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Hometown Hero Recognized

On March 21, 2018, Modern Woodmen of America Stratford Chapter honored Wesley and Susie as their 2018 Hometown Hero. They were recognized for their countless hours/money dedicated to Lollipop Junction, our local day care facility they founded in Stratford over 25 years ago. In addition to Lollipop Junction, both Wesley and Susie are extremely involved in the community of Stratford in various ways. In recognition of their significant positive impact to our community, members of Modern Woodmen's Stratford Chapter presented them with a certificate and awarded a \$100 grant to Lollipop Junction, the charitable organization of their choice (surprise).

"Improving the quality of life for our members, their families and their communities is Modern Woodmen's mission", says Laurie Spurlock, Activities Coordinator. "The Hometown Heroes Program helps us acknowledge and thank volunteers across the county for doing just that." Annually, Modern Woodmen and its members provide more than \$23 million and nearly 1 million volunteer hours for community projects nationwide.

Shown is Walt Berry presenting the Hometown Hero Award to Wes and Susie Spurlock.

Happy Easter to All

The Sherman County Livestock Association would like to invite the community to their 2018 Annual Meeting.

Stratford ISD Ag Classroom April 2, 2018 7:00 pm

All with an interest in the Sherman County Stock Show are encouraged to attend

BUSINESSES

Don't get hit with a penalty!
Render your property now!
Deadline: April 16, 2018
If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent.
If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3rd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

ATTN: FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2017, you need to contact the Appraisal District now. The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 30, 2018 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2018 tax roll. Sherman County Appraisal District, 402 N 3rd Stratford TX or call 806-366-5566.

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Friday, March 30th 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Obituaries

Edwina "Sis" Melvina Steinberger May 27, 1921 - March 21, 2018

Edwina "Sis" Steinberger, 96, of Stratford, Texas died Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in Perryton, Texas. Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018 at First United Methodist Church in Stratford, burial followed in Stratford Cemetery. Rev. Steve Ulrey officiated, and arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton, Texas.

Ms. Steinberger was born on May 27, 1921 in Guymon, Oklahoma to Ed Garoutte and Ruby Rider Garoutte. She married her husband, Fritz Steinberger, on April 23, 1938 in Canon City, Colorado, and was a bookkeeper.

Ms. Steinberger is survived by two sons, Gary Steinberger and wife Gay, of Follett, Texas, and Bill Steinberger and wife Judy of Perryton, Texas; one daughter, Judy Keeney and husband Ron of Granbury, Texas; one sister, Mary Lou Cotney of Stratford, Texas; five grandsons, Kirk Steinberger and wife Rebecca, of Humble, Texas, Bart Steinberger of The Colony, Texas, Dane Steinberger and wife Shannon of Rockwall, Texas, Korby Keeney and wife Celeste of Mansfield, Texas, and Winn Keeney of Keller, Texas; three granddaughters, Karla Shrader and husband Ron of Canadian, Texas, Paula Smith and husband Steve of Pampa, Texas, and Derenda Plunkett and husband David of New Caney, Texas; twelve great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Ms. Steinberger was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers and two sisters.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church of Stratford, Texas, 520 N. Main St., Stratford, Texas, 79084, or to one's favorite charity.

Happy Easter to All

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Thanks-Marty

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Career Opportunities

Shop Till You...Top Up Your Bank Balance

(NAPS)—There's an old saying: "Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life." If what you love to do is shop, here's good news for you: You can make good money by "never working" and shopping instead.

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You provide your knowledge of local stores and sales, your fashion sense and your bargain-finding ability. Shupperz users around the world get to discover new products and brands and many things they never knew they always wanted—anything from clothes and shoes to gadgets and toys. Some say it's the closest thing to having your best friend shopping in the store for you.

The Shupperz platform is a social network connecting shoppers from all over the world and letting them interact, inspire, share and shop for one another and get the items delivered to their homes. It's a global community so practically no product is beyond reach. The platform connects online shoppers who want the latest and greatest in everything from the hottest fashions to home goods, gadgets and children's products—all at the click of a button. As a shopper in the New York area, you know just what



You can earn money by sharing your style and shopping savvy.

a wide range of items, prices and styles are available. Everyone can shop smart, plus it's a fun space to hang out and stay constantly updated on trends. How It Works

There's a mobile app that works with both Android and iOS. Members contact each other via Shupperz chat when they see products they want to buy or when they want something but aren't sure just what. You find the items and upload photos or videos of them along with your personal insights. The clients select what they want, you buy the items and send it to their homes via Shupperz logistics services. You can also create and schedule "Live Shupping" events so users can experience the in-store magic and shop in real time. All transactions are via the app.

How to Apply to Become a Shupper To apply to be a Shupper, go to www.

NRCS Announces 2018 Deadline for Conservation Assistance Funding

TEMPLE, Texas - March 22, 2018 - The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has announced the first funding application deadline of April 20, 2018 for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Applications are taken year around for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to their local USDA service center or if already a USDA client, on-line via Conservation Client Gateway (CCG).

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers. Technical assistance is provided without a fee from NRCS specialists to help landowners and land managers plan and implement conservation practices to help them meet their land management goals, address natural resource concerns and improve soil, water, plant, animal, air, and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website.

SCOT celebrated Luck of the Irish

SCOT members were greeted with the Luck of the Irish decorations at their March luncheon, Thursday, March 21 at SCOT Hall. Hosts for the occasion were Bud and Frankie Shields, Lura Zimmerman, and Charlene Oquin. Coldwater Manor furnished the decorations and the main course of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Laurie McAfee from the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle presented an informative program on Medicare fraud and abuse. This agency is a program of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission based in Amarillo, Texas and is funded by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. She encouraged members to always check their medicare and medical statements to see if any false services were charged in their care and treatment. She encouraged members to call and report any fraud or abuse that they might detect. She, also ,stated that medicare or the IRS cannot call and ask for information and that if one receives such a call, they should just hang up. New medicare cards are to be issued within the year which will not contain social security numbers. She warned members to be very careful to whom they give their identity numbers to so as to help prevent fraud and identify theft.

April's monthly outing will be April 12 to the Plaza in Dumas. Members will meet at SCOT Hall at 6pm to carpool to Dumas.

April's luncheon will be held April 26. Hosts for that event will be Karen Perrin, Joan Palmer, Robert and Sonja Ragsdale. Plan to attend these events and support your local SCOT organization.

STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Randy Hooks - Chief of Police

P.O. Box 188, 212 N. Poplar Street, Stratford, Texas 79084 Phone # (806) 366-3051 / Fax # (806) 366-3058 "Romans 13: 4"

MARCH POLICE REPORT

THE STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANSWERED 36 CALLS FRO SERVICE, 119 CITATIONS OR WARNINGS WERE ISSUED AND 8 OFFENSE REPORTS WERE FILED.

THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT HAD 4 SURRENDERS 6 IMPOUNDED OWNED DOGS, TWO DEAD ANIMAL CLEAN UP, 5 TRAP AND REMOVE ANIMALS, 10 ORDINANCE/ CONSULTATIONS, 12 ORDINANCE/ ZONING WARNINGS

ACO/CEO WAS ABLE TO HELP A JUVENILE MALE GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS, IN DOING THIS WE WHERE ABLE TO DO SOME CLEAN UP IN THE ALLEYS AS WELL AS THE CEMETERY.

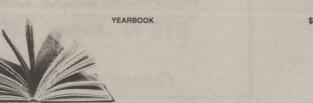
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Earl Tupper, of Tupperware fame, is believed to have gotten the design for Tupperware's liquidproof, airtight lids by duplicating the lid of a paint can.

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The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.

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SCOT Monthly Activities

Men's Pool daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon (covered dish Luncheon)



In a few months MAIN STREET ESSENTIALS will be moving to the Acquisitions building @ the intersection. Before that we're selling some things that won't be moving with us!! Discounts will be changing throughout the store!

THE SPIRIT SHOP is having a

Spring Fling



April 17th & 18th from 9-5, we'll have lots of items for sale at the shop at 6200 Hwy 15!

Contact us @ 806.753.7795 for all your needs - we appreciate your business.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor 921 Fulton Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
5th & Main
Tim Boyer, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (Nursery
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist Rev. Damon Stalvey 520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community
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Community Building
10 a.m. Worship Service

Church of Christ

N. 3rd & Chestnut Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, March 29, 2018 Page 4

Medicare Program presented at Legacy

Legacy Assisted Living was happy to host a Medicare Fraud program on Monday, March 19, 2018. Lauri McAfee, a representative of Area Agency on Aging, located out of Amarillo, brought a very informative lecture about the new Medicare cards and how to detect and report Medicare fraud.

The new Medicare cards will no longer have one's Social Security number on them. The new cards will have a number consisting of letters, numbers and symbols. The new cards will be sent by mail and will start being received in April 2018 and will continue through April 2019. Once the new card has been received, place it in a safe place and shred your OLD card. Your medical providers will need to see your new card at your next visit.

Medicare fraud wastes about 1/10 of all Medicare medical claim money. After a visit to a medical provider, hospital or other services, one will receive an explanation of benefits for you to review. If you see something that is not correct, please contact the provider first and ask for review of the bill. It could simply be a coding error and could be corrected. If you cannot get the issue resolved, then contact Medicare to help resolve the issue. Another resource could be the Texas SMP - a statewide program to empower senior in resolving mistakes in Medicare/Medicaid/or private insurance payments for senior. Their number is 1-888-341-6187. Legacy is proud to be able to offer community enrichment programming. Legacy is located in Dalhart, Texas.

Multi-use exemption applies to some taxpayers.

Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 11.254, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

11.254. Motor Vehicle Used for Production of Income and for Personal Activities

- (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an individual is entitled to an exemption from taxation of one motor vehicle owned by the individual that is used in the course of the individual's occupation or profession and is also used for personal activities of the owner that do not involve the production of income.
- (b) In this section, "motor vehicle" means a passenger car or light truck as those terms are defined by Section 502.001, Transportation Code.
- (c) A person who has been granted or applied for an exemption under this section may not apply for another exemption under this section until after the application or exemption has been denied.
- (d) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. The exemption form must be filed prior to April 30. Annual Renewal of this exemption is no longer required (Sec.11.43c). However the exemption is for a specific vehicle, so if you change vehicles or replace the tag you must file a new exemption form.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 9:20am

Littles ones up to kindergarten - First Christian Church courtyard

1st-3rd Grade - First United Methodist Church courtyard

4th-6th Grade - First United Methodist Church Youth House (on corner of 5th and Main)

Let your little ones hunt for eggs, then join either First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. or First Christian Church at 10:45 a.m. as we share the true story of Easter. All are welcome,





Samuel Colt, inventor of the Colt revolver, "the gun that won the West," worked on the prototype in his father's textile plant. Colt once earned a living touring the country performing laughing gas demonstrations.



In addition to the phonograph, Thomas Edison gets credit for inventing waxed paper and an electric railway car.

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How To See Actual Government Documents

(NAPS)—You may have been hearing a lot about the workings of your government and its official documents latelybut often they're much easier to see than most people realize

That's because the Federal Depository Library Program of the U.S. Government Publishing Office partners with 1,150 nationwide federal depository libraries to provide the public with free access to U.S. government documents and informational resources, both current and historic.



You can explore all sorts of government resources online and in person.

There are federal depository libraries throughout the United States and its territories offering all sorts of U.S. government resources. Information is available on such subjects as science, history, health, careers, the military, statistics, travel, citizenship, environment, education, genealogy, and small business management, among others.

The libraries also provide access to official U.S. government documents from the Congress, federal agencies, the White House, and the U.S. courts.

They come in a variety of formats

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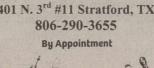
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When science discovers the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to find they are not it.

-Bernard Baily

Someone invented the telephone and interrupted a nation's slumbers, ringing wrong but similar numbers. -Ogden Nash

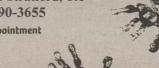




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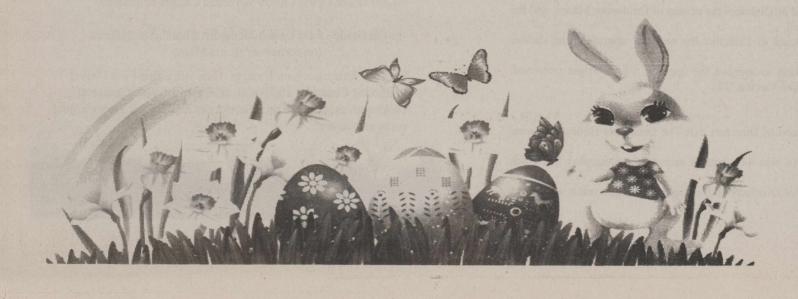
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STRATFORD, TX, 79084
FRIDAY MARCH 30, 2018
AT 4:00 P.M.

KIDS AGE 1-10

PLEASE BRING YOUR BASKETS!!





Don't Move With Moths

(NAPS)—According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 12 percent of Americans move to new homes every year. The next time you're among them, there's something you need to remember NOT to pack: gypsy more.

The Danger

It's not just the right thing to do—it's the law. The gypsy moth is one of the most destructive pests of trees and shrubs in the country. Gorging themselves on leaves, gypsy moth caterpillars defoliate, weaken and can kill more than 300 different species of trees. Since 1970, they've defoliated more than 75 million acres.



When you move, preserve your new neighborhood. Don't bring in gypsy moths.

The Answer

That's why the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires homeowners to inspect and remove gypsy moth egg masses from household goods prior to moving—and get an official certificate of inspection.

Here's how:
•Inspect outdoor household goods—lawn furniture, grills, outdoor toys, camping equipment—

for egg masses.

• Use a putty knife, stiff brush or similar hand tool to dispose of the egg masses into a container of hot, soapy water, or place them in a plastic bag, seal it, and set it in the sup.

To get the certificate, you can perform a self-inspection or hire a state-certified pesticide applicator. Give the inspection certificate to your moving van driver, advises the American Moving and Storage Association

Learn More

A free gypsy moth removal checklist and additional information can be found at www.Moving.org.

Health Matters

Protecting Your Privacy

(NAPS)—Some people are taking an unhealthy interest in your medical information—but they can be stopped. The Problem

With data breaches occurring across many industries, even sensitive data pertaining to patient health care records is at risk. A recent University of Phoenix study of 504 registered nurses and administrative staff found that only a quarter of registered nurses have seen changes in the way their companies handle data security and patient privacy over the past year despite increased data breaches across all industries. The survey also found that 20 percent of registered nurses and 19 percent of administrative staff admitted their facilities have experienced a breach of private patient data.

Furthermore, the Identity Theft Resource Center notes that, as of November 2017, there had been nearly 5 million data breaches in the health care industry. These breaches can be detrimental to organizations: According to IBM's 2017 Cost of Data Breach Study. health care is the most costly industry for data breaches, with the average cost per affected record at \$380.

The issue is further compounded by a lack of trained cybersecurity professionals to combat hackers, especially in health care, where professionals make less and are responsible for not only protecting systems, but lives. Without trained experts, the onus falls on RNs and administrators, who may be unaware of how to identify or prevent

Expert Advice

"Patient safety transcends physical, emotional and electronic bounds and, in our increasingly digital world, it is important for health care professionals to be prepared for the possibility of data breaches," said Doris Savron, executive dean for the College of Health Professions, College of Education and College of Humanities & Sciences at University of Phoenix. "Everyone in the health care industry must work together to establish protocols and implement training to secure and protect all patient data to reduce the risk of being compromised."

Nurses and administrative staff agree, with 23 percent of RNs and 34 percent of administrative staff stating that additional support and training is needed for health care privacy and security.

"Health care organizations are extremely susceptible to human error. If



Health care facilities these days take several steps to ensure patient privacy-and you can learn how to help.

one employee accidentally invites malicious malware into a system, the impact can be catastrophic. To limit the amount of breaches, cybersecurity governance must improve," said Dennis Bonilla, executive dean for the College of Information Systems and Technology at University of Phoenix. "Without improved training and robust cybersecurity response plans incorporated into information technology strategies, the health care industry will continue to bear the brunt of these attacks."

What's Being Done

Current steps being taken to ensure the protection of patient data include: · Updated privacy and access policies, according to more than two-thirds of RNs and administrative staff;

Role-based access, according to 59 percent of RNs and 60 percent of administrative staff; and

· Data surveillance, according to most RNs and administrative staff.

"Understanding what we do well now to protect patient data can help us create an increasingly sophisticated framework to safeguard this sensitive information," added Savron. "University of Phoenix offers degree and certificate programs that help prepare health care professionals to provide the best possible care to their patients while taking steps to protect their personal information." The school helps working adults move efficiently from education to careers in a rapidly changing world.

Learn More

For information about programs offered through the College of Health Professions and College of Information Systems and Technology, visit phoenix. edu. For full survey information and an infographic, visit www.phoenix.edu/ about_us/media-center/news/uopxsurvey-finds-one-in-five-healthcareprofessionals-have-experienced-patientdata-breaches.html.

Hints For Homeowners

Bomb Cyclone Preparedness: Four Easy Steps To Help Prevent Water-Pipe Damage

(NAPS)-The unusually cold temperatures that the country is currently experiencing will cause all kinds of chaos, including frozen water pipes. If the pipes burst as a result of the cold. this can be a major nightmare—but

For climates that rarely see extremely cold temperatures like what we're currently experiencing with the 'bomb cyclone' weather system, water pipes are particularly vulnerable to freezing due to a lack of insulation around the pipes.

something that can be prevented with

the proper precautions.

Prevent Problems

Here are a few tips from Johns Manville to help prevent frozen water pipes: 1. If you know temperatures are going to be extremely cold, keep thermostats high and open cabinet doors under sinks that are located on outside

2. Leave water dripping on all faucets, for two-handle faucets, have hot AND cold water dripping.

3. Wrap exposed water pipes with

insulation 4. Add insulation to walls to help

keep the hidden pipes protected as well. "Adding insulation to exposed water pipes is one of the easiest DIY home-improvement projects to do," says Tommy Knappich, VP and General Manager of Building Insulation at Johns Manville.

"If you take further preventative measure in the future, adding wall insulation is not a difficult task and will help protect those pipes that are not exposed, and keep your home more comfortable in all types of weather.

How To Tell

How will you know if your pipes have frozen? You'll turn the faucet on and nothing will happen. This is the best-case scenario because it can be easily remedied. What you don't want to happen is for the pipes to burst as a result of being frozen

If you notice that a pipe has frozen, search exposed pipes for the frozen

• Feel the pipes with your hand to find the area of the pipe that is colder than

others. · Look for drips coming from the pipe, or frost build-up on the pipe.

· Use a screwdriver handle or another blunt object, to gently tap the pipe listening for a "solid" sound. What To Do

Quick action to thaw the pipe will help prevent bursting. Once you've found where the pipe has frozen, here's how to unthaw it:

• Turn the faucet on, also turn on nearby faucets to a trickle. The water from adjoining faucets may get to the frozen section and help thaw the

· Use a hair dryer and run it back and forth along the pipe. Make sure to keep it moving any uneven or sudden heating can rupture the pipe. · Add salt to the frozen drain.

· Wrap the pipe in hot towels, replacing them ever 5-10 minutes until the water is running.

• DO NOT add boiling water to the pipe-a sudden temperature change

will cause the pipe to burst. "Adding insulation can be a week

end project that will create peace-ofmind during these extreme weather situations," said Knappich. "Installing the insulation properly can be just as important as adding insulation. For instance, ensuring the insulation is split around pipes so that a portion of the insulation is between the pipe and the wall will keep the pipe from being exposed to more cold.

Learn More

For more information about how to insulate your home for comfort and energy efficiency please consult Johns Manville's helpful how-to videos at www.jm.com/divvideos.



Genghis Khan is credited with introducing the Chinese makers of porcelain to the color called cobalt blue. It's believed he brought it back from Persia.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)-The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) wants patients and families to remember that prescription antiviral drugs, not antibiotics, are the treatment for influenza (flu). Visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use for information on antibiotic prescribing and use, and www.cdc.gov/flu for information about the flu



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Being diagnosed with a serious disease can feel overwhelming. People with a rare lung condition called idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis share how their loved ones help them manage it and stay strong on www.aarp.com/ipf.

You can get your tax refund faster with direct deposit onto a prepaid debit card such as a Green Dot Prepaid Visa card. Learn more at GreenDot.com/taxfast. You may even win money when you enter the Green Dot Tax-Time Giveaway sweepstakes. Visit GreenDotTAXTIME.com for official rules.

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Frozen water pipes can be a major nightmare, especially if the pipes burst as a result of the cold. Fortunately, adding insulation to exposed water pipes is one of the easiest DIY home-improvement projects to do. Learn how from Johns Manville's helpful videos at www. jm.com/diyvideos.

If you have high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of kidney disease, speak with your doctor about two simple tests to check your kidney health. Learn more at www.kidney.org.

According to a survey by HomeAway, the world leader in vacation rentals, more than 90 percent of people say that vacation is very important to them. Yet half of leisure travelers who wanted to take a trip in 2017 didn't, primarily because they couldn't afford it.

With a competency-based education program such as Brandman MyPath, it's possible to earn a four-year degree in just three years or less. For working adults who know what they need to know, this high-quality, affordable and flexible program can be the education solution.

Heating equipment is the secondleading cause of home fires in the United States. Fortunately, the experts at Electrical Safety Foundation International the premier nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety at home and in the workplace, offer helpful facts and tips online at

Sabra Patterson updated the Board of Directors that both the clinic and EMD'S are working diligently together to recoup outstanding revenue loss.

Shelly Worley reported to the board of directors on the progress at the pharmacy. The Pharmacy had a total of 1975 perscriptions for the month of December.

Leo Sanders updated the board of directors about the courier service that would provide home delivery of prescriptions to the following towns of Stratford, Sunray and Texhoma. New signs have been ordered and will be placed in different locations.

EMS:

Jimmy Lanning reported to the Board of Directors that for the month of November the Stratford Emergency Medical Service had 31 calls, 16 transports, 6 non-transports and 4

Leo Sanders discussed with the Board of Directors about the interest of a Supplemental Payment Program for the EMS. A discussion will be held at a later date.

Jimmy Lanning discussed with the Board of Directors for a need of a First Responder Vehicle for the EMS.

Richard Chumley asked for a motion to purchase the vehicle. Marsha Wright motioned, Cecil Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Financial Report:

Jamie Jacoby (by phone) presented the financial report to the board of directors.

Discussion was held to approve the nursing home monthly updates.

New Business: A discussion was held to add a new Nursing Home to the UPL program. More information will be presented at the February Board Meeting.

Richard Chumley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Marsha Wright motioned, Cecil Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 9:20am

Littles ones up to kindergarten - First Christian Church courtyard

1st-3rd Grade - First United Methodist Church courtyard

4th-6th Grade - First United Methodist Church Youth House (on corner of 5th and Main)

Let your little ones hunt for eggs, then join either First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. or First Christian Church at 10:45 a.m. as we share the true story of Easter. All are welcome,



Happy Easter to All

Stratford Hospital District Board Meeting Minutes-January 19, 2018

Board Members Present

Richard Chumley Janet Reinart Marsha Wright Cecil Wright

Others Present Leo Sanders

Jimmy Lanning Donna Zimmer Sabra Patterson Shelly Turner Shelly Worley

Meeting called to order:

Opening Prayer:

Community Comments:

Richard Chumley asked for the motion to approve the December monthly minutes. Janet Reinart motioned to approve the minutes and Cecil Wright seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

CEO Report:

Stratford Hospital District:

Leo discussed his goals for 2018 to include the feasibility of a Hospice Program, storage solution for the Hospital District and Website upgrade.

Coldwater Manor: over all capital improvements.

Stratford Family Medical Clinic: RHC and stabilization in 2018, Women's Health program development, Saturday home visits. Elk Pharmacy: Courier Service, 340B program.

Emergency Medical Service: work with NLH for revenue opportunities. Leo Sanders discussed with the Board of Directors the change in the Workers

Coldwater Manor: Shelly Turner reported to the Board of Directors the census of Coldwater Manor, and the

Compensation program and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas insurance.

monthly Relias training is going well. Leo Sanders discussed with the Board of Directors the need for upgrading the shower

rooms at Coldwater Manor. Richard Chumley asked for a motion to approve the upgrade. Cecil Wright motioned, Janet Reinart seconded and the motion carried 3/0.

Clinic:

Rural Health Survey.

Sabra Patterson reported to the Board of Directors that The December Collections were

Patient Activity for December 2016 was 449, patient activity for December 2017 was

Sabra Patterson updated the Board of Directors on the Rural Healthcare status waiting on



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19th Annual Crop **Production Clinic**

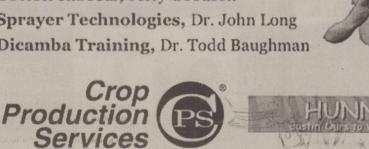
April 4th, 2018 from 8 to 3:30

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Big Data, Dr. Shannon Ferrell Crop Economics, Trent Milacek Soil Fertility, Dr. Brian Arnall Soybean Production, Dr. Josh Lofton Cotton Production, Dr. Todd Baughman Cotton Insects, Jerry Goodson Sprayer Technologies, Dr. John Long Dicamba Training, Dr. Todd Baughman







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How To Protect Your Data

(NAPS)—Chances are your data, whether personal or at work, has been compromised. Even before half the adults in America had their information stolen from a major credit-reporting agency, there were about 178 million personal records exposed in 2015 and it's estimated that number rose to more than 200 million in 2016.

The technology you use every day-computers at work or home, printers and your mobile phone—needs to be protected. By 2020 there are projected to be 20.8 billion Internet-connected things-and they'll all need protection.

Fortunately, however, you can go a long way toward protecting your data

with seven simple steps 1. Back up all critical data saved on

your personal machines. 2. Keep dynamic and different pass-

words across applications; consider using a password manager. 3. Be very diligent whenever clicking

on a link or attachment in any e-maildon't get phished. 4. Be very cautious about entering

data into a pop-up window. 5. Review your privacy settings on all

6. Shred your bills, medical records and the like before discarding them. You can also have them shredded at a trusted retailer such as Staples.

7. Get your electronic devices professionally reviewed and updated. Simply drop off your PC at Staples or bring it in and while you wait the tech-sayvy



To fight phishing and the like, get your computer checked regularly.

associates there will review the device for security issues or update your PC/ Desktop Network Security plan, make any necessary recommendations and offer 10 percent off the service recommendations you decide to get.

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Tips To Help You Get Ahead Of Sepsis

(NAPS)—Each year, more than 1.5 million Americans develop a life-threatening condition called sepsis and at least 250,000 die as a result. That's why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is urging everyone to Get Ahead of Sepsis: know the risks, spot the signs and act fast.

What Is Sepsis?

Sepsis is the body's extreme response to an infection. Without timely treatment, sepsis can rapidly lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death.

Sepsis happens when an infection you already have-in your skin, lungs, urinary tract or somewhere else-triggers a chain reaction throughout your

Who's At Risk?

Anyone can get an infection, and almost any infection can lead to sepsis. Some people are at higher risk:



· Adults 65 or older

· People with chronic conditions, such as diabetes, lung disease, cancer, and

• People with weakened immune systems · Children younger than one. The most frequently identified germs

that cause infections that can develop into sepsis include Staphylococcus aureus (staph), Escherichia coli (E. coli) and some types of Streptococcus.

What Are The Symptoms? Symptoms of sepsis can include any

one or a combination of the following: • Confusion or disorientation

• Shortness of breath

• High heart rate

• Fever, or shivering, or feeling very cold

• Extreme pain or discomfort

How Can I Get Ahead of Sepsis?

Pay attention to infections. If an infection doesn't get better, seek medical care immediately.

how to prevent infections. Some things they might suggest are to take good care of chronic conditions and to get recommended vaccines. Also, remember, to practice good hygiene, such as handwashing and keeping cuts clean and covered until healed. If you or your loved one has an infection that isn't getting better or is getting worse, ask your doctor or nurse "Could this infection be leading to sepsis?"

What Is CDC Doing?

CDC will continue to study the risk factors for sepsis; help healthcare professionals, patients and their families recognize the symptoms of sepsis; develop more reliable ways to measure the effects of successful interventions; and encourage infection prevention through vaccination programs, chronic disease management, as well as antibiotic use programs.

Antibiotics are critical tools to fight infections and sepsis. Healthcare professionals should ensure patients receive the right drug at the right dose and time. It is also important for healthcare professionals to reassess the need for antibiotics and be sure the medicine given is the safest and most effective for the patient.

What Can You Do? Act fast: Get medical care immediately if you suspect sepsis or have an infection that's not getting better or is

How Can You Learn More?

For more facts about how to Get Ahead of Sepsis and to access materials, visit www.edc.gov/sepsis. To learn more about Be Antibiotics Aware resources and antibiotic prescribing and use, visit

All we actually have is our body and its muscles that allow us to be under our own power.

-Allegra Kent

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them?

-Rose Kennedy

67th Annual Membership Meeting



The 2018 XIT Rural Telephone Scholarship Recipients were announced to the membership at XIT Rural Telephone's Annual Meeting. Walter Lasley, Board Vice President (far right) presented the recipients with engraved keychains. 2018 Recipients are (left to right): Kali Dennis, Morgan Hefley, Kade McBryde, Sarah McDaniel, Emma Schartz and Nataleigh Valles. Not pictured: Allie James.

Winners of the grand prizes at the 67th XIT Rural Telephone Annual Meeting are (Left to Right): Leo Martinez, \$500 Grand Prize; Fred Pronger, \$300 Cash Prize; Ethel Benningfield, \$100 Cash Prize; Lorenso Guerra, \$100 Cash Prize; Fidelina Chairez, \$300 Cash Prize; and Florecia Eslinger, \$300 Cash Prize. Congratulations to all the winners!

Below at right

Jack Haile, Nominating Committee Member from Stratford, is shown presenting the Nominating Committee Report at XIT Telephone's Annual Meeting. Jeremy Lenz, Nominating Committee Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting.



XIT Rural Telephone Hosts 67th Annual Membership Meeting...

A sunny, but windy and cool day greeted attendees of the 67th Annual Meeting of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which was recently held on Wednesday, March 14th, at the Rita Blanca Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas. Members and invited guests were presented with Canvas Coolers as they registered for the meeting. Members' children and grandchildren (ages 12 years or younger) were given a Luke the Puppy Dog when they registered for door prize drawings.

The first member to register for this year's meeting was Elaine Aduddell Horne When the 50th member of the Cooperative registered, Leo Martinez, the quorum was officially met to proceed with the business meeting.

There were 109 members registered this year at the meeting. The 312 members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal of beef tenderloin with all the trimmings, served by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by XIT Woodfire Grill. The invocation before the meal was given by Russell Routon, XIT Customer Service Manager.

The coliseum was decorated with colorful royal blue and lime green tablecloths on the tables, along with pots of multi-colored tulips. The podium on stage was adorned with a beautiful floral arrangement from Sharon's Flowers.

XIT Board President, J.W. McClellan, Jr., welcomed the membership and introduced the guests. Among the invited guests were retired XIT employees Ruby Smith and Bill Green.

Walter Lasley, XIT Director, Kathy Duggan, XIT Assistant Manager, and Trena Howell, XIT Customer Service Relations Representative, then presented the 2018 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. This year, seven recipients were chosen to each receive \$4,000 scholarships: Sarah McDaniel, Emma Schartz and Nataleigh Valles from Dalhart High School; Kali Dennis from Texline High School; Morgan Hefley from Felt High School, and Allie James and Kade McBryde from Stratford High School. Since 2000, XIT Rural Telephone has provided 102 scholarships to graduating seniors from its rural service area to assist in advancing the recipients' higher education goals.

Kalie Dennis is a senior at Texline High School. She plans to attend New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico to obtain a degree in either education or counseling. Ideally, she would like to teach English in impoverished countries, or provide mental health and/or substance abuse counseling services in distressed communities.

Morgan Hefley is a senior at Felt High School. Her plans are to attend Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado to obtain a Degree in Psychology. Her career plans include a job in either social work or counseling after college.

Allie James is a senior at Stratford High School. She plans on attending Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas to obtain a Degree in Animal Science and hopefully apply to vet school there as well. She has always dreamed of becoming a veterinarian and one day opening up her own vet clinic.

Kade McBryde is a senior at Stratford High School. He plans to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma to obtain a Degree in Sports Management. He would like to work in the management office of a collegiate or professional sports team.

Sarah McDaniel is a senior at Dalhart High School. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, and then continue her schooling to obtain a Master of Science Degree in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner. In ten years, she hopes to be practicing as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a rural hospital, emergency room or clinic ... hopefully in the Texas Panhandle.

Emma Schartz is a senior at Dalhart High School. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas to obtain a Degree in Plant and Soil Science, with a minor in Agricultural Business. She plans to pursue a career in agronomy.

Nataleigh Valles is a senior at Texline High School. She plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas to obtain a Degree in Agriculture Communication with a minor in Journalism. She would like to become a marketing and communications coordinator for an agriculture based business.



The business meeting was convened with J.W. McClellan, Board President, residing.

Darrell Dennis, XIT General Manager, was then introduced and began by thanking the XIT Woodfire Grill for catering the meal and the City of Dalhart for their help in setting up the coliseum for the meeting.

Manager Dennis presented a brief report to the membership reflecting the progress of the Cooperative for 2017. He reported that the Cooperative completed 2017 in a very good financial position. He commended all of XIT's employees and recognized employees Fidel Olivarez and Rusty Hammett, who will be retiring from the Cooperative. Fidel Olivarez will retire May 31, 2018, after 16 plus years of service to the Cooperative and its affiliate companies. Dennis explained that Fidel didn't just walk into the telephone business 16 plus years ago when he came to XIT. Fidel started to work for XIT immediately after his retirement party with 23 ½ years of service at GTE/Windstream. Fidel has worked as the Cooperative's Purchasing Agent out of the Engineering Department and has assisted as an inspector on several contracts and construction projects. Manager Dennis also stated that Rusty Hammett has announced his tentative plans to retire in November of this year ... or early 2019. Rusty has worked in all phases of outside plant maintenance and repair and represents 38 years of service to the Cooperative

Manager Dennis then recognized Gretchen Hales, who has served the Cooperative for 17 years in the Customer Service Department and more recently in the Network and Operations Center as a Customer Support Representative. Gretchen will be resigning her position on March 30th of this year and will be moving with her family to College Station, Texas.

Charlotte Burkhalter, XIT Controller, then presented the financial reports of the Cooperative, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Ltd. to the membership.

President, J.W. McClellan, Jr., then called on Jack Haile from the Nominating Committee to present the Nominating Committee Report in the absence of Jeremy Lenz, Nominating Committee Chairman. Mr. Haile reported to the members on the

nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated by the Nominating Committee were: District I, Dallam County – Barry Poling; District II, Hartley County – Gary Finch, and District III, Sherman County – Steve Baskin.

President McClellan then called for any nominations from the floor. When there were no nominations from the floor, the directors were elected by acclamation to serve another three-year term.

J.W. McClellan, Jr., Board President, Barry Poling and Gared McBryde, XIT Directors, along with Trena Howell, XIT Customer Relations Representative, then conducted the drawings for door prizes. Also assisting with the drawing was Cy Stuchlik, the 9-year-old son of XIT employee TJ Stuchlik.

The winner of the \$500 cash grand prize was Leo L. Martinez. Winners of the \$300 cash prizes were Fidelina Chairez, Florecia Eslinger, and Fred Pronger. Danell Higgins/Ox Feed and Lorenso Guerra were \$100 cash prize winners.

After the drawings were concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors met at the Cooperative's headquarters office for their Organizational Meeting. At the meeting, the following officers were re-elected: J.W. McClellan, Jr., President; Walter E. Lasley, Vice President; and Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer.