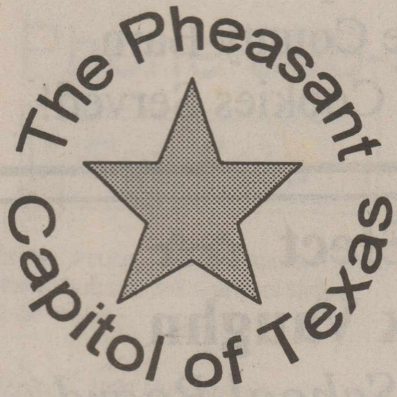


W.G. Hart  
Box 3  
Stratford, TX 79084  
12/96

Trivia Question-Which color in the Texas flag, red or white, is on top?

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## Suicide Prevention Seminar To Be Held

There will be a Suicide Prevention seminar held Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building, 1117 Beaver Rd. Stratford sponsored by Dallam-Hartley-Sherman Counties, Juvenile Probation Department. For more information you may call 806-249-5270.

## Autograph Party For Bob Lilly, Former Dallas Cowboy

Down Under Bowl Autograph and Ice Cream Party with Bob Lilly at the County Barn on April 28th at 1:30 p.m.

## Kindergarten Swimming

Who is helping with Kindergarten Swimming? Mothers, Grandmothers and some special Volunteers! Melody Valesquez, Kathy Riffe, Becky Asher, Karen Riffe, Lauri Ewers, Jeannie Bennett, Lisa Crabtree, Janet Reinart will be helping 27 swimmers in each of the two classes. Swimming days May 6,7,8,9,12,14,16,17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We are still in need of substitute teachers and persons to help dress damp bodies (lace up hightop shoes are the worst!). If you can help please contact Jim Bob Brown, Mary Allen Elementary Principals 396-5305, or Gaynelle Riffe, Water Safety Instructor 396-5303.

## Red Cross Lifeguarding Class to Begin May 4th

Red Cross Lifeguarding Class to begin May 4 at 3:00 at the Stratford School Pool. Lifeguarding is a 33 hr. course teaching Lifeguard training, CPR and First Aid.

Prerequisites: 15 years of age swim 500 yards continuously using the following strokes; crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke; surface dive retrieve a 10 lb. weight; Tread water for 2 minutes using only legs. May 4th organization class to determine class time with a finish date May 19th, buy class books, "Lifeguarding" and "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" and complete prerequisite swim.

Gaynelle Riffe, Lifeguarding Instructor 396-5303.

## Annual Lions Club Broom Sale

Annual Lions Club Broom Sale Friday, May 17th.

## Eye Glasses Needed

Box for collecting used eye glasses at the Bank-or have them ready when the Lion's Club comes door to door on May 17th.

## Scot Luncheon and Scot Dance

Thursday, Scot Luncheon, April 25th.  
Saturday Scot Dance April 27th from 8 to 11 p.m.

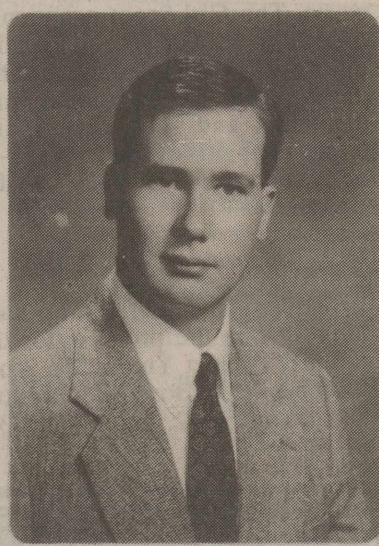
## Reinart & Wheeler Top Grads



Carissa Reinart

Stratford High School is proud to announce the Valedictorian for the 1996 graduating class is Carissa Reinart. Carissa is the daughter of Joe and Janet Reinart. She completed her high school work with a weighted grade point average of 3.7023. Her numeric average for four years of work is 97.4773. In addition to maintaining high academic standards, Carissa has been active in many other areas. A partial list of her accomplishments are as follows:

I-IV Band, IV Drum Major; I-III FHA; II Annual Staff; III-IV participant 1st place Accounting and Regional qualifier in UIL 1996; Who's Who in History 1995; Who's Who in Band, Math, and Economics 1996; Most Likely to Succeed and Most Intellectual 1996; Lector for St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Dalhart.



Clay Wheeler

The Salutatorian for 1996 is Clay Wheeler. Clay is the son of John and Susan Wheeler. His weighted grade point average is 3.2732, and his numeric average is 93.9312. A partial list of his other accomplishments are as follows:

Band I-IV, All region band II, IV, Band President IV; Class Representative II, III; Who's Who-Band IV, Outstanding Brass III. Class President III, IV; Class Vice-President I, II; Student Council Representative I-IV; Student Council Vice-President IV; FFA I-IV; President III, IV; Vice-President II, Star Greenhand I, Range & Pasture I.D. sixth in state; Gifted Talented IV, Who's Who in Spanish III; Who's Who Among American High School students IV; Class Favorite II, III, IV; Most Likely to succeed IV; Most Intellectual IV; UIL Academics I, III, IV, Science III, Spelling I, Editorial Writing III, IV, 6th at district, Computer Applications IV-1st at district, Regional qualifier; One Act Play III, IV; Statistician- football III, IV, Basketball IV; JV Football I,II, JV Basketball I,II, III; Member of First Baptist Church. Participated in Kindergarten reading program; Member of 4-H. Tee-ball coach.

## New Face At City Hall

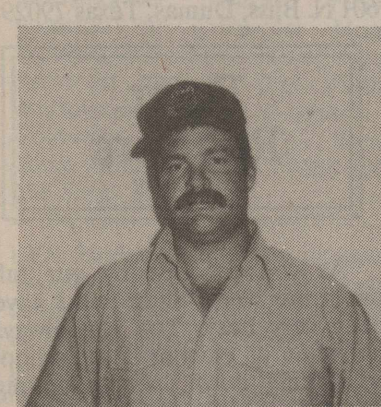


New face at City Hall, Teri Meil. Teri (Mrs. Dewayne Meil) lives south and east of Stratford. They have two sons, Michael and Mark who attend the Stratford Public Schools.

## Star Office Closed Friday

The Stratford Star will be closed on Friday, April 26-due to Doctor appointments in Amarillo. Sorry for any inconvenience. Items may be left at Southwestern Public Service next door. Thank you.

## Reed Announces



Don Reed announces that he is seeking a position on the Stratford Independent School Board for the 1996-1999 term.

"Since our children are our greatest assets, I would like to be a part in helping to see that we give them the best education that we possibly can here in Stratford, and I will do my best if elected," Reed stated.

A native of Stratford, Texas, he is a graduate of Stratford High School, and he holds a degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State, Goodwell, Oklahoma. He has been an active partner in the farming and ranching business for the past 14 years with his father and brother.

Reed is married to the former ViAnn Ferguson of Stratford who is currently teaching in the Stratford School System, and the couple have two children, Brad a fourth grade student and Brent who will be in kindergarten next year. He is also the son of Bill and Margaret Reed of Stratford. The family are members of the First Baptist Church of Stratford.

Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

## Brown Announces

David Brown is announcing his candidacy for Mayor in the election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 1996.

"Having lived in Stratford most of my life I am concerned with the well being of this community and would like to opportunity to serve the people of Stratford."

David and his wife Janice are graduates of Stratford High School and Texas State Technical College in Amarillo. They attend the First Baptist Church in Stratford and they have three sons. Davy and Paul are students in Stratford High School and Beau is a student in Stratford Jr. High.

Over the years I have been active as a 4-H Leader, Little League Coach and Board member, Stratford Rifle & Pistol Club President, and Hunters Education Instructor.

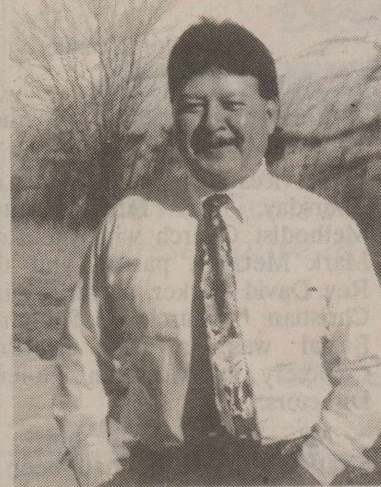
Along with being a farmer and owning a cow/calf operation, you might see me driving a bus or taking care of the lawns at Stratford Schools.

"I believe that one of the most important things any elected official can do is to listen to the concerns of the citizens and as Mayor, I will do my best to support the best interests of this city."

Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated.

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After all is said and done,  
more is said than done.  
—Anon.

## Resendes Announces



Hello, My name is Jesse Resendes. I am the Federal Meat Inspector at Brown's Meat Locker. I have been working there since Dec. 8, 1988. I have been with the United States Dept. of Agriculture for 29 years. I started my career with USDA as an inspector for USDA, at Swift & Company in Fort Worth, Texas. I transferred to Amarillo, Texas where I worked for 20 years until I transferred over here. While in Amarillo, I was active in my kids "education, I was President for the Parents Teacher Association at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School for four years. Since moving here I am involved in several civic and church positions. I am the Youth Director at St. Joseph's Church. I teach religious education to our high school kids every Wednesday evening. I am musical Director at our church and furnish the guitar music at the Spanish Mass at our Church. I am the Chairman for the Finance Committee board and am on the Parish Council Board also. I have served on the Board of Directors of The Imagination Station, I am presently serving on the Board of Directors of the Lollipop Junction (Stratford Area Youth Care), and am the Recreational Director for the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. I also am on the Executive Board for the Sherman County 4H. I am married. My wife's name is Catalina. We have four children. Sid and Ivonne are in Middle School. Adam is in the third grade at Mary Allen and my "Angel" starts kindergarten this year Lord willing.

I grew up in Abernathy, Texas where my Father farmed all of his life. I got all my education there in Abernathy a small, proud, little City much like our City of Stratford. I want to serve on the school board of Stratford, Texas and do my part for our community and for all of the residents of Stratford that have their children attending school here. I am asking for your vote May 4th, 1996 because I really need your vote. Thank you very much.

Jesse Resendes

Paid for by he Hispanics for Stratford.

Hola,  
Mi nombre es Jesse Resendes. Yo soy el Inspeccor Federal de Carnes en Brown's Meal Locker. Yo tengo 20 anos rabajando con el Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos.

Yo comense mi carera de inspeccor en Fort Worth, Texas con la Compania Swift y luego en Amarillo Texas por Viene anos. En Amarillo fui Presidene de mesa directiva del P.T.O. en la escuela Catolica de nuestra Senora de Guadalupe por Cuatro anos.

Desde que esoy agui en

Stratford, Texas esoy envuelto en varias posiciones civicas y en la iglesia. En la iglesia de S. Joseph

aqui en Sratford soy el Director de los jovenes y maestro de religion para los studantes del grado nueva para arriba. Soy el director de musica para la Misa Hispana en nuestra iglesia. Soy el Presidene del Comite de Finanzas y tambien estoy en el Consilio Parroquial. Soy Pasado Director de El Imagination Station y ahorita estoy sirviendo como Director en la mesa del Lollipop Junction y La Camara de Comercio de la ciudad de Stratford, Texas. Tambien estoy sirviendo en la mesa Directiva del 4-H del Condado de Sherman.

Estoy casado. Mi esposa se llama Catalina. Tenemos Cuatro higas. Ysidro y Ivonne en el grado siete, Adam en grado res y pronto estara "Angel" en el Kindegarten.

Yo me crie en Abernathy, Texas donde mi Padre fue ranchero de agricultura. foda sar vida. Alli recebi toda mi educacion en un pueblo pequenio como Stratford. Yo queria servir en el Stratford, mesa directiva de escuelas para poder Ayudar y representar los Hispanas y atodos los residentes de Sratford, Texas que tienen ninos en nuestra escuela. Solicito Su Voto este cuaro de Mayo, 1996. Necesito su voto.

Gracias  
Jesse Resendes

Pagado por Los Hispanas de Stratford, Texas

## "The Lights Went Out In Stratford"

Tuesday, April 16th will be remembered as the day the "Lights Went Out In Stratford", with a lot of other towns in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

60% of SPS Customers were left in the dark by the blackout. "The Tolk Station (two coal-fired generating plants near Muleshoe) had an electric fault in a substation," it was reported. That Tolk Station is the largest generating plant in the SPS system, producing over 1 million kilowatts of electric power. When that amount of power drops off, it triggers automatic shutdowns through out the system. The power outage left an estimated 600,000 people, or two thirds of SPS customers without power through much of the morning and afternoon on Tuesday. According to SPS officials it was the largest power outage in the last 14 years for the company.

Many businesses in Stratford have emergency generators like Coldwater Manor and the Courthouse. They kicked on for part of their buildings. Some of the restaurants simply had to shut down. Crossroads and Headquarters had a gas grill, they stayed opened. Thriftway grocery store had to do tickets by hand, handing flashlights to many customers who braved the dark store. First State Bank stayed open, only doing things they could do by hand. Some of the employees went home. The General Store also handed out flashlights and did tickets by hand. Elk Pharmacy was able to finish their work after the electricity came on and they went on home at 6 p.m. as usual. Many businesses just simply had to shut down, or they did everything manually. Most people said "It

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## Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Desire Davis, Jesse Resendes, Theresa Edmond and Mark Metzger, Chamber of Commerce directors making plans for Cinco De Mayo Celebration in the City Park, Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 to at least 5:00 Celebration will be held in the New County Barn in case of bas weather.



## 6th Annual Kids For Kids April 27

CASA 69, Inc. will be having their 6th Annual Kids for Kids, Saturday, April 27, 1996 at Lake Rita Blanca Park, in Dalhart, from 11:00 to 5:00.

Entertaining from Stratford will be Imagination Station Singers, Nigel Kirkpatrick and Jessica Lucero. They entertain at 11:15 a.m.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is a non-profit organization that provides trained community volunteers to speak up for the best interest of children who have been abused or neglected in the 69th Judicial District.

Kids for Kids is a special day for families to have fun while raising money for CASA 69, Inc.

Several activities are planned for the day. To start off, Dallam and Hartley students K-5th grade will participate in the Walk n Roll. Students gather pledges to walk or roll (by self propelled wheels) over a designated 5 mile course.

After Walk n Roll, people can enjoy different food and game booths set up around Lake Rita Blanca Park. Various organizations will have many types of booths which include: cake walk, sponge throw, duck pond, basketball throw, pony rides, face painting, mulewagon rides, sausage on a stick, nachos, funnel cake and a whole lot more. Organizations sponsoring booths will raise money for CASA 69 and their own group.

Scheduled entertainment includes vocal and instrumental performances and various exhibitions by area children.

For more information please call 249-2684.

### Scot News By Jack Gore

Last week a dozen Scotters went to Guymon to eat Chinese food at Mah's. Scot Board members met last Tuesday, 23rd. Now we are set for our regular monthly luncheon. Come and bring a dish and friend. Enjoy both entertainment and fellowship with others.

Saturday night April 27th our last activity of the month will be our western dance. Come enjoy the music and visit with others that come from other towns and states.

Remember our regular activities and hopefully someone will come up with a new idea of something to do or go. We need your input on new suggestions for Scot.

**Lights**  
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makes you appreciate your electricity, after you have not had it for several hours".

We were lucky at the Star, most of the paper was finished, so we improvised and went on to Guymon, who had electricity at the paper there.

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## Obits

### Johnnie M. Vincent

Johnnie M. Vincent, 68, died Thursday, April 18, 1996.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Church of Christ with Jon Heatwole, minister, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vincent was born in Fort Worth. She married Walter Vincent in 1947 at Wichita Falls. She had been a resident of Stratford since 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Mike Vincent, David Vincent and Matt Vincent, all of Stratford; a brother, Billy Carey of Abilene; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

### Sherrydon Keener

Sherrydon Keener, 58, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor, and the Rev. David Harker, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Keener was born in Stratford, where he had been a lifetime resident. He was a longtime farmer and member of First United Methodist Church. He married Sarah Lavake in 1955 at Clayton, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jean Ann Haggard of Claude; three sons, Steve Keener, Rick Keener and Floyd Keener, all of Stratford; two brothers, Harold "Poe" Keener of Stratford and Greg "Punkin" Keener of Arvada, Colo.; a sister, Missy Devrous of Arvada; and eight grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite local charity.

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What we call "progress" is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.  
—Havelock Ellis

### Woodrow Wilson Gay

Graveside services for Woodrow Wilson Gay, 79 were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1996 in the Stratford Cemetery, under the direction of the Dawson-Welch Funeral Home of Texhoma, Ok. Officiating was Rev. David Harker, pastor of the First Christian Church in Stratford.

Woodrow Wilson Gay died Monday, April 22, in the V.A. Medical Hospital, Amarillo, Texas where he had entered Easter Sunday.

The son of Clarence Gebbs Gay and Buelah Lee Stanford Gay, he was born October 14, 1916 in Nevada, TX. During his lifetime Mr. Gay served in the Army during WW II. More recently he was employed by the Brown's Meat Locker, Stratford. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mae Borth, Stratford, Eva Rae Lowe, Abilene, Texas and one brother, James Marvin Gay, Odessa, Texas.

The family requests memorials be to the Panhandle Health Care, 601 N. Bliss, Dumas, Texas 79029

### Dear Readers By Marty

As you can see by our full paper this week, Shari and I have been very busy. You can always tell when its election time, school is winding down, people getting married, people having babies. Banquets have started, first of many. We don't rest much again until June, but we do eat very well.

Reading Debbi and Tanas column this week, I had better make my flower beds pretty easy to tend to, as I'm one who isn't home that much to take care of them.

Good luck to all the participants at Regionals.

We only had a chance to visit with a few folks about the blackout last Tuesday. It certainly does remind you that we take electricity, gas, water, etc. all for granted until its not there for awhile. It reminded us what could happen if there was a major shutdown of electricity in the United States. Pretty Scary. We depend on it for many things.

Still no rain, and none in the forecast. Maybe things will change soon? Let's all pray for that.

## Pre-Register For Girl Scouts

Yucca Girl Scout Council is implementing a spring registration process for national registration dues. This allows girls and adults to pre-register for the October 1, 1996-September, 1997 year. Benefits of the spring registration; lowers "back to school" expenses; insures girls and adults continuous membership in Girl Scouts and allows families a chance to plan school and other activities around Girl Scouting.

Parents are encouraged to complete the spring registration forms and turn into their troop leader or mail to the council office. This process will help Girl Scout administrative staff secure leadership for the membership year.

Girl Scouting is committed to helping all girls from every background to develop the confidence, determination, and skills needed to thrive in today's world. The Girl Scout program is based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It is adapted to meet the developmental, educational, and emotional and social needs and interests of girls at five levels; 5-17 or kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Adults and girls who are interested in the program for the fall may contact Yucca Girl Scout Council, P.O. Box 70, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942, phone 405-338-6414.

**Come Meet Bob Lilly and get his Autograph**  
Sunday, April 28th  
1:30 at the County Barn  
Ice Cream & Cookies Served!

### ☆☆ Elect ☆☆

## Frank Vaughn

### Stratford School Board

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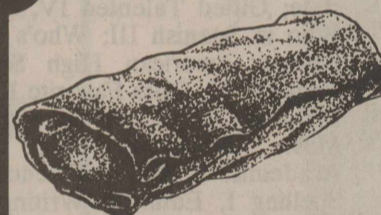
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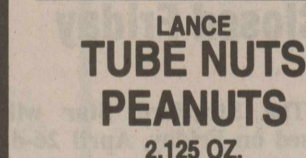
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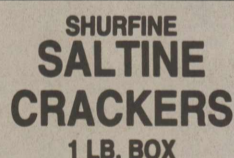
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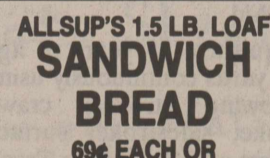
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### VOTE FOR

## Joe Zak

### City Council

Your Vote & Support would be appreciated on

May 4, 1996

Pd. Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Joe Zak, P.O. Box 381, Stratford, TX. 79084

### OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

#### TXDOT ROUTE STUDY - LUBBOCK TO IH-10 AND AMARILLO TO STATE LINE

The results of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) route study to connect Interstate 27 in Amarillo with the Texas state line to the north and Interstate 27 in Lubbock to Interstate 10 will be the topic of an open house and public meeting in Lubbock May 14, 1996.

The open house begins at 4 p.m. with the public meeting following at 7 p.m. Both events will be at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Sixth Street in Lubbock.

The study team will present the analysis process for corridor feasibility and the results of the process. A recommendation for either a single freeway or two highways north of Amarillo and either a single freeway or three highways south of Lubbock will be presented.

The public is invited to comment on the results and recommendations presented. Exhibits and maps will be displayed at the open house and members of the study team will be available to discuss the project leisurely with members of the public from 4:00 to 7:00. Forms will be provided at the open house for written comments, and a court reporter will be available to take verbal comments in a private meeting.

The formal public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be given by the study team followed by public commenting. Verbal comments made at the formal public meeting will be limited to three (3) minutes each. If your comments are longer than three minutes, you will be allowed to submit a more comprehensive written statement to supplement your verbal comments. There will be no responses to comments at the public meeting. Citizens with questions for the project team are encouraged to attend the open house prior to the public meeting.

Written comments may be submitted at the open house and public meeting, or mailed to the Amarillo District Engineer by May 25, 1996 at P.O. Box 2708, Amarillo, Texas, 79145. Comments will also be accepted on the Route Study Telephone Hotline at 1-800-661-5234.

## Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you, Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this slightly overcast Monday a.m. April 22, 1996. Neighbor Jack Smith's tulips a blooming in spite of dry weather and high winds; Readers of the Star's reports on grass fires et al that our community is struggling against wind and drought. However, this is where our citizens live so they are making every effort possible to live a normal life.

We hear words of concern about economic conditions but no actual "gripping". We "pat backs" luv folks and work hard which is the best antidote for concern (our opinion). Remember, that we lived through the "dirty Thirtys"!

Checking our activity calendars, the SCOT regular luncheon is on Thursday, April 25th at noon. April hosts are Helen and Arthur Judd (chairperson), David Harker, Bessie Palmer, George Jeffcoat, Margaret Reed, Linda Spurlock, Mary & J.E. Brannon.

Members are to bring vegetables, salads, and desserts, and a good appetite for food and fellowship. The physical fitness classes seem to be progressing nicely. Remember to make your wishes for continued quilting known to Dorothy. Mark your calendar for the Stratford Fair and jamboree, Sept. 5,6,7, 8. The Cinco de Mayo celebration at Pendleton Park is scheduled for the 5th of May at 1 p.m. Our Spanish citizens will appreciate the support of the community for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Mrs. J. Knight Boggs sponsored 4Hers Robin Hart and Janice Sladek to the state 4H meeting in Austin. Robin and Jeanie are officers in the local 4H organization. We are told the party had to fly to Houston and back to Austin.

By accepting Joyce Harts invitation for lunch at Headquarters last Wednesday, Timi had the nice experience of meeting Sheila Cummings, and husband Monty, his teenage son and their four old son. Due to poor hearing and lack of pencil and paper, Timi failed to get the names of Monty and the boys written down to report. Apologies to all.

Sheila is the daughter of the Wayne Cummings, and granddaughter of Nola and Ernest. That is the news for old Timers.

Our mind is centered on our friend the late Florence Lenning, Dumas, Texas whose memorial services will be held at 11 o'clock this a.m. April 22, 1996. She was truly a hand-maiden of the Lord Jesus. To follow him was the first aim in life, secondly she by her life exemplified a high standard of Christian fellowship by act, teaching, cheerfulness and joy in living. To us the saying of "One foot in the grave, the other foot in Heaven is true" Farewell Florence. Amen.

Our community is both saddened and thankful for God's goodness showed by releasing from incurable suffering be in death our beloved citizens Johnnie Vincent and Sherrydon Keener. We extend Old Timer and personal prayers and blessing to all family member (a very special note to Melba Turner Keener). Amen.

To remaining OTs and Peers; God is good to us, we can thank him y patting shoulders and loving the folks we met daily.

## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

It's game night and eats Friday, April 26, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Hosts are George & Barbara Avent, Ottis & Jan Webster. Bring sandwiches, salads, dips, chips and other finger foods.

Also bring dominoes, cards, games.

The Brady Schoonovers needed a revolving door at their home for several days last week as people came to see their new addition, Rett Michael. See birth announcement elsewhere.

Some who visited were Mozell Tillery, a great-grandmother and great-uncle Greg Tillery, both of Amarillo; aunt Roxan Bowman and Ashley of Ballinger, Tx.; grandparents, Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Terry & Barbara Schoonover; aunt Kendra Mungia & cousins, Bryan, Justine, Kaylee.

And Nu Beta Sorority sisters, Marie Sladek, Tanya Thiessen, Laurie Ewers, Kaci McBryde, Stacy Metcalf.

Also, Chris McAdams, Steve Elliott, Russell & Dwight Brooks, Mark Keener & Kyler, Scott Hudson and many locals!

Hank Rogers reports that his eye doctor is pleased with results of surgery and Hank says he can see really well.

Thursday he and Mabel attended the Sherman County Soil Conservation luncheon in Stratford to hear Teel Bivins. Then that night they were at the Dallam County Soil Conservation Chuck Wagon supper at the Kenneth Stanley Ranch, south of Dalhart.

Merilee McDaniel spent Tuesday through Saturday with grandma Marylou and daddy Mike McDaniel. She and Ashley Bowman had a great time playing together.



William Henry Harrison served the shortest time in office of any President in American history. He caught a cold the day he was inaugurated President and died 30 days later.

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Bores bore each other, too; but it never seems to teach them anything.

—Don Marquis

## Births

Rett Michael Schoonover was welcomed to the world by his brother, Reed, on April 15, 1996, 4:11 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. His parents are Brady & Trisha Schoonover of Kerrick.

Rett is blessed with a number of grandparents. Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Kerrick, Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Stratford, are grandparents. Great-grandparents are Doris Dyess, Stratford, Rex & Mozell Tillery, Amarillo, Jean Danner, Guymon, Raymond & Eula Faye Lewis, Guymon. Mike & Lucille Schoonover, Liberal, are great great grandparents.

Minnie Reeder is happy to announce the birth of great grandson Cooper James Morlan. Son of Joe and Amber Morlan of Weatherford, Okla.

He was born April 2, 1996 and weighed 9 pounds and 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Carol Conkling of Weatherford.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dean and Velta Morlan of Elk City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Johnnie Hall of Leedey and Jewel Pinner of Elk City.

## First Christian Church

10:45 a.m. Matthew 6:5-13  
"The Perfect Prayer"  
6:00 a.m. Abraham in the New Testament

## First Assembly of God Presents the Brush Arbor Band on Sunday Evening April 28 at 6 p.m.

Brush Arbor Gospel Band is a Southern Gospel mixed group. Their ministry has taken them to several states and they have ministered in many churches in several denominations. In addition to their growing ministry the group continues to be in demand for performing and ministering in revivals, concerts, fund raisers, fairs and conventions. The Brush Arbor Gospel Band has been the feature group in many concerts and has opened for many of the top Southern Gospel Groups in America such as: The Dixie Melody Boys, The Hoppers, The Kindlers, The Greens, Jeff & Sheri Easter, the Blackwoods and many others. The goal of Brush Arbor Gospel Band is to promote good Christian music with a heartstirring message at every concert.

Brush Arbor Gospel Band attended the annual convention of the Greater Plains Gospel Singing News which included groups from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. They received several rewards which included first runner-up for favorite mixed group, second runner up favorite alto, second runner up favorite male lead, and favorite soprano.

This group has four recordings to their credit. The first recording entitled "All For Jesus in 1993, the second recording entitled "Singin and Shoutin" in 1994 and third entitled "He Still Cares" in 1994, the 4th entitled "Waiting For A Call" in 1995. They have just come out of the studio at Dale McCoy Productions with their fifth recording finished and on the way to press.

First Assembly of God invites everyone to come and hear this exciting group. If you like music, if you like Christian music, you must hear this group share their music. "We promise you will be glad you came!" There is no charge to come hear Brush Arbor Gospel Band, we will simply take an offering to give to them. Even if you have nothing you can give, don't miss coming to hear this group they will bless you in a special way!

## ◆◆ Re-Elect ◆◆ Barbara Chumley S.I.S.D.

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on May 4, 1996

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Barbara Chumley, P.O. Box 919, Stratford, TX. 79084

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On Sunday afternoon, May 5, from 1:30 to 4:00, the association will have its spring arts and crafts show at Sherman County barn. Members will show some crafts, as well as a variety of paintings—from still life to landscapes, to Southwest art, to abstract. Media will include oil, watercolor, gouache, and mixed media.

Also on display will be ceramics by SCOT ceramics group and art work done by Stratford High School students under the direction of Cindy Russell, high school art instructor.

It is hoped that some art work from Millie Hacker's Colwater Manor art students will also be on display.

Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be given at intervals during the afternoon.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the show, have refreshments, visit with neighbors, and perhaps win a door prize.

## ◆◆ Vote For ◆◆ Dwayne Plunk Candidate For MAYOR

"Your Vote and Support Would Be Appreciated on May 4"  
Pd. Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Dwayne Plunk, P.O. Box 904, Stratford, Texas, 79084

## First Assembly of God Presents:

## BRUSH ARBOR Gospel Band



\* Sunday Evening April 28  
\* 6:00 p.m.  
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## 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

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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

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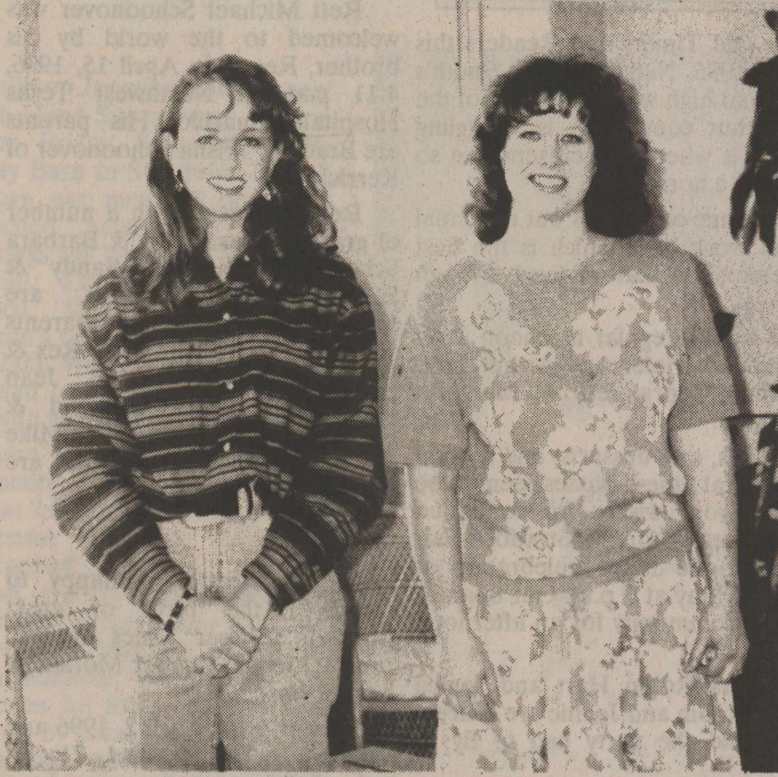
Pastor Roberto Frescas  
County Barn  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
Se Cuidamos Susninos Durante El Servicio.



Cheryl Beattie, bride-elect of Coby Galla was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Elaine Mungia on April 20. Shown from left, Jean Turner, grandmother of the groom, Pat Green of Elk City, Okla., grandmother of the groom, LuAnn Galla of Amarillo, mother of the groom, Cheryl, Vicki Beattie, mother of the bride and Nancy Beattie from Amarillo, grandmother of the bride.

## Nu Beta Sorority



Kaci McBryde, left was recently named Pledge of the Year and Keri Knight was named Girl of the Year.

Nu Beta Sorority of Beta Sigma Phi held their Founder's Day Celebration at the home of Lorie Vincent on April 14. Kaci McBryde was honored with the title of Pledge of the Year. President of Nu Beta, Keri Knight, was presented with the honor of Girl of the Year. Both ladies have donated much of their time and talent to earn these much deserved honors. Pot luck dinner was provided by all who attended. Sorority members enjoyed playing a game in which members matched baby pictures to current members.

Nu Beta had also planned to paint dumpsters at the city parks for Keep Stratford Beautiful Month; however, the cold and windy weather prevented this. Nu Beta plans to complete the project at a later date.

Nu Beta Sorority will be selling cotton candy at the CASA fundraiser in Dalhart on April 27. Everyone is invited to come and join in the festivities.

At the April business meeting, Nu Beta also voted to donate a brick for Bonar Park.

April is a busy month for Nu Beta. They are also planning a concession stand for the Stratford Gun Shoot on April 28. The proceeds will go to community projects and scholarships.

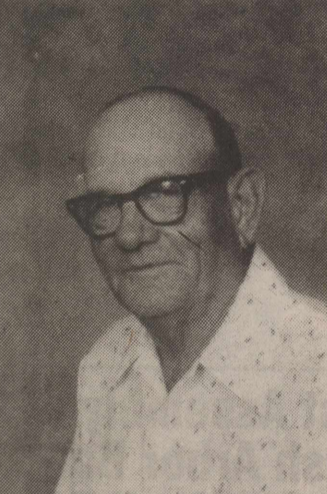


Mrs. Denny rounds (Jami) was honored with a baby shower in the home of Barbara Chumley on Sat. April 20. Shown from left, Claudine Allen holding Birkley Langley, Renne Langley, Jami, and Gail Allen. In front Ted and Sheryl Allen's children Roy and Kayce.

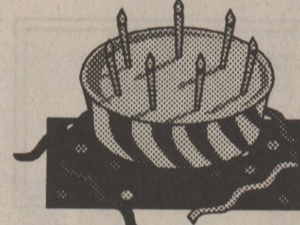
## Tops #897

T.O.P.s 897 met in the County Barn at 8 a.m. on April 18th with seven members weighing in. The meeting was called to order by leader, Genevieve Wilson. Roll was called with an 8 3/4 pound loss. Rita Romerus won the fruit basket. The minutes were read and approved. Rose Wells gave a report on the trip to San Angelo to the state convention. Four members from Stratford attended the meeting, Genevieve, Myrtle, Geneva and Rose. There was 2000 Tops members at the state convention from 424 chapters with a membership of 9209. The overall weight loss for last year was 48,334 1/2 pounds.

### Pa Pa Grouch Will be 80



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### Doris Dyess Wins Quilt

Doris Dyess was named the winner of the quilt raffle sponsored by the District 1 Texas Association of Family and Community Education Clubs at their spring meeting held April 18 in Pampa. The raffle is a fundraiser for the district association and is used to secure speakers for their annual convention and fund scholarships for graduating seniors and college students in this geographical region. Mary Wayne Spurlock is the director of the district Association and representative to the state board. Presenting the quilt to Doris is Theresa Edmond, far right, Lunch and Learn members and left Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Other members attending the spring meeting were Liz Sanders, Jean Everett, Dee Dee Dewees and Dorothy Dewees.

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It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.  
—Rene Descartes

The Queen for 1995 loss 105 1/4 pounds and the King loss 101 1/2. There were 128 graduates who had reached their ideal weight and had become a K.O.P.S. The convention will be in Dallas next year in April.

# VOTE



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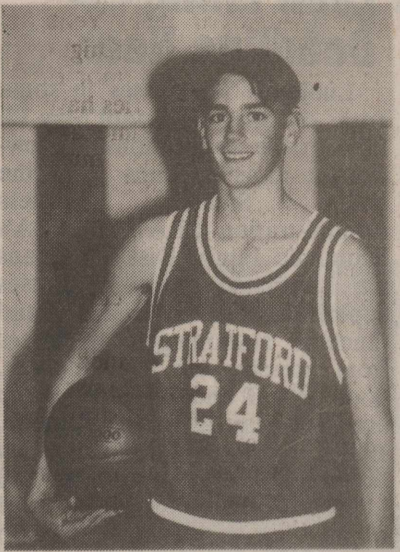


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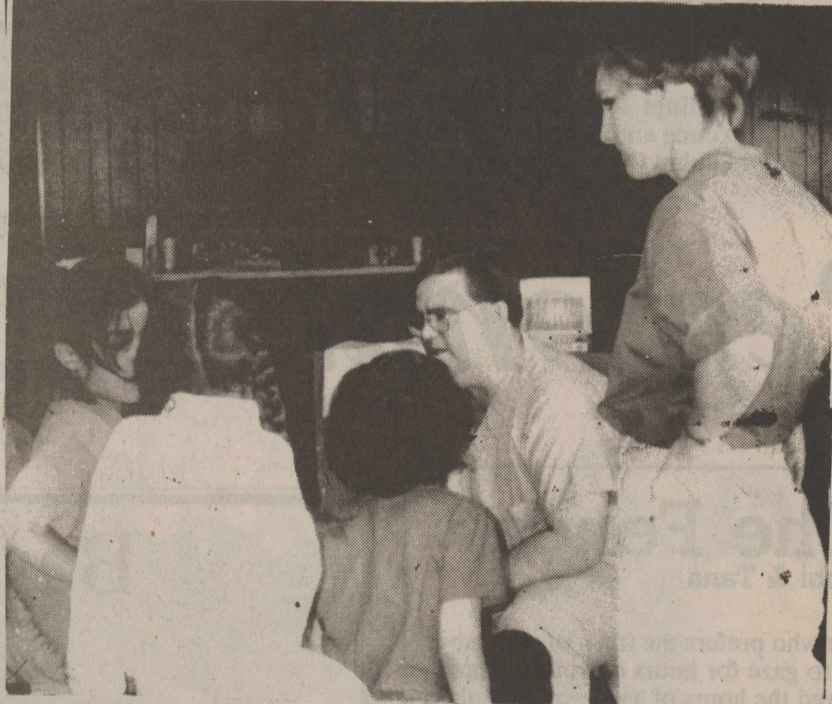
**Davis Honored**



Ross Davis was recently named to the 1996 Amarillo Globe-News Super Team announced in Sunday, March 31, 1996 Edition. Ross a 5-11 freshman point guard started the season on the junior varsity. But he moved to the varsity and into the starting lineup around Christmas and earned the Super Team Boys' Freshman of the Year honor. Davis averaged 12 points, six steals, five rebounds and four assists, as the Elks finished 19-11 and reached the Region 1-2A semifinals. "He did things that a lot of seniors can't do," Stratford head coach Jimmy Lanning said. "He's very smart, runs the floor well and breaks the press well. He's just an overall team player. We left him on the JV to get his feet wet because that's a big jump from the eighth-grade to the varsity."



Shannon Taliaferro, Helen Judd and Julianna Taliaferro preparing a beauty spot for the Museum to help Keep Stratford Beautiful. (E.R. Bell, also a museum director, furnished the rototilling).

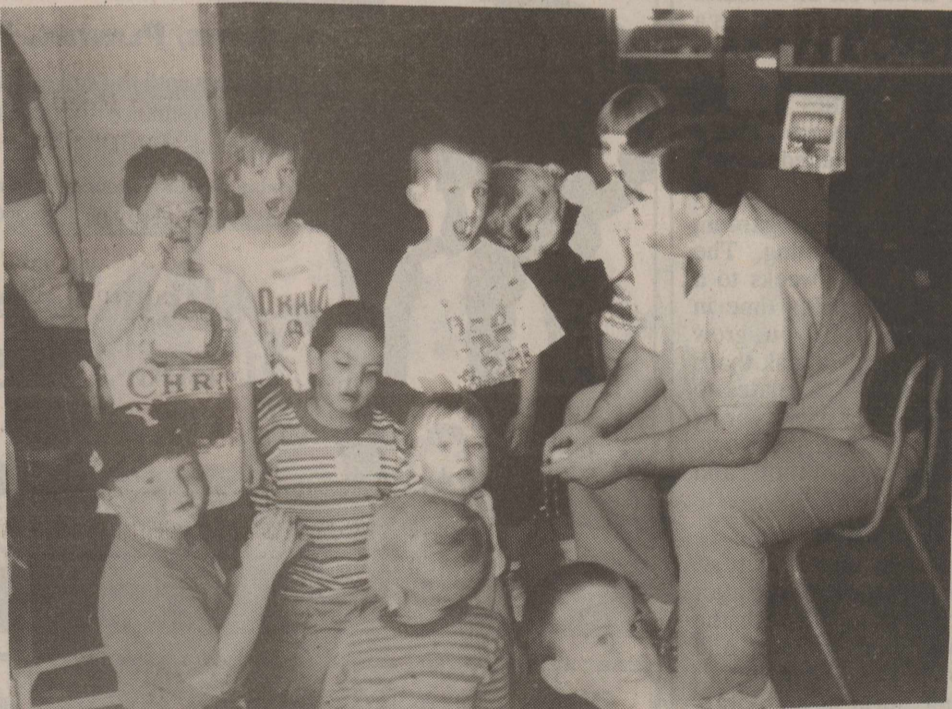


Shown above, Dr. Richard Dunham DDS from Dalhart spoke to the children who attended "Your Teeth are Showing Day" at the Imagination Station's Week of The Young Child last week. Other days enjoyed by the children and the Kindergarten classes were on Monday "The body's 5 Senses" and Wednesday "The Penguins are Coming".



Shown at left, Kelly Brooks and Stephanie Bell (in Dentist chair).

Below, children showed their teeth to Dr. Richard Dunham, DDS as he explained about your teeth and how to care for them.



**The EMT Association of Texhoma In Midst Of Fund-Raising Drive**  
By Julie Sniffen

The Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Association of Texhoma recently began an extensive fund-raising effort. The funds raised will be used on CPR Mannequins, which will be used for training for the community and volunteer health care providers.

The EMT Association will host its 2nd Annual Garage & Bake Sale Fund-Raiser to be held in June. The EMT Association of Texhoma decided that it was such a success, that we wanted to do it again.

We are now accepting Garage Sale items or Donations of any kind, whether it be large or small. We will even pick your items up for you or you may drop them by Julie Sniffens house located at 315 N. 3rd St. in Texhoma. To have your items picked up just call 423-7239. If you would like to make a cash donation it can be sent to EMT association P.O. Box 607, Texhoma, Okla. 73949. All checks should be made payable to the EMT Association. All Donations are Tax Deductible. The EMT Association would also like to give a very special thank you to all who donated items last year.

Any person or group interested in learning CPR may call the EMT Association Education Coordinator: Mary Coffey at 423-7504, these classes are available to the community at no charge except for a minimal book cost.

The EMT Association is also looking for a used or new computer to be donated. This computer would be used in the billing of the Texhoma Ambulance runs. Anyone who would like to donate a computer may contact Julie Sniffen at 423-7239.

An Auction has also been planned for June of 1996. Please keep in mind for any donation that you may have. All donations are greatly appreciated and accepted.



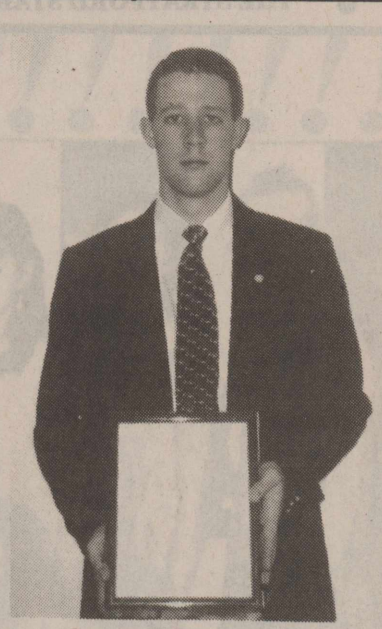
Two toads of central and southwestern Europe are called midwife or obstetrical toads because the male helps care for the eggs. The male fastens them to his legs and carries them until they hatch. He usually hides under a stone or some other place while carrying them, but comes out after dark to bathe the eggs in a pond or stream.



The diesel engine was invented in 1895 by Rudolf Diesel.




The First Grade classes of Kathie Altman, Desine Garza and Mary Pat Williams made buttons to wear for Child Abuse Prevention Month. They also made buttons for the Texhoma first grade classes. First grade students from left wearing their buttons Scott Hudson, Rhiannon Everett and Candie Bell.



Scott Asher received the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Senior Merit Award. The Senior Merit Award is given only to the most outstanding students and is the highest award given by Texas A&M University. Scott was recognized at the Ag Convocation on April 13th. Scott is the son of Becky and Tommy Asher and grandson of J.O. and Anne Pulliam all of Stratford.

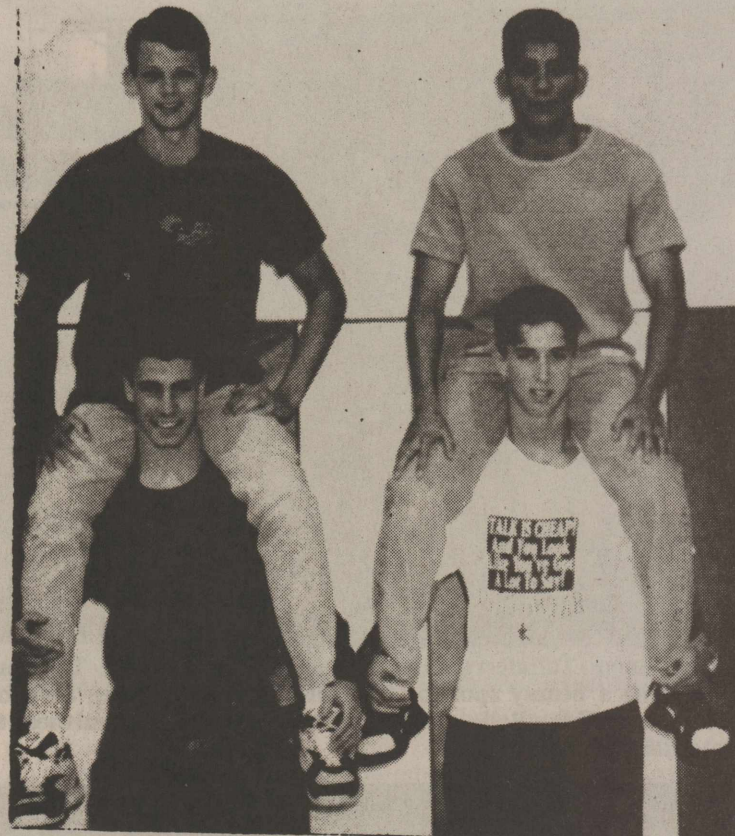
Anybody who believes that the way to man's heart is through his stomach flunked geography.

—Robert Byrne

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Girls Regional Track Qualifiers are from left: Cara Lavake, Kelli Wight, Julie Kimball, Megan Baskin, Jennifer King, Ashlie Lasley, Tai Ann Brownlee and Hillary Baskin. These girls will compete at Abilene on April 26-27.



Boys Regional Track Qualifiers on bottom (l to r) are Young and Brandon Starnes. Top (l to r) are Dusty Stewart and Fabian Cruz. These boys will compete at Abilene.

### SBA Disaster Loan Filing Deadline Near

Lubbock: Businesses in some Texas counties have until May 13, 1996 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from excessive rain, flash flooding, flooding, hail and tornadoes which occurred May 1 through June 15, 1995; a late hard freeze which occurred April 10 through April 11, 1995; and an unusually mild winter which contributed to increased insect and disease infestation during the 1995 small grain growing season. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Hansford, Hardeman, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Sherman and Wheeler.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.

# Good Luck At Regionals!

## Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

The John Newberry Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book. This year's winner is Karen Cushman for her book "The Midwife's Apprentice." Last year her first book, "Catherine, Called Birdy," was named a Newberry Honor Book. "The Midwife's Apprentice" tells the story of Brat, a homeless girl in the Middle Ages. Even though she is overworked and underpaid, Brat learns to be independent and proud of herself.

Last year's Newberry Medal Book was "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech. This richly layered novel is in turn funny, mysterious, and touching. She tells a story like no other author, one that readers will not soon forget.

Hidden Spirits is a search-and-find scene book with pictures from the American West. Search for dozens of hidden images—Native Americans on Horseback, warrior feathers, wolves, mountain lions, pinto ponies and learn some history, also.

"The Sign Of The Seahorse, A Tale of Greed and High Adventure in Two Acts" is by Graeme Base. The wonderful color drawings and story line are mind challenging as one strives to solve the puzzle.

"Oscar, Cat About Town," a children's story by James Herriot, is sure to become another classic. With the death of the noted country veterinarian, the wonderful teller of stories will be greatly missed by those who love his writings.

## Across The Fence

By Debbi & Tana

Are you the type of gardener who prefers the fruits of your labor to the labor itself? Do you like to gaze for hours on your blooming garden, but cannot say you enjoyed the hours of hard work it took to bring the garden in bloom? Do you marvel at the neighbor across the fence, who happily putters in her garden each and every day, or are you a graduate of the "CRASH COURSE" school of gardening...preferring to break your back from dawn to dusk for a full weekend, three or four times during the gardening season!

In designing your garden, flower beds, etc. you need to come to terms with your lifestyle. Full time job, Little League, summer basketball, 95 pound labrador retriever with a digging problem or just down-right busy, do not try to win a losing battle. Plan your garden around your personal lifestyle and abilities.

Hopefully, here's a guide to get you started on planning your dream garden with ideas that will lower your maintenance chores. The biggest favor you can do for yourself is to improve the soil as discussed in previous articles. To enjoy a spectacular display of color year after year with ease, create your gardens using annuals and perennials. Before you plant, take time to plan your garden. Will the flower bed receive full sun, partial shade, full shade, wind, etc. If you are not sure about the conditions your flower beds will have to contend with, for several days, morning, noon, afternoon, and evening walk around your yard and make notes as to the shake, sun, etc. This will help you in designing your garden.

There are basically two types of flowers..Annuals and perennials. Annuals are flowers that live life in the fast lane. You add annuals to your garden in the spring, they bloom their heads off all summer and then they die with the first breath of frosty weather. This takes a tremendous amount of energy, so most annuals need more fertilizer and better soil than other plants. There is another habit of annual flowers that gardeners need to consider. Many varieties will stop flowering and concentrate on producing offspring if they are allowed to "go to seed". Remember to deadhead or snip off the faded flowers in order to delay the seed production phase.

Perennials are the permanent guests of the flower garden, returning each year to bloom again without replanting. The flowering time of perennial flowers usually lasts a few weeks to a month, so choose varieties that will stretch the blooming time in your garden, add interest in texture and colors. If you grow perennials you'll have to do some dividing. Dividing is a task that's associated almost exclusively with perennials because it relates to the way they grow. Most perennial plants spread wider each year by forming clusters or patches of many shoots, each with their own roots. Dividing means pulling or cutting apart these roots and replanting them as separate plants.

Often sold as "bedding" plants, annuals by definition means a plant that grows, flowers, sets seed and expires in the same year. Unlike perennials which come back year after year, annuals die after the first hard frost. You don't have to coddled them through the winter or fuss over them in the spring, but using annuals and perennials is a good way to develop your flower beds. Use annuals to fill in bare spots between still-maturing shrubs, temporary groundcovers or as bursts of colors to compliment your perennials. Use perennials as the "work horses" of your garden, returning year after year.

SELECTING HEALTHY PLANTS...When selecting pre-started plants, look for ones with compact growth and healthy looking leaves. Although even tiny annuals look more attractive when in full bloom, it pays to hunt for plants with lots of unopened buds. Otherwise, you may have to wait for your annuals to adjust to their new home before developing new flowers. When choosing plants, make sure they have been properly cared for; a plant that has not been watered will have a poor root system and will take longer to mature. Never buy plants that look diseased or stressed, no matter how cheap. Remember, you usually get what you pay for, and after all the work you have done preparing your flower beds, make sure your plants are healthy and ready to go.

NEXT WEEK...Maintaining your garden.  
PLANT SALE...Friday, Saturday and Sunday 701 N. Pearl in rear garage.

## Outdoor Sculpture Planned

Imagination Station Program Committee is pleased to announce that planning has begun for an outdoor sculpture project to be completed this summer. Judy Sutton Kracke from Amarillo met with program committee members to explain her belief in community involvement and presented photos and information on other projects she has coordinated in Texas and other parts of the U.S. and in several countries. Judy will be a guest artist for the Imagination Station Main Street Art Program.

Imagination Station has received a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts which will help cover expenses of the project. As plans are being made, community groups will be asked to participate. Imagination Station will also be hosting several programs from the Discovery Center in Amarillo during the last three weeks in June. Children from Stratford will have the opportunity to explore lots of fun activities this summer.

Watch for further details on all Imagination Station programming!

## Community Primary Care Clinic

Editors Note: This article was taken out of the Network News, a quarterly newsletter for friends of the Amarillo VA Health Care Network Winter 1996.

The Stratford Community Primary Care Clinic (CPCC) in conjunction with the Stratford Family Medical Clinic, serves the city of Stratford and Sherman County of Texas; however, reaches out to other veterans in northern Texas, southwestern Kansas and western Oklahoma.

The Clinic is staffed by a veterans' representative, a nurse, two office personnel and John Schmidt, Physician Assistant (PA). Schmidt has 15 years experience in the United States Air Force as a PA and is supervised by Dr. Anh My Do. Dr. Do is available for consultation and evaluation as needed or upon request by the veterans.

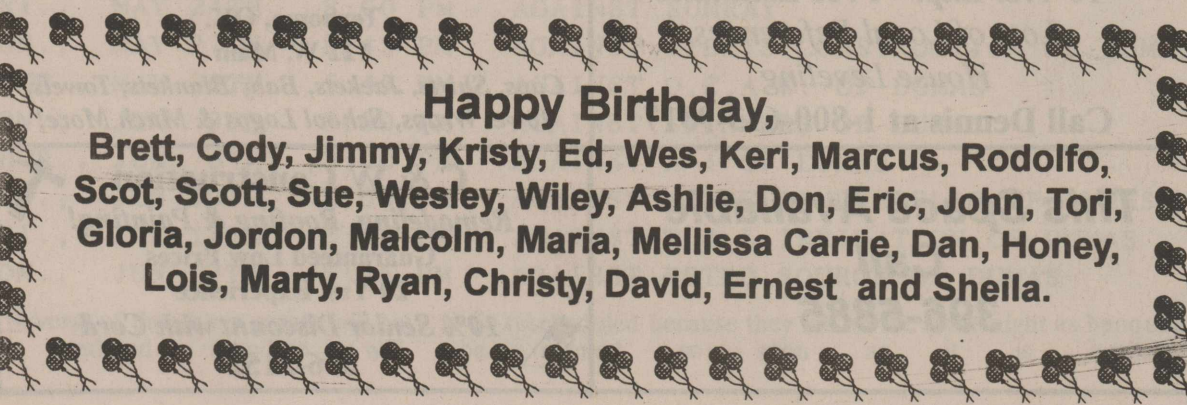
"Veterans are special people to all of the staff and if you have never experienced this new concept of medical care in the VA system, then you are in for a unique and pleasant experience, said Schmidt."

A wide range of medical services are available at the clinic and through numerous specialists at the Amarillo VA Medical Center.

The Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is considered "user friendly".

## Happy Birthday,

Brett, Cody, Jimmy, Kristy, Ed, Wes, Keri, Marcus, Rodolfo, Scot, Scott, Sue, Wesley, Wiley, Ashlie, Don, Eric, John, Tori, Gloria, Jordon, Malcolm, Maria, Mellissa Carrie, Dan, Honey, Lois, Marty, Ryan, Christy, David, Ernest and Sheila.



Marsh Mallow is a plant that grows in meadows and marshes of eastern Europe. It is now grown in the U.S. During famines, people have eaten the roots. The root was once used as an ingredient in the candy called marsh-mallow.

## Bar-B-Q

at

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Friday Night

April 26th

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**8th Grade Band Members**



**7th Grade Band Members**

# HOROSCOPES

For The Week of April 28-May 4

**ARIES**  
March 21-April 20

Your hard work and perseverance begin to pay off. It may not be as much fun as winning the lottery, but you can be sure that it's deserved. Plan for the future by making a firm commitment and prudent investments.

**TAURUS**  
April 21-May 21

You're able to do the work of an army this week, but avoid burnout by keeping your evenings free. Spontaneous activities are the key to relieving stress. A business opportunity holds great promise.

**GEMINI**  
May 22-June 21

Even though you may be ahead of schedule on an important project, avoid wasting time in idle conversation. You could make a bad impression on someone you'd rather dazzle. You might also spend your spare time troubleshooting.

**CANCER**  
June 22-July 22

Make a strong case for something you've been wanting, and the odds are good you'll receive it—if you've done your homework. In a partnership, focus on building up the other person's strengths, rather than improving their weaknesses.

**LEO**  
July 23-August 23

Although a recent innovation may be clever, it's probably not the right tool for the job this week. A business luncheon could turn personal. Think ahead before deciding what you want, and then pursue it whole heartedly.

**VIRGO**  
August 24-September 22

Don't allow intense emotions to blind you to the realities of a situation. Get an expert's advice; then, strike out boldly. Avoid stretching yourself too thin.

**LIBRA**  
September 23-October 23

If you're looking for more money, start by selling yourself. Could you be packaging some of your skills and talents differently? A spendthrift tempts you to follow suit, but you'd be wiser to keep your spending habits under control.

**SCORPIO**  
October 24-November 22

Unchanneled energy equals chaos, so before you leap off in a new direction, stand back and make some decisions. A relaxing weekend takes an interesting twist when a friend makes a startling revelation.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 23-December 21

Take aim at a long-term goal and you'll hit your target. Plan on working hard and you won't be disappointed. A daredevil approach to life means some hardships in the near future. Play it safe.

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22-January 20

Although you're a bundle of energy this week, you're not sharp when it comes to communicating. Focus on clarity and you could avoid a serious misunderstanding. Discuss the rules with someone who can change them.

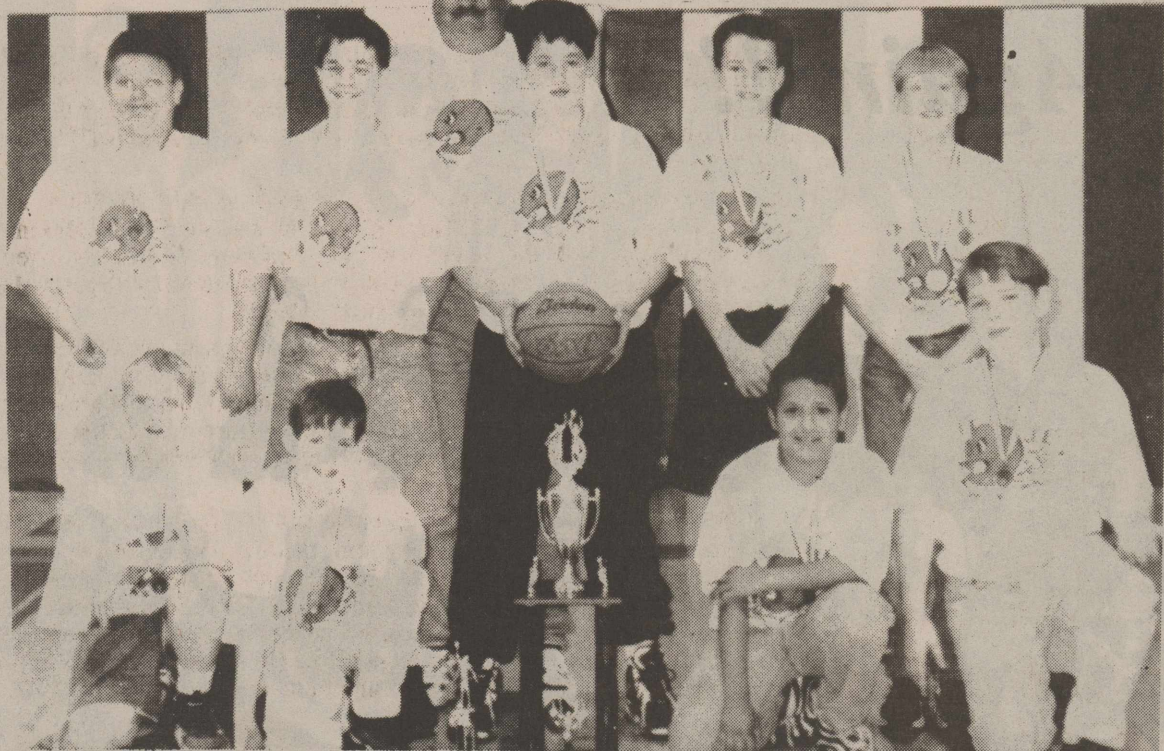
**AQUARIUS**  
January 21-February 18

A great inspiration could need some further refinement. Delegate some of your responsibility to a group to maximize your effectiveness. What seems like a cruel criticism could have an extremely useful core to it.

**PISCES**  
February 19-March 20

Listen to a wise friend for advice on a personal problem. Simplicity is the key to most decisions this week. Take the high road when dealing with a difficult person. There could be more going on than meets the eye.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



The Stratford 6th grade boys All-Stars played in the Berger Basketball Tournament the weekend of April 12th and 13th, 1996. Stratford played Pampa on Friday a 5 p.m. and defeated them by a score of 50-36. At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Stratford played Hereford and defeated them also by a score of 48-42. On Saturday morning at 10:10 a.m., Stratford played Berger's #1 team and won in over-time by a score 37-30. Stratford also went on to defeat Berger's #2 team by a score of 39-22 and Berger's #4 team by a score of 47-32. The team members are Michael McAlister, Adam Bell, Skyler Walden, Wes Kimball, Wesley Hunsaker, Scot Plunk, Nicholas Artho, Jesse Porras, and Jaret Pemberton. They were coached by Phillip Walden. Their sponsor is Elk Pharmacy and the huge trophy that they won will be displayed there. Each boy also received a gold medal and a tournament T-shirt. These boys play excellent as a team and they are a lot of fun to watch.



A group of 3rd and 4th grade boys coached by Keith King and John Ashley played in the Berger Round-Robin Tournament the weekend of April 12th and 13th, 1996. The team members are Marcus McAlister, Jason Ashley, Josh King, Levi Artho, Tyler Haynes, Josh Williams, and Chris Ortega. These boys played all four of their games on Saturday. They were only able to win one game, but they never lost by more than 6 points in the other three games. This is a talented group of youngsters that are a lot of fun to watch.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic Scheduled

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Stratford Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell, On April 30, 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 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 \$70.00. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

## Track Results

7th Grade Girls District Track and Field meet was held on Friday, April 12 and Sat. April 13th at West Texas High. They placed 4th with 95 pts. Ind. Results are as follows: 800 Meter Run - Stephanie Reinart 5th - 3:14.99, Zulema Torres 6th - 3:16.98, Crystal Garza 7th - 3:17.76; 100 Meter Low Hurdles - Thea James 1st - 17.71 and Kara Brownlee 3rd - 18.08; 800 Meter Relay - 1st place - 2:08.28 - Ivonne Hernandez, April Whatley, Thea James & Jessica King; 200 Meter Low Hurdles - Kara Brownlee 5th - 36.00, Jessica King 6th - 36.48; 1,200 Meter Run - Kara Brownlee 2nd - 5:02.00; 1600 Meter Relay - 4th place - 5:11.63 - April Whatley, Ivonne Hernandez, Thea James & Jessica King; High Jump - Thea James 2nd - 4'10.00, Jessica King 4th - 4'06.00; Long Jump - Thea James 2nd - 14'03.25; Jessica King 4th - 13'09.00; April Whatley 6th - 12'08.00; Triple Jump - April Whatley 4th - 27'11.00; Shot Put - Ivonne Hernandez 2nd - 23'00.00; Discus - Lindsay Sims 9th - 49'10.00.

8th Grade Girls won District at District Track Field Meet with 176 pts. Ind. Results were as follows: 400 Meter Relay - 4th - 1:01.76 - Oralia Vital, Amy Smith, Jessica Lucero and Veronica Leyva; 800 Meter Run - Keri Wight 1st - 2:45.96, Carla Bell 4th - 2:55.48, Viviana Perez 5th - 2:55.61; 100 Meter Low Hurdles - Lynz Browning 1st - 17.57, Missy Sikora 2nd - 17.88, Veronica Leyva 4th - 18.94; 100 Meter Dash - Brenda Ortez 6th - SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD WITH TIME OF 14.11; 800 Meter Relay - 3rd - 2:02.75 - Brenda Ortez, Oralia Vital, Keri Wight & Christina Chabolla; 400 Meter Dash - Jessica Nash 5th - 1:15.80, Jessica Lucero 6th - 1:16.68; 200 Meter Low Hurdles - Lynz Browning 2nd - 33.94, Missy Sikora 3rd - 35.12; 200 Meter Dash - Christina Chabolla 2nd - 30.42; 1200 Meter

Run - Keri Wight 1st - 4:41.39, Viviana Perez 4th - 4:52.27, Carla Bell 5th - 4:53.93; 1600 Meter Relay - 3rd - 4:48.31 - Missy Sikora, Brenda Ortez, Lynz Browning & Oralia Vital; High Jump - Lynz Browning 1st - SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD WITH JUMP OF 5'00.00", Carla Bell 2nd - 4'08.00"; Long Jump - Lynz Browning 1st - SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD WITH JUMP OF 14'10.00", Missy Sikora 5th - 13'05.75", Keri Wight 13th - 11'03.00"; Triple Jump - Missy Sikora 4th - 29'07.00", Megan Roberts 7th - 28'05.50", Terri Daniels 8th - 28'02.00"; Shot Put - Oralia Vital 1st - SET NEW SCHOOL RECORD WITH THROW OF 25'05.75", Ginger Crabtree 2nd - 24'02.75", Veronica Leyva 9th - 20'09.00"; Discus Throw - Crystal Roberts 1st - 76'01.00", Oralia Vital 6th - 68'01.00", Ginger Crabtree 8th - 62'11.00".

8th Grade Boys won 3rd with 104 pts. at the District Track and Field Meet. Ind. Results were as follows: 400 Meter Relay - 1st - 49.35; 110 Meter Int Hurdles - David Hunsaker 1st - 17.83; 100 Meter Dash - Ricardo Morillion 5th - 13.11; 400 Meter Dash - Parker Wells 2nd - 58.54; 200 Meter Low Hurdles - David Hunsaker 1st - 28.14; 200 Meter Dash - Roy McCracken 2nd - 25.88, Maldonado 5th - 26.82, Brent Wilhelm 6th - 28.12; 1200 Meter Run - Ortega 6th - 4:19.56; 1600 Meter Relay - 4th - 4:11.85; High Jump - David Hunsaker 1st - 5'06.00", Brent Wilhelm 13th - 4'08.00"; Long Jump - Roy McCracken 3rd - 17'02.00", Parker Wells 6th - 15'04.00", Thomas Kimbrough 8th - 14'07.25"; Triple Jump - Maldonado 8th - 31'08.50"; Shot Put - Cody Brotherton 3rd - 34'06.25", Ryan McDonald 12th - 30'07.75"; Discus Throw - Cody Brotherton 1st - 118'07.00", Danny Davis 7th - 96'06.00", Danny Meza 9th - 93'08.00".

Stratford High School Girls placed 2nd at the District Track Meet with 169 pts. Ind. Results: 3200 Meter Run - Kelli Wight 1st - 13:08.61, Julie Kimball 2nd - 13:20.51; 400 Meter Relay - 2nd - 53.71 - Ashlie Lasley, Megan Baskin, Cara Lavake, Hillary Baskin; 800 Meter Run - Jennifer King 1st - 2:41.53, Cassie Bell 5th - 3:00.91, Jasmin Sanchez 6th - 3:01.81; 100 Meter Hurdles - Tai Ann Brownlee 2nd - 16.86; 800 Meter Relay - 1st - 1:55.11 - Ashlie Lasley, Kelli Wight, Megan Baskin, Cara Lavake & Alternates Jennifer King and Hillary Baskin; 400 Meter Dash - Hillary Baskin 1st - 1:04.13, Ashley Stoy 5th - 1:13.10, Jasmin Sanchez 5th - 1:15.67; 300 Meter Hurdles - Jennifer King 3rd - 50.88, Tai Ann Brownlee 4th - 52.43; 200 Meter Dash - Megan Baskin 2nd - 27.77; 1600 Meter Run - Julie Kimball 1st - 6:15.46; 1600 Meter Relay - 1st - 4:26.30 - Ashlie Lasley, Kelli Wight, Jennifer King, Hillary Baskin, Alternates Joy Burkhalter, Cara Lavake; High Jump - Cara Lavake 3rd - 5'00.00"; Long Jump - Megan Baskin 2nd - 15'04.75"; Triple Jump - Ashlie Lasley 3rd - 32'02.00", Jennifer King 4th - 31'11.00".



In 1922, Irish became the official language of Ireland. However, only one person in ten in Ireland can speak that form of Celtic and only one in fifty uses it daily.

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You can do anything with children if you only play with them.  
—Prince Otto von Bismarck

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When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.  
—Helen Keller



The Stratford 5th & 6th Grade girls All-Stars won 2nd at the Berger Tournament on April 12 & 13th. These girls are sponsored by the First State Bank. These girls have done extremely well in all their tournaments. Shown in front from left: Heather Ashley, Marca Ewers, Mandy Helmuth, Jennifer Larance. Top from left, Ashley Brown, Carly Mathews, Coach Brenda Bell, Jessica Young, Pamela Griffin. Not pictured Tiffany Duke.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

SHERMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 19 97 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on May 17, 1996 at 7:00 A.M.  
At the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 194,788.00
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 175.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	4 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	4 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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## Stratford Babe Ruth Baseball Begins

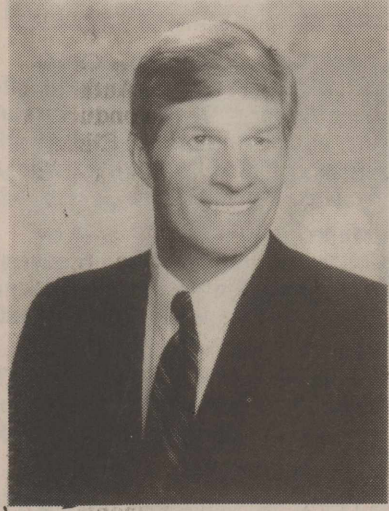
The Stratford Babe Ruth baseball team began the 1996 season on Tuesday, April 16th with a win over T & L Irrigation by a score of 19 to 3. The team is coached this year by Dennis Davis, Roy McAlister and Jack Swain. The team members are Scott McAlister, Ross Davis, Eric Hernandez, Levi James, Chauncey Crabtree (Boise City), Nathaniel Walden, Danny Davis, Brock Swain, Cody Moore, Cody Brotherton, Aaron Rhoades, Corey Naugle and Carlos Ortega. Donations to help sponsor the team were made by S.B. Foot Tanning Co. of Cactus, Stratford Grain Co., First State Bank of Stratford and Cactus Feeders Inc. of Stratford. The team will play 15 games in the Dumas league against 8 other teams. Their schedule of games is listed below. Come on over to Dumas and watch how the big boys play baseball.

THUR., APR 25TH	8:00 PM	AGAINST PETRO SOURCE OF DUMAS
TUES., APR 30TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST A-1 OF DUMAS
TUES., MAY 7TH	8:00 PM	AGAINST SUNRAY
TUES., MAY 14TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST SPINNERS OF DUMAS
MON., MAY 20TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST MOORE WINDSHIELDS OF DUMAS
FRI., MAY 24TH	8:00 PM	AGAINST SUNRAY
MON., MAY 27TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST WILLIS CONSTRUCTION OF DUMAS
THUR., MAY 30TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST O.C.A.W. OF DUMAS
MON., JUN 3RD	8:00 PM	AGAINST SPINNERS OF DUMAS
THUR., JUN 6TH	8:00 PM	AGAINST A-1 OF DUMAS
MON., JUN 10TH	8:00 PM	AGAINST MOORE WINDSHIELDS OF DUMAS
FRI., JUN 14TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST T & L IRRIGATION OF DUMAS
MON., JUN 17TH	5:45 PM	AGAINST PETRO SOURCE OF DUMAS

Several of the above games will have to be rescheduled because they fall on the same night as banquets. An updated schedule will be printed as soon as it is available.



# Lilly To Have Autograph Party



Bob Lilly

Bob Lilly, former Dallas Cowboy will be at the County Barn on Sunday, April 28th at 1:30 for an autograph party.

Fabian Cruz and Trew James will have the Dallas Cowboys autographed football at the school on Wednesday, April 24th, and those wishing to purchase a ticket from them can do so on Thursday, the 25th. This will be given away on Sunday afternoon.

Proceeds from sales of tickets will help Fabian and Trew to go to the "Down Under Bowl".

Bob Lilly was born in Throckmorton, Texas, and lived there until his family moved to Pendleton, Oregon, for his senior year in high school where he was an All-Stater in football and basketball.

Bob was recruited by Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Texas, on a football scholarship, earning All-American honors his senior year. In 1961 Bob was the first draft choice--ever--of the new Dallas Cowboys Football team. During his 14 year career, Bob was named All-Pro seven times and played in eleven All-Star games. When he retired in 1975, he was honored by the Cowboys, who inscribed his name in Texas Stadium in their "Ring of Honor." In 1980 Bob was the first Cowboy enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. In 1981 he was inducted into the College National Football Hall of Fame, and he was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All time team in 1994.

After his retirement from football, Bob moved to Waco,

Texas and successfully operated a small business for seven years. In 1984 he moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he co-owned a motel and R.V. Park. While in New Mexico, Bob began his career as a landscape photographic artist and operated his own Photo Gallery for three years.

Bob moved back to Texas in 1989 and now lives with his wife Ann in Graham, Texas, located 40 miles from his hometown of Throckmorton. He enjoys living closer to his four grown children, all of whom live within three hours of Graham. Bob has his photographic works on display at Art N'Tiques Gallery in Weatherford, Texas, and he continues to take new images and expand his repertoire of photographic art works.

Bob has been involved in public speaking, appearance, and TV commercials since the early 1970's. Some of the companies and products he has represented are: Black & Decker, GTE Communications, Safeway, Time Life, Inc., Whataburger, Energas and Marksman Products, Inc. In Addition, he has published a book, entitled *Reflections*, containing photographs of his teammates during his Dallas Cowboys years. He gave a commentary of the Cowboys on his own weekly radio program on a Dallas station, KRLD, from 1975 to 1988. Currently Bob is the

host of a TV program called "Americana Outdoors," which features fishing and other outdoor sports programs.

Bob was the Dallas Cowboy's first-ever draft pick (1961), first Pro Bowl selection (1962), first all-NFL choice (1964) and the first who played his entire career with the Cowboys to be elected to the Hall of Fame.

He was the key man of Dallas' famed "Doomsday Defense" and spent most of his 14 seasons with the Cowboys as a devastating defensive tackle. But, he started as a defensive end and made the Pro Bowl at that position. Bob was so great at pursuit and tracking down his targets that many teams opted to run directly at him, hoping to minimize his pursuing skills. This tactic only had limited success.

In his career with Dallas, he

missed just one game until a neck injury forced his retirement in 1975. When he retired, he was honored by the Cowboys who inscribed his name in Texas Stadium in their Ring of Honor. In addition to being inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1980, he was inducted into the College National Football Hall of Fame in 1981 and was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time Team in 1994.

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### GARDENBURGER WITH THE WORKS

- 1 Gardenburger patty
- 1 whole grain bun
- 1 tablespoon lowfat mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, optional
- 1/4 cup alfalfa sprouts
- 1 thin slice red onion
- 2 slices medium tomato
- Carrot curls

Heat Gardenburger according to your favorite method. Spread cut sides of whole grain bun with mayonnaise and mustard. Cover cut side of bottom half of bun with sprouts. Top with onion, heated Gardenburger, tomato and top half of bun. Garnish dish with carrot curls. Makes 1 serving.

# 12th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 1996

The Texas Department of Health, Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services Program, and the Texas Association against Sexual Assault (TAASA) are co-sponsoring the Twelfth Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 1996. The Theme of this year's observance is "Imagine...a world without sexual assault."

During this month sexual assault programs across the state will intensify their efforts to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues, including the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault by confronting rape-supportive attitudes rather than relying entirely on the criminal justice system), and the need to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services.

For more information or to schedule a speaker for your group, contact Safe Place Inc., 320 South Bliss or phone 806-935-7585 or 1-800-753-7553.

There are only 56 sexual assault programs in Texas. Safe Place is proud to serve Moore, Sherman, Hartley, and Sherman Counties.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed the month of April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Texas. To increase public awareness about the problem of sexual assault and to encourage citizen involvement the theme "Imagine...a world without sexual assault" had been adopted.

The 1996 theme, "Imagine...a world without sexual assault" is a reflection of the efforts of Safe Place Inc., to create a new expectation in Stratford-that our citizens, especially our children, experience life without the emotional damage of sexual Assault or the loss of personal freedom resulting from the threat of sexual violence.

Sexual assault is being held a secret...in our families, in our churches, in our schools, and in our community. Yet most of us probably know someone who has been sexually abused or assaulted. The wounds of sexual assault-emotional and psychological in nature-are usually not apparent to the outside observer, but may have a pronounced impact on close friends and family of those victimized.

Safe Place Inc., sees not only the damage done to survivors of sexual assault, but to those who care about them, as well. Sexual assault is a community problem, not simply the problem of those to whom it happens. As a community we have a responsibility to ask ourselves: "How can we work together to reduce the incidence of sexual violence in our community, and how can we respond to the survivors of violence in a way which would enable them to heal and regain control of their lives?"

"Imagine...a world without sexual assault" means overcoming the tendency to believe that sexual violence is inevitable in our society. "Imagine...a world without sexual assault" means understanding the root causes of sexual assault, including sexism and rape mythology, and taking a personal stand against them.

It is time to take a strong stand in our community against sexual violence and the scars it has left on so many. We encourage you to join us this month in our efforts to reach out to survivors to share their secrets and we encourage every member of our community to become educated about sexual assault and its effects on all of us.

Sincerely Spence  
Client Advocate  
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—Katherine Cebrian

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### ACROSS

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17. Celebration
18. Columnist Bombeck
19. *Treasure Island* author's monogram
21. Egyptian deity
23. Reese of baseball
27. Early-blooming plant
31. Bug bite upshot
32. Sash of the East
34. Stop
35. Brazil's "Black Pearl"
36. Musical selection
38. Youth group (abbr.)
39. *Harold* \_\_\_ *Maude*
41. Neckwear piece
42. Blubber
44. Baseball stat
46. Gunpowder holder of yore
49. Parser's concern
52. Reach
54. Compass dir.
55. Biblical preposition
56. Hobbies
58. Reduce
60. Tree of Life site

### DOWN

1. Unsold of the NBA
2. Slugger from Gretna
3. Cry of surprise
4. Mies van \_\_\_ Rohe
5. Light carriages
6. Neighbor of Wyo.
7. Actress Jeanette
8. In the current fashion (3 wds.)
9. By means of
10. Body part
11. Business deg.
13. Harplike instrument
15. Hawks
20. Budget Director Panetta
22. Water pitchers
23. *Great Expectations* hero
24. Summer, in Nice

25. Filled pastries
26. Where or \_\_\_?
27. Figures of speech
28. First-place flutterers
29. CIA forerunner
30. Harper Valley gp.
33. Object of ridicule
37. Has \_\_\_ (fallen star)
40. Lyricist Hal
43. Responsibility
44. Strike
45. Bikini top
47. Miss Marple novel
48. Trust
50. Badlands Indian
51. Gig's refusal
53. Things on a list
57. \_\_\_ Gay
59. Counting out word
61. Pieces (out)
62. TV's "I \_\_\_"
63. Back half of a laugh
64. Actor Holm
66. Between ready and fire
68. Salad-dressing ingredient
69. Coral, for one
70. Shriner's kin
71. Presidential monogram

Answer on page 11

# 5th Annual Ranch Hand Supper & Auction



1 - 2 Year Olds group at Lollipop Junction.



3 - 5 Year Olds group at Lollipop Junction.

Lollipop Junction's 5th Annual Ranch Hand Supper and Auction will be Friday, May 3rd at the County Barn in Stratford. The all you can eat meal of calf fries, barbecued beef and all the trimmings will be served from 6:00 to 7:30. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, \$6.50 at the door. Children's tickets age 6 and under are \$2.00. We are proud to have our head cooks, George and Bill, back with us again this year.

There will be both a silent and live auction. The live auction will begin at 7:00. We have many items of interest this year. We have autographed pictures of Bo Jackson, and of John Elway. We have hand crafted items donated by the many talented people of our community, as well as gift certificates for meals and services provided by local businesses. We have a large tool box donated by A&I Parts and a monogrammed T-shirt designed by Tommy's Originals in Texhoma. These are just a few of the items that will be auctioned. Many businesses and individuals are continuing to donate items for the auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Lil' Wranglers of Lollipop Junction.



Kayla Robertson and April Kautz won the posters at the PTA's Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, April 19th. The Book Fair was held at the Mary Allen School from Monday through Friday. Congratulations Girls.



Shown above are some of the Students of Mary Allen Elementary holding some of the books that were on sale at the PTA's Scholastic Book Sale last week. Left to right is Chad Johnson, Jacob Edmond, Stephanie Seiler, R.J. Kelling, Matthew Artho, Brady Aro, and Ivy Valenzuela

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## Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

May the 5th is fast approaching. Should your club, organization or individual like to make some money you are invited to stage a food booth or a game for the CINCO de MAYO which will be held on Sunday, May 5th beginning at 1 p.m. This is the second year for this affair. Many said last year "well what does CINCO de MAYO mean and what is it all about?" The best that I can tell you is to hang out at the park on the 5th of May. The Mexican celebration will be told its origin and why the Hispanic people celebrate it much like we Texans celebrate our independence from Mexico and much like the United States celebrate July 4th. This is very meaningful to the Hispanic. They attend our celebration, why not attend theirs. If you would like more information or if you would like to have a game or a food booth call the Chamber 396-2260 or Jesse Resendes at 769-4445.

We have finally received word from the Texas Dept. of Transportation regarding the finalizing of Phase 1. It will be held at the Lubbock Civic Center, on Tuesday, May 14th. There will be some of us attending. This, however is not just for the Chamber and the SDCD to be present. This is a public meeting. We need your input, in person or by calling the Hot Line number 1-800-661-3234. Call: Take the opportunity to be involved. The map shows the marginal feasibility-the finishing of a four lane to the Oklahoma line north. Do you want it? Let TxDOT know your feelings. This has been postponed for 6 months. Once this had been decided then Phase 2 will be commencing.

Has your club, organization or as in individual worked on making STRATFORD BEAUTIFUL; as

well as TEXAS? I realize several folks were going to work on last Sat. a week ago and mother nature had different ideas. Catch the spirit take a walk, carry a sack and tidy up where your feet tread. There is much to be done and a few cannot cover it all. It has to be a united effort. The two fourth grade classes are doing their share, saving trees. As your club works-be sure you have some pictures taken of your efforts. We want to be able to show what real folks are doing.

Newest members of the chamber: Don and Gaynelle Riffe. Thank you for wanting to be a part of busy organization. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE week is upon us. Now is the time to be a member, reinstate, or question its activities. George Harding is the Membership Chairman of the CHAMBER.

We are trying to get a date for those who are interested in being on the INTERNET. We are looking at another meeting the 6th of May for all who have indicated they would like to know more about how, why and where. PALS COMPUTER out of Boise City is going to make the presentation and to show what it can do for Stratford businesses and individually.

Let's take a look at what will be going on in this community for the rest of April. Plenty.

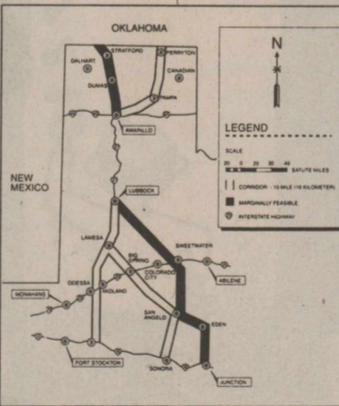
Wed. 24th-Coldwater Manor Bible Study, St. Joseph Catholic Church. Scot Hall-1 p.m. pool, quilting and ceramics. Regional Athletic meet, Abilene.

Thurs. 25th-AA/AL-Non 8 p.m. County Barn-Scot Hall 122 noon Monthly Luncheon-Scot Hall 7:30 p.m. Bingo-Women's Division of the chamber Board Mtg. 5:15 City Hall-Athletic Meet Abilene-Congratulations to our boys golf team and to the young

### Feasibility Tests

To accomplish the second task, five criteria were used to evaluate each corridor. The five tests of feasibility are:

- 1) Environmental - Can the freeway be constructed without doing undue harm to the environment?
- 2) Engineering - Can the freeway be constructed?
- 3) Travel Demand - Does the freeway need to be built to handle current and forecast traffic volumes?
- 4) Traffic Efficiency - Will the freeway cause sufficient road user benefits to warrant the investment?
- 5) Economic Development - Will the freeway cause sufficient economic development to warrant the investment?



Each corridor was evaluated using the five tests. None of the corridors had any environmental "fatal

flaws" which would preclude construction. The Engineering test revealed that none of the corridors had any construction "fatal flaws."

The travel demand test consisted of evaluating the congestion along the corridor, including time of travel and number of trips. None of the corridors had travel demand exceeding the capacity of the existing roadway network.

The travel efficiency test considered vehicle operating costs, travel time savings, accident savings, and induced travel benefits gained by developing a freeway within a corridor. One corridor north of Amarillo and one corridor south of Lubbock were marginally feasible.

The last test, the economic development test, considered the attraction of new business to the region, business expansion and travel/tourism benefits. One corridor north of Amarillo and one corridor south of Lubbock were marginally feasible.

men and women who will be involved in Field and Track events representing Stratford.

Friday the 26th-No school/Regional Track meet/Abilene. Scot 1 p.m. pool, ceramics and quilting.

Sat. 27th-Keep Stratford & Texas Beautiful Work Day-Track finals at Regional Track Meet/Abilene Scot dance here.

Sunday 28th-Coldwater Manor Worship Service/Calvary Baptist. Attend the Church of Your Choice.

Mon. 29th-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Ceramics, quilting and pool.

Tuesday 30th-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool, Tass math tests for grades, 3,4,5,6,7 & 8th. FHA Banquet/Time?

May is only a breath away-and it will be a full month.

In closing a big congratulations to the big blue band. Another year and big winners. You did it again!!!!

Welcome to the new superintendent, Vernon Paul and to our new County Agent Mr. Clawson. We are happy to have you in our midst. If we can be of any assistance to either of you don't hesitate to call the Chamber. Until next week-take care and give hugs they are contagious.

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.

—Bill Clinton



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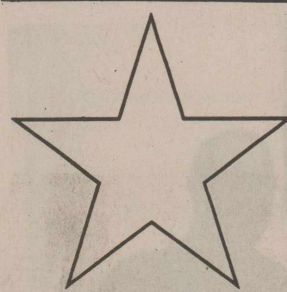
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For Sale: Suntana Wolff Tanning Bed \$700.00. 16 Bulb New Bulbs Good Condition. Call 806-249-2890 for more information. 4-11-4xp

Shower Selections for Anna Cano, bride-elect of Patrick McCuen are at THE General Store. Free Delivery to the shower on May 11. 4-25-3xc

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Durango Boot Sale - 40% off selected boots at THE General Store. 4-18-tfn

Shower selections for Jennifer Naylor, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Brannan & Emma Naylor, daughter of Johnny and Joy Naylor are at Ellie's. 4-18-c

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

Shower Selections for Anna Cano, bride-elect of Patrick McCuen are at Ellie's. Free delivery to the shower. 4-18-c

We have onion sets at THE General Store. 4-18-tfn

**Debbi and Tana's Annual Bedding Plant Sale - April 26, 27 & 28th Now Taking Orders for Large Orders! List Available at the Elk Pharmacy**

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—Robert McClure

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## For Rent

Kitchenette for Rent: Lone Star Motel, 396-2316. 3-14-4xp

For Rent: One bedroom, furn. apt. 6th and Fulton. 396-5692 night, day 5541 day. 12-21-tfn

Illusion is the first of all pleasures.  
—Voltaire



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Of him that makes it.  
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Home for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, lots of closet space, corner lot, new paint inside and outside, near school. Ready for immediate occupancy. 1002 N. Maple. For appointment call 1-806-935-2853. 1-11-tfn

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Houses for Sale: 904 N. 3rd, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath, \$10,000 or \$5,000 down and I'll carry the note. 201 N. 3rd, 2 Bdrm, 1 bath, \$10,000 down or \$5,000 down and I'll carry the note. 396-2857. 4-18-2xc

House for Sale: 3 Bdrm. large backyard, new heat pump. Been remodeled. 114 S. Fulton. Call 2401 or 2403. 4-18-tfn

For Sale: 3 Bdrm - 1 3/4 bath on corner lot. Central H & A/C, carport. 520 N. Maple. 396-2019 4-25-2xc

## Help Wanted

Wanted: Teenager to keep 8 & 9 yr. old girls from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in our house for summer. Call 2241 after 5:00 p.m. 4-25-tfn

Drivers Needed! Must be 25 yrs. of age, 3 yrs. exp. and a Class A CDL. We have major medical benefits, off week-ends and holidays. 1-800-435-3836. 3-14-tfn

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Truck Driver Needed! Must have CDL. Apply in person 801 N. Pine. Panhandle Agri-Tech. 396-2618. 4-25-tfn

## Cards of Thanks

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all of our loving friends in this community who have helped us through such a difficult time. Our special thanks to the EMT staff, the wonderfully caring staff and residents of Coldwater Manor, and to the Church of Christ members for the nice luncheon and preparations for the service. We thank you Friends for the food, flowers, and most of all for your prayers. This community has so much love to give, we are truly blessed. Johnnie's love and laughter will live on in all of us.

Walter and David Vincent  
Mike, Patti, Clint, Amie, and Connor Vincent  
Matt, Lori and Mazie Vincent

The Pantry Board wishes to thank Denny Pounds and Stratford Feeders for providing and ample supply of meat to be distributed to people who have need of it. Ted Allen helped arrange this.

Thanks to the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District for the undeserved honor as Conservation Farm Homemaker of the Year and Thanks to the Banquet Sponsors and Teel Bivins.

Thank You,  
Earlene Branham

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It is in vain to hope to please all alike. Let a man stand with his face in what direction he will, he must necessarily turn his back on one half of the world.

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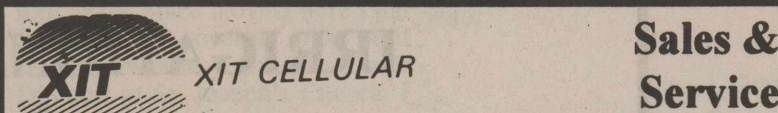
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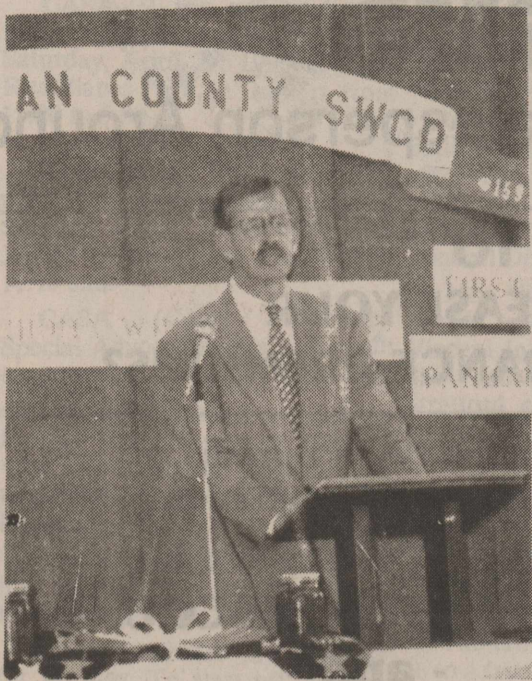


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# Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet

April 18, 1996



State Senator Teel Bivens was the guest speaker at the Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 18, 1996. This was sponsored by Sherman Co. SWCD, Panhandle Agri-Tech, Texhoma Wheat Growers, First State Bank, Stratford Grain and Professional Hay Service.

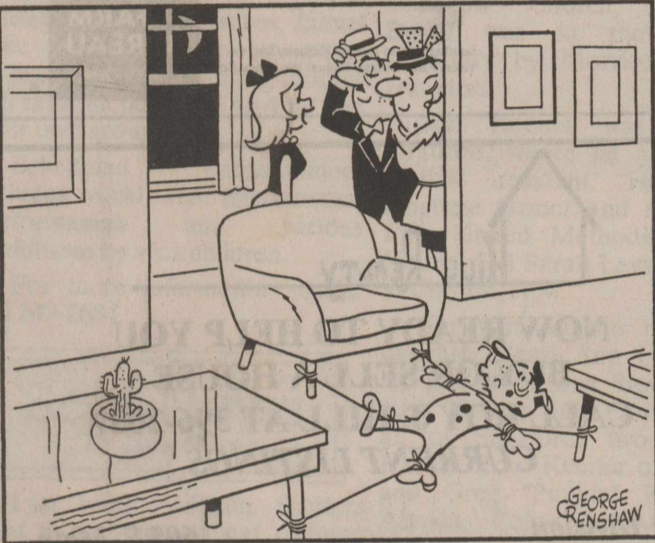


Senator Teel Bivens presented Kerry Bell Conservation Farmer of the Year. Master of Ceremonies Wendell Stacy introduced them.



Conservation Homemaker, Earlene Branham was presented her award also by Senator Bivens. Kevin Branham, Earlene's son introduced his mother as the recipient of 1996.

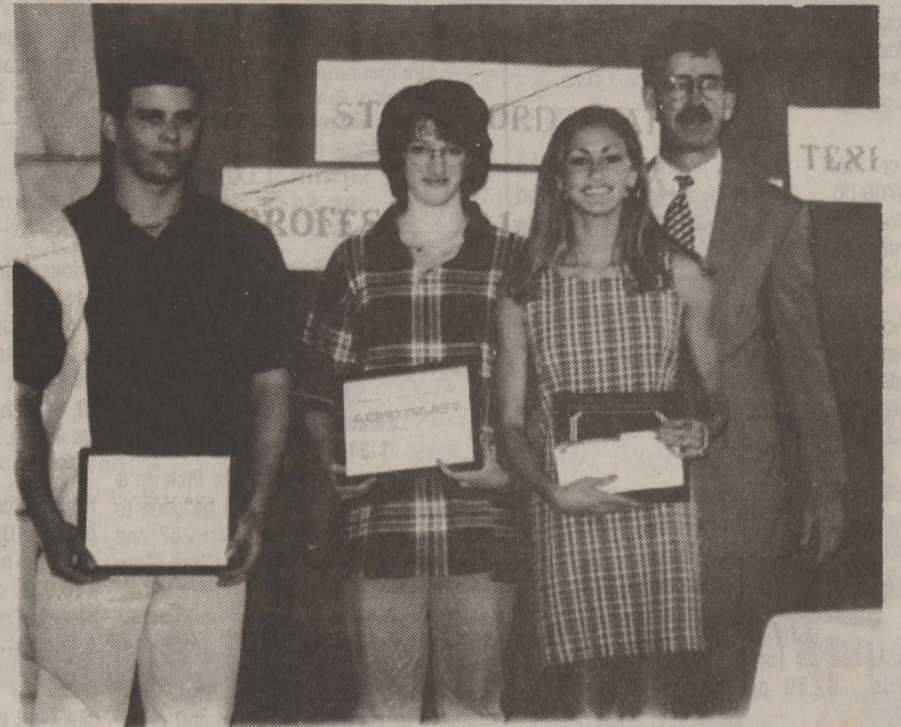
**BELVEDERE** by George Grenshaw



"HE WASN'T A BIT OF TROUBLE."



Poster Contest winners in grades 3-5 were introduced by Kenton Kimball. Shown above is 1st place, Eric Heatwole, Briah McClellan 2nd and Dylan Everett 3rd place.



Essay winners were Mark Meil 3rd place, Amy Reinart 2nd place and Jennifer King 1st place also shown with Senator Teel Bivens. Walter Lasley introduced the Essay winners.



Senator Bivens presented poster contest winners Kindergarten through 2nd. Shown are Rhiannon Everett 1st place, Danny Ruiz, 3rd place and Crickett Hudgens 2nd place.

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In our Nation:

- ▲ In fiscal year 1995, Texas' child protective service agency received and referred for investigation an estimated 107,895 reports of alleged child abuse and neglect.
- ▲ About 50,746 children were found to be substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas in fiscal year 1995.
- ▲ NUMBER OF CONFIRMED VICTIMS BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT\*

Abandonment	.....1,034
Emotional Abuse	.....3,455
Medical neglect	.....2,371
Lack of supervision	.....20,466
Physical abuse	.....15,958
Physical neglect	.....7,771
Refusal to accept parental responsibility	.....1,113
Sexual abuse	.....7,926

- \* Victims may have up to 4 types of abuse and/or neglect.
- ▲ The link between substance abuse and child abuse has strengthened over the years. Parental abuse of alcohol and use of other drugs has been identified as a major factor contributing to child maltreatment and death.
- ▲ Abused and neglected children frequently suffer decreases in IQ and an increase in learning disabilities, depression, and drug use.
- ▲ Suicide, violence, delinquency, and drug and alcohol abuse are frequently related to child abuse.
- ▲ Studies of adults show that up to 38 percent of women report experiences of various types of sexual victimization during childhood and adolescence, and about 10 percent of men report sexual abuse during childhood and adolescence.
- ▲ Although child abuse occurs in all racial, ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic groups, physical abuse and neglect are more likely among people living in poverty.