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## Good Neighbor Project Held

Mettie Judd is raking leaves while Gary Graham and Brent Spurlock are trimming bushes.

Carlee Metcalf and Russell Spurlock are hauling dead branches to Walt Berry's truck.

## Note to Citizens of Stratford

The City of Stratford employees have started cleaning up the alleys. If you have anything stored in the alley, you should move it or mark it. It is impossible to clean the alleys with material piled everywhere. In order for the City to clean the alleys, you need to do your part. We will be running the alleys two (2) days a month. Please help us clean up Stratford! Thanks! City Crew...Eddie, Earl, Randy, Jessie, Daryl

### World Day of Prayer

World day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 3, 2006 at First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited (men and women). Covered dish luncheon to be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

### Still Time to Order Trees from SWCD

Windbreak and landscape trees can still be ordered from the Sherman County SWCD until the first week in March. Please call 396-5517 ext. 3 for more information or come by the office to place your order.

### Community responders & Self Help Meeting To Be Held

Community Responders and Self Help meeting March 21, 2006, 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station. This meeting will include representatives from each church or designated shelter to discuss Guidelines for shelter operations.

### Annual Pancake Supper to Be Held

First United Methodist Men Annual Pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Free Will Donation.

## Relay for Life

Heather Bailey, Senior Representative of American cancer Society, sent an e-mail of information to let anyone who is interested in participating in Look Good, Feel Better Patient Class. These classes are small, so it will be first come, first served.

Look Good, Feel Better: Provides information to women undergoing cancer treatment to help them look and feel more comfortable with changes in their appearance. This program is offered by licensed cosmetologists and health care professionals in a group setting. Please contact Heather if you want to attend at 806-353-4307 (office) or 806-433-6330 (mobile).

### LEPC To Meet Monday, March 6th

Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet Monday, March 6, 2006, 5 p.m., Stratford Fire Station. LEPC members include city and county administrative officers, fire, EMS and medical representatives, law enforcement and school administration.

Contact Sandy Williams @ 753-7331 or firedept@xit.net for more information.

## Pinewood Derby Scheduled

Cub Scout Troop 38 is hosting a pinewood derby on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 5:00 pm. We will award place ribbons in the following 5 categories:

Tiger Cubs  
Wolves  
Bears  
Weebelos  
Open Class

First place winners in each event will compete for grand champion. Pinewood derby rules will be enforced. Each participant will receive a certificate. Come and join the fun!! For a complete list of rules or with any questions please contact Laurie Spurlock @ 366-2772.

## Notice:

In honor of spring break the Sherman County Public Library will be showing a movie on Thursday, March 9th at 2:00. Call 366-2200 for details.

## Notice:

The Sherman County Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, March 7th for the Primary Elections.

## "Annie Warbucks" In Guymon March 3-11

The Guymon Community Theatre will present the musical "Annie Warbucks" March 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. For Reservations call 580-338-0019

### Local Scholarships for Stratford High School

The time for local scholarships is quickly approaching. Local scholarships are often established in memory of a loved one or as a service project for civic organizations. If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring a local scholarship for a graduating senior at SHS, please contact Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

### ACT Test Deadline Approaching

For all junior students who are interested in taking the ACT Test in April, the postmark deadline for registration materials is March 3, 2006. Students may also register on-line at www.actstudent.org and will be asked to provide a credit card number. Registration packets and review materials are available in the counselor's office.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2006

The Depot Museum will host a Spaghetti Dinner Sunday March 26 at the County Barn from 11:30 to 1:30 Free Will Offering Mark your calendar and Please come out and support the Museum Thank You - The Museum Board

### SHS Dinner Theater Sat. March 25th

Stratford High School Dinner Theater. It will be on Saturday March 25 at 7:00pm. The dinner and play will be at the Mary Alien Cafeteria. Tickets are 15.00 for adults, 10.00 for students and 7.00 for children 7 and under. Tickets are available from any cast or crew members or at the school business office. The play this year is "The Miracle Worker" it is the story of Helen Keller and her wonderful teacher Annie Sullivan. The cast this year is made up of some experience and some students just getting their feet wet in the world of acting. Annie will be played by veteran actress Evan Haile. She was named best actress at last year's competition Helen will be played by Sinead Everett who is new this year. Captain Keller's role goes to Austin Riffe another veteran actor. Kate is played by Trena Maiwald also new this year. Aunt Ev is portrayed by Yadira Rojas also a rookie. Jake Lawrence has the role of James. This is his acting debut. Viney is played by Whitney Garza who had a role her freshmen year in the OAP. We have an excellent crew that keeps the business of the play running smoothly. The Stage manger is Staci Hays Katelyn Reed is running our lights and Brice Wright is our sound technicians. Emily Shafer is our prop mistress. The understudies are James Daniels, Chandra Hawkins, Lisa Walls, and Chandler Lutes. We hope you will make plans to attend this year. We have a superb southern menu awaiting you. The proceeds for the dinner theater are used to send students to Speech and drama camps this summer.

## Good Neighbor Project Held Citizens Corps Councils in Action! Join In!

Local Modern Woodmen of America recently put their hands where their hearts are. On February 23, 2006, members of the Stratford Modern Woodman Camp 12423 worked together to clean-up Elsie Lasley's yard. We raked, trimmed trees and bushes, cleaned flowerbeds and mowed. After we finished we all met the First United Methodist Church for a pizza party. "How great it felt to do something for someone else!" said Shanda Davis. That summed it up for all 22 of us involved! A BIG thank you goes to all those who helped out. The next camp meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church on March 21st. Jimmy Lanning will be speaking to us about carbon monoxide safety and we will be serving spaghetti with the trimmings. Hope to see you!!

Citizens Corps mission is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Everyone can do something to help by taking personal responsibility, training and volunteering to help our community. Faith based organizations and civic organizations can participate to strengthen local programs and provide help during times of emergencies.

Sherman County Citizens Corps has been accepted in the national organization and is listed on the official website: [www.citizenscorps.gov/councils](http://www.citizenscorps.gov/councils) Sherman County has an active group of citizens involved in this very important project and invites anyone interested in joining.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2006, 7 p.m., Stratford Fire Station.

## County Judges & Commissioners Take Part in Conference at College Station

COLLEGE STATION - Sherman County Judge, Terri Beth Carter; and Sherman County Commissioners, Steve Pemberton, Randy Williams, David Hass, and Tommy Asher, joined over 500 county Judges and Commissioner for the 48 Annual County Judges & Commissioners' Continuing Education Conference and Educational Exposition at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on February 21-23, 2006.

Included in the program were workshops on financial accounting and the Public Information Act, as well as sessions on bonds, investments, the juvenile justice system and election ethics. There were also special sessions on disaster response and risk management.

The annual continuing education conference at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements.

"Texas is one of a small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits," explained Richard O. Avery, Director of the Institute. "The Institute provides education to county commissioners, judges, justices of the peace, treasurers, tax assessor-collectors and county and district clerks through programs conducted here in College Station and across the State."

Commissioners who attended all of the sessions during the conference received sixteen (16.0) hours of credit. County Judges who attended the conference received 4 hours of judicial education.

### Red Hat Society To Meet March 2nd

Red Hat Society will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at First Christian Church. There will be special entertainment.

## XIT Rural Telephone to Host 55th Annual Membership Meeting

The XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled its 55th Annual Membership meeting of its rural landline telephone members for Wednesday, March 8th. The meeting will be held at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural landline members and invited guests-registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed with a luncheon catered by Bar H Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The menu will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious chocolate cake with fudge sauce will be served for dessert. This year, members and invited guests will again be treated to a sit-down dinner served by XIT's management and employees. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Patronage Capital Credit checks will be handed out to members as they register. This refund will include the remaining 57% of the 1996 allocation and 27.2% of the 1997 allocation. The checks will be given to qualifying members upon registration at the annual meeting. Checks can only be given to the actual member or the authorized voting delegate for a business. A member does not have to be present at this meeting to receive this refund. All checks, not given in person, will be mailed shortly after the meeting. The recipients of the 2006 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program will be announced. This is the seventh year that XIT has offered this program to at least five rural members' graduating seniors. The business session will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an introduction of the guests by James Spurlock, President of the XIT Board of Directors. The business meeting will conclude with the election of directors and the drawing of door prizes.

This year, approximately \$4,000 worth of door prizes will be given to attending members. There will be six grand prizes awarded: 1 - \$500 Cash Prize and 3 - \$300 Cash Prizes and 2 - \$100

**OBITS**

**JAMES M. "JIM" MELTON  
1925-2006**

GROVE - James Melton, 80, the son of James Alfred Monroe and Mattie Jane Glen Melton was born March 16, 1925 in Delaware County, Okla., and died Feb. 14, 2006 at Integris Grove General Hospital.

Mr. Melton was employed as a carpenter until his retirement. He was united in marriage to Joyce E. Warman December 18, 1945 in Syracuse, Kan. Mr. Melton was a member of the Afton American Legion and he enjoyed fishing and working in his garden. Mr. Melton was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include: his wife Joyce of the home; his children, Richard Melton of Stratford, Texas, Tim Melton of Byers, Colo., Sharon Osborn of Grove, Annie Jane Singleton of Evant, Texas, Chester Melton of Grove, Randy Melton of Stratford, Texas, Jesse Melton of Miami, Okla., Terry Barrows of Dalhart, Texas, Sherry Paryot of Arlington, Texas, Jerry Melton of Stratford, Texas, Joyce York of Ottawa, Ill., Ronnie Melton of Dalhart, Texas and Dollie Ketcher of Seligman, Mo.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Peterson of Grove, a sister-in-law, Amanda Batteredon and her husband Guy and a brother in law, Art Warman and his wife Irene, all of Canon City, Colo.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Melton was preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Lee Melton; a daughter, Connie Jean Melton; and a great-grandson, Tyler Evan Adams.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 17, at the First Christian Church, Grove, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Woodrow Ross and Randall Coffin officiating. Interment with military honors followed at the Olympus cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home, 711 S. Main, Grove, OK 74344.

**Clois Duane Vaughn  
Aug. 12, 1932-Feb. 10, 2006**

Clois Duane Vaughn age 73, former resident of LaGrange and Marble Falls died at his home in Buchanan Dam after a short battle with cancer. Clois was born on Aug. 12, 1932 in Vernon, to Jude and Lila Skelton Vaughn and was married to Dorothy Hopper on June 30, 1951 in Lorenzo, Tex.

Clois served two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and had a career in law enforcement that spanned 36 years. During that time he was a Sherman County Deputy Sheriff and later was elected Sheriff of Sherman County, a position he held for 18 years. During the last stage of his law enforcement career he was an LCRA Ranger. He spent the last seven years of his life at the Shady Oaks RV Park where he and his wife Dorothy spent some of their happiest times.

Clois is survived by his wife Dorothy four children; David and wife Brenda of Harker Heights, Tex., Janet McKenzie and husband Glenn of Temple, Jerry of Concord, N.H., and Rex and wife Sharon of Radcliff, Ky., Also surviving is granddaughter Stephanie Lee Vaughn, who lived

with her grandparents from age 11. His other grandchildren are Clifton, Stacy, Clay, Kristen, Lila, Jason, and J.D. Clois is survived by a sister Judy Smith and her husband Harvey of Muldoon, Tex., a niece Kelly Stark and her husband Randy of LaGrange, and grandniece Casey Hemann and her husband Trevor of Lubbock.

A memorial service in celebration of the life of Clois Vaughn was held at 10:30 a.m. on

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 at the Shady Oaks RV Park with Rev. Kevin McDonald and Mr. Phil Holt presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Seton League House Austin, TX, 78705. Seton Highland Lakes Hospice, P.O. Box 1219, Burnet, TX. 78611, or Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church, P.O. Box 966, Buchanan Dam, TX 78609.

Funeral arrangements and cremation under the direction of Clements-Wilcox funeral Home and Crematory of Burnet.

**Vote**

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PG-13 James Franco Sophia Myles

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PG-13 Paul Walker Jason Biggs

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**Letters to  
the Editor**

Dear Editor,

Laurie Spurlock brought a really good bar cookie for refreshments to the Voters Forum held at The Imagination Station. Several ask for the recipe. Here it is.

**Neiman-Marcus Bars**  
1 box yellow cake mix  
1 stick margarine  
3 eggs  
8 oz. cream cheese  
3 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1/2 cup coconut

Preheat oven to 325 and grease 9X13 pan. Combine cake mix, Margarine and one egg. Pat into pan. Beat together cream cheese, Powdered sugar and 2 eggs. Stir in nuts and coconut. Spread over first. Mixture and bake for one hour. Remove and cut into squares.

Gaynelle Riffe

Dear Readers,

It has been so dry. Your trees and yards are needing a drink before the stress of budding. Big trees will be hurt the most. Give your trees a good drink while waiting for the next rain.

Gaynelle Riffe

**Breast Cancer  
Screening Clinic  
To Be Held**

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. Main, in Stratford on March 28, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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**Kerrick News**

By Marylou McDaniel

Donna Gillenwaters spent several days in hospital. They finally decided that she had food poisoning! As of Monday she was beginning to feel some better.

Jo June McDaniel and Marylou McDaniel went to SCOT last week

Terry and Barbara Schoonover visited in Woodward, OK, Sunday with her cousin Randy and Lorene Danner.

Things were rather quite around Kerrick last week.

**Vote**

**Elect**

**GINA JONES**

**COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK**

SHERMAN COUNTY

Pol. Ad Pd. For By Gina Jones. P.O. Box 753,  
Stratford, TX 79084

**VOTE**

**LORI CHRISTIAN**

**COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK**

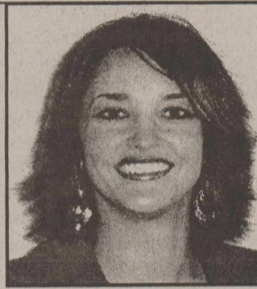
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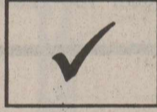
**JESSICA  
KING  
AUDRAIN**

For  
Justice of the Peace



I am Jessica King Audrain, I am married to Pistol Audrain and we have 3 daughters. I am the daughter of Keith and Tami King and I have lived in Stratford for 18 years, where I graduated from Stratford High School. I have been the Justice Court clerk for the Justice of the Peace for the past 2 1/2 years. As Justice Court clerk, I work closely with the Justice of the Peace and I feel that I have received the training and experience necessary to perform the duties of the office. I clerk for the Judge during trials and am knowledgeable of trial proceedings. As the Clerk, I have also had the opportunity to assist the Justice of the Peace on an inquest. **If given the opportunity to serve the people of Sherman County as Justice of the Peace, I will devote full time to the position. I would appreciate your vote on March 7, 2006.**

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Jessica Audrain, PO Box 530, Stratford, TX 79084



**VOTE**

**Cindy Jackson  
For**

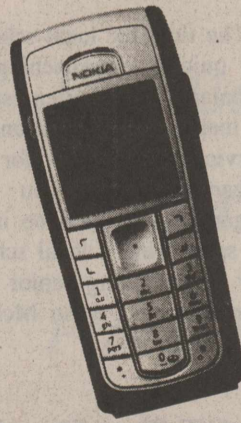
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809 South 25 Mile Ave.



### Baby Shower Given for Bonnie Vandiver

Bonnie Vandiver was honored with a Baby Shower Sunday, February 26, 2006 in the home of Tana Pemberton. Shown above left to right are Patricia Butler, Debbi Vandiver, Bonnie and Cherry Dollins. Bonnie is married to Greg Vandiver.



### Hinds Honored with Baby Shower

Jo Hinds was honored with a baby shower Sunday, February 26, 2006 in the home of Lisa Crabtree. Shown above left to right are Lyndi Berry, Lexi Berry, Mandi Berry, Julie Berry, Betty Lou O'Brien, Glenda Berry, Jo and Patti Hinds. Jo is married to Chad Hinds.

## Health & Beauty

### Aromatherapy Massage Soothes And Banishes Stress

(NAPS)—One pleasant way to deal with daily stress and fatigue is to massage it away. For thousands of years, holistic therapies such as aromatherapy massage have been used as a way to refresh and recharge the senses.

A daily massage with scented oil can help dissolve accumulated stress and toxins. The benefits to be expected from this calming daily ritual include:

- Increased circulation, especially to nerve endings
- Toning of the muscles and the whole physiology
- Calming for the nerves
- Lubrication of the joints
- Increased mental alertness
- Improved elimination of impurities from the body
- Softer, smoother skin
- Increased levels of stamina through the day
- Better, deeper sleep at night.

A favorite scented oil used for aromatherapy massage combines olive oil and orange blossom. Olive oil is well known for its healing properties, both when taken internally and used to lubricate the outer body, while orange blossom oil is a scent that has been used as a stress reliever for years.

Together, olive oil and orange blossom offer luxurious skin conditioning with the added benefit of soothing stress-reduction.

Described as a delicacy for the skin, combinations of these oils such as those found in the Olive




The only thing more soothing than an olive oil massage is one scented with orange blossom.

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The collection includes a body oil in this scent that can be used as a massage oil but can also be used to maintain healthy skin tone on a daily basis.

You can extend the benefits of the aromatherapy by using other products that contain the scents. These products might include a bath and shower gel, a moisturizing bath oil, a cleansing bar, body butter, moisturizing oil that can also be used as a leave-in conditioner, and scented candles. Even applying a scented lip balm can offer a way to de-stress.

That way the scent stays with you throughout the day, reminding you to relax. For more information on aromatherapy, visit [www.caswellmassey.com](http://www.caswellmassey.com) or call (800) 326-0500.



My name is Penny (Fedric) Gilbert and I am running on the Republican Ballot for Justice of the Peace in Sherman County. My family has lived in Sherman County for 5 generations. I have been employed by the Sherman County Sheriff's office as a Dispatcher/Jailer for the last 5 years, gaining experience working with Deputies, City Police, DPS, 911 Emergency Medical Service and Fire Emergency call outs. Booking in prisoners and working with bonding companies. Entering and processing Warrants into the DPS-NCIC and TCIC systems and processing Civil Papers. I am already certified as a Full Access TCLOSE operator and have 20 years experience in Bookkeeping and Administrative positions.

I am Honest, Accountable and will represent a fair impartial administration of justice. I will be available for magistrate duties and inquest at all hours. I am dedicated in putting all of my efforts into learning every aspect of the duties to fulfill my obligations to the "People" of Sherman County.

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**First Assembly of God**  
Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm  
**First Christian**  
Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

**First United Methodist**  
Rev. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

**St. Joseph Catholic**  
Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Ernie Maiwald  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist**  
James Washburn  
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
396-5554  
702 N. 3rd  
Sunday School - 9:30  
Worship Service - 10:30  
Adult Choir Practice - 6:30  
Wed.—Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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401 S. Wall 396-5376  
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**Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer**  
Pastor Roberto Frescas  
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Sercbio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

**Kerrick Community Church**  
Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Church of Christ**  
Ernie Maiwald  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
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**Calvary Baptist**  
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Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
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Adult Choir Practice - 6:30  
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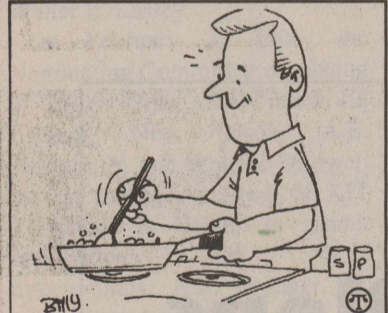
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### COOKING IDEAS

(NAPS)—Canned foods can be a great way to add vegetables such as sweet potatoes to your diet. Because they provide convenient nutrition, canned foods can be a quick and easy way to increase your consumption of fruits and vegetables and meet the new



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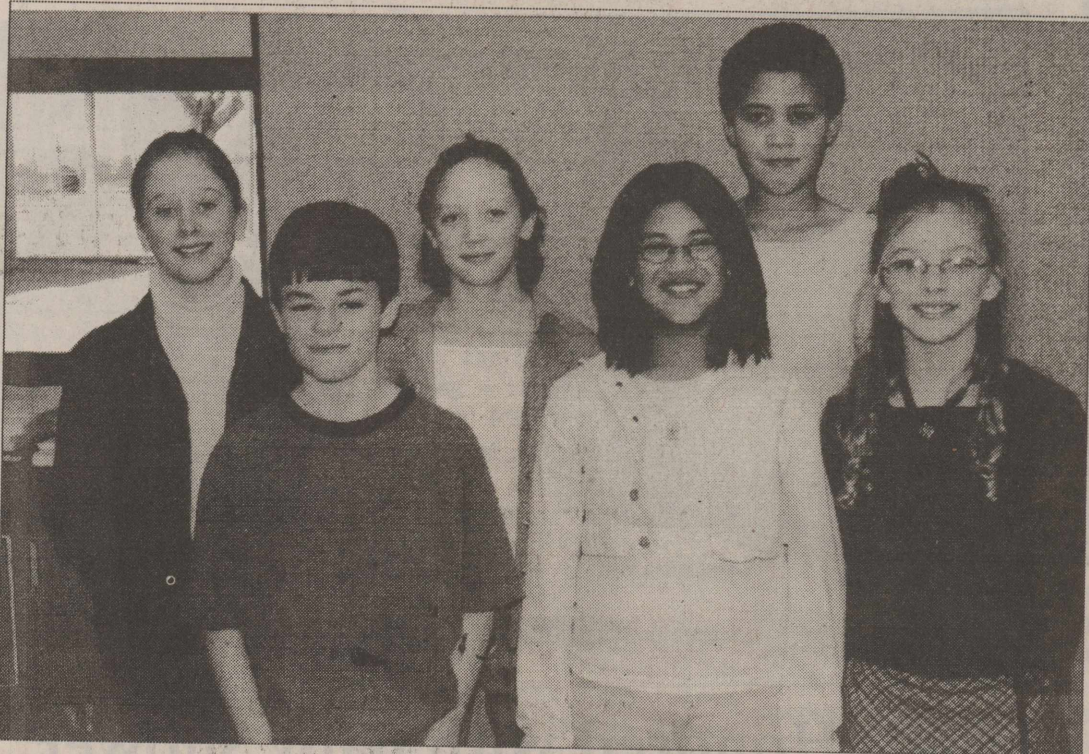
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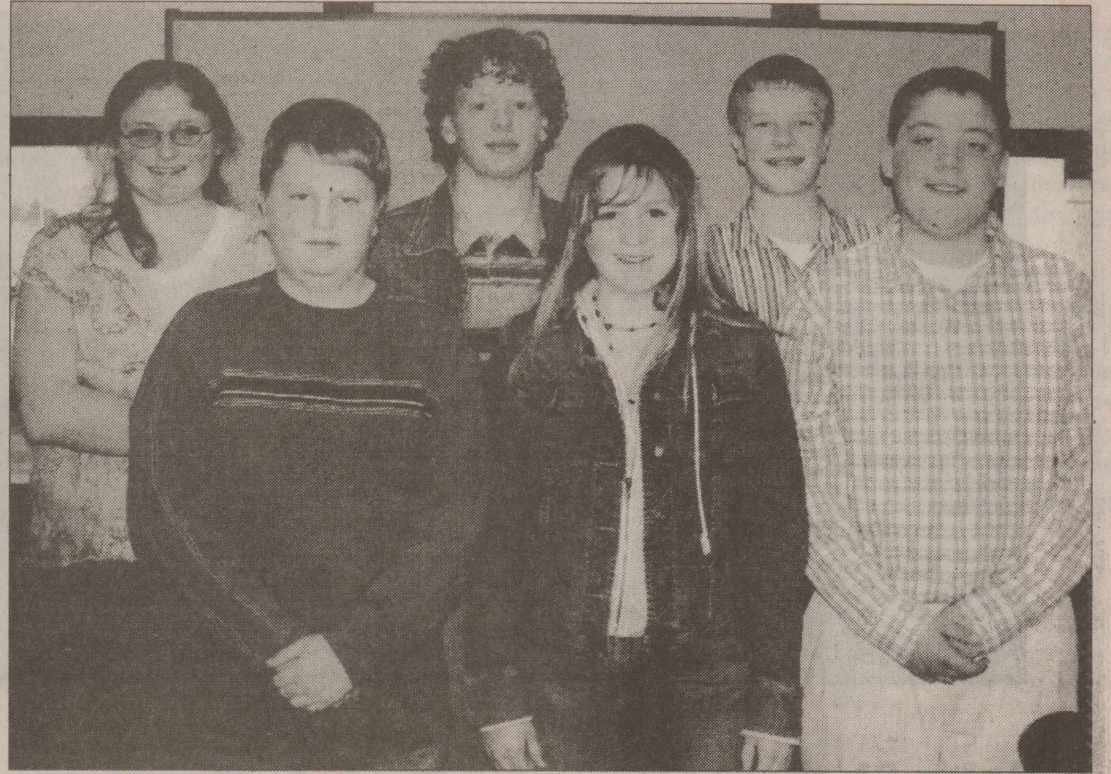
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Paula Everett-966-5445  
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# Spelling Bee



Junior High students who participated in Spelling bee are left to right-M'Lynn Wells, Tyler Seward, Alex Asher, Terra Harris, Haydee Rojas and Meghan Brooks. (Story on page 5)



Sr. Division students competing in the Spelling Bee are Heidi Brooks, Tyler Wright, Braden Hamilton, Sunny Russell, Jace Delgado and Mark Hand. (Story on Page 5)

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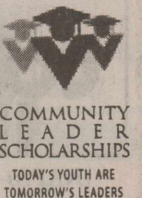
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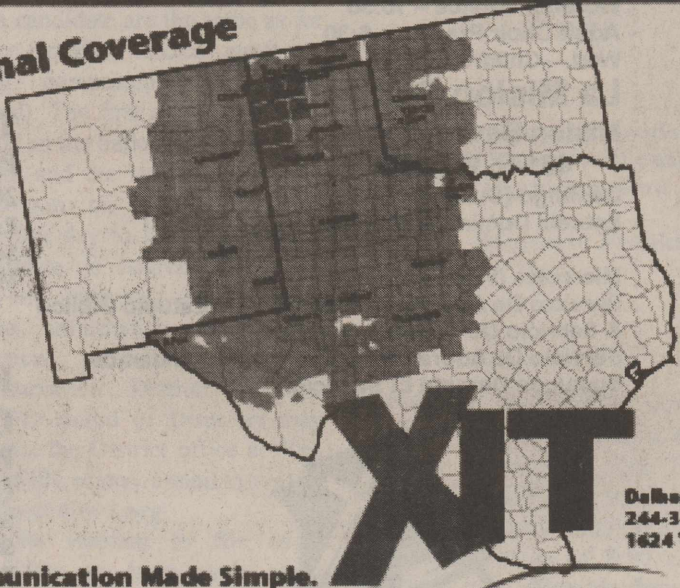
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Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for members' children or grandchildren who are 12 years or younger. Members are reminded that they must be present to win.

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors for each district - to present for approval the reports for the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business that might come before the meeting.

According to the bylaws, a written notice will be mailed from the business office not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February 17th.

A quorum must be present in order for the business meeting to convene. Based upon the total number of the Cooperative's members, fifty members or two percent of the members present, whichever is larger, constitutes a quorum.

The officers and board members are: James Spurlock, President; J.W. McClellan, Vice President; Gary Finch, Secretary-Treasurer; James R. Wilson, E.H. Little, Floyd French, Kenneth Stanley, T.F. Baskin, III, and Walter E. Lasley.

On February 2, 2006, the Nominating Committee consisting of Valerie Diller, Carl French, Ed Latham, Nick Olson, A.E. Pronger, Jr. and Wallace Bridwell met at the headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for three directorships. A.E. Pronger, Jr. was selected as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for the following districts were: District I, Dallam County - E.H. Little and Barry Poling; District II, Hartley County - Gary Finch, and District III, Sherman County - T.F. Baskin, III. Members vote only for nominees from the district in which they reside or the district in which they have telephone service. All members must be present at the annual meeting to vote since no proxy voting is permitted. Either a husband or wife is eligible to vote at the

annual meeting, but only one vote is allowed per membership.

XIT Rural Telephone needs constant input from its membership in order to provide the best possible service to its members. XIT rural landline members, mark your calendars and plan to attend your 55th Annual Meeting Celebration and take an active part in the decision making of your Cooperative.

## "To Kill a Mockingbird" to be Presented

Amarillo Little Theatre is very proud to announce the opening of one of the great classics in American literature, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, March 2-12, 2006. This "modern masterpiece" is based on Harper Lee's novel and has been adapted for the stage by Christopher Sergel. This touching story is a classic of theater literature. Its themes are still as relevant today as ever. Trouble looms in a small town as Atticus Finch defends a young black man wrongfully accused of a grave crime. As Atticus becomes the center of controversy, the town is in turmoil and his daughter Scout discovers the true greatness of her father.

ALT has cast a large and diverse group of local talent for this show. Show Dates are March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 at 8:00 pm and March 5 and 12 at 2:30 pm. You don't want to miss this great American classic!

Tickets are available at the Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 2019 Civic Circle or by calling (806) 355-9991. Tickets may also be reserved online by emailing [jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org](mailto:jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org). For additional information, please contact Allen Shankles.



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## Sherman County Spelling Bee Held

Twelve Jr. High students participated in the Sherman County Spelling Bee in Texhoma on Wednesday, February 16. In the Jr. Division spellers were Alex Asher, Meghan Brooks, Haydee Rojas, Tyler Seward, Terra Harris-runner-up and M'Lynn Wells-Jr. division County Champion. Contestants in the Sr. Division were Braden Hamilton, Tyler Wright, Jace Delgado, Mark Hand, Sunny Russell-runner-up and Heidi Brooks-Sr. Division County Champion.

By winning the Sherman County Spelling Bee, Heide qualifies for the Regional Spelling Bee which will be held Saturday, March 25 in the Branding Iron Theatre on the West Texas A&M Campus. The winner of the Regional contest will be eligible to compete in the National Spelling bee which will be held in Washington, D.C., May 29-June 2, 2006. Congratulations to M'Lynn and Heidi, and to all the contestants. They represented Stratford very well.

Love your neighbor; yet don't pull down your hedge.

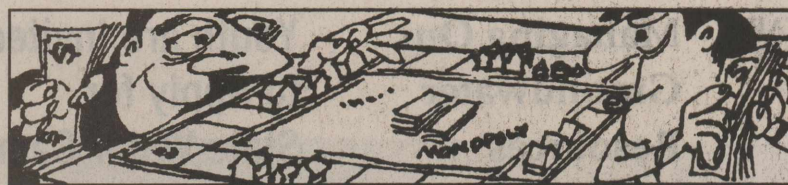
—Benjamin Franklin

Three may keep a secret if two are dead.

—Benjamin Franklin

Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.

—Arnold H. Glasow



There are 40 spaces on the perimeter of the Monopoly board—22 of them are properties.



Animals chosen as pets differ around the world. Japanese children tame mice and teach them to dance to music, while in Australia, children sometimes make pets of kangaroos.

# Vote

# Vote

**Come Meet & Greet our  
New Police Chief  
At the City Hall on March 9, 2006  
From 1-3 p.m.  
Refreshments will be Served**

**The Texas Department of Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 7, 2006 concerning the planning of future projects.**

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district

**The meeting will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.  
It will be located at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard  
In the M.K. Brown Room, Pampa, Texas.**

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than March 17, 2006.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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