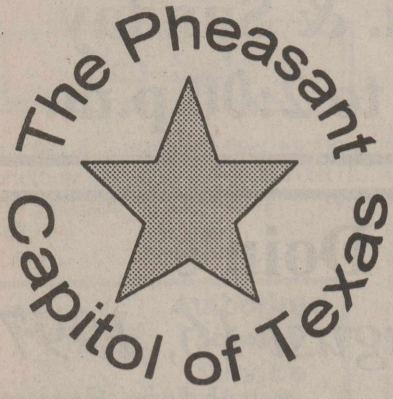


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Saturday, Aug. 16th



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Depot Doin's August 16th

Everyone remember to attend the Annual Depot Doin's planned for Saturday, August 16th at the Depot Museum. This is a good family affair. Good food mixed with good fellowship.

Sewer Clogged?...Call A Plumber, Please!!

Sewer clogged?... Call a plumber, please!!

If your drains or sewer are clogged or are draining slowly, check with your neighbors to see if they have the same problem. If not, check your sewer line or "cleanout". If you don't know where it is or how to do it...Please call a plumber.

If others on your block have sewer problems too...Call the city. The City of Stratford is responsible for the sewer mains and the sewer risers at the main. The property owner is responsible for everything from the riser to the house or apartment.

City of Stratford Landfill To Close

The City of Stratford Landfill will stop receiving municipal solid waste (Garbage) on September 30, 1997.

Yard waste (Branches; grass clippings; leaves) will still be accepted on a no fee basis.

Non-Commercial, rubbish will be accepted for fee at the "Citizens' collection station" are of the former landfill site.

Details of what can and cannot be discharged as well as rates and fees and hours of operation will be announced soon.

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Intersection To Have 4-Way Stop

On Friday, August 15th, the intersection of State Highway 15 and Farm to Market Road (FM) 119 in Sherman County will be converted from a two-way stop to a four-way stop. After a request from Sherman County officials, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) studied the intersection and determined a four-way stop would improve the safety of the intersection.

"We want drivers in the area to be aware of the change," says Leon Wood, TxDOT Traffic Operations Manager. "Although we install new signs, flags and other warning devices alerting drivers of the change, it can take months for drivers to change their habits."

The conversion should be complete by the end of the day August 15, weather permitting.

Pictures, Pictures People, ETC.

Pictures! Pictures! People, Nature, Scenery, Close-ups, Ag-related, Aquatic, Landscapes, and Families, and more!! I'm going to the Fair, Sept. 4, 5, 6th.



XIT Communications Grand Opening To Be Held

Shown above, XIT Communications putting their sign up last week at their new location in Stratford, 401 N. 3rd. Their Grand Opening will be held this Friday, August 15th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Sherman County Fair Craft Show

Saturday Sept. 6 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year it will be at the Fair Barn. Booth rent for \$20.00, call Bobbie at 396-5891. So come crafters you still have time! Deadline is Aug. 29th.

Risk Management Conference To Aid Wheat Industry

A forum on "Delivering Risk Management to Wheat Producers" will be held at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens on August 19 and 20. The Amarillo Botanical Gardens is located at 1400 Streit Drive in Amarillo.

"The objective of the conference is to assist the private sector in delivering their risk management products to wheat producers," says Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Service Economist and organizer of the meeting. According to Dr. Stokes, there is a variety of relatively new risk management tools available for the wheat producer.

Topics will cover pricing tools available through local elevators and marketing consultants, yield and revenue coverages provided by insurance agents, NAP coverage for wheat pastures, and changes in the way credit is extended by lenders. Conference participants will include financial lenders, insurance agents, elevator operators and marketing consultants.

"It is essential that everyone assisting producers be familiar with these products," says Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Service Economist-Amarillo. "The conference will go a long way in getting key providers in sync for delivering the best service to the producer," he added.

Other concerns such as "what is the best role for the government and what is the best role for the private sector," will be addressed.

Sponsors of the conference include the Texas Grain & Feed Association, National Crop Insurance Service, Texas wheat Growers Association, USDA Risk Management Agency, Farmers Home Administration, Independent Bankers Association of Texas, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The registration fee for the conference is \$40. The conference convenes at noon on August 19 and adjourns by noon on August 20. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Stokes at (972) 952-9229 or Michael Clawson, Sherman County Extension Agent, at (806) 396-2081.

Reserved and Season Football Tickets On Sale Now

The Stratford Elk Football season is upon us! The Elks have been practicing twice a day since August 5th and they are eager to play ball. Season football tickets go on sale Friday, August 15th in the office of the Superintendent. Reserved season tickets will be held for previous owners until Friday, August 29th. After that date tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Reserved seats will cost \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. There are 5 home games this year. The total cost will be \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child. We look forward to your support of the Stratford Elks Football program this year.

Those who do not want a reserved seat may also purchase season tickets for entrance into the games. This will be great for those who do not want to fumble with the cash at the gate. Adults-\$15.00, Children-\$10.00. Tickets available in the office of the Superintendent.

Tri-State Fair Here

The Tri-State Fair Bus Tour 97 arrived in Stratford right on time last Tuesday with approximately 35-40 people on board. The passengers included representatives from the Tri-State Fair Board, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Big Texan, Wrestle Fest, and the Amarillo media to record the tour.

The bus carried a full sound system and some great entertainment. A couple of the headliners for the Tri-State Fair, The Big Texan Opry Singers and Cloggers performed and free tickets for the rodeo and concerts were distributed. Bobby Lee of the Big Texas presented a "practice steak" for Jeff Kautz, who is Sherman County's entrant in the Steak Out.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a roundtable discussion with Stratford community leaders and the Tri-State Fair Directors, which includes Bobby Edmond of Stratford. The Tri-State Fair is seeking ways to encourage participation in fairs. Several ideas/suggestions were presented by the local participants. The Tri-State Fair will be held September 13-20, 1997. For additional information, contact the Chamber Office 396-2260.

XIT Communications Announces "NEW" Stratford (366) Numbers...

XIT Communications' Manager, Jimmy R. White, has announced that the "NEW" Stratford prefix will be allowed to keep the last four digits of their existing telephone numbers. By using the prefix 366, customers' numbers will change only by one digit.

The "RESERVE YOUR NUMBER NOW" campaign will begin at the Grand Opening of the XIT communications' Stratford Customer Care Center on Friday, August 15th and will continue until XIT Communications goes into service. Discounts will be given to those who reserve their numbers early. By reserving numbers early, customers will actually be helping XIT to speed up the activation process once they have service established in Stratford.

For the customers' convenience, XIT Communications will forward the existing old number to the new number for a designated period of time. Someone dialing the old number will hear a recording advising them of the number change and will be forwarded automatically to the new number.

Remember to set aside time to attend XIT Communication' Grand Opening on Friday, August 15th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 401 N. 3rd. You'll be sure to have a great time!

Rainfall-July

Rainfall Amounts for July were 1.72 inches.



Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Plunk

Depot Doin's Saturday the 16th

The annual Depot Doin's, sponsored by the Sherman County Depot Museum board, will be held at the museum on Saturday, August 16, 1997. The meal, consisting of barbecue, beans, slaw, apples, and cake, will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. featuring the honored Pioneer Family, the Charles David Plunk family.

High School.

The Museum will be open at 3:00 p.m. where a display will present pictures and family memorabilia and a history of the family will be given Saturday night. Make plans to attend the Depot Doin's. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children under twelve.

This pioneer family moved to Sherman County near Stratford in the early part of 1919. The C.D. Plunks with their six sons and one daughter, moved from Beaver County, Oklahoma, to a farm in Sherman County. All seven of the children graduated from Stratford

These tickets may be purchased from board members, Shannon Taliaferro, Pat Johnson, Eugene Griffin, E.R. Bell, Jim Bob Brown, Al Baker, Billy Joe Ross, Arthur Judd, Helen Judd and Daina Starnes. Tickets may also be purchased at the Depot Museum.



Shown above, the Stratford community enjoyed music while they received free concert tickets, Honor Student midway tickets, free rodeo tickets and fair event schedules for Tri-State Fair.



The Tri-State Fair Bus Tour 97 was in Stratford on Tuesday, August 5th.

Looking Ahead

Chamber Calendar

August
 12-School Year Begins
 15-XIT Grand Opening
 15-Country Club Chuckwagon Supper
 16-Depot Doings-Charles David Plunk Family
 25-4-H Achievement Banquet

September
 1-Labor Day
 1-30-Stratford Exhibit At Westgate Mall
 5-7 Stratford Fair & Jamboree
 Exhibits, craft show, parade, BBQ, Old Timers King and Queen, Rodeo, Dance.
 14-Grandparents Day
 18-19- 55 ALIVE Mature Driving Course.
 19-Homecoming

Obit

Larry Wayne Allgood

Larry Wayne Allgood died Tuesday, July 29, 1997 at Stratford, Texas in Sherman County at the age of 26.

Services were held at 3:30 p.m. at Greenwood Chapel in Ft. Worth, Texas. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Larry Wayne Allgood was born January 21, 1971 at Denison, Texas. The Allgood family had very recently moved to Stratford, where he was employed with Walter Lasley & Sons and his wife worked at Coldwater Manor.

Survivors include his wife, Bonita, son Jason (14), daughters Amanda (12) and Ashley (10) all now residing in Burleson, Texas; mother Naylan Hecke of Cleburne; step-father Ted Hecke of Azle, father Larry M. Allgood of Greenville; brother Jim Allgood of Abilene, sisters Lou Ann Allgood of Colleyville, Jackson Gaye and Melinda Gaye of Houston, one niece and three nephews.

Cards may be sent to the Allgood family at 6609 Cook Hills Road, Burleson, TX 76028.

Melba Keener

Services were pending at presstime for Melba Keener, 78 of Stratford.

Stratford At The Dallas Game

Stratford was certainly represented well at the Dallas game Monday, August 4th. The Chamber of Commerce sold 116 tickets for the game and it is believed that all attended. In addition, there were at least 10 Stratford people that attended the game, but did not purchase their tickets through the Chamber.

The weather was perfect for a night at the ballpark. The "Famous Chicken" delighted the crowd with his usual antics. The Dilla Dude joined in the fun and games with the Chicken. The seats turned out to be benches, but that is a lesson learned for the next Dilla outing. It was a good wholesome fun evening for everyone.



The windward side of a mountain usually gets more precipitation than the other side. In some mountain ranges, the windward side also has more plant life.

New Faces-New Places



Lance and Dinah Horsford and children Kaleb and Kyle are living at 315 N. Pearl. He is the new Head Girls Basketball/Cross Country Coach and Teacher in SHS. He was born in Littlefield and lived in Abernathy until married and moved to Meridian, Texas for 1st coaching job and was there for 7 years and they moved to Lubbock Cooper and coached there for 4 years. He went to school at Abernathy High School and Texas Tech University receiving a degree in PE/History. Dinah was born in Lubbock. Lived in Abernathy until married and moved to Meridian. She graduated from Abernathy High school, Graduated from South Plains College in Lubbock and McClellan County Community College in Waco. She is a Secretary/Teacher Aide in SISD. The family are members of the First Baptist Church in Stratford.

Kaleb was born in Waco and has attended Lubbock-Cooper Elementary Kindergarten. He will be in 1st grade at Mary Allen. He enjoys fishing, baseball and basketball. Kyle also was born in Waco. He's 5 and enjoys baseball, basketball and fishing.

Lance has two older brothers who both farm, one in Hale Center and one in Cotton Center. His parents were both farmers and live between Abernathy and Hale Center. He enjoys fly fishing and camping. Dinah has a younger sister who is a teacher in Pampa, and a brother who farms with her dad in Abernathy. Her parents farm and live outside of Abernathy. She enjoys Camping, raising their two boys and supporting her husbands teams!

They said they are excited to be back in a small community! The people in Stratford have been very nice and made them feel welcomed here.

Getting To Know FCE Clubs Meeting August 19th

If you are interested in getting acquainted with the Family and Community Education Clubs Program and gaining knowledge of the opportunities for investing in family strengths through fellowship with others then plan to attend at 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a short program on *Humor, the Internal Medicine*. Time for fellowship with others will be allowed. Preschool age children are welcome to attend as special activities are planned for them.

For more information, contact Jean Everett at 966-5346 or Susie Spurlock at 396-2122.

Reinart In Shanghai and Hefea, China

Marcus Reinart is in Shanghai and Hefea, China during the month of August. There are 12 million people in Shanghai alone. Marcus is a Systems Integration Engineer for Cellular Technical Services Co., Inc., (CTS) of Seattle, WA Marcus installs hardware and software and writes programs to integrate it. One is the Bluebird, an anti theft software that prevents unauthorized use of telephone numbers and codes of cellular systems. Marcus is finding China very interesting. He is trying to find something "made in China" to bring home, but says they are very proud of their Western Imports and he will have to search deeper for his souvenirs.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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6:30 Barbecue

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Pat Johnson

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Helen Judd

Billy Joe Ross

E.R. Bell

Shannon Taliaferro

Al Baker

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Eugene Griffin

Daina Starnes

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\$2.49	\$1.89

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Timi's Tidbits
By Timi Brown

Happy Day to you, Sherman County Older Timers, Readers and then generations of Plunks families who are invited to visit Stratford, Texas this week. Today is Monday, August 11, 1997. The sky is overcast, the temperature is about 60 Degrees. Hopefully the sunny drying process will be gone so that people senior citizens especially will be encouraged to plan to be on the go to enjoy the weeks activities.

The 1997-98 school year begins Tuesday August 12th. Young people in school!

On Monday August 4, 1997 Lorelyn and Timi visited the Taylor Building. Under Gaines guidance. The area with in the walls is 30 ft. long x 60 ft. wide-less very thick fresh walls. We stood about midway in this expanse, and 15 feet well and looked at the ceiling of embossed tin squares, then looked out into the street and were thrilled by the beauty of the ceiling which is to be covered up, due to cooling and heating problems. The unusual thing is the past on going in construction has not been appreciated by many citizens and is now to be covered up. There may still be time to see this interior. Read Gaynelle Riffe's letter to the editor on Page 3 Star, Thursday, August 7, 1997. It explains our remarks.

"Depot Doins" at the Sherman County Depot Museum is scheduled to take place Saturday, August 16, 1997 on the Museum grounds at 6 p.m. Renovations due to hail damage hopefully will be completed by the 16th. Barbecue will be served and the Plunk family is the honored family. Senior Citizens should enjoy this event and be on hand to greet the honored people. Remember the Engineers club, also "Depot Doins" is the annual fund raiser for the museum. Any funds are needed to complete projects planned.

Thank you Friend for the following comment.

Art Foster of Lubbock wonders if there are any old-timers left in Stratford who remember when the city had a municipal band composed of local citizens. As he recalls, some of the members were Carl Reeder and Joe Brown playing horns, Dr. Norvell on trumpet, John Kidwell playing trombone, and Pauline Jones on saxophone. On special occasions, the band would give concerts in the high school auditorium. Since it was the best, (and usually the only), show in town, there was always a good turnout. The floor of the auditorium was so flimsy it shook when anyone walked on it and in later years, the whole thing fell into the basement. There is no evidence to suggest the band had anything to do with the fall. Several bandsmen attended the Baptist church and would play their instruments at the Sunday morning service.

We do know that the Band made a remarkable reputation for itself. Our family accompanied the band one July 4th to Clayton, N.M. and during the parade which the band led SNOW fell! The lining had been taken out of the Band suits because they expected hot weather. The result was that personal got pretty cold.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Did you miss us? Have been seeing Rockies baseball games, and welcoming Fred's cousin, Dean McDaniel and his wife, Emma Lee of Sacramento, CA, to Denver and "Fred's Spread". Patti took a few days off, Mike & Merilee, and Thelma & Duane Smith, Dumas, came to visit, too. The weather was great while they were there. You see, Dean was Fred's first cousin, but Dean & I grew up together in Kansas. Dean's dad, Ray, married my aunt Irene and my grandfather's cousin was married to Fred's grandfather!

Nita Taylor and Pat Boren were in Cripple Creek, Aug. 4, then spent the next day and night with Marylou at "The Spread". Was nice and cool there, then here when all returned to Kerrick last Wednesday.

Pat Boren bowled in the recent Texas Amateur Athletic Games in Lubbock where she won the silver medal in her class. Bill also participated.

Bill and daughter, Kerry and grandson, Kevin, were in St. Louis, MO with the Joe Bill Boren family to deliver a pickup to them.

Aug. 2, Ted and Joyce Irlbeck attended the 75th birthday celebration of his brother Tony in Hereford. Then 21 family members and friends went camping at Tres Ritos, N.M. Jim and Belinda Roberts and children, Tracy, Aaron, Megan and Jason of

Conlen were among those going. Also Tracy's fiance, Koshar and Megan's friend Ginger Crabtree.

Rett Schoonover, youngest son of Brady & Trisha, fell against the exhaust pipe of a riding lawn mower Aug. 1st and burned his arm from the wrist to the elbow with a third degree burn in one area. They have been taking him back to Amarillo to the doctor nearly every day. It is beginning to heal, but may need plastic surgery later.

Jo June McDaniel, Donna Gillenwaters and Barbara Schoonover held election Saturday.

Hank Rogers spent a weekend at home a couple of weeks ago. He is back at Heritage Home in Amarillo. Jo Alice Rogers of Arkansas spent two weeks with Mabel & Hank. She left last Friday for home.

Charles Boren, Laredo, was here for the school reunion.

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel hosted a fish fry for those who were around on July 27. Present were Joe & Doris Weaver of Midland; Penny & Linda Whitson of Clayton; Bill & Donna Gillenwaters; Bud & Frankie Shields; Whitson, Eric, Travis McDaniel of Dumas; John, Terri, Nicholas & Shelby McDaniel; George, Barbara & Tyler Avent, Dalhart; Ted & Joyce Irlbeck; Megan & Aaron Roberts; Kenneth & Lynn Wells.

Art, being only six or seven years old when the concerts were given (in the mid-twenties), is sure to have overlooked important parts of this story. He invites additions and/or corrections.

Referring to Arthur Fosters article on the Stratford Band, Fred Kreiper, Guymon, OK. was the band director and was loyalty supported by members of the band and the entire community. We do not recall how much he was paid or how his salary was financed. We do know that the Band made a remarkable reputation for itself.

Congratulations to old Timers King and Queen elected for 1997. Homer Blake and Elsie Lasley are true representative for this honor.

Reported from Methodist hour: R.J. Hill has visited with Janet who says Eddie Moon is at home in El Campo, Texas where they live Former Pastor Kent is also at home, Boyd Spurlock is able to sit in the sun. Special blessings on all!

Attendance at the event to meet the Faculty for 1997-98 which took place in the high school cafeteria was well attended. We also met Sr. Citizens J.E. and Mrs. Brannan, Robert Lee and friend were present with Betty and Basking Brown, Eugene, Molly Griffin and Helen Griffin. Stone Waugh Tarver son of Lee and Carolyn Tarver, Jackson Presley McBryde, (Jack) son of Gared, Misty McBryde, Hurrah! Old Sol is about to shine! Let's get busy and out of doors, most folks pat shoulders and tell folks we luv em!

Wheels For Life
Participants Fight Childhood Cancer

A Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude Hospital will be held on Sept. 20, with a rain date of Sept. 27. St. Jude is America's largest Childhood Cancer Research Center and accepts young cancer patients from all over the U.S. regardless of their ability to pay. Located in Memphis, TN., St. Jude was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily from public support. Please donate generously when young bikers come by your home. Your contribution may help a child live. Sponsors make a donation for each mile completed, or a flat donation. All participants who turn in money will receive a certificate. Those raising \$35 or more will also receive a T-shirt and those raising \$75 or more. A sports bas as well. The real prize, however, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life. Refreshments for the bikers will be provided by First State Bank, Thriftway and Elk Pharmacy. Parents, please encourage your children to participate, support their efforts by helping them register sponsors and please set aside the morning of the event so they may ride in the Bike-A-Thon. There will be information about St. Jude at the Fair. Please stop by to see the display. If you would like to help with the event or if you would like to make a donation and are not contacted by a child, please contact Connie Reinart at 396-2826. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

With a busy week last week its time to relax for a week and do some planning. This means for some of you to do some "thinking" over \$250.00.

1. Ideas for parade float or vehicle
 2. Ideas for booth at Fair.
 3. Need some great tasting peach pies to enter in Fair Contest, representing older Texans group.
- Dates to remember Aug. 16th- Depot Doins.

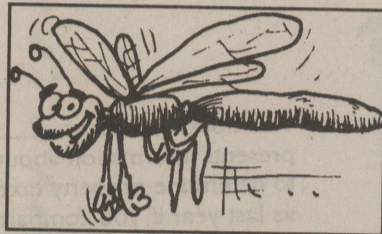
Aug. 21-Bingo
Aug. 26-Board meeting
Aug. 28-Luncheon
Aug. 30-Dance Band "Almost Country" 8 to 11 p.m. from Amarillo.

Thanks to all that donated to Summer Sale. Proceeds netted over \$250.00.

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

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Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
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Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study & Fellowship 7:30 pm

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Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm

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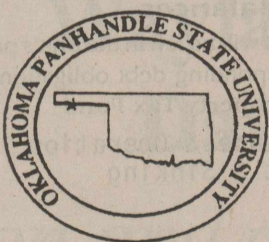
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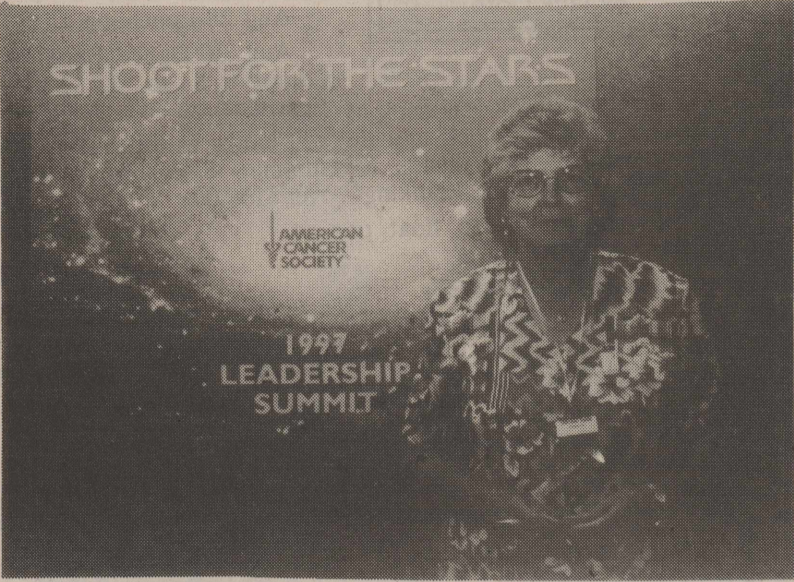
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Oquin Attends American Cancer Society Leadership Summit



Charlene Oquin is shown above while she was at the 1997 Leadership Summit. Below is a writing that Charlene brought in to share with our readers.

The tide had thrown thousands of starfish onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean, they were dying. Then, a young beachcomber saw their plight and began picking up starfish one by one and throwing them back into the water. One watching his seemingly futile effort observed: "There are thousands of starfish here. You can't possibly throw enough of them back to make a difference." ignoring the criticism, the young man picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the waves. "It made a difference to that one," he said.

Tri-Corner Art Association News

Members of the Tri-Corner Art Association met, July 29, at the County Barn for a salad luncheon.

After a business meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year. The new officers are:

President - Mary Jo Cox; Vice-President - Mary Hill; Secretary/Treasurer - Mary Lovett; Reporter/Publicity - Anita DeBord.

The group voted to have a Fall Art Show.

Members presents were Zola Mae Aduddell, Shirley Durham, Ione Kendrick, Mary Hill, Mary Lovett, Mary Jo Cox, Faye White, and Anita DeBord.

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Boy Scouts Invites Home School Boys To Join

The Boy Scouts of America are encouraging home schooling families to become active in Boy Scouting by enrolling their sons. Any boy who is at least in the first grade can join the Boy Scouts of America. Please contact the Boy Scout office nearest you: In Amarillo call 358-6500; Borger 274-9917; Guymon 338-3913; Pampa 669-2959.



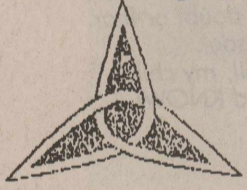
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Births

(Austin) According to a recent study, over 48% of Americans volunteer for community causes. On Saturday, July 19th in Austin, the American Cancer Society hosted more than 60 volunteer leaders from throughout Texas during its third annual Leadership Summit.

Charline Oquin from Stratford attended the summit meeting and participated in discussions concerning how best to involve new volunteers in the American Cancer Society's efforts to offer more local programs and services that benefit communities.

"People volunteer for different reasons," stated Gaylene Freeman, Chairman of the Board of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division. "For some it is the desire to help others. It's also a compassion toward people in need, wanting to do something for a cause that is important, and enjoying the volunteer work."

The American Cancer Society brings together its volunteer leaders like Charline on an annual basis to get their advice and to coordinate volunteer involvement activities for communities across the state. The American Cancer Society is a community-based organization fighting cancer through the efforts of thousands of dedicated volunteers.

If you have cancer, we can help. If not, you can help. To get involved with your local American Cancer Society group, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Michael and LaQuita Graham Jr. would like to announce the birth of Caitlin Lorena Graham on Tuesday, July 29, 1997. Caitlin weighed 6 pounds, 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Barbara Vaughn, great-grandmother Bernice Stubfield, and aunt Diane Vaughn of Stratford.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Juanita Graham of Guymon, OK and great-grandmothers Ethel Graham and Louise Ledford of Hugoton, KS.

Matisen Hjelvik of Billings, Montana is excited to announce the birth of her new baby brother, Remington Mikol Hjelvik on August 5, 1997. The young man weighed in at 10 pounds 6.5 ounces and is 21.5 inches long. His proud parents are Becky and Mikol Hjelvik.

Remington's paternal grandparents are John and Donna Hjelvik of Nye, Montana and the maternal grandparents are Robert and Linda Young of Stratford. His paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Arla Mouet of Hysam, Montana and Mrs. Marie Young of Stratford is his maternal great grandmother.

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Property Tax Rates

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for the listed entities. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	Stratford I.S.D.	Texhoma I.S.D.
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,628,313	\$ 871,233
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,628,313	\$ 871,233
Last year's tax base	\$ 200,941,350	\$ 84,965,210
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.30800 /\$100	\$ 1.02540 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	Stratford I.S.D.	Texhoma I.S.D.
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,526,968	\$ 854,254
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 225,422,131	\$ 83,101,380
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.12099 /\$100	\$ 1.02796 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.15461 /\$100	\$ 1.05879 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	Stratford I.S.D.	Texhoma I.S.D.
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment	\$ 2,400,667	\$ 876,060
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 225,721,101	\$ 83,124,780
- This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR 1996 maintenance and operation rate	\$ 1.06355 /\$100	\$ 1.05390 /\$100
- This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 1.30800 /\$100	\$ 1.02540 /\$100
+ \$0.08	\$ 1.38800 /\$100	\$ 1.05390 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.17309 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.38800 /\$100	\$ 1.30699 /\$100

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	800,000.00	200,000.00
Interest & Sinking	-0-	-0-

Schedule B

1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	None	Building Renovations
Principal to be Paid from Property Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 112,888.75
Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 30,996.53
Total Payment	\$ -0-	\$ 143,885.28
Total required for 1997 debt service	\$ -0-	\$ 143,885.28
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
- Excess collections last year	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997	\$ -0-	\$ 143,885.28
- State aid for facilities	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100 % of its taxes in 1997	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= Total Debt Levy	\$ -0-	\$ 143,885.28

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 402 North Third, Sherman County Appraisal District

Name of person preparing this notice Nessal Edmond

Title Chief Appraiser

Date prepared 8-11-97

Rise and Shine, Honey!

(NAPS)—We've all gotten the message that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so why not serve something special? Breakfast Waffle Club Sandwich With Honey-Apple Syrup is guaranteed to have your family buzzing to the table. Using apples, store-bought waffles, pre-cooked ham and the sweet taste of honey, this simple low-fat breakfast "sandwich" is a snap to make, even on a weekday morning. It takes only minutes to caramelize the apples in honey and butter. Then simply serve with ham over the toasted waffles and top with a delicious honey-apple syrup.

With September, National Honey Month, occurring during the fall apple harvest, it's the ideal time to give credit where a considerable amount is due: to our nation's honey bees. Everyone knows we wouldn't have honey if it weren't for honey bees, but what about apples, nuts, berries and melons? Without the pollinating prowess of millions of honey bees we wouldn't have the same quality and yearly abundance of more than 90 food crops we now enjoy.

It's mind-boggling but true—industrious honey bees work hard to produce approximately 300 varieties of honey in the United States. And no two varieties are exactly alike. The color



and flavor of each depends on the floral source tapped by the bees. In general, lighter-colored honeys have a milder taste while darker-colored honeys tend to have a bolder flavor. With so many choices available, experimenting with different honey varieties is not only easy, but each lends a unique flavor to any recipe you prepare.

During National Honey Month or any time of year, try one of more than 100 delicious low-fat recipes from the new cookbook, "Sweetened Naturally with Honey." To order, send a check or money order for \$2.95 to: National Honey Board, Dept. NPR, P.O. Box 125, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.

Breakfast Waffle Club Sandwich With Honey-Apple Syrup

- 3/4 cup honey, divided
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 2 Tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 crisp apples, cored and sliced
- 8 frozen waffles, toasted
- 8 thin ham slices

To make syrup, place 1/2 cup honey and apple juice in small saucepan over medium heat; heat through. Set aside; keep warm. Melt butter with remaining 1/4 cup honey in large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add apples and cook, stirring constantly, until apples are lightly caramelized and crisp-tender, about 4 minutes. For each serving, place 2 waffles on a plate, slightly overlapping. Top each waffle with a slice of ham. Top with 1/4 of apple mixture and drizzle 1/4 of honey-apple syrup. Serve hot.

Makes 4 servings.

NUTRIENTS PER SERVING:
 Calories: 492 (23% Calories from Fat); Total Fat: 13.3 G; Protein: 8.4 G; Carb.: 92 G; Cholesterol: 25.3 mg; Dietary Fiber: 1.7 G; Sodium: 926 mg.

Study Club News

Prospectus Study Club members will have a Texas Federation of Women's Clubs 100th Backyard Birthday Party at the home of D'Lynn Reed on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m.

Members may invite prospective members as guests.

Since it is a "birthday party" (and what's a party without gifts?) members are asked to bring items for M.D. Anderson—new or used paperback books, new toiletries, baseball caps, etc.

Club Social Committee will provide the birthday supper. Marsha Wright is Social Chairman.

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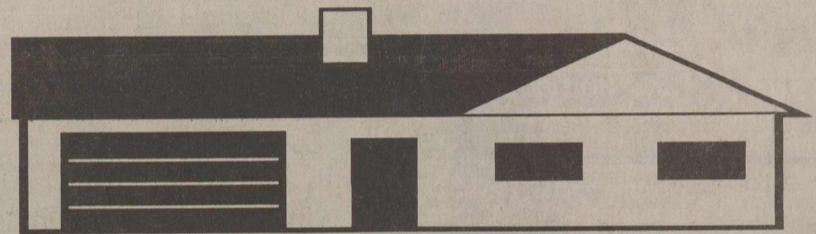
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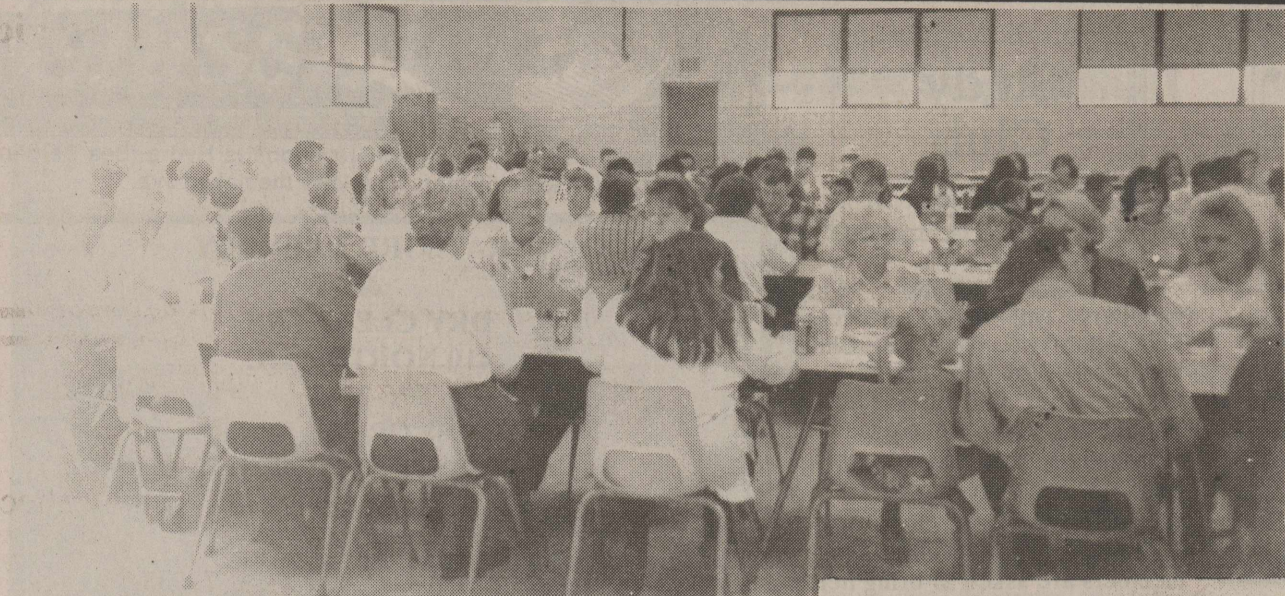
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Shown at left: A large crowd turned out on Thursday, August 7 to enjoy the Community Wide Back to School Supper.



Shown below: George Harding and Jeff Kautz cooked hamburgers for the Back to School Supper.

School Board Members from left, Kenton Kimball, Philip Walden, John Wheeler and Roy McAlister served at the Back To School Supper on Thursday, Aug. 7th.

The first duty of friendship is to leave your friend his illusions.
—Arthur Schnitzler

Sherman County Development Conducting
a New Membership Drive

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to enhance the economic base of Sherman County through increased population, business, and job opportunities.

The SCDC opened its doors for business in November of 1992. There have been numerous projects completed by the SCDC including the establishment of the Revolving Loan Fund, the implementation of a Tax Abatement Policy, the campaign for new GTE equipment, the extended local service, the implementation of the Half Cent Sales Tax for Economic Development, the support of the renovations to the local swimming pool, the Highway 54 Beautification Project, and the Duckwall Variety Store/Taylor Building Project, just to name a few... In addition, we have assisted in several local business plans, and sponsored 19 business seminars which were attended by over 1,200 people.

The SCDC is funded by Sherman County, the City of Stratford, and membership dues.

The SCDC is currently busy on several ongoing projects including the Senior Housing Community, the completion of the renovations to the Taylor Building, several local business plans, and two direct mail projects to prospective new businesses. We will be sponsoring a series of seminars in the fall/winter. The topics will include Steven Covey's "First Things First", a Grant Writing Workshop, an 8 hour computer seminar on Microsoft Word for Windows, and a wonderful motivational seminar by author/speaker Mamie McCullough is tentatively scheduled. Watch for more details on the series.

Would you like to join over 125 other members in their support for growth and progress in Sherman County? Annual membership dues for the SCDC are \$25 per member (business, individual, or family). Members receive reduced rates on the business seminars and receive a quarterly newsletter on SCDC activities. An annual meeting is held the first of every year to elect new directors and to receive an accounting of the SCDC's activities. We want you to be a member of Sherman County Development! For more information, call 396-2897 or return your check with the form below. Thank you for making an investment in the future growth of your community!

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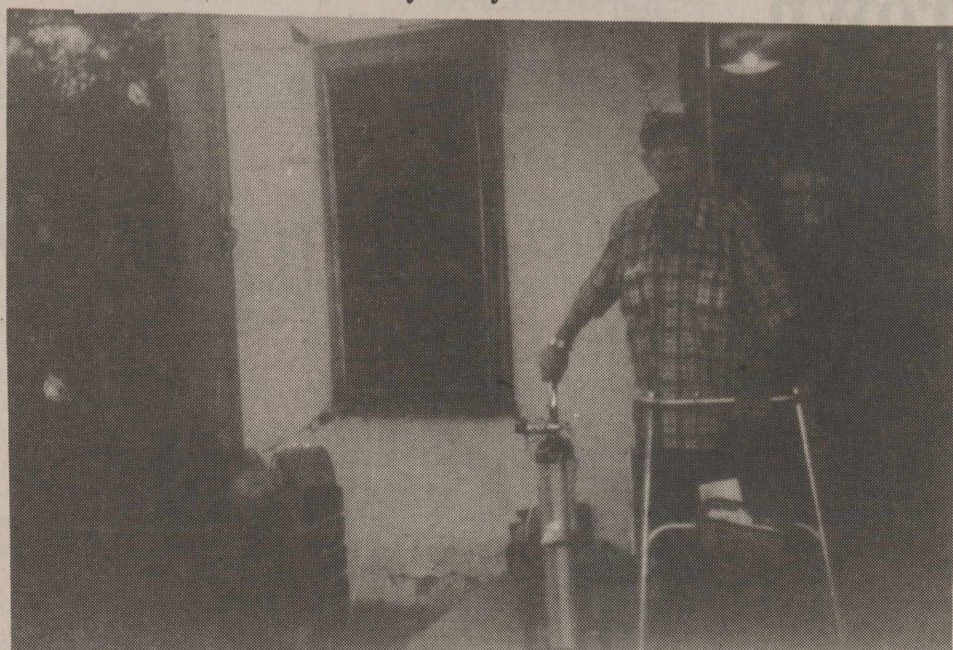
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A near disaster could have happened last week when an equipment trailer owned by Panhandle Implement of Guymon got caught on the railroad tracks by Garry and Tammy Blain house on Highway 54 East. Shown above is Ronnie Engelbrecht in his tractor after he had pulled the trailer off of the tracks. Jerry Hayworth and Duane Robertson are standing by the trailer. The tractor trailer was picking up a tractor of the Blains for repair when the incident happened.



Panhandle Transit comes thru Stratford 3 times a week, Mon., Wed., Friday taking people to Amarillo to the Dr., airport or wherever you need to go with a van that is wheelchair accessible. Drivers are from left: Nancy Moody & Veronica Mausal.



Charlie Beaman uses Panhandle Transit 3 days a week to Amarillo for Dialysis.



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Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Stratford EMTs for your swift action and care when we needed you. We truly appreciate you.

Rick & Connie Reinart

God has abundantly blessed me during surgery and since by an outpouring of His love through his people. Thank you each one as you shared God's love through your prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers, and food. May God bless you each one even more than He has blessed me.

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Big Blue Band Members Make History In San Marcos!

Eight Big Blue Band members traveled to San Marcos over Memorial Day Weekend to participate in the prestigious State UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. And for the first time in at least eighteen years--and possibly ever--Big Blue Band members received the coveted First Division Rating at this most difficult contest. Cody Hamilton--a 1996-97 Freshman--received a First Division on a horn solo, and the trombone trio composed of Hillary Baskin, David Hunsaker, and Steven Paul, also received a First Division on their performance. Also performing at the contest were Erika Baeza, Clarinet solo, and a flute trio composed of Crystal Roberts, Jessica Walton, and Janet Witcher. Both of these groups received second divisions--an outstanding achievement at the state level of competition! Cody, Hillary, David, Steven, and Erika all received medals for their performances as well. Congratulations to these fine musicians and their parents for their history-making performances.



Trombone Trio from left: David Hunsaker, Hillary Baskin & Steven Paul.

Horn soloist - Cody Hamilton.

Carter Returns From Archaeological Dig

Jenny Carter has returned to Lubbock after spending 2 months at an archaeological dig of the San Saba, the oldest Spanish Mission in Texas. It's remains are located by the San Saba River near Menard, Texas. There were several major finds while Jenny was there, and it was a great experience. Jenny will soon move to Houston to attend graduate school.



Clarinet soloist - Erika Baeza.

Flute Trio from left: Janet Witcher, Crystal Roberts & Jessica Walton.

Chance is always powerful. Let your hook be always cast. In the pool where you least expect it will be fish.

—Ovid

Carter Spending 5 weeks On Island

Heather Carter is residing for 5 weeks on the Maltese Island of Gozo. There are 3 islands in the chain, situated in the Mediterranean Sea, about 60 miles from Sicily and 170 miles from North Africa. Malta is about the size of Dallam County. Gozo, about the size of Amarillo, and Comino, about the size of Stratford. Their civilization dates back to 5000BC and they claim 23 megalithic temples dating back 6000 years. The official languages are Maltese & English and most everyone is fluent in Italian. The crystal clear waters of Comino were seen in the movie, "The Blue Lagoon," and in Anchor Bay, Comino, is the set of the movie, "Popeye". Heather will participate in the feast of the Assumption (Santa Marija) on Aug. 15 and the Feast of Our Lady of Victories on Sept. 8, before visiting the Vatican City in Rome, Italy, on her return trip to Manhattan. She says she has never seen anything like those islands and it is HOT. It was 112 degrees on Sunday, the 10th.

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo

Many preparations go into the nationally famous rodeo at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch every Labor Day weekend. But no one has worked harder this summer than the 100 children who have practiced every Tuesday and Thursday evening to prepare for competition at the 53rd Annual Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Beyond the arena and behind the chutes is where the excitement and anxiety in the air could charge a Die-Hard Battery. But 8-year-old Christopher Patterson isn't too worried. He considers himself a pro since this is his fourth rodeo. The first year, he started out on stick-horses. Then he moved up to riding sheep in the mutton buster event, and this will be his second year to compete in the junior calf event.

"Actually I'm riding one of the baby bulls," Christopher said as he was fitted with a helmet and vest. "But they can still be really wild. So I hope I get a nice one."

Ben Lotzgesell knows what it's

like to face a not-so-nice critter. In a recent practice, Ben, 16, said he drew a "real rank" bare back to ride.

"He was kickin' boards out of the chute," Ben said. "I was thinking, 'Man do I really want to do this?'"

"If you think you're gonna' be scared, then you're gonna' be scared and you're not gonna' do good. They teach you to just look at the shoulders and it's true - if you look off, you'll lose your concentration and fall off."

Ben said he had a good ride and stayed on for 6 1/2 seconds. Now he just wants to do the same in front of the crowds who come for the actual rodeo.

Every year the rodeo brings 10,000 visitors to Boys Ranch, 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, Texas. Boys Ranch founder Cal Farley started the rodeo in 1944 so the boys would have something they could show off to visitors. Children of all ages and all areas of the Ranch make the rodeo

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More people emigrate from Mexico than from any other country, mainly to the United States.

50-211 (Rev. 5-94/3)

1997 **Property Tax Rates in Sherman County**

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Sherman County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1561381.	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1561381.	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 320375288.	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.48736/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1561263.	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 363184102.	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.42988/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.42988/\$100		
<i>In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.</i>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0- /\$100		
= Effective tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.44277/\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate.)	\$ 1566880.	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 363184102.	\$	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.43142/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.46593/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.46593/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.46593/\$100		
<i>A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:</i>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0- /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100		
<i>For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:</i>			
+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0- /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100		

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1997 Reunion Pics



Class of 1957: Back Row L-R Hoy Harrison, Buzz Summerour, George Harding, Glen Naugle, Charles Oakley, Darrell Stubblefield, Raymond Self, Carroll Wisdom. Seated L/R Jeanette McMahan Gillis, Cynthia Reed Schoenhals, Bonnie Farris Hamilton, Dorothy Bachman Foster, Geraldine Clements Self. Others attending Katy Bryan Darnell, Wayne Cummings, Donnie Jacobs.



Class of 1967: Standing L/R: Steve Dettle, Jana Pronger, Vicky Burkham, Terry Malone, Wes Willey, Lynda Sutton Hauser, Paula Young Willey, Pam Bennett Carson, Kenny Palmer. Seated L/R Joyce Hodges McBryde, Sharon Wilson, Sharon Martenson, Dallas Foreman Boggs.



1997-1998 Stratford Varsity Cheerleaders. Top Row - Ashley Stoy. Middle Row from left - Jennifer King, Jessica Sikora (Mascot) - Keisha Naugle (Head Cheerleader). Bottom Row from left - Lynz Browning, Ashlie Lasley, Jasmin Sanchez.



1997-1998 Stratford Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Top row from left: Kara Brownlee, Missy Sikora, Keri Wight. Bottom row from left: Jessica King, Thea James.

Class of 1937 Grace Clark Trublood, George Allen, Harold Oquin, Violet Chisum Robertson. Also attending Winnie Taylor Dunlap.

Happy Birthday,
Elizabeth, J.R., Katelyn, Andy, Jessica, Nathaniel, Stephanie, Tanya, Carie, Deidre, Buffy, Clint, Alberto, Elizabeth, Jim, Wayne, Adam, Ashley, Amie, James, Kendra, Margaret, Matthew, Misty,



50-179
(Rev. 6-97/6)

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$435,521.
Road & Bridge Fund	\$797,811.
Lateral Road Fund	\$ -0-
Records Management Fund	\$ 2,800.

Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 1997 debt service			\$	-0-
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$	-0-
- Excess collections last year			\$	-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997			\$	-0-
- State aid for facilities			\$	-0-
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997			\$	-0-
= Total Debt Levy			\$	-0-

Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Sherman County Auditor certifies that Sherman County has spent \$ 5,616.52 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 19 96, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sherman County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Sherman County Tax Office.
Name of person preparing this notice Valerie McAlister
Title Sherman County Tax Assessor/Collector
Date prepared 080697

When buying fish, look for eyes that are bright, clear, full and bulging; gills that are reddish-pink; and scales that are bright and shiny.

Annual Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night Monday

All youth entering the third grade and 8 years old through high school are invited to attend the annual Sherman County 4-H Enrollment Night on Monday, August 18th.

The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a showcase of 4-H projects on display and a hot dog supper. Recreation for youth is planned and a special program for parents will be conducted.

The activity is an opportunity for youth and their parents to learn more about the Sherman County 4-H program and the variety of ways a youth and adults can be involved. For more information, contact the county Extension Office at 396-2122 or 396-2081 or come by the office located in the annex of the courthouse.

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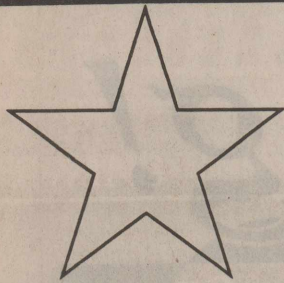
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For Sale: Existing business, doing very well. Will sell with equipment or without & includes Post Office on side. Or can rent building not including Post Office. For More Information, call (806) 727-4633. 8-14-1xc

Work Wanted

Work Wanted: Part-time dependable farm/ranch hand. Cattle Care Day Work Tractor Driving Call Ted Ziemann 384-3096. 8-7-4xc

The word smog is a blend of the words smoke and fog.

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Arbonne International Pure Swiss Skin Care has a line for Women & Men. Full cosmetic line, vitamins & sun care. Call Penny Boyd for a free sample or catalog. 396-2019. 8-14-4xc

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VETERANS-Needing Assistance in filing eligible verification reports (EVR) Applying for pensions, hospitalization, land and housing purchase. Contact Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348. 8-28-p

Yard mowing & maintenance. Call Dusky at 396-2596. 6-19-12xc

I will do childcare before or after school. For more information. Call 396-5314. 8-7-3xp

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HELP WANTED: Fast growing supermarket needing energetic, friendly personnel with good work ethic. All positions available. Specific positions include Office Manager, Bookkeeper, Assistant Manager. Call Tom Velasquez at (806) 435-5511 or Rudy Rivera at (806) 396-5586. VELASQUEZ SUPERMARKETS, STRATFORD. WHEELER, PERRYTON. 8-14-5xc

L.V.N. position available at Coldwater Manor. Excellent benefits including health insurance after 90 days full-time employment. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor; 1111 Beaver Road; Stratford, TX 79084 (806) 396-5568. EOE. 8-7-2xc

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

1. Stratford I.S.D. offers career and technology education programs in Vocational Agriculture & Homemaking, MOCT, and Voc. Computer, APPL Admission to these programs is based on student request and age requirement for MOCT.

2. It is the policy of Stratford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

3. It is the policy of Stratford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

4. Stratford ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Vernon Paul, at 503 N. 8th Stratford, Tx. and or the Section 504 Coordinator, Vernon Paul, at Stratford ISD, Phone #806-396-2612.

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NOTICIA LEGAL

1. Stratford I.S.D. ofrece programas vocacionales en Agricultura Economicde la casa y MOCT Voc. Computer APPL. La admision a estos programas se basa en el estudiante y la minima edad para MOCT.

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Lost & Found

Lost Cedar wooden ice cream freezer at the Ex-Students Reunion at County Barn on Friday, July 25th. If you accidentally got home with the wrong freezer, please call Carolyn at 396-2393. 8-14-1xc

Houses For Sale

94 16 X 80 Mobile Home 3 Bdrm., 2 bath w/ fireplace. All appliances included. Call 396-2596. 7-18-tfn

House For Sale: Brick 2,106 sq. ft., 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, Huge back yard. Casa Bonita Addition, 1208 NW 2nd. Call 753-4484 or 753-7471. 3-13-tfn

House For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, new carpet, new paint, heat pump. 520 S. Pearl. Call anytime (405)735-2845. 7-24-4xp

House For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, basement, redecorated, workshop, beautiful landscaped, R.V. Barn. 605 S. Main, \$115,000. Call 396-2310. 6-12-tfn

Farm for Sale. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank 396-5521. 6-19-tfn

Farmland For Sale

Farmland for Sale: 2 sections pivot irrigated farmland with good water between Dumas and Stratford in Sherman County on paved county road. 1/2 section grass. 806-373-5050. 8-7-2xc

Houses For Sale: 3 BR, Brick home, 1200 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage, central heat, equipped w/dishwasher, stove and refrig. Close to both schools at 806 N. Fulton. A 3 BR, wood siding, 2000 sq. ft., 1 bath, central heat/air, with basement at 401 N. Wall. Call 806-396-2348. 7-31-tfn

For Sale: 3 BDRM, 1 Bath, 506 S. Wall, \$22,000. \$2,500 down. Will allow some repairs off sales price. Harold Hamby - owner/broker. Call 935-5651 or 935-3566. 8-7-tfn

For Sale: 3 BR, Office, 1 3/4 bath, large kitchen, new carpet, brick, 1800 sq. ft., 2 blocks from Mary Allen Elementary. Available 9/30/ \$65,000 firm. Contact Wesley or Paula Willey. 396-2251. 8-7-3xp

House for Sale: Brick, 3 bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, sun room, remodeled, fireplace, basement, 2450 sq. ft., almost new heater & A/C., lots of extras, shop, auto sprinkler, barn. 605 S. Main, \$112,900. 396-2310. 8-14-8xc

The wahoo fish, which lives in warm waters around the world, may grow to be six feet and 140 pounds.

Legal Cont.

Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Saturday, Aug. 16th 8 a.m. til 7:30 P. 2nd. Children, large men and all size women's clothes, books & lots of goodies. 8-14-p

Moving Sale Continues: Twin beds w/corner table, gas stove, barbecue smoker, 2 swivel chairs, clothes, jewelry. Prices are cut. Call 396-5878. 8-14-1xc

Garage Sale: 1209 N. Division. Baby items, furniture, clothes, great stuff! 8:00 a.m. - 7. Sat. Aug. 16th. 8-14-1xc

Garage Sale: Boys, girls & ladies clothes, miscellaneous household goods. 1/2 mile south on 287. 8 a.m. - Noon. Cindy Miller & Alicia Low. 8-14-1xc

Garage Sale: Sat. Aug. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 815 Punell. 8-14-p

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

Shade must be provided for a goldfish tank because goldfish have no eyelids.

Rodeo Cont. From Page 7

possible. Those not competing sell barbecue plates, soft drinks and popcorn; play in the band; or work at the many jobs that make the rodeo a success.

From young stick-horse riders to more experienced bronc riders, the Boys Ranch Rodeo provides rewards and recognition for young people from all three of the organization's campuses: Boys Ranch, Girlstown, U.S.A. at Whiteface, Texas, and Cal Farley's Family Program at Borger, Texas.

Rodeo action begins at 2:30 p.m. both days. Barbecue plates are available for \$4 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserved bleacher seats are \$4. General admission tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 6-12. Further ticket information and reservations are available by calling 806-372-2341, or by writing P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

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Customer Care Center

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11:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.



Program Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lunch
- 11:30 Ribbon Cutting
- 11:45 Dedication of Building
- 12:00 Entertainment Starts
Penny Boyd
Russell Routon
Lollipop Junction

Help us celebrate the Grand Opening of our Stratford office by having lunch with XIT Communications. Enjoy some local entertainment and tour our new facility. Get acquainted with our local employees, or come by and say hello if you already know Bonnie and Jonathan.

Stop by our pre-signup booth and let us answer any questions you might have concerning local telephone service, and reserve your new number with us now. The Stratford prefix will be 366. Stratford customers will be allowed to keep the last four digits of their existing telephone numbers.

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- SPC Office Supply
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And you for coming out and making this Grand Opening so special!

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Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
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