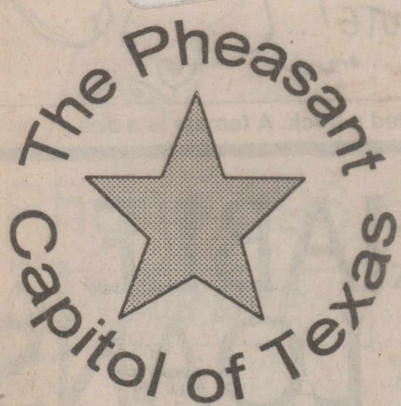


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Deadline December 20

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**Local News**

## Stratford Holds Open House



Stratford Open House was a lot of fun and a big success. Everyone had a good time and lots of shopping or just stopping in to say hello for the day was going on. Shown above is Stephanie Helton of the Hummingbird helping Gail Hunsaker and Chris McAdams.

### ASCS Office Invites Everyone To Come By December 15th

The Staff at the ASCS office would like to wish a Merry Christmas to everyone and invite you to come by on Wednesday December 15th from 9 to 4 for refreshments and good conversation.

### Stratford Police Department Warns Citizens To Take Precautions

The Stratford Police Department would like to remind you that this is the time of year when crime increases. Please be sure to lock your houses and vehicles at night and when you are away from home. The Stratford Police Dept. wishes you a happy holiday season.

### Pheasant Hunters BBQ Lunch

Pheasant Hunters B-BQ lunch, Dec. 11 from 11:00 - 2:00. County Barn. Advance tickets are available from an EMT member or at the door. Prices are 12 years and older \$7.00, 5-12 years \$4.00 and under 4 free.

### Activities At Scot Hall

Bingo at Scot. Hall- Thursday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome to come for fun and games.

Scot Bus Tour of Christmas Lighting in Amarillo, December 4th. Leave Scot Hall at 3 p.m., Eat then, see lights, return home around 9-10 p.m.

Scot Christmas Party and Games, Friday the 10th at 7 p.m. refreshments then games.

Scot Christmas Dance-Saturday, Dec. 18th 8 till 11 p.m. Music by the Country Five.

### Commodities Delivery Dates & Times

Commodities will be delivered in Texhoma at the City Hall on Tuesday, December 14, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. til 10:30 a.m. and in Stratford at the Sherman County Courthouse on Friday, December 17, 1993, from 9:00 a.m. til 12:00 p.m. (Please note the new time for Stratford residents.) Should there be any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the County Judge's Office at 396-2021.

**Come by the Stratford Star and register for a free subscription!**

## Hospital Report

Lynn Hudson-High Plains Baptist in Amarillo. Elmer Oquin-St. Anthonys-Amarillo and Don Duke is in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

### Shop at Home

#### J.V. and Varsity Basketball

The J.V. and Varsity boys and girls will play in the Sunray Tournament Dec. 9-11. They will play Dalhart there on December 14th starting at 5 p.m.

#### Junior High Basketball

The 7th & 8th grade boys will play Spearman here December 13th starting at 5 p.m. and the 7th & 8th grade girls there at 5 p.m.



Open House At Allen Agency and Welcoming Diane Davis, right. Shown with Diane are Gail Allen and Armita Lane.



Southwestern Public Service served refreshments for the day also. Shown above is Bonnie Hamilton and Candy Tillery.



When we started looking for a Nativity Scene for the Bank Lawn, it was nice to be able to shop at home. Our thanks to Rex and Joan Palmer for a spectacular job. The First State Bank wishes all of you a Happy Holiday Season and invite you to come by and enjoy this addition to our Christmas Decorations.

### Youth Basketball Needs A Coach

Stratford Youth Basketball Association is desperate for one more coach for 3rd and 4th grade players. We have 13 girls and 29 boys signed up, for a total of 42 players. I have 4 coaches, but need one more to have 5 teams. Requirements to coach: must be a living, breathing person with a pulse. Would also be nice if you like children. Knowledge of basketball would be useful, but not necessary at this point.

Please contact Jeanne Bell at 396-2576. If no one steps forward, the program for 3rd and 4th graders will be cancelled for this year and the money will be refunded.

### TRTA To Meet Dec. 9th

The Dallam-Hartley-Sherman-Moore unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, December 9, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Dumas located at Fifth and Maddox.

There will be a short business meeting and Christmas party. Please bring a child's Christmas gift.

All retired educational personnel are cordially invited to attend.

### Teen Fellowship Meeting Fri. Dec. 10

The Calvary Baptist Church will host a teen fellowship meeting on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 in the Sherman County Barn. Rev. Don Rice, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Fritch, will bring the message. Brother Rice loves young people and knows how to communicate the Word of God to them. There will also be singing and skits and refreshments following the service.

Youth groups from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and Kansas have been invited. The teens of Calvary Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to all the young people in Stratford. It is this Friday, Dec. 10th at 7:30 in the County Barn.

**Open House**  
Sunday 12-12-93  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
(Old Hotel)  
Casa Viejo Apts.

**Last chance to help sponsor the Basketball page. If you are interested, please call the Stratford Star at 396-5885.**



Jane Willey was at Brooks Video with her Avon. She is showing Diane Davis some of her prettys.



## Send Your Santa Letters Now!

It's that time again-when Santa begins expecting letters from boys and girls listing their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus has once again chosen the Star as the official area drop-off point for letters to him.

Children are welcome to bring their letters to the Star office at 214 N. Main and place them in our special Santa mailbox. They can also be mailed to Santa Letters, c/o The Stratford Star, P.O. Box 8, Stratford, Texas 79084.

The Star will print all the letters it receives in its annual Christmas edition, which comes

out December 23, 1993. We also forward all letters with the help of some of Santa's elves, to the North Pole. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will have plenty of time to read the letters before Christmas Eve.

But remember, all letters must be received at the Star office by 5 p.m. Monday, December 20th, and the sooner we have them, the better. Letters received after that date will not have time to reach the North Pole.

Don't forget to put your first and last name on the letter so that Santa Claus is sure to know who you are.

We have also put a Mailbox up at the Mary Allen School. Hurry Kids.



**17**  
**Shopping Days**  
**Until Christmas**



**Dear Readers**  
Marty Robertson  
Editor

First off, we want to congratulate Texhoma High School. They are still winning and still playing football. All the way to State boys.

I'm sorry I missed last Thursdays Open House. All the reports is that everyone had a good time and appreciated the businesses opening their places to them for a day. I had to be in Amarillo for a Seminar for the day and did not get back in till late. Looking forward till next years. Let's try and make this an annual event.

We would like to welcome all the Pheasant Hunters that will be arriving this weekend. The season opens Saturday, December 11th. Everyone please exercise caution. We want a safe hunting season.

Please remember your Santa letters. We are looking forward to reading them again this year. Please get them in early, so we can mail them on to the North Pole.

**Letters To The Editor**

Dear Marty:  
One doesn't have to drive to Amarillo to view the pretty lights, "Our town" is just beautiful.  
We want to express our thanks to those responsible. Please everyone, get out and view Stratford.  
If you do not have a way, call us at 5983 and Frank and I will come and get you.

Sincerely,  
Frank & Marcelle Sutton

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Crank—a man with a new idea until it succeeds.  
—Mark Twain

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**Obits**

**William K. Dunlap**  
William K. Dunlap, 76, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993.

Graveside services were at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 1993 in Stratford Cemetery with the Rev. Brian Adams, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Dunlap was born in Midwell, Okla., and was a longtime resident of the Stratford area. He was a veteran, serving in the Army during World War II. He married Winnie Taylor in 1941 at El Reno, Okla. He was regional director and office manager of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the Texhoma, Okla., Masonic Lodge and the Moose Lodge of Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jeanie Dixon of Afton, Okla., and Karen Greer of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to SCOT Hall of Stratford or Kerriek Community Center.

**Project Christmas Card Time**

It's Project Christmas Card time! GFWC/Prospectus Study Club and The Stratford Star again join in asking that Sherman County Library be remembered at Christmas.

It's a nice way to send greetings to your local friends and support the Library.

This is the way it works. Add up what you would normally spend for cards, stamps and time in sending to local friends. Add a little to it and leave check at First State Bank with your name. Make check to Sherman County Library Fund.

The Stratford Star will print your greetings on a full page ad and the Library will have something extra for books and other items.

Deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 20.

**Births**

Amanda Michelle Keener was born to parents Theresa and Floyd Keener on Wednesday, December 1, 1993 at Dumas Memorial Hospital at 4:42 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Sherrydon & Sarah Keener of Stratford, Kenneth and Billie Knight of Conlen. Craig and Marylou Zinck of Lubbock. Great Grandparents are Anna Mullican, Melba Keener and Zola Mae Aduddell all of Stratford. Fred and Billie Zinck of Clayton.

**Scot Activities**

By Jack Gore

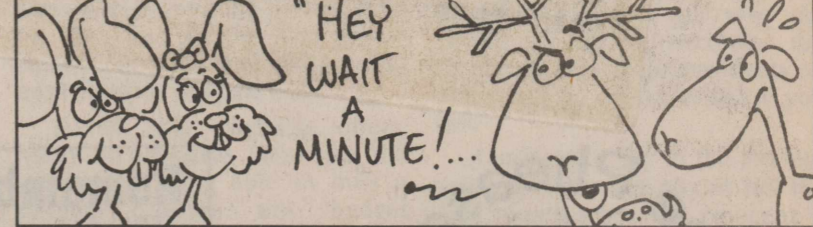
Scot Christmas Party and game night will be Friday, December 10th at 7 p.m.  
Christmas refreshments will be served by your directors to all Scot members and friends who will come by. This is our way of saying THANKS for a great year at Scot Hall and to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Then later, if you choose to stay, we will play dominoes, cards or other games. I will even challenge anyone to a game of checkers, if you dare to play me.....

By Jack Gore

Scot Bus took 16 people to Amarillo to eat at Luby's Cafeteria and to see the Christmas lights in Amarillo College park and in Bishop Hills on Saturday, December 4th. Lots of fun was had by all. It was reported at one time that a bear was seen in a tree, and only seconds later it was reported that a bear was not seen in that same tree; WHO CAN YOU BELIEVE??????????????

It also is reported that the Scot bus can not pass Braums Ice Cream without Automatically turning in.....



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**1.5 LB. LOAF ALLSUP'S SANDWICH BREAD 69¢ EACH OR 2 FOR 89¢**



**Timmies Tidbits**

Hi, OTs and Friends, It is 10 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 1993. We hope to settle down to write a bit of news after a many times interrupted morning which really began at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, November 30 Betty L. Brown went with Timmie to the appointment with Dr. Alpar Sr. about her eye sight. The report was satisfactory, when one considers the many years of "wear and tear" on natural eyes. Hopefully glasses will help the present condition. Gesting with Dr. Alpar we told him our aim in life now is to live, see, and be aware until the year 2,000 AD because then we will have lived in 3 centuries 1898-1900 to 2000. He challenged us to make our aim to be reach 2005 then we will see Halley's Comet 3 times. We will see about that! Dr. Alpar's mother will be 100 years of age next March. He is our supportive friend as well as a great doctor!

While waiting in the doctor's office we had an interesting conversation with the Orville Finches, Dalhart. While lunching at Marty, Betty and I had a very short greeting with Terry and John Wagoner.

Thurs. Evening Dec. 2, the H.L. Hailes, the Max Stephenson, Wanda Riffe, Doris Dyess, Helen Judd, Roy Mitchell, Dorothy Robbins, Gordy Ramon, Bess Stone, Alda Mitts, Minnie Reeder, Elsie Pickens, Opal Bryant, Timmie Brown, Director Jack Gore and Judd enjoyed playing bingo at Scot Hall. Director Jack reported that \$500 had been donated to Scot Organization in 1993 by bingo players. Friday, Dec. 10 is Game and Christmas Party night at Scot Hall which is nicely decorated including a Christmas tree, ready for the Christmas Season.

Bessie Palmer visited Fern Gupton Sat. p.m.

Mary Peach Smith told us this interesting event concerning her birthday party. The Slaton family have one of the special places in her heart (writers remark). Arriving for the party were the Russell Slatons, Glen, Mary and Lauren, Milford, Texas, the

Russell Guthries, James and Clare, Goodwell, Ok., Roger and Vickie Thornley, Lubbock, Texas They attended church with Mary Peach, except one who filled his responsibility in his own church, then joined the family for other activities of the day.

Open House at Sherman Co. Depot Museum was an interesting event. Two unusual items on display, really ONE time items- is a side-saddle, loaned by Bill Joe Ross and a quilt make and loaned by Early Day County Judge Fagins daughter. Visitors include Mary Peach Smith, Betty Lou O'Brien, Orlene Sneed, Gordy Ramon, Lorelyn Powers, Timmie Brown, Patti Green, Justin, Jason and Salon Daniels, Dorothy Wright, Von Ann Lunt, Scott Buckles and children Carson, Haley and Hunter; J.A. Lasley, Doris Dyess, The J.E. Brannons, Brenda Taylor, Donna Kendrick, the Dick Davenports, the Bill Allens, Luzelle Lowe, Wanda Woolsey, Ann Wells, Kathy Altman, The Max Stephenson.

Board Members Marihoward Engelbrecht, Joyce Hart and Robin, Jim Bob Brown, Oline Caraway, Liz Sanders, Helen Judd, Joan Palmer.

Browsing lately, we have found (Shade of Late Old Timers) Eula Peck Brown (Mrs. J.T.) hovering over Mary Pat Williams; Ed Oquin over Harold Oquin; Lena McQueen over Lynn Allen; former sheriff Bill Garoutte over Gary Garoutte and Karen Pulliam; Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Smith over Jack Smith; Everett Palmer over Rex Palmer; Earl Phelps over Rex Phelps; Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Pronger and Dyess over Ernie Dyess; John and Cliffie Pemberton over Steve Pemberton; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whaley over Martha Mitts; Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Billington over J.A. Lasley and Jolina and Orlanda Garoutte and Gara Harbour.

Wedding bells have been ringing among our mature Stratford Citizens!! Kathy Allen and Wm. L. (Bill) Riffe were married Friday, November 12, 1993 in Santa Fe, N.M. They are at home at 1215 N.W. First St., Kathy will continue her connection periodically with Allen Ins. Agency. Bill is one of the Riffe Bros. Elevator Co. Congratulations and Best wishes to Kathy and Bill from Old Timers and personally.

Zoe Hudson-Judd and Chas.

Chamberlain were married Friday, November 19, 1993. Zoe is employed by Brown's Meat Locker and "Chuck" at Coldwater Manor. Zo is the daughter of Mrs. Hudson of Texhoma. "Chuck" is the son of the Roy Chamberlains. Personal and Stratfordite Congratulation and best wishes to you Zoe and Chuck.

Among ill citizens: Rickey Keener and wife, Lana, his parents Sarah and Sherrydon Keener left for Houston Sunday, December 5, 1993. Rickey who has been ill sometime will enter a hospital, there and anticipate surgery.

Elmer Oquin remains in St. Anthony's hospital, Amarillo. Herb Folsom is in McDonald House, Amarillo, but hops to be released this week.

Lynn Hudson expects to receive treatment again this week. Woody Gay is at home.

Ava Keener is home. We are saddened by the death of Wm K. Dunlap, Stratford; Lola Bann, Hollis, Ok. sister of Ernest Wilson; Laverne Motley, Amarillo, sister of Max Motley; Bernice Vernon Brown, Spearman, friend of Timmie Brown and the late Marijo B. Haile.

Senior Citizens and others remember we ease heartaches and share happiness by shoulder pats and "Luv".



Massachusetts enacted the first effective school attendance law in 1852. All children between ages eight and 14 had to attend school at least 12 weeks a year, six of them consecutive.

**First Christian Church**

10:45 a.m. Christian Youth Fellowship Living Nativity Scene, with help from the Adult Choir



**Kerrick News**

by Marylou McDaniel

Secret Pal party is Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at Marihoward Engelbrecht's. Bring your salad and gift, Pals.

Remember, Santa comes to Kerrick Community Friday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Sacking of treats ordered by Santa is Thursday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kay Dunlap. His services were held Dec. 3 at Stratford Cemetery.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck went to Arlington for Thanksgiving with Ernestine & Suzanne Almqvist and Melvin Irlbeck. They were in the snow at Dallas. They spent two days with Ted's brother, Tom and Broozie Irlbeck and other relatives in Denton.

Spending the weekend with the Irlbecks were their grandchildren, Tracie, Aaron, Megan, Jason Roberts, Dennis & Jeanette Irlbeck, Amarillo, were overnight guests Saturday also. Joining them for Sunday dinner were Jim & Belinda Roberts, Bessie Palmer, Colleen Irlbeck. They all pitched in and decorated the Irlbeck home inside and out!

The Hamptons hosted a chili supper Saturday night in their barn. Present were Steve, Sandy, T.D., Megan, Hillary and Allison Baskin, Lee & Diedre Tarver, Franny & Brenda Taylor, Virgie Mathews, Marjorie Munden, Kate and Laurie Norris, Barbara & Terry Schoonover, Trisha & Brady Schoonover.

Among those attending the Farm & Ranch show in Amarillo last week were Minnie, Ralph James and Annette Hampton, Kenneth and Lynn Wells.

Levi Srader called recently from Great Lakes, Ill., where he has finished boot camp.

Dick & Marjorie Munden are living temporarily in Virgie Mathews smaller house in Kerrick. They will be opening a CPA office in Stratford before long. It will be in the former Buckles & Bow building.

Visiting with Mike & Lucille Schoonover in Liberal, Ks.,

Sunday were his grandson, Terry & Barbara Schoonover and great grandson, Brady and Trisha Schoonover.

The wedding of Jan Wells to Claude Tondre' on Nov. 20 in Austin was attended by her parents, Kenneth and Lynn Wells and brother, Paul & Sandy and children, Ashley & Colter.

Lyman & Judy Potter hosted Thanksgiving for the R.P. Crabtree family, Jennifer Wells of Pleasanton and Derrek Wells of Levelland were here for the holiday.

Josh Rogers spent several days last week with his grandparents, Hank & Mabel Rogers.

Bill & Pat Boren had a busy weekend. Friday night they attended the Moscow-Ingalls basketball game with Moscow winning 64-38. Then Saturday was Mildred Carroll's birthday. Pat's mother was 93. Kerry and Kelly Carlisle were here for that. Sunday the Borens were in Guymon for the Alibi Tournament, 9 pin no tap. Pat placed third. Others bowling were Gerald Wilhelm and Bill Gillenwaters. Donna Gillenwaters went along, too.

Announcing the re-opening of  
**Stratford Family Medical Clinic**  
Dr. Chris Bunch will be seeing patients  
Tuesday - 1:00 to 5:00 pm and  
Thursday - 9:00 to 12:00 am  
Medicare & Medicaid accepted  
Walk-ins are welcome  
Stratford Medical Clinic Dumas Office  
1220 Purnell 935-9005  
396-5583

Welcome  
**Chamber of Commerce Pheasant Hunt**  
Saturday, Dec. 11, 1993  
Lions Club Breakfast - 6:00 am  
County Barn - advance-\$4.50  
at door \$5.00  
Shotgun Raffle- \$5.00 Lions Club  
1/2 Beef Raffle- \$5.00 Fire Dept. & Auxillary  
EMT Lunch 11:00am to 2:00pm  
County Barn- \$7.00 adults  
\$5.00 Youth, under 5 years Free

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If you are going to buy diamond jewelry  
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**Calvary Baptist**  
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302 S. Main  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm

**The Churches of Stratford Welcome You**  
IN THE STREAM OF LIFE

**First Baptist**  
Interim, Bill Austin  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Church Training 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 7:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Assembly of God**  
Rev. Mike Leonard  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Super Church 10:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**  
Rev. David Harker  
5th & Main  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Brian Adams  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:40 am  
Morning Worship 10:50 am  
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
Morning Worship Service

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
Father Richard Schully  
6th & Wall  
No Saturday Mass  
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am  
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

**Church of Christ**  
David Stites  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
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Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

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Shown above is Marian Williams shown with her husband Ronald R. and daughter Elizabeth Rose. Marian says she is wife, homemaker, mother and career woman in that order. See article below.

## Spinning Her Wheels

Potter creates 'functional art' with clay, fire

**Editors Note:** This article was taken out of the Plano Star Courier, Sunday, Nov. 14, 1993. Marian is the granddaughter of Timmie Brown.

By Rachel Buchholz, Staff Writer

Marian Williams knows what it's like to get her hands dirty.

Growing up on a farm in the country, she remembers the child-like urges to squish the mud through her fingers, getting dusty and dirty up to her elbows.

She hasn't exactly grown out of that yet.

"Pottery is the ability to take a piece of dirt—a piece of clay—and put it on a wheel and create something beautiful out of it," said Williams, who showcases her pottery at Schimelpfenig Showplace, 920 W. 18th St. "I think it may be a primeval need, because people have potted for centuries.

"If there is anything instinctive in human beings, it might be to work with clay. You're always pulled to it."

Williams calls her work "functional art"—beautiful pieces of pottery that look appealing as artwork but can also be used as regular kitchenware. She says that seems to be what people are most interested in.

Williams works in high-fire clay, terra cotta and Raku. Her terra cotta bowls and cups are burnt orange with dark Native American figures painted on them. Many others also have southwestern themes.

"It's a more casual, livable lifestyle and art," she said. "It's not so formal, and it's almost like a place we'd all like to go back to."

"In our busy world, we'd like to get to a more simple way of life, simplistic and earthen."

Although she says her high-fired, cobalt blue stoneware is her favorite, Williams also has a love for Raku, a technique that involves newspaper and sawdust and results in a showy, metallic-looking piece.

She said many don't have a taste for Raku, but she fell in love with it.

"It so much fun to do, and you never get the same thing twice," she said, pointing to an iridescent vase with streaks of blue and purple throughout. "Either you like it or you think it's gross."

**HOT CRAB DIP**

1 pkg. (3 oz) cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 cup Hellmann's real mayonnaise or light reduced calorie or reduced fat cholesterol free mayonnaise dressing  
 1 can (6 oz) crabmeat, drained  
 1/4 cup minced onion  
 1 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 1/8 tsp. hot pepper sauce

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spoon into small ovenproof dish. Bake at 350°F 30 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 1 cup.



M.D. Anderson will soon be receiving new caps, some decorated fancifully, from GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Admiring a few are Joyce Hart, Mary Woodford Wisdom, and Marihoward Engelbrecht. Mrs. Hart hosted an Italian luncheon at her home and Mrs. Engelbrecht told of her Italian trip last spring.

The Christmas decorated home of Joyce Hart was the setting for a tour of Italy with a luncheon and story as told by Marihoward Engelbrecht. Mrs. Engelbrecht had visited in Rome, Venice and Assisi last spring with Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Ernestine Almquist and Hollie Husmann. She stressed the home life of the country as well as impressions of the area.

Luncheon was prepared by Jeanie Knight, International Chairmen, for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, and hostesses Kathie Altman, Lore Dietrich and Dana Buckles. The menu consisted of Chicken Parmegian, fresh garden salad with Italian dressing, pasta with parsley, broccoli with lemon butter, Italian tomato sauce, raspberry sherbert with pizzelle cookies.

Mrs. Altman conducted the business session. She is first vice-president of the club. A report was made on the flannel and magnetic books being made for Lollipop Junction. Mrs. Knight gave an update on health care in Stratford. Plans are being made for a Veteran's Clinic.

New baseball caps are being gathered for M.D. Anderson.

Those enjoying both the delightful meal and program were Mesdames D'Lynn Reed, Mary W. Wisdom, Mattie Baskin, Oline Caraway, Jimmie Pronger, Betty Brown, Margaret Reed, Marylou McDaniel, Mary Peach Smith, Lorraine Mehner, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Jeanie Knight, Kathie Altman, Lore Dietrich and Joyce Hart.

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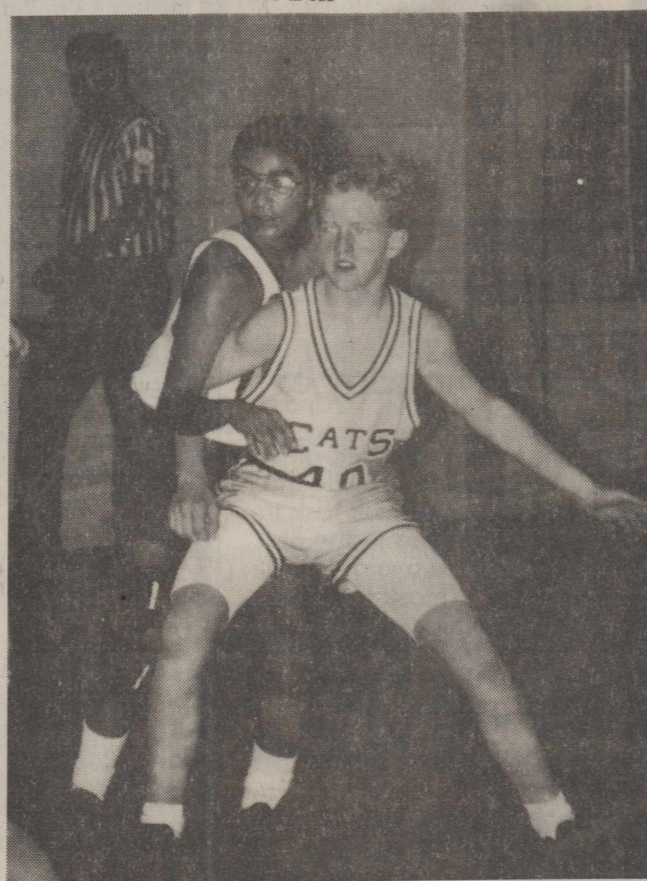


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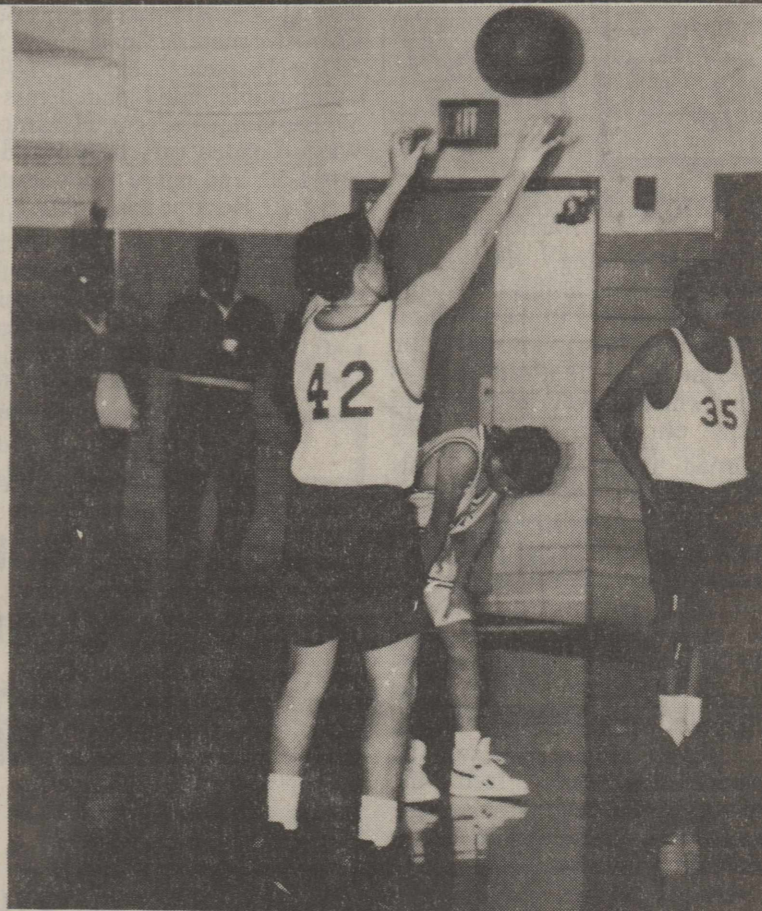
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## Factors to Consider When Obtaining Financing

by Lorie Vincent

When you think about financing you usually think about tangible business assets. These it from the entrepreneurs point of view. But you need to consider current receivables, raw materials, financing from the sources point leasehold improvements, of views. Your lending source, equipment, rolling stock, and real which can include partners, estate. (2) Next are intangible investors, banks, credit unions, business assets. Intangibles are S&Ls, and others, has two prime difficult to control and foreclose considerations: the risk of losing on: therefore, lenders rarely some or all of the investment or accept them as collateral for a loan, and the profit to be earned from the investment or loan.

Since we all know about interest and the return on investments, I want to focus on the matter of minimizing the risk of the lending source. Collateral is the protection a financing source has control over in case all other forms of protection fail, and every entrepreneur, should understand how and why it is used.

types of collateral, and they are valued differently by various lending sources. First there are tangible business assets. These include customer lists, patents, trademarks, copyrights and research and development. And (3) you can use tangible personal assets for collateral. The primary types of personal assets are: Real Estate, Stocks and Bonds, and personal property.

Assets that have NO collateral value include: obsolete equipment, past-due receivables, sub-standard buildings or sites, goodwill, receivables from business owners, and sweat equity.

Financing is a measurement of risk. Think of collateral as the great equalizer in finance. Add strong collateral to a risky deal and you have a not-so-risky deal. Remove collateral from a safe deal and it becomes a risky deal. The prime factor in determining the value of your collateral is liquidity. Liquidity is determined by how quickly an asset can be sold off without a substantial drop in its value. The more liquid an asset is, the more value it has as collateral.

There are several different

Collateral plays an important part in any kind of financing. Different types of collateral appeal to different financing sources. Learn all you can about what financing sources are looking for BEFORE you need the cash. For more information on this subject, call Lorie at the SCDC office 396-2897. Next week: Determining the Amount of Equity/Personal Capital Needed for a Project.

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**Your Right To Know**

by Sandy Baskin

The following data was recently received in this office and is very informative to the residents of Sherman County who question the content of the rail cars of trains which travel through our county on a daily basis. The Railroad Commission of Texas compiled this report for January 1992 to January 1993 and it constitutes the railroad hazardous materials transportation report. This report is required by law to be made available to local emergency management officials for inclusion in their local emergency management planning.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway filed the following information: Poison A-Loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50; Poison B-loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50; Flammable Gas-loaded cars 51-500; Residue cars 51-500; Non-flammable gas-Loaded cars 51-500, Residue cars

51-500; Flammable liquid- Loaded cars 51-500, Residue cars 51-500; Corrosive material-loaded cars 51-500, Residue cars 51-500; Combustible liquid-loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50; Hazardous Waste-Loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50; and mixed loads-loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50.

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1-50, Residue cars 1-50, TOFC 1-50; Other material-loaded cars 1-50, Residue cars 1-50, TOFC 51-500; and Hazardous Waste-Loaded cars 51-500, Residue cars 51-500, TOFC 1-50.

When you consider that these amounts are for one year, we are very fortunate compared to others. On the other hand, contemplate that it just takes on derailment to

produce a potential disaster. It is this one possibility that the emergency management officials of Stratford, Texhoma and Sherman County prepare for, in order that we may be able to handle an emergency situation in an efficient manner. Anyone needing more information regarding this report may contact the Sherman County Emergency Management Office at 396-2021.



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**Chamber Chatter**

by J. A. Lasley

First of all bouquets, big ones for the downtown businesses. I have lived in Stratford most of my life and we will not discuss how long that has been and never have I seen downtown in such a festive spirit and so very CHRISTMASY. It is just great. Last Thursday was a day to remember. Such goodies, such pretties-it truly did get one in the real spirit of Christmas.

And have you driven along by the First State Bank just about the time the sun, out of the west, is tree high? The ANGEL in the tree absolutely gives you the feeling that there is really an angel looking down on the Shepherds. That holy Scene on the Bank lawn is just awesome. And to think one of our own was the designer and the producer of such art.

The Museum was a place of activity Sunday and the exhibits as always were unique and quite lovely. All shapes and sizes of dear ole Santa. Speaking of that kindly ole gentleman have you had a look at the Tri-Art window display just South of Southern Union Gas-compliments of Andrea Bolf. Quite a collection and very fitting this time of the year. I rode around "my town" last Thursday evening and there are a lot of homes really dressed up for the season. Going to make it real difficult for our judges to make that final decision. All lights need to be on (those that want to be judged) by 6 p.m. on Saturday evening the 18th of December. I am just bursting with pride-thanks to all of you that has made the Christmas, to date, to remember.

Coming up this Sunday is the downtown Apartments, Casa Viejo, Open House, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The "Old Hotel" as it of often times referred to will surprise you. It has been transcended from the past into a delightful Southwestern future. The Palmers have done a great job and their pride is showing so come out and take in the transition that has been made.

Watch the paper for the Ribbon cuttings that will be coming up in January. And by all means plan to help welcome these new businesses that have chosen Stratford. Watch the "Old Rafter J Area", as well as the "Buckle & Bow Shoe Place" It is exciting folks.

Also due to a new business going in the "Old Rafter J" building (or the Taylors) the costumes once again are going to be moved. This time they will have to be boxed and stored so after This week the COSTUME ROOM will be temporarily closed. There are folks that still have costumes that need to be brought to the Chamber office this week. The Costumes do have a future but it will be awhile. Be patient and supportive as we do have a good assortment of costumes and they are used alot. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but are tickled pink that another business is in the making.

Hey folks the sign above my desk says "you never fail until you stop trying" and we haven't stopped. My faith in Stratford has never wavered. I have just hung up the telephone speaking with a rep. from SEABORD in Guymon. They want to come over and hold an audience with Stratford, show a slide, answer questions. They feel this area has much to offer. And we do! Let's not turn our backs on any possibilities to make this area grow.

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## Library Notes

By Dorothy Haile

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New books-The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck, MD was a national best seller for 4 years.

Two new science books deal with lasers. These are Lasers, The New Technology of Light by Charlene Billings and How Lasers are Made. They can be found in the middle school readers section.

The Indians Of The Great Plains looks beyond the legends, to a time before the Indians were forced onto the reservations, when the freedom of a million square miles of rolling grasslands was theirs. Beautiful pictures are coordinated with the text.

The complete illustrated encyclopedia of all the major sports of the world is included in the book "Rules Of The Game". Over 150 sports, including 400 events, and over 2500 illustrations in full color make this an outstanding work. Diagrams are used extensively to illustrate the games.

### Moscow Girls Shoot For Top Of The League Along The Long Trail

Editors Note: This article was taken from the Dodge City Daily Globe news:

By Brian Reetz, Globe Sports Editor:

After only one loss last season, the Moscow Wildcats return five letterwinners and look to be as potent as ever.

Head coach Kerry Carlisle has a 51-14 overall record with the 'Cats and last season they went 6-0 in the Santa Fe Trail League and Carlisle is looking forward to another great season this year.

The Wildcats will count on many players that die for them last year to get it done again this season.

Senior Julia Gregory, a 6-foot post player, averaged 15.3 points, a game last season. Junior point guard Cheri Gaskill was tough as well with 14.1 points a game.

Junior wing player Wehnoka Reece averaged seven points a game. Post player Stacey Lahey averaged 3.5 points a game while Megan Teeter checked in at two points a game at wing.

Moscow opened at home against Ingalls.

Predictions, Santa Fe Trail League Girls Team Race 1. Moscow, 2. Deerfield 3. South Gray 4. Hanston 5. Ingalls 6. Satanta 7. Rolla.

The 8th spot belongs to Moscow who posted an impressive 21-1 record last season and marched to a Santa Fe Trail league title.

And though all three teams look to be tough again this season, I am going to give the edge to Moscow. Kerry Carlisle has progressively gotten better in her three years as head coach with Moscow, and could e the year that she takes the Wildcats all the way to the championship at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Kerry is the daughter of Bill & Pat Boren of Kerrick.

### Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Talk show host Montel Williams says American youngsters need to understand the triumph in being an "average" member of our society.

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## Credit Wise Christmas Shopping

By Susie Spurlock

With the interest rates down on many credit cards, consumers may be tempted to run up bills for Christmas gifts, thinking the cost is lower. However it's best to shop wisely with credit.

Avoid cash advances on credit cards. They seem convenient, but are costly. Interest starts accruing from the moment you take the advance. There is usually a special transaction fee of up to \$15. There is no grace period for cash advances. If you pay the balance in full by the due date, you still pay a high rate for the cash advance. One cash advance could cost you the money being saved for another gift!

Be on the look out for theft and fraud. Keep track of your cards. Watch each transaction carefully. Make sure the clerk returns your card, receipts and carbons. Tear up the carbons and save the receipts so you can check them carefully against your statements. Be careful who is given your card number. Don't write it on checks or give your number out over the phone if you did not initiate the call to make a purchase.

Watch out for minimum payments. Minimum payments have been lowered by many creditors. A new area for consumer credit us is in supermarkets. Buying \$50 of groceries a week using a credit card charging 18 percent interest, and making only the minimum payments would cost \$223.63 in interest the first year alone.

Continuing to pay only the minimum balance would take you 12 years and three months to pay off the balance. You would have paid \$2,539 in interest for groceries that only cost \$2,600 in the first place...and they were eaten 12 years ago! Pay the most you possibly can on any credit card. Start with the lowest balance.

Then put the amount you had paid on that card on the next lowest balance account and keep going until all cards are paid off.

Avoid skip payment offers. Many credit cards send you the present of being able to miss a payment during this budget stretching time. Interest continues

to pile up when you skip the payment. Don't become the holiday turkey--make payments on bills much as you can as fast as you can.

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To find out more about the benefits of crop residue management for your operation, ask your agribusiness representative or contact your local Cooperative Extension or Soil Conservation Service office.



This message is brought to you by the Conservation Technology Information Center's Alliance for Crop Residue Management.

David Macauly had combined his many talents and architectural training with extensive research both in this county and in Egypt to create a book that graphically explains the step-by-step construction process of an imaginary pyramid. Pyramids is in the middle school section.

The members of Nu Beta Sorority held their December meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at the First Christian Church.

The Imagination Station was the program for the evening and was presented by Karen Riffe. Karen did a great job explaining the benefits and goals of the Imagination Station and we appreciate the contribution the organization has made for the community.

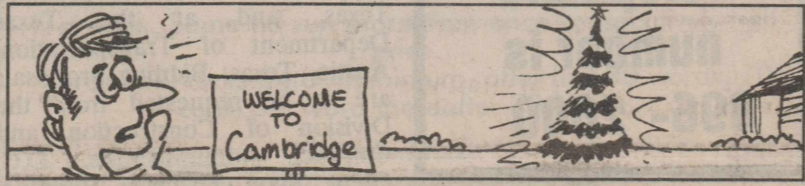
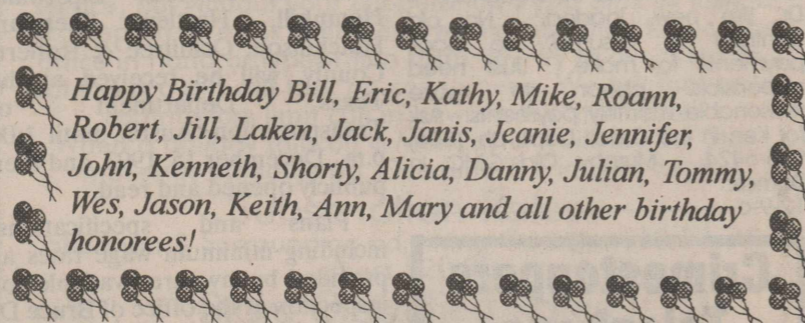
Discussed in the business meeting were final plans for the January ski trip, results of cookbook fundraiser, dues, and correspondence from International.

A silver spoon was presented to Haden Charles Long, son of Malcolm and Amy Long, born on November 7th.

Nu Beta welcomed Michelle Duncan and Melissa Hare as new members. Four members will progress to Exemplar status in 1994. They are: Judy Bouldin, Keri Knight, Deb Rouse and Andy Bolf.

The Nu Beta Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 19th and will be hosted by Lorie Vincent and Matt Vincent.

Refreshments were served by Gale Shafer and Judy Bouldin.



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