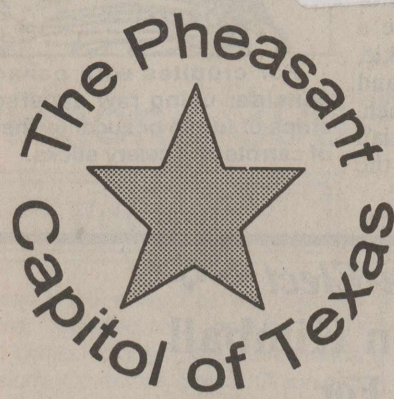


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COME TO THE PARK! "Kids for Kids"

This Saturday, April 26, 1997 is "Kids for Kids" in Pendleton Park. The Walk n Roll will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by the opening of the Food and Game Booths from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come out to the park for lunch and find your way to any of the following food booths: Hamburgers, Baked Potatoes, Chili dogs, nachos, Frito Pie, Burrito/Chalupa, Tostadas, Cotton Candy, Baked Goods, Snow Cones, Coke, Tea or Lemonade and much more!

Stay for an afternoon of fun game booths such as: Lollipop tree, Grand Prize game, Bean Bag toss, Pony Rides, Football Throw, Baseball Throw, Duck Pond, Facepainting, Ring Toss, Basketball Throw and more! The

City police officers will be on hand to check your pitching speed with their radar gun and come check out the DPS Camaro, it will be on display at the Park.

You'll also be amazed at the talented young people that will be entertaining everyone throughout

the afternoon. There will be singing, dancing, gymnastics and violin playing. The highlight of the afternoon will be the "Kissing of the Pig". Be sure to come see who wins the "Kiss A Pig" contest...will it be the DPS officers, the County Sheriff's deputies or the City police officers???

Don't miss this great day of fun in Stratford, "Kids for Kids" is sponsored by CASA 69, Inc. Please come join us in this fundraising effort for CASA 69, Inc. and for all the participating organizations.

"Kids for Kids"

Entertainment Schedule

Saturday, April 26, 1997

City of Stratford Recognized

Editors Note: This is a letter written to the City of Stratford from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Dear Public Water System Official:

We are recognizing public water systems across the state that are doing an outstanding job. In particular, we commend you for your superior level of compliance in routine monthly coliform monitoring. For the last five years, your public water system has had no monitoring violations related to the "Coliform Rule." We are awarding this certificate in recognition of your superior performance. Thank you and keep up the good work. If you have comments or questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (512) 239-6020.

Sincerely, Larry E. Mitchell, R.S. Team Leader, Microbiological Monitoring Team, Public Drinking Water Section.

Shown left to right Mayor David Brown, Manuel Leyva, David Newcomb, Johnny (Jocko) Pulliam.

Landfill Discussed At City Council

Stratford City Council met in regular session Thursday, April 10, 1997 with Mayor David Brown presiding, and the following Council members present Mayor Pro-Tem Sandy Williams, Earl Griffin, Joan Palmer, Dennis Phelps, and Andy Riffe.

Brown.

Sandy moved and Dennis seconded to approve the minutes, the motion carried.

A Trailer permit for Merlene Dean was discussed. Dennis moved and Sandy seconded to approve the permit. Motion carried.

A Trailer Permit for Tom Thompson was discussed, Sandy moved to table the permit until the next meeting so E.R. can check on the amount of space available for the trailer and what type of trailer will be put there. Dennis seconded the motion, motion carried.

Teri stated that Karen Perrin has agreed to be the Election Judge for the May 3, 1997, General Election. Earl moved and Joan seconded to appoint Karen Perrin as Election Judge for the May 3, 1997 General Election, motion carried.

The bids for the street seal-coating were presented as follows: Lewis Construction-.635 per yard; E.D. Baker-.82 per yards and Lipham Construction-.89 per yard. The Council was pleased with the price and was hoping to schedule more seal-coating. Geoff said that it could be increased by 25%. Earl moved and Andy seconded to award the bid to Lewis Construction. Motion carried.

Jim reported that the Review Board interviewed four candidates on Wednesday, April 9. The first choice was Wiley Frazier from Raton and the second choice was Raul Gomez from Tulia. Both candidates need to pass the TOLOESE certification test.

The bids for the patrol car were presented as follows: Arendale Ford-1997 \$19,253.00 and 1996-\$18,775.00; John Chandler Ford-1997-\$18,922.00 and Gruver Ford 1997-\$21,050.00.

Nichols Ford-1996-\$18,803.50 and Orange Ford 1997-\$19,660.00

Some discussion on leasing options was held. Joan moved to accept the bid from John Chandler Ford. Dennis seconded the motion, motion carried.

Teri stated that TML intergovernmental Risk Pool has suggested that Worker's Compensation Coverage be purchased for the Volunteer Firefighters. The City received a refund on the last bill that would

allow for the coverage. She also stated that Andy Alexander was injured in a fire about two weeks ago and she would have to pay the bills on that injury. Sandy moved and Joan seconded to provide the Worker's Compensation Coverage for the Volunteers., motion carried.

Geoff Covalt from Glover & Associates was here to discuss the landfill and the transfer station. He has been working with TNRCC and will have everything ready to send to them on Friday, April 11, 1997. He estimates one to one and a half months for approval. A discussion was held concerning what to do in the interim between the closing of the landfill and the completion of the transfer station. Dennis moved to write an ordinance banning all organic material from dumpsters. Sandy seconded the motion, motion carried. The Council asked E.R. to have some options for hauling trash and alternatives to handle construction materials at the next meeting. Sandy moved to accept white goods and construction materials at the landfill for \$100.00 per ton. Joan second the motion, motion carried. Geoff said the initial cost on the transfer station is \$30-\$35 per square foot.

Dennis wanted to know why City employees are moving tires to the landfill for private businesses. Some discussion was held concerning this. The Council wants each business to be encouraged to take care of their own tires.

The Quarterly Investment Policy was discussed. Andy suggested that E.R. check into T-bills.

The West Texas Gas bill was discussed. Sandy moved and Joan seconded to pay the bill, motion carried with Earl abstaining.

All other bills were discussed. Sandy moved and Joan seconded to pay the bill, motion carried.

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Free Child Identification Cards At CASA Event

Fingerprinting and child identification cards will be provided free of charge at the CASA Kids for Kids '97 event on Sat. April 26th at Pendleton City Park. Imagination Station is coordinating the service with Sherman County Sheriffs Department contributing officer man power.

Parents will keep the cards. Children ages 5-17 will be fingerprinted. Children under 5 years of age will be given a foot print for accurate records. Parents must accompany their children during the printing.

Bring your children and help provide identification records to be used by the family in case of an emergency. This is an easy way to protect your children and give parents vital information.

City Of Stratford Considering Ordinance

The City of Stratford is considering an ordinance to prohibit putting grass clippings, leaves and other lawn waste in the dumpsters. Presently, there is an area near the landfill where residents may dump their grass clippings and lawn waste. This area is open at all times. There is also an area for tree limbs. However, this area is open only during the hours the landfill is open, or by calling the City hall and making arrangement to have it open when the regular hours would be inconvenient. Please do not put tree limbs or other trash in the area designated for grass clippings.

Bonar Park Update

Be watching Bonar park in the weeks to come, as hopefully, things will begin happening. As an update, the one dead Bradford pear tree has been replaced, the bricks and memorial are in the works, David Davis and Joe Mungia will be getting the back fence up and Debbi and Gayland Vandiver and Rick Reinart will be putting in the permanent flower gardens on both sides as volunteers. We appreciate this so much and know that it will be beautiful. Also, appreciation goes to Jackie Burkhalter and boys for their volunteer work in digging out the flower beds.

We have been very proud of the response to this project but are still a little short on finances to finish it out. Please remember that memorials are so very welcomed and notices are sent to the family. We will always take donations of any size that will help with the care of the park all summer.

Above all, enjoy the park. That's what it's there for. BE WATCHING.

Landfill Nearly Full

The City's landfill is nearly full, and will soon require that all trash be disposed of at another location. Due to this, the City Council voted at their last meeting to charge \$100.00 per ton for all construction waste and white goods (refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, etc.) brought to the landfill. This material will be accumulated at the landfill, and then disposed of at another location.

The wheel was invented about 3500 B.C.

Archie & Myrtle Brunewald were on hand to help Sherry Phelps present her program at Headquarters during the First State Bank's Workshops For Women held last week. Aren't they a lovely couple? Welcome to the community.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board
To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call
Angie Aguilar - 396-2040
Kathie Altman - 396-5611
Arlene Baker - 396-5318
Laura Dahl - 827-7476
Patsy Harland - 827 - 7568
Viola Kautz - 396-2058
Jerry Stewart - 396-5554
Child Protection Services
935-4375
ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL

6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper

The 6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper and Auction will be Friday, May 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.. This is to help support Lollipop Junction Kids.

Saturday, April 26
CASA "Kids for Kids Day At Pendleton Park"

Looking Ahead

April
 Keep Stratford Beautiful Month
 Chamber of Commerce Month
 23 Secretaries Day
 25-No School-snow day
 26-CASA's "Kids for Kids" fun day Pendleton Park
 29-FHA Cookout

May
 1-FFA Banquet
 3-Lollipop Junction Calf Fries/Auction
 13-Band Banquet
 15-Athletic Banquet
 17-Scholastic Banquet
 18-Baccalaureate
 22-8th Grade Graduation
 23-High School Graduation
 Beginning of Little League

Chamber Calendar



McArthurs Presents Program

Jessica Sikora presents Dr. Alma McArthur to High School Students
 Dr. Alma McArthur, principal of Windham School at the Neal Unit-Amarillo Women's Prison, shared her job experiences and job opportunities with the Windham School System and the Department of Corrections with the Stratford High School Students and Staff, Wednesday, April 2nd. Dr. McArthur also presented an evening program to the United Methodist Women.

Promise Keepers-1997 Wake-Up Rally!

In March 1990, the idea for Promise Keepers was planted in the heart of Colorado University head coach Bill McCartney as he and his friend Dave Wardell drove to a seminar. The goal was to fill CU's Folsom Field with 50,000 men gathered to honor Jesus Christ and to learn more about becoming men of integrity. By the grace of God, their goal was realized in 1993.

As the Lord has continued to show favor on Promise Keepers and expanded its vision to gather men in stadiums throughout the nation, the hearts of nearly 280,000 men were touched in seven different cities in 1994 and another 720,000 in 13 conferences in 1995. Last year, more than one million men came together in 22 different conferences nationwide.

Eighteen conferences have been scheduled for 1997 and in the fall of this year, Promise Keepers is calling for a multitude of men to gather in Washington, D.C. where they will confess their sins and repent before a holy God. The event will be called Stand in the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men.

Join Fellow Promise Keepers on Saturday, April 26 as they gather for a time of worship, renewal and recommitment and look forward to the Promise Keeper's men's conferences of 1997.

Share in the praise and worship service from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Then, participate in the rally from 4:30 TO 7 P.M. in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum, 400 S. Buchanan. No admission will be charged. Speakers will be Tim Anderson, Youth Pastor at The Potter's House in Dallas and Fred Campbell of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas and founder of Living Grace Ministries. Music is by Local praise and worship orchestra.

This is a sovereign move of God's Spirit in stirring the hearts of men, drawing together brother from different denominational, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in a commitment to become Promise Keepers.



"Gymnast of The Month"

Gymnast of The Month for March at Kelly's Gymnastics is Lyndsi Thiessen. Lyndsi is able to do her standing back handspring and round off back handspring on the trampoline. She is currently working to achieve these on the floor. Lyndsi has very good form and has a great attitude. Lyndsi is the 5 yr. old daughter of Brad and Tanya Thiessen.

less than six months experience. High Senior for the match was Chuck Wheeler of San Antonio, TX with a score of 2495-61X. High Woman was Brenda Diggs of Lubbock, TX with a score of 2415-64X. There were 3 women that shot the match.

High Standard manufacturing of Houston, TX donated a High Standard 22 Target Pistol to the high overall 22 shooter that competed the 22 match with a High Standard Pistol. Frank Vaughn was the winner of the pistol. His score for the 22 Aggregate was 877-35X. Frank Vaughn is the Indoor Rifle Director for the Texas State Rifle Association. He would like to say Thank you to all the competitors that entered the State match and to everyone that helped him put the match on.

Vaughn-Top Shooter

The Texas State Rifle Association held the Texas State Indoor Conventional Pistol Championship in Amarillo, TX on April 12 & 13, 1997. The Amarillo Rifle and Pistol Club hosted the event. There were 26 shooters from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Frank Vaughn of Stratford, TX was top shooter with a score of 2608-98X out of a possible 2700. Ralph Talbot of San Antonio, TX was High master winner with a score of 2486-97S. X.S.T. Chapman of Lone Oak, TX took the Master D Class with a score of 2604-90X. Winner of the Expert Class was Bruce Brummer of Davis, Ok with a score of 2608-92X. Mr. Brummer and Mr. Vaughn shot neck and neck through the whole match. Mr. Vaughn had more X's than Mr. Brummer to win the match. The X count is how ties are broken. This was the first 2600 that Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Brummer had shot inside. The winner of the Sharpshooter Class was Tim Young of Burleson, TX with a score of 2428-44X. The winner of the Marksman Class was Michael Graham of Sunray, TX with a score of 2330-33X. Mr. Graham is a new shooter with

Chamber Of Commerce Week April 21-26

The week of April 21-26 has been designated as "Chamber of Commerce Week". The U.S. Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1912 at the suggestion of President Taft to develop a strong link between business and government. As the world's largest business federation, the U.S. Chamber continues to be recognized as the voice of American business before government organizations, the courts and in countries around the world.

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce was chartered in 1965. The Chamber is organized for the purpose of advancing the commercial, agricultural, civic and general interests of the City of Stratford and the Sherman County trade area.

The results of Chamber members' investments are reflected in efforts such as: farmer/businessperson/citizen annual awards, Memorial Day service, Agriculture scholarship, yard of the Month, July 4th Fireworks and activities at Pendleton Park, Fair & Jamboree Flags, Christmas parade and lighting contest. The Chamber's success depends on the support and involvement of all the members helping to influence and promote area trade, and volunteering their resources for community development.

Individual, family, farm/ranch, and commercial business firms are encouraged to become Chamber members and partners in such projects. The sense of individual and community pride and accomplishment are well worth the small investment. Contact the Chamber office 396-2260 for information.

Attention: Seedling Trees Are In

ATTENTION: Seedling trees are in at the Soil and Water Conservation Office. There are a few cotoneaster, honeysuckle, nanking cherry, cottonwood and lilacs left. The price is .65 each. There are also a very few astrian pines at \$2.00 each. Come by the office or call 396-5517.



For crudites with panache, consider using raw asparagus, strips of turnip or zucchini instead of carrots and celery sticks.

Re-Elect

Kenton Kimball

For

School Board

Your Vote & Support Will Be Appreciated on May 3rd.

Pd. Pol. Ad Pd. for by Kenton Kimball, P.O. Bx. 678, Stratford, TX 79084

Elect

Ken Forthman

City Council

Your Vote & Support Will Be Appreciated on May 3, 1997

Pd. Pol. Ad Pd. for by Ken Forthman, P.O. Box 291, Stratford, TX 79084

Pray for Our Nation
 National Day
 of Prayer
 May 1, 1997



Give America A Breath Of Fresh Prayer

THE CHURCHES OF STRATFORD WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING, IN THE OBSERVANCE OF "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"

A PRAYER BREAKFAST AT HEADQUARTERS 7:00 A.M.
 A RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS ON EVERY HOUR
 AN ALL COMMUNITY SINGING AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7:30 P.M.
 A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL ON THE SHERMAN COUNTY COURTYARD IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, SHERIFF HAILE HAS PROVIDED A ROOM OFF OF THE COURTROOM.
 EVERYONE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THEIR BLOCK AND PRAY FOR EACH HOUSE ON THAT BLOCK.

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RESOURCES

Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 2,761,526.31
Certificates of Deposit	5,645,000.00
U. S. Government Securities	3,486,777.01
Municipal Bonds	7,114,490.95
Other Securities	17,370,019.96
Federal Funds Sold	7,595,000.00
Loans, total (excluding unearned discount)	65,565,883.86
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	882,430.88
Loans, Net	64,683,452.98
Income Earned Not Collected	1,222,447.78
Banking House, Furniture, and Fixtures	2,836,121.26
Other Assets	1,626,539.22
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	\$114,341,375.47

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 600,000.00
Surplus	6,737,374.88
Undivided Profits	4,108,559.93
Deposits	101,366,086.55
Accrued Interest and Expense	631,083.39
Other Liabilities	898,270.72
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	\$114,341,375.47

First Class Banking

Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers, this Hazy Monday morning April 21, 1997. If you are a Sherman County Older Texan what does the date April 21 mean to you? It kept nagging us until we got out the Encyclopedia to confirm that on April 21, 1836 General Sam Houston defeated the Mexican General Santa Ana in the Battle of San Jacinto thereby winning Texas Independence from Mexico. That was a long time ago. But we are reaping the benefits today and have the privilege of serving as a Sherman County Depot Museum volunteer this afternoon. In our ninety ninth year of life (quite a run on sentence, we trust we have made our point of years of time clear.

On SCOT Calendar is the regular meeting and dinner at SCOT Hall on Thursday, April 24, 1997. Host for this occasion are: Arthur & Helen Judd, David Harker, Bessie Palmer, George Jeffcoat, Linda Spurlock, Mary & J.E. Brannan.

Scot members are happy to furnish the rest of the meal as usual. We hope to see you there.

The following paragraph is taken from Director Jack Gore's April Newsletter. We are reprinting it because we think it is good reading for Senior citizens.

S.C.O.T. Stands for more than Sherman County Older Texans!!!!

"S"- stands for SHARING- Scotters share more than just time together we share in time of fun, sickness, hard times and material things when needed. We try to be there when needed.

"C"- stands for caring, known to go the extra mile if needed

"O" stands for others, we are known to put others first if needed

"T"-stands for THANKS, I am thankful to be a part of such a great organization, and I hope that you are glad to be a part of it too.

We promise to report on the use of the cassette player loan to us by the Texas State Library. To use it Speak distinctively. The keys on the machine for adjustments to the readers needs are few, large and easily manipulated. It has been so nice to read Guide post magazine and "Girl of the Liberlost" by Gene Straton-Porter. We can read when we are alone which was the purpose of asking for the cassette player.

On Wed. April 16, 1997 Lorelyn and Timi drove to Conlen, we located Wanda Woolsey employee of Sunray coop Elevator (formerly owned by Crabtree interest) visiting with her we learned that Kathrine (Elliot) Crabtree a guest at Dumas Memorial Convalescence Home and is progressing nicely healthwise.

Returning home our caller ID told us that number 2050 had called twice while we were gone we answered and found that Mildred and Andy James had called. We had a good telephone visit. They're doing real well. Lillie McAdams helps them during the day on Tuesday, Lillie had driven them out to the Lasley feedyard where Andy has some cattle. Andy says this gives him something to do and think about.

Occasionally we visit with Senior citizens who come to the courthouse about abstracts and other items related to transferring land. Visiting with one such person the names of C.V. (Jack) Collins, Lelah (Hill) Boney, E.G. Pendleton, were mentioned and our friend said that of the counties where they have gone for such information Sherman Counties record are the best kept of several counties records that they have searched.

Who read the Reports in Stratford Star dated April 17, 1997 about the three vehicles wrecks. Which occurred near Stratford on April 9 and 11? Our question is How can such accidents happen and no person (driver) be critically injured or killed? We have wondered a good deal about this.

Congratulations Dana Buckles for the award she received concerning her work for the Imagination Station.

We're late for our appointment to set at the museum, remember to encourage folks with shoulder pats and luv.

Pablo Picasso was the most prolific painter known. In his 78-year-career, it's estimated that he produced 13,500 paintings or designs, 100,000 prints or engravings, 34,000 book illustrations and 300 sculptures or ceramics,

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Stratford Firemen and their families were guests of Kerrick Community April 18th for Barbecue Ribs, beans, slaw, potato salad, relishes and a variety of desserts. Present were Jack and Vickie Gore, Chris Hernandez, Carlos Montoya, Ricky Garza, Lupe Garza, Aurora Hernandez, Donita Robertson with Kayla and Heather, Jade & Tammy Palmer with Bubba & Brooklyn.

Bill and Donna Gillenwaters, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel were hosts. Bill cooked the ribs (which were great!). Spring arrangements decorated the tables. Jack Gore was presented a donation in appreciation from several of the community.

Present were Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Bill & Pat Boren, Nita Taylor, Mike, Merilee & Marylou McDaniel, Virgie Matthews, Marjory Munden, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Hank & Mabel Rogers, R.J. & Mary Hill, Florencia Eslinger, Brady, Trisha, Reed & Rett Schoonover, Jimmy & Sundy Gillenwaters, Kenneth & Lynn Wells with Colter & M'Lynn, Ralph & Minnie Hampton, Parker Wells, Gary Hudgens, Ralph James Hampton, Annette Hampton.

Saturday night, April 26, 7 p.m., the community will meet at K-Bob's in Dalhart for a dutch treat supper with George & Barbara Avent. Afterwards all are invited to their new Dalhart home for a housewarming.

Foodshare Distribution Day is Sat. April 26, 2:30 p.m. at the community center. Be on time as Barbara has plans for soon after!

Shorty & Louise Hudgens spent a week at Conroe, Texas with their niece, Pat Wagner who brought them home and visited a

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New Places-New Faces



The Assembly of God Church in Stratford is getting a new look. If you haven't seen it drive by and take a look at their new addition. The church members are very proud and it looks very nice from the outside.

Principals Give Reports

The Board of Trustees of the Stratford Independent School met for a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 14, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 8:11 p.m.

The board members, Administrators and guests present were Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, Sandy Baskin, Barbara Chumley, Roy McAlister, John Wheeler, Karen Riffe, Vernon Paul, Steve Haynes, Jim Taliaferro, Jim Bob Brown, Ronna Jo Riffe, Brad Thiessen, Kathy Switzer and Sonja Ragsdale.

The invocation was given by Kenton Kimball.

The principals gave their reports on their respective campuses. Supt. Vernon Paul gave his report on transportation, tax collection is at 96.26%, investment policy recap, members were given number of board training hours,

budget recap discussed. The board received a thank you note from Sue Hudson. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 1997 at 7:00 a.m.

The board approved the claims and accounts for the month of March.

In other business, the board approved the Appraisal District Budget as presented. TASB delegate and Alternate for the convention this fall were selected. The textbook committee recommended that the board adopt all titles on the text book list.

The board adopted the Panhandle Information Network resolution for making application for the telecommunications grant.

The board hired Loree Nusz-Special Education, Lance Horsford-Girls Basketball, Todd Bass-Boys basketball, Jennifer Koch, Yvonne Pittman, Misty McBryde and Tina Duke subject to assignment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

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**
- Sid Carnes - Interim Pastor
- 5th & Main
- Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Morning Worship 10:45 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm
- First United Methodist**
- Rev. Mark Metzger
- 520 N. Main
- Sunday School 9:40 am
- Morning Worship 10:50 am
- Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
- Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
- 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
- Morning Worship Service
- St. Joseph Catholic**
- Rev. David Contreras
- 6th & Wall
- Rectory - 5687, Parish Hall - 2298
- No Saturday Mass
- Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
- Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am CYO - Wed. 7:00-8:00
- Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am
- Church of Christ**
- Jon Heatwole
- N. 3rd & Chestnut
- Sunday School 10:00 am
- Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm
- Calvary Baptist**
- Gerald Clark
- 302 S. Main
- Morning Worship 10:30 am
- Children's Active Learning 10:30 a.m.
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm
- First Baptist**
- Bro. Jerry Stewart
- 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 Adoration 11:00 am
- Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Thank you, Lord, for simple things that brighten every day like sunshine in the morning and daffodils in May.

Thank you, too, for friends who care when tears begin to fall and thank you, too, for answered prayer... the greatest gift of all!

Thank you for each spring bouquet and for the summer rose, for rainbows in the meadow and every stream that flows.

Thank you, Lord, for simple things which really are quite grand for each one is a miracle wrought by the Master's hand!

Clay Harrison

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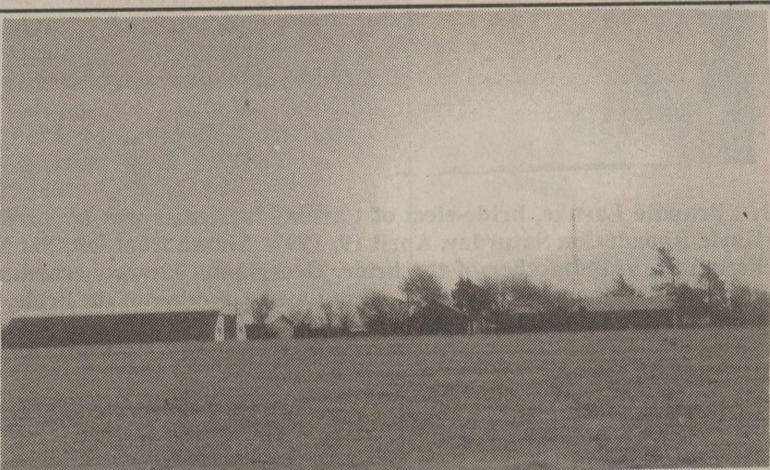
Mission Hispania Assemblies DeDios
Pastor Roberto Frescas
County Barn
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Estudio Biblico & Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm
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Vows Exchanged

Lane Johnson and Tom Kotara were married Saturday evening, April 19, 1997 at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. The Rev. Mark Metzger officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Johnson of Stratford, and Jerry B. Johnson of Lubbock. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kotara of Panhandle.

Maid of honor was Missy Stringer, of Lubbock. Bridal attendants were Paige McClendon, of Burleson and Missy Larremore, of Burleson.

Best man was Stan Kotara, brother of the groom, of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Scott Grisham of Irving, and Derek Holmes of Lewisville.

Ushers were Kurt Harris of Collinville, Doug Pittman of Plainview, Rex Baxter of Derby, CT, and Chris Pinnelli of Oak Hill.

Jr. Attendants were Leia Atwood of Stinnett and Joey Severt of Lubbock, both friends of the bride.

Flower girl was Kara Looten of Panhandle, niece of the groom. Ringbearer was Hunter Cassidy of Plano, nephew of the groom.

The bride received a bachelor of science in exercise sports science from Texas Tech University, where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is a member of the Texas Tech Ex-Students

Association National Board and is an account executive for Cropper-McGuire Broadcasting-KATP in Amarillo.

The groom received a bachelors in business administration from Texas Tech University, where he was a member of the Saddle Tramps. He is a programmer analyst for Hastings Entertainment Center in Amarillo.



Vows Exchanged

Sundae Noell Riddlespurger and Corey Dale McCutchan were married Saturday evening at Bell Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Danny Logan officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Riddlespurger of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas of Maud. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spurlock of Stratford. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riddlespurger of Amarillo and

Mrs. Freland Davis, Maud. Mrs. J.R. Brown, Omaha, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagwell, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Spurlock and Mr. and Mrs. Don McCutchan.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dr. David Riddlespurger. She wore a full-

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Buckles Receives "Golden Nail" Award

Scott and Dana Buckles received a "Golden nail" Award, April 12 at the 14th Annual Gala held at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The "Golden Nail" Award honors individuals, businesses and foundations whose generosity has provided a "Golden Nail" for the fine arts--music, ballet, theater, and the visual arts--in Amarillo and the Panhandle region. Scott and Dana have been an invaluable asset to the Imagination Station in Stratford which provides programs in the arts for Stratford and area children. The Golden Nail is derived from a bit of folk wisdom:

- For the want of a Nail the shoe was lost
- For the want of a shoe the horse was lost.
- For the want of a horse the rider was lost.
- For the want of a rider the battle was lost.
- For the want of a battle the kingdom was lost.
- And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail.

Arts supporters who receive the Golden Nail recognition have provided the "saving nail" for the Arts.



Taliaferro Honored

Shannon Taliaferro (lower right) was an honored nominee at the Texas Panhandle Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held at the Amarillo Country Club, April 19. In attendance with Shannon were, seated, LeRayne Donelson, standing: Gaynelle Riffe and Marillyn Albert.



Brandie Lavake, bride-elect of Carter MacKenzie was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Gayle Rhoades on Saturday, April 19, 1997. Shown from left, Pat MacKenzie, grandmother of the groom, Fern Yell, grandmother of the bride, Georgianna Lavake, grandmother of the bride, Helen Judd, great great aunt of the bride, Brandie, Nina Lavake, mother of the bride, Cara Lavake, sister of the bride, Mary Ann MacKenzie, mother of the groom.

Coast To Coast Discount Eyewear Program For Farm Bureau Members

Texas Farm Bureau members can participate in an eyewear plan (Coast to Coast Vision Plan) that can provide quality eye care products at a substantial savings.

Coast to Coast Vision Plan (CTC) is offered through a national network of preferred providers with over 3,000 retail outlets across the U.S., with about 400 of those participating in Texas. The plan may be used whether at home or while traveling.

The Cost to Coast Vision Plan (CTC) CAN Save members and their immediate family 20 to 60 percent off conventional retail prices on lenses and frames at the time of purchase. The plan does not cover the cost nor offer any discount for eye examinations.

Unlike "two-for-one" programs, all lenses, frames and extras offered by participating CTC providers are available at wholesale prices. There is no limit to the times the program can be used.

CTC offers a 30-day unconditional guarantee on the purchase of eyeglasses. If for any reason, the member is not happy

with the glasses, they may be returned to the regional retail outlet within 30 days from the time of purchase for a full refund.

To receive your special TFB discount on lenses and frames, you must call CTC at 1-800-488-7872. At the time of the call, CTC will provide you with information on how to receive your discount, and the location of the participating provider(s) nearest you. Remember, you must call CTC prior to visiting one of the providers in order to receive your discount.

The program offers a mail-order discount program for Ray-Ban and Serengeti non-prescription sunglasses at up to 50 percent or more off retail prices. The telephone number to place an order is 1-800-878-3901.

Additionally, the program is supplemented by a mail-order discount program which offers replacement contact lenses (written prescription required) at up to 50 percent or more off retail prices. The telephone number to place an order is 1-800-736-9587.

Chamber To Sponsor Agriculture Scholarship

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor an Agriculture Scholarship for a graduating senior. The scholarship fund consists entirely of contributions from local individuals or businesses. The total amount of the 1997 scholarship is dependent on the amount of donations received this year.

This scholarship is available to a graduating senior of Stratford High School who is planning to continue their education in an agriculture-related field of study. The student must submit an application containing personal data, school and community activities, work experience, and an outline of plans for the future. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced on May 23, 1997 at the High School Graduation.

The Chamber is requesting contributions for this fund to promote agriculture in the Stratford area as a viable future for young people.

Donations may be mailed to the above address or delivered to the Chamber office at 520 N. Third (City hall). For additional information, please call 396-2260.

Births

Randy and Ellen Downs are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Miranda Nicole born April 12 at 9:45 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthonys at Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs 10 1/2 oz and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed by brother Brandon, sister Kira of Dumas, grandparents Joel and Letha Downs of Amarillo, Yvonne and Harold Hammond of Erick, OK, and great grandmother Virgie West of Erick, OK and many friends and aunts and uncles.

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Coming from Wisconsin to escape their cold and just in time for ours were George & Myrt Hembree!

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck were busy going back & forth to Dumas while here mother, Bessie Palmer, was in the hospital.

Joyce & daughter, Belinda Roberts, attended two Catholic Women's meetings last week, one in Dalhart & the other in Dumas where the new Bishop was present.

Incidentally, Ted has 180 tulips in bloom at their house!

Jimmy Gillenwaters plans to have his Grand Opening April 28 of Capital Welding. It will be at the corner of 287 & 54.

Lynn Wells has recently been in San Antonio to see daughter Jan and husband, Claude Tondre and grandson, Kristopher.

Rett Schoonover celebrated his first birthday April 15 with a hot dog, french fries, ice cream & cake supper for lots of relatives and friends. Hosts were his parents, Brady & Trisha Schoonover and big brother, Reed.

Present were Ernie and Natasha Dyess, Doris Dyess, Terry & Barbara Schoonover, Steve,

Tracy & Cody Elliott, Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Bryan, Kendra, Justin, Kaylee & Madison Mungia, Mike, Merilee & Marylou McDaniel, Connie & John Hardesty, Brad & Kaci McBryde, Brandon, Holingshead & Chandra Hawkins.

Marylou McDaniel is home after returning from Reno with Stratford Grain Bowling Team at 5 a.m. on April 7, then leaving for Denver on April 8. She attended Rockies Baseball on the 9th, having missed Opening Day on the 7th. Then games of 10-11th were SNOWED out. Games of Sat. and Sun. were played (in football like weather), and one of the postponed games on Monday. Got autographed pictures of Larry Walker and Kirt Manwaring.

Honor Roll

Stratford Middle School 5th six weeks honor roll

4th grade-Kyla Bell, Jesse Daniels, Tyler Haynes, Brittany Hudson, Whitney Kautz, Josh King, Tiffany Knight, Mark Miller, Lindsay Stein, Jayme Wilhelm, Kayla Willard, Amy Woods, Craig Reinart.

5th grade-Erin Ashley, Carly Bryson, Carson Buckles, Amber Larance, Roann Lopez, Marcus McAlister, Briah McClellan, Mimi Ruiz, Heather Seiler, Sandra Torres, Lauren Walton, Melissa Williams, Twyla Young.

6th grade-Robin Daniels, Dylan Everett, Jarred Nusz,

Aracely Perez, Alicia Renzelman, Matthew Taliaferro, Robert Walton, Tiffany Whetten, Amie Witcher.

7th grade-Nick Ashley, Adam Bell, Ashley Brown, Marca Ewers, Pamela Griffin, Kari Gudgell, Wesley Hunsaker, Wes Kimball, Carly Mathews, Shawn McAlister, Jesse Porras, Melody Roberts, Erich Taylor, Trisha Teig, Jose Torres, Skyler Walden, Lori Wilhelm.

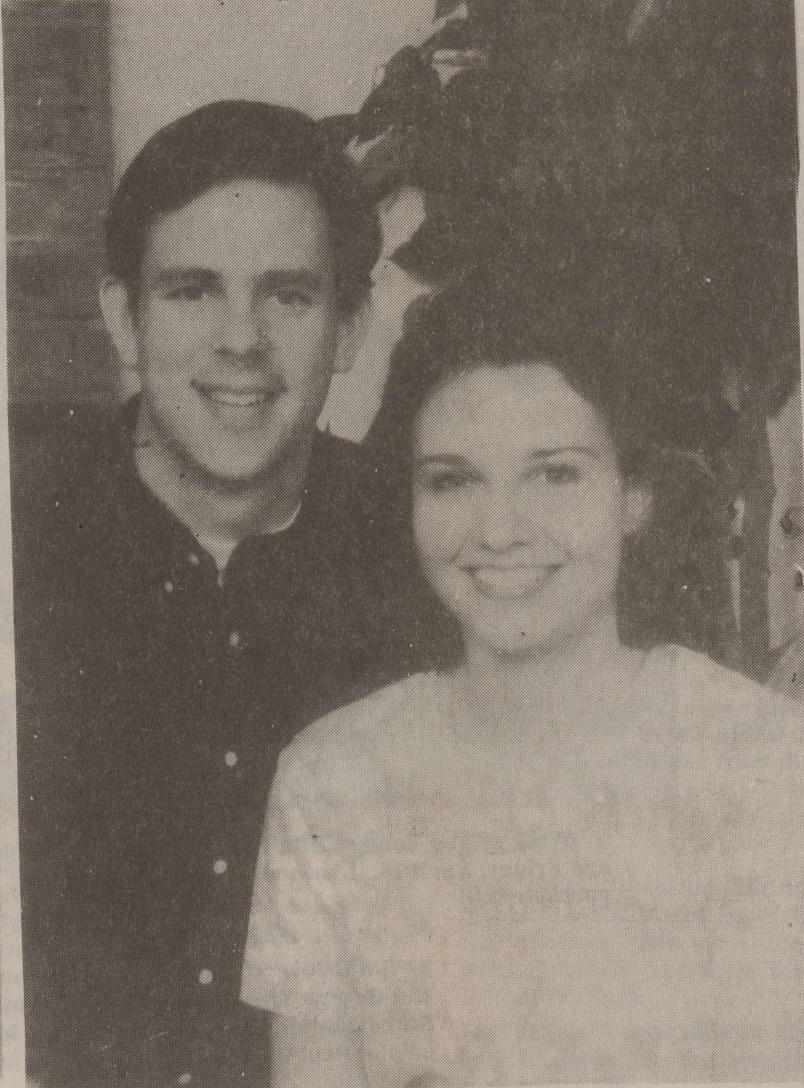
8th grade-Beau Brown, Kara Brownlee, Edgar Ortega, McLain Pool, Sid Resendes, Terra Whetten, Janet Witcher.

There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it.
—Kin Hubbard

Engagements Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith announce the engagement of Christy Lyn to Toby Lynn Lowry. Christy, a 1997 OSU graduate, is the granddaughter of Ralph & Sherri Brantner, Stratford, Arylene Branch, Jayton, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Jayton, Texas. Toby, the son of Vickie and Noah Harrelson and the late Lynn Lowry, is a current alternate for the College of Veterinary Medicine at OSU. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Zimmerman, Mt. View, Ok., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowry, Colony, Ok. The couple plans to wed May 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Keyes. Family and friends are invited.



Marisa Lucia Iacobi of Melbourne, Florida and Scott Riffe of Stratford, Texas are happy to announce their forthcoming union in marriage. The wedding is scheduled for May 24, 1997 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas. Marisa is the daughter of Enrico and Dora Iacobi of Melbourne, Florida. Scott is the son of Bill Riffe of Stratford, Texas and the late Janet Riffe. Marisa is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Scott is a graduate of the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Marisa and Scott are currently employed as engineers in the Wireless Systems Division of Nortel Inc. of Dallas.



Roger and Susie Jeffries, of Stratford along with Ralph and Sherri Brantner, of Stratford and Don and Drenna Butler of Raton, New Mexico; would like to announce the engagement of their children LaRita Dell Jeffries to William Judd Butler. The bride-elect graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in May 1996 and received a degree in Business Administration; she is employed by Sherman County Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Judd graduated from Texas Tech University in May 1993 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics; he is employed by Coronado Feeders, a division of Continental Grain Company. The couple plan to wed August 9, 1997 at The Eagle Tail Ranch, in Raton, New Mexico.

In God We Trust

Wedding
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Trust. It is the foundation this country was built upon. The pilgrim fathers, the early colonists, the first architects of our freedom, the framers of our Constitution—all of them were keenly aware of their dependence upon God's supernatural guidance, provision and care.

The 46th consecutive National Day of Prayer is May 1, 1997. This year's theme is "In God We Trust." This slogan, which appears on all of our currency, is not just a trite expression. Let us elevate these powerful words as our standard, seal them on our hearts, hold them in our thoughts and use them to guide our daily actions. Let us model this trust in God—who is always worthy of our trust—and pass this ideal on to our children, our country's future. Trust sprouts and grows whenever we realize that we need the help of the one who is able to make the crooked paths straight and the rough places plain. And it is expressed when we're humble enough to get done on our knees and ask for that help.

On Thursday, May 1, 1997 millions of Americans will join together heart and hand in order to do just that. The annual national Day of Prayer—established by an act of Congress, signed into law by President Truman, amended and extended by President Reagan—is a preeminent opportunity to acknowledge corporately, as spiritual sons and daughters of the founding fathers, our dependence upon the creator. It is a chance to cast our lot with God at this critically decisive moment in America's history. Prayer has made all the difference in the past; it is time to prove that it can make the same difference today.

Abraham Lincoln put it this way: "Unless the great God who assisted (President Washington) shall be with me and aid me, I must fail. But if the same omniscient mind, and Almighty arm, that directed and protected him, shall guide and support me, I shall not fail...Let us pray that the God of our fathers may not forsake us now."

Join us on May 1, as we intercede for America. You can make a difference.

length bridal gown of white satin with an Austrian heart-neckline. The full train was embossed with lace insets and adorned with pearls. She wore a pearl tiara. Her pearl earrings and necklace were a gift from her father and step-mother, as was the lucky sixpence she carried.

Maid of Honor was Heather Bryant of Round Rock, Texas.

Bridesmaids—Caralea Riddlespurger of Amarillo, Jennifer Greer of Amarillo, and Laurie Jones of Lubbock, Texas.

Best man was Lee Rothenflue of Bryan, Texas. Groomsmen were John Blevins of Midland, TX, Dallas McCutchan of Lubbock and Scott McCutchan of Bryan, Texas.

Guests were seated by ushers Bryan Beach of Dumas and Heath Bryant of Round Rock, Texas. Flower girl was Sydney Paige McCutchan of Kathy, Texas. Ring Bearer was Ashton Witt of Amarillo. Candlelighters were Erin Thomas and John Michael Thomas of Sunray. Wedding coordinator was Beth Coomer of Amarillo. Rice Attendants were Lindsey Winans, Monument, Co., Erin Thomas, Sunray and Regan Riddlespurger, Amarillo.

Hosting the event were Dr. and Mrs. David Riddlespurger, parents of the bride.

Musicians were Mary Tugwell of Amarillo, organist; Lynette Winans of Monument, Colorado, piano; Chris Winans of Monument, Co., piano and trumpet Dan Huck of Sweetwater, saxophone synthesizer; Lynette Huck of Sweetwater, vocalist, and Boyd Spurlock of Stratford, vocalist.

Guests were registered by Valerie Lewis of Dumas. Members of the houseparty were Shelley Riddlespurger, Kaylynn Keener, Denise Garvin of Sweeny, Texas, and Cortney Turner of Dumas.

The Bride is a 1994 graduate of Dumas High School, and was employed at Vision Associates in Lubbock as a contact lens technician/optometric assistant. The groom is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University at College Station. He is employed as a project manager for Don Burden and Associates in Dallas. After a honeymoon cruise to Baha, the couple will reside in Mesquite.

Members of the wedding party and their families enjoyed a rehearsal dinner hosted the previous evening by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Spurlock, parents of the groom. The dinner was held at Harrigans in Amarillo.

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Familiar Faces In New Places

Gaynelle Riffe had an exciting spring break. She and Don managed to gather all of their children, spouses, and grandchildren for a family reunion in San Antonio. While spending the day at Fiesta, Texas, Gaynelle decided to add Bungee Jumping to her list of accomplishments. Out of 23 family members, only Gaynelle, son-in law Jim Smith and daughter Diann Williams were brave enough to take the 180-foot plunge! naturally, the grandchildren were quite impressed.



Week of The Young Child was held at the Imagination Station on Monday, April 14, Wednesday, April 16 and Friday, April 18. Shown above on Friday during "Sample of The Arts" day 3 & 4 Yr. olds enjoyed making porcupines.

The following famous people never attended college: presidents Grover Cleveland, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington, U.S. oil magnate John D. Rockefeller, British playwright George Bernard Shaw, British author, Rudyard Kipling, U.S. inventor George Eastman, U.S. composer Aaron Copland and French painter Paul Gauguin.



Shown above, just a few of the students attending Gracie Garza's ESL (English as a Second Language) class held on Friday, April 18, 1997 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. This class meets every Monday and Friday at the Parish Hall.



Jack Gore receives a donation to Stratford Fire Department from Bill Gillenwaters on behalf of Kerrick Community. The Fire Dept. members and families were guests for a Rib Dinner Friday night.

Check Out The Library By Dorothy Haile

Gift books to the library are: Korea-Its History and Culture. There is also another series of small books that cover a wide range of subjects as pottery, paper crafts, musical instruments, masks, gardens and other traditional Korean Culture material.

Mystery readers will find these new gift books on the shelf: The Broken Promise Land by Marcia Muller, Family Album by Susan Oleksiw, A Tangled Web by Judith Michael, Chameleon by William X. Kienzle, She Walks In Beauty by Sarah Ahankman, and a Sharyn McCrumb mystery with Elizabeth MacPherson as the title character.

Two new paperbacks books:

one from Sandra Brown-Hidden Fires, and Barbara Michaels-Into the Darkness.

Other new fiction: Total Control-David Baldacci, Zeke and Ned-Larry McMurtry, Alias Grace-Margaret Atwood, Blood and Honor-W.E.B. Griffin, Hawk O'Toole' Hostage-Sandra Brown, Small Town Girl-Lavryl Spencer and Drums of Autumn-Diana Gabaldon.

These two best sellers are in: Ranch-Danielle Steel and Pretend You Don't See Her-Mary Higgins Clark.

Library Hours: Monday 1-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday 1-5 p.m. Saturday 9-1 p.m. Come read with us.

Happy Birthday,

- Dean, Don, Jennifer, Latrisha, Nora, Vickie, Brett,
- Christy, Cody, Jimmy, Jeanette, Mike, Wes, Keri,
- Marcus, Ricardo, Scott, Sue, Don, John, Lily,
- Gloria, Jordan, Malcolm, Maria

Kline Named To Who's Who

Salina-KS-The 1997 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 24 students from Kansas Wesleyan University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Students were chosen by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

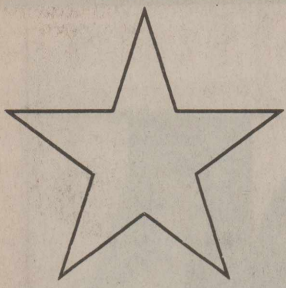
Students named from Wesleyan are: Jolina L. Garoutte Kline, daughter of Orlanda Garoutte and the late Gary Garoutte from Stratford.

Stratford High School Basketball Camps

This camp is for anyone interested in basketball for all skill levels. We are going to lay the ground work and teach the younger players the basic fundamentals. Junior high players will have a chance to improve their skills so they can have the opportunity of being an excellent high school player. High school players are going to concentrate on becoming a good high school player and eventually a good college player. We will be teaching and developing skills which college coaches are looking for in future recruits. The following personnel will be conducting the Camps:

Director: Jason Kline who in 1995 to present: Kansas Wesleyan University Men's Basketball Coach and Sports Information Director. He was Indiana Tech Men's Basketball Coach, 44-13 during those two years, 1993-94 ranked as #17 in the nation and 1994-95 ranked as #3 in the nation, coached three All-Americans and one Academic All-American, and made it to the

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4-3-tfn

For Sale: 1989 Ford 1/2 Ton, 4 x 4, Pickup, Call Armita 396-5521.
4-3-tfn

For Sale: Cardio-glide Exercise Rider. \$100.00. Call after 5 p.m. - 396-5845.
4-24-c

Shower selections for Melissa Beattie, bride-elect of Gary Coe are at THE General Store. Free delivery to the shower on May 3.
4-17-c

For Sale: Round Bale Sudan hay. Phone 396-5308 or 5978.
1-2-tfn

Shower Selections for Kevin & Brenda Holt Cotney are at Kay's Interiors 396-2760

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5-1-C

30% off wallcovering & border at THE General Store. Sale ends May 31st.
4-17-tfn

Wheat Pennies by the roll. 75 year old coins for less than 25 cents each by the roll. A real collectible item for a few dollars. Sherman County Real Estate 396-2230.
4-17-2xc

THE General Store has shower selections for Brenda (Holt) and Kevin Cotney. Free delivery to the shower on Sat. April 26th.
3-27-5xc

Congratulations Brenda (Holt) & Kevin Cotney. Bridal selections registered at Elk Pharmacy. Call and let us help you with a selection. For your convenience delivery to shower available.
3-27-c

ATTENTION - STRATFORD COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERS

WORK DAY AT OUR CLUB IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 9:00 A.M. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME AT 9:00, PLEASE COME HELP WHEN YOU CAN.

Trees & shrubs are available at THE General Store. Selections include shade, fruit & ornamental. Shop early!
4-17-tfn

For Sale: 2 lift chairs. 396-5997 after 6:00 p.m.
4-24-p

Carpet Cleaner for Rent from THE General Store. Rent by the hour at \$3.00 per hour (4 hr. minimum) or \$19.99 for 24 hours.
1-16-tfn

Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE, Saturday, April 26, starts at 9:00 a.m. 319 N. Maple. Divan, Nordic Track exerciser, youth bed, secretary's chair, children's toys, much more. Postponed in case of bad weather. Blake, Albert and Fedic
4-24-p

Weight Watchers is meeting each Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. in Stratford. Come try "The Freedom Plan" with the "WEEKENDS OFF" Option! For information, call 1-800-651-6000.
4-17-tfn

GARAGE SALE in (Bargain Room) behind K's Interiors (217 Hwy 54 E). Chairs, glassware, stove, sofa, lots of misc. Wed., Thurs., Fri. April 23, 24, 25th - 9:00 - 7:00.
4-24-c

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1-12-tfn

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1-23-tfn

VETERANS - Needing Assistance in Filing Eligible VERIFICATION Reports (EVR) Applying for Pensions, Hospitalization, Land and Housing purchase. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348.
4-24-p

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

Cards of Thanks

The Stratford Fire Dept. would like to thank the Kerrick Community for the wonderful meal and the generous donation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you seems "inadequate" for all the Stratford & ex-Stratford people have done for us during Daddy's illness and since his death. All the calls, visits, cards, FOOD, prayer support were/are so appreciated. Daddy really loved Stratford, as do we. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Stratford is a great place to live! Thanks again, we love you.

Roy Mitchell families & friends: Judi & Joe Boren family Gail Allen family Dorothy Robbins family

Thanks to everyone for all their cards, visits, telephone calls while I was in the hospital and since my return home.
Clifford & Alice Ellison

Wanted

Wanted: Yard Work for the summer. Reasonable Rates. Call 396-2436.
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City Council Cont. From Pg. 1

were discussed. Earl moved and Andy seconded to approve the Financial statements, motion carried.

The mystery at Jim Cloyd's has been solved. It was a black rubber hose connection on the water heater. he called TNRCC and they told him to check that TNRCC notified the City.

Sandy said that the tractor and back hoe are hard to see at night. Reflectors and cones with reflectors will be purchased.

A new sewer line was put in on Purnell, it seems to be working so far.

Sandy asked if anything has been done with the fire hydrants. A discussion was held about putting valves at each hydrant. Council decided to Have Hereford replace the worst hydrants.

David asked if there are any water mains that need replacing. Manny said that all of the two inch mains should be replaced.

Sandy wondered if the SPS franchise doesn't require them to have an office in Stratford. Teri will pull the franchise and check.

E.R. presented a commendation on the City's water supply. Sandy suggested printing it in the paper with a picture of E.R. and the water crew.

Andy asked the Council to consider paying the City employees better in the next budget. He is concerned about keeping employees especially with the pig farms coming in and paying more money.

E.R. asked the Council for a \$200.00 a month raise. Sandy asked Teri to prepare a salary review for the next meeting.

The TML Regional meeting will be April 17, 1997 in Amarillo, E.R., Earl and David are planning to go.

GTE asked permission to put a cable from 700 feet west of Beaver Road on Purnell to Beaver Road, council agreed.

The flow meter at the East Sewer plant is not working properly and has not since it was purchased. E.R. presented a plan to replace it that will cost around \$8000. Earl moved and Joan seconded to install a new flow meter at the East Sewer plant, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Bankshots-AAU Girls Basketball Team Takes First Place

Delayed entry into AAU basketball tournament play proved harmless to the Bankshots 13 and under AAU girls basketball team. The team took first place in the 14 and under age division of the Day Lynch Memorial Tournament in Amarillo this weekend.

Stratford, Canadian, Perryton, and Gruver Girls are teaming together again this year to make up the Bankshots, coached by Keith King of Stratford and Doug Hale of Perryton. Because of school track schedules the girls were a month behind most AAU teams playing in the area tournaments.

According to Coach Hale, "The team has been practicing once a week for the past five weeks. Due to school track meets, we haven't had an opportunity to field a team for the tournament schedule. This was our first tournament and the girls did a great job." To claim the first place medal in the older age division, the championship game was played Sunday afternoon against the West Texas Patriots, a 14 year old Canyon team. The previous

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AAU Continued

weekend the WT Patriots took first place in a Lubbock AAU tournament.

The Bankshots held their own against the Patriots coming out on top 44-41. Leading the scorers were Perryton's Courtney Nowlin with 14 points. Stratford girls scoring were Jessica King with 9 points and Thea James with 4 points.

In the exciting final game, Hale said "With less than three minutes left in the game we were down by 7. We took a time out to put on a full court press. Our pressure defense rattled the Patriots. We knocked down some key shots and were able to hold on for the win."

The Bankshots kicked off the three day tournament in a battle against Amarillo Speed on Friday night. Stratford post, Jessica King, led the team in scoring with 18 of the total 54 points, to Speed's 47. Thea James added 2 points.

Saturday's games included a 47-43 win against the Lady Jaguars and a 45-34 victory over the Hot Shots, both Amarillo teams. High point scorer against the Lady Jags was King with 15, James scored 2 points. In the contest against the Hot Shots, Canadian's Angela Bivins, Nowlin, and Perryton's Erin Hale all chalked up 8 points. King scored 4 points and James scored 2 points.

Other members of the team include Kami Thurman, Lindsay Dyer, and Terrah Manross of Perryton, Sammie Stavlo of Gruver, Angela Bivins and Jana Francis of Canadian. The next action the Bankshots will see will be in a Hereford tournament April 25-27.

Camp Cont. From Pg. 6

NAIA National Tournament, Assistant Director of basketball camps in Indiana for the last six years. Has recruited for NCAA Div. 1, NCAA Div. 22 and NAIA Schools. He has coached players that have graduated and went on to play professionally; Prentis Phillips is playing overseas in Ireland and is going to play in the US Basketball League and Dwayne Tubbs also going to play in the United States Basketball league.

Justin Coup-Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Bennington High School In Bennington, KS and his senior year in high school, he was the 2nd rated quarterback in the state of Kansas.

Tommy Webb-will be a sophomore at Kansas Wesleyan next year, he is a great athlete with a lot of potential, the future looks bright. He attended high school in Memphis, Tennessee.

Justin Morgan will be a senior at Bennington High School next year, In his Junior year-Justin was selected to the All-Area Team and was also Honorable Mention All-State and he is a very gifted shooter.

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Stratford Hospital District, Texas. Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 1997, for voting in a directors' election, to elect two (2) directors.

Location of polling place is Stratford High School Administration Office at 503 N. 8th Stratford, Texas, 79084.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Stratford High School Administration Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Darla Cummings, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997.

Issued this the 13th day of February, 1997

Jeanie Boggs

Signature of presiding Officer.

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AVISO DE ELECCION DIRECTORES

A los votantes registrados del Stratford Distrito de Hospital, Texas

Notifiquet, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3rd de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para dos (2) directores.

Direccion de las casillas electorales Stratford High School Administration Office at 503 N. 8th at Stratford, Texas 79084.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Stratford High School Administration Office entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 14th de Abril, 1997 y terminando el 29th de Abril, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Darla Cummings, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el April 25, 1997.

Emitada este dia 13 de Febrero, 1997.

Jeanie Boggs

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The following camps will be held at Stratford High School in Stratford

BOYS-Grades 3-5 June 9-13, 1997 (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost \$40.00

Grades 6-8 June 9-13 1997 (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.00

High School: June 8-12 1997 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost \$60.00

GIRLS-Grades 3-5 June 16-20, 1997 (*:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost \$40.00

Grades 6-8 June 16-20, 1997 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.00 and High School: June 15-19, 1997 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) cost is \$60.00

Registrations are due May 17, 1997. Questions should be directed to Jason Kline, Men's Basketball Coach, at 1-800-874-1154 or (913) 827-5541 ext. 3130.

To form a nest, the tailor bird sews leaves together with strips of silk or wool thread or vegetable fiber, using its beak as a needle.

Jr. High District Track Results

Track Meet
Jr. High
April 17, 1997

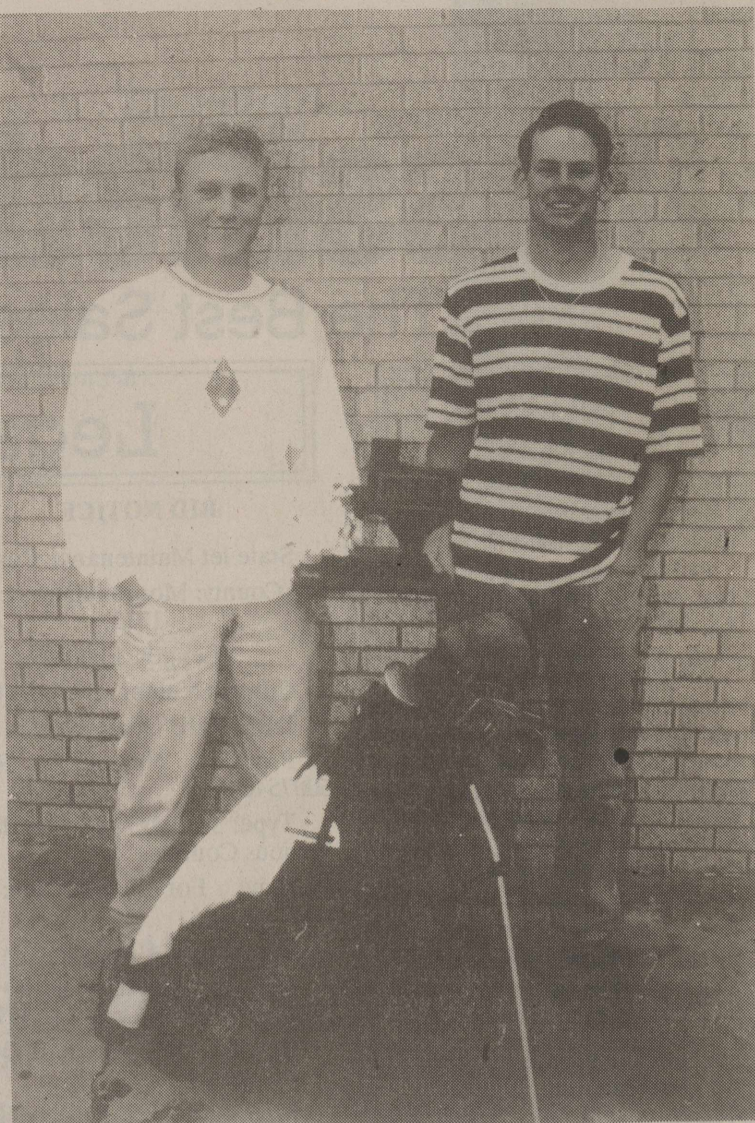
8th Grade girls placed 4th with a total of 58 points.

Individual results were as follows: **100 Low Hurdles** - Thea James - 2nd, Kara Brownlee - 5th. **800 Meter Run** - Janet Witcher - 4th. **200 Meter Intermediate Hurdles** - Kara Brownlee - 5th. **1200 M Run** - Jessica King - 2nd New School Record, Kara Brownlee - 3rd, Janet Witcher - 5th. **Triple Jump** - Jessica King - 3rd New School Record, Kara Brownlee - 26' 3/4". **Long Jump** - Jessica King - 5th. **High Jump** - Jessica King - 1st Ties School Record, Thea James - 3rd.

The 7th grade girls placed 4th with a total of 77 points.

Individuals Results: **400 M Relay** - Jessica Young, Trisha Teig, Heather Ashley, Mandy Helmuth - 3rd. **800 M Run** - Carly Mathews - 2nd New School Record, Melody Roberts - 3rd, Lori Wilhelm - 6th. **100 M Dash** - Mandy Helmuth - 1st. **800 M Relay** - Jessica Young, Trisha Teig, Mandy Helmuth, Heather Ashley - 2nd. **1600 M Relay** - Jessica Young, Carly Mathews, Trisha Teig, Heather Ashley - 3rd. **Shot Put** - Ashley Brown - 2nd New School Record. **Triple Jump** - Jessica Young - 6th. **High Jump** - Pam Griffin - 4th, Ashley Brown - 6th.

Boys Results not available at press time.



Gold Medalist at District Golf Meet was Chris Haynes, left and silver medalist was Stephen Paul.

The oldest capital city in the world is Damascus, Syria, which has been inhabited since about 2500 B.C.

Stratford Students Compete At Regional UIL Academic Meet

On Saturday, seven Stratford students competed against the best the region had to offer. The students competing were Chris Haynes, Sr., Ezra Daniels, Sr., Hillary Frank, Sr., Mark Meil, Jr., Finnan McClellan, Jr., Erica Baeza, Soph., and Jessica Walton, Fr. The regional competition took place at Abilene Christian University at Abilene.

Chris Haynes competed in Current Issues and Events. The test consists of 40 objective questions covering the entire spectrum of world events. Students must be able to answer questions over events that have occurred from the previous September through march. There is also a discussion question which the participant must be able to answer in depth. Chris missed going to the State Academic meet by one point. He placed fourth in this event.

The math team consisted of Mark Meil, Ezra Daniels and Hillary Frank. The forty minute contest covers all areas of math and is extremely difficult. To have a team advance to the fiercely competitive regional contest is outstanding. Mark Meil also competed in the Number Sense contest and place ninth in that event.

Finnan McClellan advanced to regionals in a speech event. Finnan competed in prose reading but was unable to advance beyond regional competition.

Erica Baeza won the district spelling contest and was in seventh place at the regional meet. This is Erica's second trip to regional contest in spelling. She is confident that next year will be her year to advance to the state competition.

this was Jessica Walton's first opportunity to compete as a high school UIL participant. Jessica competed in reading writing. This contest is one of the more difficult events, since the judging is so subjective. A participants score is based solely on the judge's discretion. Jessica did not place in the top six, however, the experience was invaluable. A trip to the regional competition only whets the appetite for future visits.

Accompanying the students were coaches Larry Norris, Judy Stoy, Jennifer Wells, Linda Young and principal, Steve Haynes.

3rd Grade Honor Roll

3rd Grade Honor Roll Mrs. Brown 5th six weeks Brady Bell, Thomas Griffin, Jordan Taylor, Kody Willard, Haley Buckles, Ramie Stewart, Francis Tenorio.

Mrs. Davis -Caleb Brown, Casey Crabtree, Brandon Davis, Rebekah Griffin, Cricket Hudgens, Logan Potts, Heather Robertson, Jesse Palma, Emily Shafer, Cheyenne Ziemann.

Mrs. Ragsdale-Allison Baskin, Connor Vincent, Josh Lanning, Katelyn Reed, Chelsi Thiessen and Walter Spurlock.



Advancing to Regionals in Abilene this coming weekend is the girls 800 M Relay & 1600 M Relay. From left, Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin, Jennifer King, Ashlie Lasley. Alternates - Missy Sikora & Keri Wight.



District Golf Champs advancing to regionals standing (l to r) Chris Haynes, Brad Williams, Stephen Paul, Coach Brad Thiessen. Kneeling from left, Dusty Stewart and Ryan Davis.



Advancing to regionals in track from left, Tai Ann Brownlee - 100 M Hurdles, Dusty Stewart - Triple Jump & 110 M Hurdles and Jennifer King - Long Jump.

Tascosa Regional Qualifiers' Meet Results

Dusty Stewart, Tai Ann Ind. Results were: **Long Jump** 800 M Relay - Ashlie Lasley, Brownlee, Jennifer King, Ashlie - Jennifer King - 14'8". **Triple Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin, Lasley, Megan Baskin & Hillary Jump** - Dusty Stewart - 2nd place - Jennifer King - 6th place - 1:51.3. Baskin and Michael Meil 42'9". **100 M Hurdles** - Tai Ann 1600 M Relay - Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin, Ashlie Lasley, Jennifer King - 4th place - 4:18.2. **110 M Hurdles** - Dusty Stewart - 2nd place - 14.7. **400 M Dash** - Michael Meil - 53.0. High School on Sat. April 19, 1997.




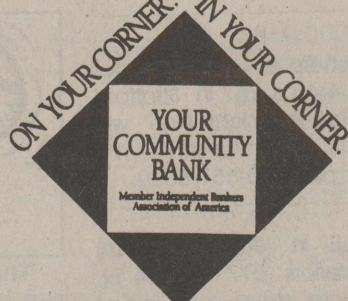
The Stratford High School One Act Play cast and crew performed scenes from the comedy *Dearly Departed* for UIL district competition at the WTAMU Branding Iron Theater in Canyon on March 27. The cast included Jessica Sikora, Chris Bell, Hillary Frank, Solon Daniels, Jasmin Sanchez, Ezra Daniels, Julie Kimball, Oscar Aguilera, Tami Davis, Ty Young and Ashley Stoy. Ezra Daniels and Jessica Sikora received All-Star cast awards and Hillary Frank was awarded All-Star Honorable Mention. Those working behind the scenes on the sage crew were Susan Dewees, Scott McAlister, Megan Baskin, and Carrie Newcomb. The alternates were Andy Adams, Jessica Walton and Ryan McDonald-Willey. Prior to the competition, they gave two performances in the Stratford High Auditorium. If you missed it, you missed some great entertainment by some very talented young people. Congratulations to all these students for their hard work and spectacular performance.

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