs. (depending upon the compound), must be reported to EPA.

Some restrictions have been placed on levels of ammonium salts allowable in processed foods. The U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined in 1973 that the levels of ammonia and compounds normally found in food do not pose a health risk; ammonia is necessary for normal functions. Maximum allowable levels in processed foods are as follows: 0.04 to 3.2% ammonium

bicarbonate in baked goods, grain, snack foods, and reconstituted vegetables; 2.0% ammonium carbonate in baked goods, gelatins and puddings; 0.001% ammonium chloride in baked goods and 0.8% in condiments and relishes; 0.6-0.8% ammonium hydroxide in baked goods, cheeses, gelatins, and puddings; 0.01% monobasic ammonium phosphate in baked goods; 1.1% dibasic ammonium phosphate in baked goods, 0.003% in nonalcoholic beverages, and 0.012% for condiments and relishes.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a short-term (15 minute) exposure limit of 35 ppm for ammonia. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends that the level in workroom air be limited to 50 ppm for 5 minutes of exposure.

Where can I get more information?

If you have any more questions or concerns not covered here, please contact your state health or environmental department or:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
Division of Toxicology  
1600 Clifton Road, E-29  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

This agency can also give you information on the location of the nearest occupational and environmental health clinics. Such clinics specialize in recognizing, evaluating and treating illnesses that result from exposure to hazardous substances.

## Evacuation Stories

Within minutes after Sheriff Haile's T.V. Alert, 600 North Maple was inundated with vehicles, emergency fire and police department squads including ambulance. They seemed to be going house to house, but may have missed one house since the car was in the garage and may have thought they had already left for safety was the home where Ed & Christie Burr and their 2 week old son live. The Burrs T.V. did not transmit the alert, the screen just turned to snow. Fire Chief Ed Williams warned us to hurry out followed by Cleo Addudell who yelled for us to move fast cause the cloud was nearly upon us! Meanwhile, as I tried desperately to find Burr's telephone number, I looked out and noticed that Christie's car was not in the driveway, so they must have left. Darlene and I took off for points east. We weren't gone two minutes when Mike and Penny Boyd (another neighbor) drove up behind Ed's pickup and Penny tried to get to the front door, but was driven back by the fumes. Mike started to run toward the rear door and had to return to his pickup. By now the ugly yellow acid fumes had encompassed the entire area. It was at this time that Christie realized something was awry, so she popped the front door open a bit and got a whiff of sickening fumes, while Ed exited the rear door and was knocked to his knees. The little family, plus Ed's mother who came up from El Paso to see her grandson were marooned in their home.

At this most crucial time the telephone rang and the caller was a man from across town, who quickly detected Christie's hysteria and he told her he would be there immediately giving her these vital directions: "wrap the baby completely with a blanket. He will not suffocate in those few seconds. Then, all three adults wet a towel, take a deep breath before coming out, hold the towel to your faces and don't dare breath until you are safely in my vehicle". In a matter of minutes, this man whom, I'll refer to as Angel for he was certainly sent from Heaven, had them at the Guymon hospital where a doctor pronounced the baby as just fine, but Ed and Christie were certainly a little "shook". Doc then gave specific directions to keep the infant away from their home or general area for at least a week or two, and that he would need to assist on store bought food until Christie is cleansed of the fumes, too. I spoke with Christie and her attractive mother-in-law as the family was taking out to Colorado City to visit with her parents. God be with you on your return trip, kids, and never forget the Angel. He'd make a grand Godfather for little - - - - -Mikey?  
Lew Bruni

Monday night, February 5, 1996. Having grown up in Stratford and having experienced many things living in this community this night will stand out. I was never frightened, nor really concerned. I guess when you know nothing of the unknown, either you are scared to death or just plain too dumb to be. On the second announcement over TV, I decided "Hey, they are serious about this". Planned on going with Joan and Rex, but then there was the concern of the Palmer's pets. Lady would be ably get in the car or pickup but when we tried putting Polly and her huge bird cage in their car, it would not go. By tilting the cage we managed to get Polly in the back seat of my car. As she was being title she was exclaiming "O'Boy". After getting her comfortably in, Joan, Polly and I headed east. Our first stop was the parking lot of Thriftway along with umpteen other parked vehicles, one of which, and I am not lying, was a yellow cab. Joan and I felt a bit crowded, so we moved on out on Highway 54. Suddenly it dawned on me "Hey, let's go to Jacque and Glen's". All of the time Polly was swinging on her swing and chucking and hollering "O boy, O Boy". She was a happy parrot. She was on the road again. After arriving at the McIver's, Polly was left in the car. Our thoughts being this situation won't last long. After about an hour, it was decided we had better bring Polly in. Glen and Joan maneuvered the big cage out of the car and brought Polly in. She clammed up totally by entertained us by doing about every little trick she knew in her cage. After the last call, we made to the Sheriff's office we determined we could go back home. Once again, Polly was loaded and soon as the car began to roll, she began to swing and exclaim, "O Boy, O Boy", she was on the road again. Yes, I will long remember the night of February 5 when me, Joan and Polly took a ride east to get out of the disaster situation in Stratford. Polly made it fun!

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