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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 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

Bailey, Senior Heather 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 Provides information to women undergoing cancer treatment to help them look and feel more comfortable with changes in their appearance. This program is by licensed cosmetologists and health care professionals in a group setting. Please contact Heather if you want to attend at 806-353-4307 806-433-6330 (office) or (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, fir, 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 please contact Laurie Spurlock @ the counselor's office. 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:

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

"Annie Warbucks" In Guymon March 3-11

The Guymon Community Theatre will present the musical 'Annie Warbucks" March 3, 4, 5 Reservations call 580-338-0019

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

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 www.actstudent.org and will be asked to provide a credit card number. Registration packets and menu awaiting you. The proceeds list of rules or with any questions review materials are available in for the dinner theater are used to

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

March 25 at 7:00pm. The dinner The Cafeteria. Tickets are 15.00 for Station is sponsored by the V.G. adults, 10.00 for students and Young Institute of County 7.00 for children 7 and under. Government, which is part of Tickets are available from any Texas Cooperative Extension. cast or crew members or at the The Institute provides elected school business office. The play county officials with information and 10, 11,12. The performance her wonderful teacher Annie mandated, minimum continuing include the remaining 57% of the will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Sullivan. The cast this year is education requirements. Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. For made up of some experience and "Texas is one of a small number feet wet in the world of acting, county officials to earn continuing Local Scholarships for Annie will be played by veteran education credits," explained 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 Trenda 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 Red Hat Society prop mistress. The understudies are James Daniels, Chandra Hawkins, Lisa Walls, and Chandler Lutes. We hope you will make plans to attend this Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 6:30 year. We have a superb southern p.m. at First Christian Church.

> send students to Speech and drama camps this summer.

Good Neighbor Citizens Corps **Project Held**

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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!!

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

COLLEGE STATION Sherman County Judge, Terri Beth Carter; and Sherman County XIT Rural Telephone Commissioners', Pemberton, Randy Williams, to Host 55th Annual David Hass, and Tommy Asher, joined over 500

county Judges and Commissioner' for the 48 Annual County Judges Education Conference Hilton College Station Hotel and telephone Conference Center on February Wednesday, March 8th. The 21-23, 2006.

workshops on accounting and the Public Information Act, as well as sessions on bonds, investments, with a luncheon catered by Bar H the juvenile justice system and Steak House, Dalhart, Texas. The election ethics. There were also menu will consist of roast beef, Stratford High School Dinner special sessions on disaster Theater. It will be on Saturday response and risk management.

annual and play will be at the Mary Alien education conference at College will be served for dessert. This this year is "The Miracle Worker" and technical assistance and helps it is the story of Helen Keller and officials complete their state-

some students just getting their of states that requires all elected actress Evan Haile. She was Richard O. Avery, Director of the named best actress at last year's Institute. "The Institute provides

> education commissioners, judges, justices of have to be present at this meeting the peace, treasurers, tax assessor- to receive this refund. All checks, collectors and county and district not given in person, will be through conducted here in College Station The recipients of the 2006 XIT and across the State."

> all of the sessions during the is the seventh year that XIT has conference received sixteen offered this program to at least (16.0) hours of credit. County five rural members' graduating Judges who attended the seniors. conference received 4 hours of will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a judicial education.

To Meet March 2nd

Red Hat Society will meet on special There will be entertainment.

Councils in Action! Join In!

Citizens Corps mission is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities 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 responsibility, training volunteering community. organizations 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.citizencorps.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

Membership Meeting

& Commissioners' Continuing Cooperative, Inc. has scheduled The XIT Rural Telephone and its 55th Annual Membership Educational Exposition at the meeting of its rural landline members meeting will be held at the Rita Included in the program were Blanca Lake Coliseum. Rural financial landline members' and invited guests'-registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and hot rolls. A delicious continuing chocolate cake with fudge sauce 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 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 county business. A member does not programs mailed shortly after the meeting.

Rural Telephone Educational Commissioners who attended Program will be announced. This The business session 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.

approximately This year, \$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

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JAMES M. "JIM" MELTON 1925-2006

GROVE - James Melton, 80, the son of James Alfred Monroe and Mattie Jane Glen Melton was 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 House Austin, TX, 78705. Seton Syracuse, Kan. Mr. Melton was a member of the Afton American Legion and he enjoyed fishing Chapel of the Hills Baptist 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, Clements-Wilcox funeral Home 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 greatgrandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Peterson of Grove, a sister-in-law, Amanda Batterton 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 greatgrandson, 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

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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 Laurie Spurlock brought a really her husband Trevor of Lubbock.

memorial service celebration of the life of Clois Imagination Station. Several ask born March 16, 1925 in Delaware Vaughn was held at 10:30 a.m. on for the recipe. Here it is.

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 Highland Lakes Hospice, P.O. Box 1219, Burnet, TX. 78611, or Church, P.O. Box 966, Buchanan Dam, TX 78609,

Funeral arrangements cremation under the direction of and Crematory of Burnet.

MITCHELL THEATRES NORTHRIDGE CINEMA :

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Movies Beginning March 3

16 Blocks PG-13 Bruce Willis Mos Def

PG Emma Roberts Sara Paxton

Ultraviolet PG-12 Milla Jovavich

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Letters to the Editor

good bar cookie for refreshments better. in to the Voters Forum held at The

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8 oz. cream cheese 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar 1/2 cup chopped nuts ½ 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.

STRATFORD FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

Hours of Service

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. NOON



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

Jo June McDaniel and Marylou McDaniel went to SCOT last

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

Things were rather around Kerrick last week.

Vote

GINA JONES

SHERMAN COUNTY

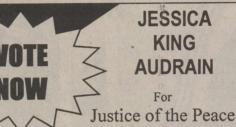
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Pol. Ad Pd. For By Gina Jones, P.O. Box 753, Stratford, TX 79084

LORI CHRISTIAN

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK

YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED Pol. Adv. Paid For By Lori Christian, Treasurer P.O. Box 711, Stratford, TX 79084





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.

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Baby Shower Given for Bonnie Vandiver

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

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 im-
- purities 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.

skin, combinations of these oils www.caswellmassey.com or call such as those found in the Olive (800) 326-0500.



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

Oil and Orange Blossom Collection by Caswell-Massey offer benefits to the mind, body and soul.

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 infor-Described as a delicacy for the mation on aromatherapy, visit

(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



Dietary Guidelines. For more information on canned foods, visit www.mealtime.org. For information about eating a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables, visit www.5aday.org.

Sherman Co. Child **Welfare Board**

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611 Paula Everett-966-5445 Ken Forthman-366-2586 Patsy Harland-827-7568 **Belinda Hamilton-827-**Jesse Resendes-366-3134

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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.



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

gency 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. afternoo 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**

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

La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista 401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo-(Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

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The Churches of **Stratford** Welcome You

THE PARABLE OF KINGDOM TREASURE

What do you love more than anything else? What do you prize most fully? What has the greatest value in your life? It might be any number of things. Or it might be someone very special. In either case, Jesus Christ brings perspective to our earthly treasures. "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matthew 13:44-46). These are powerful parables. I know people who are just like that. They cannot imagine life outside the kingdom of God without Jesus Christ. The kingdom of heaven is of ultimate value. For one thing, being a member of this kingdom puts a whole new perspective on life. Bickering over clothes and money seems incidental. For another thing, the rules or laws of the kingdom of heaven bring stability to life. Imagine what our society would be like if:

be like. Imagine what families would be like if love ruled rather than greed lust and hatred. The kingdom of heaven brings love and peace, kindness and: gentleness, joy and patience. These things truly are of ultimate: value. They are treasures. All the gold and silver in the world:

virtues like honesty, integrity and chastity were the norm rather

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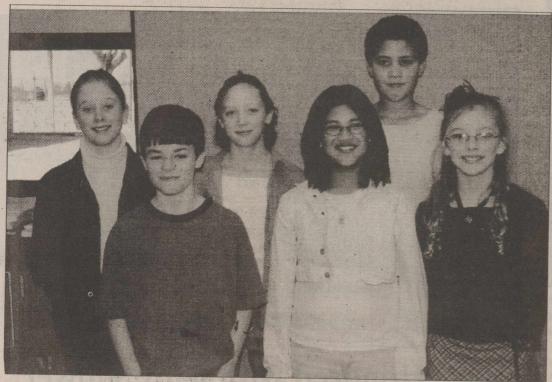
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Kerrick Community

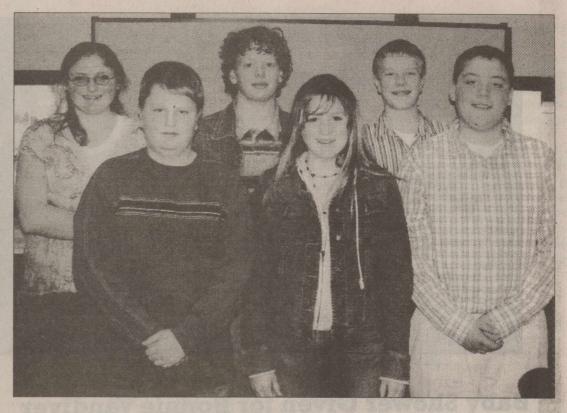
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Church **Pastor Roy Harris Community Building** Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening-6:09 p.m. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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)

VALOR TELECOM COMMUNITY LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

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When someone in the community has a need, some people give of themselves and lend a helping hand. That's why VALOR Telecom created the Community Leader Scholarships: to recognize local youth dedicated to academic achievement and the strengthening of community through volunteerism.

Our Community Leader Scholarships were created in 2004. This spring, 12 local high school seniors in our service areas will receive \$1,000 scholarship awards. VALOR Telecom believes in the value of personal contributions to community. Through our scholarships, we honor those youth who have excelled with their hearts minds and hands.

For more information or an application, visit your local high school counselor's office or the Community Connection section at www.valortelecom.com

Applications Due: March 15, 2006





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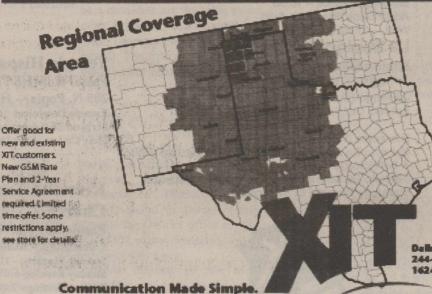
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"Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

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Cash Prizes. There will also be a kids' drawing. This is for children members' 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 that ten nor more than twenty days before the meeting. This notice was mailed to all active members of the Cooperative on February

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 Lathem, Nick Olson, A.E. Pronger, Jr. and Wallace Bridwell met at the headquarters of XIT Telephone in Dalhart to submit nominations for 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, 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 by emailing jeff@amarillolittletheatre.org.

For additional information, please contact Allen Shankles.



It takes more than 4,000 autumn crocus flowers to yield Success isn't a result of spon-

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 Wells-Jr. division M'Lynn County Champion. Contestants in the Sr. Division were Braden Hamilton, Tyler Wright, Jace Delgado, Mark Hand, Sunny Russell-runner-up and Heidi Division County Brooks-Sr. 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

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

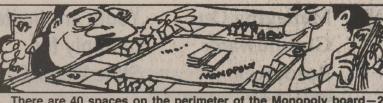
If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

—Benjamin Franklin

Three may keep a secret if two are dead.

-Benjamin Franklin

an ounce of commercial saffron. taneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire. -Arnold H. Glasow



There are 40 spaces on the perimeter of the Monopoly 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.

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 STRATFORD STAR

Thursday, March 2, 2006

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

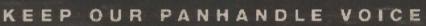
This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's Input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district

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.



GOP PRIMARY: Tuesday, March 7th

Re-elect David Swinford: Former Public School Teacher & School Board President

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Mrs. Hudson's 5th grade reading class is beginning a new novel, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry in conjunction with Black History Month.

Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break. It comes early for us this year, March 6-10. Classes will resume on March 13.

Mrs. Teig's classes are working on resumes and doing interview skills. They plan to have actual interviews next Thursday and Friday.

The library computers were very busy on Friday. Mrs. Glass had every one of her classes working either in the computer lab or on the library computers. Mrs. Teig brought two classes to the lab.

Mrs. Brownlee's 5th grade math is taking their 2nd Benchmark this week. This will help Mrs. Brownlee to know what each child needs to be able to pass the TAKS Math test that is on April 4. Fifth graders have to pass the math test to pass fifth grade.

We will be starting after school tutorials the week after spring break. Mrs. Brownlee will send home notes to those that have to stay for these.

Her 6th grade math is working on percents, decimals, and fractions now. We are changing from one to the other and back again. We will be figuring sales tax later this week. Our sixth grade TAKS math test is not until April 18, so our 2nd benchmark test isn't for a few weeks.

Mrs. Glass's Biology and Environmental Science classes are working on benchmark tests this week to help them prepare for the TAKS test. Her Anatomy and Physiology classes are researching gastric bypass They've been in the library using the computers to research their topic, and I can tell you they've found some informative articles and also some very educational pictures. You should hear some of their comments!

Sergeant Penfold of the Stratford Department, City Manager Scan Hardman and City Judge Cindy Jackson gave an informative presentation to the high school students on Monday. They explained different classes misdemeanors and felonies, and then told the consequences of breaking each of these laws. Thanks to our local officials for taking the time to share this information with our students.

We've experienced some trouble with the color printer in our computer lab. Mrs. Russell graciously agreed to take it to Amarillo Computers and then picked it up and brought it back to us. We're still having some trouble with it, so I guess it has to go back to the doctor!

A Drug Awareness Assembly was held for the students in Grades 5-8 on Thursday. Local Amarillo Police Departments presented the program.

Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked and never well mended.

One today is worth two tomorrows.

The impossible is often the place on the ballot is February 11, untried.



A young partridge is called a candidate to have their name

Managing Our Groundwater

Resources

North Plains Groundwater **Conservation District to Hold Election for Board of Directors**

Plains Groundwater North Conservation District's (NPWD) Board of Directors has called for an election to be held on May 13, 2006. The election will be for electing a Director in Precincts 1,2,3 & 4 of the District. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Groundwater Conservation District, and Directors work to accomplish the purposes of the District.

The formation of Groundwater Conservation Districts authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1949 to conserve and protect the underground water resources of Texas, and to prevent Other waste of the groundwater that is so important

The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste vofe the groundwater consistent with the objectives of the Texas Constitution. The purpose of the District is achieved education rules, programs, District provided services and through mutual cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies. The District issues water well permits, collects groundwater information, performs water quality analyses, provides a number of well system tests and other services. Extensive

databases are used to store, retrieve, and analyze groundwater information for the District. It is the belief of the District's residents and the board of Directors that groundwater is best managed locally through a groundwater conservation district. This belief is realized by the adoption and implementation of a management plan outlining the goals, methods and procedures to be utilized in the management of

The District is currently morinalet 01101 governed by a seven member elected Board of Directors. Each Director is elected from a defined The new Chief of Police and area within the District for a fouryear term. The elections are held on the first Saturday in May of each even-numbered year in accordance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and Texas Election Code. The terms are staggered providing for the election of four Directors and two years later the election of three Directors. The Board develops and adopts the rules, programs Board hires the staff, sets the minutes. operations of the District.

The following Director Precincts are scheduled for this election: Director Precinct No. 1 is all smooth.

the area within the District and within Dallam County. Tom Mellema is currently serving as

within Hartley County. Phil and bake for 18 - 20 minutes. Director.

Shermansta County Wesley Spurlock is currently serving as dietary fiber: 4g, sodium: 198mg

Benjamin Franklin area within the District and within health benefits of potatoes and Moore County. David Moore is currently serving as Director. Mr. Moore has announced that he will variety of fruits and vegetables.

not seek re-election. The eligibility requirements to -Benjamin Franklin be a candidate are the same as for other locally elected positions (city commission or school board). The first day to file for a -Jim Goodwin 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2006. vinegar. The last day to file as a write-in candidate is March 20, 2006. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the the Groundwater election. Conservation District, or the NPWD Board of Directors may contact the District office at 806-

> Artho@npwd.org Anyone wanting to file as a

935-6401 or may e-mail to

Youth are Invited to Apply for State Water Camp

will be paid by North Plains according Water District.

The camp, cosponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Natural Resource Conservation Service, is a week long adventure in learning about water and water resources. Youth who attend the camp get to take field trips and learn about new technologies in water related fields, as well as participate in hands-on projects with others at the camp. In addition, the youth will hear from speakers and experts who have experience with water and water conservation, and there is also time for recreation and play with the other young people who are attending the camp. Attendees will learn about industrial, municipal, agricultural, recreational, and home water use during their week long adventure.

In 2005, Matthew Skalsky of Dalhart attended the camp. Matthew reported that he learned a great deal and made some good friends during his week long stay in Monahans. North Plains Water District paid Matt's registration fee of \$150 for the camp, as well as paying his travel expenses to Monahans and back. Anyone wanting more information on the

camp or wanting to submit an application can find information the Ward County Texas Cooperative Extension website at http//ward-cotamu.edu/.

Once at the website, you can click on the water camp link to find more Information. The deadline for application is May 26, 2006. The phone number for the Ward County office is (432)943-2682/4112. information can also be obtained by contacting Rhonda Artho at the groundwater resources of the the NPWD office at 806-935-6401 or at artho@npwd.org

> **Twice Baked Idaho Potatoes** with Broccoli and Cheese Serves 8

4 medium Idaho potatoes

½ cup light sour cream 2 tablespoons 2% milk ¼ teaspoon each black pepper, salt, nutmeg

2 cups cooked broccoli, chopped ½ cup white onion, chopped 1 cup low-fat cheddar

cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 425°F. Bake potatoes directly on and practices of the District. The the middle oven rack for 60

annual budget, and determines the hot, cut in half lengthwise. tax rate needed to carry out the Scoop out the interior flesh of the potato into a bowl.

Add sour cream, milk and seasonings and mash until Stir in broccoli, onion and

cheese.

Turn oven down to 400°F. Using a spoon, gently fill the potato shells with the Director Precinct No. 2 is all potato mixture. Place filled the area within the district and potatoes on a baking sheet

Nutrition Information per Serv-Haaland is currently serving as ing: calories: 149, total fat: 2.9g, saturated fat: 1.6g, % of calories from Director Precinct No. 3 is all of fat: 17%, % of calories from saturated fat: 99%, protein: 7g, carbohydrates: 25g, cholesterol: 8mg,

Visit the Idaho Potato Commis-Director Precinct No. 4 is all the sion Web site, www.idahopotato. com, for more information on the potato recipes; and www.5aday.org for information on eating a colorful

Tart words make no friends; a 2006. and the last day to file is spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a gallon of

—Benjamin Franklin

placed on the ballot should contact the District office at 603 East 1st Street, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Teas 79029 or by phone: (806) 935-6401 or (800)456-3026 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. Monday through Friday.

WATER ON THE ROAD: TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United The annual Texas State Youth States. For the past 30 years, the Water Camp will be held this year national average for deaths during on July 13-19 in Monahans, floods has been 127 each year. In Texas. Any high school student Texas, the death toll from floods residing in within the North averages 15 victims per year. Plains Water District (NPWD) is Nearly half of all flood fatalities invited to apply for the camp and are vehicle-related and the all expenses to attend the camp majority of victims are males, the Weather Service.

The National Weather Service drivers floodwater. These are the facts:

Six inches of water will reach cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.

Twelve inches of water will float many cars.

and most other vehicles.

Water across a road may hide a and the Governor's Division of missing segment of roadbed or a Emergency Management are missing bridge. Roads weaken urging people to learn the dangers under floodwater and drivers of driving into flooded roadways should proceeds cautiously after often waters have receded, since the underestimate the power of road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.

NWS and GDEM officials also the bottom of most passenger say that if your car or truck stalls in floodwater, the best advice is to get out quickly and move to higher ground. Betty yet, when there's water on the road: Turn Two feet of rushing water will Around, Don't Drown. Saving carry off pick-up trucks, SUVs your life is a simple as choosing an alternate route.

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Exactly who started using curling irons remains a mystery but records indicate that the Romans in the reign of Emperor Titus, A.D. 79 to 81, employed little hollow tubes filled with boiling water for that

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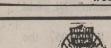
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Help Wanted

Stratford Grain taking applications for Elevator operator. Call 396-5541 or come by for application. 3-9-c-

Amarillo Globe News has route available in Stratford March 1, 2006. Opportunity to make money for part time work. Must have Drivers license and liability insurance. Please contact District Manager-Edgar Fry at 679-5953 or David Russell at 745-3412. The current carrier Jesse Resendes would be happy to talk to anyone about the route. He can be reached at 366-3134.

Help Wanted: Counter Salesperson needed at A&I Parts. Contact Jerry Ewers at 366-5592 or 753-7593. 3-2-tfn-

For Rent

2 bedroom house for rent with garage and fenced in backyard. Call 396-2125.

For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541.

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Land for Sale

Land for Sale: Section 66 and South 1/2 of Section 67 Block 8. Capital Syndicate sub-division. Dallam County CRP to 9-30-2007. Contact Trust Dept. at First State Bank of Stratford 806-396-5521. 10-23-tfn-

Lost

Lost: Jack Russell Terrier with White tip on Left Ear. Lost on February 12th Contact 753-7366 or 396-2365.



The football stadium with the largest seating capacity is the Pontiac Silverdome, home of the Detroit Lions. The stadium holds 80,368 fans.



Houses for Sale

House for Sale at 1209 Division St. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, nice neighborhood. Close to schools. Lg. Storage building in fenced backyard-attached garage. For more information call 934-3569 or 922-3569.

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large comer lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced vard, Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn-

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House for Sale: 3 bdrm, 1 3/4 bath, brick, great location by elementary school. Call 366-3485. 1317 N. Division.

9-22-tfn-For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath-2 3/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back Yard with storage building, close to school. Call 366-2401.

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11-4-tfn-House for Sale; 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 2-living areas, 2 car garage-indoor grill. Roof-1 yr. old, New H/A, Updated kitchen, Storage building, close to schools. Call 806-744-5270

Reduced Price. Precious brick house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, New carpet, central heat & air, sprinkler system and huge storage building. 401 S. Pearl. Call 366-3678. 6-16-tfn-

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Toronto was originally named Fort York, and was occupied and set afire by American troops during the War of 1812.

Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no "kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed 'and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good

are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of Jove. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 additional information.

Using Your Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage ①

(NAPS)-As the new year begins, people with Medicare who have already joined a Medicare drug plan can take advantage of the new Medicare prescription drug coverage. Since this is a new program for Medicare, you might have questions about how to use your Medicare drug plan. For instance, what if you joined a plan but haven't received a plan ID card in the mail yet? Or, what if your drugs were covered by Medicaid and you're not sure how to get your medicines now? Whatever questions you have, Medicare has answers.

First Pharmacy Trip Here are some tips people with Medicare can use to make sure their first trip to the pharmacy goes

· When you first join a Medicare drug plan, you'll get an acknowledgement letter in the mail about a week after you join. Your plan ID card should arrive three to five weeks later.

If you need to go to the pharmacy before your ID card arrives, bring the acknowledgement letter from your plan, your Medicare and/or Medicaid card, and a photo

· Save the receipts from your pharmacist

• For additional assistance, call 1-800-MEDICARE, 24 hours a day,

seven days a week. People with Medicare and Medicaid

If your pharmacist is having trouble confirming what plan you're in or whether you also get Medicaid, he can also call a special toll-free number that Medicare set up for pharmacists to get help. People with Medicare who also get Medicaid should be able to get their prescriptions filled with minimal copayments and no deductibles

How to Join a Plan If you haven't joined a Medicare drug plan yet, don't worry. You have until May 15, 2006 to choose and join a plan without having to pay a penalty. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY users call 1-877-486-2048) to learn about your options for getting the coverage you need, and the convenience and peace of mind you deserve. You can also visit ww.medicare.gov on the Web.

This information prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Legal Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Stratford, Texas for the sealcoating of approximately 35,000 square yards of streets entitled:

SEALCOATING - 2006

will be received at the office of the City Manager at City Hail, P.O. Box 188, 520 N. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084 until:

6:30 P.M. **MARCH 16, 2006**

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owner an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the Owner and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Stratford 520 N. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084, phone (806) 366-5581 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers. 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

non-refundable, for each set of York City in 1812. specifications. Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or ting organized to maximizing to reject the bid as informal. No your time, there are some easy bid may be withdrawn until the ways to stay focused and achieve expiration of 30 days from the bid vour goals.

• What Areas Need the Most opening date.

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by Thomas Brown in 1810. Brown clothing and furniture that add later served as governor of clutter to your life; to avoid the



In basketball, the New Jersey Nets have had six different homes: three in New York and three in New Jersey.

Sherman County Sheriff's Office Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 21st Day of February,

2006,1 impounded the following Kind - Bovine Breed- Mixed Color -Red Sex - Heifer

Age - Long yearling Size - app. 650 to 700 # 15 voto Brand, earmark or other identifiers - Purple numbered ear tag in right ear, no branda adT

And on the 21st Day of February 2006, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County, Texas,

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the book of Sherman County Texas for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 9th day of March, 2006, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart,

Witness my hand this 21st Day of February, 2006,

Jack Haile Sheriff of Sherman County,

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The first political convention held for the purpose of nominat-Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), ing candidates was held in New

Cards of Thanks

Pantry would like to thank all of Stratford contributions in the past. We have had wonderful support through recent food drives. Our shelves are well stocked at However, frozen meat supply There is is low. always a need for monetary donations that produce, bread, eggs and milk can be purchased for families in need. Volunteers needed, also. If you would like to become member of The Pantry or to make a donation please contact Audra Meidinger at 396-5521 or 366-2451.

> Our Sincere Gratitude The Pantry

would like everyone for the flowers, cards, and food, that were given to us in our time of sorrow. Most of all, we sincerely appreciate prayers that were lifted up on our behalf. Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our Dad and Grandpa, but knowing in a that he is better place is comfort to us all. Stratford is full of people who care and are willing to offer gestures of sympathy to those in need. Your kindness will not be forgotten. GOD BLESS YOU.

Richard & Kathy Melton Randy & Patty Melton & Family Jerry Melton Travis & Sabrina Melton & Family Desine & Jamie Garza and Family

Maliting The Most Of You

Four Tips For Managing Your Life

(NAPS)-Good news: from get-

Work? Watching a reality TV show may be more entertaining than cleaning the green film off the shower stall but it won't keep your home from becoming a biohazard. Establishing and sticking to priorities will help you spend less time worrying about what needs to be done and more time accomplishing your goals. Consider using Sunday evenings, when you normally mourn the end of the weekend, to go over weekly goals and priorities. This is a great way to stay focused on what you want to accomplish without getting ahead of yourself.

· Cut Out the Junk. If you're like many Americans, you keep possessions well beyond their usefulness. When neighbors begin mistaking your garage for abstract art, you have a problem. The first mailbox was created Consider selling old appliances, hassle of a yard sale, use Web sites such as eBay and Craigslist to sell secondhand goods. One day you may even be able to park your

car in the garage.

• Get the Right Equipment.
Sometimes you just need the right tools to maximize your results. A good option is Microsoft Works Suite 2006, with something for everyone in the family. Works Suite includes six of Microsoft's most popular home software programs. You can keep a detailed list of your priorities in great accomplishments to celebrate.

Getting a grip on time, money and energy may be easier than many realize.

Microsoft Word 2002; organize upcoming projects and stay on schedule with Microsoft Works 8; and create, manage and track your budget using Microsoft Money 2006 Standard. In addition, the program includes Digital Image Standard 2006, software to help you organize, enhance and share digital photos. Encarta Encyclopedia Standard 2006 comes in handy for research; and Streets & Trips Essentials 2006 helps plan, chart and navigate that road trip you always said you would take. Visit http://www.microsoft. com/works for more information.

Give Someone Else a Spot. Pledging to be more active in your community is an important goal. Instead of shying away from volunteer opportunities, make a point to reserve one day a month for charities or functions. Nonprofit organizations are flexible when it comes to working with volunteers.

None of these tips will take effect if you don't implement them into your daily routine. It only takes a couple days of procrastination before you're smothered by daily tasks and confused about what to do next. You will change your habits only by being proactive and setting constant reminders. Remember, Rome was not built in a day. By being patient with your progress and approaching your goals sooner than later, you may have some

Remember To Vote

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TEXAS MAIN STREET PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS

AUSTIN, Texas —The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Main Street Program is one of the

most successful in the nation. This year marks the program's 25th year of helping Texas cities revitalize

their historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts using preservation and economic

development strategies.

"Visit any downtown Main Street city and you'll understand what historic revitalization contributes to a

community's pride and sense of place," said Debra Farst, the THC's Texas Main Street Program coordinator. Street communities possess a very unique sense of identity." Each year, the Texas Historical Commission selects up to five Texas cities and urban areas as official Texas Main Street cities. The 2006 Texas Main Street cities are Texarkana, Colorado City, Conroe and Beeville. Texas First Lady Anita Perry will tour each community in March as part of the annual Main Street First Lady's

Tour. This year's tour promises to be particularly exciting in light of the 25th anniversary of the program.

"Main Street is an amazing way for Texans to not only preserve their heritage, but plan things for generations," Mrs. Perry said. "I congratulate this program on its 25 years of revitalizing

buildings and rejuvenating communities."

commemorative Special posters depicting a giant Main Street cake will be displayed in windows and storefronts in Main Street communities across the state. Look closely, and you may recognize a location

or individual in the layers that make up the tiered anniversary

The significance of the cake is derived from the late Anice Read, who founded the Main Street Program

in 1981, and created a special cake she brought when speaking to groups about the program or at special

Main Street celebrations, such as the First Lady's Tour. (See recipe below)

There are 84 Main Street cities in Texas, including the four newly announced in 2006.

Benefits in becoming a Main Street city, in addition to the sense of pride and increase in tourism,

include ongoing comprehensive training for Main Street managers, community training in development economic strategies, on-site evaluations, and design and marketing assistance. The program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout Texas and resulted in the reinvestment of more than \$1 billion in downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. The program is responsible for creating more than 21,000 jobs and establishing more than 5,500 new businesses.

Requirements for becoming a Main Street community are on THC web site

www.the.state.tx.us or contact Debra Farst at 512/936-5758

debra/farst@the/state/tx/us **Texas Main Street Cake** Grease 11X16 pan. Preheat oven

to 350 degrees. Cake

2 cups sugar

3 eggs

2 cups flour

1 tsp baking soda

1 stick butter or margarine

1 tsp cinnamon

4 Tbsp cocoa I tsp vanilla

1/2 cup vegetable oil 1/2 cup buttermilk

1 cup water

Sift together sugar and flour. Melt butter, cocoa, oil and water in sauce pan. Bring to a rapid mixture. Beat well. Mix cat Period of American banking. buttermilk, eggs, baking soda, cinnamon and vanilla. Pour into

mixture and beat until wellblended. Pour into pan and bake 20-25 minutes or until firm.

1 stick butter or margarine

1 box powdered sugar

4 Tbsp cocoa 1 tsp vanilla

6 Tbsp milk 1 cup chopped pecans

Melt butter, cocoa and milk in pan and bring to a boil. Boil one minute. Remove from heat and add powdered sugar, vanilla and pecans. Blend well and spread over warm cake still in pan. Allow to cool, then cut.

Narconon Celebrates 40 Years Saving Lives

The successful program has helped millions of people through effective drug education and rehabilitation and expanded to become a

Four decades ago an incarcerated heroin addict named William Benitez decided that he had to try something new to save himself from his addiction as well as to help other similarly afflicted friends. He requested permission from Arizona state prison officials to start a drug rehabilitation program with 20 addict inmates, but was at first denied. Thankfully, he -persisted because on February 19, 1966 he was finally granted permission and founded what he called NARCONON, meaning NARCotics-NONe.

Inspiration for the program came from a prison library book Benitez had read by American author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard. Benitez later wrote, "What impressed me the most about Hubbard's materials was that they concentrated not only on identifying abilities, but also on methods, practical exercises, by which to develop them. I realized that drug addiction was nothing more than a 'disability' resulting when a person ceases to use abilities essential to constructive survival." Benitez felt this viewpoint offered a radically new and hopefully more effective approach toward recovery from drugs. He wrote Mr. Hubbard from jail requesting

Commenting on Narconon's beginnings, Clark Carr, President of Narconon International in Los Angeles, said, "In the early '60s Mr. Hubbard was certainly one of the very first to closely observe the evolving drug culture and to predict the catastrophe accelerating drug addiction would prove to the world." Hubbard therefore responded warmly to William Benitez's request for help and continued to write up his observations on the effects of drugs on the individual, his body, and society as a whole.

The Narconon program evolved, Carr said, in the crucible where it was most needed, in use by addicts helping one another. After his release, Benitez set up the first residential Narconon center in Los Angeles in 1971. In 1973 Mr. Hubbard conducted further nutritional research to aid Narconon staff to help addicts safely through the severe discomforts of withdrawal. The Narconon program adopted these procedures and instituted a still unique drug-free withdrawal method, using vitamins and mineral supplements along with special techniques to ease mental and physical symptoms.

Another pioneering Hubbard innovation was adopted in 1978 -- the Narconon New Life

Detoxification Program. This tissue-cleansing regimen of specific vitamin and mineral therapy with cardiovascular exercise, intensive sweating in low heat saunas, and adequate replacement of fluids and oils has proved immensely valuable to recovering addicts, reducing the long-term physical and mental effects of drug and other toxic residuals. The way those in recovery put it - "The drugs have stopped talking to me!" Their cravings are gone.

The Narconon combination of drug-free withdrawal, sauna detoxification and a series of life skills educational courses addressing learning skills, ethics, self control, and how to change conditions for the better, Carr added, is what makes the program so unique and successful. Numerous case studies and other long-term evaluations have shown that approximately three out of four of Narconon Drug Rehabilitation Program graduates remain drug-free after two years or longer, a significant result in a field that otherwise admits of too much relapse and failure.

"The dedication of Narconon staffs is not to be discounted either," Carr commented. "Many are recovered addicts and alcoholics who have found new purpose to dedicate themselves to helping others too overcome addiction." Other Narconon staff, he said, have for decades sought to educate youth and adults on the true dangers of drugs, from elementary school children to radio listeners across countries. Over the years, Narconon staff members have reached with live and audiovisual presentations to millions of people worldwide, offering guidance and help for drug prevention and education.

>From one man in one tiny cell in Arizona 40 years ago, the Narconon Drug Education and Rehabilitation Program has grown into a worldwide network helping thousands of people each day, comprising now 135 centers and groups working to save lives in 40 countries literally spanning the globe. "And more centers will be opening next month and the month after that," Carr predicted. Narconon has received support and recognition from officials across the United States and the world.

In praise of the hard-working staff, Carr remarked, "Ask any Narconon staff member why Narconon has not only survived, but continued to expand for so many years, and he or she will say, 'For one reason - because it works!' And they should know because they have been there, doing the work hands-on. Well done, I say, and congratulations to them all."

For more information about the program, contact Narconon by visiting www.drugrehab.net or call 800-556-8885



Reuters, one of the first news services to provide political, economic and general interest news to European newspapers, began its service using pigeons to carry messages between the terminals of



Banknotes issued by hundreds of banks were used as money in boil, then pour over sugar/flour the United States during the early and mid-1800s, known as the Wild-

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome The New Mini-Meal:

Hantavirus pulmonary (relating to the lungs) syndrome (HPS) is an infectious disease that can cause death. It is spread to people by rodents such as rats and mice. The question-and-answer sections meals throughout the day is the presented below contain information about HPS and how to prevent latest trend in managing a it. Following these tips will help reduce your risk of getting this healthy lifestyle. From nutrition-

Hantavirus Inflictions

Q. When was HPS detected in the United States?

A. Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome was first detected in the United ble snacking promote its weight States in 1993, At that time, cases were occurring In the Four loss benefits, there are other rea-Corners area of the Southwest (the point where Colorado, Arizona, sons why snacking is encouraged, Utah, and New Mexico meet). The first case of HPS in Texas was including increased energy and also reported in 1993,

Q. What are the symptoms of HPS?

A. Early symptoms of HPS are much like symptoms of the flu. They of energy throughout the day, it usually appear 1 to 3 weeks (sometimes as many as 6 weeks) after also enriches the body with proexposure and include:

* fever

* chills

* body aches

* headache * vomiting

* stomach pain

dry cough rapid onset of severe respiratory (breathing) failure

Q. How can I get HPS?

A. Some rodents can carry hantaviruses and are never sick. They may have the virus in their droppings (feces), urine, and saliva. From here, the virus can spread in the air on dust particles. You can then inhale them. You can also be infected If you touch your nose or is just as important as planning a mouth after handling items (for example, tools or clothing) that have healthy meal. Following are some

Things you do may increase your possibility of contact with the sensible snacking: virus. These include clearning barns, cabins, or sheds and having outdoor hobbies, such as camping, hiking, or hunting.



Built at a cost of \$1.5 million for McCulloch Properties, Inc., the 564foot-tall column of water weighs more than eight tons.



Aborigines are thought to have been able to cross the Torres Strait from New Guinea to Australia, then at least 43 miles across, as early as 55.000 B.C.

Sensible Snacking

(NAPS)—Eating several small ists to fitness magazines, many are touting this new "mini-meal" philosophy.

While most advocates of sensinutrients. Healthy snacking not only maintains the body's insulin levels, providing a steady release tein, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients occasionally missed during traditional meals.

The amount of snacking and type of snack foods consumed vary depending on a person's age and lifestyle. Adults, for example, should snack in limited amounts because they require less energy to fuel the body. Children and teenagers, on the other hand, are still growing and require more calories. They should snack regularly to keep their energy up throughout the day.

tips for getting the most out of

Drink your juice. Remember that eight fluid ounces of fruit juice counts as one cup of your daily fruit intake. Just be sure it's 100 percent fruit juice with no added sugar, artificial flavors or preservatives, such as JUICY JUICE

Keep it cool. Presliced vegetables and fruits are excellent snacks to keep in the fridge. For a special treat, serve them with a

dip, such as hummus or a vanilla yogurt dip mixed with calciumfortified, strawberry-flavored NESTLÉ NESQUIK Powder.

Choose between proteins. For a trendier and lower-fat approach to protein, consider spreading almond butter on pear or apple slices instead of regular peanut butter. Allergic to nuts? Don't forget that cheese is also a great source of protein.

Expand your taste buds. Snacking is a great way to try something new. Experiment with unique vegetables or combinations, such as steamed edamame with kosher salt or low-fat cottage cheese with applesauce and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

