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A number of supporters for Rising Star Livestock Association turned out Friday night for "A Taste of the Town," receiving a variety of deliciously prepared food for the dollars that will help purchase livestock raised by local 4-H and FFA members.

The local Livestock Show & Fair will be held February 18 and the County Show & Sale will be in March.

Who Needs Cows, Sows and Plows?

It's time to pull out our favorite recipes, artwork, pictures and sewing projects to get ready to enter the Annual Rising Star Livestock Show and Fair! Mark your calendars for February 18 to participate in this big event.

Departments and classes are as follows.

Departments include:
ART- oil, acrylic, water-colors, crayola, markers, misc.

PHOTO- native, scenic, people, general.
NEEDLEWORK- knitting, crochet, afghans, quilts, handstitchery.

ARTS AND CRAFTS- ceramics, toys and dolls, woodworking, metal working, misc.

CLOTHING- day-time, sports, formal (after 5), misc.

FOODS- cookies, pies, candy, quick breads, yeast breads, cakes, decorated cakes, canned foods, jams, jellies, preserves.

MENS- open.
Classes include:

Subjunior - preschool through 3rd grade; Junior - 4th grade through 8th grade; Senior - 9th grade through 12th grade; Adult.

There will be a champion and reserve champion for each department and high-point plaques for each class.

Here are a few reminders on rules and regulations for fair entries.

(1) Recipes must be placed

with entries. No mixes will be allowed except for decorated cakes.

(2) Entries should be placed on a disposable plate and have a plastic cover.

(3) Cookie entries will be made up of two dozen.

(4) All foods become property of the Rising Star Livestock raisers. Fifty percent of profit raised from the food auction will go to the Rising Star Livestock raisers and 50 percent will go to the organization designated by the person who enters the food.

Stay tuned for official entry forms and more information in the next issue of The Rising Star!

Stephanie Long

Economic Survival Requires Action

If Eastland County and the cities in it are to prosper, according to Dr. Charles Barnes, we need to get more of the money we pay in taxes spent right here in the county, and we need to make our cities the most desirable in the area to reside in. We can get some of our tax money back by getting a state facility to locate in the county and that is what Project Hoos-Gow is all about, project director Dr. Charles Barnes told the Eastland

Rotary Club, a civic minded organization of business people who try to improve the community and world in which they live and encourage our young people.

With the exception of Eastland, our local cities are losing their populations at a rapid rate and property values are dropping right along with the loss. The County economy is hurting and if our cities are to survive, we must do something to turn the trend

around, even if what we are able to do is not our first choice. We need more money and jobs in the county unless we want to see towns like Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Gorman and Rising Star decline like Scranton, Pioneer, Desdemona and so many other towns in the county which once had large populations. As methods of travel improve, the smaller towns are dying out, and Eastland County could lose its cities unless we come up with something to keep them here.

Project Hoos-Gow is a unified effort of Eastland County's cities and communities working together to bring money and jobs to the county. The money and jobs would be a benefit to every city in the county, and even to those in a forty mile radius, and it takes all of the county cities efforts if the project is to be successful.

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Ray Stone Will Speak

Date Set for Chamber Banquet

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture set March 16 as the date for the annual awards banquet in a meeting held January 24 in the boardroom of the school office.

Speaker for the event will be Ray Stone, narrator of a Dallas Cowboys football report on a syndicated radio program. As an after-dinner speaker Stone delights audiences with inside and humorous stories about the players and coaches.

A football, autographed by a number of Dallas Cowboys, will be given away by the Chamber of Commerce. Donations will be taken for the opportunity to win the football which will be on display in various local businesses from now until March 16.

Annual awards are made by the Chamber for outstanding community service and to an outstanding farmer and business person. This year the Chamber has added an award to be made to the family of the year. Suggestions from the public for recipients of these awards are welcome.

The Chamber also gives certificates of recognition to the top academic students in each of the four high school classes and to outstanding members of 4-H, FFA and FHA organizations.

Miss Rising Star will be crowned at the banquet. Girls of the Junior Class are invited to speak to the Chamber members February 28. Voting will be done following that date and Miss Rising Star for 1989-90 will be announced at the banquet. Current holder of the title is Stephanie Long, daughter of Tony and Barbara Long. A member of the Senior Class, Stephanie's reign will end at the close of the school term.

Officers for the upcoming year will be announced and introduced at the banquet.

The new telephone number for the Chamber is 643-3215; an alternative number is 643-2717.

Present at the Chamber meeting were Lottie Mae Roach, Gene Hicks, Jean Bryan, Gene Lyons, Barbara Kanady, Dr. Donald Bryan, Evelyn Donham, Wanda Bible and Carolyn Ratliff.

Economic Development Workshop Is Planned

A letter was sent out last week to all businesses in Eastland County to find out if they would be interested in attending an economic development workshop. The workshop will be held in early March.

The workshop will give business managers and owners new ideas for the retention and enhancement

of the businesses in these troubled times. This will be a chance for all Eastland County business owners to work together for a common goal, a better future for this area. This has been done before.

In 1987, Cisco and Eastland each began working separately to have the

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Countians Visit TDC

A group of 16 Eastland County citizens led by Mayor and Mrs. Dub Hoffman of Eastland left Thursday, Jan. 26, for a visit to the Michael Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) at Tennessee Colony, near Palestine, Texas. This prison is a new, modern facility which will serve as a model for the 2250 bed unit to be constructed in Eastland County should TDC choose to build one in this area.

A number of residents of our county have expressed an interest in visiting this facility while negotiations are underway for securing the prison. Dr. Charles Barnes, Coordinating officer for the Eastland County Economic Development Council (ECEDC) and leader of Project "HOOS-GOW" stated that a group will be going to the model prison each month and that anyone may apply

for space on vans departing therefor. It is a day long trip and a noon meal is furnished by the prison. For reservations call ECEDC in Cisco, 442-3413.

Domino Tournery

The Rising Star American Legion Recreation Hall will be open Monday through Saturday.

There will be a Domino Tournament on Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.



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County VFD Gets Cost-Sharing, New Equipment



A CHECK FOR \$1250.00 was presented to the Rising Star Rural Fire Department Saturday morning by Paul Hannemann, rural fire defense instructor for Texas Forest Service. Accepting the check were L.T. Owen, Eastland County Commissioner of Precinct 3, Barbara Murphree and a number of volunteer firefighters.

The money helps fund the Water Expansion Pump System (WEPS) mounted on the new rural truck, also cofunded by Texas Forest Service.

The fire department will hold a dinner at Cook's Fish Barn February 6 to further aid in paying for the new equipment.



THE NEW WEPS - Water Expansion Pump System - unit on the rural fire truck was demonstrated for Rising Star Carlton volunteer firefighters Saturday morning by Paul Hannemann, instructor for Texas Forest Service.

The Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department recently bolstered its firefighting capabilities with the acquisition of a truck and a foam-producing Water Expansion

Pump System (WEPS) unit. Financial aid to stretch local support dollars further came from the state forestry agency.

The department was able to obtain an almost new truck for only \$4,000 through the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) program of the Texas Forest Service. The truck, along with several others, had been purchased by the state forestry agency. The forestry agency's fire control department, in turn, has made the trucks available at its cost to the state's VFDs.

The Rising Star VFD also received \$1,250 in RCFP cost-sharing aid toward the purchase of its WEPS unit. Firefighters can vary the output of the unit from wet water to foam to meet the fire situation encountered.

Other VFDs can take advantage of the Service's RCFP cost-sharing program. Qualified VFDs can receive cost-sharing aid of 50 percent - up to \$4,000 - toward truck purchases and up to \$3,000 toward foam-producing Water Expansion Pump System (WEPS) units.

RCFP funds have assisted with the placement of over 1,500 trucks, WEPS units and other fire apparatus since 1973. In addition, several firefighter associations have obtained \$5,000 in financial aid - plus designing, licensing and purchasing assistance - toward basic

county-wide, high band radio communications systems. Rural firefighters have received training in wildland fire suppression and have taken advantage of discounts of around 30 percent on bunker gear purchased through the TFS RCFP Fire-Safe Fund.

For additional information about assistance available to rural firefighters, contact the Texas Forest Service, Fire Control Department, P.O. Box 310, Lufkin, Texas 75901, phone 409-639-8100. Thanks to two such contacts, Rising Star firefighters gained financial aid toward the purchase of a truck and WEPS unit.

Paul Hannemann from the Texas Forest Service presented the check for \$1,250 to the Rising Star Rural Fire Department Saturday. He also gave a slide presentation on fighting wildfire and using the new WEPS unit, as well as demonstrating how to use the WEPS unit himself.

Present from Rising Star were Barbara Murphree, LaVerne Lee, Eulala Stover, Donnett Nall, L.T. Owen, Al Jones, Gene Lyons, Frank Agnew, Willie Vandiver, Jack Palmore, Mike Nall, Aubrey Lawrence, Doc Murphree, Charles Murphree, E.F. Agnew, John G. Lee, Carolyn Ratliff, Oliver West and W.E. Murphree.

Also present were representatives from Cisco and Carlton.

RSVFD Fundraiser

The Rising Star Rural Fire Department are planning a Catfish dinner to raise funds for the fire department.

The catfish dinner will be held at Cook's Fish Barn, 12 miles east of Rising Star, on

February 6 from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. The dinner will include tea. The price is \$5.50. Homemade pie will be available, whole or by the slice.

Your support is appreciated.

\$2,500.00
REWARD

Any person with information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the crime may call 643-4261 or 643-3421. Information may be given anonymously and arrangements will be made for the payment of the reward.

Money may be mailed to First State Bank, Rising Star, 76471, to be deposited in the Witt Reward Fund. The account number is 72-360-6. No arrests have been made in the rape/murder case. Era Witt, 87, was found dead in her home on June 7.

News Briefs

EASTLAND

The First Saturday Opera will be at the Majestic Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. The three hour show will feature the Star Canyon Band and Cooke Brothers, with solo appearances by several area singers. This will be a fast-moving, up-beat program with a Bluegrass/Country music flavor. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 adults, \$4 Senior Citizens, and \$3 children, free for those under four years old. All are invited out for an evening of entertainment.

An Investment and Financial Counseling firm has located in the former Fresyschlag Insurance Agency office on the north side of the Square. This will be known as the Edward D. Jones firm, with Robert Steed the local representative. The Eastland Chamber of Commerce Redcoats joined the official Grand Opening of this new business last Thursday.

Mayor C.W. Hoffmann has proclaimed February as American Music Month. This proclamation was made for the Eastland Music Study Club, which works for good music. The Music Club will have a special program in Eastland High School Band Hall of Feb. 22, and a Scholarship Award will be made to a deserving music student at that time. The Texas President of the Texas Music Study

Club is expected to be present for the program.

A full-dress Opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," will be presented at the Majestic Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Musicians filling the roles will be from the Abilene Collegiate Opera group, composed of students from Hardin Simmons, Abilene Christian, and McMurry. The Abilene Collegiate Symphony will furnish the instrumental music, and this group is also composed of top music students from the three colleges. Tickets are for sale now at Olney Savings in Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Albany and Breckenridge at \$5 for adults, \$4 for Senior Citizens, and \$3 for students and children.

CISCO

A half-day Economic Workshop is being proposed for Eastland County. The City of Cisco, in cooperation with the Cisco Chamber of Commerce and the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) will be the sponsors of the program. A letter was sent out last week to all businesses in Eastland County to see if they would be interested in attending the Workshop, which would probably be held in early March. Representatives from WCTCOG will give presentations regarding their employment assistance and obtaining government contract

programs, and the Texas Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration will emphasize their small business retention program.

The City of Cisco is beginning to make headway in stopping the breaking of city code ordinances, according to Mike Moore, City Manager. Moore says the City has sent out 17 letters to homes with junk autos on their property, and 27 autos have been removed since then. Thirty-five letters have also been sent to property owners to get their property cleaned up. He says 10 letters have been sent to persons in violation of the city's health ordinance, and five property owners have complied. In the animal control, 35 warning letters have been sent to pet owners, and 22 animals have been captured.

The Scranton Country/Western Musical will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Scranton Community Center. The concession stand will open at 5 p.m., and the music begin at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited, especially area musicians.

The Redeemer Lutheran Youth will have a Grand Hog Pancake Supper on Sat., Feb. 4 at the Parish Hall. Serving will be from 5-8 p.m., and cost of the meal will be a free-will offering. The money raised will go toward purchasing new video equipment.

Caryon Garrett, teller at First National Bank, has been promoted to Assistant Cashier. She will still work as a teller, but will also help in bookkeeping and work in

operations. Her supervisor will be Brenda Lane, who says she is looking forward to working with Mrs. Garrett. Caryon has worked at the First National Bank for 11 years. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore, she grew up in Cisco. Caryon and her husband, Bobby, have three children and three grandchildren.

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce Banquet is this Thursday night, Feb. 2 at the Cisco Junior College Corral Room. The program will begin at 7 p.m., with Ken Deihm as Master of Ceremonies. Jim McCurdy of Abilene will be the Guest Speaker, and Cisco people who have made special accomplishments will also be recognized. The Banquet will set the stage for the work of the Chamber during the coming year. A large crowd is expected.

BAIRD

There will be a delay in the scheduled completion date of the Baird High School track field, due to the State Railroad Commission having to arrange for the capping of wells on the field. It is thought that this will cause a one-month delay in construction, meaning that the track may not be completed until sometime in May. The original date was around April 1, 1989. When this track is complete it will be one of the finest in this area.

The Baird Chamber of Commerce is having good results with the current Membership Drive, which will continue until March 17. There will also be a Big Fish Fry on that date - something to look forward to. Some of the newest members of the

local Chamber are White Auto Store, Robertson's Hams, Brad Harris, Attorney, Pizza Garden, Bob McCool Law Office, Russell-Surles Title Inc. Shorty's U Bar U and Kelton Flower Shop. Several families have also joined. Baird is growing - a recent Abilene Reporter listed it as 6th in the top ten towns in the Big Country in growth!

The Baird City Council held a Public Hearing on a Park Grant for the City, and passed a Resolution approving it. The Grant will be for \$110,000 to finish the Meadow Park and to create a new Park that will connect with The Meadow. The Grant will be a 50-50 grant with the city responsible for \$55,000, but this can be in in-kind volunteer: labor, work and supplies. There is already quite a bit on in-kind that can be counted, so the city should not be out much actual cash. The Council reserved the right to pull out of the project if the cost is too great.

RANGER

There will be a St. Valentine's Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at St. Rita's Catholic Church Parish Hall on Blackwell Rd. The Ladies Auxiliary of Ranger Fire Department will be sponsoring the meal, which will consist of chicken fried steak and all the trimmings, including dessert and drink. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proceeds will be used to purchase air tanks and masks to be carried on fire trucks. The law requires masks for

90 percent of the firemen by 1990. All people in this area are invited to have a delicious

CJC Presents

"The Red Shoes"

Cisco Junior College is giving all area children a Valentine's Day present February 14 & 15. On both these days, the CJC Drama Department will present **The Red Shoes**, a children's fable featuring members of the drama club.

The Red Shoes is the story of a gypsy and a young girl who both discover the dark side of greed. Scott Bradshaw is Reymardo Snogg, the gypsy and Lana McConaughy plays Karen, the young dancing girl. Both students are from Eastland.

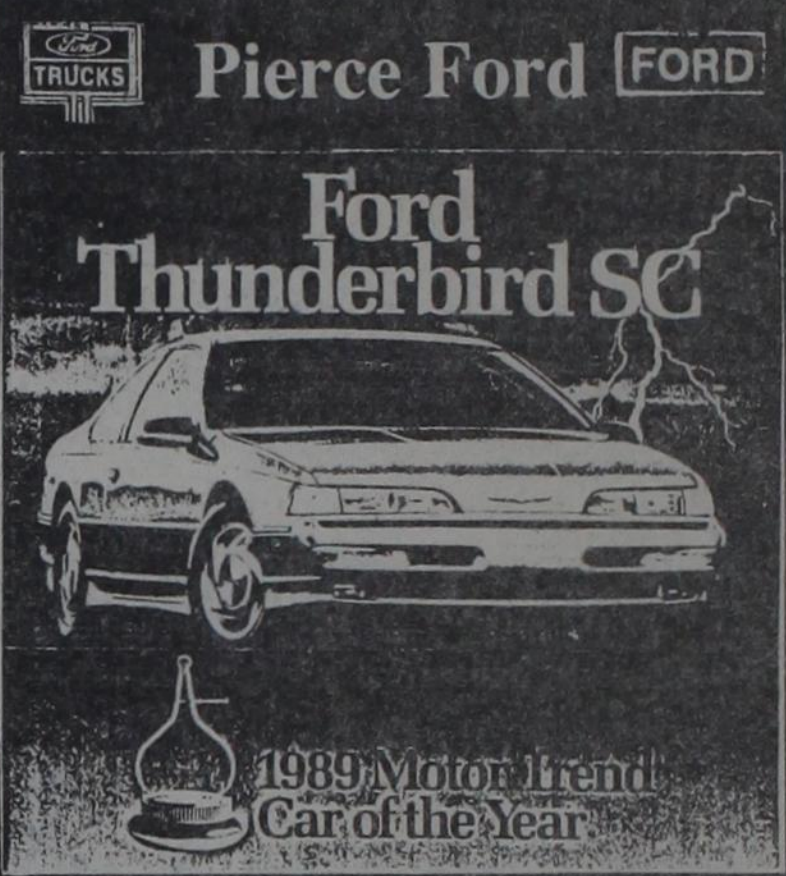
Jim Graham, from Merkel, plays Jemmo, Snogg's mute clown. Dan Huff, from Hamburg, Iowa, plays Karen's friend, Nels. Danetta Bible, from Rising Star, appears as Karen's grandmother, Mrs. Ostergaard. All are students at CJC. Bradshaw, McConaughy, Graham and Bible attend drama scholarships. Huff is a music scholarship recipient. Also appearing as the town mayor is Lloyd Parrish of Cisco. Parrish is an instructor of computer at CJC.

Performances still open to the public are February 14 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Also February 15 at 9:00 a.m. has seats available. There will be a public performance at 7:00 p.m. February 15. FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 442-2567. Tickets are 50 cents.

dinner and support the fire department.

The Ranger Riding Club has elected officers for 1989. Marlinda Jimenez is President, Myrtle Keys Vice President, Barbara McDonald Secretary, Evelyn Grace,

Assistant Sec., Susie Kelly, Parade Chairman, and Mary Blakney Assistant Parade Chairman. The Club is looking forward to a new Parade season, and encourages any woman who enjoys riding to join the Club. Contact an officer if you want to be a part of this award-winning group.



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Jr. High Basketball

LITTLE LADY CATS

The Junior High Lady Cats gave the Lingleville Junior High Girls' Team a great challenge even though they fell short of a victory. The J.H. Lady Cats' offense scored nine points in the first quarter to put them ahead 9-8. The halftime score was RS 11, Lingleville 18. At the end of the third quarter, the score was RS 13, Lingleville 26. The final score of the game was RS 17, Lingleville 30.

The Lady Cats might not have won this game, but I thought all of the girls played a great game and took their loss as a learning experience. Especially comparing this game to the last game they played against Lingleville.

The high-point player for Rising Star was Jo Linney with 8 points, followed by Shawna Waddle with 7, and Lisa Robinette also contributed 2 points.

Great teamwork, Lady Cats!!! Better luck next time.

Gherda Williams

JR. WILDCATS

The Jr. Wildcats were snorting fire this last Monday when they went head to head with Lingleville. The Jr. 'Cats had rip roarin', rootin' tootin' fun as they slaughtered Lingleville 61 to 27.

Everyone played and almost everyone scored. At the end of the quarters, the scores read: 16-3, 29-9, 47-19, and 61-27. The game was great. Even though Lingleville was down they still tried to win through the entire game. They kept playing and that kept the game interesting.

Jared "King Vitamin"

Horton was showing his usual form as he once again led Coach Le Jones' army with 26 points. Next was Robert Self with 13 points, Chris Eddison 12, Will Ezzell 4, and Chris DeLong, Duane Schwab, and Terry Ware had 2 points each.

The Jr. Wildcats will play at May next Monday. They will really need the support and cheers of you fans. This game will decide the District Championship. If the Jr. 'Cats win, they will be the Champs. If they lose, they will be tied with Gorman for first place. What will happen? Will Coach Jones lose his voice from yelling so much? Will I keep asking these stupid questions? To be continued.....

Roanen Barron

Weekly Wonders

This week the kindergarten have been learning about sounds, letters and numbers. They are also writing their own books with illustrations. They had a Hilarious Hat Day and everybody received awards for all their hard work.

The first grade made portraits of themselves, to aid them in learning measurements and weight.

The second grade made sundials out of pencils and paper. Then they figured out how much the sun had moved in an hour. We also have a new second grade student in our Elementary. His name is Robert Etchison, and he's from Oklahoma. WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU!!!

Well, that's all for this week. Stay tuned for next week as we find out what our children are learning in this new year.

Work hard kids, stay in school and keep on studying!!!!

Juanita Ramirez

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4-H Plans

The Stars of the Future 4-H Club met Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 at the elementary school. President Brian Bailey presided over the meeting.

Fundraiser projects for the club were discussed. The Rising Star Livestock Show and Fair was discussed. The various divisions were discussed and club manager Shelly Bailey urged members to enter all areas they are interested in. Members made posters about the livestock and fair to be displayed in the downtown area.

Two new members were welcomed into the club. They are Judy Ware and Amanda Lawyer.

Michael Perales, Brian Bailey, Howard Lawrence, Robin Griffin and Kory Collins reported on their 4-H projects.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed by members and parents.

Kirby Bush

4-H NEWS

By Crystal Wilbanks, County Agent

COUNTYWIDE 4-H VALENTINE PARTY:

Youth in Eastland County are invited to:

WHAT: 4-H Valentine Party

WHERE: Eastland County Livestock Showgrounds in the Moylan Barn

DATE: Saturday, February 4th

TIME: 8:00 - 12:00 midnight.

ADMISSION FEE: \$1.00 per person, or \$1.50 for couple;

The party will feature dancing to the best music in Eastland County along with table games for additional enjoyment.

The party is being sponsored by the 4-H Junior Leader's Association and the 4-H County Recreation Team.

The party will be well chaperoned by 4-H parents, states Mrs. Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent. 4-H parents are welcomed and urged to attend the evening of fun and fellowship.

Menu

February 6-10.

Monday:

Lunch- Fish nuggets with tarter sauce, blackeyed peas, salad, cornbread, cake, milk.

Breakfast- Rice, toast, juice, milk.

Tuesday:

Lunch- Sweet & Sour pork w/rice, carrots, salad, rolls, jello, milk.

Breakfast- Pancakes, syrup, juice, milk.

Wednesday:

Lunch- Chili beans, cabbage, carrot-raisin salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk.

Breakfast- Toast, bacon, fruit, milk.

Thursday:

Lunch- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, pudding, milk.

Breakfast- Cereal, juice, milk.

Friday:

Lunch- Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, fig bars, milk.

Breakfast- Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.

Student Support

State law mandates that all school districts must identify at-risk students. Who are at-risk students? They are students who are potential dropouts.

Persons interested in improving our student body attendance and performance are invited to attend a meeting to form a support organization. The meeting will be Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m., in the Home Ec. building.

For more information, contact Mrs. Linda Webb at 643-3362 during school hours.

Stephanie Long



Parents May Meet With TEA Members

Members of an accreditation team from the Texas Education Agency will be available Monday, February 6, 1989, to meet with parents and patrons who have an interest in expressing their views and opinions about the Rising Star Independent School District, according to Dr. Donald E. Bryan, school superintendent.

Interviews will be conducted by team members beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the board room of the administration offices located at 116 North Main (tax office).

Every school district in the state is required by law to be visited by an accreditation team from the Agency to evaluate the quality of its educational programs and to determine what progress the

school district has made since the last visit.

During the interviews, emphasis will be given to the quality of instruction and community support present on each campus in the district. Areas to be

evaluated by the team include planning, curriculum, instruction, services to students, instructional resources, personnel, governance, community conditions and physical facilities.

Sipe Springs

Miss Margaret Millwee and Mr. Robert Estrado were united in marriage at 7 p.m. at the community center here in Sipe Springs on Friday night.

Mrs. Jo Bosh of Lubbock, Mrs. Bonnie Campbell and Bobby Campbell and wife of Abilene visited the Jack Millwee family and attended the wedding of Margaret and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barton of Plains and Mrs. Toby Boswell of Whitney visited the N.L. Leonards and others and also attended the wedding.

Loretta Grimes of Big Springs visited Mrs. Mollie Franklin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyatt and son, Jim, of New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wyatt of De Leon visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wyatt Saturday.

Mrs. Roby Boswell of Whitney visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Boswell here this weekend.

We were shocked of the death of Dewie Chambers. Our sympathy is extended to his family and all relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Squab Weaver visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Cagle at Big Spring a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Irene McKeel had the misfortune of falling and hurting her hip. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

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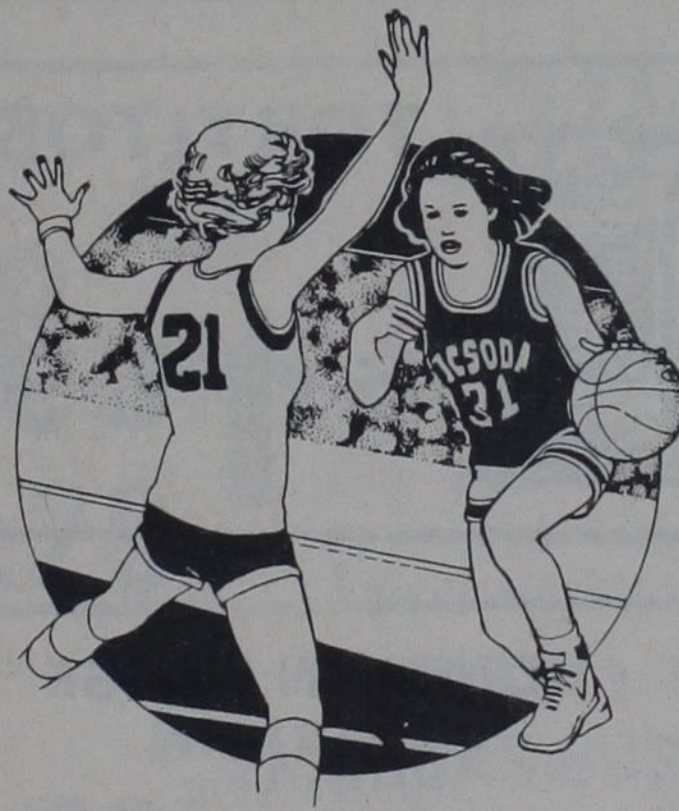
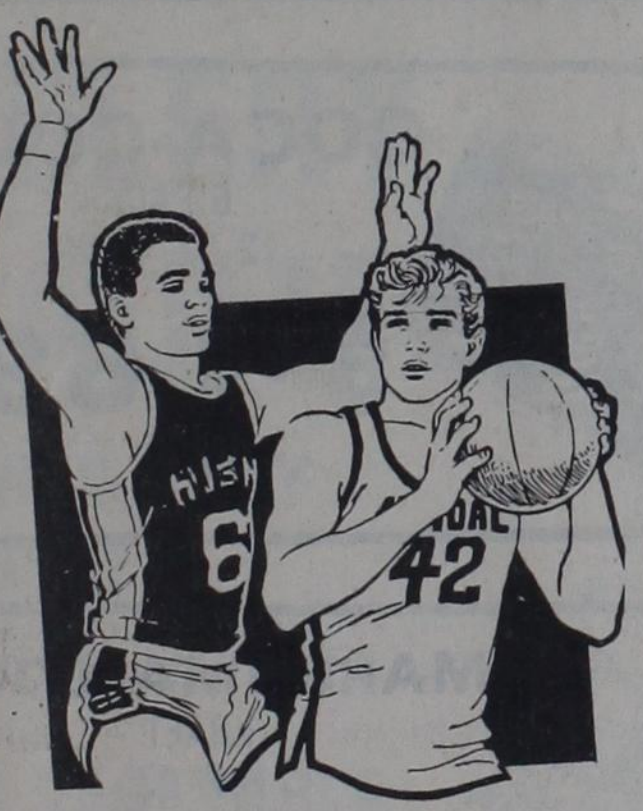
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Rising Star Chamber of Commerce 643-3215	White's Elite Cafe Open 7 Days 643-2417	Palace Drug Store 643-3231

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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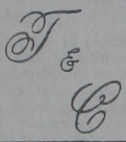
Boys and Girls

Date	Day	Team	Place	Time	V
Nov. 18	Fri.	Santa Anna	Home	6:30	V
Nov. 22	Tues.	Bangs	Away	5:00	V, JVB
Nov. 29	Tues.	Santa Anna	Away	6:30	V
Dec. 1-2-3	Th-F-Sat	Cross Plains	C.P.	TBA	V
Dec. 6	Tues.	Tournament			
Dec. 6	Tues.	Rochelle	Away	5:00	V, JVB
Dec. 9	Fri.	Baird	Home	6:30	V
Dec. 13	Tues.	Cross Plains	Home	4:00	V, JV
Dec. 16-17-18	Th-F-Sat	Santa Anna	S.A.	TBA	V
Dec. 20	Tues.	Tournament			
Dec. 20	Tues.	Blanket	Home	6:30	V
Dec. 30	Fri.	Blanket Tour.	Blanket	TBA	V
Jan. 3	Tues.	Cross Plains	Away	4:00	V, JV
Jan. 6	Fri.	*Carbon	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 10	Tues.	*Sidney	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 13	Fri.	*Gorman	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 17	Tues.	*Lingleville	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 20	Fri.	*May	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 24	Tues.	*Carbon	Away	6:30	V
Jan. 27	Fri.	*Sidney	Home	6:30	V
Jan. 31	Tues.	*Gorman	Away	6:30	V
Feb. 3	Fri.	*Lingleville	Home	6:30	V
Feb. 7	Tues.	*May	Away	6:30	V

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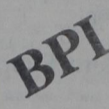
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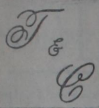
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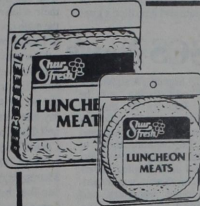
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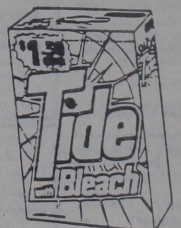
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Mayds Plan Fundraiser

The Mayds, Auxiliary to the May Volunteer Fire Department, held the January meeting at the fire station. The door prize was won by Betty Wilson.

It was decided that the auxiliary would publish a newsletter. Several names for the letter were submitted; the one chosen was the "Smoke Signals" and it will be distributed locally.

Work is progressing nicely on the fire station. A fundraiser bake sale is

planned for downtown May on February 11 beginning at 8 a.m. Each member is to bake a pie or cake and special orders may be placed for Valentine cookies, cupcakes, cakes and pies. For information, call Janet Murphree at 817-259-2519. Proceeds of the sale will go to the fire department.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 15 at 3:45 p.m. at the fire station. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome.

From page one

Workshop Planned

Methodist "Aldersgate" Home built in their town. Then a better idea came along, that Cisco and Eastland could work together to have a better chance of being chosen. Unfortunately, Brown County, south of here, was chosen for the building site.

But, the two towns, who are fierce rivals in school activities, found out that they could possibly have a better future if they work together.

Later in the year, there was a training seminar held in Cisco. Economic leaders came in teaching that "separate" small towns cannot survive in today's world. They said small towns need to band together so they can compete with the larger cities.

Chamber of Commerce and the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) will be sponsoring the workshop.

Mike Moore, Cisco City Manager, said, "The goal of this workshop will be to provide realistic presentations regarding the programs and resources currently available to help develop and/or expand existing businesses; and to show how to go about obtaining this assistance."

The county again began working together last year when Dr. Jerry DeHay, economic college instructor, led a small business seminar. He explained that all of Eastland County can present a much better proposal to a business or industry, than just what one small separate Eastland County town could do.

Eastland County really came together in late 1988, with "Project Hoos-Gow." The entire county started working together in an effort to be chosen as the site of a new Texas State Prison.

Now Eastland County will have a chance to work together again with the proposal of a half-day workshop to be conducted in early March. The City of Cisco, in cooperation with the Cisco

He added, "Representatives from the WCTCOG will give presentations regarding their employment assistance and obtaining government contract programs, and the Texas Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration emphasizing their small business retention programs."

The seminar is still up in the air and will depend on the response of the business owners. A form was included in the letter asking owners if they would be interested in attending the workshop. Everyone who receives the letter is asked to fill out the form and mail it back by Friday, February 3, 1989. The forms can be sent to City of Cisco, P.O. Box 110, or to the Cisco City Hall, 116 West 7th.

For more information about the seminar, interested persons are asked to call either Mike Moore, Cisco City Manager, 442-2111, or Don Shepard, Manager of Cisco Chamber of Commerce at 442-2537.

High School Basketball

QUEENS OF THE COURT

As the second round of district play began last Tuesday night in Carbon, the Lady Cats were once again victorious. The final score was RS 44, Carbon 22 with Sr. Stacey Wright and Soph. Wendy Green leading the way with 14 points each. Jomy Clark and Pam Hollis each contributed 6 points, Shannah Harmon and Stephanie Long each had 2 points. Way to go, Ladies!!

In the home game against Sidney last Friday night, the Lady Cats racked up one more win with a score at the end of the fourth quarter RS 53, Sidney 22. Once again, Wendy Green led the scoring with 20 points, Jomy Clark 13, Stacey Wright 11, Shannah Harmon 3 and Stephanie Long and Shannon Stuteville 2. The Lady Cats are now 6-1 in district play. Congratulations and Good Luck throughout the rest of the season.

Shannon Stuteville

WILDCATS TAKE TO THE COURT

Last Tuesday, the Wildcats started the second round of District when they went to Carbon. It was a slow first half, the score was 15-14, Wildcats' favor. But, the final score read Rising Star 47, Carbon 33.

Last Friday, the Wildcats hosted the Sidney Eagles for the second game in the second round of district play. In this game, the score at the end of the first half wasn't even close, RS 31, Sidney 14. At the end of the game, Sidney had the score narrowed a little with the scoreboard reading Rising Star 54, Sidney 43. Scoring for the two games were Reil Barron 42, Stacy Green 16, Steve Wilson 13, Jimmy Evans and Shawn Morrow 8, Shannon Bailey 6, and Derrick White and Howard Lawrence with 4 each. Good job and Good Luck in the last three games of district, Wildcats.

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