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## Ribbon Cutting



Top Hat Hair Salon had their Ribbon Cutting Monday, September 16th at 9 a.m. Stratford Chamber of Commerce members were on hand to help celebrate. Standing left to right is Martha Mitts, Arnita Lane, J.A. Lasley, Terry Wagoner, Christopher Matthews, John Wagoner, Mary Lovett, Teresa Edmond and Max Stephenson. Top Hat is located at Hiway 54, formerly Lola's Cafe, Open Monday thru Saturday 9 to 6. Phone 396-5668.

## Parents Night Set For Sept. 23,

The annual Parents Night at Stratford School is being planned for September 23, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. for High School and Middle School. Mary Allen Elementary will host Parents Night on September 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Parents night give the parents a chance to visit their child's classes in an effort to acquaint them with the schedule, curriculum and expectations of the school in regard to their child. Parents will follow the same schedule that their child does during the regular school day.

At the high school, parents will have a schedule ready for them at the Principals office. The evening will follow a 'mini' day at school. During this time they will receive information on curriculum, what behavior is expected of their child, get to look at textbooks, and get a description of what subjects their child takes during the day.

Sam Brite, Superintendent would like to encourage every parent to make an effort to attend Parent's Night. The teachers are excited about the new school year & would like for the parents to share in the learning process of their child.

## Stratford Little League Holds Regular Meeting

The Stratford Little League met Tuesday, Sept. 10th for its regular monthly meeting.

John Lavake was announced as the winner of the shotgun the Little League gave away during the parade.

Field preparation for the upcoming year was discussed. The lights will be adjusted, sprinkler system installed, dugouts to be repaired and an equipment building to be constructed. Also fundraising events were considered.

Those attending were Jeanne Bell, David Brown, Fred Davis, Blair Frizzell, Tammie Helmuth, Kenton Kimball, Valerie McAlister and Kristi Walden.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th, 8 p.m. at the County Barn.

## Budget Adopted

On this the 12th day of August, 1991 the Commissioners Court of Sherman County convened in regular session being open to the public, at the regular meeting place in the Courthouse in Stratford, Texas. All present, absent none. Also present were Linda Keener, Terry Wagoner, Zeld Pickens, Jack Barton, Jim Allison, Susie Spurlock, and Letha Batis. The above constituting a quorum the following proceedings were had to wit.

Motion by Comm. Brown & seconded by Comm. Asher to approve monthly reports of elected officials. All ayes, motion carried. Zeld Pickens, Tax Collector also reported she attended the Tax Certification July 29, 30 and 31, Sheriff Haile also reported information on combining City and County Law Enforcement.

August 19, 1991, is date set for hearing for FY 1991-92 budget adoption from 11:00 to 12:00 noon.

Jim Owen Everson met with Comm. Court to discuss concrete treatment for Courthouse. No action taken.

Comm. Brown made motion to pay bills, seconded by Comm. Hamilton. All ayes, motion carried.

Judge Fesler made motion to approve amendments on budget seconded by Comm. Hamilton, all ayes, motion carried.

Comm. Brown made motion to approve previous minutes of Comm. Court, seconded by Comm. Asher, all ayes, motion carried. Recessed for lunch at 12:15.

Redistricting was discussed., no action taken.

Glovier and Associates to do visual inspection of Outside Masonry Project was discussed & reported. More information will be discussed next Comm. Court.

Duane Pittman and Scott Buckles representatives of Hospital Board met with Court to discuss 24 hour communication agreement. Motion by Comm. Cummings to accept \$20,000.00 for arrears, and to have Hospital District pay \$1,000.00 a month for dispatcher services. Seconded by Comm. Brown, all ayes, motion carried.

Interviews were conducted of interested candidates for appointment of Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 the following were applicants.

Oscar Elliott, Jerry Moore, Kim Crippen, Johnny Pulliam and Marlene Overstreet.

Building & Contents Insurance coverage was discussed. Tabled until next regular Comm. Court.

Article 6675a-9a VCS, consider imposing County Road & Bridge for and School Crossing Guard fee was discussed. Motion by Comm. Hamilton & seconded by Comm. Cummings to not impose Article 6675a-9a VCS fee. All ayes, motion carried.

Taylor Brothers made application for Gas Pipeline Undercrossing of County Road Pct. #1, between sections 398 and 386 Block 1T, T & NO to be installed by State specs. Motion by Comm. Cummings and seconded by Comm. Asher to approve undercrossing. All ayes, motion carried.

Bond for Tracy Hugg, clerk for J.P. #4 was approved. Motion by Judge Fesler and seconded by Comm. Asher, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Cummings and seconded by Comm. Brown to renew contract with Doshier, Picken and Francis for FY 1990-91 Audit.

Canvass of Special Election was completed in open Comm. Court.

Motion by Comm. Brown to appoint Kim Crippen as J.P. Pct. 3 until next General Election, second. by Comm. Cummings., effective September 2, 1991, Comm. Asher abstained. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

On this the 19th day of August, 1991 the Comm. Court of Sherman County convened in Special session being open to the public, All present, absent none. Also present were Zeld Pickens, Tax Assessor Collector. The above constituting a quorum the following proceedings were had to wit.

Meeting called to order.

No one from the public appeared at the Public FY 1991-92 Budget Hearing.

Motion by Comm. Asher and seconded by Comm. Cummings to adopt FY 1991-92 budget. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hamilton seconded by Comm. Brown to set Tax rate at 0.28841. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Judge Fesler and seconded by Comm. Cummings to Levy Tax at 0.19841 General and 0.09000 Road and Bridge for a total of 0.28841. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



## Crippen Sworn In

Sherman County & District Clerk Mary Lou Albert, left is giving the Oath of Office to Kimberly Crippen for J.P. For Precinct #3. Crippen was sworn in Sept. 3rd.

## Fuel Thefts Reported

The Stratford Police Department has recently received a rash of complaints involving fuel thefts from vehicle gas tanks. The vehicles are usually parked at or near the residence when the thief takes the fuel from the gas tank.

Chief White, is asking that each citizen keep a safe watch on their neighbors property to safeguard from theft. Times are getting harder and jobs are few and far between. When this starts to happen people tend to resort to crime in order to compensate. My department is doing what it can to curb the problem, but it will take the help of the entire community to get it stopped.

If you see any type of suspicious activity around your neighborhood you can do the

## New Organization To Be Formed

An effort to organize interested persons in the school system is on going. The group is trying to decide whether to form a Parent Teacher Association or an Academic Booster Club. We would like input from the entire community so we can meet the needs of those involved. This effort is supported by the administration. Please return as soon as possible.

A PTA could offer information and training for members as well as updates on legislation being considered on the State and National level. We would be required to send \$1.50 of dues collected for each member to the State and National PTA's. In return, we would receive the State and National Newsletters. We would be free to focus on areas that needed the most attention in our local school system. This group would not be limited to parents with children in the system at present but open to anyone interested in supporting Stratford Schools.

An Academic Booster Club could also have dues and all money would be used locally. We could do many of the same things a PTA could only without the guidance and support of those whom have had prior experience dealing with problems that may come up.

Our goals of this group are as follows: Form a volunteer program, have open lines of communication between parents, teachers and administration, influence legislation, be involved in our children's education and other goals that may be expressed in the future. If you are interested in participating in this group please contact Suzanne Lunt at 753-4420, Elaine Mungia 396-2007

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

following to help the local Law Enforcement:

1. Observe what is happening
2. CALL THE POLICE
3. Take down vehicle license tag number.
4. Get a good picture of the vehicle in your mind for description purposes.
5. Get a good look at the people and what they are wearing, but never approach them.
6. Write down what you saw on paper and give it to the police.

With the help of the community I think we can catch this thief or any other law violator. We need to send out a message to the criminal element that, IF YOU PLAY, YOUR GOING TO PAY.

## Crimestoppers Case

On September 27, 1991 the Stratford Police Department investigated a Motor Vehicle Burglary in the 200 Bk. of North Pine in Stratford, Texas.

The Burglary occurred in the early morning hours of Sept. 27th while the vehicle owners were away.

Taken in the Burglary were tools ranging from hand wrenches and power tools to car stereo speakers and a spot light. Total monetary loss in the burglary is estimated at \$1,145.00.

Anyone having information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons involved in this burglary or any other Felony crime in Sherman County are urged to contact the Sherman County Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information leading to the arrest and indictment of those involved in Felony crimes could receive up to \$1,000.00 for their help.

You do not give Crime Stoppers your name and your contact with Crime Stoppers is STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

## New Business Now Open

A new Napa Parts Store has been added to Keener Automotive and Machine Shop, owned by Ricky Keener of Stratford, Tex.

He will carry a full line of Napa Parts to Service the people of Stratford and compliment his existing business of Auto Repairs, Farm Equipment and Irrigation Engines Overhauls.

Come on in and look over our new line of business.

Watch for Grand Opening Celebration date, coming soon.



### Notices

**Crimestoppers Telephone Number 396-2600**

**Report Child Abuse**  
Weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
935-6838  
Dept. of Human Services, Dumas  
After 5 p.m. & on weekends  
396-5551  
Ask for DHS worker on Call

**Kerrick's Barbecue & Calif Fry**

Kerrick's Annual Community Barbecue & Calif Fry will be Saturday, September 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kerrick Community Center. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students 6-12, children under six free.

**Style Show Sat. Sept. 21**

Prospectus Study Club Mr. G's Style Show is Sat. Sept. 21, noon at Mary Allen Cafeterium. Only advance tickets sold until noon Sept. 19. See any club member for tickets.

**Tax Hearing Sept. 19th**

There will be a Tax Hearing to set a proposed tax rate for the Stratford Ind. School District on Thursday, Sept. 19, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Stratford Schools in Stratford.

**Seniors Free Car Wash**

Seniors will be having their car wash Saturday, Sept. 21 at the High School Parking lot and the First State Bank parking lot. Bring your cars down and support our seniors.

**Support The Elks All Teams**

**Women's Division Luncheon**

October 17th Womens Division luncheon, First Christian Church, \$4.00. Rick Reinart will bring program on CED. Everyone is welcome.

**EMT Class Scheduled**

An EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class is scheduled to start in January 1992. If you are interested, contact W.D. Brannan at 396-2844 and pick up an application. The course is a minimum of 120 hours, which includes hospital hours.

**Horse Play Day Postponed**

Horse Club Play Day has been postponed. It will be held on Sunday, September 22, 1991 at 2:30 p.m. at the Stratford Arena.

**Support The Elks**

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## Structures Exhibit Opening at The Imaginarium Sept. 21

Why doesn't gravity pull the St. Louis arch down? How can the World Trade Center in New York sway five feet in all directions and not break apart? Would the walls of Notre Dame collapse, if we took away the flying buttresses around the cathedral?

Visitors to The Imaginarium's newest exhibit, STRUCTURES, will be able to learn the answers to these and many other questions by playing with "hands-on" models of domes, flying buttresses, I-beams and other architectural elements. Made possible by generous support from North Plains Savings and Loan and XIT Cellular the exhibit will open to the public Saturday, September 21, and remain available through Sunday, December 1.

The exhibit focuses on the two primary effects of forces working within structural elements: compression and tension. Examples of structure in compression include columns and lintels, arches, Gothic vaults, and buttresses. Visitors to the exhibits can build different types of arches with special wood blocks, take apart an arch bridge and test the strength of its individual components, and build a cross section of a Gothic cathedral to

see the necessity of the flying buttress.

Photographs of Greek temples, the Pyramid of Cheops, Roman aqueducts and cathedrals at Bourges and Chartres further illustrate the use of compression in architectural structures. To learn about forms that are strong in both tension and compression, visitors can press the top of a model dome to see how it separates into individual arches without the necessary tension ring or design their own bridge truss. Photographs of the Pantheon, St. Pauls Cathedral, American railroad bridges and geodesic domes give visitors a look at some practical application of these principals.

The exhibit also has hands-on models of suspension bridges, suspension roofs, pneumatic (or air supported) structures such as tennis courts and stadiums, and other modern structures.

For smaller visitors, there is even an area set aside with Legos, Duplos, and foam building blocks so that future engineers and architects can begin experimenting with structures.

STRUCTURES was developed and built by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and had been loaned to The Imaginarium by the Don Harrington Discovery Center of Amarillo.

The Imaginarium thanks North Plains Savings and Loan and XIT Cellular for their support of this exhibition. Its appearance in Stratford would not be possible without their help.

The Imaginarium is located at 202 Main Street in Stratford, Texas and is easily accessible from either Highway 54 or 287. It is open six days a week, Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is by freewill donation. Club and school tours should be booked at least one week in advance by calling (806) 396-5919 or (806) 384-2361.

## "High Ground" Pursues Jobs For Area

Regional communities are aggressively pursuing new jobs for the Panhandle and the South Plains areas, reaching more than 18,000 manufacturing businesses last year, according to Jerry Hinnenkamp, chairman for public relations.

Twenty-four Panhandle communities are members of the High Ground of Texas, a marketing coalition founded in 1989.

"The purpose of the group is a cooperative effort of drawing new jobs to the territory," Hinnenkamp said.

"I see it as an excellent opportunity for communities to work together to accomplish something they can't do alone," said member Red McNatt, executive vice president of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. "There is strength in numbers and it makes sense for us to pool our resources for mutual benefit."

The group promotes the area through direct mailouts of promotional pieces to companies nationwide. The mailouts explain the benefits of relocating to the Plains of the Southwest, Hinnenkamp said.

This year the High Ground has produced two mailouts to Los Angeles, one to New York/New Jersey, and is beginning one to Chicago, Hinnenkamp said.

He also said the coalition attends national trade shows with Southwestern Public Service Company, bringing a booth extolling the area to prospects. The High Ground publishes advertisements in national magazines, according to Hinnenkamp.

The High Ground has two goals, Hinnenkamp said. One of those is to be nationally competitive in attracting business and industry to the Panhandle and South Plains. The second is to

produce training for community professionals and volunteers in dealing with prospects, he said.

"I've had a lot of training in economic development from Southwestern Public Service and from the interaction with other communities," said member Rick Osburn, assistant city manager in Levelland.

Currently the High Ground has 10 active projects, Hinnenkamp said. The participating communities will send proposals to these prospective businesses when they receive the companies' criteria for a relocation site. Three businesses identified through the High Ground have visited the area and at least one is still viable, he said.

"It's a low percentage process," Osburn said. "Eventually one will hit right for us and it will be great for everyone."

One by product of the High Ground is that it has fostered regional cooperation, Hinnenkamp said. Previously, there was no contact between economic development people in

the area but now with four meetings a year, the High Ground provides a regional network of support, he said.

"I have been very pleased with the cooperation of the members," said Grady Elder, the executive director of the Plainview/Hale County Industrial Foundation.

Sponsorship of 5 local groups allowed for the start-up of the High Ground of Texas, Hinnenkamp said. They are: Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, South Plains Community Action Corporation, South Plains Association of Governments, Lubbock-Garza Counties Private Industry Council, and Southwestern Public Service Company.

With its \$40,000 budget this year, the group is looking at becoming more financially independent from the original sponsorship "seed money," Hinnenkamp said. Membership registration for 1992 goes out in September, he said. The membership fee is \$500 per community per year.

## Horse Club Play Day

Horse Club Play Day will be held Sunday, September 22, 1991 at the Stratford Arena at 2:30 p.m. This Play Day is for Sherman County Youth. Age groups are 5 years old and under, 6 to 8 years old, 9 to 11 years, 12 to 14 years, and 15 years through High School. Entry fee is \$1.00 per event. The events are barrels, pole pending, flag race, goat tying and goat ribbon, steer daubing, breakaway calf roping, and tie down calf roping. Five years and under will have Stick horse Barrels, Stick horse poles, goat ribbon and boot scramble.

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or Cara Dawn Macias 753-4540. Would you be involved in a PTA Academic Booster Club or Neither. There will be a meeting on Sept. 24th at the County Barn at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.



### Obits

#### Clara Hanson Brock

Texhoma-Clara Hanson Brock, 80, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 1991.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 1991 in First Christian Church with Mike Bumler, minister, officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brock was born in Custer County, Okla. She retired from the Texhoma Post Office in 1975. She was a member of the Rebecca's. She died in death by a daughter, Nelda Moore.

Survivors include a son, Joe Brock of Ontario, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and seven great grand children.

The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church of Texhoma.

#### Ethelyn Viola Penn

Texhoma-Ethelyn Viola Penn, 71, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 1991.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Sapp, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Penn was born in Texhoma and graduated from Texhoma High School in 1937. She married Van Brown in 1938 at Texhoma. He died in 1974. She married William Penn in 1984 at Stratford.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Charla Huse of Gatesville and Linda Roberts of Texhoma; two stepdaughters, Sherie Plunk of Amarillo and Linda Korell of Spokane, Wash.; four grandsons; a great-grandson; and eight stepgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Texhoma Cemetery.

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## Scot Notes

by Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Older Texans, Friends, Neighbors, Scotters this mild Monday A.M. Sept. 16, 1991. With an overnight temp of 58 degrees F. we imagine there is a hint of Fall in the air; seems to portend a lovely day for Senior Citizens to enjoy, maybe some of us will plan to go to the Amarillo Fair.

Looking at Scot Calendar, remember Scot Game night is Friday, Sept. 20th at 7 p.m. Tues. Sept. 24, Scot Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. and Scot Regular meeting and dinner Thurs. Sept. 26 at which time Chloe Morgan, Stratford's own poet, will read some of her poems. She will be assisted by a musical trio, Joyce McBryde, Shannon and Jim Taliaferro. We appeal to Pres, Max Stephenson to be sure to "turn up the mike power" so we Senior Citizens can hear! We invite Chloe to bring some of her printed poems to Scot Hall. At one time she had some booklets of her poems for sale.

Community wise, we announce the Prospectus Study Clubs style show of Mr. G's merchandise and luncheon, Sat. Sept. 21, 1991 at 12 noon. This takes place in the Mary Allen Cafeteria. A donation of \$10 per ticket, the ticket to be secured a head of time NONE available at the door. The proceeds are used for scholarships presented later in the year to S.H.S. students.

The Study Club deserves Scot's support in this worthy cause, so lets "ante up"!

Sept. 16-20, 1991 is Bank Week, a good time to go by the Bank and say a word of appreciation. The First State Bank is a strong supporter of Sherman Co. Activities including S.C.O.T. Organization.

By the way, we appreciate the fact that Scot Notes has jokingly been mentioned as "being a one person C of C for Stratford and Sherman Co!" Every citizen should be: that's our opinion. Thanks!! We read in the Amarillo News that Gruver has lost its Newspaper and Canadian its T.V. Small towns seem to be doomed. Community effort is the only possible way to avoid dooms day!

Alda Mitts, Lillie Galloway, Dicy Stephenson, Corda Pleyer, Opal Bryant, Dorothy Robbins, Timmie Brown enjoyed games, Dicy's delicious cake and ice cream at Scot Hall Friday evening Sept. 13th. Attending the Boise City Dance Sat. Sept. 7th were the Millers, the Hills, The Pembertons, the Jack Gores, The Brunis, Rowena Williams, Dorothy Robbins. The Panhandle Drifter, Stratford furnished the music. Attending the Guymon S.C. Dance Sat. 14th were the Hailes, the Brunis, the Baskin Browns. Where they met interesting guests from Harrisburg, Pa.

Lately Judge and Betty Fesler, Emma Naylor visited Clint Fesler (son and grandson) who is stationed in New York. They took the occasion to visit Niagra Falls. Shirley Foreman has joined the employers at the Soil Conservation offices.

Alice Weatherly, Borger, former Stratfordite fell in her home some time ago. She sustained bruises but no broken bones. Cheers, Alice! Clara Brock, retired Texhoma post mistress, is recuperating from illness at Coldwater Manor. Art and Ada Wre Foster, Lubbock visited Pauline Foster, a guest at Coldwater Manor and Mary Peach Smith last week. Betty Lou O'Brien and Jim Tom Brown are home from Northwest tour. Betty & Timmie Brown said "hello" to Margaret Reed and J.A. Lasley at Mr. G's Amarillo last Thur. Margaret had taken Ione Reed to the airport enroute to south Texas to visit Ione's sister, Over labor Day Rose Wells attended a "Cousins" reunion in Mo. where 92 cousins convened. No aunt or uncles survive.

Scott Williams, son of Jean Beth Keener Williams, Ft. Worth is stationed now in Germany Scott visited in Ft. Worth for a month after serving in Saudi Arabia. He had the misfortune to break both ankles after he reached Germany. Hard Luck, Scott! Scott is Ava Keeners grandson.

During labor day Holiday Myrtle Oquin attended a Shipman family reunion in Mo. attending also were Rubydell (Kinchloe) and Deva Oquin, St. Lois celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Scot Sanders, Myrtles's grandson attended, too. Shipman was the late Mrs. T.P. Oquins maiden name.

Jerry Lou Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gore,

Texhoma and John D. Green, Garden City, Ks. were married Sat. Sept. 14th. The wedding took place in the Texhoma Methodist Church. The organist was Mrs. Roach, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston, Texhoma, Ok. Baskin and Betty Brown attended the wedding and greeted long time friends Mr. and Mrs. Odel Pugh, Violet Combs Cass her sister Florence. Mrs. Cass is the bride's grandmother and aunt of Bonnie Combs Borth, Stratford. Jerry and Winnie (Cass) Gore are long time employees of Betty and Baskin Brown.

The Cone Donelsons visited Gertrude and Shuler Donelson, Clayton, N.M. Sunday Sept. 8th.

Do take time to read Connie Reinarts letter to the editor in Stratford Star, Sept. 12th. She expressed our views expertly. Thank you Connie.

Personally, how is life treating each of you? We miss seeing and talking to old timers and friends. This is our "shoulder Pat" and "Luv U" to you from us. Pass it on!



## Your Right To Know

By Terry Wagoner

There are about a dozen Emergency Response Guidebooks in this office that need to be in cars instead. The Guidebook is for first response to Hazardous Materials Incidents. Mainly what it will tell the average person is what kind of materials trucks are hauling—and how far to stay away from them if they are involved in an accident. Come by and we will give you one.

If you have a program scheduled and it does not materialize, we can help. If you give us a few minutes, we will be able to bring a video to your meeting. There are several videos on emergency situations and a couple on AIDS ranging from 30 minutes to an hour. One of the videos on AIDS can be broken down into three 20 minute programs. We will be happy to present them to your organization for you.

**Report Child Abuse**  
Weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Dumas  
After 5 p.m. & on weekends  
396-5551  
Ask for DHS worker on Call

**The Sherman County Crimestoppers Inc. Telephone Number is 396-2600**



## Kerrick News

by Marylou McDaniel

Hope to see a lot of you Saturday night, Sept. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. at Kerrick Community's annual barbeque and calf fry!

Barbara Schoonover showed several Kerrick ladies how to make a Bow Dazzler basket on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the community center. This was their OFF day for September. Those making beautiful baskets were Dayle Harris, Linda Chandler, Joyce Harper, Donna Avent, Gayla James, Jo June McDaniel, Observers were Joyce Irlbeck, Franny Taylor, Pat Boren, Marylou McDaniel, Nita Taylor, Mabel Rogers, Minnie Hampton, Annette Hampton, Kathryn Schriber.

Pat Boren, Community President, and Marylou McDaniel, secretary, conducted a brief meeting concerning the upcoming Kerrick Chuckwagon.

The group voted to serve the Dallam County Soil Conservation supper in October. More about this later.

There will be a covered dish supper honoring Alvin & Dayle Harris on Friday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. The two who have lived in Kerrick for 10 1/2 years are returning to their home in Edgemont, S.D. There will be a money tree for those wishing to participate. Jo June & Kayo McDaniel, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Barbara and Terry Schoonover are hosts.

Donald James showed steers & heifers at Panhandle Expo in Guymon Sept. 12. He won Grand Champion on both and Showmanship.

Sue James and her mother, Mrs. Inez Kiser, attended First Christian Church in Canyon Sept. 8 to hear Kenneth Wyatt speak on his paintings of the apostles. They attended the antique show in Amarillo Sept. 14-15.

### First Christian Church

Scripture Colossians 1:12-20  
Sermon "Grateful to God for His Dear Son!"  
A Friendly, Accepting Church

Ian Weems, Midland and Josh Rogers of Amarillo spent the weekend with their grandparents Hank and Mabel Rogers.

## Oak Singers To Perform

Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. the Oak Singers from Live Oak, California will be at First Assembly of God. The Oak Singers have traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada with about 270 appearances each year. They are currently making their way back to Nashville, Tenn. to record a new album. Everyone will enjoy their music. From Southern Gospel, Traditional, to Contemporary, the Oak Singers will bless you with excellent harmony second to none. First Assembly invites everyone to come and be a part of this special service designed as a ministry to the people of Sherman County. This is a free concert, however, we will take a special offering for the Oak Singers to express our thanks for coming to Stratford.

# OAK SINGERS

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Saturday Night

7:00 P.M.

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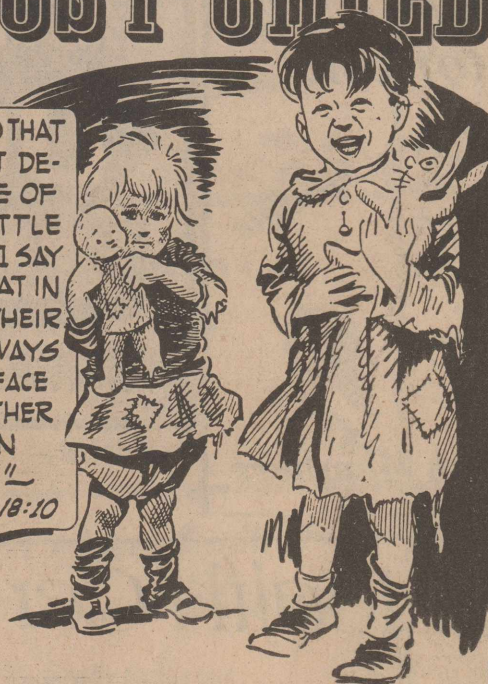
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# Society



Tina Annunziato was honored with a wedding shower Sat. morning Sept. 14th at the Assembly of God Church. Standing left to right is Candy Drake, sister of bride, Tina, Gladys Harp, Grandmother of bride and Janie Kirkpatrick, mother of bride.

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## Births

He's finally here! Phillip and Michele Zinck are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brian Arthur Zinck. He arrived Sunday, Sept. 15 at 11:10 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. and he is 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jack & Carol Osborn. Paternal Grandparents are Kenneth and Billie Knight and Craig and MaryLou Zinck. Maternal Great grandparents are Don and Sue McLaughlin of Stratford, LaVell Haggard of Stratford, and Bill and Katherine Osborn of Ada, Ok. Paternal great grandparents are Bill and Zola Mae Aduddell of Spearman, Grady and Anna Mullican of Stratford and Freddie and Billie Zinck of Clayton, N.M. Paternal Great Grandmother is Pearl Aduddell of Claude, Tex.

Ted and Deide Ziemann of Conlen are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Channing Amanda. She was born at 6:33 a.m. on September 8, 1991. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by her sister, Cheyenne Elizabeth, age 3.

Maternal grandparents are Elaine Aduddell of Conlen and Paul Aduddell of Denton, Tex. Paternal grandparents are Phil & LuAnn Ziemann of Montello, WI. Maternal great grandparents are Ed & Kathryn Crabtree of Conlen and Paul and Mildred Aduddell of Stratford.



## School Menu

Monday-meat loaf, mashed potatoes, english peas, rolls, salad, pineapple upside down cake and milk.

Tuesday-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, spice cake and milk.

Wednesday-Burritos/chili, spinach, cole slaw, cowboy bread, fruit and milk.

Thursday-Taco Pizza, mixed vegetables, lettuce and tomatoes, peach cobbler, and milk.

Friday-Hamburger, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickle slices, tator tots, donuts and milk.

## Byrd Bowls 298 Game

Some excitement happened Sunday, Sept. 8, at Dalhart Bowl when Peggy Byrd bowled a 298 game in Travel League! After 11 strikes in a row, two naughty pins remained standing on her last ball. She also rolled an outstanding 717 series, both the highest ever in Dalhart. She will receive a ring, medal, patch for 298, a patch for bowling 100 pins over her 173 average, a 700 medal and patch, a patch for 150 pins over a 3-game average, and become a member of the 700 club of WIBC.

Peggy, a graduate of Stratford High School, is a member of Stratford Grain Team.

Stratford & Kerrick have new men's teams bowling on Monday nights in Dalhart. The Flintstones consists of Jere Don Keener, Lee Tarver, Rick Keener, Jon Hart, Mike McDaniel and Jerry Ewers.

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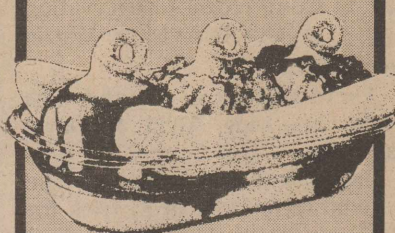
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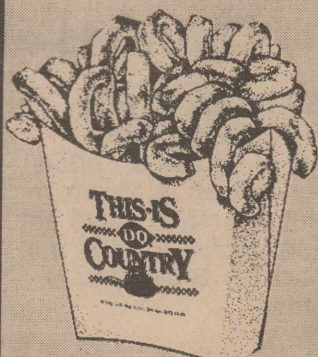
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## NOTICE OF COMPARABLE TAX RATES AND REVENUES

The legislature has enacted a statute on school funding to comply with a court mandate enforcing the state constitution. Under prior statutes (SB 1) the tax rate for last year provides \$7,314 per student in state and local revenues. Under this statute (SB 351) that same rate now provides \$4,187 per student in state and local revenues.

State law only requires a minimum tax rate of \$ .78 for county education districts. State law does not require a school district to adopt additional taxes. Neither does state law require a school district to adopt a tax rate that maximizes the receipt of state funds.

The board of trustees of the Texhoma Independent School District hereby gives notice that it is considering the adoption of a tax rate of 12.12 that will provide \$5,637 per student in state and local revenues.



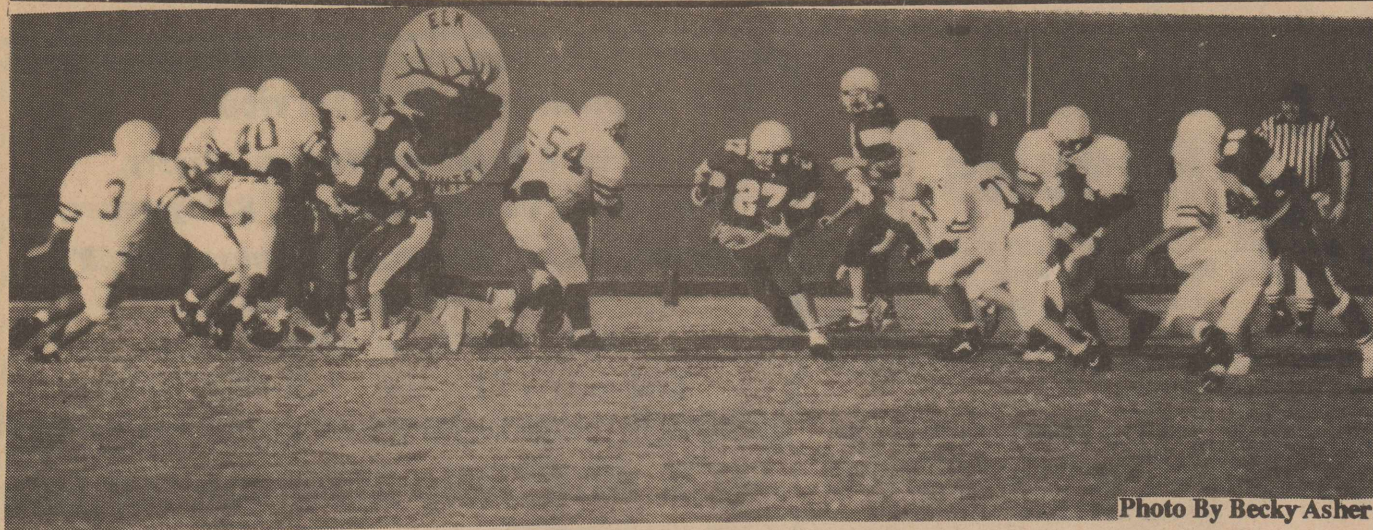


Photo By Becky Asher

Heath Starnes carrying the ball against Gruver during the JV game of the week of Sept. 5, 1991. Stratford won 24 to 6.



Photo by Becky Asher

Marcus Lavake holding his own for the JV on Thursday, Sept. 12th. The JV beat the West Texas Comanches 20 to 6.

## Elks 24 Wolves 14

Stratford's own Junior Gomez rushed for 149 yards and scored two touchdowns as Class 2A Stratford upset 3A Dalhart.

Gomez's TD runs of 4 and 3 yards highlighted a night in which he carried 27 times to lead an Elks ground game that pounded out 244 rushing yards.

Dalhart led 14-9 in the second quarter after they scored from 1 yard out. The Elks' comeback started when Paul Davis brought in a 23 yard pass from Donny Gray for a 15-14 score at halftime.

The second half belonged to Stratford as its defense stopped the Wolves and recorded a quarterback sack for a safety.

Junior Gomez had 27 carries for 149 yards, scored 2 TD, 2 EP for 14 points. Donny Gray had 15 carries for a total of 75 yards, Passing 4-7, 88 yards. Paul Davis had 7 carries for 21 yards caught 1 TD pass from Gray, 32 yards for a score of 6 points. Colby Wheeler had 2 sacks for safetys, Scored 4 points. Greg Vandiver had 12 tackles and 1 interception. Junior Gomez had 11 tackles, Justin Long 8, Alberto Aguilera 6, Michael Brooks 6 and Toby Diamond 1 interception.

Stratford had 21 First Downs, 244 yards rushing, 88 yards passing. Total yards gained was 332. 7 passes attempted and 4 completed. Stratford had two interceptions. They had 2 punts with an average of 30 yards. 9 penalties for 65 yards.

Dalhart had 13 first downs, 166 yards rushing, 74 yards passing and 240 yards gained. 14 passes attempted and 6 completed. 1 interception. 4 punts for an average of 41 yards. Recovered 2 fumbles. Had 10 penalties for a total of 67 yards.

## Stratford JV 20 West Texas 6

By Coach Rapp

The JV Elks, looking for win number 2 in the young season, took on the West Texas Comanches last Thursday evening at E.L. Bass Stadium.

The Elks struck quick, when on their first possession Heath Starnes hit off tackle and then veered outside and raced untouched to the end zone. The run for the extra points was good as once again Heath Starnes hit off tackle and waltzed into the end zone as the Elks took an early 8-0 lead. The Elk defense shut down the Comanche offense on their next series forcing the Comanches to punt. Heath Starnes took the punt, headed right, and behind a wall of blockers raced into the end zone, giving the Elks a 14-0 lead. The trys for the extra point failed leaving the score 14-0. The Comanches came back quickly and answered the Elks touchdown making the score 14-6 in the second quarter. The Elks finished the scoring right before the halftime horn as Marcus Lavake faked the handoff inside and pulled the ball and raced around right end making the score 20-6 at halftime.

Defense was the name of the game in the second half as each team thwarted every offensive effort. The Elks threatened three times but mistakes and a stout defensive effort by the Comanches stopped each drive.

Excellent blocking paved the way for all the JV Elks backs. The line continually opened good holes in the Comanche defense allowing for a good offensive showing. The defense was rock solid again this week as they have held opponents to a mere 6 points each game.

The win left the JV Elks 2-0 as they travel to Sunray next Thursday night for their third game of the year. Come and support these young men as they strive to win their third straight game.

## Go Elks

Action Shots of Varsity unavailable due to camera problems. It was definitely Friday the 13th for this news lady. My appreciation to Becky and Debbi for their help.



Photo By Debbi Vandiver

The Varsity boys getting ready to break through the banner that Becky Asher, Debbi Vandiver and Connie Reinart painted. This is a beautiful piece of work. We have some very talented folks among our citizens of Stratford. Have you noticed the windows downtown. They are being painted by Debbi Vandiver and Orlanda Garoutte.



The Stratford Elks getting ready for the big win against Dalhart. Elks beat the Dalhart Wolves 24 to 14.



Out The Library

Ginger Crabtree and Jarrett Ricketson attended the Summer Reading Program at the library. Each child who attended the programs was given an opportunity to draw a design to be placed on a book mark that would be used in the local library. Ginger and Jarrett drew the winning designs.

These winning designs were sent to the Texas Panhandle Library System office that is in Amarillo. There they were placed on bookmarks and returned to our library for use by our patrons. There are six bright colors from which to choose. They are displayed at the book check-out area. You are welcome to use these bookmarks.

Ginger Crabtree is the daughter of Charlie Crabtree. She has one brother, Denton. She started school here as a kindergarten student and now is in the 4th grade. She loves to read and probably reads at least one book a week. Right now she is reading The 2nd and 3rd letter of the Alphabet, Revisited by Johnny Hart. Mrs. Nittler is her teacher. Her grandparents were Newt and Fannie Crabtree and Cliff and Alice Herrington from Missouri.

Jarrett is a 3rd grade student and is in Mrs. Ragsdale's room. His favorite subject is math, and he loves to draw. His hobbies are working with horses and drawing. His parents are Cheryl and Allan Ricketson. They live on the Summerour Ranch. He has one brother, Jeff, who is in high school. He belongs to the 4-h Club and has a lamb and a heifer for show projects.

He loves to camp for vacation. His grandparents live in Dalhart. They are Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Carter and Mrs. Norma Ricketson.

We are proud of these library users, and of children who attended the summer programs.



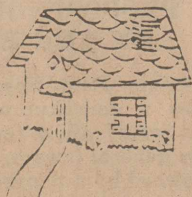
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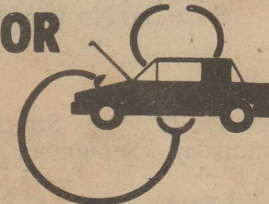
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of the Stratford Ind. School District Tax Hearing. In accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to set a proposed tax rate for the Stratford Ind. School District on September 19, 1991 at 8:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Board Room of Stratford Schools in Stratford, Texas.

Steve Dettle, President  
Board of Trustees

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LEGAL NOTICE

#1854

Estate of Christopher Wayne Preston, Deceased. In The County Court of Sherman County, Texas.

Notice to all persons having claims against the Estate of Christopher Wayne Preston, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of CHRISTOPHER WAYNE PRESTON were issued on September 4, 1991, in Cause No. 1854, in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas to SUZANNE ASHLEY.

The address of such Executor is c/o Louis T. Dubuque, Box 1085, Dumas, Texas 79029.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 4th day of September, 1991.

Louis T. Dubuque  
Professional Corporation  
P.O. Box 1085  
Dumas, Texas 79029  
806-935-6451  
State Bar No. 06154000

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LEGAL NOTICE

#1853

Estate of Doris E. Parker, Deceased. In The County Court of Sherman County, Texas.

Notice to all persons having claims against the Estate of Doris E. Parker, Dec'd

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of DORIS E. PARKER were issued on September 4, 1991, in Cause no. 1853, in the County Court of Sherman Texas to DORLESS WELLS AND GAYNELLE P. RIFFE.

The mailing address for such executors is as follows:

Dorless Wells  
7702 Canode  
Amarillo, Tex. 79121

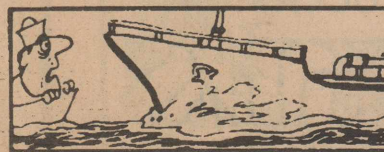
Gaynelle P. Riffe  
Box 316  
Stratford, Texas 79084

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# Cards of Thanks Parade Results

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Famers Market. A special thanks goes to Stratford Grain for allowing us to use their parking lot.

Margaret Bell

Randy and Kim McCracken would like to thank all the buckle donors and to all the people who devoted their time and help. Those helping were Jim Allison, Gary Clements, Larry Parsons, Sherree and Nick Chesnut, Charles and Linda Clements, Trace Weatherford, Russell Woods, Jack & Linda Swain, John & Susan Wheeler, Cindy Denny, Lee Tarver, Allen Ricketson. All the participants appreciated the buckle donors who were: Cowboy Cafe, Coronado Feeders, First State Bank, Keener Oil Co., Stratford Animal Hospital, Olsen Automotive, Hi-Pro Animal Health, Producers Video, Satellite Cattle Exchange, Cedar Post

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Randy & Kim McCracken

The Sherman County Crimestoppers Inc. Telephone Number is 396-2600

Stratford Fair and Jamboree Parade results were:

Non-theme Float open class 1st-Sherman County Museum; 2nd Patrick Pronger and 3rd Julie Kimball.

Theme Float Commercial-1st-1st State Bank; 2nd-Coldwater Manor and 3rd North Plains Savings and Loan.

Theme Float Organization youth: 1st Lautz 4-H, 2nd 4-H Clown contest float and 3rd Stratford Little League.

Theme Float organization adult: 1st-Chamber of Commerce Womens Div. 2nd Stratford Fire Dept. and 3rd Tri-Corner Art Association.

Riding Club 1st was 4-H Riding Club.

Sr. Horse Rider-Boy Kyle Ellison Sr. Girl Talle Cummings.

Horse Rider, Jr. Boy Brock Swain and Jr. Girl Kyla Helmut.

## PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1991

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 114 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize home rule cities having a population of 5,000 or fewer inhabitants to amend their city charters by a majority vote of a city's qualified voters at an election held for that purpose. The amendment makes clear that home rule cities that have declined in population below the population required to initially adopt a charter may nevertheless continue to amend their charters.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing home-rule cities with a population of 5,000 or less to amend their charters by popular vote."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to expend money, from any source available, for the costs of the turnpikes, toll roads, or toll bridges of the Texas Turnpike Authority, provided that any monies expended from the state highway fund shall be repaid to the fund from tolls or other turnpike revenue.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment mandating the repayment to the Department of Transportation of monies expended to assist the Texas Turnpike Authority in the construction, maintenance, and operation of turnpikes, toll roads and toll bridges."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 26 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to invest, as authorized by law, moneys of the Veterans' Land Fund which are not immediately committed to the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by the Veterans' Land Board, the purchase of lands, or the payment of expenses. Investment of such moneys would no longer be restricted to investments in bonds or obligations of the United States. The proposed amendment would also authorize the Veterans' Land Board to invest, as authorized by law, moneys of the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund which are not immediately committed to the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by the Veterans' Land Board for the benefit of the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund, the making of home mortgage loans, or the payment of expenses. Investment of such moneys would no longer be restricted to investments in bonds or obligations of the United States. The proposed amendment gives the legislature power to implement the amendment and to delegate such duties and authority to the Veterans' Land Board as it deems necessary.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to further implement and enhance the administration of the veterans' housing assistance and land programs and to expand the investment authority of the Veterans' Land Board."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to authorize the issuance of a maximum of \$1.1 billion in general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bonds are to be used to acquire, construct, or equip new prisons and substance abuse felony punishment facilities, mental health and mental retarda-

tion institutions, and youth corrections institutions, to repair and renovate existing facilities of those institutions and to acquire, repair, or renovate other facilities for use as state prisons or substance abuse felony punishment facilities. The \$1.1 billion is in addition to the \$900 million currently authorized by the constitution to be expended on bond issues for facilities of correctional and mental health and mental retardation institutions. The bonds would constitute a general obligation of the state. The bonds and interest on the bonds would be paid from the first money coming into the state treasury that is not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, less any amount in a sinking fund at the end of the preceding fiscal year that is pledged to payment of the bonds or interest.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1.1 billion in general obligation bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new prisons or other punishment facilities to confine criminals, mental health and mental retardation institutions, and youth corrections institutions, for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those institutions, and for the acquisition of, major repair to, or renovation of other facilities for use as state prisons or other punishment facilities."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county, junior college district, or municipality to exempt tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation if: (1) the property is acquired or brought into the state in an enterprise zone to be forwarded outside the state, (2) the property is assembled, stored, repaired, maintained, manufactured, processed, or fabricated in the enterprise zone, (3) the property is transported outside the state not later than 175 days after being acquired or brought into an enterprise zone, and (4) the person who acquired or brought the property into an enterprise zone is a qualified business. A county, junior college district, or municipality may exempt such property by entering into a written agreement with a qualified business that states the duration of the exemption and the terms on which the exemption is granted. Any action to exempt property must be taken before April 1 of the first year in which the property would otherwise be taxed. The term "enterprise zone" means an area that (1) has been designated as such by a state agency responsible for economic development, and (2) has pervasive poverty, unemployment, and economic distress. The term "qualified business" means a business that meets the qualification established by general law, and requires that the qualified business is actively engaged in a new business in the enterprise zone or is expanding a business that is already active in the enterprise zone. An enterprise zone is created to foster economic development in an area of pervasive poverty and unemployment.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the exemption for ad valorem taxes of certain property in an enterprise zone."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment that would establish a Texas Ethics Commission with the powers and duties provided by law. The commission would consist of eight appointed members selected as follows: two members of different political parties appointed by the governor from a list of at least ten names submitted by the members of the house of representatives from each major political party; two

members of different political parties appointed by the governor from a list of at least ten names submitted by the members of the senate from each major political party; two members of different political parties appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from a list of at least ten names submitted by the members of the house of representatives from each major political party; and two members of different political parties appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of at least ten names submitted by the members of the senate from each major political party. A major political party is a political party required by law to hold a primary. With the exception of the initial appointees, commission members would serve for four-year terms. A member who has served for one term and any part of a second term would not be eligible for reappointment. The commission would be authorized to recommend the salary of the members of the legislature and may recommend that the salary of the speaker of the house of representatives and the lieutenant governor be set at an amount higher than that of other members. If the commission recommends a change in salary, the voters would be authorized to accept or reject the salary change at the next general election for state and county officers. If the voters approve the recommended salary, that salary would take effect January 1 of the next odd-numbered year; if the voters reject the recommended salary, no change in salary would occur. The commission would set the per diem of the members of the legislature and of the lieutenant governor. The per diem could be raised or lowered biennially as necessary to pay members' costs, but could not exceed the amount allowed as of January 1 that year as a federal income tax deduction for living expenses incurred in a legislative day in connection with a member's business as a legislator, disregarding any federal income tax exception for legislators residing near the Capitol. The commission would have other powers and duties provided by the commission's enabling act (Senate Bill 1, 72nd Legislature, Regular Session). The amendment would also provide that an increase in the emoluments of the office of Lieutenant Governor would not make a legislator ineligible to serve in the office of Lieutenant Governor.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas Ethics Commission and authorizing the commission to recommend the salary for members of the legislature and the lieutenant governor, subject to voter approval, and to set the per diem for those officials, subject to a limit."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the board of trustees of each statewide public retirement system to invest the funds of the system in such manner as the board considers prudent. The board would no longer be limited to investing the funds of the system in securities.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the board of trustees of a statewide public retirement system to invest the funds of the system in a manner that the board considers prudent."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to create debt by or on behalf of the state if the legislature submitted the debt question to the voters of the state in the form of a proposition and a majority of those voting approved the proposition. The legislature may call the election, by joint resolution approved by at least two-thirds of the members of each house, during any regular session or during any special session if the subject of the proposition is included in the Governor's proclamation for that special session. A proposition must clearly describe the amount and purpose for which debt is to be created and must describe the source of payment for the debt. The amount of debt stated in the proposition may

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The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the voters of this state to consider state debt questions in the form of ballot propositions that must clearly describe the amounts, purposes, and sources of payment of the debt only after approval of the propositions by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 11 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for certain public free school fund land for which there is not a valid transfer of title from either the State or the Republic of Texas to a private party. A patent is a document of title issued by the state. On application to the School Land Board, a person is entitled to receive a patent if: (1) the land is surveyed public free school fund land, (2) the land was not patentable under the law before the adoption of this proposed amendment, (3) the person acquired the land without knowledge of the title defect out of the State of Texas or the Republic of Texas and held the land under color of title, the chain of which dates from at least January 1, 1941, (4) the person has a recorded deed on file in the county courthouse and, in conjunction with his predecessor in interest, has claimed the land for at least fifty years as of January 1, 1991, and (5) the person, in conjunction with his predecessor in interest, for at least 50 years has paid taxes on the land together with all interest and penalties associated with any delinquency. If the applicant is denied a patent, the applicant may file suit against the School Land Board in a district court in the county where the land is located within 60 days from the date of denial. The proposed amendment does not apply to beach land, submerged land, or islands, and may not be used to resolve a boundary dispute. The proposed amendment also does not apply to land found by a court to be state-owned or to land on which the state has given a mineral lease that is in effect when a patent is sought. A patent under this proposed amendment for land within five miles of mineral production shall reserve minerals to the state in the manner provided by law for reservations of minerals in sales to claimants of unsurveyed school land within five miles of production. An application for a patent under this proposed amendment must be filed with the School Land Board before January 1, 1993.

This proposed constitutional amendment is similar to the version of article VII, section 4A, that was in effect between 1981 and 1990. The main difference is that under the earlier version the applicant for a patent to land had to have a chain of title that dated back to at least as early as January 1, 1932.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for certain public free school fund land held in good faith under color of title for at least 50 years."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 15 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to pass general laws to exempt property owned by a nonprofit corporation organized to supply water or provide wastewater service from ad valorem taxation. A nonprofit corporation would be eligible for the exemption if its bylaws provide that

on dissolution, the assets remaining after the discharge of the corporation's indebtedness will be transferred to an entity providing water supply or wastewater service, or both, which is exempt from ad valorem taxation. The transferred assets must be property that is reasonably necessary for and used for water supply and wastewater services.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxes certain property of a nonprofit corporation that supplies water or provides wastewater service."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to pass laws to authorize the State of Texas to operate lotteries and to enter into a contract with one or more legal entities that will operate lotteries on behalf of the State of Texas.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a state lottery."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 34 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the total amount of bonds that may be issued by the Texas Water Development Board to provide wholesale and retail water and wastewater facilities to economically distressed areas of the state. The proposed amendment increases the maximum principal amount of the bonds from 20 percent to 50 percent of the \$500 million amount authorized by article III, section 49-d-7, of the Texas Constitution. The proposed amendment would increase the maximum aggregate dollar amount of bonds that the Texas Water Development Board could issue from \$100 million to \$250 million.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to increase from 20 percent to 50 percent the percentage of Texas water development bonds previously authorized by Texas voters that may be issued for economically distressed areas."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 2 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to pass general laws authorizing Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successor to issue and sell up to \$300 million of general obligation bonds to finance education loans to students. The maximum net effective interest rate to be borne by the bonds would be set by law. The amendment would also authorize the legislature to provide for the investment of bond proceeds; and to establish an interest sinking fund to pay the bonds and provide for the investment of such fund. Bonds authorized under the amendment would be paid from the first money coming into the treasury in each fiscal year that is not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, less any amount in an interest sinking fund established at the end of the preceding year that is pledged to the payment of the bonds or interest.

The proposed amendment will be described on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$300,000,000 to continue existing programs to provide educational loans to students, with repayments of student loans applied toward retirement of the bonds."

*Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el dia 5 de noviembre de 1991. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8688 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.*

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I am looking for babysitting in my home. Any hours. Call Donna Welch at 396-2869. 9-19-c

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## Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

Possibly many of you are not the reader of Don Taylor's "Mind Your Own Business". B.A. Donelson, First State Bank, was the first person to call my attention to the article over a year ago. I have been an avid reader of his article, every Sunday since.

This past Sunday really hit home, for you see the whole article was what is dear to my heart. It was all about Chamber of Commerce. In my chatter this week I will do alot of quoting Mr. Taylor; however a great deal of what I have to write about I strongly believe in.

We have been hearing a great deal about the CIA, FBI and the KGB. These initials can very well stand for: Chamber involvement, acts as a future business investment to keep growing businesses. -Quote.

All across this great nation, the Chamber of Commerce Act as a catalyst to promoting business growth and development. They strive to build strong local economies, enhance the quality of life and preserve the investments of their members. Folks this is the mission, in so many words, of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce.

Your first reaction and question is SO "where is the big factory, 'whatever' In Stratford,

is the work of the womens' division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce. The target date for getting a child care facility in Stratford is January of 1992. Again this will take effort on the part of

the community, the chamber has it in the mill. with your interest and help it will work.

Your Chamber also offers opportunities for involvement in activities that effect your quality of life. Who do you think puts on the fourth of July, that makes all of the arrangements and gets the involvement of every organization, club, and individuals? Right again, the Chamber. It is not a money maker, quite the contrary, it never quite breaks even, but every year it grows and people all around seem to enjoy. The sidewalk sale, The Retail Merchants who are members of this great Chamber are the ones that put this all together. The pheasants that were purchased and put out at the Manor, yes, you guessed it it was the work of the Chamber, of course we have to give George and his crew credit, because they did do alot to make that a fun as well as a purposeful event.

The Pheasant Hunt that we have each December, brings around 400 hunters into this community. They do eat and sleep here and many keep coming back year after year. As a matter of fact one group from the Metroplex area come because of the way the Chamber makes them feel wanted and gives them such a good hunt.

The park on HWY 287, the Women's Division of the Chamber

took on this project in its very beginning. The City maintains the park, but the women keep the tables in peek condition and twice a year they have a clean up session where the park gets tidy clean. Also the Women's Division is responsible for all of the benches scattered around all over town that many people enjoy. This is a service project it does not make money for the Chamber. Christmas lighting contest and the new red, green and blue bows made out of plexaglass for the winners is another project of the Women's Division as is the New Yard of the Month sign. The women decorate for the annual banquet each spring where we enjoy good food, fellowship and recognize the cream of the crop in the Citizen of the Year, The business person or persons of the Year, and the Farmer of the Year. Again no money made, we hope to break even and its a payback time to all of our citizens here in Stratford.

The Chamber has helped three existing businesses in expanding, redecorating, reestablishing, whatever. This was accomplished through a gift from the First State Bank and is an interest free help situation. All that is expected is that the money borrowed be returned so that it can benefit someone else.

Many people who are visiting in this area want a post card to take with them or to mail back home and for a long dry spell we have not one to offer them. Well the Chamber is about to launch a post card or cards to end all post cards, using Stratford's own Nancy Bennett Salsbury. The pictures that are being used have been taken by local photographers and are super photos.

With the help of Coldwater Manor, the Chamber has an Easter egg hunt for the little ones on Easter Sunday. The little ones as well as the olders at the Manor get in on this fun thing.

The Women's Division are responsible for 5 excellent programs and lunch every other month during the year, we will be having our fifth coming up in October. It is for the General Public. We have had flag etiquette, missions, child care needs, recycling and this last one will be on the CED and why our taxes have risen in Sherman County. Speaker will be Rick Reinart, SISD board member.

The Chamber is the Umbrella for this years first Miss Top of Texas a preliminary to the Miss America and Miss Texas pageant,

as well as the Miss Stratford. The Women's Division played hostess to the reception for the Miss Top of Texas.

I have rambled on what has been done and perhaps you are bored. The Chamber cannot account for all of the successes that it has been a part of for the credit goes to the volunteers. The directors and women's directors that do not get a dime worth of pay are the ones that makes the victory. It is a community victory, not an institutional one.

In closing, I have not nearly touched on what all your Chamber does for you but I am here to say it is a dynamic group of businessmen and women who are making this area a better place to live and work. As Mr. Taylor said, Why not

join your chamber. It is a good step toward minding your own business.

There will be more next week.

**If you know about something that needs to be in the paper, please call & let us know about it. We can't publish it, if we are not aware of it. We also have cameras we loan out for you to take pictures when we can't make it. Please come by & check one out. This helps you and it helps us.**

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## Public Notice

On June 28, 1991, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to add a new optional service offering for business Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Trunk customers called Digital Loop Service. The application has been assigned Docket No. 10461.

Digital Loop Service provides digital transmission of circuit switched voice and data communications between the customer's premises and the central office. This service allows the customer to use a 1.544 Mbps facility capable of delivering up to 24 line terminations. Southwestern Bell will provide Digital Loop Service within the customer's serving central office where facilities are available.

If approved by the Commission, the rates for the Digital Loop Service facilities will be \$445 per month for each digital transmission loop arrangement which provides a capacity of up to 24 line terminations, plus \$3 per month for each line termination and \$9 per month for each channel termination. The proposed rate for the unlimited use of the central office varies from \$12.25 up to \$18.90 per month for each line termination depending on the rate group classification, determined by the customer's location. Southwestern Bell estimates revenue of \$2.1 million from this offering during the first year.

As proposed by Southwestern Bell, customers who currently receive digital loop compatibility through facilities installed under a special construction agreement will have the option to receive their current digital loop arrangements pursuant to the Digital Loop Service Tariff or continue to pay their current charges until they make a change of location or account. Any increase in the number of line terminations to a customer's current digital transmission loop arrangement will be provided pursuant to the proposed Digital Loop Service Tariff; however, the customer will continue to have the option of paying current charges for the existing digital transmission loop capacity. Southwestern Bell's proposal to "grandfather" existing digital loop facility arrangements is subject to review and approval by the Commission.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, but not later than October 15, 1991. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256. The telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) number is (512) 458-0221.

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## NOTICE OF COMPARABLE TAX RATES AND REVENUES

The legislature has enacted a statute on school funding to comply with a court mandate enforcing the state constitution. Under prior statutes (SB 1) the tax rate for last year provides \$ 5,330 per student in state and local revenues. Under this statute (SB 351) that same rate now provides \$ 4,659 per student in state and local revenues.

State law only requires a minimum tax rate of \$ .78 for county education districts. State law does not require a school district to adopt additional taxes. Neither does state law require a school district to adopt a tax rate that maximizes the receipt of state funds.

The board of trustees of the Stratford Independent School District hereby gives notice that it is considering the adoption of a tax rate of .26 that will provide \$ 4,659 per student in state and local revenues.

## THE REAL STORY BEHIND SCHOOL TAX INCREASES

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This ad, which was paid for personally by board members and administrators of Stratford ISD, tell the real story about school funding.

If the legislature had not changed the school funding law and had not created County Education Districts, the new budget for SISD could have been financed with a .75% tax rate. This would have been less than a 2 cent increase over last years rate.

The new funding arrangement which requires districts with more property wealth to share with poorer districts, will result in a combined CED ~~20~~ and SISD tax rate of between \$1.03 and \$1.05

an increase of 25 to 27 cents. SISD is not responsible for this large increase. The 91 - 92 budget is up by less than 1%.

The increase in combined tax rate is due almost entirely to the new funding method that requires us to share our revenue with other districts.