

Star SOCIETY



Alton and Frances Brewster will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building, Stratford. Family and friends are invited to attend. Hosting the event are the couple's children: Mike and Lynda Hart, Lubbock; and Benny and Lana Smith, Guymon, Ok.; along with their grandchildren. Alton and Frances Stokes were married December 24, 1938, at Portales, New Mexico. They moved to the Perkins-Prothro Ranch in the Oklahoma Panhandle in January, 1946. In 1949, the couple moved to the Kerrick community where they resided until in 1970. At that time, they moved to rural Stratford and lived there until 1975 when they moved to their current residence at 901 N. 3rd, Stratford. Alton was engaged in farming and ranching until his retirement in 1975. He drove a school bus for the Stratford Independent School district for 25 years on the Kerrick route until his retirement in 1986. Frances is a homemaker and recently retired, after 10 years, from working in the church nursery at the First Baptist Church. The couple considers their many friendships "A precious gift" and respectively requests no other.

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock County Extension Agent

For teenagers, the holidays emphasize the classic dilemma of no longer being a child, but not yet completely on their own. Because events are family-oriented, teenagers find themselves in conflict with parents if they want to spend time with their friends.

It can really help if parents will try to imagine or

remember what it's like to be a teenager. For example, the holidays can have a magical quality that makes a Christmas Eve date seem so romantic to a teenager, when parents would rather have just the family together.

The process of growing up and becoming independent doesn't stop during the holidays. The teen may want



Lori Leann Wiley, a freshman Teacher's Of Young Children major from Stratford has pledged Delta Delta Delta sorority at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Lori is the daughter of Raymond and Betty Wiley of Stratford.

Eastern Star

Eastern Stars will be visited Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. by Deputy Grand Matron, Ruby Lee Meckley, of Amarillo. She will be bringing new instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas.

Prior to the meeting members will have a 6 p.m. dutch treat dinner at Headquarters. Officers are reminded to wear formals, says Marylou McDaniel, Worthy Matron of Stratford Chapter 960. All members are invited to attend.

Surprise

Birthday Party

Bill Crabtree was surprised with a birthday cake, ice cream and visitors to help him celebrate his 89th birthday, on Nov. 13th in his home SW of Texhoma. Those present were Katie DeVors from Colo., Dixie, Laurie, Marca and Johnna Ewers, Dallas and Joyce Lowe and Heather White from Stratford. Lola Flint, Ida Hager, Clara Royse, Maycle Gore, Ola Mae Thoden from Texhoma Brian and Jennifer Rhoden from Perryton, Texas.

to exert his or her independence by going places and doing things with friends, while parents may be wishing for 'the good old days' when their child was excited just to bake cookies or decorate the tree with the family.

Teenagers may also be embarrassed by the reminders of their childhood that surface during the holidays. Having a stocking or a favorite ornament may suddenly become 'babyish.' Family traditions may again become important to the teenager in a few years.

How can parent and teens work together to have an enjoyable holiday? It's not too difficult if parents will acknowledge that their teens are growing up.

Start by discussing some ground rules in advance. When can the teenager plan to date or be with friends? When is the whole family expected to be home? When can friends be invited over or involved in family activities? Involve your teenager in some of the adult responsibilities for the holidays.

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Card of Thanks

Sherman County Older Texans wish to convey their thanks to all the people who graciously helped to make the annual Thanksgiving Dinner so special. The food was wonderful; the tables were delightfully decorated; and the entertainment was terrific.

Truly, we are blessed to live in a caring, warm community such as this.

Special thanks to: GFWC/Prospectus Study Club, Third grade chorus and Shari Kleiwer, Ellie M's, Brownies, Cadettes and Sr. Girl Scouts, First State Bank, North Plains Savings and Loan, Brown's Meat Locerk, Thriftway and Gopher's.

Sincerely, Vicki Gore, Director

What a Thanksgiving we had, and how much we have to be thankful for! Stratford has to be the most caring town anywhere! Thanks so very much for the visits, flowers, cards, food, taxi service, prayers and all the TLC I received in the hospital and after coming home. I am truly blessed.

Pat Johnson

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by or called and whose thoughts and prayers helped us through Jordan's surgery and hospital stays. A special thanks to David, Pat, Barbara, Gary and Elaine who helped us survive the waiting. We are thankful to know so many caring people as there are here in Stratford.

Joe, Cathy, Erich and Jordan Taylor
Jim and Helen Taylor
Fred and Verna Cross

We want to Thank You for the prayers, visits, phone calls, and flowers that were received while Jennifer was in the hospital. May God Bless All of you.

Jerry, Mary, Tracy & Jennifer Welland

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THRIFTWAY

Letters To Editor
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out. Not long ago it was the Sheriff's office. Now it's the Police Department. I am proud of Dennis Davis and all of the City Department. Maybe some of you would like to go back before there was Law and Order. I don't think I'd like to try to fill the shoes of "Public Servants" of trying to please all the people all the time. Good Luck to Jack Haile and all of our other newly installed Public Officials. So, please, Friends as we start a New Year remember "Be kind, Ye, one to another" and God Bless all of you.

Mary and George Lovett

Dear Editor,
An open letter to Dwayne Plunk:

From my personal point of view you would like to see a law enforcement that would arrest only poor people and let the would be upstanding citizens off with just a slap on the wrist.

I have not seen or met any peace officer that anymore qualified or more fair than Dennis Davis. I've never seen him or any of his men be one sided except for Law and Order for the whole community, not for one or two who thinks they are above the law.

If someone should break the law, that someone should know that if he or she gets caught that their going to get punished. All us parents can do is love our kids and teach them to do right, but if

something goes wrong then all we can do is stand behind them and help all we can. Not rundown the police for doing their job.

Sincerely,
Robert McGinnis

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Depending upon his or her interests and skills, put the teen in charge of the baking, the gift-wrapping, assembling toys for younger siblings or whatever. They can be a tremendous help and have a sense of accomplishment, too.

Create some new family traditions or activities that acknowledge the teenager's status as a young adult. Perhaps it's transferring something special that used to be done by a parent to the teenager, such as setting up

the Christmas tree or reading the Christmas story.

You may want or let the teen give a holiday party for his or her friends. Or you may wish to encourage his or her participation in a community service activity, such as collecting food for the needy.

You can have a happier holiday season by helping your teenager bridge the gap between wanting the joy of a child's Christmas and wanting to feel like an adult who makes decisions about Christmas.



The first system of writing was invented by the Sumerians in ancient Mesopotamia about 3500 B.C.

Busy Matrons

The Busy Matrons Extension Homemakers group met at the club house for their November meeting. Since Ila Fry was gone, Betty Fry was the hostess. Sharing Holidays with your Children, was the lesson. Since a lot of us are grandparents we could say, Sharing Holidays with our Grandchildren too. Rosella Flanagan presented the lesson. The objective of the lesson was to develop holiday activities that become holiday traditions to your family. Holidays often become fuller and more meaningful when they are marked with family traditions. If you don't have any family traditions, now is the time to start. Create traditions of your own instead of relying only on

traditions you grew up with. In this present time of so much commercialism, strive for balance. Don't let the material aspect of the holidays over-whelm the spiritual. If possible let your children help plan and get ready for the holidays.

After the lesson a short business meeting was held. Opal reported that a number of men had worked at the Baker cemetery filling up some graves that had been sunken after a big rain we had. We want to thank these men for this work. It's one job we can't do.

Several attended the fall council meeting at Hooker. Our club was one of the hostess clubs. We also had a table at the hobby show in

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Christmas BEGINS HERE

Miss Stratford Kristi Blake and Rene Allen, Junior Miss Stratford toured these Stratford businesses and found lots of bargains to buy everybody on their Christmas list this year.

Beaver Creek Boot & Saddle



Beaver Creek Boot and Saddle Shop offer a line of gifts for the entire family, even the family dog and cat. We offer a full line of pet foods and horse, swine and lamb feeds. We also have a limited quantity of homemade dog biscuits.

For the horseman in the family, we carry a line of tack and riding equipment, as well as hand woven saddle pads. For the men we have belts, billfolds, boot bags, wild rags and spittoons to use in the truck.

And for the ladies of the house there are billfolds, belts, purses made of bandanas and matching braided belts, handmade scarves, and ladies roper boots in the popular colors.

If you are looking for the extra special gift to place under the tree, we have just the thing. We specialize in handmade boots and saddles. Don't forget that we can special order canvas and denim duster coats and silver letters and name belt plates from Montana Silversmith and B-K Silversmiths.

If you are still not sure what to give for Christmas we have gift certificates available. Come on by and see what we have in the way of gift giving ideas.

EllieM's

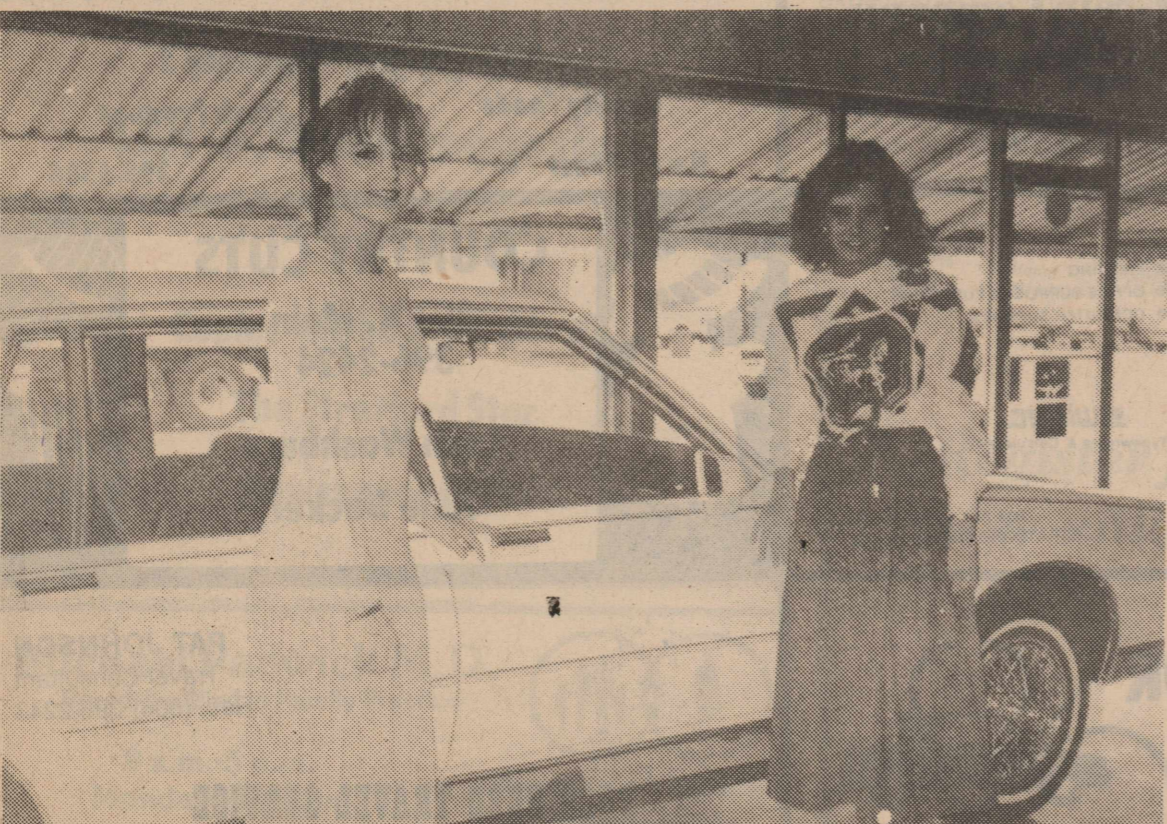


Ellie's has Gifts for everyone. Kristi and Rene are standing in front of the new Southwest Decor for your home that they have to offer.

Martha Ellison's Store will be open until 8:30 Thursday, December 8, Dec. 15th and December 22 with special discounts each evening.

Be sure and register for the drawings to be held.
Thursday, Dec. 8th Basket of Gourmet Foods.
Thursday December 15th Navaho design rug.
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G&W Industrial Supply Inc.



Kristi is shown above holding an Electric screwdriver. This is only one item in a store full of numerous possibilities for gifts for all the men on your list.

Come See our Skill Tool selections at G and W Industrial. 20% off on Skill Vice grips from now until Christmas.

In the Stratford Star notice our ad for our Barrell Heater, it really keeps a barn warm.

Come out and see what all we have to offer that man in your life, or even the ladies.

The General Store



The General Store has a wide selection of gifts to choose from for that special someone or everyone on your Christmas list. Rene is shown holding one of the many beautiful sweaters for men that we have. Kristi is holding an electric skillet which is only one item in our selections of kitchen appliances.

We are going to have a Christmas Drawing for a Red Wagon for the kids and a Toastmaster Oven-broiler for the adults.

Sign up at THE General Store for prizes. Do not need to be present to win. Sign up each time you come in.

Holiday Treasures

Thriftway



Thriftway has fresh Christmas Trees, just arrived. There will be a drawing every Saturday until Christmas for \$75.00 worth of free groceries. You do not have to be present to win. Register during the week. We have a good selection of toys and decorations and towels for the kitchen and bathroom.

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sherman county christmas company



The Sherman County Christmas Company specializes in holiday ideas! Christmas decorations, wrap and clothing are the specialty. We have gourmet chocolates and featuring a mink coat and Mercedes for the one who has everything. Fajita seasonings and cookbooks are a HOT gift this year, and as always the Initial Decision is located in the store doing personalized monogramming. There is a weekly special in the store until Christmas with 25% off selected items. Stop in and see the unique items we have to offer Stratford.

wrap up shopping here

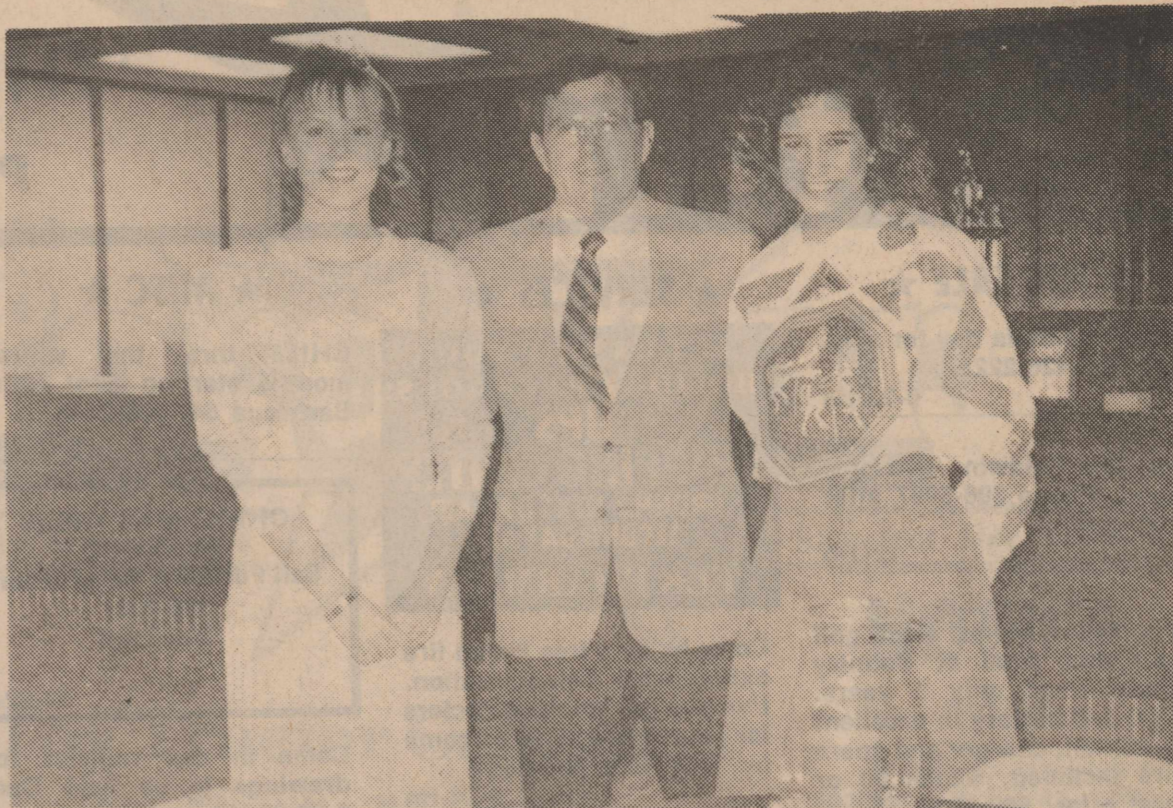
Elk Pharmacy

Elk Pharmacy's Christmas Countdown starts Dec. 1. Be sure to stop by & take advantage of daily sales now thru Christmas. Also, remember Tuesday is Senior Citizen shopping day & Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 has been set aside for kids from 6 to 9 p.m. for their own personal shopping. Gift ideas from Elk Pharmacy include-cologne, watches, toys, candles, potpourri, new electric simmering potpourri pots, fireplace potpourri, specialty baskets we make up with summer sausage, cheese, gourmet coffee, tea bags, jelly, BBQ sauce & others. Specialty foods, jewelry, floral arrangements, wreaths, cassette tapes, baby clothes & misc. items. Men's



gifts, Aggie, sooner and Texas Tech novelty gifts, frames, bear pottery and misc., kitchen accessories. We have just added a new candy line for special gifts that include Amaretta and Hazelnut Truffles, Pecan caramels, English and macadamia Toffe. We also still carry Pangburn Millionaires. For your Christmas needs we have lights, garland, wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Hallmark ornaments, Xmas wreaths and floral centerpieces plus all the other misc. Xmas items you will need this Christmas season. Come by & let Brenda, Judy and Debbi help you with your Christmas shopping. And remember we offer free gift wrapping. Also, remember to ship your Xmas packages early thru UPS. We offer convenient and easy shipping. Bring your packages in to us in sturdy boxes with 3 inch packing & we will tape and label for you. If you have any questions call 396-5505. Remember starting December 1st, the earlier you shop the more you save on gifts at Elk Pharmacy [Example Dec. 1st, 24% off Dec. 2 23% off, etc. thru Dec. 24th], so come on in & help us countdown to Christmas.

The First State Bank



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