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Notices

Older Texans To Tour Boys Ranch

Sherman County Older Texans will take a tour of Boys' Ranch Christmas lighting and decorations Thursday, December 6. The bus will leave SCOT Hall at 2:00 p.m. Sign up at SCOT Hall. Plans include supper with the boys.

Stratford Star Office Holiday Schedule

The Stratford Star Office will be closed Thurs. Dec. 20, Friday, Dec. 21, Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, December 26. We will reopen Thursday Dec. 27 at 8:30 a.m. Deadline for Thursday January 3rds, edition is Friday, Dec. 28th at noon. There will be no Star on Thursday, December 27th.

LUNCH -N- LEARN

Come enjoy "Spaghetti and Salad lunch, and learn "American Pride-Wave Your Colors High" by Joyce Irlbeck, Thursday, December 13 at the County Extension Office. Cost is \$3.00 per person. R.S.V.P. by calling 396-2122.

Christmas Project Card

Have you remembered Project Christmas Card? Greet your local friends and neighbors and support Sherman county Library with a donation. Leave your check at The First State Bank. Deadline for Christmas issue is Monday, Dec. 17.

TRTA To Meet Thurs. Dec. 13

The local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers' Association will meet Thursday, December 13, at the Community Room of the First National Bank in Dalhart. There will be a short business meeting. Please bring your record of volunteer hours of service so that the report may be made in early January. Don't be modest; let the public be aware of the many hours of service rendered to the communities by the retired educational personnel of Texas.

The organization is open to a membership by retired teachers, administrators, cooks, bus drivers, secretaries, custodians, aides or anyone who worked in the school system of the schools of Texas or their states. Associate and local memberships are open to anyone interested in furthering the interests of retirees or joining for fellowship and friendship. Meets are open to the public.

In December there will be a Christmas musical program, refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch and coffee. Bring a gift for a child, wrapped, and with a label stating what age the gift would be appropriate for and for a boy or girl.

Come, meet old friends, make new friends, and have a good time.

Winter Means Hazardous Roads Possible

There's nothing more beautiful than a fresh blanket of new-fallen snow. Unless, of course, you're driving in it. Winter snow & ice pose special problems for even the most experienced driver, and is more hazardous than most people realize. Major Vernon Cawthon, Commander of the Department of Public Safety's Region Five, said, "Safe winter driving, when it's all said and done, is largely the application of common sense to some of the basic driving facts." The Department of Public Safety offers the following winter driving precautions.

The mistake that breeds the most trouble is too much speed on slippery roads. We must adjust our driving habits to fit the weather and road conditions. Trips on icy roads are going to take longer, so we need to face the facts, don't be in a hurry. If the road is covered with ice or snow, start your vehicle moving slowly and gently. When stopping, apply the brakes lightly and much earlier than usual. When turning, slow your speed and turn as smoothly as possible.

If your car begins to skid, take your foot completely off of the gas pedal and don't touch your brakes at all. Then, steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Try to use small turns of the steering wheel for skid correction. After you recover from the skid, resume a safe, reduced speed.

When the temperature drops to near freezing, roads may hold only water, but ice can quickly form on bridges and overpasses. With no soil as insulation, a bridge

is five to six degrees colder than the road and freezes faster. Try not to accelerate, change lanes, or brake while crossing a bridge or overpass under these conditions.

Icy roads, also, call for more driving preparation. Before you drive, completely clean your windows—front, rear, and side. Don't peephole drive!

Bags of sand or kitty litter can be helpful, if stuck on snow or ice. Throw handfuls of either under the tires to get the traction you need to pull away from an icy patch.

In an added caution, don't use cruise control, if your car has that option. Reason being, if you hit ice with your cruise engaged your speed and the danger will increase.

Avoid any travel during icy weather, unless absolutely necessary. But, if you must drive, prepare for possible emergencies. Keep a shovel, blankets, flares, a flashlight, ice scraper, and gloves stored in your car. If you do become stranded, stay in your car. Run your motor for only 10 minutes out of each hour. Make sure your exhaust is clear of snow and keep a window cracked open while running your engine to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

Winter driving is treacherous because it's so unpredictable. But when you're prepared for these unique driving conditions and emergencies, you'll be able to say,

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow"—and mean it!



Open House At Trails West

Jan Sell and Sherry Phelps are shown above at the Trails West Open House held Friday and Saturday Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 9:00 until 6. Derryl Perrin was the winner of the \$50.00 gift certificate given away on Saturday, Dec. 1, 1990.

DPS NEWS

Capt. Rusty Davis, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties said, "For the month of October, our troopers investigated 5 fatal accidents, 50 personal injury accidents, and 83 property damage accidents. There were 5 persons killed and 74 persons injured in these accidents."

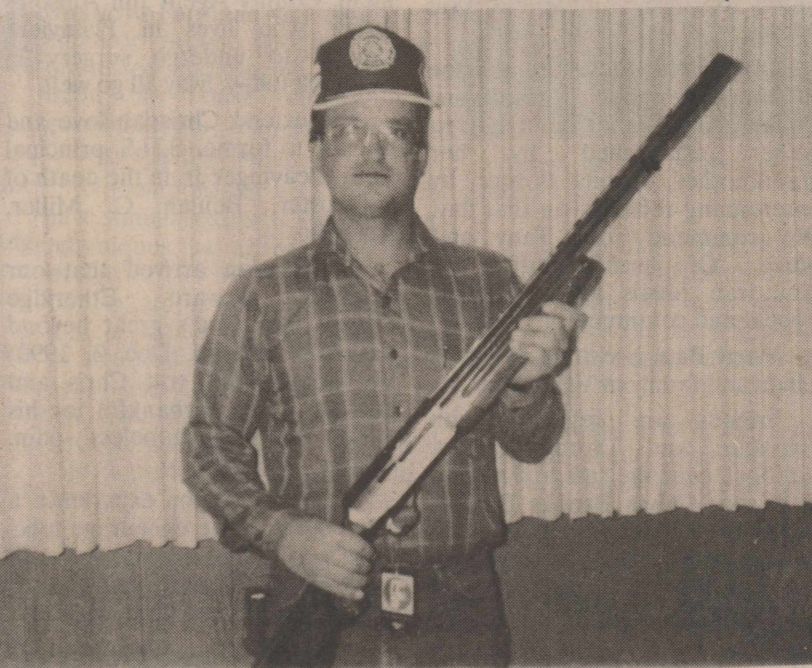
Sgt. John Hood of Dumas stated, "In Sherman County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, one personal injury accidents, and five property damage accidents in the month of October. No persons were killed and one persons were injured in these accidents."

Alzheimers Information Meeting Set

The Texas Alzheimer Association will hold an information meeting at Coldwater Manor on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 1:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

The baffling disease is the fourth leading cause of death among adults and is expected to afflict 14 million Americans by the year 2050. In fact, 10% of those people over 65 probably have Alzheimers.

Many families try to cope with



Firemen To Give Away Shotgun Saturday

The Stratford Fire Dept will be giving away a Franchi-12 gauge 26 inch automatic Shotgun, Saturday morning during the Lions Club Pheasant Hunters Breakfast. David Davis is shown above holding the gun.

Pheasant Season Opens Saturday, December 8, 1990 Welcome Hunters



Bailey Bryson Wins Quilt

Bailey Bryson was the winner of the Quilt Scot gave away at the Scot Depression Supper recently. Bailey is shown above enjoying her quilt.

Texhoma School Trustee Election Set For January 19, 1991

Texhoma School Trustee Election set for January 19, 1991 at the Texhoma Middle School with one place on the ballot for a three year term. This position is currently held by David Hass.

Applications for a place on the ballot are available at the school office until Dec. 19, 1990.

The polling place will be held at the Texhoma Texas Elementary School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. January 19, 1991.

Tax Suits Possible

Stratford School, along with Sherman County, City of Stratford, Stratford Hospital District and City of Texhoma, have contracted with the Appraisal District to collect their ad valorem taxes. The Appraisal District has been notified by the delinquent tax attorney firm that law suits will be filed very soon on all delinquent taxes from 1989 and previous years. Tax suits can add costs from \$50 to as much as \$500. These costs are set by State Law and neither taxing units or the Appraisal District has any control over the amount of the costs.

To avoid having a law suit filed and served by law enforcement officials, as well as the added costs, taxes should be paid, or satisfactory arrangements made immediately.

For additional information contact the Appraisal District at 396-5566.

Rat-A-Tat-Tat

The Drummers are coming!! The Drummers are Coming!! From now until January 1 only. Nearly 150 Drummer Boy figurines, pictures and related items are on display at the museum. This exceptional collection is on loan by Marihoward Engelbrecht. Please don't miss this. A special day for viewing will be Sunday, December 9, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please note the early time. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fire Report

11-12-90 Grass fire at the Jack Haille farm, six units responded with 12 firefighters.

11-24-90 Right of way fire 12 miles East on Highway 15. 3 units responded with 9 firefighters.

11-24-90 Six miles West of 287 on FM 297. Nature of fire was highline poles. 2 men were dispatched with one unit responding.

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

This Holiday Season a few safety tips.

Do Not leave decoration lights on if you are leaving the house or when you retire for the night.

Candles are a part of the season do not leave them unattended or burning if you leave the house.

Fireplaces are great too. Keep them safe over the holidays.

Real trees should be kept watered to help prevent them from drying out so fast.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!



20 Shopping Days Until Christmas

Shop Stratford



Scot Notes

by Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Older Texans, Friends, Neighbors and Scotters this sunny Monday A.M. December 3, 1990. It's a little crisp this A.M. with temperature about 24 degrees F, a breeze out of the North.

Our hopes are high that the wind will not blow as it did yesterday. Lots of effort was required Sunday P.M. just to get around; as a result we did not attend the Country Club Open House. We are sorry about that! We are encouraged though when we recall that out in the big, wide world there is a thriving American business which, for a consideration of \$20 per month, checks on Senior Citizens and latch key children, often times three or four times a day; that workers from England and France have clasped hands because the tunnel under the English Channel was opened Nov. 30, 1990; that the Columbia's Mission Commander Vance Brand is a Fr. Citizen 59 years of age; that Ex-Prime Minister Senior Citizen Margaret Thatcher was astute enough to resign thus outwitting other British politicians and virtually retaining much power; that Scot Beans supper cleared about \$700 and that Christmas is just "around the corner!" Let us be about our business of buying Scot's pecans, attending the Birthday Party Friday Dec. 14 and Game Night Dec. 21. As well as other activities at Scot Hall.

Trust Senior Citizens and others a keeping up with various Community activities, projects and people. The "Star" is a great informer. It makes a nice gift-Christmas Gift.

The Trails West Trading Post located in the Garrison Bldg. at crossways of Hiways 54 and 287 is a most interesting business to patronize or visit. It is a credit to ANY town.

The First Baptist church people feted Pastor Derrel and Betty Lewis Sunday evening with a Mexican Food meal and gifts, the occasion being their fourth anniversary in Stratford.

Alene Judd, Ks. via telephone told Alma McMahan that she and Alvin will fly to Calif. Where her niece will honor them with a Golden Wedding Anniversary Reception Dec. 10, 1990. We send

Best Wishes from Stratford Friends.

Alma Lee, MariHoward Engelbrecht and others attended the Dalhart Art and Craft Show Saturday.

Mildred and Ray Gore, Betty and Don Jacobs, Edmont, S.D. visited in Stratford and area during Thanksgiving. While Mildred and Ray visited in Dalhart, Betty and Don were with Don's parents the Bob Jacobs, Felt, Oklahoma. Others dining with the Jacobs were the Paynes, Zaks, Joe Pete Flores, Wendell Flores, Bernice Stubblefield, Lois Ferdric.

Tanya and Steve Pemberton continued the traditional Thanksgiving dinner family get together established by her grandmother, Juanita Bolster, by entertaining relatives on that day. We commend you, Tany and Steve. Of such "stuff" our American Ideals and Principals upheld and continued!

Marty Bain is visiting daughter Linda and family in Vail, Colo.

Friends are rejoicing with Nannette and Danny Barrett, Lubbock over the safe arrival of a little son, Calvin Brooks Barrett, born Dec. 1, 1990. Bob and Olinda Boardman are Nanettes parents.

Carolee Campbell, Liberal, spent a short time with Joyce Hart and Timmie Brown Monday, Nov. 26 enroute home from Dumas, where she had visited Glenda Green Minkley. Mary Jo Cox, Stratford happened by Glenda's also.

Oline Caraway and Kay Dyess, Canadian spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Austin, Tex. The Rex Christian's families were all at home in Stratford for Thanksgiving holidays as were the "Pup" Wells families. The Wells daughter, Jeannie Brannan is suffering from a wrenched knee. Before Betty Lu O'Briens T.V. and around her Thanksgiving table were bachelor cousins Tom Brown, Jack Smith and Wayland Green. Mary Lee

Montgomery, Boise City was unable to attend.

Congratulations to Gaynelle Riffe for her program on Munciple Solid Waste disposal before Lions Club. Gaynelle is a very civic minded person. She is on our list of future Texas Polical prospects.

Our personal Commendation to Nancy Bennett Salsbury, Vici, Ok. for her interesting articles written about local Texas and Ok points of interest. Nancy is the daughter of Harold and "Penny" Pronger Bennett.

Among our not so well friends are Fay White taking Chemotherapy treatments. Fay Palmer, who, suffered a broken hip last week Francis Watson, who is in an Amarillo Hospital; Walter Lee. All three are Coldwater Manor guests. Best Wishes to them. County Agent Jim Allison's father who lives in Plainview, expects to undergo surgery in Lubbock today. May all go well.

We extend Christian love and prayers to former S.H.S. principal M.E. Cleavinger Jr. in the death of his sister, Beulah C. Miller, Amarillo.

Information arrived that our beloved Howard Etheridge slipped into God's great beyond this A.M. (Mond. Dec. 3, 1990) We grieve with you Chris and relatives but are thankful for his release from hopeless pain. Amen.

May each of you experience a blessed day as we encourage folks with "caring shoulders pats" and "Luv u"! We must confess that to write today has been a struggle!!!



King Louis XVI popularized the cultivation of potatoes in France by wearing potato flowers in his buttonhole.



The United States produces more oranges than any other country.



Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Have been meaning to mention two things for about a month! First, Kerrick now has a smooth railroad crossing! The crossing had been so uneven that five miles an hour was almost too fast. Thanks to the powers that be! Now, if we could only have a flashing light!

Second, by accident, we discovered a radio station out of Amarillo that plays "my kind of music!" KXIZ 940 is now playing music of the 40's, 50's & 60's. Good show tunes and standards. Hooraay!

Former resident Ferne Scott is not feeling very well these days. She would like to have a card or note from area friends, I'll bet.

Her address is 2106 Waterfront Street, Kerrville, Tex. 78028.

Kelly Schoonover, New Braunfuls, Tex., was here for Thanksgiving holidays. All of Barbara's family was present for the day plus Trisha Tillery. Attending the Guymon Christmas parade were Mark, Debbie, Nicole Rouse, Terry & Barbara Schoonover. Trisha Tillery, Miss P.S.U., was in the parade.

Kerrick Secret Pal Party is Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at Donna Gillenwater's.

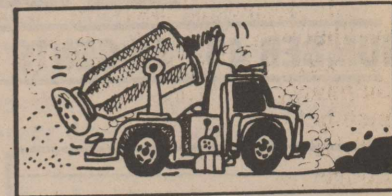
Dick and Marjorie Munden of Claude visited Sunday with her mother, Virgie Mathews.

Mildred Carroll, Coldwater Manor resident, celebrated her 90th birthday with dinner out, then birthday cake and ice cream at her daughter's home, with Pat & Bill Boren and Kerry & Kelly Carlisle.

Pat & Bill went to Ingalls, Ks., Friday night for Kerry's first basketball game. She coaches Moscow girl's team and they won 65-43.

Kelly will be having reconstructive surgery on an ankle Friday in Dodge City, Ks.,

Nita Mae Taylor and Linda Keener attended Dalhart Arts & Crafts show Saturday.



Nine million tons of salt are applied to American highways each year for road de-icing.



Your Right To Know

by Terry Kennedy

The winner of last week's call in contest was Shirley Armstrong--again. Shirley called just as the sirens were tested. This week Charlotte Reed volunteered to be a caller but did not need to use the phone--she is the Judge's secretary. Congratulations Charlotte.

The Christmas season is wonderful! Many homes are already decorated with lights and trees. As a part of Emergency Management mitigation, you are encouraged to exercise fire safety precautions around your home. Be sure all the lights used outside are designed for that purpose. Try to keep your cut Christmas tree away from heat sources inside your home to keep it from drying out and becoming a fire hazard. If at all possible, put the base of the tree in water. Above all, do not leave the tree lights on when you are not at home. If you have a fire extinguisher take a minute to check the instructions on use, and if you do not have one, now is a good time to get one. Let's have a safe and fire free season.

A homing pigeon can fly at a speed of up to 60 miles an hour over a distance of 75 miles.

Basketball News

The Stratford Girls lost to Clayton November 27, 52 to 37.

Scoring for the Elkettes were Buffy Ellison 12 points, Sasha Browning 7 pts. and Angie Porras 8 pts. Buffy had 8 rebounds, Sasha had 7 and Jolina Garoutte had 7.

The Elks lost to Clayton 55 to 51. Scoring for them were Greg Vandiver 19, Garth Palmer with 13, Robert Williams with 11, Paul Davis with 3, Scott Asher 3 and Shane Sawyer 2.

Rebounds were Robert Williams 11, Greg Vandiver 5, Paul Davis 4 and Garth Palmer 4.

Thursday, the Elks lost to Perryton 79 to 39. Scoring for the Elks were Robert Williams 20, Paul Davis 7, Garth Palmer-6, Donny Gray -4 and Greg Vandiver 2.

Rebounds were Paul with 5, Robert-4, Donny-2, Garth -2 and Shane Sawyer-1.

The Elks went on to beat Booker 51 to 33. Scoring in that game was Greg Vandiver 16, Garth Palmer-13, Robert Williams 12; Scott Asher 8 and Paul Davis 2.

Rebounds were Greg -16, Paul Williams 8, Scott 5, Robert-6 and Donny Gray 2.

The Sunray Tournament is this Week December 6,7 and 8th.

In the Perryton Tournament

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In this filing, GTE-SW proposes to modify its existing 9-1-1 tariff and to add more than 200 new service offerings. The new items of service and equipment in this application have been added to meet the company's increasing 9-1-1 customer demands and to allow GTE-SW to compete more effectively in the 9-1-1 equipment market.

The product line in the new offerings consists of a mini-computer and specialized console package for larger communities, as well as a personal computer with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) display for smaller communities. (ANI displays a caller's telephone number on the emergency dispatcher's computer screen.) In addition, the product line will include ANI and Automatic Location Information (ALI) display units compatible with, and similar to, those offered by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and other local exchange carriers in Texas. (The ALI feature displays a caller's address on the computer screen.) The rate charged existing 9-1-1 customers may be revised at the expiration of their contracts with GTE-SW if the proposed tariff is approved.

This filing has been assigned Docket No 9667. The hearing on the merits is scheduled for February 25, 1991, at the offices of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. The deadline to intervene in this docket is December 31, 1990.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information, should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

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Obituaries

Howard Ethridge

Howard Etheridge, 80 of 519 S. Main died today, Monday December 3rd. Services were held at 11 o'clock Wednesday December 5, 1990 at the First Christian Church. Rev. David Harker and Rev. Kerry Grandy officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Etheridge was a resident of Sherman County for 70 years. He was born Feb. 18, 1910 at Sulphur, Oklahoma. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Stratford Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Chris, a foster son, Ray Etheridge of Houston, Tex., one stepson, Kerry Gandy of Pochontas, Ar., 2 step daughters, Theda Rackley and Inita Scott both of Lubbock, 2 sisters, Patsy Ruth Salmon, Hico Texas and Peggy Ownby of Stratford. Nine step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church.

Thelma Louise Thompson

Amarillo-Thelma Louise Thompson, 47, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1990.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 1990 in Blackburn-Shaw Martin Chapel with the Rev. Rex Forsyth, children's minister at San Jacinto Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Sudan Cemetery at Sudan with James Withrow officiating.

Mrs. Thompson, born in Hamilton, Mo., moved to Amarillo in 1971. She was a homemaker and a Baptist church member.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne; two daughters, Tina Morrison of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Francis Gamble of Amarillo; a son, Dell Wayne Ross of Amarillo; her parents, Frank and Betty O'Dell of Stratford; three sisters, Cathey Catlin of El Cajon, Calif., Reva Britt of Amarillo, and Sandra Jerden of Kansas City, Kan.; a brother, John Robert O'Dell of Kansas City, Mo.; a stepsister, Carolyn Clark of Stratford; and a stepbrother, Ernest Turner of Canyon; and five grandchildren.



County Agent

by Jim Allison

Livestock require adequate amounts of safe water every day, otherwise their intake of feed will be reduced, production will be lowered and the producer will suffer an economic loss.

Water accounts for 60-70 percent of the body weight of livestock, and consumption of water is more important than the consumption of food nutrients.

But livestock may experience health problems if only substandard water is available to drink.

In determining the quality of water available for livestock, decide whether the performance of livestock will be affected, if the water could serve as a carrier to spread disease or if the acceptability or safety of animal products for human consumption will be affected.

Several elements found in water seldom offer problems to livestock because they do not occur at high levels in soluble form, or they are toxic only in excessive concentrations. These elements—iron, copper, cobalt, zinc, iodine and manganese—do not appear to accumulate in meat and mild products to the extent they could cause a problem.

But decaying animal and plant protein, animal metabolic waste, nitrogen fertilizers, silage juices and soil high in nitrogen fixing bacteria may be sources of nitrates and nitrites. They are water soluble and may leach into water tables or pond.

Bacterial loads are carried by all surface waters, and livestock

must be kept away from contaminated water that has not been adequately oxygenated because of bacterial pathogens there.

To disinfect a water storage tank, add 1 ounce of chlorine bleach per 30 gallons of water, and hold for 12 hours before draining. Then refill with clean water. Chlorination also can control certain bacteria.

Livestock grazing operations may influence stream water quality where cattle are watered in or along streams of other drainage areas. Livestock manure accumulations around water wells, stock pens, spray pens, dipping vats and disposal sites for agricultural chemicals or their containers are potential sources for localized groundwater contamination.

Other potential nonpoint pollution sources—or areas that may contribute uncontrolled rainfall runoff where pollutants are entrained and conveyed through diffuse drainage pathways to streams and lakes—require careful site selection and management. These include open, unpaved feedlots, wastewater holdings ponds, lagoons, manure stockpiles, silos, dead animal disposal sites and on site sewage treatment systems.

Water wells should be located at least 150 to 300 feet from livestock corrals, septic tanks, manure treatments and runoff holding pond. Wells should be cased and grouted down to a restrictive layer or to the water table, and sealed around the well

head with a concrete pad to prevent infiltration.

Specific recommended limits of concentration of some potentially toxic substances in livestock drinking water from the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, National Academy of Sciences and the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology are included in-22374, "Water Quality: Its relationship to Livestock." The National Academy of Sciences also has a guide for use of saline waters for livestock in that publication. Ask for it at your local county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

YOU CAN H·E·L·P

Environmental Action at Home

There's a new story almost every day—the environment in peril, another blow to the health of our small watery planet. You might ask "What can I do?" Actually, quite a lot, and right in your house too. A key place to start is the kitchen. The following tips from product development experts who make KitchenAid appliances can help you save energy, help the environment—and save money too.

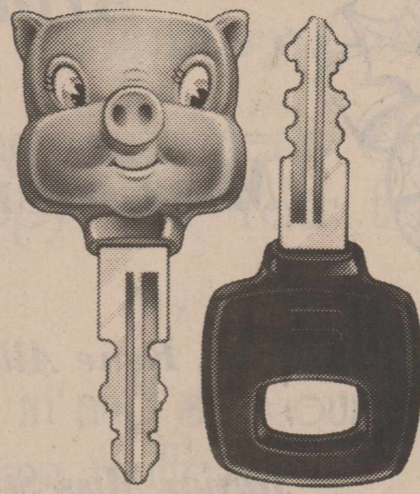


While everyone looks for faster ways to do things these days, it helps to know that one of the fastest ways to prepare many foods is also more energy efficient—microwave cooking.

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This makes microwave cooking an even greater comfort in those hot summer months—you stay cooler, and you don't add to your home's air conditioning load. All this, and energy savings too, makes microwave cooking a wise addition to your kitchen arsenal.



First Christian Church

10:45 a.m. Advent Wreath
Richard, Terrie, Chris & Sara Dally
"Carol of the Bells" Alleluia Belles
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Scripture Luke 1:5-25

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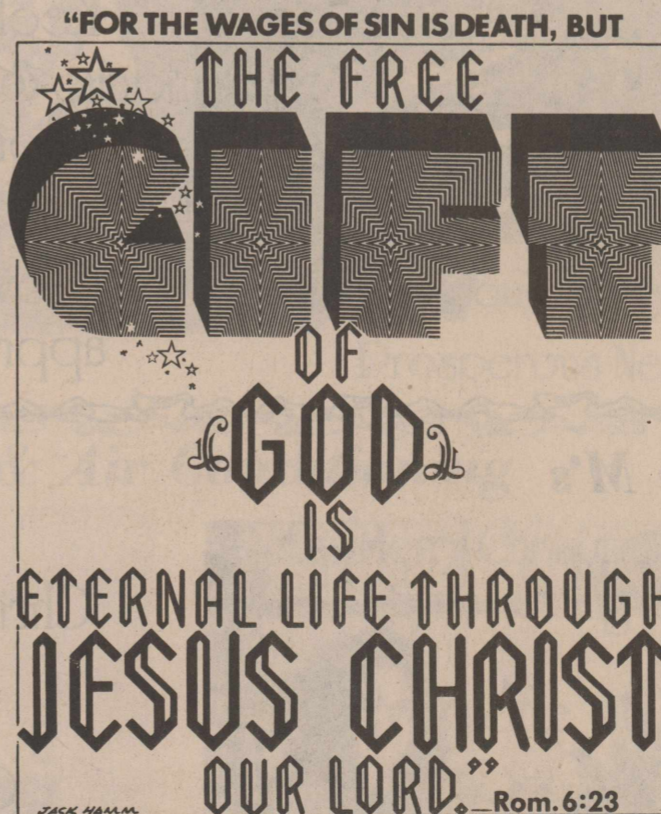
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Support the Imaginarium. Do your Christmas Shopping at our gift shop.
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Check the Daily Specials at The Elk Pharmacy, now through Christmas for your gifts.
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KIDS NIGHT
Wednesday, Dec. 5th and 12th
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Elk Pharmacy has set aside 5th and 12th for your shopping enjoyment.
Parents call the Elk Pharmacy for more information.
12-13-c

Bake Sale every Friday morning 9:30 a.m. at Creations Arts and Crafts, 514 N. 3rd. Pies, cakes, candy and cookies.
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acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.
Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37(h)(2)(A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessor or record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the

1 bedroom furnished apartment, clean and neat. 6th and Fulton. Hud approved. Call Bill Riffe at 396-5541 to look.
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8-6-tfn

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11-8-tfn

For Sale: 2 bedroom house on 2 lots, \$8,000, 3 bedroom house on 3 lots with shed \$12,000 call 396-2042 after 6:00 p.m.
12-6-9

Business Ops
For Sale or Lease: Stratford Poly Clean, Call Bill Riffe at 396-5541
4-26-tfn

Wanted
If you need to run an ad in the Classifieds call The Stratford Star, at 396-5885 before Noon on Mondays.

DALHART CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN CONTEST
Register at 32 stores for \$1400 in Dalhart Dollars. To be given in drawings of \$100 each Grand Prize for most points purchased. Choice of \$3,000 Savings Bond, \$1500 Trip or \$1500 Shopping Spree
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District 10
Date of Issuance: November 28, 1990
Rule 37 Case No. 108,007

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Canyon Exploration Co., P.O. Box 15165, Amarillo, Texas 79105 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance and is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the 356.23 acre subject unit. Applicant seeks authority to

drill, Well No. 1, Sydnye Lease, 356.23 Acres, Section 179, Block 1T, T & NO R.R. Co. Survey, Carlander (Marmaton), Carlander (Morrow), Carlander (Red Cave) and Wildcat Field, Sherman County, being within the township of Stratford, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:

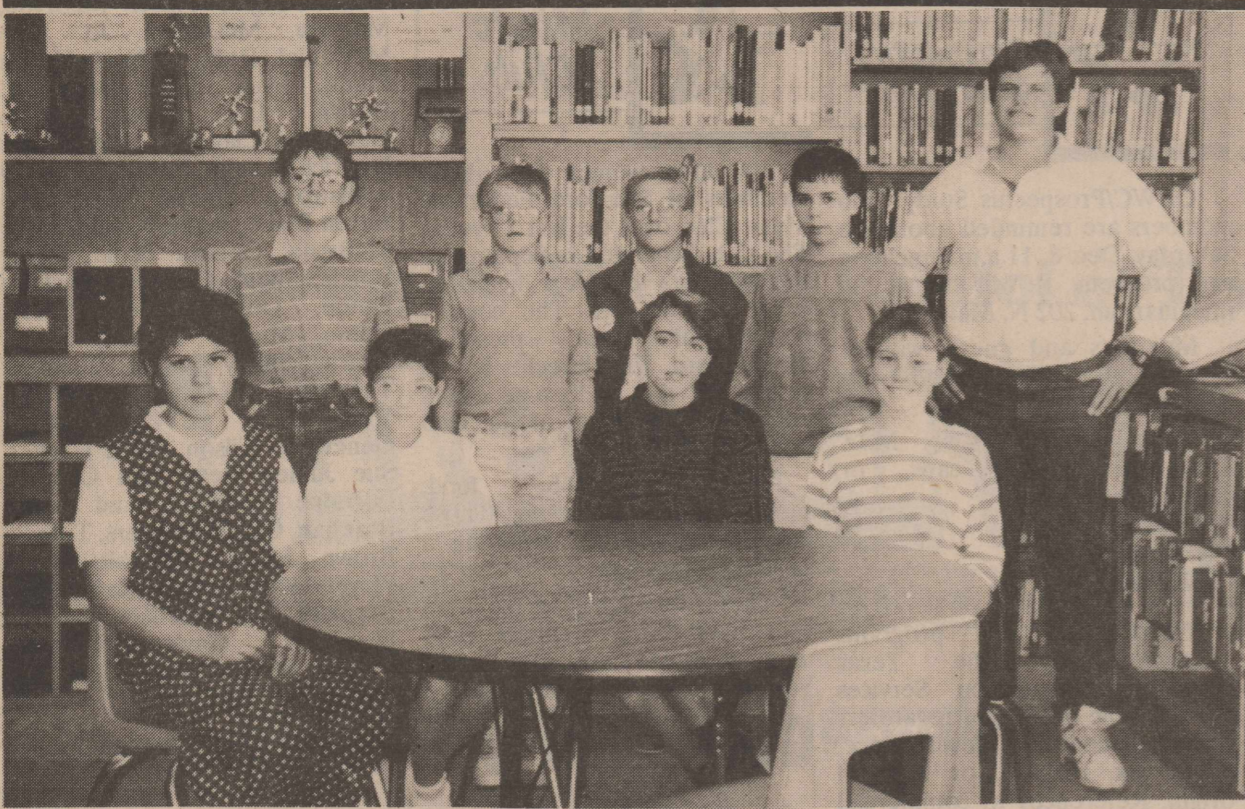
185' from the south line and 1105' from the east line of lease.

185' from the south line and 1105' from the east line of survey.

Field Rules for the Carlander (Morrow) and Wildcat field are 467/1200, 40 acres.

Field Rules for the Carlander (Marmaton) field are 660/1320, 160/80 acres.

Field Rules for the Carlander (Red Cave) field are 933/1867, 640



Students of the Week

Student of the Week for Nov. 26, 1990 were Ashley Stoy, by Rinda Allison, excellent student; had high honor roll average. Lori Brooks, by Lynda Hauser, Dependable for taking attendance; Annie Ortega, by Linda Swain, working hard on 2-digit division. Trew James by Terri Teig, for having a 90 average on report card. Tracy Gutierrez by Barbara Haile, I always appreciate her helpful attitude. Nick Cozart by Mike Brownlee, Working hard and improving all the time. Brian Husmann by Sonja Kendrick, showing improvement; Daniel Hunsaker by Mendi White, working hard to get a good grade and T.D. Baskin by Betty Ingham, a great cornet player with an excellent attitude. Not pictured is Josh Rogers picked by Dwayne Plunk, pleasant in class, much improved



Honor Roll



School Menu

STRATFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second Six Weeks Honor Roll 1990-91

5th Grade-Maggie Acevedo, Megan Baskin, Christopher Bell, Shawna Brooks, Tami Davis, Wendy Gray, Kyla Helmuth, Dan Jackson, Jennifer King, Ashlie Lasley, Garrett Macias, Mark Meil, Anna Montoya, Keisha Naugle, Amy Reinart, Jessica Sikora and Ashley Stoy.

6th Grade-Lori Brooks, Misty Bruns, Ezra Daniels, Quintana Dearing, Susan Dewees, Hillary Frank, Chris Haynes, Sarah Jenkins, Cara Lavake, Michael Meil, Dusty Palmer, J.B. Presley, Janell Pronger and Justin Sims.

7th Grade-T.D. Baskin, Alicia Beltran, Sabrina Bonds, Kyle Ellison, Keely Naugle, Carissa Reinart, Brandon Starnes, Clay Wheeler & Kelli Wight.

8th Grade-Oscar Baeza, Tammie Burton, Angie DeAnda, Kelly Grimes, Marcus Lavake, Jeffrey Mercer, Mandy Mires, Jennifer Newcomb, Katie Norris, Wendy Palmer, Ashley Parsons, Lea Shuping, Clint Vincent, Ryan Wanner and Christy Wells.

Dec. 10-14, 1990

Monday-Spaghetti, tossed salad, fried okra, rolls and chocolate pudding.
Tuesday-Chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, rolled oat cake, peanut butter.
Wednesday-Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, peanut butter cookies.
Thursday-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickles, tator tots and cinnamon rolls.
Friday-Chicken noodles, english peas, salad, butter carrots, rolls, fruit.



When a plane moves at the speed of sound it is known as Mach 1. The name derives from German physicist Ernst Mach.

River Road 8th-graders nab district title

Editors Note-This article was written by Lee Campbell, Weekly Extra Writer for the Amarillo Globe News. Blair Brown is the Son of Sharon Perkins of Stratford and Joe Ray Brown of El Paso. He is the grandson of Betty and Baskin Brown, the great grandson of Timmie Brown all of Stratford. One of the Managers on team is Ricki Jones, great Grandson of Bob Burgess also of Stratford.

Football fans in the River Road Independent School District can point with pride at the accomplishments of the school's eighth grade team, which they hope will point the way to more prosperous days on the high school gridiron for Wildcats enthusiasts.

Coached by Blair Brown, the Wildcats were 8-0 and won the District 1-3A eighth grade championship while outscoring their opponents 258 to 42.



Out The Library

by Dorothy Haile

Mary Jo Cox, whose Quiet books are the featured exhibit at the library, is an artist with unusual talent. She works with fabric and other notions to create something that would delight any child.

Mary Jo Began making these unique books about nine years ago. When her first grandchild was three years old she gave him his book with the instructions that it was to be special and be used when he needed to be very quiet. These are ideal for children to use when they are at church.

She entered one in the Stratford Fair and was awarded a superior rating. People became interested and started asking for them for their children or grandchildren. She exhibited in Denver this past fall.

No two books are alike but have similar features. The learning techniques that are included in all of the books are things to snap, button, zip, count, and shapes to match. There is always something to lace and tie, a mitten for their hand, and a clock with hands to tell time. Each book includes a pocket that holds a pad and pencil plus a pocket in the back with a tiny book.

Cox's Quiet Books On Display At Library



Mary Jo Cox with her display of Quiet Books at the Sherman County Library.

Mary Jo also makes a Bible Book using stories from the Bible. These include the reference where one can find the story. Bible books are higher because of more detail, especially Noah's ark animals.

There are always eight pages. They are made from denim. She will personalize a book for a child.

To date she has made 109 books, with a Bible theme for twenty one of them. Her customers are from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas and Texas.

Our patrons are always welcome to exhibit their collections or craft items. Come see these unique books that are very beautifully crafted with love by Mary Jo.

Wolves, who were also 3-0 in district going into the contest.

The Wildcats shellacked the Golden Wolves, 28-0, to bring back the district title.

"I knew we were going to have a good team," Blair said of his squad of 28 players and three team managers. "We have a lot of good kids."

Though the championship year was the result of a total team effort, Brown had special praise for some key players.

"Gary Ayers is probably one of the main reasons that we did well this year," Brown said of his noseguard tailback. "We also had two of the best defensive ends in the district-for for that matter, anywhere around-in Dustin Guinn and Jerry Wilhite.

"Our quarterback, Jeff Davis, can throw the football better than any eighth-grade kid I've ever seen. We passed quite a bit, especially for eighth graders. (Flanker) Donny King was a real good receiver for us.

"Chris Lovelady was one of the mainstays of our offensive and defensive lines. I think he is going

to be real good player in the future."

Despite a winless season by the River Road High School varsity team, Wildcats coaches and fans perhaps can look forward to better days down the road following banner years by the junior high teams.

Next season, Brown inherits a seventh-grade squad that went 7-1, with only a loss to Sanford-Fritch keeping it from taking the district title.

"We're looking for some good things next year," Brown said, "To me, it looks like we're on the right track for sure."

While looking forward to next year's team, Brown said this season's eighth grade crew will always hold a special place in his coaching scrapbook.

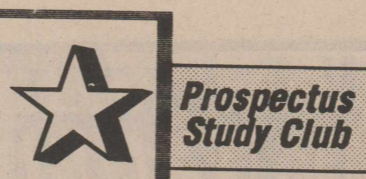
"This is the first group I ever coached. These are my guys," Brown said. "It's going to be brand new next year."

"We've got a good seventh-grade bunch coming up, so we hope good things happen next year."

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Society



GFWC/Prospectus Study Club members are reminded about the Saturday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. luncheon and program. It will be at the Imaginarium, 202 N. Main.

Members and guests will be entertained by Toller Folhlorica de Ninos of Amarillo.

Bring items for M.D. Anderson—bandana, caps, or kitchen kit items.



102 area women have been members of Stratford Federated Music Club over the last 27 years. The club disbanded in September, but they plan to have a luncheon-party on Dec. 11. The country home of past president Marihoward Engelbrecht is the setting for the 12:30 p.m. event. All former members of the club are cordially invited.

There will be food, reminiscing, and caroling. Those attending are asked to bring a salad of her choice.

Those still living in the area who have been members (and urged to attend) are: Pat Boren, Wilma Cameron, Elaine Gurley,

Louise Hudson, Ione Kendrick, Edna Knight, Hazel McBryde, Marylou McDaniel, Jo June McDaniel, Ruby McNeal, Velma Plunk, Mary Riffe, Betty W. Brown, Lola Dyess, Lillie Galloway, Claudine Allen, Lore Dietrich, Luella Johnson, Shirley Armstrong, Sheila Hart. Also Karen Blake, Jeanie Knight, Joyce McBryde, Geneva Haile, Kathy Bonds, Ineta Chesher, Barbara Dettle, Doris Pleyer, Cheryl Reese, Martha Willard, Mollie Griffin, Sandy Baskin, Shannon Taliaferro, Kathryn Crabtree, Vicki Gore, LeVerne Lasley, Genevieve Wilson, Millie Hacker, Sue James, Betty Lou O'Brien, Lorraine Mehner, and Mary Brannan, Carolee Waters, Timmie Brown, Mildred Carroll, Corda Pleyer, Jeanne Bell, Kay Mires, Berniece Stublefield, Gail Hunsaker, Gayle Rhoades, Frances Watson, Betty Wiley.

Lunch -n- Learn

"Spaghetti and Salad" lunch and "American Pride--Wave your Colors High" by Joyce Irlbeck will be the topic of Lunch -n- Learn, Thursday, December 13, 1990 at the County Extension Office.

The cost of lunch will be \$3.00 per person and those planning to attend are asked to R.S.V.P. before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 12 by calling 396-2122.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Gamma Xi Holds Initiation

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International conducted an initiation ceremony of new members prior to a luncheon at Dalhart Country Club December 1, 1990. Mary Dowell, president, presided over the initiation ceremony. The new members are Kathy Altman, Stratford; Belinda Foreman, Wanda Helfenbein, Mary Holloway, Dumas; Syndi Kneller's Textline; Starla Smith, Sunray; and Mary Weatherford, Hartley.

After the luncheon, Rose Marie Wilson of Dalhart led the members in carols and Mildred Bosler of Dumas gave two Christmas readings.

Members present from Stratford to welcome our new members were Lugenia Carter, LaNelle Waldrop, Linda Swain, Wanda Riffe, Linda Young, Viola Kautz, Donna Gillenwaters, Chris McAdams, Pat Brite, Mary Pat Williams, and Sonja Kendrick.



Engagement

Pamela Nelson of Goodwell and John Brannan of Pecos, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Carrel Brannan of Goodwell, to Stephen James Castlebury of Goodwell. The future bridegroom is the son of Sherry and Cecil Castlebury of Goodwell. The couple will be married Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Panhandle Centenary Methodist Church. The bride-elect, a 1990 graduate of Goodwell High School, is a freshman transferring from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to Panhandle State University (PSU). She is majoring in elementary education. The future bridegroom, a 1988 graduate of Goodwell High School, is a junior at Panhandle State University majoring in history and health, physical education and recreation. He is a member of the PSU Aggie basketball team.

Manor Friends Plans Parties For December

Coldwater Manors auxiliary called "Manor Friends" met at the facility last Monday, Dec. 3rd to discuss Holiday Season plans.

Those present were Rowena Williams, Sue Smith, Charlene Oquin, Sharon Blain, Dicy Stephenson, Oline Caraway, Ann Pulliam, Elsie Pickens, Myrtle Ellison, Kay Steddum, Selma Pendleton. The new director, George Curtis, met with Manor Friends to visit and get acquainted.

This group was organized November 9th, 1976 by a group of area citizens, to provide volunteer service to Coldwater Manor residents.

George Curtis-Administrator, commented that he had never seen such an organized group of volunteers. "You bring much happiness to the residents of Coldwater Manor by your many acts of kindness." Said Curtis.

December birthday party was discussed for December 10, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. Duties were assigned, also the Christmas Party for the Residents is set for December 21, 1990 at 6:30 p.m. Each member is to bring 3 dozen cookies.

The Manor Friends is desperately trying to get new volunteers. Anyone wishing to give an hour or so of your time, you can contact any of the Manor Friends or Coldwater Manor."

Cards of Thanks

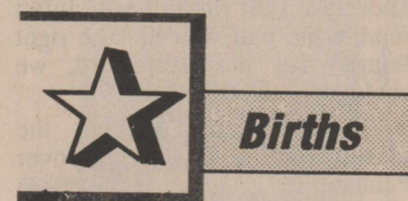
We want to thank all of you who made our 50th Anniversary so special. For the many gifts and beautiful cards again we say Thanks. The people in Stratford are very dear to us. We love and appreciate all of you.

Howard & Faye White

We enjoyed each and every one of you who had Thanksgiving Dinner with us. Thanks to Fred Velasquez for donating the ice. Happy Holidays.

Bobby Edmond
Wesley Miller

Frank & Betty O'Dell and Family



Nannette and Danny Barrett of Lubbock, are proud to announce the arrival of Calvin Brooks Barrett. He was born at 12:46 p.m. sat. Dec. 1st weighing 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Olinda Boardman of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. I.G. Barrett of Amarillo. Both sets of Grandparents were formerly of Stratford.

Holiday Hope For The Homeless

For 5,000 children nationwide, the only glimpse they'll have of a Christmas tree or gifts is through a storefront window. That's how many children will spend the holidays in a rescue mission, according to the International Union of Gospel Missions (IUGM).

What holiday gift could you give a homeless man, woman or child? It's easy to overlook the obvious. Most need a "holiday hand-up"—to emerge from desperate circumstances. IUGM recommends the following:

Instead of money, purchase food yourself, direct the person to an agency providing food and shelter, or give a gift certificate that can be redeemed for food.

Homeless shelters need food staples—such as sugar, flour, canned items, juices, soups and stews—during the winter months.

Warm clothing—coats, jackets, socks, shoes, and gloves—is needed, and blankets, baby formula, disposable diapers and children's clothing.

Make a child's wish come true. Donate new toys such as dolls, trucks, games and stuffed animals.

Volunteers can help serve holiday meals, sort and distribute clothing, deliver food baskets and provide transportation.

Small toiletry items—soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo—are welcome.

Find out how to help the homeless in your community—call IUGM at 1-800-624-5156.



Mr. and Mrs. James C. Johnson, 111 announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Autumn, on November 16 at their home in Nambe, New Mexico. She weighed 6 lbs. and 10 ozs.

Maternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Romero, of Nambe. Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James C. Johnson of Saudi Arabia. Maternal Great grandparents are Jose Romero of Albuquerque, and Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Albert Lopez of Espanola. Fraternal Greatgrandparents are Mrs. J.C. Johnson of Yazoo City, Mississippi and Bob Burgess of Stratford.

Don't Blame Your Age For Poor Hearing.

Chicago, Ill. — A free offer of special interest to those who hear but do not understand words has been announced by Beltone. A non-operating model of the smallest hearing aid Beltone has ever developed will be given absolutely free to anyone requesting it.

It's yours for the asking, so send for it now. It is not a real hearing aid, but it will show you how tiny hearing help can be. The actual aid weighs less than an eighth of an ounce, and it fits completely into the ear canal.

These models are free, so we suggest you write for yours now. Again, there is no cost, and certainly no obligation. Although a hearing aid may not help everyone, more and more people with hearing losses are being helped. For your free sample send your name, address, and phone number today to: Department 99242, Beltone Electronics Corporation, 4201 West Victoria Street, Chicago, Illinois 60646.

The flying fish, when pursued by enemies, can soar above the water from two to 15 seconds and cover distances of 45 to 200 yards.



In 1797 Andre Garnerin of France made the world's first parachute jump from a balloon.

Happy 50th Anniversary to
Alvin & Arlene Judd
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Holiday Hints

Christmas Trees: Helpful Hints

One of the most charming traditions of the holiday season is the real Christmas tree. Knowing a few facts can help make yours even more delightful.

A few simple care tips can enhance your enjoyment of your Christmas tree and keep it fresh and fragrant throughout the holiday season.

When you bring it home, cut a quarter inch off the base of the trunk. Keep the tree outdoors in a container of water protected from wind and sun until you're ready to decorate.

Before bringing it into the house, take another quarter inch off the base so the stem can take up water. Immediately place the tree in the stand and fill it with fresh water. Keep the water level above the fresh cut. The tree may need as much as a gallon of water a day, so check the stand daily.

For safety's sake, check all electric lights and connections before decorating your tree and home. Use lights with cords that are not worn or frayed and never use lighted candles on the tree. Do ensure that electrical circuits are not overloaded. Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other heat sources. Turn off all decorations before retiring at night or leaving the house.

Since your tree is biodegradable, you'll find it can have its uses after the holiday, too. Place it in the garden for use as a bird feeder. Orange slices, bread and suet will attract birds. Its branches and trunk may be removed and used as mulch in your garden. Branch tips and



Keep your Christmas tree well-watered throughout the holidays.

needles can provide aromatic stuffing for sachets.

Keep these suggestions in mind as you join the 35 million American families who'll bring real Christmas trees home and you can be on your way to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

More than 500 languages are spoken on the Pacific island of Papua New Guinea.

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