

Looking Ahead

Chamber Calendar

June
 IMAGINATION STATION: MAIN STREET ART
 18-Art in the 3rd Dimension (Sculpture)
 19, 26 Music to my Ears (Interactive with the Amarillo Symphony)
 24-Dino Doin's (Field Trip)
 27-A Backyard Adventure! (Field Trip)
 30-3-Methodist Bible School

July
 4-Independence Day Celebration in Pendleton Park
 Ice Cream Freeze-Off, Food & Game Booths Program-"Tribute to the Flag" and Fireworks
 15-Southwest Passage (Hwy 54) Meeting
 25-26 Ex-Student Reunion

August
 4-Stratford Night at the Dillas & Famous Chicken
 12-School Year Begins
 16-Depot Doins
 30-Miss Stratford Pageant

New Faces-New Places



Craig & Vicki Hillert are new to the Stratford Community. They have lived here since March 13th. Craig is employed at Walter Lasley & Sons Feedyard. He grew up in Marion, Texas and went to school at Texas A&M and graduated with a Animal Science degree in December of 1995. He worked at Bushman Cattle Co. after graduation and raised commercial cattle. He was an officer in Saddle & Sirloin club, TAMU member of TAMU Meats Judging team and member of Livestock & Meats Evaluation Team. He enjoys hunting & fishing. Vicki grew up in Roans Prairie, Texas (20 mil. outside of College Station, TX. She graduated from Texas A&M University, Agriculture Development in Dec. 1995, did marketing & advertising at TD Cattle Co. after graduation. She works at First State Bank. She was an officer in Saddle and Sirloin Club at TAMU. She enjoys photography and spending time with family and friends. They currently attend the First United Methodist Church, Craig is a Tee-Ball coach for Astros and Vicki is a director on the Women's Division of Chamber of Commerce.

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Obit

Kurt Landon Lee

Hugoton, Kansas-Kurt Landon Lee age 19 died Saturday, June 14, 1997 at Satanta District Hospital in Satanta, Kansas.

Services were held Tuesday, June 17, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at Assembly of God Church in Hugoton, KS. with the Rev. Robert Bailey officiating. Burial was in Newkirk, Oklahoma on Tuesday, June 17th at 5 p.m. with the Rev. James Clinkscales.

Mr. Lee was born October 18, 1977 in Dumas. He had lived in the Hugoton-Moscow area for 10 years moving from Seiling Oklahoma where he had lived for 10 years. He was a field Operator for Anardarko Petroleum Corp. He was a member of Assembly of God Church in Hugoton.

He is survived by his parents Tony & Diane Lee (Stewart) Lee of Spearman, Texas. One sister Krista Lee of Spearman, Texas. Grandparents: Mary Lee Hale of Moore, Oklahoma and Hugh & Billie Ann Stewart of Stratford, Texas and Great Grandfather Charles Ellison of Stratford, Texas.

XIT Rodeo & Reunion Plaster Dalhart Day

XIT Queen and Princess Contestants are reminded that Plaster Dalhart Day for the 61st Annual XIT Rodeo & Reunion will be Thursday, June 19th. This will be a mandatory appearance for XIT Queen contestants and also the deadline for entering the queen's contest. Queen and princess contest entries should be mailed before June 17 to XIT Board of Directors, c/o Seth Ralston, P.O. Box 966, Dalhart, TX 79022, or the forms may be brought to the Plaster Dalhart meeting at 8:30 a.m. on June 19 at the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce. Required dress for the day will be a solid white shirt and blue jeans. Contestants will also need to bring Western clothes and a hat for pictures which will be taken that day. The evening's activities will conclude with a swimming party at 7:00 p.m.

Queen qualifications: High School junior or senior in 98\7-98; unmarried; able to ride a horse; live within a 50-mile radius of Dalhart.

Qualifying Princess qualifications: Grade levels 7-10 in 97-98; interested in becoming a queen candidate in the future.

Participating Princess qualifications: Grade level 6 in 97-98; interested in becoming a queen in the future.

For more information contact Seth Ralston at 249-8153 or 235-3122.

"The Boys Next Door" To Be Presented

The Guymon Community Theater will present *The Boys Next Door* on June 26, 27, 28 and 29. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. except the Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. To make your reservations please call 405-338-0019 and leave a message, you will NOT receive a return call unless there is a conflict. Tickets are only five dollars. This production is made possible through the Oklahoma Arts Council.

3 on 3 Basketball To Be At July 4th Celebration

The Stratford Cheerleaders will be sponsoring 3 on 3 Basketball at the July 4th celebration. Cost is \$20.00 a team. For more information, contact Keisha Naugle at 396-2862 or 396-5695.

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you, Sherman County Old Timers and readers this Monday a. m. June 16, 1997. When we repeated the phrase "What is so rare as a day in June" some time back-we had in mind a beautiful summer a.m.--followed by a warm day when every seed in the warm soil would germinate and begin to-grow-well-these June day of 1997 have been over-cast and gloomy. At 10 a.m. today the sun is not as bright. As we seem to remember them to have been--We aren't complaining only noting to readers and ourself that nothing is static-that we live in an ever changing environment. The main point is that today is a day the Lord has made and mankind is to be glad and rejoice in it. Let us be obedient and use the day for His glory-Amen.

What is on your calendar? Community wise there is SHS Homecoming in July so that should interest lots of our peers--We have word from so who plan to be here-but one who will not be here is Eula Reeder Burkstresser who wrote that she will NOT Be here. We have not heard from Hilma B. Cleveland nor her son, Joe-Inviting-but we are expecting them. Maybe some other family member has some information.

The obit of Delia Jane Harvey is in the Amarillo News this A.M. Delia Weiden was a Stratford citizen. She was away for several years-then lived here again while married to Howard Ethridge. Delia Jan Harvey was buried in Amarillo this a.m.

Another O.T. whose obit was in last weeks star, Leona Mae Blazier-daughter in law of Bessie Blazier Hodges (Mrs. Tom Hodges): A niece in law of Mrs. Bill Harvey. We would like to mention the obit of Mrs. John (Hazel) Bowen, sister-in-law of Lee Ellen Bowen Bonars, also and extend Christian prayer support and "luv" to these sorrowing family members from old timers and personally. The "Grim Reaper touches us all and we must find cause and means to face the loriely days to come.Amen.

We met Joyce Dodson on the street the other day and were glad to learn she is well after her bout with back back problems resulting from a car accident. Her husband Les Dodson was critically ill from bleeding ulcer a couple of weeks ago he also is recovering nicely. Joyce said her parents the John Haney are retired in Dalhart.

We met Florence Craig Cluck at Vi's Beauty Parlor, Florence is the daughter of the late Carl Craig, Texhoma her father was the owner of race horses that O.T.'s use to enjoy watching run at the race track in Raton, N.M. She is also the cousin of Paul Craig the Director of Nurses at Coldwater Manor. Jennifer Newcomb daughter of Sandy and David Newcomb was heaving her nails done at Vi's

Sunday we enjoyed Father Day Programs First Baptist, Amarillo, First Baptist Stratford and First United Methodist at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The first Methodist Joys reported that Shirley Plunk is bale to go back to work.

The Allan Hailes spent Fathers day with H.L. Haile in Amarillo and enjoyed a meal at Lubys, Nathan was no present since he is at Camp near Ft. Worth, Texas.

Marian Williams Plano, Texas will arrive in Amarillo sometime today and will visit Stratford on Tuesday. Ronnie Williams and Elizabeth are in California via extra flight time and are taking in Disneyland sights.

Matt Powers is busy doing yards and RV mowing. Joy and Devan Powers are cleaning and swimming in their pool and working at Coldwater Manor. We are aught up in just living but know that there is someone somewhere who needs a a shoulder pat and a "luing" word to" make their day" Let us be sure they get both!!



The desert fox's huge ears help it lose body heat.

Prairie dogs "kiss" by pressing their teeth against each other's face.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Ciccy & Roy Harris enjoyed a visit from her parents a couple of days last week. Lit & Betty Fowler live at Mineral Wells. Father's Day they all were at Ciccy' brother's, Bo Fowler, at Liberal.

Pat Boren went to Corpus Christi for State Bowling Tournament over the weekend. She was filling in for another team who had a member who couldn't go.

Jo June McDaniel came home Friday after 15 days in the hospital following knee surgery. she is taking more therapy this week. Granddaughter Tasha McDaniel is staying with them and being a big help.

Ted Irlbeck was in Amarillo for three days of tests at the Veteran's Hospital. He stayed with his sister Roberta Artho at Hereford and did some "fixing up" for her.

Randy and Lisa Irlbeck are back in Rome now. Before they left, brother Dennis and his wife Jeanette and baby Kelby of Amarillo came up to say "So Long". Also Belinda, Aaron & Jason Roberts of Conlen.

Marylou McDaniel was in Denver Tuesday for the Rangers-Rockies interleague game. Mike went for the Wednesday game.

Overnight guests June 9 with Marylou McDaniel were daughter Patti's SMU friends and their children. They were on their way to a cabin near Colorado Springs. Coming from Fort Worth were Tissa Nelson and daughters, Kathleen, Cecilia and Mary

Elizabeth. From Oklahoma City were Susan Robertson and sons, Matthew and David.

Tissa's nephew, John Foley and his friend, Suzanne McKee, joined the group for supper. John lives in Stratford and works for Cimarron Feeders. Suzanne lives in Dalhart and also works for Cimarron Feeders.

Merilee McDaniel and Mary Elizabeth really enjoyed sleeping on the floor!

Sandy Trail Farms has received word that a landrace boar, Gabriel 45-1, was 13th out of 2,000. It was selected as a trait leader for number born alive (NOW, if you understand that, you know your hogs!) Now this was at the Expo at Indianapolis that Ralph James and Annette Hampton recently attended. Swine were from Canada, Mexico and U.S.

Ralph and Minnie Hampton attended a 80th Birthday party and anniversary celebration held Saturday in Amarillo for Ethel and Ray Tennyson.

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The blue whale is the largest creature to have ever lived. It can grow to 100 feet long and weigh more than 100 short tons (91 metric tons).

The true way to be deceived is to think oneself more clever than others.

—Francois Duc De La Rochefoucauld

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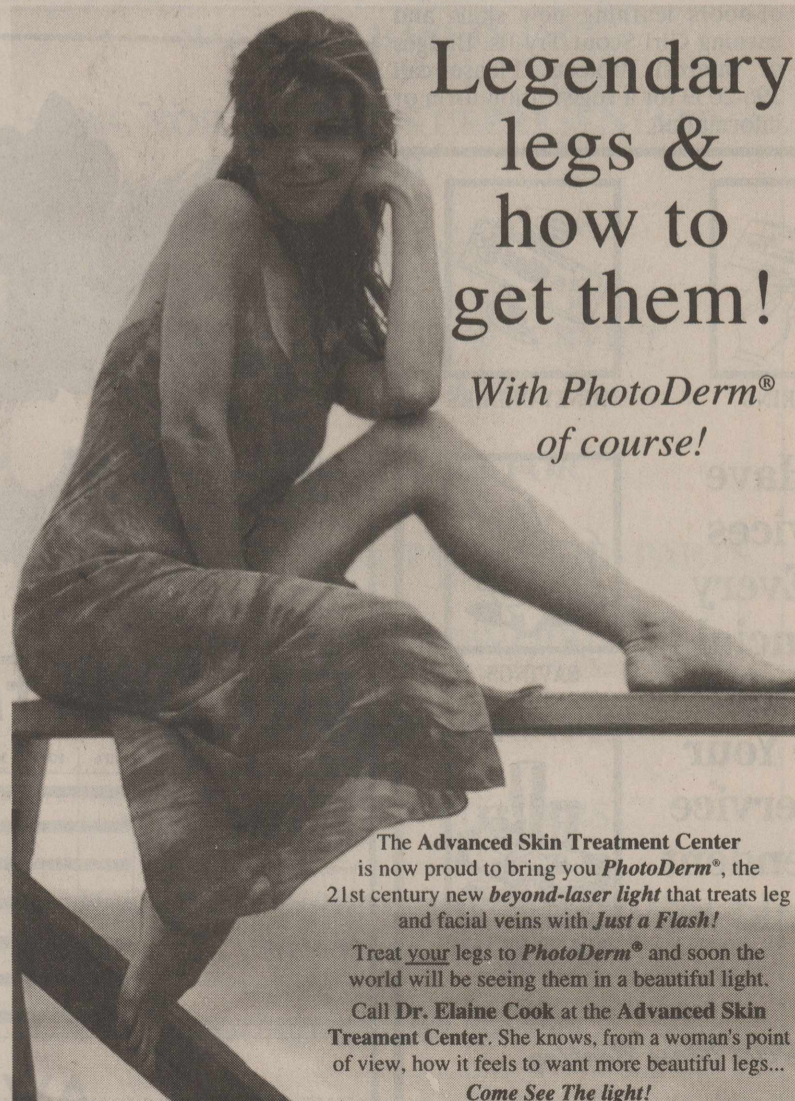
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Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Morning Worship Service
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian
Dr. Syd 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

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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
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Lavake & MacKenzie, Jr. United In Marriage

Brandie Joanne Lavake and Scott Carter MacKenzie, Jr. were united in marriage on May 31, 1997 at 6 o'clock in the evening in the First Christian Church of Stratford. Dr. J. Sydney Carnes officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lavake, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sekki Lavake of Stratford, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yell of Amarillo. Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott MacKenzie, and the grandson of Mrs. H.J. MacKenzie of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wade of Brownfield.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin sheath dress with a dropped waist. The bodice had a V-neckline in both the front and back. The bodice and sleeves were enhanced with hand beaded lace over imported net. The bottom of the skirt was also enhanced with hand beaded lace over imported net. The detachable train was also embellished with the hand-beaded appliques. The back of the dress was accented with a white satin bow. For the traditional 'something old' Brandie carried a white lace handkerchief given to her by her grandmother

Georgianna Lavake, and a white handkerchief given to her by her aunt, Rolene Arkon. Brandie's 'something new' was her wedding gown, and 'something blue' was her garter with Brandie's mother wore in her wedding. Brandie's 'something borrowed' was pearl earrings which she borrowed from her aunt, Rolene Arkon. For 'good luck' the bride wore a sixpence in her shoe given to her by Carter's grandmother's friend, Verna Cooke.

For her attendants, Brandie chose hunter green empire waist, floor length dresses with capped sleeves. The back dipped low with a bow at the waist. The maid of honor was Cara Lavake of Stratford, Texas. The bridesmaids were Amber Woolsey, of Amarillo, Texas, Laurie Bond, of Lubbock, Texas and Valeri Neff, of Lubbock, Texas. Each attendant carried a bouquet decorated with star gazer lilies.

Miss Leslie Herring, cousin of the bride, of Houston, Texas, was the flower girl. Leslie wore a white, tea length dress accented with a flowered sash.

The groom chose a black tuxedo with a white cummerbund and tie. For the groomsmen and ushers, Carter chose black tuxedos with black cummerbunds and ties. The best man was Eric Cederstrom of Lubbock, Texas. The groomsmen were Brian Stahler of Denton, Texas, Jake West of San Antonio, Texas, and Kory Hooks of Weatherford, Texas. The ushers were Kevin Mitchell of Lubbock, Texas, Mike Wietholter of Dallas, Texas, Morgan MacKenzie of Lubbock, Texas, Rob Hollmann of Odessa, Texas, Zack Brady of Austin, Texas and Marcus Lavake of Stratford, Texas.

J.J. Hollmann, cousin of the

groom, of Odessa, Texas, was the ring bearer. J.J. wore a black tuxedo with a black cummerbund and tie.

The candelabras were lit by Marcus Lavake, brother of the bride, of Stratford, Texas and Molly MacKenzie, sister of the groom, of Dallas, Texas.

The prelude of traditional wedding music was provided by Marihoward Engelbrecht. Serving as coordinators were Mrs. Ellen Tillery and Mrs. Kendra Mungia. Meredith Herring, cousin of the bride, was the program attendant. Registering guests were Jalane Rhoades and Kayla Kemper.

A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. The brides table held a five tier wedding cake decorated with a basket weave and fresh flowers. The cake was accented with a sterling silver punch bowl with appointments. Serving at the bride's table were Carrie Pearson, Meredith Herring, and Nealy MacKenzie.

The grooms table held a chocolate cake with chocolate icing, a burgundy Texas Tech Double T in the center, and a sterling silver coffee service. Serving at the grooms table were Elizabeth Hollmann and Melanie Hollmann.

Friday night, the grooms parents hosted a rehearsal dinner, at the Crossroads Restaurant, for the wedding party and guests. After dinner, the bride and groom were given a party hosted by the bridesmaids.

Following a cruise to the Florida Keys, Cozumel, and Playa del Carmen, the couple will make their home in Lubbock, where Carter is employed by Arrow Magnolia, and Brandie is employed by the Rag Doll.



Araceli Elizabeth Rodriguez & Ramiro Rodriguez, Jr.
Each one, one half, incomplete.
Together we are like one
and for this there is Happiness.
This day I will marry my true love
with whom I dream and love.
We will always be one
to share all of the days of our lives.
Take my hand & tell me that you will follow me,
that you will be next to me.
The ceremony will be at 2 o'clock the
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Reception: Texas County Activity Center
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Brandie & Scott MacKenzie, Jr.

Life is what happens when
you're making other plans.
—John Lennon

Births

Brady Lee Aro is proud to announce the arrival of his new baby brother, Alex Lane Aro. Born to Kandy Aro on April 29, 1997 at 2:35 p.m.

He weighed 7 lbs. 1.6 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Randy Aro and Great grandparents are Tom and Mabel Thompson.

Stratford Girl Scout Day Camp for all girls ages 5 to 17 will be held on July 14-18. This five day program will explore the worlds of Girl Scouting: out-of-doors, arts, people, well-being and today and tomorrow. Director Marietta Coomb will be asking for volunteer adult help to share skills, ideas and activities with all interested girls. Registered Girl Scouts may use cookie camperships from Yucca Girl Scout Council to pay for the camp and girls not currently registered as Girl Scouts can register.

Plan on a fun week in the out-of-doors learning new skills and earning Girl Scout Try-Its, Badges or Interest Projects. Please call 396-2039 for a registration form or information.



Coldwater Manor Birthdays

These gentlemen were among the father's honored Friday at Coldwater Manor. Ice Cream, cake and gifts were given each one. John Moulton, Mike White, Elvis Maddox, George Twombly, Myron Leedy.

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.
—Ogden Nash

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Moisturized skin	[Progress bar]									
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Stratford Elk All-Star Camp Pictures



Pictured at left, High School Girls attending the Stratford Elks All-Star Camp on June 8-12th were kneeling from left: Mandi Bell - Hustle Award, Jennifer King - 2 On 2 Champion & Most Valuable Player, Ashley Stoy - Ball Handling Award, Keri Wight, Julie Kimball - Defensive Award. Standing from left: Coach Justin Coup, Coach Justin Morgan, Veronica Leyva, Lynz Browning - 3-Point Champion, Carla Bell - Most Improved, Keisha Naugle - 2 On 2 Champion & 1 On 1 Champion, Jessica King - Knockout Champion, Lori Young - Free Throw Champion, Coach Jason Kline and Coach Tommy Webb.



Duke And Keener Attend Workshop

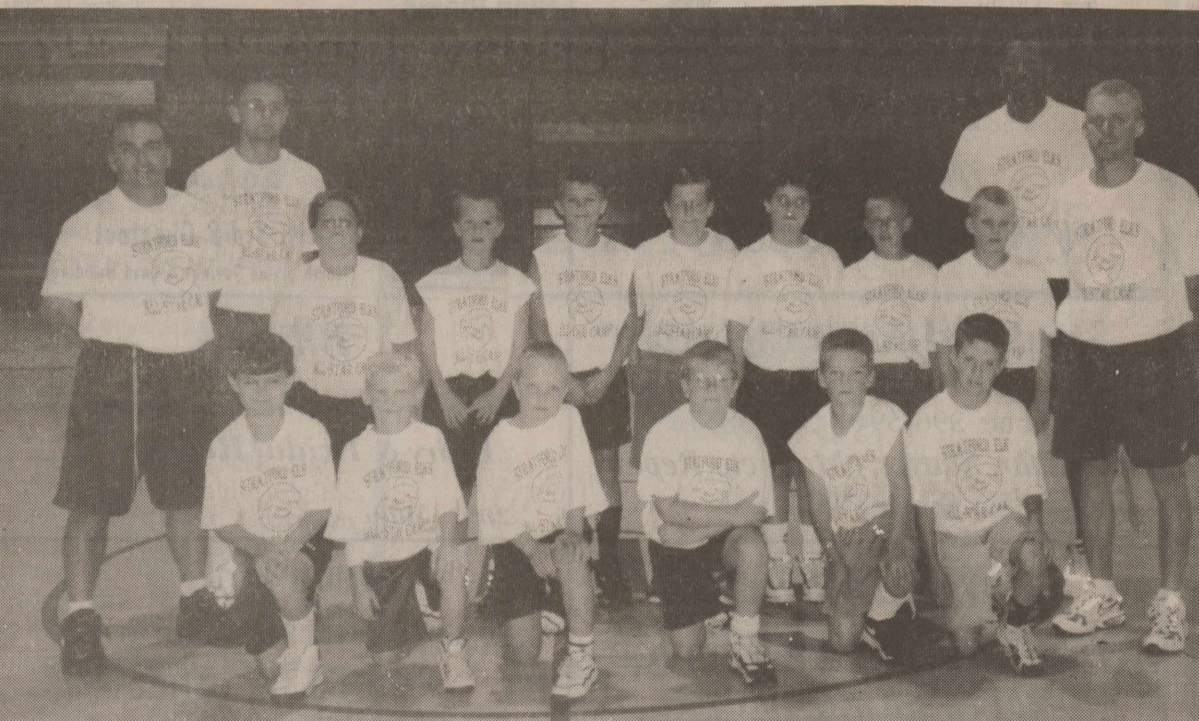
Goodwell, Okla-More than English, Dr. Pauline Hodges, of twenty-five Elementary and Beaver, a former Professor at Secondary Teachers attended a Colorado State University, and writing workshop on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University last week. Judy Jenlink, a secondary teacher from Timberlake High School.

The workshop was co-sponsored by the Oklahoma State University writing Project and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. The primary goal of the workshop was to enable teachers to discover new ways of involving their students in writing. The workshop presenters included: Dr. Joyce Bender, PSU Associate Professors of

after the famous Bay Area Writing Project, deemed one of the most successful educational ventures of the 20th century. Workshop participants had the opportunity to practice the various writing techniques they will be asking their future students to do. Among attending the workshop from Stratford were Tina Duke and Lana Keener.

Pictured at left, boys grade 6-8th and High School attending the Stratford Elk All-Star Camp on June 9-13th were front from left: Coach Tommy Webb, Coach Jason Kline, Eric Heatwole, Adam Witcher, Marcus McAlister, Eric York, Coach Justin Coup and Coach Justin Morgan. Middle row from left: Scot Plunk, Nick Ashley, Micah Heatwole, Wes Kimball, Jason Ashley, Billy Marshall. Back row from left: Barrett Shafer, Justin Wolfe, Corey Naugle, McLain Pool, Aaron Rhoades, Michael McAlister, Adam Bell & Skyler Walden. 6-8th Boys Awards as follows: Adam Bell - 1 On 1 Champion & Most Valuable Player, Adam Bell & Scot Plunk - 2 On 2 Champion, Skyler Walden - Free Throw Champion & Knockout Champion, Michael McAlister - Ball Handling Award, Adam Witcher - Most Improved, Marcus McAlister - Hustle Award, Wes Kimball - Defensive Award and Jason Ashley - 3-point Champion. High School boys awards: Corey Naugle - 1 On 1 Champion, 3-Point Champion & Most Valuable Player, Aaron Rhoades & Justin Wolfe - 2 On 2 Champions, Aaron Rhoades - Free Throw Champion, McLain Pool - Ball Handling Award, Micah Heatwole - Knockout Champion & Defensive Award, Barrett Shafer - Most Improved, Justin Wolfe - Hustle Award.

Pictured at left, 3rd-5th Grade boys attending the Stratford Elks All-Star Camp held June 9th-13th and the trophies they won were kneeling from left: Bradford McIver - 2 On 2 Champion, Scott Hudson - Hustle Award, Eric Riffe, Connor Vincent, Ty Davis, Walter Spurlock - Hot-Shot Champion. Standing from left: Coach Justin Coup, Coach Justin Morgan, Brandon Davis - Most Improved, Cade Davis - Knockout Champion, Josh King - 1 On 1 Champion, 2 On 2 Champion & Most Valuable Player, Brady Bell - Ball Handling Award, Harrison Walden - Free Throw Champion, Case Crabtree - Defensive Award, Josh Lanning, Coach Tommy Webb and Coach Jason Kline.



Freedom: It Is A Great Thing

June 19, marks an anniversary for the thousands of black men, women and children living in Texas. True, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in those states which were in rebellion, on January 1, 1863, but the official word didn't reach Texas until June 19, 1863; hence the celebration in Texas in June.

In a great sense, freedom and independence are celebrated on many days by billions of people who have achieved freedom from tyranny or freedom from another country. Examples are: Cinco de Mayo, May 5 marks the freedom of Mexico from France. The Philippines celebrate their independence from the U.S. which was freely given. Israel won its status as an independent nation in the mid nineteenth century. African nations are today fighting for independence and the rights of their people and self rule. In every country there is an independence day to celebrate. For every segment of the population there is a celebration of freedom.

The yearning for freedom and the celebration of it's achievement seems to be a universal feeling of the peoples of all nations. So today, wish all of our black brothers and sisters the best of America's freedoms.

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Couple Finish Walk Across America

They made it! Mark and Kelley Youmans, the couple walking across America from Florence, Oregon to West Palm Beach, Florida, walked into the Atlantic Ocean on April 19, 1997. In October they had walked through Kerrick where they had lunch with Marylou & Mike McDaniel.

They set out on foot from Florence on April 15, 1996 and averaged 15 to 20 miles a day. Through the entire journey, each pushed a modified baby stroller loaded with supplies, including a tent, camping equipment and water jugs. Their two dogs began the journey but had to be sent home when their paw pads became too sore for them to walk.

The following is the letter the McDaniels received from the couple June 10.

We did it! On 19 April 1997 we stepped into the Atlantic Ocean at Palm Beach, Florida. In all we walked 3,718 miles, passing through Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. It was the journey of a lifetime. As we walked across the beach, surrounded by family and friends, we both realized that every blister, scorching day and pounding thunderstorm was worth it for this one moment. WOW! Words just can't describe the emotion.

And we apologize for the form letter, but we met so many wonderful people on this trip--our mailing list reached about 200 by the time we finished! So to write to each of you separately would probably take all summer. Which brings us to another apology: sorry for it taking soooo long to get this letter to all of you. In this month since the finish of the walk, we've visited with family, spoke at some schools, drove from Florida to North Carolina, then to Oklahoma, back to North Carolina, then to Tennessee a week later (for the dogs), and back to North Carolina. THEN, we had the pleasure of job-hunting and looking for a place to live. Needless to say, getting back to the real world has been a little overwhelming and hectic.

Anyway, we have told everyone that we couldn't have reached the Atlantic without the kindness of strangers. So we humbly thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts for your hospitality. We met each of you as strangers, but departed as friends. We began this journey thinking it was gonna be "us against the world," a survival trip across the country. We never expected to be invited in by anyone, to be assisted when equipment failed or we got sick, to be given a cold drink on a hot day or a hot drink on a cold day, etc.

All of you are responsible for restoring our faith in humanity and in the people of this country. Because of you we learned firsthand that most Americans are good-hearted. It has been an honor and a privilege to be on the receiving end of so much kindness. And we deeply thank you for sharing your time and your stories with us. We have incredible memories to pass on to our children and grandchildren some day.

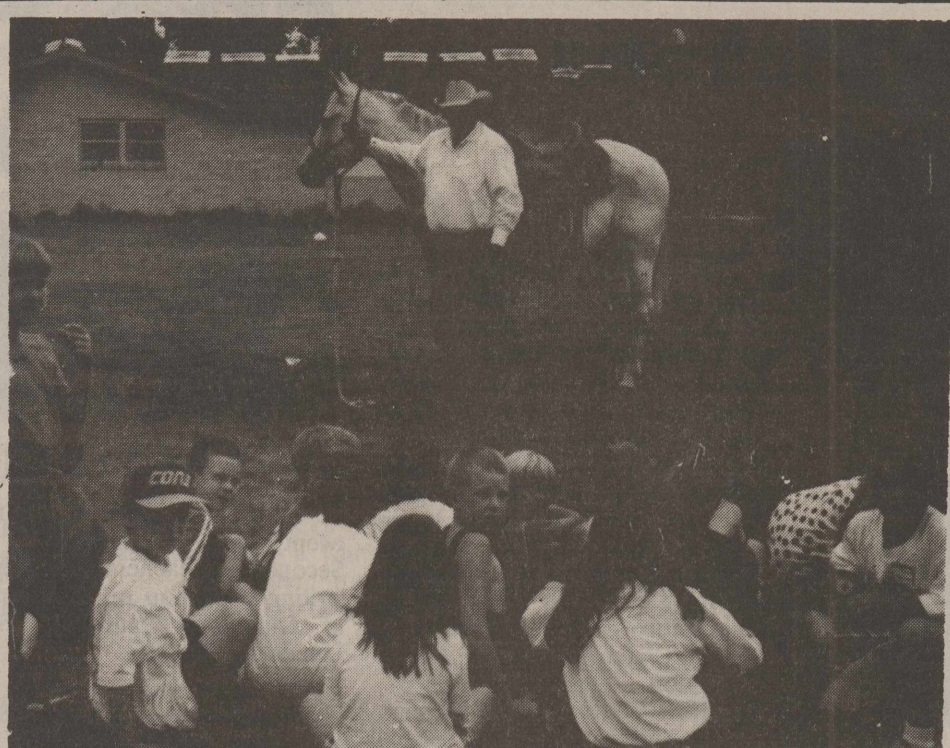
For now, we're back in Wilmington, NC enrolled for the fall semester at UNC to get our teaching degrees. We're trying to get used to the daily rat race, but it's hard. We're tempted to grab our tent and sleeping bags and escape to the Rockies! Our dogs, Roxy and Roland are doing great after a year of playing and running on a mountain in Tennessee, they're healthy and muscle-bound. For the next few months, Kelley will be putting the finishing touches on her journal, preparing it to present to a publisher. So cross your fingers and say a prayer--hopefully we'll find an interested publisher. If we do, we'll send a post card to notify you. But it may take a year or more, so be patient.

Thanks again for contributing to the adventure of a lifetime!!

Mark & Kelley Youmans
Trans America Walk



The study of ancient Egypt is called Egyptology.



Shown at left, kids attending the Summer Reading Program at the Sherman County Library were entertained by Sheriff Jack Haile and Twist, his horse on Monday, June 9th.

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

On Monday, June 9th, Summer Reading Club members were entertained by Sheriff Jack Haile and Twist, his horse. Sheriff Haile demonstrated for the young readers how to saddle a horse, the use of a bridle, and how a horse is hobbled when the animal needs to stand still. He had three head stalls and explained the purpose of each head stall.

Each child was given an opportunity to rope Fred, his roping dummy. He showed the children how to hold a rope and throw a loop to catch a calf. Sheriff Haile emphasized safety for the rider as well as proper care of the horse.

Our thanks to the "Incredible Horse and Rider", Sheriff Haile and Twist.

Monday, June 16th, "The Incredible Cars--Large and Small" were featured. Roy McAlister brought a small car that he had assembled from a kit. Laurie Ewers brought their limo. Each automobile is almost one of a kind, and especially so in our town.

Programs continue for the next two weeks. We encourage our participants to read or to be read to for at least 15 minutes a day or

spend at least 1 hour and 45 minutes a week reading. Studies show that children that read in the summer gain reading skills while those who do not lose some of their reading proficiency.

Brock Swain Attends Texas 4-H Roundup In College Station

Brock Swain was among 2,500 outstanding 4-H members from across the state who competed in the 1997 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University on June 3-6. Brock is a member of Sherman County 4-H and the son of Jack and Linda Swain.

Texas 4-H Roundup, the biggest 4-H event held each year, gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to gain educational experiences that support 4-H projects, demonstrate skills, and practice leadership at the state level. Outstanding 4-H'ers compete in 44 contests, displaying their speaking abilities, decision-making skills and talents.

Brock participated in method demonstration in the Open Class division. Brock's demonstration, titled "A Gift of Life", illustrated the importance of and how to properly sterilize surgical utensil and put together sterile surgical veterinarian packages. Brock qualified for state competition by placing 2nd at the District 4-H level in Amarillo.

Congratulations to Brock for his 4-H accomplishments.

Cards of Thanks

Once again, we want to say thank you for the calls, cards, flowers, memorials and expressions of concern for our family at the time of my father's death. We appreciate your concern for us. This caring has made our loss easier.

The family of
Clarence Guffee
Sonja and Robert Ragsdale
Richard Ragsdale
Rhett, Tracy, Reid and Ryan Ragsdale

Thank you relatives and friends for the cards and phone calls. Also to "My Secret Admirer" for the beautiful bouquet. You made it a Happy 94th Birthday. May God Bless You!

Opal Bryant

We would like to thank all of the thoughtful people of Stratford who sent cards, flowers, food & prayers during our loss. We would also like to thank the Stratford EMS for their quick response. A very special thank you to Jimmy Lanning for being there immediately. Thank you to Rev. Jerry Stewart and the First Baptist Church for the wonderful service and lunch.

Lola Johnson
Mrs. J.S. Johnson
Coby & Tamara Seaton
Shane & Deirdre Booth & family

I would like to say Thank You to everyone for all the calls, prayers, flowers, cards and thoughts given me during my surgery. I would appreciate your continued support & prayers because I do have quite a long road to climb before this is over.

Thank You Again,
Rolene Arkon

Farm Bureau Supports Youth With Scholarship Money

The Texas Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus in Texas in 1996 contributed more than \$150,000 in scholarships and to local livestock shows and other youth activities.

The TFB presented \$39,700 in scholarships to state and district winners in the Talent Find, Miss Texas Farm Bureau, and Free Enterprise Speech competition.

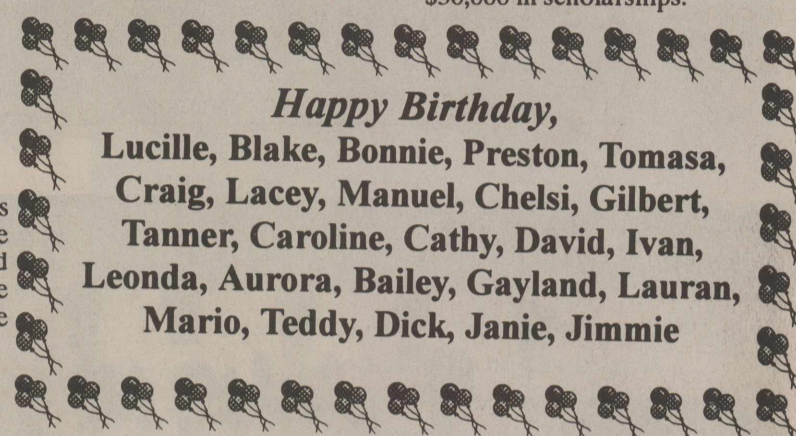
The Talent Find and Miss TFB contests are open to youths of 16 to 19 years of age in Farm Bureau families. The speech competition, also for FB youths, is limited to those who have attended the TFB Citizenship seminar, given the required number of speeches on the free enterprise system and are

a junior or senior in high school.

Local county FB youth winners include: Sabrina Bonds, 1996 Sherman County Farm Bureau Queen and 1996 District-One Queen. Janell Pronger, 1996 Sherman County Talent Find Winner.

Each year TFB presents a total of four \$4,000 scholarships to a member of the Future Homemakers of America, a member of the Texas FFA Association, and two 4-H Club youths.

In 1996, county FBs donated a total of approximately \$40,000 to local youth activities, including livestock shows and approximately \$30,000 in scholarships.



Happy Birthday,

Lucille, Blake, Bonnie, Preston, Tomasa, Craig, Lacey, Manuel, Chelsi, Gilbert, Tanner, Caroline, Cathy, David, Ivan, Leonda, Aurora, Bailey, Gayland, Lauran, Mario, Teddy, Dick, Janie, Jimmie

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Attention: Retired Education Personnel

All retired educational personnel: this includes teachers, administrators, aides, secretaries, bus drivers, cooks, maintenance workers and beneficiaries of deceased retirees--should be interested in two recent events affecting them.

First: The house and senate bills passed in the state legislature and most retirees will receive increases in benefits. Governor George Bush will sign the bill into law in the near future. Benefits will take effect in September and will be the "Step Three" of the legislative program proposed by the Texas State Retired Teachers Association.

Second: The annual membership drive for Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore unit is in progress. Send our annual dues to treasurer, Nancy Woods, at 122 Elm, Dalhart, Texas 79022 as soon as possible. The twenty dollars includes local, district and state dues. Dues support the organization which supports retirees and also active educational workers and the education of all Texas children.

Please take action today!

Attention Junior & Senior High Band Members

Come and share a music appreciation program with members of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra on Thursdays in June from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at The Imagination Station. Check the Main Street Art article for names of the musicians and section of the orchestra. Registration is \$5.00 each wee, and scholarships are available to cover the costs. Please call 396-2380 or register before each presentation. Meet professional musicians in Stratford as they share their knowledge and enthusiasm for music!

Cleaning & Storing Wedding Gowns & Textile Heirlooms

Part Two

Packing wedding gowns or textile heirlooms for storage is an important part of their preservation. Proper storage of these items can prolong their longevity and keep them a part of family tradition for many years.

Please remember no special treatments or storage procedures guarantee against textile deterioration or damage. However, a few precautions can help limit deterioration and maintain the textile.

There are several things to consider before storing your heirloom. After the item has been properly cleaned, you will need to decide if commercial or at home packaging is appropriate. A decision about horizontal or vertical storage will also need to be made. All of these decisions will need to be made depending on the type of item you are preserving.

*Commercial Packaging- Most dry-cleaners offer a special package to clean and box wedding gowns. This could be requested for other heirloom textiles.

The service usually involves a large box of acid-free cardboard in which the gown is packed with acid-free tissue between folds of the garment and as padding in the bodice and sleeves. Over time, the acid produced by standard tissue paper and cardboard can deteriorate textiles, especially cellulose fibers such as cotton, linen, and rayon.

The initial box is usually placed in a larger protective box. Sometimes slits are present in the box to allow air circulation.

Some dry-cleaners offer an optional vacuum seal. However, the International Fabricare Institute (IFI) indicates that this process isn't necessary. No seal is permanent. Also, heirloom textiles should be checked yearly for general condition, at which time the seal would be broken.

IFI also suggests that clear plastic or cellophane "windows" on boxes be removed or punctured to allow air movement. Moisture could condense on the clear window and support growth of mildew.

*At Home Packaging- Packaging heirloom garments can be done at home. Before doing so, check garments carefully in sunlight for soils and stains, even if they have been professionally cleaned.

Look for soil, stains, or the presence of wrinkles that have been pressed in. Both stains and wrinkles may be impossible to remove at a later date.

To package garments at home, use a large, deep box to avoid excessive folds. If possible, the box and tissue should be acid-free. Cardboard boxes should be avoided since they produce an acidic environment which weakens textiles over time.

White tissue is recommended. Blue or other colors can bleed onto fabric if they become wet. Use of non-acid-free tissue is acceptable if it is replaced yearly. Washed and thoroughly rinsed white cotton sheets can also be used to line the box. Acid builds up over time in cellulosic materials such as cotton, linen, and rayon.

Wash and thoroughly rinse storage materials made from these fibers every year or two to remove acid build-up and limit potential for deterioration.

To pack a large garment, such as a wedding gown, line the box with tissue or cotton sheeting. Place the garment in the box so as to limit folds. Place crumpled tissue at folds and in the bodice and sleeves for shaping.

If possible, remove fabric-covered metal buttons, rubberized dress shields, or foam padding. These items can oxidize, rust, or

deteriorate and result in damage to fabric over time. If not possible, use crumpled tissue as a buffer between these items and the garment.

Place tissue over the garment and add the lid. Do not seal. In fact, slits to allow air circulation could be added.

Avoid wrapping in plastic unless water damage is possible. Plastic bags are unstable. Plastic bags can give off damaging fumes, trap moisture, and provide an environment for mildew to grow.

*Horizontal versus vertical-Storage Box, or horizontal storage has been discussed above. This is desirable for heavy garments with beading or wedding gowns with heavy trains or sheer bodices. Knitted garments should be stored flat to avoid stretching over time. Also, small garments such as christening gowns are easily stored flat.

In some instances, vertical or storage on a hanger is acceptable. Vertical storage reduces wrinkling, but can weaken shoulders or bodice since the full weight of the garment hangs from these areas. If vertical storage is possible without undue damage to the garment, generously pad and wrap a sturdy hanger with cotton batting and cotton sheeting.

Sew cotton twill straps or a bodice shell slightly shorter than the bodice to the waistline. The weight of the garment will fall primarily on the twill straps or shell, and distribute the stress on the fabric. Stuff the bodice and sleeves with crumpled tissue or cotton sheeting.

Make a clean cotton sheeting cover. Avoid synthetic materials, as they develop static and attract dust. Wash the cotton cover and other cotton storage supplies yearly. Also, do not use plastic bags for long term storage.

Occasionally, small textile or accessory items can be store flat or rolled on tubes. When using tubes, they should be acid-free or wrapped in clean cotton sheeting.

If the textile is subject to dye fading, contains metallic threads, or is unusually fragile, interleaf acid-free tissue as you roll the item. Roll without tension and be careful to prevent wrinkles or folds

from forming. Wrap the tube in cotton sheeting and tie loosely with cotton twill tape for storage. If possible, avoid rolling textiles that are painted, as cracking may occur over time.

*Storage-Store heirloom textiles either hanging or boxed, in cool, dry areas, free from drastic temperature changes. Basements, attics or exterior wall closets are generally unsatisfactory. High attic temperatures cause oxidation of stains, finishes or trims. Basement areas are subject to moisture, mildew and flooding. Exterior closet have less stable temperatures.

Select an area with adequate air circulation but away from light. Each year, remove the item to check its condition. This is especially important the first year. If stains are noticeable, the potential for removal is greater than if left for longer periods.

Replace non-acid-free tissue or wash cotton sheeting wrappings. Repack the textile so folds are in different locations.

If garments are kept in drawers rather than boxes, do not place heavy items on top of them which may cause crushing and folds. Also, certain fibers, such as cotton, linen or rayon, should not be stored in cedar chests. The acid given off by the wood in the cedar chest can weaken the textile over time.

Caring for textiles and garments worn for special occasions can prolong their beauty and reduce deterioration over time. With proper treatment, items bought or made new today can be the family heirlooms of future generations. A little extra effort now can enrich the lives of family members to come.



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York Recognized In Girl Scouting

Editors Note: This article was taken from the Moore County News from Thursday, June 12, 1997.

Melonee York of Dumas was recognized for her efforts in Girl Scouting. The award recognizes service which is truly outstanding and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate.

The Thanks Badge is awarded to adult volunteers in recognition for service which is truly outstanding, benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout organization.

Melonee York is a junior girls scout leader for troop No. 315, Moore County service unit director, day camp director, council trainer, and was a council delegate to the national council meeting in Fort Worth. She was also co-chairman of the "Program Task Group for the Arrowheads to Atoms Wider Opportunity".

"Melonee's efforts and positive attitude have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of girls and make it possible for Girl Scouts to be their best and believe in their dreams. She makes a difference in tomorrow's leaders by making a difference in the lives of today's girls. Her dedication and commitment are an asset to the council and the girls we serve," said Stephanie Cross, council communications manager.

Melonee is a former Stratford resident and the daughter of C.W. and Betty McMillion.



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SPECIAL ELECTION

AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

rently receiving the 65-and-over tax freeze. Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the Legislature must provide for a reduction in the school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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