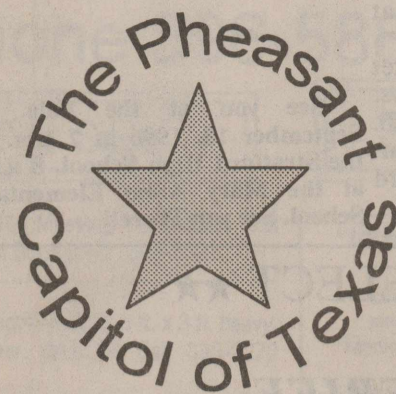


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Community Youth Choir

The Community Youth Choir will meet on Wednesday, September 4th at 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 18th at 8:30 for rehearsals. First public performance will be September 22, 1996. More details later.

Photography Contest

Ready! Set! Go!! with those special pictures you're holding, to the Sherman County Fair!! Photography department will accept exhibits from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, 1996.

Scot Bingo

Bingo Sept. 5th at 7 p.m.

Fire Dept. Sponsoring Dance During Fair

Stratford Fire Department will be sponsoring a dance at the Sherman County Barn for Stratford Day Fair and Jamboree Sept. 7th at 9 to 1. The Band "Ransom" from Dalhart will be playing. They play all types of dance music.

See You At The Pole

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

Community Recreation

Community Recreation & Dog Show at Pendleton Park on Sat. Sept. 7

Snow Cones by Fire Auxiliary.

Pies To Be At The Barbecue

Imagination Station will be selling pies at the Barbecue.

Cotton Candy At The Fair

Nu Beta Sorority will be selling Cotton Candy at the Parade.

Cokes & Tea To Be Sold During Fair

Girls Scouts will be selling cokes & tea at the Barbecue.

Time To Get Your Turtles!!!

It's time to get your turtles for the Stratford Days Community Recreation Turtle Races held at Pendleton Park on Sept. 7, 1996 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Bicycle and Tricycle races and foot races follow the turtle races.

All Those Who Are "Handy"

We know you have been busy with your needles and your hooks. Don't you think your handwork is worth a ribbon? We'd like to see your afghan, tablecloths, pot holders, doilies and quilts.

In fact, we have a place to put ALL the projects you've done the past two years.

Check-in for youth and adult entries is Thursday, Sept. 5, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, call Bernice Christian, 396-5300.

Sew & Sew & Sew & Sew.....

Stop the machines!!!! It's Fair Time!!!!

With all the sewing you've been doing, it's time to show us what you've completed. We have Youth and Adult Categories for everything you've sewn in the past two years.

Check in for Youth and Adult entries is Thursday, Sept. 5, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, Call Bernice Christian, 396-5300.

King & Queen To Be Crowned Saturday, September 7th



Russell & Leona Kelp, Stratford 1950.



Carroll & Mary Woodford on one of the Wisdoms trips in 1988.

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Old Timers Activities For Fair Days

Activities for Old Timers on Sept. 7 includes greeting and pre-registration at First State Bank, viewing the parade, noon barbecue and program at Stratford Cafetorium. Everyone interested is invited to the program.

Russell Kelp and Mary Woodford Wisdom, 1996 King & Queen, will greet friends at the Bank beginning at 9:30 a.m. They will ride in the parade at 11 a.m. and will be at the Lion's Club noon barbecue. Old Timers will have honor seating with assistance by Prospectus Study Club and 4-H members.

Registration continues at 1:30 p.m. at the High School with visiting until the program at 2 p.m.

All past Kings & Queens are special guests and families of the new royalty will have honor seating.

"This is your Life", stories about the King & Queen, will be told by people who know them well!

A highlight will be "Songs of America" by the high school Elk Band under the direction of Randy Hunsaker and Jeff Witcher.

Refreshments will be served by members of GFWC/TFWC Prospectus Study Club, sponsors of the event.

4-H'ers To Assist With Barbecue

Members of Sherman County 4-H will be assisting Prospective Study Club serving barbecue to the Old Timer's Saturday, September 7 during the County Fair. All interested members are asked to meet in the new county Exhibit Building as soon as possible following the parade. For more information, contact the County Extension Office.

Admission to the Stratford Days Rodeo will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 6 through 11. There will be no charge for youth under 6 years of age. Proceeds from the Rodeo will benefit the Sherman County 4-H program and used to conduct 4-H activities, contests, and leadership trainings.

Petting Zoo To Be At Fair

Kids of all ages are invited to the Petting Zoo during the Stratford Days Fair. The Petting Zoo will be held in the Livestock Building next to the County Exhibit Building. The Petting Zoo will be opened from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 7th and will feature all types of farm animals.

See You At The Fair!



Barbecue Tickets On Sale Now

From left, Susie Young, First State Bank, Doak Crabtree, Boss Lion, selling Steve Haynes advanced Barbecue Tickets is Max Stephenson, Chief Ticket Salesman. Advance Tickets \$4.50 - \$3.50, at Gate \$5.00 - \$4.00. Buy advance tickets at Chamber of Commerce, First State Bank, Lions members or business with Advance Ticket sign.

Dessert By The Slice

Dessert by the slice, tea and coffee from 3:00 to 5:30 Friday, Sept. 6 at the Sherman County Fair/Baked Goods Department.

See You At The Fair!!!!!!

First State Bank To Host Art Display

The First State Bank will host an art display Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7, featuring Emma Jean (E.J.) Heatwole. Mrs. Heatwole is the mother of Jon Heatwole who is the minister at the Stratford Church of Christ. The art will be on display from 9:00 until 5:30 on Friday and from 9:00 until parade time on Saturday.

Emma Jean Rice Heatwole was born in Ohio, fourth from the youngest of eleven children. The family was raised with a strong Christian influence and this talented, singing family traveled widely, giving programs of gospel music.

E.J. was gently nudged from the nest to spend her last year of high school at a Christian academy in Kansas. From there she moved to LaJunta, Colorado to work 1 1/2 years as a nurse's aide. In LaJunta she met and married a young farmer with twinkly blue eyes and they are the proud parents of three sons who have blessed them with seven grandchildren.

E.J.'s talent lay fairly dormant until the sixties, when she had time for artistic endeavors, one of which was creating and singing original songs at functions throughout the Arkansas Valley. As her creative talent emerged, she became more interested in drawing and painting.

In 1970 Woody Crumbo, a renown Indian Artist, moved to LaJunta and became a major influence in guiding E.J. to a professional art career. The drawing technique he taught was difficult to learn, but well worth the effort it took to master it. With Crumbo's continuing guidance and encouragement, she had her first major solo art show at the Hoshare Kiva Museum in LaJunta. The show consisted of 30 carbon pencil drawings of Indian Artifacts, all of which had been borrowed from local collectors. Thus E.J. became a professional artist and exhibited at Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma and galleries in Taos, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver.

E.J. taught high school art classes for nine years in Rocky Ford, with her students winning many top awards. She also taught an evening art class through Otero Jr. College's continuing education program for 12 years.

Now that she has retired from teaching, she will again concentrate on her professional growth. She has studied pastels with Ben Konis of Texas and recently completed a 5 day watercolor workshop under Ken Hosmer of Ruidoso. "This last exciting workshop has inspired me to greater creative skills and will result in paintings with more zip! I work in colored pencil, carbon pencil, pastel, oil and watercolor and my favorite media is whatever I'm working on at the time. In the 18 pictures that I will have on exhibit, there will be plenty with western flavor and some with old fashioned 'home' influence. I'm excited about exhibiting in a new area and meeting new people."

Stop by the First State Bank September 6 & 7 and meet E.M.--you will be glad you did.

Roll-Over Convincer To Be At Fair

Can a seat belt save your life? If you are not 100% convinced that seat belts save lives, stop by the Roll-Over Convincer and be "convinced". The Roll-Over Convincer, which is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Department of Public Safety, will be located on the south side of the County Exhibit Barn on Saturday, September 7th.

The Convincer will feature a spinning pick-up cab that will demonstrate the importance of wearing seat belts during an automobile roll-over. The exhibit will also have educational materials, key chains, and pens to remind drivers to "Buckle-up" while driving.



Pastel - "SERENITY".

Simulator Car Coming To Stratford

The Drunk Driving Simulator car will be coming to Stratford on October 14 and 15. There will be a meeting on September 10, 1996 at the EMS Building for volunteers at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons please come to the meeting. This is being brought by the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments. Donations are needed to help bring this worthwhile car to Stratford. Several area towns will also be coming to Stratford when the car is here. More information in future editions of the Star.

The Stratford ISD is selling T-Shirts with the new slogan for the school. If you wish to be a T.E.A.M. member you can purchase a shirt for \$17.00. They are 100% cotton, White with blue logo. Available in sizes M-L-XL-XXL. If interested call 396-2612 ask for Penny in the Supt.'s Office.

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Mutton Bustin' Is Back Again

highest or rides the lamb the longest will receive a \$50.00 savings bond.

Mutton Bustin' is back for the 1996 Stratford Days Rodeo. The event will be held during the Sunday afternoon performance on September 8th. Mutton Bustin' is open to youth in the 3rd grade or younger, and weighing 50 pounds or less. The cost of entering the Mutton Bustin' contest is \$2.00. The youngsters who scores the

All Mutton Bustin' entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 1996 to the Sherman County Extension Office. No late entries will be accepted. For more information or an entry form, come by the Extension Office or call (806) 396-2081.

1996 Stratford Days Rodeo To Be Held

The 1996 Stratford Days Rodeo will be held on September 7 and 8 in conjunction with the Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree. The Saturday night performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday's performance will start at 2:00 p.m. Slack and Cowboy Church services will be held at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Stock producer for the rodeo is McCloy Rodeo Company of Morse. The rodeo is sanctioned by the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association (TCRA) and the Kansas Pro-Rodeo Association (KPRO).

This year's rodeo is sponsored by High Country Chevrolet Dealers Association, Duncan Chevrolet of Stratford and Sherman County 4-H. Added event money sponsors are Breakaway Calf Roping - Coronado Feeders; Bareback - Keener Herefords; Calf Roping - Edmond Horse Sales; Barrel Racing - First State Bank of Stratford; Team Roping - First National Bank of Texhoma and Guymon; Saddle Bronc - Stratford Grain; Steer Wrestling - Joe Flores - Farm Bureau Agent; and Bull Riding - Stratford Feedyard. Other rodeo sponsors include Cimarron Feeders, Rita Blanca Electric, and Offut Potato Farm.

Sherman County 4-H will be hosting a concession during the entire event. Hamburgers and french fries will be served Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Breakfast burritos will be served during the Sunday morning slack.

Admission to the Stratford Days Rodeo will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 6 through 11. There will be no charge for youth under 6 years of age. Proceeds from the Rodeo will benefit the Sherman County 4-H program and used to conduct 4-H activities, contests, and leadership trainings.

Bring Your Art Work To The Fair

There is a class of art for EVERYONE to enter this year. COME! BRING YOUR ART WORK on Thursday, Sept. 5th from 2 to 6 p.m.

CHILDREN are from 6 to 12 years old.

YOUTH are from 13 to 19 years old.

The children and youth departments will be awarded ribbons and prize money.

ADULT paintings will be for exhibit only.

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE SOMETHING NEW! A JAMBOREE MASTERPIECE will be painted on site to commemorate the 1996 Sherman County Fair and Stratford Jamboree. Come add a slash of color to this canvas on Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and come back on Friday and Saturday afternoon to see your masterpiece hanging!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP PAINT.

Letter To The Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am currently working on a project regarding the rabbit round-ups of the past and need assistance from anyone that has memory of information about these hunts. If you have anecdotes, photographs, newspaper clippings or know someone who does, please contact me at:

Marian H. Williams
5904 St. Agnes
Plano, TX 75093
214-403-0183

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Sincerely
Marian H. Williams

Golf Tournament Held-Results

Results of the Three Man Scramble Golf Tournament held at the Stratford Country Club, August 24 & 25, hosting 21 teams.

Championship Flight: 1st - LaGrange, Yell, Thomlison from Guymon; 2nd - Schlesenger, Schlesenger, Jeffers, Dalhart; 3rd - Vincent, Holmes, Cunningham, Stratford/Dalhart.

First flight: 1. Christian, Christian, Riffe; 2. Peeples, Peeples, Gustin; 3. Williams, Thomas, Holland.

Second Flight: 1. Brooks, Taylor, Lundberg; 2. Shapley, Ward, Tomlison; 3. Brooks, Blain, Sikora.

Fair Days Information

Fair Books are out at the various business for the public to pick-up. The two missing Superintendents have been secured Bernice Christian in Clothing & Handwork & Artie Muir in Crafts and Hobbies. Best of Show will be entered in Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Advance Barbecue tickets are on sale at designated business or from Lions Club members.

Parade Chairman Jim Bob Brown has a growing list of parade entries. Remember the Children's Parade at 10:45-Bikes, wagons, skates, costumes on foot. Parade Theme: Songs of America or Open Class.

Best Apple Pie Contest. Dessert by the slice with coffee or tea Friday Sept. 6 from 3:00 to 5:30.

Obit

Zelma Hudson

Zelma Hudson, 86, died Sunday, Sept. 1, 1996 at Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 4 in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Mark Metzger, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mrs. Hudson was born April 28, 1910 in the Star Community of Grayson County. A former resident of Pampa, she had lived in Sherman County since 1962. She married Zoro Hudson March 15, 1932 at Clarendon. She had worked at F.W. Woolworth at Pampa. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband March 14, 1995 and a son, Van Hudson, September 20 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, ZoZell Chamberlain of Stratford a brother, Isaac Line of Pampa; and a sister, Jewell Harris of Las Vegas, Nev.

Annual 4-H Better Bake Show Friday, Sept. 6, 1996

The annual 4-H Better Bake Show will be Friday, September 6 during the Sherman County Fair. Muffins prepared using whole wheat flour will be the competition baked good this year. Products should be entered no later than 9:00 a.m. Friday at the County Exhibit Building.

The awards program will be held at 4:40 p.m. during the fair. The top three winners will be announced along with recognition of the first year participants. The first place winner will represent Sherman County at the District 1 Bake Show to be held during the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Bake Show are Stratford Grain Company, Sunray Co-Op, Texhoma Wheatgrowers, Collingwood Grain-Stratford/Texhoma, West Texas Gas Company, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Scouts To Be Selling Drinks

Stratford Girl Scouts will be selling drinks during the barbecue lunch at the Sherman County Fair on Saturday, Sept. 7. All Girl Scout leaders and Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts are being asked to help.

Registration forms for 1996-1997 Girl Scout membership will be sent home from school with girls in grades K-6 the week of Sept. 3-7. Please follow the instructions and return by the due date. All girls ages 5-17 are welcome to join for fun, outdoor activities, personal development, and community service opportunities. Adult volunteers are also welcome to help.

Returning and new Girl Scouts leaders and other volunteers will meet on Monday, September 9th at 7 p.m. at 120 Kay. Call 396-2527 or 396-2380 for any questions.

Elk Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

Reserved Football Season tickets are on sale now in the office of the Superintendent. Reserved seating will be held for previous owners until Tuesday, September 3, 1996. After that reserved tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Ticket prices this year are as follows: Adults - \$15.00, Students - \$10.00. There are 5 home games this year. The Stratford Elks look forward to your support this year.

Aduddell Takes Second Place

On August 31, Brandon Aduddell took second place at the Black Mesa Bull Blast. The stock was provided by Bones-Bad Ass Rodeo Company.

See you at the Pole on September 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Stratford High School. 8 a.m. at the Mary Allen Elementary School. See you There!!

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Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers this rainy A.M. However it is NOT Monday but Friday, August 30, 1996. Thanks to Mr. Samuel Gompers, who laid the foundation for what is now "Labor Day"; Press time for the deadline for items of news for this week's edition of the Stratford star is Friday, August 30, 1996 at 12 noon.

Unusual weather for our part of the country continues and at 7 a.m. the temperature is a warm 61 degrees F. after a pleasantly cool night. We have not needed to use our refrigerated cooling system for four days. Fans make a lovely cool breeze. Of course the humidity factor has been high. May readers have a safe, happy Labor Day Vacation!

Due to an increase in the number of our family we have already had a happy time. That story is some ones else's to tell and we leave the telling to them. Aren't we unselfish?

Thanks again for the many birthday remembrances. Since Timi's birthday was August 23 and Lorelyn's Aug. 27, we have been celebrating at our house for a week or more. We have enjoyed it an "luv" of friends et al who have been so nice. Blessings on them.

The important calendar item in this issue of the Star is the Sherman County Fair, Jamboree and Old Timer reunion which includes crowning of Old Timer King and Queen-Russell Kelp and Woodford Wisdom. In JA's column we read "A fair is as good as you and I make it" Let us each do our bit to make the 1996 Sherman County Fair really a good one.

Program for Sherman County Old Timers Reunion on page 96 in County Fair Book. (Schedule on page 5 in Stratford Star)

Blessings and Congratulations on Newlyweds. Amy Elaine (Vincent) and Jeremy Davis, also Rickie (Cathey) and Marshall Dale Brewer; Winners of the Miss Stratford Contest: Katelyn Reed winner in the summer ready program.

Woodford Wisdom called on us a brought Wed. a bouquet. She told she had been with her Aunt Virginia Holt, Fort Worth, Texas. Virginia inquired about the late Arthur Daughtery and his sister Ivie. Can any reader give us information about them? Thank you Woodford for the call and the flowers, there still pretty.

We send our prayers and blessings to the Smith families et al in the loss of Terry mother in death Phyllis Shuelerman, Denver, Colorado; and to Laura (Melton) Smith (Mrs. Miles) whose father Kenneth Melton suffered a heart attack August 28, 1996. Her father is a well known former Stratfordite and we hope he is recovering nicely.

The former Susan Stokes, an husband and son were weekend visitors with the Harts.

At 10:45 a.m. Friday the sun is struggling to shine on this day that God had made to be glad an rejoice in May we do just THAT. And Bless our peers with encouraging shoulder pats and luv.

HAVE A SAFE and SOUND LABOR DAY Weekend!

One has only to grow older to become more tolerant. I see no wrong that I might not have committed myself.

—Goethe

Scot News

By Jack Gore

By now, you should have your Apple pie ingredients ready to make for that Best Apple Pie for the Fair and Jamboree.

We will be having Bingo Thurs. night Sept. 5th at 7 p.m. then we will gear down from Scot activities and participate with the Fair and Jamboree activities.

Last chance to sign up for Cripple Creek date change to Oct. 4-5-6. Approximate \$165.00 for 2 nights lodging 5 meals, a melodrama (Comedy) \$20.00 tokens. \$20.00 merchandise package, Aspen Color Tour and other misc. running around. Sign up by Thursday, Sept. 4th.

SEPTEMBER

VOLUNTEERS

FOR THE

DEPOT MUSEUM

- 2 Lynda Hauser
- 3 Oline Caraway
- 4 Alice Ellison
- 5 Doris Dyess
- 6 George Jeffcoat
- 7 from 9 to 10 am - George Jeffcoat
- 9 Bill Pendleton
- 10 Luzelle Lowe
- 11 Jimmie Pronger
- 12 Daina Starnes
- 13 Margaret Reed
- 16 Gaynelle Riffe
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- 19 Mattie Baskin
- 20 Bess Stone
- 23 Marcella Sutton
- 24 C. E. Willmon
- 25 Mary Woodford Wisdom
- 26 Max Stephenson
- 27 Barbara Judd
- 30 Nadine Miller

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
- 20 N. Main
- Sunday School 9:40 am
- Morning Worship 10:50 am
- Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
- Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
- Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic

- Michael Colwell - pastor
- 6th & Wall
- Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298
- No Saturday Mass
- Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
- Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

- Jon Heatwole
- N. 3rd & Chestnut
- Sunday School 10:00 am
- Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
- Calvary Baptist
- Gerald Clark
- 302 S. Main
- Morning Worship 10:30 am
- Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

First Baptist

- Bro. Jerry Stewart
- 702 N. 3rd
- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship 10:50 am
- Church Training 6:00 pm
- Evening Worship 7:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

La Mision Bautista

- Roca De Salvacion
- County Barn
- Domingo-(Sunday)
- Estuela Dominical 9:45 am
- Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
- Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm

He that leaveth nothing to chance will do few things ill, but he will do very few things.

—George, Lord Halifax

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Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:41

They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts. Acts 2:46

Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13.

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be Shepherds of the church of God, which he has bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already Laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:11.

Obeys your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17

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There will always be days
When blue skies seem gray.
There will always be times
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when you feel so alone.
There will always be evenings
when no one will phone.

There will always be sadness
when your heart's filled with pain.
There will always be failures
when all seems in vain.

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when you feel at a loss.
Trust Him, my friend,
whatever your cross. Helen Parker

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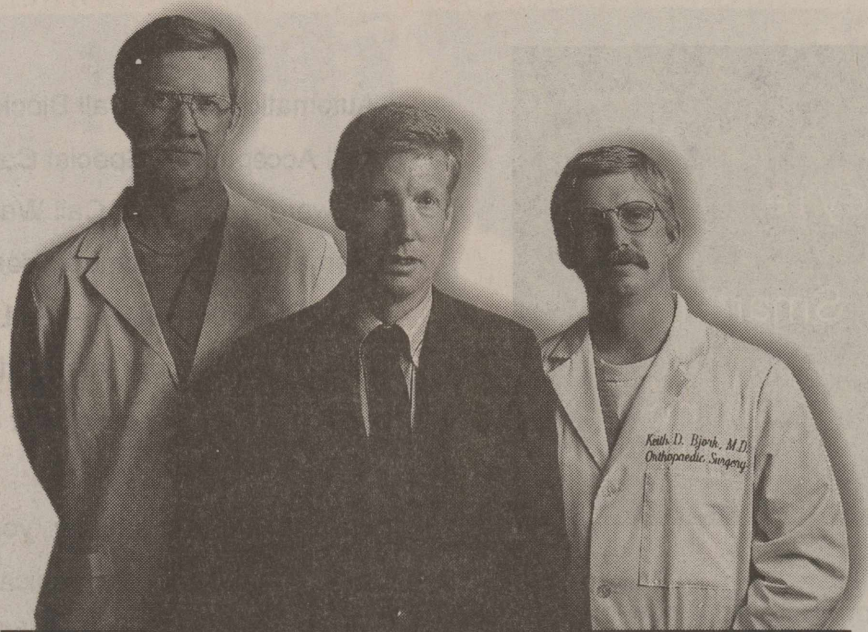
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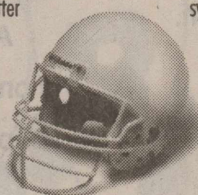
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Engagement Announced

Pat Lavake of 5005 W. 53rd. Ave. announces the engagement of her daughter, Darla Michele, to John David Mastrovich. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Dwane Lavake.

Mastrovich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mastrovich of Orange. The couple plans to be wed Oct. 26 at Paramount Baptist Church.

The bride-elect received a bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies in 1992 from Texas Tech University at Lubbock. She was a member of High Riders, a service organization at Texas Tech. She received a master's degree in education administration from West Texas A&M University in 1996. She is involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Amarillo. She taught for the Amarillo Independent School District for four years.

The prospective groom received a bachelor of arts degree in biology and psychology in 1991 from Austin College in Sherman. He received a doctor of medicine degree from Texas Tech Medical School in May 1996. He is a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Society and the American Medical Association. He is a resident physician with Northwestern University in Chicago.

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Jeff Witcher is the new Band Director at Stratford Independent School District. He is married to Anna and they have six children. Andy age 14, Janet age 12, Amie age 11, Adam age 10, Jennie age 4 and Autumn age 2.

Jeff graduated from Stratford High School in 1976; attended Brigham Young University, West Texas State University, UT-Pan American.

Jeff belongs to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is a member of Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Association of Texas Small School Bands, Boy Scouts of America.

He has received Music degrees from WTSU 1985 and 1991; Taught in Miami Texas 1985-87; Raymondville, Texas 1987-91; Miles City, MT 1991-94; Fritch 1994-96.

Jeff's hobbies and activities that he enjoys are family life, cooking, camping, running, guitar-playing, song writing.

He states "We are very happy to be in Stratford. Quality schools, friendly neighbors and family values are characteristics of Stratford, we especially appreciate. We hope to make a positive contribution to this fine community."

Connie Paul is teaching Special Education in the Stratford Independent School System. Connie is married to Vernon and they have a son Steven age 16 years old.

She attended school at Cameron University at Lawton, Oklahoma and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She attends the First Baptist Church and is a member of TCTA.

She has taught 22 years, and has worked with all grades from K-12; She has more years in Special Education-Resource room, Content Mastery and as a diagnostician.

Her hobbies are reading, needlepoint, golf, watching sports events.

Mrs. Paul stated "My family and I are excited to be in Stratford. The people are very friendly; making us feel right at home."

The world's best selling and most widely distributed book is the Bible, which has been translated into 2,009 languages, and portions of it into a further 910 languages.

Michelle Sparkman is the High School Resource Teacher. She is married to Mike and they have a daughter Charly, age 11 and a son Vandon age 8.

She attended Childress High School and Oklahoma State University.

She is a Methodist and belongs on the Council for Exceptional Children, Golden Key & Oklahoma State Alumni.

This is her second year to teach.

Hobbies & Activities are reading, time spent with family and church activities.

 The ability to laugh at life is right at the top, with love and communication, in the hierarchy of our needs. Humor has much to do with pain; it exaggerates the anxieties and absurdities we feel, so that we gain distance and through laughter, relief.

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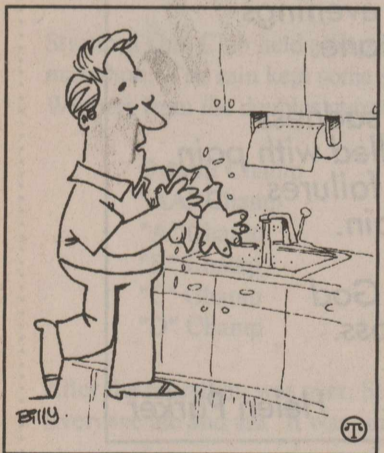
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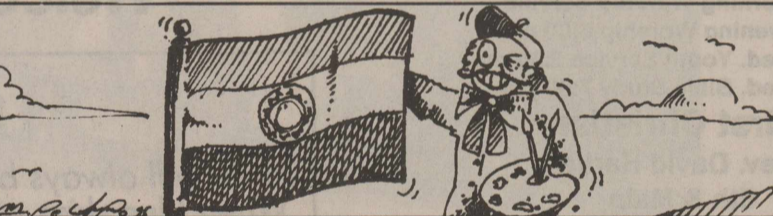
Never apply oils, sprays or ointments to a serious burn.

1. Stop the burning. Remove the victim from the heat source.
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4. Cover the burn with a sterile pad or clean sheet.
5. Maintain body temperature and take victim to the nearest medical facility.

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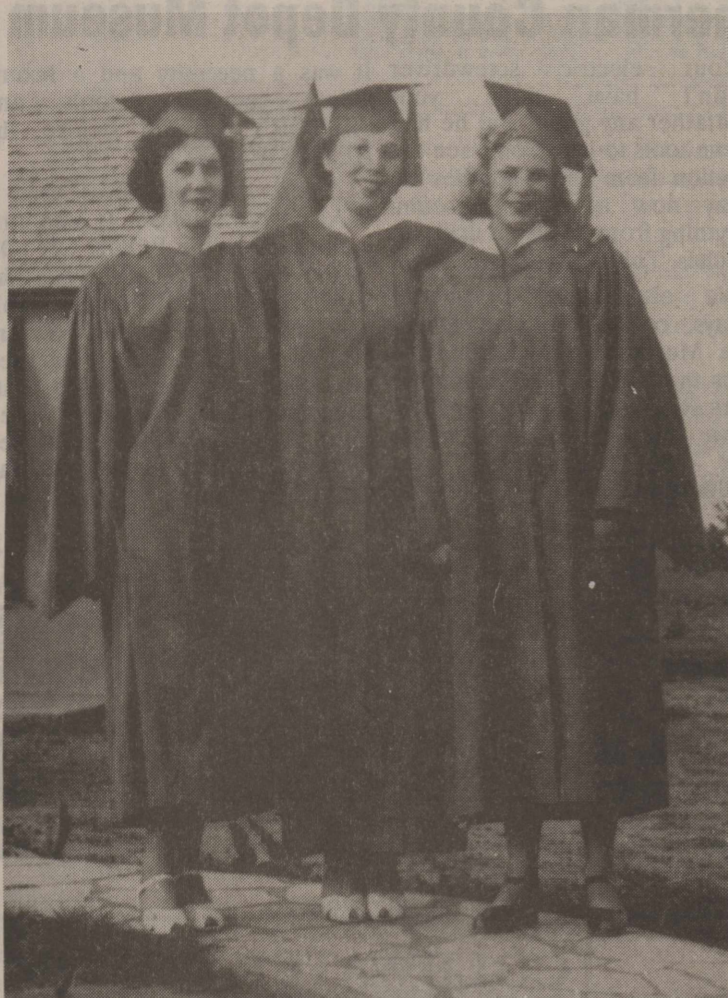
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Buddies - Margaret Ritchie Grunig, Mary Woodford & Betty Rhea Lee Brown, 1940.



Bill & Serena, Kelp children, 1956.



Russell & Leona Kelp, 60th Anniversary, Jan. 1996.



Mary Woodford Kidwell, 10 months old.



Is this a young "Miss Stratford"? About 4 years old.



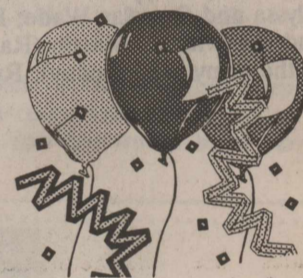
The Wisdoms Three, 1951.



William Russell Kelp, age three years.

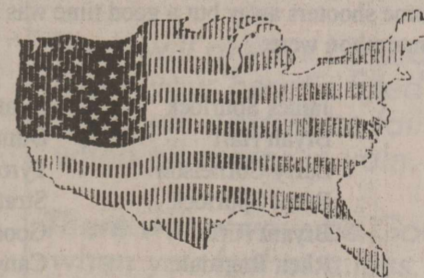


Russell doing what he likes best.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1996

- 2:00 P.M. Fair Opens to Accept
- 6:00 P.M. All exhibits must be in place (exceptions: Baked Goods, Livestock and Horticulture)
- 6:00 P.M. Stratford JV vs. West Texas, Here
- 10:00 P.M. All Educational Exhibits must be in place
- 10:00 P.M. Fair Building Closes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

- 8:00 A.M. Fair Building Opens to Superintendents
- 9:00 A.M. Baked Goods and Horticulture Exhibits must be in place
- 9:00 to 12:00 Noon Fair Building closed for Judging
- 9:00 A.M. Exhibits Judging:

Agriculture	Baked Goods	Handwork	Flowers
Antiques	Culinary	Crafts & Hobbies	Record Books
Art	Clothing	Educational	Horticulture
			Photography
- 12:00 Noon Fair Building Opens to Public
- 3:00-5:30 P.M. Dessert by the Piece
- 8:00 P.M. Stratford Elks vs. Wheeler, Here
- 8:00 P.M. Fair Building Closes

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1996

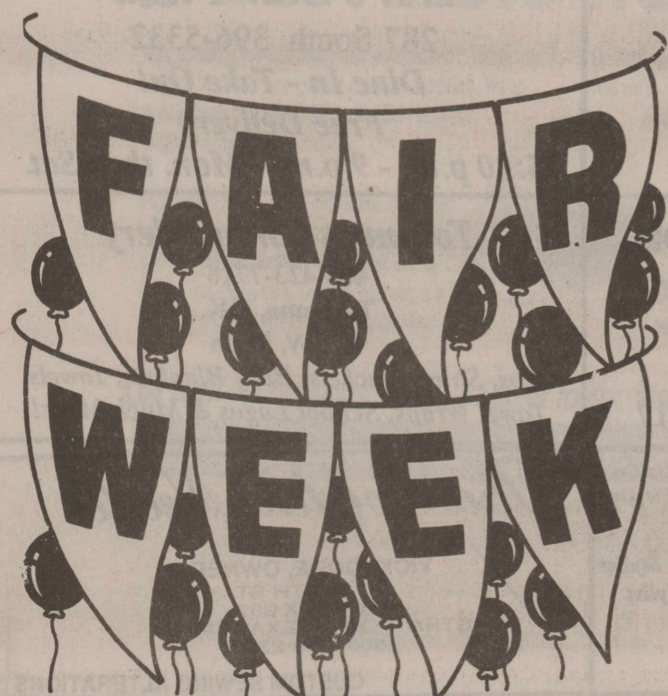
- 8:00 A.M. Fair Building Opens to Public
- 10:00 A.M. Livestock Exhibits must be in place
- 10:00 A.M. Kiddie Parade Entries must be in place
- 10:00 A.M. Parade "SONGS ACROSS AMERICA"
- 12:00 Noon Barbeque
- 12:30 P.M. Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration begins
- 1:00 P.M. Club Calf and Breeding Stock Judging
- 1:30 P.M. Old Timers Program/Reunion (High School Cafeteria)
- 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Exhibits Released
- 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. Community Recreation - Pendleton Park
- 5:00 P.M. Dog Show - Pendleton Park
- 6:30 P.M. Stratford Days Rodeo
- 9:00 P.M. Stratford Days Dance, Sponsored by Stratford Fire Dept.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1996

- 2:00 P.M. Stratford Days Rodeo



Watch for the High Plains Pipers at the Stratford Days Parade on Saturday, September 7, 1996.



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No matter where they went, Stratford always called them back "home"! So says 1996 Old Timer King Russell Kelp. (The name KELP is a rare German name)

Russell's grandfather, Frank Kelp, left Petersburg, Indiana, on an excursion train in 1906. He worked a year for Jap Green to save money for his wife and five children to make the three day train trip. Their oldest son was Ernest and Nellie Gibbons Kelp. Nellie was the daughter of J.T. Gibbons who came to Sherman County in 1913. They had two children William Russell, born Aug. 14, 1916 and Madriene Hair, born in 1920. Madriene lives in El Paso.

Russell had all his schooling in Stratford. He worked for Lowe & Billington, the Ford Garage owned by Charles Wisdom and O.L. McMinn. It was while under a car that Russell looked out and saw a pair of "beautiful" legs. Leona Haynes was in Stratford visiting with her older sister, the first Mrs. Charles Cameron. He chased down Nola Garoutte (Cummins) to find out who that was! Leona turned him down several times before consenting to a church date. Of all things, he tried to kiss her on their first date! That just wasn't done!

They married Jan. 21, 1936 in Dumas. Last January they celebrated their 60th anniversary with a big family party and reunion in Dallas. Relatives and friends flew in from all over the place! Their children, Serena Kelp Roark and William Russell, Jr. (Bill) along with grandchildren and great grandchildren were present.

Serena was born in 1939 and brother Bill didn't come along until 1953. (Surprise!) Serena and husband Douglas and two of their three sons are coaches. Their sons and families are Russell (Rusty) & Toni with Alyssa and Douglas Wade; Randy and Eva with Cy Martin (Randy is in the army in Germany); Ryan &

Kelly.

Bill lives at home and works at Dumas Nursing Center.

In 1941 Russell worked on the Alcan Highway to Alaska. He joined the army in 1950 where he used his mechanic expertise. After release, the couple stayed in Whittier, California, where Russell worked as mechanic and Leona with a prominent jewelry company.

Stratford called them home again and they have lived in their present home for 14 years, the longest they have ever lived in one place.

Last August Russell had a heart attack which has slowed him down more than he likes. He is doing well under the watchful eye of Leona.

For hobbies, it's golf and used to be bowling. The couple belongs to First United Methodist Church.

"I feel honored to be the 1996 Old Timer King", said Russell.

Prospectus Study Club welcomes King Russell to the ranks of royalty!

Mary Woodford Wisdom is second generation royalty! Her parents, John Woodford and Nora Smith Kidwell, were 1969 King & Queen. Mary Woodford (and her mother made sure that she was called both names) was born Aug. 6, 1923 in Stratford. She was a \$15 dollar baby delivered by Dr. Norvell. She attended Stratford Schools and two years at West Texas. However the Kidwells worked in two orphanages for two years--Bolas Home in Greenville and Sunny Glen at San Juan, where Mary Woodford attended school as a seventh and eighth grade student. She says, "It was quite an experience."

When Carroll Wisdom was discharged from the Navy in 1946, he came to Stratford to keep books for Wisdom & McMinn. Mary Woodford was working at the bank at the time. They married Oct. 15, 1946 and moved to Jefferson City, Mo. for one and a half years. Daughter Sharilyn

was born on Oct. 15, 1948. Wasn't that handy to have only one date to remember?

When they returned to Stratford, Sharilyn was about two years old. Mary Woodford worked four years at the courthouse for her Tax Collector Father. She then stayed home until Sharilyn was a Junior in High School. She says she went back to work so Sharilyn could learn how to cook and keep house!

Mary Woodford worked at the First State Bank from 1963 until 1988 when she retired. A big retirement party was given at that time. But have you noticed that she is still called upon to fill in at various times?

Sharilyn married a Stratford boy Allen (Buck) Wells. They have two sons, Joel and Thad. They make their home at Barnsdale, OK.

A charter member of Prospectus Study Club, she withdrew while she was working, then joined again in 1988. She is the treasurer of club for 1996-98. At one time she was a member of Stratford Eastern Star and Nu Beta Sorority. She is a member of First United Methodist Church.

Carroll, who had worked for Phillips for 25 years, died in 1994. He was an accomplished cabinet maker.

They liked to travel, she reads a lot and likes challenging crossword puzzles. The couple went to Europe twice and Great Britain, plus all over the U.S.

Mary Woodford remembers that Madriene, the King's sister, was her "Big Sister" in Campfires many years ago.

It is with pleasure that Prospectus Study Club selects Mary Woodford Kidwell Wisdom as 1996 Old Timer Queen.

In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first oil well in Titusville, PA, opening up the Pennsylvania oil field and starting the large-scale exploitation of petroleum.

4-H Parent Association Officers Elected

Blake Sladek was elected Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association president at the recently held Achievement Banquet. Jesse Resendes was elected Vice-President with LaRinda Wright and Fred Pronger elected as secretary and treasurer respectively.

The officers will swerve a two year term beginning September 1, 1996. The association meets four times a year with business meetings focusing on planning county wide 4-H events and activities. The next meeting of the group will be October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

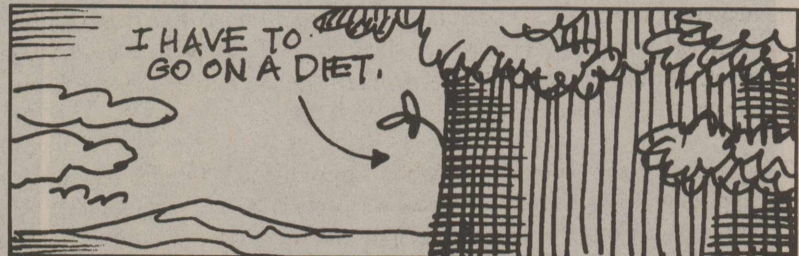
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Tools, Tools, Tools At The Sherman County Depot Museum

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The world's largest living thing, the General Sherman sequoia in California, weighs more than 1,400 tons—as much as nine blue whales or 360 elephants.



Stratford Gun Club held a trapshoot on August 24 and 25, 1996. On the 24th, we had a doubles marathon. The rain kept some shooters away but a good time was had by all that came out that afternoon. Winners from the doubles marathon were:

Overall Champ	James Spurlock	Stratford, TX	489X500
"AA" Champ	Bryan Hart	Dumas, TX	475X500
"A" Champ	Larry Cornelson	Tyrone, OK	471X500
"B" Champ	Brent Spurlock	Stratford, TX	460X500
"C" Champ	Bryant Riffe	Goodwell, OK	407X500
"D" Champ	Rhett Ragsdale	Canyon, TX	403X500

After the marathon was over, Stratford Gun Club cooked free hamburgers and fresh corn on the cob. Everyone ate and ate. It was sure good eating!!

On August 25th, we shot a full program. We had 39 single shooters, 36 handicap shooters and 21 doubles shooters. It was a great turnout. The winners were:

Singles			
"AA" Champ(tie)	Jimmy Patterson	Amarillo, TX	100
"A" Champ(tie)	James Spurlock	Stratford, TX	100
"B" Champ	Richard Ragsdale	Stratford, TX	97
"C" Champ	Eddie Trotter	Hereford, TX	97
"D" Champ	Robert Hathaway	Boise City, OK	97
	Bill Cole	Lamar, CO	96
	Rhett Ragsdale	Canyon, TX	90
Handicap			
Short Yardage	Robert Ragsdale	Stratford, TX	98
Mid Yardage	Dudley Hill	Stratford, TX	96
Long Yardage(tie)	Bryan Hart	Dumas, TX	95
	David McBeth	Amarillo, TX	95
Doubles			
"AA" Champ	Donnie Huddleston	Goodwell, OK	100
"A" Champ	Dudley Hill	Stratford, TX	92
"B" Champ	Brent Spurlock	Stratford, TX	92
"C" Champ	Bryant Riffe	Goodwell, OK	89
"D" Champ(tie)	Jack Livesay	Guymon, OK	74
	Eddie Trotter	Hereford, TX	74

The day was beautiful and Nu Beta provided us with a wonderful lunch. Thanks to all who came out and supported us!!

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Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

As promised this week a look at the Property Tax Problem Statement.

In order to properly evaluate the alternatives presented in the following pages, a review of the property tax is required. The work group recognizes that any of the alternatives may be subject to a fair amount of discussion and critical evaluation. However, it cannot be stressed enough that none of these options "stands-alone." All are predicated on the elimination of the school property tax. A thorough evaluation of any of the three options should take into account the elimination of the school property tax.

The property tax is the single largest tax paid by Texans next to the federal income tax. The tax is levied not only by school districts, but also by cities, counties, and numerous special districts. The tax is borne not only by homeowners and businesses, but also by renters who pay it indirectly through higher rents. This past year, the average Texas property owner paid a tax rate of over \$2.30 per \$100 of property value (or in percentage terms, a tax rate of 2.3 percent of value).

The property tax is generally the public's most disliked type of tax.² The tax applies to illiquid assets and bears no direct relation to the taxpayer's ability to pay. From the public's perspective, the tax also serves as a barrier to the American dream of homeownership, inflating the cost of housing by over 30 percent.³ From a business perspective, the property tax is a tax on capital investment, posing a substantial barrier to economic expansion.

In addition to these generic concerns with the property tax, there are more specific problems with the tax in Texas.

² Harte-Hanks, Texas Poll, October 1995.

³ On an \$80,000 home with 20 percent down and a 7.5 percent interest rate, principal and interest payments total \$447 per month. Total property taxes at a \$2.38 rate are \$159 monthly, or 35 percent on top of principal and interest payments.

Over the past decade, Texas property tax rates have more than doubled. During these years, Texans have seen their property taxes rise faster than those in all but two states. The chief driver of the higher rates has been the school tax, which accounts for about three-fifths of all property taxes paid.

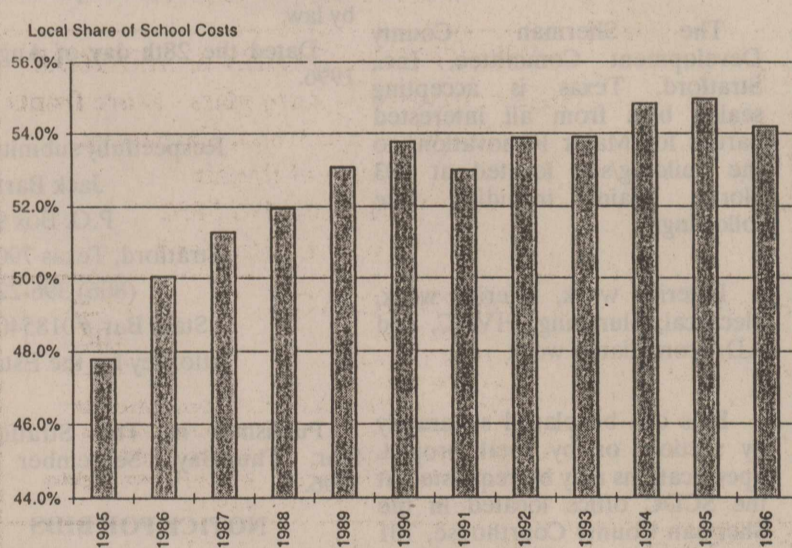
Over the past ten years, the cost of educating a Texas schoolchild has increased substantially, and state funding has not kept pace. As a result, local school districts have had to rely more and more on the school property tax (Figure 4). While the Seventy-fourth Legislature provided a sharp increase in new state aid, the local share of public education costs is still well over 50 percent.

The sharp increases in school tax rates have come at a time when the tax base has been stagnant (Figure 5). Total taxable value of property in Texas today is more than six percent below what it was in 1985.

The property tax has also been the center of a legal firestorm over school finance. The "wealthiest" school district in Texas has several hundred times the property wealth per student of the state's poorest district. This tax-wealth disparity sparked successive and successful court challenges. To comply with the mandate of the court, a system of "recapture" of tax revenues from the wealthy districts was implemented. While improving the level of equity in public school finance, this policy has also sparked sharp tax increases in selected districts.

A further concern about the role of the property tax in public school finance stems from the fact that many districts are nearing their allowable tax rate ceiling. Generally, state law limits taxes levied for maintenance and operation purposes to no greater than \$1.50. As more and more districts near this tax limit, another round of legal challenges against the school finance system will likely ensue. Plaintiffs may challenge the tax as an unconstitutional state property tax, or may challenge the lack of local discretion to generate additional revenues.

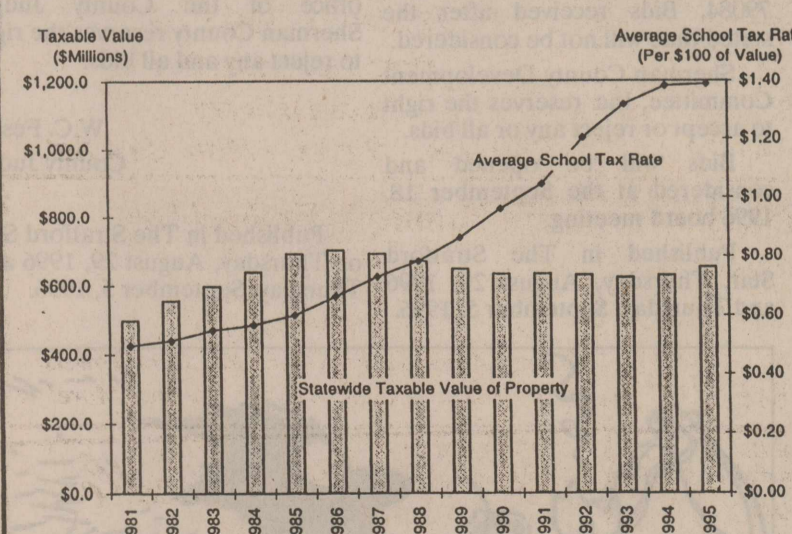
Figure 4
Texas Public Schools Reliance on the Property Tax
The Local Share of Public School Spending



Note: Data for 1995 through 1996 are estimated.

Source: Governor's Office of Budget and Planning.

Figure 5
School Property Tax Rates and the School Tax Base
1981 to 1995 School Years



Note: Data for 1995 are estimated. Years shown are fiscal years, in which the tax revenues are actually collected.

Source: Governor's Office of Budget and Planning.

WORD PERFECT Computer Training Offered

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. will be sponsoring an eight hour computer course on the Word Perfect Program given by Nelson Creative Consultants from Amarillo. The seminar will be held in the Stratford High School Computer lab. The cost is \$100 for SCDC members and \$115 for non-members. Fee includes workbooks and training materials and two breaks. Lunch will be on your own.

The course will include several phases including start-up basics, working in Windows, formatting, text appearance and shortcuts. Also included will be instructions for using templates, columns, tables, charts, and other presentation and report skills. The course will close with an introduction to desktop publishing, graphics, art and timesavers.

The class will be given by Shawn Nelson, owner of Nelson Creative Consulting. His company is a full-service computer consulting firm based in Amarillo. Specializing in custom computer systems for small and home businesses, NCC also provides training and tutoring on most Windows-based programs. Their Windows 95 course has been very popular with their clients, and their Word Perfect classes for the 6.1 and 7.0 versions have been a favorite as well.

Shawn Nelson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music & Theater from Wayland Baptist University, a Texas All-Level Teaching Certificate, and has done his masters work at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Communications.

Shawn began his computer career as a graphic artist and eventually began training new users and repairing used computers. He has built custom computers for home businesses to dentist offices.

Shawn's last visit Stratford was this past Spring as a member of the Amarillo Little Theaters production of "The Cardigans."

Class is limited, so register soon by calling 396-2897. Registration materials will be available beginning August 26th.

TxDOT Names Advertising Sales Representative For Travel Guide

Beginning with the 1997 edition, the TEXAS State Travel Guide will include advertising for the first time ever. Published annually, the award-winning guide serves as the official travel publication for all prospective visitors to the state. Recognition Communications, Inc. (RCI) of Dallas has been awarded the bid to serve as the representative firm for advertising sales.

"We're pleased that RCI will be representing TxDOT," said Doris Howdeshell, Director of the Travel and Information Division at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "For the fourth consecutive year, TxDOT has fulfilled more than one-million requests for the travel guide, so it comes as no surprise that tourism is playing a vital role in the state's economy. One of this agency's overall objectives is to promote economic prosperity, and producing and distributing travel publications is one of many ways TxDOT is positively impacting the economy."

RCI is a full-service marketing firm specializing in print advertising sales. The corporation is owned and operated by brothers Eric, Matt and Lance Kincaid. Founded as a research firm in 1985, RCI currently has offices in Dallas and Shawnee Mission, Kansas. RCI also represents member publications of the American Automobile Association (AAA), including *Car and Travel* magazine.

"RCI is delighted with the TEXAS State Travel Guide assignment," said Eric Kincaid. "Texas tourism-related advertisers will benefit from a nationwide target readership, surrounded by more than 270 pages of quality Texas travel editorial. With 1.5 million in circulation for 1996, we expect the TEXAS State Travel Guide to become the cornerstone of tourism media programs."

For advertising sales assistance and to learn more about deadlines, call RCI's toll-free telephone number (1-800/969-9896) or send e-mail to eric@iadfw.net.



Have too much money and don't know what to do with it? A platinum-covered, diamond studded crocodile wallet was made by Louis Quatorze of Paris, France, and Mikimoto of Tokyo in 1984, selling for \$84,000.

Next week the three different proposal descriptions will be in the Chatter. It behoves each and tax payer to study and then to speak up. The governor needs the input of tax payers across this great state. You included.

Definitely there is FALL in the air. Cool weather, rain, some sunshine. It is hard to believe that less than 4 months ago we were crying for moisture and wondered if it would ever come. O'We of little faith!!!!

It is FAIR time in Stratford Sherman County. Take in the Exhibits, enjoy the parade, the crowning of the Old Timer's King and Queen, enjoy the kids games, the dog show, and the RODEO and dance. Get out and have a grand time.

Lets look at what will be coming up this next week. Last holiday for a while has come and gone-LABOR DAY. How was your day spent? Have yourself a good week.

Thursday-Sept. 5-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool 8 p.m. AA/ALNON County Barn, Stratford Fair and Jamboree.

Friday, Sept. 6th Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool and ceramics, fair open at noon.

Saturday, Sept. 7th-Stratford Fair and Jamboree 10:45 a.m. Kiddie Parade and 11 a.m. Adult parade, noon barbecue.

Sunday, Sept. 8 Coldwater Manor Worship 9 a.m. Assembly of God.

Monday, Sept. 9 Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool and ceramics. 7 p.m. Dance practice.

Tuesday, Sept. 10 Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool-Chamber of Commerce General Board Meeting 7 p.m. City Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 11-Scot Hall 1 p.m. Ceramics/pool Coldwater Manor, Bible Study First Christian Church.



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M.O.C.T. Student of The Month



Misty Bruns shown at her job at K's Interiors.

M.O.C.T. or Multi-Occupational Cooperative Training is a program that is set up by the state so that students have the opportunity to learn a job skill. The students go to school for half a day and work at their job site for at least 3 hours during the school day. In most cases, the students will find their own jobs, but the program director, Jackie Burkhalter, will help find jobs if needed.

This month's MOCT student is Misty Bruns, daughter of Dora Bruns of Stratford. Misty is active in FHA and FFA. She is a Big Blue Band Drum Major, Senior Ad Committee, and a member of the Stratford Volunteer Fireman's Auxiliary. Misty is employed at several job-sites in order to obtain her 15 hr. week. These places include Gopher's, K's Interiors, Star Pizza, and she occasionally fills in at Brooks Video. A big thanks goes out to all these businesses for their support of this program.

Tips for Preventing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

(NU) - If you use computers each day or enjoy Web surfing with your computer keyboard, you are at risk for repetitive strain injuries (RSI) such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

The symptoms often will include numbness in the hands, cramping and tingling in muscles and tendons. It is now estimated to afflict almost 2 million Americans and cost business more than \$20 billion each year.

RSI appears to be irreversible, but can be made livable and can actually be prevented. Here's a do-and-don't list:

- Don't work in pain. Proper exercise and rest breaks can alleviate soreness and other symptoms. A well-equipped, safe workplace will include inexpensive therapeutic exercise gear. One very effective product, the Wristciser by GripStrength Inc. (1-800-600-0057), helps prevent and treat hand/wrist injuries.
- Do keep your hands warm to aid blood flow and enhance circulation.
- Don't cross your legs or lean on armrests or wrist pads.
- Do enlist your computer's help by using computer software that warns you when patterns of keyboard or mouse activity are possibly injurious. There's one excellent and inexpensive software package, called ErgoSentry by Magnitude, LLC (1-800-PATIENT or 1-800-728-4368), which monitors your risk exposure and alerts you only at the proper times to take brief rest breaks, stretch and exercise.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

Last week, the library notes mentioned that we have books from two Christian book publishers, Bethany House and Harvest House. Authors that are published by these companies not included in last week's information, are included in this column.

Michael Phillips and Judith Pella have written a trilogy covering three generations of the Stonewycke family. Based in Scotland, the story follows the family from 1971 to the present time.

Lance Wubbels has a three book series based on a Minnesota farm family in the time period of 1939 through 1945.

There are 16 books in The House of Winslow Series by

Gilbert Morris. Lynn and Gilbert Morris have written about Cheney Duvall. M.D. With few allies, Cheney faces two enemies—superstition and greed.

Robert Funderburk is the author of a 3 book series, The Innocent Years. These stories have a Louisiana setting.

Brock and Bodie Thoene have combined their writing skills to produce The Sage of the Sierras. Since they live in the Sierras, they have first hand knowledge of the setting and the descriptions are accurate of the land. This story is based on the California Gold Rush and the Civil War.

Come read with us and enjoy these books in the collection.

Some Tips for Taking The Best Fall Photos

(NU) - Fall offers a great opportunity to capture all the season's vibrant colors on film, whether in fiery crimson and gold leaves or the uniforms of your favorite sports team.

Here are some tips from the experts at Eastman Kodak Company to help you get the photos you want:

- Look for a natural "frame" in the picture. Position a low fence in the foreground or overhanging tree branch along the top of the lens to help lead the eye into the central part of the picture.
- Follow the "Rule of Thirds" for more interesting photos. Try putting the subject — whether it's a mountain peak or person — a third of the way down from the top of the frame.
- For shooting on a clear, crisp autumn day, try to position people with the sun off to the side or over their shoulders. Use a versatile film such as Kodak Royal Gold 400 to give your photos vibrant, saturated color and crisp sharpness. For those who prefer slide film, try Kodak Ektachrome Elite II, a consumer slide film that provides sharp images, bright colors and pleasing flesh tones.
- To avoid shadows on people's faces, position them in the shade and use fill-in flash.

For more photo tips or to find the nearest dealer, call the Kodak Information Center at 1-800-242-2424, or visit the Kodak Web site at www.kodak.com.

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Legal Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Texhoma
P.O. Box 737
Texhoma, TX 73949

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 10,829 LF of 6" PVC sewer line, 7129 LF of 8" PVC Sewer, 640 LF 4" force main, and one lift station will be received by City of Texhoma at the office of City Hall until 10:00 September 17, 1996, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Glovier & Associates, Inc.
224 E. 7th St.
Dumas, Texas 79029

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of, Glovier & Assoc. Inc. located at P.O. Box 977, Dumas, TX 79029 upon payment of \$75.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded \$60.00.

8-21-96

Garland Dahl-Mayor

NOTE: Contract Documents must be returned to Glovier & Associates, Inc., within five (5) days after the time that bids are to be received for refund.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Sealed proposals addressed to Stratford Independent School District Business Office, will be received at 503 N. 8th Street, P.O. Box 108, at Stratford, Texas 79084 until 4:00 p.m. September 19, 1996 for computer networks, printers and installation. Proposal envelopes should be plainly marked: Proposal for computers and/or printers. Any proposal received after the specified time shall be disqualified. Specifications may be requested from the Superintendent's office. Stratford I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all proposals.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc., Stratford, Texas is accepting sealed bids from all interested parties for Major Renovations to the building/site located at 303 North Main including the following:

Exterior work, interior work, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and ADA compliance work

Bids can be placed separately by section, or by total project. Specifications may be requested at the SCDC office located in the Sherman County Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd, Room 205, Stratford, Texas or by calling Lorie Vincent at (806) 396-2897.

Bids must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 13, 1996.

Sealed bids may be dropped off or mailed to the SCDC office located at the above address or at P.O. Box 652, Stratford, Texas 79084. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered.

Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Bids will be opened and considered at the September 18, 1996 board meeting.

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NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of an order issued by the Honorable Judge Enns of 69th Judicial District Court, on the 21st day of August 1996, in a certain cause numbered #4114, wherein Gavin Moore is Plaintiff, and Glenn Hart, Joyce Hart, Rusty Acres Inc., Ceres Inc., & Kettle Inc. is Defendant, in favor of the Plaintiff.

I, on the 21st day of August, 1996, at 04:00 o'clock P.M., have levied upon, and will, on the 1st day of October, 1996, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Sherman County Courthouse door, in the City of Stratford, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of defendant, to-wit:

One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of HART & SONS, Inc. <a Close Corporation>

One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of JUTE Inc. <a Close Corporation>

One (1) stock certificate for one thousand (1,000) shares issued in the name of APPLESTEIN Inc. <a Close Corporation>

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the issued order of the court, in favor of the Plaintiff, and proceeds of the sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.

Witness my hand, this 22nd day of August, 1996.

Jack Haile

Sheriff, Sherman County
by Jim Dewees, Deputy,
Sherman County.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WOODROW W. GAY, Deceased, were issued on the 8th day of August, 1996, in Docket No. 1957, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to HERMAN BORTH.

The resident of the Independent Executor is in Sherman County, Texas and his mailing address is HCR 2, Box 217, Dalhart, Texas 79022.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 28th day of August 1996.

Respectfully submitted
Jack Barton
P.O. Box 986
Stratford, Texas 79084
(806) 396-2270
State Bar #01854000
Attorney for the Estate

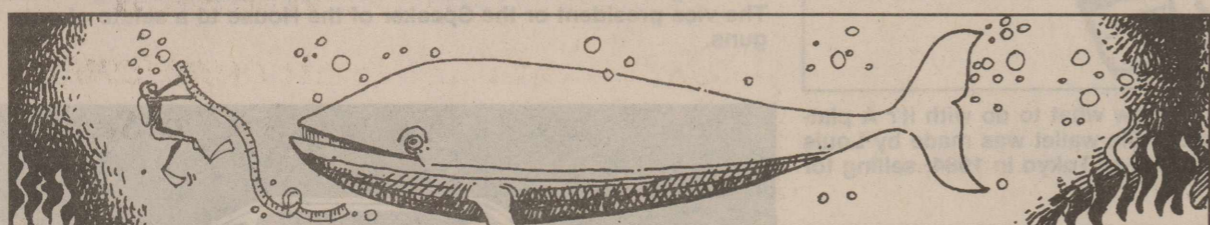
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NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sherman County will accept sealed bids for 3,200 tons of #4 crushed rock until 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 9, 1996, at which time bids will be opened, considered, and acted upon at the regular meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners Court. Bid specifications are available at the office of the County Judge. Sherman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

W.C. Fesler
County Judge

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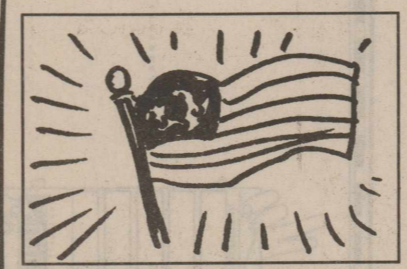
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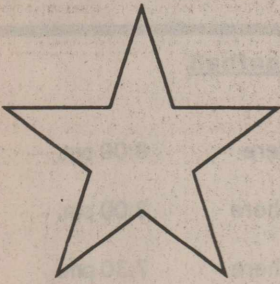
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For Sale: 1990 Pontiac Bonneville LE, 4 Door Sedan, low mileage, great college car, one owner. Call after 4:00 p.m. or leave message: 396-2019. 8-29-c-----

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Wanted: Part time customer consultant. HS diploma, basic typing skills, use calculator, make change. Start \$5.00 per hour. West Texas Gas at 396-5681. 9-5-c-----

Nurse Aide Positions are now available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days. Will provide training for certification. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor. 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, Texas. EOE. 7-25-tfn-----

Help Wanted: Needed - Truck Driver/Concrete Plant Manager for the Stratford Plant. Apply at Trans Mix in Dalhart, Hwy 54 West. 5-2-tfn-----

Wanted: Family Ranch employee for yearling operation on Sherman County Ranch. Daytime-405-423-7281 Nights-806-827-7496. 9-5-tfn-----

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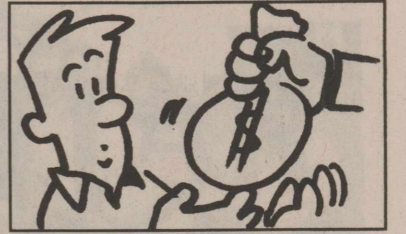
Home for Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, lots of closet space, corner lot, new paint inside and outside, near school. Ready for immediate occupancy. 1002 N. Maple. For appointment call 1-806-935-2853. 1-11-tfn-----

Houses for Sale: 3 BR, Brick home, 1200 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, central heat, equipped with dishwasher stove and refrigerator, close to both schools at 806 N. Fulton. A 3 BR, wood siding, 2000 sq. ft., 1 bath, central heat/air, with basement at 401 N. Wall. Call 806-396-2348. 4-4-tfn-----

Card Of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who remembered me during my knee placements. To those who took time to visit me will be remembered for a long time. I cannot forget those who sent cards, goodies and books. To all of you, I say thanks and for your prayers.

Bill Sladek



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Garage Sale

Reformed Pack Rat Cleans Out. Garage sale Saturday, September 7th. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 314 S. Fulton, Boxes of bargains. NO EARLY BIRDS! 9-5-c-----

Alcohol Anonymous
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The expression "to wear one's heart upon one's sleeve" refers to the Elizabethan custom of tying a lady's favor to your sleeve and thus exposing the secret of your heart.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
United States Government Property for Sale by Sealed Bid
600.6 acres, more or less, located on a county gravel road, 5 miles E of Stratford, Texas and one mile south of Highway 15. Property includes 320 acres irrigated farm land, 232 acres dry cropland, 48 acres of native pasture and roads; improvements include a center pivot, 4 irrigation wells and fences.
Sale for cash. All bids must be accompanied with a ten percent (10%) deposit in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, bank draft or money order, made payable to the Farm Service Agency.
A Deed Without Warranty will be provided by the Government with the buyer paying all other closing costs including attorney's fees, title search, filing fees and all 1997 real estate taxes.
Inspection, bid forms and additional information may be obtained by contacting Hunter M. Latham, Ag Credit Manager, Farm Service Agency, 310 Rock Island, Post Office Box 831, Dalhart, Texas 79022, phone 806-249-5647.
Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 1996, in the Farm Service Agency county office located at 310 Rock Island, Post Office Box 831, Dalhart, Texas 79022.
Bid opening will be open to the public on Thursday, October 3, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. in the Farm Service Agency County Office located at 310 Rock Island, Dalhart, Texas 79022.
The property will be sold without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, handicap, or age. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Inventory Property - Advice No. 5007100078



The Stratford Elks Kick Off their season against Wheeler, here Friday, Sept. 6th at 8 p.m.



The J.V. Stratford Elks Kick Off their season Thursday, Sept. 5th here against Wheeler at 6:00 p.m.

1996 Stratford Elks Football

Sept. 6	Wheeler	Here	8:00 pm.
Sept. 13	Boise City, Okla.	There	8:00 pm.
Sept. 20	Olton	There	7:30 pm.
Sept. 27	Gruver (Homecoming)	Here	7:30 pm.
Oct. 4	Memphis	There	7:30 pm.
Oct. 11	*West Texas	Here	7:30 pm.
Oct. 18	*Boys Ranch	There	7:30 pm.
Oct. 25	*Sunray	Here	7:30 pm.
Nov. 1	*Spearman	Here	7:30 pm.
Nov. 8	*Canadian	There	7:30 pm.

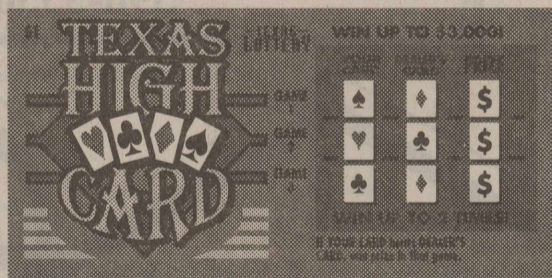
**1996 Football Schedule
7th, 8th, and JV**

Sept. 5	West Texas	Here	6:00 pm.	JV only
Sept. 12	Boys Ranch	There	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Sept. 19	Sunray	Here	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Sept. 26	Spearman	Here	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Oct. 3	Canadian	There	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Oct. 10	West Texas	There	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Oct. 17	Boys Ranch	Here	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Oct. 24	Sunray	There	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Oct. 31	Spearman	There	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV
Nov. 7	Canadian	Here	5:00 pm.	7-8-JV



Happy Birthday,
Alex, Marshall, Courtney, Mark, Reed, Tiffany, Ashley,
Gilbert, Isabell, Stephanie, Tammie, Tom, Trudy,
Channing, Daryl, John, Karina, Roy, Chandra,
Gertrude, Janie, Jim, Manuel, Mary Nan, Trenton,
Beau, Jane, Tony, Tyler.

If You Feel Like Scratchin' You'd Better Do It Now.



You've always had the urge to scratch. And now's the time. But you'd better hurry, because all three of these games are almost over. All three games end September 1, 1996. But you can still purchase any remaining tickets or claim any prizes until February 28, 1997.

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Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



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