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Tax Office Now Accepting Credit Cards

The Sherman County Tax Office is now accepting Visa and MC. These credit cards can be used for any motor vehicle transaction or Tax payment. The minimum fee for this convenience will be \$2.50, or 2.45% of the amount due whichever is greater.

Pray For Rain

Everyone join us at the Baptist Church to PRAY FOR RAIN and concerns in our community. Every Wednesday in August 7:00 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The heat and wind has damaged many flowers and decoration arrangements at the cemetery. Please check your flowers and arrangements and if they are no longer serviceable, please remove them. Plot owners are reminded to not place glass jars, vases, wooden objects or metal objects as decoration on graves. Also, please pick up any loose wire you may have used. When trimmers and mowers are used, these items are not always seen and they become flying objects and pose a hazard to equipment and personnel. Thank you for your cooperation.

Eighth Annual Tournament Set for Aug. 28

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Eighth Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Amarillo National Bank, Monday, Aug. 28, at La Paloma Golf Club. Cost is \$300 per foursome and includes dinner catered by La Paloma.

The tournament begins with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Player registration deadline is Aug. 15. Major tournament sponsors include Valero Energy Corporation, Saturn of Amarillo, HRH of Amarillo, The Hagy Company and American Electric. Numerous area merchants have donated door prizes.

Sponsorships ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. All proceeds go toward the new CMBC blood center to open in March 2007. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is the sole supplier of blood and blood components for 27 counties in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

CMBC is a nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. To sign up to play or to become a sponsor, contact Judy Neill, CMBC development director, at (806) 331-8853.

Jamaica To Be Held August 27

St. Joseph church Annual Fund Raiser "Jamaica" will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at Bill Pendleton Park from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

There will be food-games-volleyball and 3 man street basket ball tournaments. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Music-Dance Contest.

Everybody Welcome
Bienvenidos Todos

McDaniel's Address

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(Wardogs)
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Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

Football Tickets Levelland vs. Stratford Game

Football Tickets for the Levelland vs Stratford Game August 31, 2006 5:00 PM Dick Bivins Stadium

Tickets are on sale August 21 thru noon on August 31 in the Superintendent's Office

Ticket prices are \$2.00 - students, \$4.00 - adults ALL TICKETS AT THE GATE ARE \$6.00

For more info call Dinah at 366-3300

Circle of Friends Dinner For Cancer Sat. Aug. 26th

Circle of Friends Dinner for Cancer will be held Saturday, August 26th. This is an opportunity to win a Michael Dawkins Sterling Silver Blue Topaz Ring donated by Duncan & Boyd Jewelers or two wrought iron rockers from Acquisitions. Items may be seen at The Red Door on Main Street. You do not need to be present to win.

Back to School Nights To Be Held

Stratford Junior High and Stratford High School Back to School night will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Mary Allen Elementary School back to school night will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Animal Issues Committee Meeting

Sherman County Animal Issues Committee meeting, September 7, 2006 at 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting

Volunteer Community Responders Meeting will be Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. CERT Training session: Fire Safety.

EMT Class to Start August 23, 2006

August 23 — mark that date on your calendars now! This is the day the new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class will begin right here in Stratford. The class will run from August 23 - December 13. The Class meets from 7 PM - 11 PM on Monday and Wednesday nights. After completing a designated amount of classroom time, you will be asked to spend some time in an Emergency Room (as an attendant, not as a patient) and to complete a few ambulance runs with us. This will be the first class

Dear Patrons of Stratford ISD

Stratford Independent School District was recently notified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that the district's wealth per student has exceeded the cap allowable under Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code.

So what does that mean? Because of tremendous increases in property values the past few years, due mainly to the oil and gas industry, Stratford ISD has more wealth per student than is allowed under law. This provision is commonly known as "Robin Hood". Because this status is determined by Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code, Stratford ISD is now categorized as a "Chapter 41" school district. This designation forces the district to hold a Chapter 41 Election to determine the best method to share the wealth. According to the Texas Education Code, there are five methods to reduce its property wealth per student.

- 1) Consolidate with another district;
- 2) Detach property from the district;
- 3) Purchase attendance credits from the state;
- 4) Contract to educate nonresident students from a partner district; and
- 5) Consolidate tax bases with another district

Most districts that have gone to Chapter 41 status use options 3 and 4. Options 1, 2 and 5 can cause a district to lose local control.

The Board of Trustees of Stratford ISD have voted to ask voters to approve both Options 3 and 4 since those two options offer the most flexibility for the district.

In order to approve both of these options, voters would have to vote "For" on both sections of the ballot. Voting against the options does not allow the district to keep the wealth. It means the Commissioner of Education would tell the district how to share the allowable wealth, resulting in loss of local control. The election will be held on September 23, 2006 at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Early voting will take place from September 6 to September 19, Monday through Friday. If you need additional information, please call us at 366-3300. Thank you, Tim Gilliland, Superintendent Stratford ISD

Summer Bounty From the Garden

Don Riffe, Gaynelle Riffe, Janice Sladek, Ann Johnson, Nadine Miller Invite you to "Summer Bounty from the Garden" SCOT Lunch on Thursday, August 24th. Bring your favorite vegetable or fruit or dessert to go with Chicken from the Pen. Photo in next weeks edition.

Stratford ISD Special Election Notice

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a special election on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at the County Court House for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Stratford ISD to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues and/or authorizing the board of trustees of the Stratford ISD to educate students of other school districts with local tax revenues.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N 3rd Street Stratford, TX from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 Monday thru Friday, beginning on September 6, 2006 and ending on September 19, 2006.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Gina Jones PO Box 270 Stratford, TX 79084. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on September 14, 2006.

Por lapresente se ordena que se llevera a cabo una election el 23 de Septiembre de 2006 con el proposition de: Autorizando a la junta directive del Distrito Escolar De Stratford para adquirir creditos de asistencia estables con ingresos de impuestos locales and or Autorizando a la junta directive del Distrito Escolar De Stratford para educar estudiantes de otros distritos escolares con ingresos de impuestos locales.

La votacion adelantada en personas se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Sherman County Clerks Office 701 N3rd Street, Stratford, TX from 8:00

A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 de la tarbe empezado el 6 septiembre de 2006y terminando el de 19 septiembre de 2006.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Gina Jones PO Box 270 Stratford, TX 79084

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para elfin de las horas de las horas de negocio el 14 de septiembre de 2006.

Upcoming Ag Events from Extension

By Sherman Hammons

With a vast different in counties in the Northwestern Panhandle I would like to share with you some upcoming events in our area.

August 21: Dallam/Hartley County Agent Nick Simpson is having an Alfalfa Production Meeting. Its 1:00 to 4:00. There will be 2 CEU's offered with .5 IPM. For direction please contact Sherman County Office at 366-2122 or Dallam/Hartley Office at 244-4434.

September 8: Dallam/Hartley is hosting a Wheat Stocker program. Please contact Nick for more information at 244-4434.

September 18: Sherman County is hosting a Cattle Seminar at the County Exhibit Barn 9:00 to 2:30. There will be 3 CEU's offered 1 in Laws and Regs. For more information please contact Sherman at 366-2122.

Sherman Cooperative Extension provides relevant researched based programs. If there is anything that I can do for you please contact me at 366-2122.

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION August 17, 2006

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, August 17, 2006. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Greg Wright, Barney Willborn, Steve Hays, and DeWain Trayler. Guests present: Dinah Horsford, and Lynette Kautz.

Misti McBryde led the invocation.

Tim Gilliland gave the recognition: Brady Bell represented Stratford High School is the Texas Coaches Association All Star Football game is Austin, Texas. Congratulations Brady.

Sherman County 4-H held the annual achievement banquet on Monday, August 14. The following received awards:

Rookie of the Year - Landry Davis, Desinya Garza, Treg Nordyke, Jacie Seward, Tyler Seward and Mazie Vincent
Bronze Star Award-Mary Ann Spurlock

Silver Star Award- Rowdy Lerman, Ransom Lerman
The Gold Star Award is the highest award a 4-Her can receive. The recipient also receives a \$1000 scholarship. Kaleb Horsford was the winner of the 2006 Gold Star Award - He will be recognized at the District Gold Star Banquet in November in Canyon.

Lynette Kautz was recognized as the 2006 Friend of 4-H. Congratulations to these 4-Hers on their hard work.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported on the good attendance at the Mary Allen back to school night. About 200 students were represented. Students were able to bring school supplies and meet their teachers on the day before school started. The current enrollment for the elementary campus is 226.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. Current enrollment for the junior high campus is 167. He reported that the 6th-8th students are on a different scheduling system than in the past. He seems to think that this will work and the students like it.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He reported a smooth start to school. The enrollment on the high school campus is currently 180.

Mr. Gilliland went over the Superintendent report. He gave the transportation report. Cost per mile was .540 for the month. The budget summary was as follows: Revenue 101.06%, expenditures 62.35% and tax collections 96.52%.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the 2006-2007 Appraisal Calendar. Steve Hays made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0

Discussion was held on the TASB Legal Update 78. Patti Vincent made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the update as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the 2006-2007 budget. A short recess was taken at 8:06 PM.

Mr. Gilliland gave an update on the construction/renovation project. Joe Reinart, John Abbott

4-H ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Well once again it is time for school to start back up and so is 4-H. We will kick off 4-H again this year with an enrollment night of August 28, 2006 at 6:00 in the County Exhibit barn. There will be a hot dog dinner with different booths set up of what projects that you can get involved with.

Who can be part of this learning environment? Well, starting out with anyone that is 9 years old or in the 3rd grade up to anyone that in not 19 before September 1, 2006. Parents are welcome to help out with these projects also, so you can sign up as an adult leader. We strongly encourage parents to get involved with your kids because they want you there and need the support.

Hope to see you there on August 28 at 6:00 in the County Exhibit barn. If you have any question please contact the office at 806- 366-2081 and anyone can help.

4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting August 28

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. Business items will include reports of summer activities, election of officers for 2006-08, updates on Fall 4-H Projects, planning for county wide events for 2006-07 year, and adoption of the 2007 budget.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent at 366-2122. All parents of 4-H members are encouraged to attend.

SO LONG, GOOD BYE, THANKS FOR THE RIDE

Well, I would like to take this time to thank you all for helping me out and the many friends I have made. Well Stratford, my time here is done, and now its time to move to greener pastures, to start a new chapter in my life.

I will miss this place called Stratford, some people here, the friends I have made, you farmers that I have worked with, and the kids, but I will not miss the heartaches and headaches. I have an opportunity that came about and I feel that it is my best interest to take it.

Also, for the record, anyone having knowledge of the rumor about me thanks for talking about it and not asking me face to face. The sad thing is, who ever is behind it did not even sign the letter I got, and when asked they will not show me an email. That's fine if you want to talk and speculate issues but it's not ok when you don't know what you are talking about. Like the saying goes "People who talk DON'T KNOW, People who know DON'T TALK!"

Well, so long Stratford, good bye, thanks for the ride and yes I will miss this place. May God Bless each and every one of you! SHERMAN HAMMONS aka: Sherman from Sherman County!

Good Luck Elks Have a Great Season

OBITS

James Stuart "Stu" Crutchfield

James Stuart "Stu" Crutchfield, 64, formally of Stratford died Wednesday, August 16, 2006 in Dallas. A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19, 2006 at Stratford Cemetery, in Stratford, Texas. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers of Stratford.

Stu Crutchfield was born on September 10, 1941 in Seattle, Washington to B.I and Flora Crutchfield; He grew up in the Texas Panhandle and earned his Masters Degree from North Texas State University. He was proud of his two-year tour in Viet Nam in the U.S. Army, This U.S. Patriot raced at many of the local dirt tracks as well as sports car racing in the S.W; He probably went to the Indy 500 forty times in his life. He was a long time (twenty years) teacher at Kimball High School Industrial Arts Department. He retired from DISD to Alba, Texas where he continued his love of travel, photography and target shooting.

He is preceded in death by his parents and has left many friends to mourn his loss.

He is survived by cousins, Daniel Simmons of Dallas, Texas, Brian Simmons, Stephanie Schroeder and Joanna Koch all of Chicago, Illinois,

SUSIE COOPER HARLOW: 1937-2006

DUMAS — Susie Cooper Harlow, 69, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church of Cactus-Etter with the Rev. Bob Ulrey, pastor, officiating. Private burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Harlow was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Amarillo to Jesse and Winona Cooper. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Cactus-Etter and had been a resident of Dumas and Moore County most of her life.

Susie was a Cub Scout Den Mother, member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Methodist and Christian youth fellowship sponsor, the first Miss Dogie Day Queen, CHIRO sponsor and 4-H Teen Leader. The beautiful musical and social graces she taught her children were but one thing that she was proud of in a life that centered on family. She gave unselfishly of her time, support and nurturing love for her children and grandchildren. Even with her illness, she was still able to care and love them. No one will ever love her children more.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Hensley and wife Paula of Albuquerque, N.M., and Sam Hensley and Harley Worsham of Dallas; three daughters, Sissy Littlefield and husband David of Forney, Patty Tims of Stratford and Martha Latham and husband Aubrey of Canyon; a sister, Annie Cooper of Dumas; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-

grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Cactus-Etter, P.O. Box 100, Cactus, TX 79013.

Sign the online guest book at WWW.MORRISONFUNERALDIRECTORS.COM.



ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

Wow, can you believe it? We're already back in school! Of course, the teachers have been here for a week (or more). The summer goes so fast, but it's nice to get back into a routine. We're always ready for ELK football, too.

The teachers attended 4 days of in-service and we had one day for a work day before classes. Monday of last week the Happy State Bank fed the staff dinner

and Tim Gilliland will meet on Friday morning to begin looking at options for the old gym.

Joe Reinart read a thank you note from Jennifer DeAnda for the hamburger supper. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:56 PM.



Guymon, Okla

Movies Beginning August 25

Accepted PG-13 Justin Long

Snakes on a Plane R Samuel L. Jackson

World Trade Center PG-13 Nicholas Cage

Invincible PG Mark Wahlberg

Step Up PG-13 Channing Tatum

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catered by Dyers BBQ. Tuesday the high school Student Council fed us a baked potato dinner. All food was delicious! Thanks to those who made it happen!

The first few days are hectic because students are finding all their classes, and new students are trying to find everything.

We have several new additions to our SISD staff this year. They include Ruth Shields and Sarah Green in high school, Deide Zieman in middle school, Magen Hardy and Marisol Chavoya in elementary, and Terri McDaniel and Yolanda Meza in the kitchen. Welcome to all of you.

The high school library has 12 new computers. It's so nice to have more "speed" when working on them.

5th and 6th grade math classes are off to a good start. We are trying to remember all our basic facts from last year by using the FlashMaster. We are also trying to learn Mrs. Brownlee's rules and regulations.

Mrs. Seward's 7th Grade Reading: We will begin reading

the novel There's a Girl in My Hammer lock, by Jerry Spinelli. We'll start by researching the author and then do many other activities as we read.

Mrs. Seward's 8th Grade Technology Applications: We have started off the year with key boarding. Students will work on improving those skills before we begin working with other programs.

The high school library has been very busy these first few days. Every student has to have a library book, so they've all been in to check out one or two.

Monday the First State Bank hosted a picnic for the SISD staff. It was held at B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's lovely country home. I will have more about this event next week.

Reports about the football scrimmage last Saturday were good. We have another scrimmage this Thursday with Texhoma here. I'm ready for a real game!

Cheerleaders are selling football shirts. They may get a form at the secretary's offices or see a Cheerleader.

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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

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702 N. 3rd

Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30

Worship Service - 10:30

Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

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Pastor Roy Harris

Community Building

Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



CHAMBER NEWS

By Ann Wells

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce wants to thank everyone who participated in the Jamboree on July 29th it was a big success and it takes a lot of people donating a lot of their time to make it work. We want to thank Lions Club for doing the pit Bar B-Q, Prospectus Study Club for doing the Old Timers King and Queen, SCOT Hall for hosting the Bar B-Q for the Senior Citizens & having Open House, Gaynelle and the High School Reunion Committee for getting information to out-of-town Alumni and making hamburgers on Fri. night, Jimmy Gillenwaters for organizing the Ranch Rodeo, Stratford Patriots for taking care of the Concession Stand at the Rodeo, Texas Electric for hosting the Western Dance, High School Student Council for doing the Kids Games and Turtle Race, Depot Museum for doing the Horse Shoe Pitch & hosting Open House, Trisha Schoonover for getting Pokey the Clown and his Jr Ranch Rodeo and Imagination Station for having home made desserts. We want to thank the businesses who let us put up Banners to decorate our streets, Connie Bidy for announcing the Parade, and Kathy Alien for judging the Parade entries and we especially want to thank everyone who had an entry in the Parade.

Parade Results

- 1st place Float - Stratford Patriots
 - 2nd place Float - Jr. High Cheerleaders
 - 3rd place Float - Depot Museum
 - 1st place Carriage - Whips N Wheels
 - 2nd place Carriage - Stratford Grain
 - 1st place Auto - James Spurlock
 - 2nd place Auto - Bill Lutes
 - 3rd place Auto - Michael Walker
 - 1st place Cycle - Johnny Harkins
 - Sr. Cowboy - Jack Swain
 - Sr. Cowgirl - Sandy Wheeler
 - Jr. Cowboy - Brody Wheeler
 - Jr. Cowgirl - Laynee Burr
- I apologize, but I don't have the names of the winners of the Kiddie Parade entries

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Heath, Kenna and Dempsey Collums met Steve, Jaree & Carley Elliott at Folsom where they camped in Terry & Barbara Schoonover's yard. Steve and family live at Roy, NM now. They were enjoying Folsom's Celebration Day.

Brady, Trisha, Reed, Rett and Rese Schoonover attended the Folsom celebration. Rett sated a few extra days with Uncle Mike Schoonover.

Marylou & Patti McDaniel were in Colorado Springs August 5th for the 60th anniversary of her cousin, Mary Kathryn & Gene Windell. Several other cousins were there from Missouri.

On August 6th they met one of Patti's SMU friends, Toni Arenson, of Kansas City and had lunch at the Denver Brown Palace.

Pat & Bill Boren recently spent a weekend with Dennis & Teresa Weber at Sheriden Lake, CO.

Clifford Abbott of Lubbock had heart surgery Aug. 8. Marylou McDaniel went down to see him. He went home on the 13th and is doing well.

Jean McDaniel is the new managing editor of the Dalhart Texan! Jean is the daughter-in-law of Jo June McDaniel and the wife of White McDaniel. They have two children, Rustin and Kayla.

Congratulations, Jean!

The McDaniel reunion was in Dumas Aug. 5. Among those attending were Jo June McDaniel, John & Shelby McDaniel, Whit & Jean McDaniel, Mike McDaniel, Thelma & Duane Smith and others. It was catered by Penny & Linda Whitson of Clayton. Riley Catrina was born August 19, 2006 at St. Louis, MO at 6:27 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz and is 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Mike and Lori Whitcraft. Sherri Hutchison of St. Louis is maternal grandmother. Great grandparents are Thelma & Duane Smith of Dumas. Marylou McDaniel is Great-great Aunt!

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters had their FIVE grandchildren for FIVE days! They all enjoyed going to Sunray Water Park (they say it's great), Wonderland Park in Amarillo, Monster House Show in Guymon.

Jacy, Dasan & Tala live at Mooreland, OK Kylee & Kaiden live in Amarillo.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL time this Friday night, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. at the community center. Hosts are Bill & Donna. Bring homemade ice cream or something to go with it.

There will be a community garage sale at the Center on Sept 1 & 2. For more information, check with Donna.

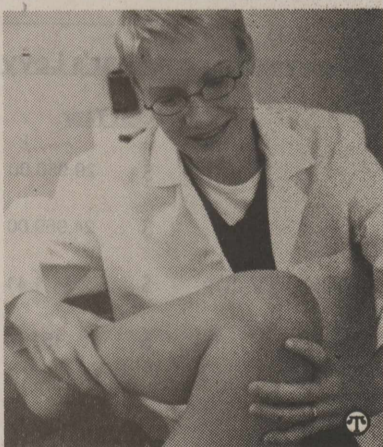
Why Do My Knees Ache?

(NAPS)—Many Americans have asked themselves: "Why do my knees ache?" If you've ever wondered what was making you so uncomfortable, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there steady or intermittent pain?
- Is there stiffness after getting out of bed? Sitting for a long time?
- Is there swelling or tenderness in the knee?
- Is there a crunching feeling when I move my knee?

According to the National Institutes of Health, these are warning signs of osteoarthritis and the knee is among the most commonly affected joints. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, talk to your doctor to see if you have knee osteoarthritis.

You might also want to ask your doctor about one of the newest treatments for the pain of knee osteoarthritis—EUFLEXXA™ (1% Sodium Hyaluronate).



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a public

meeting at 8/29/2006 7:00 AM in Stratford High School Library - 503 N 8th Street

Stratford, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.29911 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.06000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.00000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	1.75000	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	8.75000	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 505,273,096.00	\$ 555,674,355.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,365,728.00	\$ 353,430.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 364,888,183.00	\$ 400,236,149.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,365,728.00	\$ 353,430.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 1,700,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.42000	\$ 0.06500 *	\$ 1.48500	\$ 9,138.00	\$ 451.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.25910	\$ 0.06020 *	\$ 1.31930	\$ 8,710.00	\$ 323.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.29910	\$ 0.06000 *	\$ 1.35910	\$ 8,834.00	\$ 394.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,890.00	\$ 41,380.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,890.00	\$ 36,380.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.36
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 458.73	\$ 494.44
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 35.71

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.35911. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.35911.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 740,018.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 16,484.00

North Plains Water District Answers Questions About The Rainfall Enhancement Program

In recent weeks, residents of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) have apparently been circulating a petition to halt the Rainfall Enhancement program being conducted by NPWD. While personnel at NPWD have not seen the petition, questions from residents of the District have indicated that people do not have a clear understanding of how Rainfall Enhancement, or Weather Modification works. NPWD keeps several documents and publications on hand at the NPWD office in regards to Rainfall Enhancement to better help people understand the process, and some of the most frequently asked questions are answered in this article.

How Does It Work? - The name "rainfall enhancement" tells a lot about the process of cloud seeding. You can't make rain fall from a cloud that doesn't contain moisture, or one that is not rapidly growing. Water molecules contained in a cloud are naturally attracted to what are called "condensation nuclei". Nature provides these in the form of dust, pollen and other airborne particles. As the water droplets condense on the nuclei, whatever substance it may be, the drop becomes larger and larger, and eventually becomes heavy enough to fall from the cloud. Cloud seeding involves adding condensation nuclei to the cloud in the form of silver iodide (AgI) from flares delivered by an airplane. For cloud seeding to work, there must be a strong updraft in the cloud to carry the nuclei up into the cloud, and it is the supercooled portion of the cloud that is seeded. When the silver iodide is released into the cloud, it converts water vapor into ice, crystals, and the ice crystals will continue to grow as more cloud droplets are added. Converting water vapor to ice causes the release of what is called latent heat, which will further aid the convective, upward growth of the cloud and help to increase the amount of water in the cloud.

Does It Work? - Yes, it does. The data are still being collected, but the information and data collected to date clearly indicate that weather modification projects do produce less hail and more precipitation. One of the larger problems with these projects is the lack of long-term data.

Will It Increase Hail?? - The data indicates that it suppresses or reduces hail, but because of this mistaken perception, cloud seeding operations do not take place if the potential for hail is present because the cloud seeders don't want to get blamed for it. Hail is usually created in high-level clouds above 30,000 feet. Cloud seeding takes place at levels of 20,000 feet before the cloud gets too large, when rainfall can be increased and hail production can be decreased.

Why Don't The Insurance Companies Pay For The Cloud Seeding If It Reduces Hail? - In some places, such as in Canada, insurance companies have indeed paid for rainfall enhancement because of the decrease of hail damage to homes, crops, and vehicles. In the United States, some states have programs that reduce the cost of crop insurance in areas where there is a weather modification program.

Will Cloud Seeding Prevent Droughts? - There is one overriding rule to cloud seeding: You cannot get water out of a cloud that doesn't exist, or out of clouds that aren't already moisture laden. Droughts might be minimized, but they cannot be prevented by cloud seeding.

Do You Seed Every Cloud? - No. Many times the clouds do not contain enough moisture to produce rainfall. The NPWD meteorologist uses the National Weather Service radar and other weather related data to determine the amount of moisture in the clouds and the available moisture

in the atmosphere. Using this information, the meteorologist then decides if a cloud seeding mission will be launched. The meteorologist and the pilot are in constant contact, and the pilot is not seeding the entire time that he is in the air. He approaches clouds that the meteorologist determines might be good targets, and does not begin seeding until he is in position underneath the cloud, and it has been determined that there is good potential to increase rainfall from that cloud. During the second and third weeks of August, many areas within NPWD's boundaries received significant rainfall, but these clouds were not seeded by NPWD personnel. This was because the bulk of the moisture in the clouds was contained in the lower or warm layers, where cloud seeding via silver iodide is not efficient. There was not a significant amount of super cooled water present in these clouds.

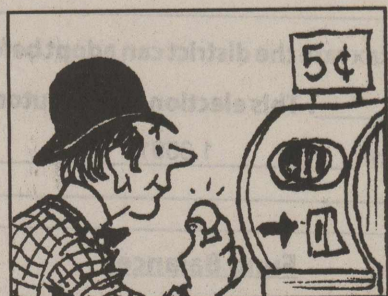
How Can You Tell If It Is Working? - There is a network of approximately 170 rain gauges within the boundaries of North Plains Water District which are used to measure monthly rainfall totals. This data is then compared to historic rainfall data to try to determine the amount of benefit that the program is providing. In addition, a statistical analysis of storm data has indicated an increase of approximately 15% for the six years of operation. This is an average throughout the season and across the District, not a 15% increase in rainfall on every acre within the District every year. This data is assessed each year by an independent meteorologist. Is this a noticeable increase for most people? Probably not. If a seeded cloud produced 1.15 inches of rain at your house and the efficiency of the seeding operation increased the rainfall by 15%, then it could be assumed that you received .15

inch more rain than you would have if the cloud had not been seeded. However, .15 inch of rain over an acre of land equals an additional 4,000 gallons. Over a section of land, .15 inch equals 2,560,000 gallons.

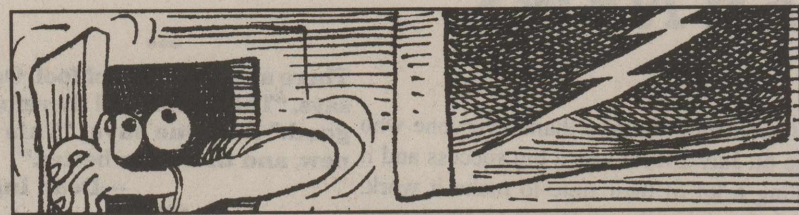
What Is The Cost Of The Program? - The Weather Modification program's expense for the 2004-2005 fiscal year was \$181,543.09, which means that tax payers paid \$3.70 per \$100,000.00 of taxable property. The cost per acre in the District (4,338,560 acres) was just over four cents per acre. Data indicates that in that year, the rainfall enhancement efforts successfully produced an extra 4,889,544 acre-inches of water. So what does that mean for agricultural producers and cities? See the table below.

Estimated Value of Water Agriculture use (fuel cost only @ \$7.50/million cubic feet)
(1 million cubic feet to produce 1 acre-inch) = \$7.50/acre-inch
City water costs (@\$1.60/1,000 gal)
=\$43.33/acre-inch So, for every dollar spent on Weather Modification it could be assumed that it returned: \$200.00 for agricultural use and \$1,166.00 for city use.

Where Can I Get More Information? - George Bomar is the Texas state meteorologist and works for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. He is the official who is in charge of weather modification programs in Texas. He may be reached at 512-936-4313 or at You may contact the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District at 806-935-6401 or at 1-800-456-3026 and you view the NPWD Weather Modification Program on their website.

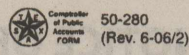


The first nickelodeon—now called a movie theater—was established in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in 1905 by John P. Harris and Henry Davis.



The Roman emperor Augustus, it's said, was so afraid of thunder he would hide in a closet whenever a thunderstorm came up.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 211-901 _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 10:00 A.M., AUGUST 26, 2006 _____ in _____ OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT _____ AT 4TH & DENVER, TEXHOMA, TEXAS _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.29146 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.00000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	17.88015	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	17.88015	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 148,734,685.00	\$ 176,931,145.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 297,120.00	\$ 92,600.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 108,998,255.00	\$ 132,087,065.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 297,120.00	\$ 92,600.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 0.00

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.41137	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.41137	\$ 10,042.00	\$ 360.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.25146	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.25146	\$ 9,923.00	\$ 398.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.29146	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 1.29146	\$ 10,238.00	\$ 398.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 29,950.00	\$ 33,780.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 24,950.00	\$ 28,780.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.29
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 352.14	\$ 371.68
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 19.54

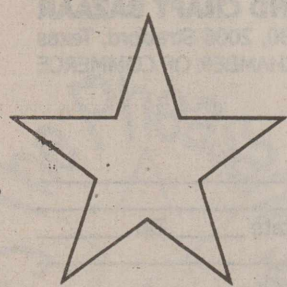
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.29146. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.29146.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00



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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tfn

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For Rent: 3 bedroom 2 bath at 204 S. Main. Deposit & References Required Call 244-5646 ask for Kristine. 8-31-c

For Rent: Small 2 bedroom house, fenced backyard and garage. Call 396-2125. 8-24-tfn

Houses for Sale

For Sale by owner: 901 N. 3rd, 1476 Sq. ft., 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, garage and 2 small decks. Corner lot, lg. fenced yard. 366-2576. 5-11-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 915 N. Maple, 1404 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, or 2 big bdrms, and office, 1 bath, large utility. Large fenced backyard with storage bldg. 366-2576 or 366-3575. 4-20-tfn

House for Sale: 1214 Division St. Stratford, Texas 1/2 block from Mary Allen Elementary School. Great neighborhood, brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, game room, remodeled-open kitchen to family/dining, central air, rock fireplace with fenced in backyard. Selling for appraised value. Call Carolyn Tarver 210-824-8451, 210-854-8924 or 806-396-5810. 8-17-tfn

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Garage Sales

Garage Sale August 26 from 8 a.m. to? 1311 N. Division "Tons of Stuff" Backyard Sale 8-24-c

Multi Family Garage Sale-408 N. Fulton Sat. August 26 9 a.m. to? Washing machine, electric stove, material & patterns, lots of Barbie & Barbie Accessories. Toys and Clothes 8-24-c

Garage Sale: Saturday- August 26, 2006 -508 N. Wall -8 to? 8-24-p

We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience.
—George Bernard Shaw

If politicians lived on praise and thanks they'd be forced into some other line of business.
—Edward Heath, British Prime Minister

A week is a long time in politics.
—Harold Wilson, British Prime Minister

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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Legal Notices

Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested contractors for Special Education Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM September 5, 2006. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, or Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on September 5, 2006 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas County of Sherman

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable 69th District Court of Sherman County, on the 15th day of May, 2006, by Gina Jones District Clerk of said 69th District Court of Sherman County for the sum of \$10,162.77 plus post judgment

interest in the annual rate of 5% plus annum, plus costs of suit of \$1,557.00, in a certain cause in said Court No. 4534 and styled *Chaparral Energy, L.L.C., an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company vs. Viola Production, Inc.*, placed in my hands for service, I Jack Haile as Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas, did on the 26th day of June, 2006 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Sherman County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

An undivided 31.33875% oil and gas leasehold working and 26.585706% net revenue working interest, and an and all overriding and mineral interests owned by Viola Production, Inc in the Ross 1-72 Well and, in the Oil and Gas lease dated September 16, 1975, which is recorded in the Oil and Gas Lease Records at volume 140, at page 310, of the records of Sherman County, Texas, from Samuel Brown Ross and Myrtle Elizabeth Ross to George W. Arrington Oil Co. and Wm. L. Arrington covering Section 72, Block 1-T, T&NO RR Co. Survey, Sherman County, Texas.

Sold subject to any and all liens, May include any and all delinquent taxes.

And levied upon as the oil and gas leasehold working and net revenue working interest, overriding royalty and mineral

interest of Vila Production, Inc., and that on the first Tuesday in September, 2006, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of Sherman County, in Stratford, Texas at 10:00 a.m. by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will sell said above described oil and gas leasehold, overriding royalty and mineral interest at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Viola Production, Inc.

And in compliance with law, I give this Notice by Publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the *Stratford Star*, newspaper published in Sherman County.

WITNESSED MY HAND this 26th day of June, 2006.

Jack Haile
Sheriff Sherman County, Texas

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The attainment of an ideal is often the beginning of a disillusion.
—Stanley Baldwin

If I am a great man, then all great men are frauds.
—Andrew Bonar Law

There seem to me to be very few facts, at least ascertainable facts, in politics.
—Sir Robert Peel, British Prime Minister

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Laura William Pipkin, Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2006, in Cause No. 2114, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas; to: J.E. Brannan. Claims against the Estate may be presented to the Estate addressed as follows:

J.E. Brannan
Box 642
Stratford, Texas 79084

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 21st day of August, 2006.

Hunter & Oelke: P.C.
Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No: 12199270
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Thursday, August 24, 2006.

Baked Spaghetti Supper

- 12 oz Mueller's, Golden Grain or Heartland Multi Grain Spaghetti
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 bell peppers, chopped
- 1 Tbsp dried basil
- 6 cups tomato spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 lb cooked turkey sausage, sliced
- 2 cups Mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain, cover and set aside. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add garlic, onion, peppers and basil. Saute 3 minutes. Add sauce and sausage. Simmer 5 minutes. Spread 1 cup of the sauce mixture into bottom of a 13" x 9" baking dish. Layer half of the spaghetti, half of the remaining sauce mixture, 1 cup Mozzarella cheese and 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. Repeat layering. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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 home.

We 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 love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

North Plains Water District Answers Questions About The Rainfall Enhancement Program

In recent weeks, residents of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPWD) have apparently been circulating a petition to halt the Rainfall Enhancement program being conducted by NPWD. While personnel at NPWD have not seen the petition, questions from residents of the District have indicated that people do not have a clear understanding of how Rainfall Enhancement, or Weather Modification works. NPWD keeps several documents and publications on hand at the NPWD office in regards to Rainfall Enhancement to better help people understand the process, and some of the most frequently asked questions are answered in this article.

How Does It Work? - The name "rainfall enhancement" tells a lot about the process of cloud seeding. You can't make rain fall from a cloud that doesn't contain moisture, or one that is not rapidly growing. Water molecules contained in a cloud are naturally attracted to what are called "condensation nuclei". Nature provides these in the form of dust, pollen and other airborne particles. As the water droplets

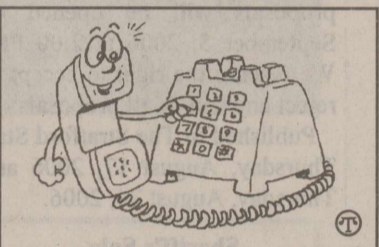
condense on the nuclei, whatever substance it may be, the drop becomes larger and larger, and eventually becomes heavy enough to fall from the cloud. Cloud seeding involves adding

condensation nuclei to the cloud in the form of silver iodide (AgI) from flares delivered by an airplane. For cloud seeding to work, there must be a strong updraft in the cloud to carry the nuclei up into the cloud, and it is the supercooled portion of the cloud that is seeded. When the silver iodide is released into the cloud, it converts water vapor into ice crystals, and the ice crystals will continue to grow as more cloud droplets are added. Converting water vapor to ice causes the release of what is called latent heat, which will further aid the convective, upward growth of the cloud and help to increase the amount of water in the cloud.

Does It Work? - Yes, it does. The data are still being collected, but the information and data collected to date clearly indicate that weather modification projects do produce less hail and more precipitation. One of the larger problems with these projects is the lack of long-term data.

Will it Increase hail- The data indicates that it suppresses or reduces hail, but because of this

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