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Local  
News

## SISD Has New Phone Number

Stratford Independent School  
Districts New Phone Number:  
396-2612.

## Tri-Corner Art Invites Everyone To Display Their Talents

The Tri-Corner Art  
Association invites all community  
artists and members of Tri-Corner  
Art Association to display their  
paintings completed this year at  
the Sherman County Fair.

The rules are:

1. This department will be open to receive entries from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday September 9. No entries will be accepted Friday.
  2. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and have been completed within the last year.
  3. Have art already framed for hanging with wires attached on back. Children art must be matted and ready for display.
  4. Exhibitors may not make more than one entry in each class for judging.
  5. Exhibits will be judged at 9:00 a.m. Friday.
  6. Articles will be released at 5:00 p.m. Saturday.
  7. Copies of other pictures will be a separate group.
  8. Ribbons and money prizes will be awarded in the Youth Section. Adults will be awarded ribbons only.
- Age Divisions:  
Children: 6 to 12; Youth: 13 to 19 and Adult: 19 and over.
- Prizes  
1st-\$1.50, 2nd-\$1.00, 3rd-.75, 4th-.50 and 5th-.25.

## Fall Festival Craft Show October 16

Tip Top of Texas Arts & Crafts Fall Festival will be held Oct. 16 at the Sherman County Barn in Stratford, Texas. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All proceeds to benefit Local Organizations or Charities.

For Further information or to make Booth Reservations, Contact:

Stephanie Helton: (806) 396-5583, Barbara Schoonover: (806) 727-4696

## Special School Functions

Special school functions coming up are: Thursday, Sept. 2, JV Football, Sunray, There, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3-Pep Rally, 3:35. Varsity Football, Springfield, here, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4 Cross Country at Borger, 9 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 6th, no school. Labor Day.

## Pheasant Capital Run Has Been Postponed

Due to a conflict for panhandle area runners, the Pheasant Capital Run Advertised in the Fair Book and Fair Posters must be postponed.

The alternate date may be September 25. Please watch the Stratford Star for details.

## Final Plans To Be Set For Fair & Jamboree Wed. Night

Final plans for Sherman County Fair and Jamboree. Wednesday September 1, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. at County Barn. All Superintendents and Jamboree Chairman should attend.

## Scot Bingo

SCOT BINGO: Thursday 7:00 at Scot Hall.



The Stratford Star Newspaper has a new sign. We hope this will make it easier on everybody to find us and add to the downtown business look.

## Stratford Star Has New Owner

Texas Pacific Newspapers has purchased the Stratford Star newspaper from Charles Hunt of Tyler, Minnesota.

A purchase agreement has been written between Texas Pacific and Marty Robertson, which takes effect September first, 1993. Mrs. Robertson has been editor and publisher of The Star for the last eight years.

New equipment has been installed during the past week, giving the paper access to the latest technology in composition, and total redundancy in case of equipment failure. In coming weeks there will be many changes in the composition and content of the newspaper.

A new computerized bookkeeping system will also be put into effect next month.

## Search For Doctor Is Still Continuing

The search for a doctor for Stratford is continuing. Obviously, the doctor search is first on the priority list of business.

At the present time, Stratford Hospital Board and Doctor Search Committee are in contact with a doctor who is willing to be in Stratford one or two days a week to begin in September.

Saturday, August 28, a Physicians Assistant was here for an interview and tour of Stratford and the Family Practice Clinic. His application is being considered.

Four members of the Hospital Board and Doctor Search Committee will attend the Rural Health Find Fair in Dallas, October 1 and 2. Only fifty communities will be there with the possibility of 100 doctors attending.

Monday morning August 30th at 7 a.m., Stratford Hospital Board of Directors met in a called meeting to accept the resignation of Dennis Robertson as Administrator to Coldwater Manor Nursing Home. September 24, will be Dennis' last day. The board wishes him well in his new job.

The management of a Rural Health Clinic by Dumas or Dalhart is still being considered. Stratford Hospital Board would still function in the same way it has previously, as governing body for Coldwater Manor and Stratford Emergency Medical Services. A full time Physician Assistant and Doctor would be placed in Stratford with Stratford selecting their own doctor. The clinic would be leased from Stratford Hospital Board to be managed by Dumas or Dalhart. Local people would be employed for the clinic.

The clinic will be open on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 12 a.m. for records to be picked-up.

The Stratford Hospital board is aware of the anxiety of having no doctor and is preceding to obtain medical service as soon as possible.

resulting in a more efficient billing of the newspaper.

An integrated Phone/FAX system has been installed. If a staff member can not take your call within a minute you will be switched to an answering machine to leave your number. You will then be called back as soon as possible. Of course whenever feasible the phone will be answered directly. Fax switching is automatic. An advertisement elsewhere in the paper describes the system in more detail.

Several promotions are now being planned to celebrate the change to local ownership of the Newspaper. These will be announced, as you might expect, in The Star.

## Business Has New Names & Owners

The Hummingbird (formerly Country Cousins) with new owners Stephanie Helton and Linda Spurlock will be effective Wednesday, September 1, 1993. Previous owner was Kay Aston.

They will have a complete home line, gift items for any occasion, birthday, shower, etc., Christmas items, Specialties, teas, cook books.

They will also be offering a new service: There will be a card file that you may fill out at the store, and if someone comes in to purchase a gift for you, you will have listed your colors, size, preference, etc. This will help everybody, but maybe especially that husband or boy friend or Secret Pal that just doesn't know what to buy for that special person. It should be a service that will be beneficial for everybody.

Stop in and take a look at their store, they have a wide range of gift items that are beautiful and just right for that special occasion.

## Old Timer Reunion

Come "Dancing into the Past" with the Old Timer Reunion, Saturday, Sept. 11. Activities of the day begin with pre-registration at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of The First State Bank. At 11 a.m. King Baskin and Queen Betty Brown ride in the parade. There will be honor seating for past royalty in front of the bank. 1992 Royalty were Roy Mitchell and Winnie Everett. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club has been sponsoring this event since 1960.

Old Timers have honor seating at Lion's Club barbeque with serving assistance by Prospectus Study Club and Sherman County 4-H members.

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

Featured on the program will be the Imagination Station Singers and Dumas Showtime Choir.

The 1993 King and Queen will be officially crowned. Refreshments are served by Prospectus Club members.

## 1993 Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant



The Miss Stratford Scholarship Pageant was held Saturday, August 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stratford High School Auditorium. Crowned the New Miss Stratford 1993 was Kaci Wight, daughter of Ken and Barbie Wight. Lynzee Beery, daughter of Jack and Dixie Beery was crowned Young Miss Stratford. Crowned Princess Miss Stratford was Jessica Walton, daughter of Ric and Ginger Walton. Amy Sladek, daughter of Blake and Marie Sladek was crowned Junior Miss Stratford. Kaci Wight was also chosen Miss Congeniality. Shown left to right are Lynzee, Kaci, Amy and Jessica.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF TEXHOMA  
TEXAS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Texhoma will hold a second public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 8, 1993, at Texhoma City Hall, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for Water System improvements in the approximate amount of \$250,000, and the estimated amount of the funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at Texhoma City Hall during regular business hours. Handicapped individuals who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Mayor at the City to arrange for assistance.

Holiday Deadline  
for The Stratford  
Star  
Friday, Sept 3rd  
Noon for Sept 9th  
Newspaper.  
Thanks



## Local Family Involved In Accident

Approximately around 6:00 p.m. last Tuesday, August 24, 1993 a truck owned by Professional Hay Service and a car driven by Talle Cummings and her children were involved in a wreck. No information was available at press-time.





**Obit**

David McBryde

David McBryde, 75, died Sunday, Aug. 29, 1993.

Services were held at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church with the Dr. Derrel D. Lewis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mr. McBryde, born in Duke, Okla., had been a Stratford resident since 1945. He married Marcella Peterson in 1942 at Duke. He was a U.S. Air Corps veteran serving in World War II. He was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Khiva Temple in Amarillo, Ruth Masonic Lodge No. 61 in Mangum, Okla., Scottish Rite, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Doug McBryde of Stratford; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to Shriners' Children's Hospital, Stratford Cemetery Association or a favorite charity.

George Bain

Texhoma, Okla. - George Bain, 92 died Tuesday, Aug 24, 1993.

Services were at 11 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church of Sunray, Texas with the Rev. Steve Holston, pastor, officiating. Masonic graveside services were at Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sunray. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Sunray.

Mr. Bain was born in Hedley, Texas, and lived in Logan, N.M., from 1973 to 1989. He married Addielera "Corky" Roberts in 1975 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a longtime Moore County resident, farmer, rancher, and member of First United Methodist Church of Sunray.

Mr. Bain was former Moore County commissioner of Precinct No. 4 from 1934 to 1948. He was a 60-year member of Dumas Masonic Lodge No. 1009 and a 60-year member of Order of Eastern Star Dumas Chapter No. 653. He was 32nd-degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Clarice Hodges Bain, in 1973 and by a son, Bill Bain, in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Otho Bain of Tucumcari, N.M., Gene Bain and Jack Bain, both of Sunray, and Joe Bain of Dumas; two stepdaughters, Dianne DeWinter of Texhoma and Louanne Decker of Satanta, Kan.; three brothers, Clyde Bain of Wasco, Calif., Kenneth Bain of Cambria, Calif., and Garl Bain of Odem, Texas; 22 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be to First United Methodist Church of Sunray or a favorite charity.

Winnie Rawlins Everett

Winnie Rawlins Everett, 95, died Monday, Aug. 30, 1993.

Services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brian Adams, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Everett was born in Clarendon and had been a Sherman County resident since 1921. She married Robert Kendrick Everett Sr. in 1921 at Waco. He died in 1986. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Nettie Beth Cosgrove, in 1974. She was a homemaker, a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include two sons, R.K. Everett Jr. and Joe Everett, both of Stratford; two sisters, Margaret Prater of Dumas and Vena Hull of Calera, Okla.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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Martha Robertson Editor & Publisher

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**Dear Readers**

Marty Robertson Editor

Well as many of you have probably already noticed, we have a new sign. We are very proud of it and hope it helps better locate us. Also, if you read the front page, the Star has a new owner. The Star will be locally owned, as many of you have requested that is what you want. We will have a booth set up at the Fair this year, we invite everybody to come by.

The first football games of the season are this week. Thursday the JV will play at Sunray at 6 p.m. Friday Springfield will play here at 8 p.m. Good luck boys!!

Congratulations to all the winners Saturday at the Miss Stratford Scholarship pageant. Of course all the girls are winners with us. Now I do feel somewhat "old" as my daughter Shari used to baby-sit Kaci. And now she is grown up also.

Please notice our Labor day deadline for Sept. 9th issue. It will be this Friday at 12 noon.

Stratford Fair and Jamboree will be Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Sept. 9-10-11. The new Fair Books are out. There has been a lot of work done by a lot of volunteers for this so we may enjoy another year of a fair. Thank you for donating some of your time for this. It has and will be appreciated. See you there!!

**Public Notice**

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) is asking the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to offer Caller ID service in Texas. This service includes Calling Number Delivery, Calling Name Delivery and Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR). This service will be deployed statewide on a staggered, city-by-city basis, over a period of years in Texas in association with residence, business single and multiline services, but not PBX, Centrex or Plexar services, where facilities are available. Caller ID is an optional service which allows a subscriber to see date, time, and the phone number (Calling Number Delivery) and/or name associated with the number (Calling Name Delivery) of most direct dialed local calls and some select long distance calls before the telephone is answered. Anonymous Call Rejection is a Caller ID service which permits a subscriber to automatically reject calls from callers who have blocked their number/name. Per-call and per-line blocking will be available when the service is deployed. Detailed information on Caller ID service and how to block will be sent to each customer in their telephone bill during the next few weeks.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in this proceeding should notify the PUC before October 6, 1993. Other parties may seek to also obtain Caller ID service in association with PBX, Centrex and Plexar service. A request to intervene, participate or receive further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the PUC Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. For information regarding Caller ID service, residence customers should call 1-800-464-7928, and business customers should call 1-800-499-7928.

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Also, when drawing a bath, always run your hand through the water to check its temperature. If it feels even a little hot, it could burn. So add cold water and test it with your other hand.

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Virgil Artho, right is shown above receiving a check from Keri Knight representing Stratford Grain Company. Virgil brought in the first load of dryland corn. The corn was 3737 Pioneer Variety, 14.8 moisture, 75 bushels and a test wt. of 55. The corn was cut on August 24th off of the T.I. Welch Farm, located 10 miles southwest of Stratford. The corn was planted April 11th, 1993.

**Plan To Attend Stratford Days Rodeo**

Make plans to attend Stratford Days Rodeo on September 11th and 12th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

This event is sponsored by Sherman County 4-H and there will be a concession stand. Proceeds of the concession will go to the 4-H program.

Come and enjoy hamburgers and fries before the rodeo!

The Antique and Collections Department for the Fair got lost in the shuffle. Perhaps next year!!

**Local 4-H Boys Place First**

Ryan Swain and Dean Hauser placed first in the Texas State 4-H Awards Program Book judging last week at College Station.

Ryan's record book won the Vet Science award program and Dean's won the Energy Management award program. Both 4-Hers' record books will

advance to National judging and have qualified for a trip to National 4-H Congress to be held in Chicago in December.

Parents of the 4-Hers are Jack and Linda Swain and Ray and Linda Hauser.

Sherman County 4-H congratulates Ryan and Dean.

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trimmed with jade green and ivory.

The Maid of Honor, was Courtney Dettle sister of the bride of Stratford. She wore a jade green sculpted taffeta dress accented by pearl buttons. She had a arm bouquet of contemporary design made up of white calla lilies and mixed greenery with ivory net and jade green bow.

Best man was Steve Caffey of Lubbock, TX. and usher was Martin Dettle, brother of the bride of Lubbock, TX.

Wedding music was provided by Jim and Shannon Talliaferro, organist. Soloists were Shannon Talliaferro and Boyd Spurlock. Selections were "Together" and "To Me".

A reception was held immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. The table was decorated with a white lace cloth and a centerpiece of vivid summer flowers. The three-tier ivory and white cake was decorated with pearl drags topped with ivory satin bells.

The couple took a wedding trip to Las Vegas.

The bride graduated from Stratford High School and is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is employed by American Freightways in Lubbock.

The groom is involved in the construction of homes.



A Bridal Shower was held Saturday, August 28, 1993 in the home of Sharon Wilson for Kara Johnson, bride-elect of Micah Neuse. Shown left to right is Ann Johnson, mother of the bride, Kara Johnson, Cathy Corbitt holding Jessica Corbitt, and Bobbie Wilson, Aunt of the bride.

### Mr. "G's" Style Show is Coming Up Sept. 18th

Ladies, Please Mark Saturday, September 18 on your calendar and plan to attend our luncheon and "Mr. G's" Style Show at 12 noon at the Mary Allen Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased from any Prospectus Club member.

Profits are used toward scholarships and other worthwhile projects that benefit our community.

## Vows Exchanged

Miss Shawna Chantette Dettle and Daniel Morgan Lacewell were married on August 1, 1993 at The First United Methodist Church in Stratford. Rev. Ken Metzger, of Pampa, TX. officiated at the Double Ring Ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dettle of Stratford. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Mac Lacewell of Lubbock, TX.

The ceremony was held in the Courtyard of The Methodist Church. The Courtyard was decorated with white trellis arches and stands with vivid summer flowers, wheat, and greenery.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin wedding dress with a scalloped v-neck and short puff sleeves. The fitted bodice was accented with hand-beaded pearls and sequin appliques. The full skirt was adorned with scalloped hand-beaded lace border and a Cathedral train with open lace, pearls and sequins. The back of the dress was accented with pearl buttons.

The bridal bouquet was a formal, contemporary cascade design of white calla lilies, white freesia and mixed greens.

The mother of the bride wore a coral two-piece tea length suit

with broad round lace collar, accented with pearl buttons. The groom's mother chose a purple two-piece street length suit. Their corsages were white freesia

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The Texas Department of Commerce's mission is to serve its customers by building partnerships that create economic opportunity and prosperity for all Texans. Business Matters is provided as a free service. If you have any questions about Commerce's programs and services, please send them to:

**Business Matters**  
Texas Department of Commerce  
Communications Division  
P.O. Box 12728  
Austin, Texas 78711-2728.



A Bridal Shower was held Sunday, August 29, 1993 in the home of Pat Johnson for Mary Beth Spurlock, bride-elect of Paul Tallant. Shown left to right is Rene Spurlock, grandmother of the bride, Patsy Tallant, of Wylie, Texas, mother of the groom, Mary Beth, Linda Spurlock, mother of bride, and Mary Riffe, grandmother of bride

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### Texas 9-1-1 Day

Texas 9-1-1 Day! DID YOU KNOW??

September 11, 1993 is designated as statewide 9-1-1 Day in Texas. Festivities will be held in Austin on September 10, 1993. Ten individuals from across Texas have been selected to receive awards for outstanding lifesaving 9-1-1 service.

For more information contact Ms. Carey Spence at the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications at 512-327-1911.

**Cash Celebration**  
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## New Crop Insurance Program For Wheat Producers

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) has developed an alternative crop insurance for wheat producers. The new product is called a Group Risk Plan (GRP). GRP is based on the premise that when an entire county's wheat yield is low, most farmers in the county will also have low yields.

Howard Smith, President & CEO of North Plains Savings & Loan Assoc. is shown above presenting Sandy Williams with a gift recognizing her 20 years of exceptional service to North Plains Savings & Loan.



Shown above are left, Thea James 1st runner-up for Princess Miss and Sabrina Bonds 1st runner-up for Miss Stratford. Not pictured are Jessica Bryson, 1st runner-up for Junior Miss and Marca Ewers, 1st runner-up for Young Miss.

GRP pays only when the yield of the entire county drops below the expected county yield set by the FCIC. Payment is based on (1) the percentage of decline below the expected county yield, (2) the yield coverage level selected, (3) and the amount of protection purchased.

With this new crop insurance being based on changes in county yields, less paperwork and administration costs are expected.

GRP is being offered as a pilot test to wheat farmers in selected markets across the United States. Your county Extension office has additional details on GRP. GRP is being sold by the same insurance agents who market the traditional Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) policies. The deadline for purchase is the same as for MCPI, September 30.



Six Youths and three sponsors from Saint Joseph's Catholic Church of Stratford, attended World Youth Day in Denver, Colorado August 12-15. Those attending were left to right: Back row-J.J. Tobias, Aaron Roberts, Toby Kautz, Pope John Paul II, Theresa Unruh, Lesa Kautz. Front left to right Christie Tobias, Sarah Ortega, Tracy Roberts and Velma Martinez.

The Above calendar is sponsored by the Sherman County Depot Museum and The Stratford Star

The calendar above shows the volunteers for the month of September. It will only appear in the paper this week, please clip and save so you know when your time to volunteer is. Thank you.

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**Legal Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
BUDGET HEARING**

**NOTICE OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS BUDGET HEARING.** In accordance with the State of Texas and provision of the City of Stratford Charter, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on the 1993/1994 budget for the City of Stratford, Texas on September 16, 1993 at 7:30 pm. The hearing will be held in the City Council Meeting Room of Stratford City Hall.

KENNETH FORTHMAN,  
Mayor City of Stratford

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**Smith Recently Departs**

August 18, 1993 (FHTNC)-- Navy Chief Officer Wayne L. Smith, son of Willa D. Smith of 809 N. Chestnut, Stratford, Texas recently departed with Commander, Amphibious Squadron 8 NAB Little Creek, Va., for a six-month Mediterranean Sea deployment as part of the USS America Joint Task Group.

The group will relieve the USS Theodore Roosevelt Aircraft Carrier Battle Group, its embarked Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force and the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group.

Smith is one of the more than 12,000 sailors and Marines assigned to the Joint Task Group which consists of the USS America Aircraft Carrier Battle Group, the USS Guadalcanal Amphibious Ready Group and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. The task group also includes two amphibious assault ships, two cruisers, two destroyers, two frigates, two submarines, one replenishment oiler and one ammunition ship. Aircraft squadrons include seven fixed-wing squadrons, and one Navy and three Marine Corps helicopter squadrons.

This deployment is an example of the adaptive joint force packaging being used to ensure the most effective integration and use of the Navy and Marine Corps "sea-air-land" team focusing on regional conflicts in littoral areas that threaten U.S. and allied interests.

The Joint Task Group will provide greater flexibility in responding to variety of contingencies, while allowing the U.S. armed forces to conduct integrated operations from the sea.

The 1968 graduate of Stratford High School joined the Navy in January, 1972.

**National Literacy Day**

Wednesday, September 8, 1993, has been proclaimed National Literacy Day. Its purpose is to draw attention to the fact that one-third of American adults are functionally illiterate. According to the Texas Adult Literacy Laubach (TALL), a statewide literacy network of 58 affiliates, illiteracy is the root cause of many of society's problems. Solving the illiteracy problem would lower crime, joblessness, and accidents.

\* Only three other states have a higher number of illiterate adults--Texas ranks 47th.

\* Over 3.3 million Texas adults are unable to fill out a job application.

\* Over 90% of all those individuals in Texas prisons are functionally illiterate.

\* Of all chronically unemployed adults, 75% have difficulty reading and writing.

\* Sixty-seven percent of Texas employers report difficulty locating candidates for technical and skilled positions.

Every Texan who can read and write could be a volunteer tutor to help someone who wants to learn. Contact your local Literacy Council or contact TALL by writing to P.O. Box 2152, Austin, Texas 78768-2152



**Chamber Chatter**

by J. A. Lasley

**Hoorah!** The Telephone Books are in and I can begin to put the Welcome to Stratford bags together for our newcomers here in Stratford. The Merchants of Stratford have been most cooperative in this effort.

Including the Stratford-Star who if you have been at all observing has had a face lift of a sort-A big sign to let you know where it is located. Also new equipment with which to work with and one very important item is the new phone system that will be installed-If you have an ad or news story, or a letter to the Editor-they have a Fax machine so that it can be given over this machine and your "whatever" will appear in the paper that week. I had a long visit with Mr. Wilcox who brought new equipment for the Star. I don't think the reading audience realizes that advertising is the meat of a newspaper. The more advertising the more pages, pictures and news there is in the Star.

Watch for the sign to go up above Country Cousins with a new name and bigger selection of gift items.

Also watch where the Rafeerty J Boot shop was. The Museum has gotten all of their Antiques out-there will be some cleaning, painting, airing-and something going into this area.

Had a conversation with one of the Highway personnel as to when they would be through with the intersections. I know it has presented problems, but believe me I truly think in the long haul we are going to be glad that it has been done. At any rate, if the weather holds out they will be through before too much longer.

We are beginning to get some positive feedback on the expansion of Highway 287. With a concentrated effort on all of our parts we can accomplish not only this goal, but more. There is also a concentrated effort to get a directory of downtown businesses located along Highways 54-287

going both directions. There are so many "You Can't Do" in the Texas Highway Sign Book. This will take time & money.

As our good Methodist say on their bumper sticker "Catch The Spirit." Things are happening in Stratford.

By the time you read this Jolina Garoutte will have crowned a New Miss Stratford, Jennifer Sladek will have crowned a New Jr. Miss and the list goes on. These ladies who have worked on The Miss Stratford are to be commended, for they have a done a good job. It is with pride that these ladies compete and then represent Stratford in parades, and in community service. Thanks Miss Stratford Scholarship Committee.

The Women's Division has changed their meeting day to the last Thursday of the month. Soon they will be gathering fall foliage to be put down Main Street and on the Museum Wagon. If you have foliage you would contribute contact the Chamber or Natacha Dyess at her home after 6:00 P.M.

Also coming up the 16th of October will be the Fall Tip Top Craft Show. If you are interested in renting a booth let Stephanie Helton know at 806-396-5583, or Barbara Schoonover at 727-4696. There will be alot to look at and some will be Christmas ideas.

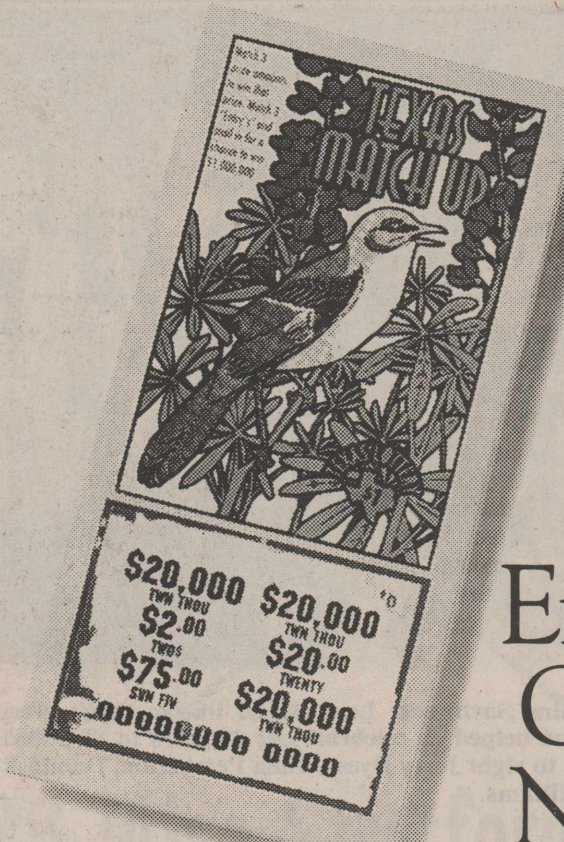
Also watch for a change to be made in the costume room. All of these costumes have been hauled, boxed, moved, but later on they will have a permanent home. Watch for that move.

I have enclosed some business matter information that will also be news article. Who knows who is out there with a terrific idea to start up a small business and needs to know who, what, and where. Trade shows are becoming a big factor in getting a business off the ground. Read up, some of this might be of interest to you; as well as beneficial.

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In a moment of insight you can perceive everything; but it takes years of exactitude to give it expression.

—Joseph Joubert



**End Of Game Notice.**

Texas Match Up, the Texas Lottery instant game that offered the largest scratch-off prize ever, officially ends on August 31, 1993. Many winning tickets (including six of the \$20,000 top prizes as of August 23) remain unclaimed.

Look for the red, blue and green tickets with the chirping mockingbirds at those retailers who decide to continue selling their remaining Texas Match Up stock. Regardless of when a winning ticket is purchased, Texas Match Up prizes must be redeemed prior to February 28, 1994.

Prizes of up to \$599 may be claimed at any Texas Lottery retailer. Winning tickets of \$600 or more must be redeemed at one of the 24 regional Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail with a claim form available from any Lottery retailer.

Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO.



Overall odds of winning, 1 in 6.81. Must be 18 years or older to play. ©1993 Texas Lottery

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412 N. 4th Sun. Closed 8:00 - 9:00

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The City of Stratford will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1992 by 6 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 9, 1993 at 1:30 pm at City Hall  
FOR the proposal: Andy Riffe, Claude Harlow, Johnny Garza, Sandy Williams  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT: Ronnie Pickens

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on 8-5-93. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Tax rate	.78593/\$100	.83568/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 235.78	\$ 250.70 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 14.92 or 6.33 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ .04975 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.33 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.





**County Agent**

by Jim Allison

**STRATFORD** - One of the major pests in lawns is the white grub. It occurs in most areas of Texas, but may cause damage only in certain areas. The adult form of the white grub is often called the May or June beetle and is about 1/2 to 5/8 inches long and light brown. The flight period for the adults in the High Plains generally occurs from mid- to late June and lasts from one to two weeks. It is during this time the mating takes place. The mated female bores back into the earth and begins laying between 30 to 40 eggs which hatch in three to four weeks giving rise to small larvae or grubs. There appears to be an aggregation behavior of egg-laying females which likely gives rise to the localized infestations that we often see in lawns.

The larvae pass through three stages becoming larger with each successive stage as they feed voraciously on grass roots. Stages 1 and 2 only require about three weeks for development while stage 3 is in the soil for the rest of the year or two years and causes most of the lawn damage. Feeding of large numbers of the larvae causes lawns to turn yellow in the affected area. Positive identification of white grub damage is possible when yellowed grass can be lifted easily by hand from the ground. In severe infestations, large sections of lawns can be rolled up just like carpet. The stage 3 larvae build up large quantities of fat in the summer and fall and may not need to feed further during the remainder of the annual cycle. In the spring, some stage 3 larvae may initiate feeding again, but generally consume only small amounts of decaying organic matter. In the case of the two year life cycle white grub, live-root feeding will be continued in the spring. Both the one and two year life cycle white grub occurs in the High Plains. The stage 3 larvae transform into the pupae stage or resting stage during late May and June. This stage lasts about three weeks after which the adult emerges completing the life cycle.

Lawns suspected of having white grubs should be checked by cutting and digging up one square foot section of lawn four inches deep and examining. Treatment is justified when more than four grubs per square foot are found. Take several samples to make sure an infestation justifies treatment and treat only those areas that are infested. Diazinon, dursban and isofenphos (oftanol) provide adequate control when properly applied.

Stage 3 larvae are very difficult to control, and best results are attained when insecticides are applied in late July and early August when moist of the larvae are quite small. Granular formulations of insecticides are easier to apply and easier to wash into the soil than spray formulations. Granulations may be applied with a fertilizer spreader. If spray formulations are used, water the lawn with about one-quarter inch of water before applying the spray. This allows the spray formulation to better penetrate the soil. The correct amount of insecticide for 1,000 square feet should be mixed into 10-25 gallons of water and this solution placed on 1,000 square feet of lawn area. Insecticides should be washed into the soil immediately with one-half to one inch of water. Children, pets and other animals should be kept off the lawn until the insecticide has been thoroughly washed into the soil. These insecticide treatments may also kill beneficial organisms such as earthworms. Always use insecticides according to the directions on the label. Proper lawn care is important in the reduction of home owners' grub problems. Adequate water and fertilizer and annual dethatching produces a healthy, vigorous lawn that is less susceptible to damage by white grubs.

**13th Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts**

Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 13th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, December 4th, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles Hereford, Texas 79045 or calling 806-364-0774.



North Plains Savings & Loan would like to thank everyone who stopped by and helped us celebrate our 20 years in Stratford. Shown above are left to right Jerry Dyess, Tana Pemberton, Donita Robertson and Sandy Williams.

True happiness is man's own creation—by making one's emotions independent of one's fate

—Wilhelm Von Humboldt

**Explanation of Conversion from County Education District Taxes**

County Education Districts have been abolished. In order to compare school tax rates from last year to this year, it is necessary to compare the combined school tax rate below to the school district's proposed tax rate for this year.

Last year the no. 20 County Education District's tax rate was .26

Last year the Stratford County Education District's tax rate was .8958

The combined School District and County Education District tax rate was 1.155

The proposed tax rate for Stratford School District for this year is 1.115



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**THE ACCOMPANYING TAX NOTICE IS WRONG!**

The Stratford Independent School District is required by state law to publish the accompanying tax notice in this form, even though the notice is deceptive.

Because of an omission in the recently-enacted state law, Stratford I.S.D. may not include revenue collected by the county education district in the calculation of taxes for the 1992-93 school year. The effect of this is to understate last year's actual school tax rate and produce an inaccurate comparison of last year's tax rate to this year's tax rate.

The correct comparison of tax rates is as follows:

Last year's (1992-93) total school tax rate (including county education district taxes): 1.155

This year's (1993-94) proposed school tax rate: 1.115

Percentage change: 28.8% decrease

**Library Notes**

By Dorothy Haile

**Cattle Feeding** by John Owen is a 1991 update of an earlier book written in 1981. It combines nutritional knowledge with economic information to answer the crucial question of how to feed cattle efficiently and profitably.

**Cattle Footcare and Claw Trimming** was written by E. Toussaint Ravin. He has had wide international experience of the

problems of foot lameness in cattle. He has been deeply involved in the education and training of veterinary students and claw trimmers and in providing animal health information for ranchers.

**New Books:** Cruel and Unusual by Cornwell, Gai Jin- A Novel of Japan by Clavell, Hill Towns-Anne Siddons, and Homeland by John Jakes.

More new titles: Like Water For Chocolate-Esquivel, Night Manager-John Le Carre, Scorpio Illusion-Robert Ludlam, Seasons in Purgatory-Dominick Dunne, and Star Flight-Phyllis Whitney.

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**This notice is required by the Texas Legislature.**

\*The percentage increase shown in the first paragraph below may appear unusually high because it does not reflect 1992 taxes levied by the now-abolished county education district (CED). In 1992, the CED levied a portion of the taxes used for school purposes, and the school district levied the remainder of school taxes. In 1993, school districts will levy all school taxes. For an explanation of the increase, attend the public hearing scheduled below or call your school district.

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The Stratford ISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1992 by 336.98 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 9, 1993 at 7:00 PM Stratford I.S.D. Board Room  
FOR the proposal: Jack Rhoades, Rick Reinart, Barbara Chumley, Kenton Kimball, Jerry Dyess  
AGAINST the proposal:  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT: Rusty Craig, Ken Wight  
The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on 8-26-93. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	(Optional) Last Year County Education District	Last Year School District	This Year School District
Average home value	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Average taxable value	\$ 19,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Tax rate	\$ .8958	.26/\$100	1.115/\$100
Tax	\$ 170.20	\$ 65.00	\$ 278.75
(Optional) Total 1992 School Taxes	\$ 235.20	(Optional) Total 1993 School Taxes	\$ 278.75

(School districts publishing optional information must publish the following:)  
This paragraph compares last year's CED and school district taxes with this year's proposed school district taxes.  
Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 43.55 or 18.5 percent compared with last year's total school taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$ .0408 per \$100 of taxable value or 3.53 percent compared to last year's total school tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

(All school districts must publish the following:)  
This paragraph compares last year's school district tax with this year's proposed school district taxes.  
Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 213.75 or 328.85 percent compared with last year's school district taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the school district tax rate would increase by \$ .855 per \$100 of taxable value or 328.85 percent compared to last year's school district tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.