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Reverse Mortgage Program Thursday

SCOT and Texas AgriLife Extension Service are co-sponsoring the Educational program, "Reverse Mortgages" this Thursday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m. The special presentation will follow the March luncheon at SCOT Hall.

Marc Adams, First State Bank Vice-President-Bank Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer will be presenting information on Reverse Mortgages. Participants will learn how reverse mortgages work, who qualifies, tax implications and how proceeds from mortgages can be used. Tips for determining if a Reverse Mortgage is for you and what to consider when shopping for this financial product will be provided. Time will allow for individuals to ask additional questions.

The program will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall. Mr. Adams will also be presenting the information at that time.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent for Sherman County at 806-366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT Educator at 396-2011.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Stratford Youth Baseball Association Organizational Meeting

The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Allen Elementary cafeteria. Boys and girls who will be six years old on or before September 1, 2008 are eligible to play. Anyone who has input or questions concerning the baseball association should plan on attending. Volunteers are needed to fill the following roles this year: registration night, kick-off fundraiser, community correspondence and team pictures. If these roles are not filled, those aspects of the association will not function.

All those who are interested in coaching a team in T-Ball, Machine Pitch or Little League this year, need to contact Gareld McBryde at 366-5307 before the meeting. Coaching slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis and coaches attendance will be required at the organizational meeting on the 26th. If you have any questions, please call 366-5307.

Attention All Juniors and Parents:

The Prom will be Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin decorating at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3rd. We will need as many parents as possible to help. Dress Rehearsal for the skit will be on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and the community is invited.

Items still needed for prom: White Christmas Lights, spot lights of any size, extension cords, staple guns, ladders.



New Board Members

New Board members are Rebecca King, Cindy Franklin & Carla Tafoya, shown above being sworn by Judge Terri Carter. (Complete story on page 3)

TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS

Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current taxes on their homes. They can take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Sherman County Appraisal District office.

If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. The tax deferral only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them.

The form and more information are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd Street in Stratford or call (806) 366-5566.

Library to Be Closed

The Sherman County Public Library will be closed on Monday, March 31, 2008 and Tuesday, April 1, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for staff training. The library will open at 4:00 p.m. for the rest of the day's scheduled hours. All books that would have been due on those dates were marked to be due on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Sandy at 366-2200.

Eloy & The Troubadours to Perform March 29

Eloy Gonzales is coming to Stratford! Many of us remember Eloy and the Troubadours. He and the Band played in this area for over 40 years. We remember him for his wonderful music and great sense of humor. Eloy is a Western Swing Hall of Fame Inductee. He has produced a CD of country favorites, songs I've Sung before. The CD's are \$15.00 each and he will have some on hand for us to purchase.

Through a generous donor, Eloy and Friends will be giving a musical program at SCOT Hall on Saturday March 29th at 7 p.m. This is a free will donation for SCOT to help pay for the increased costs of heating our building. Do come out and support SCOT and our old friend, Eloy.

Duncan Chevrolet & Naugle Chevrolet are Proud to Announce our own Bailey Holubec Naugle wins NACTA Award

The article, **Scientists' classroom visits and middle school students' interests in science careers**, was selected for publication in the NACTA Journal last year and recently received Honorable Mention as one of the outstanding articles published in 2007.

Bailey Holubec Naugle was lead author on the project and has been invited to attend the 2008 NACTA conference in scenic Logan, Utah this summer.

The NACTA Journal is published four times per year—March, June, September and December.

The theme for the 2008 NACTAOSERD Conference is "Retaining the Best." The 2008 NACTA/SERD Conference will serve as a venue for faculty in the agricultural, food, and environmental sciences to share their information on student and (or) faculty/staff retention as well as to share innovative teaching or advising ideas, scholarship of teaching, and other pertinent information.

Bailey graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in December of 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism. She is the daughter of Dennis and Sherry Holubec of Midkiff, Texas. In 2004, Bailey married Corey Naugle of Stratford, where they currently reside. She has published articles in The Stratford Star, Dalhart Texan, and Working Ranch magazine. Bailey is employed as Office Manager of Lehr Fertilizer of Stratford and does freelance writing and design for area businesses.

Stratford Ex-Student makes plans Tuesday April 8

The Stratford Ex-Students whose years ending in an 8 will be updating addresses and plan for the mailing before the postage goes up in May. The meeting will be held at The Imagination Station on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please make sure your year is present.

Choose the life that is most useful, and habit will make it the most agreeable.
—Francis Bacon

Needed: White Christmas lights, extension cords, spotlights, staple guns with names marked on items. Please contact Dinah if you have these items and if they can be used. 806-366-3300.

ATTENTION: All Junior class parents are needed to help build decorations for the Jr/Sr Prom. The Prom is April 5th. We will meet every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the High School.

Exemption Information Available From Appraisal Office

Sherman County Appraisal District offers property owners a pamphlet called "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities". Published by the State Comptroller's Office in Austin, The "Remedies" pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system works, and offers ways for possible tax savings. The pamphlet also describes exemptions available such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons or senior citizens. The pamphlet and all exemption forms are available at the Appraisal District office, 402 N. 3rd in Stratford or by calling (806) 366-5566.

Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions Offered by taxing units on residence homesteads. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it. Homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption last year.

For example, all homeowners may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their home.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural landowners.

Appraisal District staff can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax rendition and exemptions. We urge all property owners to read the pamphlet and learn about all possible property tax relief. Remember, taxpayers must file an exemption application with the Appraisal District office.

Second Ex Student Lecture Series Presentation

Friday March 28th at 10:00 am in the Gymnasium J. D. (Jeremy) Davis will be presenting the second in a series of lectures featuring past Stratford students. This series is being provided by the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. The Foundation is sponsoring the series hoping to share with current students a variety of careers that are out in the real world. It is the Foundations goal to widen the vision of the current students.

J. D. is the owner operator of Davis Geomatics, located in Amarillo, Texas. His practice consists of Commercial & Residential Land Suveying and he currently is doing business throughout the state.

This series is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. We think you will find it interesting to hear from the ex students.

A list of past students with interesting careers is being developed for future presentations. If you have an ex you feel would be a good prospect to help us we would appreciate your contacting any of the Foundation Board Members or Dinah Horsford at 366-3300.

Walk Across Texas Kickoff April 1st

Walk Across Texas kickoff will be Tuesday, April 1, 2008. The kickoff event will be held at 5:45 p.m. on the front steps of the Sherman County Courthouse in Stratford. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Sherman County Exhibit Building.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week exercise program guaranteed to spark some friendly competition in Sherman County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or biking, or working in their flower beds. Participants may also log miles for the walk using an exercise bike, treadmill, or dance floor! Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office, according to Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent for Sherman County.

The kickoff event will feature information on the health benefits of exercise and exercise equivalents by Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences. Walking teams who have pre-registered by April 1 will be introduced at this event. The walk will officially begin on Sunday, April 6th and end Saturday May 31st.

To participate in Walk Across Texas, first get a team together. Choose a team captain and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Sherman County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse annex at 701 N. Third Street or Call 366-2122. If teams wish, they may register on-line at [www://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu](http://www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu)

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Former Stratford Resident Stabbed

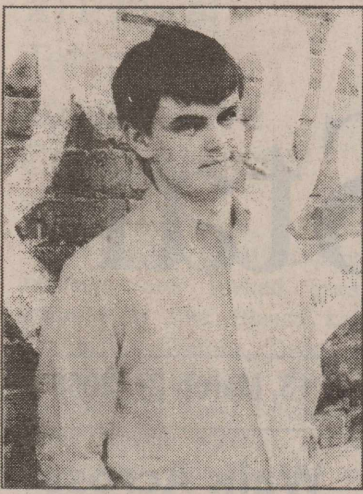
Bradford McIver, 19 of Albany, Texas (former resident of Stratford) was found stabbed in his North Lubbock apartment on Monday, March 17, 2008 at approximately 6:30 p.m. He was found dead by his friends in the Indiana Village Apartments in the 700 block of Indiana Avenue, said Lubbock Police Sgt. John Gomez. McIver's friends hadn't heard from him since Saturday and went to check on him Monday. McIver lived alone in the apartment.

Bradford and his parents Glen and Jacque McIver moved to Albany from Stratford in 1997. Bradford was a student at South Plains College.

There has been a crime Line set up at 741-1000 for anyone with information about the homicide. And also a \$1000 is offered for any information on this crime.

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Nomination form for this years Chamber of Commerce banquet, Farmer, Citizen and Business is on page 6 of this issue.



Bradford Billington McIver

Albany, TX. Bradford B. McIver, 19 passed away Saturday, March 15, 2008 in Lubbock. He was born July 18, 1988 in Dumas. He was a graduate of Albany High School and a current sophomore at South Plains Jr. College. Bradford was active in Boy Scouts and was a Junior Docent at the Old Jail Art Center Chi Rho Chi Youth Fellowship. He worked on staff of the Albany High School Yearbook and went to State in Photo Journalism. He was staff writer for "The Plainsman" South Plains '07. He was a history buff, especially the Civil War and an NFL draft expert.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 at the First Assembly of God Church. Reverend Dennis Patience officiating and the burial followed at Albany Cemetery under the direction of Godfrey-Neese Funeral Home.

Bradford is survived by his parents, Glen F. and Jacquelyn V. McIver of Albany; his grandmother, Joyce Ann Lasley of Stratford; four aunts, Orlanda Garoutte of Stratford, Jode Lasley Anderton and husband, Shannon of Stratford, Cathie McIver and husband, Kirk, of Austin, Debbie McIver and husband, Ike of Houston; cousins, Gara Harbour of Glenwood Springs, CO, Jolina Kline of Kansas city, MO, Derrek Wells of Stratford and LaShayla and Slate Anderton of Stratford.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rex and Betty Lou McIver of Nacogdoches; granddad V.O. Lasley of Stratford and cousin Tucker Bryan Garoutte of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat at 9105 CR 460 in Brownwood, TX 76801.

1: Corinthians 15: 20-22
God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble

So, we will not be afraid even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depth.

Even if the seas roar and rage and the hills are shaken by the Violence. The Lord almighty is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge.

The family of Bradford Billington McIver want to thank all for the calls, cards, and their presence of many to celebrate the Life of a young man, not hard to LOVE.

Services for this loving, caring kid was held last Thursday March 20, 2008 in the Assembly of God (the FCC was not large enough for his celebration of Life.) This Church held 900 and it was full and many standing.

As his family we want to thank you for caring, calling and sent cards and flowers.

Your caring helped heavy hearts. The one wonderful ending Bradford is sharing with the Lord, angels and others his loving spirit and love for all.

For those who wish to celebrate his life and want to contribute to Bradfords' passion: Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat, 9105 CR 460 Brownwood, Texas 76801 Bradford was involved in the Retreat Christian Youth & Boy Scouts.

Thank all of you for caring. The last time I saw not a boy but a young man at Christmas 2007-who, in saying-goodbye-"I love you Grandmother"- JA Lasley.

His Aunts Orlanda Garoutte & family
The Shannon Andertons & Derrek
And his parents Glen & Jacque JA (Billington) Lasley

Glen & Jacque McIver Phone #325-762-3124. Address #10 Remington, PO Box 1825, Albany, Texas 76430

His Mercy's Sure to Keep Me

When the rhyme has lost its reason, and the flower sheds its bloom,

When the morning sunrise ceases, and only darkness fills the room

When hope evades reality, and life has lost its song;

When nothing's in it's place, and everything seems wrong.

It's then, my heart looks upward toward the shining SON;

Engulfing HIS sweet promise, to NOT leave ANY thing, undone.

For even in this season, of devastation and remorse,

I will put my trust in Jesus and let Him keep my life on course.

You see, there will always be SOME things, that I will NOT understand;

But I've built my life upon the Rock-not on the sinking sand!

So, as long as I have breath, I will never turn away;

From the one that I call Savior, and His All Consuming Grace.

Yes, He has sent His comfort, upon the Wings of Prayer.

His Mercy's Sure To Keep Me and His Love, is Sure to Hold,

My heart inside the darkness and the anguish of my soul.

He will never leave me nor forsake me in this place;

Instead, He'll pick me up, and hold me close, in HIS embrace!

Written by Terese Holloway: (was Teresa Harris and one time classmate now a soul mate.)

Written for my Precious Friend Jacque McIver At The Loss Of Her Son Bradford, age 19 March 2008

CHILD FIND "ROUND-UP"

Stratford ISD is hosting a childfind "Round-Up" for children birth to age 4. The "Round-up" is an early identification collaboration between ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) and the local school district.

The free "Round-Up" will include a hearing and vision screen, gross and fine motor skills screen, speech development screen, and a cognitive abilities screen. Translators will be available.

The "Round-Up" will be Wednesday, April 2nd from 9:00am-2:00 at the Mary Allen Elementary school. It is open for children ages birth to 4. For birth to 3 year olds please contact Cindy Franklin, Diagnostician at 366-3324 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are mandatory.

Birth to two years of age will be screened from 9:00-2:00.

Three year olds will be screened from 9:00-12:00.

Four year olds will be screened from 12:30-2:00.

Please bring a birth certificate, a current shot record, and your child's social security number with you.

March 17, 2008
Editor of the Stratford Star
P.O. Box 8
Stratford, TX 79084

Dear Editor,

I am writing to encourage the citizens of Stratford to vote in the upcoming election concerning the selling of alcoholic beverages in the city. I also want to encourage them to defeat this proposal.

The 2004 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the official guide of the United Methodist Church, says, "We affirm our long-standing support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God's liberating and redeeming love for persons." Common sense tells us that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is a major factor in fatal automobile accidents. It also plays a large role in the break-up of the family. The ready availability of alcoholic beverages within your community will only increase these and others problems.

My hope and prayer is that the people of your community will exercise their good judgment and defeat this proposal.

Sincerely,

Todd Dyess
Amarillo District Superintendent
United Methodist Church

National Weather Service Spotters Training will be March 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. 101 N. Pearl. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Hallazgo de nines

La escuela de Stratford esta anfitriónando un evento de "Hallazgo de Ninos". Es para ninos recién nacidos hasta la edad de 4 años. Este evento es la colaboración entre ECI (la intervención temprana de ninez) y el distrito local de la escuela.

Esto sera gratis y incluye exámenes de la vision, oido y las habilidades fisicas. Para su conveniencia traductores estaran disponibles.

Este evento se llevara acabo el miercoles, 2 de abril de las 9:00-2:00 en la escuela primaria y sera para ninos recién nacidos a 4 años. Por favor hable con Cindy Franklin para hacer cita para ninos menos de 4 años. Hable al 366-3324. Es necesario que tenga cita para poder atenderlos.

Recien nacidos asta la edad de dos años seran entrevistados de 9:00-2:00.

Ha edad de tres años sera entrevistada de 9:00-12:00.

Ha edad de cuatro años sera entrevistada de 12:30-2:00.

Por favor de traer acta de nacimiento, expediente de vacunas, y el numero de seguro, de su nino o nina con usted.

Education

(NU) - Inside and outside of the classroom, there are many ways that students can manage their workload and create time for stress-reducing activities at home. The education experts at Sylvan Learning Center have created the following tips to help students achieve academic success. These suggestions include organization, staying informed of end-of-school activities, assigning priority to assignments, exercising, spreading study efforts out over time and rewarding great study efforts. For additional educational resources for children in grades pre-K through 12, call 1-800-31-SUCCESS or visit <http://tutoring.sylvanlearning.com>.

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Letters to the Editor

SCOT NEWS

Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

Now, Easter Sunday may be gone, but before you put your Easter Bonnet on the shelf, come to the Luncheon Thursday, March 27 and join in the Easter Parade. There will be prizes for the best hats.

Immediately following the luncheon there will be a program on Reverse Mortgages, presented by Marc Adams from the First State Bank. This informative program will be repeated at 5:30 p.m. for those unable to attend the afternoon program.

IRS Forms

The Sherman County Public Library will no longer carry paper copies of IRS forms. Most forms are available online at www.irs.gov

Library patrons may use the public computers at the library to print any forms at a cost of \$.10 per page. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the library at 366-2200.

Weather Line 366-2000

Sponsored by Stratford Grain & ADM/Alliance Nutrition
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A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5521.

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REASONS TO VOTE NO ON THE LEGALIZED SALE OF ALCOHOL
The U.S. Department of Justice Report on Alcohol and Crime found that alcohol abuse was a factor in 40 percent of violent crimes committed in the U.S.
Statistics indicate a connection between alcohol and domestic violence
Studies of domestic violence frequently document high rates of alcohol and other drug (AOD) involvement, and AOD use is known to impair judgment, reduce inhibition, and increase aggression.
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**Kerrick
News
By Marylou
McDaniel**

March has been a good month for Mike and Marylou McDaniel. They won door prizes at XIT Telephone meeting and then last week at Rita Blanca Electric! Marylou won a Magnavox digital TV and DVD combo and Mike won the \$500 grand prize!

They were the only ones from Kerrick who attended.

Brenda Taylor, Denver, was here over the weekend. Jo June McDaniel hosted Easter dinner for Brenda, Penny & Linda Whitson of Clayton, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters.

Bill & pat Boren have been busy! Families of Joe Bill and Kerry were here 16-20 for Bill's birthday. Then Bill & Pat left for Houston on Wednesday to see Joe & Judy Boren. They went to the Houston Fat Stock Show and enjoyed going to Kema and watching the ships passing by. They returned Sunday night.

Sandy & Ellen Tillery hosted Easter dinner for their daughters Roxan, Kendra and Trisha and families.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover went to a birthday party Sunday in Guymon.

Services for Sharon Weibe, sister of the late Ralph Hampton, were held in Amarillo Saturday. Minnie, Ralph James, Annette Hampton, Mike & Nora Wells attended.

Easter the family gathered at Donnie & Martha Ellison's.

Kenna Collums and Peggy Hawkins directed the Children's Easter program at the Assembly of God.

The Right Moves

To Help Achieve

Weight Loss

(NAPS)—If you want to lose weight—get moving. Don't just move on a plan to cut fat and calories. Find ways to incorporate extra physical activity into your life.

You may be pleasantly surprised at the benefits physical activity has to offer. For example, regular exercise can:

- help burn calories. When the body is in calorie deficit, it will burn stored fat for energy;
- help reduce stress, which could otherwise lead to snacking and overeating;
- improve your sense of well-being and self-esteem;
- help you look and feel better.

Always consult your doctor before starting an exercise program, but as a general guide, try to get some physical activity three times a week for at least 20 minutes each time.

It's important to start small. Many people overdo it on the first few days and stop because they get tired, sore or discouraged.

Do what moves you. If you love to dance, find a class or group that meets regularly. If swimming, cycling or skating brings out the kid in you, discover new places where you can get started. One of the easiest and most affordable physical activities is walking.

Exercise adds up quickly. The great thing about exercise is you don't have to do it all at once. Add it to your activities throughout the day by sneaking in a little extra effort to the things you already do:

- take the stairs instead of the elevator;



As a general guide, try to get some physical activity three times a week for at least 20 minutes each time.

- when shopping, park in the far corner of the lot;
- instead of e-mailing a co-worker, visit his or her office;
- when you walk the dog, go around the block an extra time;
- at lunchtime, walk to a nearby park and eat outdoors.

Measure your progress. Once you begin, record in a journal how long you spent on physical activity or how far you went.

Team up. Get with a friend to help each other stick with a plan.

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**New Board
Members for
CASA 69, Inc.**

The CASA 69, Inc. Board of Directors met in Stratford for their regular board meeting on March 10, 2008. Three new board members were sworn in by Sherman County Judge Terri Carter - Rebecca King from Dallam County, Cindy Franklin from Sherman County, and Carla Tafoya from Moore County.

CASA 69, Inc. serves children of the 69th Judicial District (Dallam, Hartley, and Moore & Sherman Counties). CASA volunteers advocate in the court system for children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The sixteen-member Board of Directors consists of four representatives from each of the four counties.

Rebecca King and her husband Jack live in Dalhart where Rebecca is now practicing law with her son, Jon King, at K & K Attorneys at Law. After working in the 47th District Attorney's office in Amarillo where she spent many years prosecuting adults for crimes against children, Rebecca said, "I would like to continue child protection from a different point."

Cindy Franklin taught in the Dalhart Public Schools for eight years before moving to Stratford where she is now the Special Education Director for Stratford ISD. She and her husband Troy have two children, Hannah Claire (8) and Emma, Anne (5). Cindy said that she would like to serve on the CASA Board of Directors because she "loves children and feels passionate about their well being."

Carla Tafoya has worked with children and their parents for over thirty years and is now a Principal for Dumas ISD, serving at the Cactus campus. When asked why she would like to serve on the CASA Board of Directors Carla said, "I would like to have the opportunity to assist families and children in need, to better their lives."

Rebecca, Cindy, and Carla will be joining these other dedicated board members: Duane Pittman, Griff Lasley, and Jim Ferguson from Sherman County; Tom Ferguson, Milton Pax, and Gayle Stowers from Moore County; Joe Ann Moore, Brenda Langen, David Foote, and Anita Ralston from Hartley County; Gwen Bowers, Patty Smith, and Rosabelle Leal from Dallam County.

**Digital Television
Transition
Information**

Consumers who receive over-the-air television signals through antennas on television sets that are equipped with analog tuners - and who do not subscribe to cable, satellite or a telephone company television service provider - will be affected by the transition from analog to digital signals.

At least 19.6 million households receive over-the-air signals exclusively in their homes, and 14.9 million households have secondary over-the-air television sets in their bedrooms or kitchens.

Overall, nearly 70 million television sets are at risk of losing their signals on February 17, 2009, if consumers do not make the easy transition to DTV. If you are uncertain whether your television has a digital tuner, consult your owner's manual.

Consumers who receive free, over-the-air broadcasting on analog sets will have three options for continuing their television service:

- 1 Purchase a DTV converter box that will convert the digital signal into analog for an existing

television set. These will be available at electronics stores and other U.S. retailers.

- 2 Purchase a new television set with a built-in digital tuner.

3 Subscribe to cable, satellite or a telephone company television service provider if all desired local broadcast stations are carried by that service.

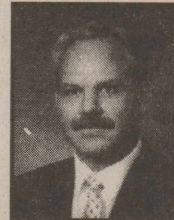
Consumers may apply for coupons to offset the cost of this conversion. Each coupon is

worth \$40 and can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes. There is a limit of two coupons per household while supplies last. Coupons will expire 90 days after they are issued. To receive information about how to obtain your coupons, call 1-888-388-2009. You may also write to: TV Converter Box Coupon Program @ P.O. Box 2000 Portland OR 97208-2000 or you may visit www.dtv2009.gov

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—John Quincy Adams

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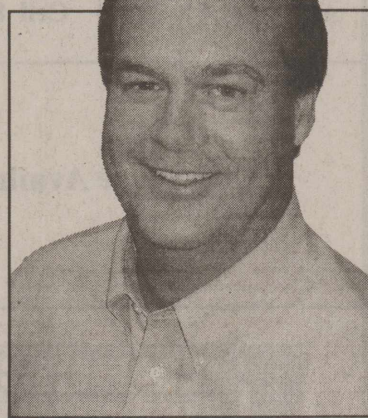
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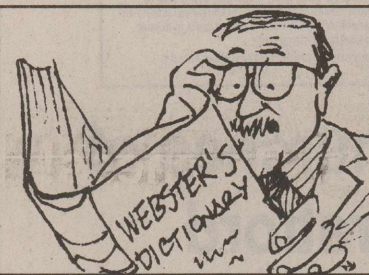
Deadline Nears for Youth Writing Contest.

Deadline for entries in the Panhandle Professional Writers 2008 Youth Writing Contest is April 1, 2008. The competition is open to all students from 3rd grade through high school. Short story and poetry categories are available to all grades. Middle School and High School students are eligible to enter the screenplay category. The screenplay gives young people an opportunity to show their movie preferences and to test their ability to translate a story idea into script format.

High School students are invited to enter the Gargoyle Award competition. The category recognizes efforts in the realm of paranormal or fantasy fiction. The event honors the late Ronda Thompson. Ronda was well-known in the paranormal romance world. She was a New York Times and USA Today best-selling author, and a member of Panhandle Professional Writers.

Published authors will score the contest and will provide critiques of the submitted works. Contestants should send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) along with their submission in order to receive the critique. Finalists will be notified by mail and the winners announced during a reception following the July 19, 2008 PPW meeting. Winning submissions will be published in Range Writers Jr.

Contest rules are available through the PPW web site panhandleprowriters.org, or by emailing Barbara Propst at bcollins16@suddenlink.net.



In music, an 1/64 note is also called a "hemidemisiquaver."

New multi-use exemption applies to some self-employed taxpayers.

The passage of Proposition 6, which amended the state constitution under House Bill 1022, provides for an individual to exempt one passenger car or light truck from personal property taxes if the vehicle is used for both business and personal purposes.

Initially the Sherman County Appraisal District thought the law would not affect Sherman County, because unlike many areas of the state, most local entities tax vehicles for personal use.

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. Individuals who want to apply for the 2007 tax year must file the form by April 1, 2008. For taxing years 2008 and future, the exemption form must be filed prior to April 30 each year.

A vehicle is not eligible:

1. If you work for someone else.
2. If you use your vehicle to commute to and from work.
3. If you are a retired person with no production of income.
4. If it is registered in a business name.

Income producing vehicles are and continue to be taxable. The law allows the local taxing jurisdictions to choose to tax personal vehicles. The legislature did not exclude the multi-use exemption in jurisdictions that tax vehicles for personal use.

Track Results

The Varsity Lady Elks placed 3rd with 107 points at the Greyhound Relays held March 14, 2008 at Gruver. Individual results as follows:

3200 M Run: Kristen Crabtree 1st - 12:06.28; **Discus:** April Peregrino - 3rd - 98'05.50"; **High Jump:** Sinead Everett - 2nd - 4'08.00"; **Long Jump:** Sinead Everett - 1st - 15'05.88"; Kelsie Keener - 4th - 14'06.00"; **Shot Put:** April Peregrino - 1st - 33'04.00"; **400 M Relay:** 4th - 55.12 (Kelsey Stein, Perla Rueda, Becky Rosales, Janeth Reyes); **800 M Run:** Kristen Crabtree - 2nd - 2:25.75; **800 M Relay:** 2nd - 1:52.87 - (Kelsey Stein, Brianda Chavoya, Kelsie Keener, Sinead Everett); **300 M Hurdles:** Sinead Everett - 2nd - 49.59; Rubi Rueda - 3rd - 53.42; **1600 M Run:** Jessica Ibarra - 6th - 6:31.92; **1600 M Relay:** 3rd - 4:32.86 - (Kelsie Keener, Brianda Chavoya, Rubi Rueda, Sinead Everett).

The 8th grade Lady Elks placed 3rd with 62 points at the Gruver Greyhound Relays on March 13, 2008. Individual results as follows:

1200 M Run: Tori Rouse - 2nd - 4:38.13; **Discus:** Perla Reta - 5th - 59'11.00"; **Pole Vault:** Tori Rouse - 1st - 6'00.00"; **Shot Put:** - Monica King - 4th - 26'10.00"; Tori McGinnis - 6th - 26'08.00"; **400 M Relay:** 4th - 1:01.17 (Perla Reta, Adrianna Ibarra, Shannon Maiwald,

Monica King); **800 M Run:** Tori Rouse - 3rd - 2:48.01; **100 M Hurdles:** Shannon Maiwald - 4th - 20.20; **100 M Dash:** Shannon Maiwald - 15.89; Nanci Marquez - 15.97; **800 M Relay:** 3rd - 2:11.23 (Carina Michel, Perla Reta, Tori Rouse, Monica King); **200 M Hurdles:** 7th - Adrianna Ibarra 40.15; **200 M Dash:** Monica King - 4th - 30.89.

The 7th grade Lady Elks won the Gruver Greyhound Relays held on March 13, 2008 with 150 points. Individual results as follows:

1200 M Run: Stephanie Jacquez - 2nd 4:54.00, Elizabeth Reyes 3rd - 5:25.06; **Discus:** Tera Harris - 2nd - 60'10.50"; Veronica Lemus - 3rd - 60'08.00"; Daina Morillon - 6th - 51'07.00"; **High Jump:** Alex Asher and Meghan Brooks tie for 3rd with a jump 4'00.00"; **Long Jump:** Erika Robles - 6th - 11.02.00"; **Pole Vault:** Alex Asher - 1st - 6'06.00"; **Shot Put:** Veronica Lemus - 1st - 30'03.00"; Tera Harris - 2nd - 27'08.00"; **400 M Relay:** - 3rd - 1:01.13 (M'Lynn Wells, Alex Asher, Diana Lopez, Meghan Brooks); **800 M Run:** Erika Robles - 1st - 2:51.27, Stephanie Jacquez - 2nd 3:00.56; **100 M Hurdles:** Karen Lozoya - 5th - 22.60; **100 M Dash:** Tera Harris - 3rd - 15.40; **800 M Relay:** 4th - 2:13.08 (Tera Harris, Meghan Brooks, Alex Asher, Erika

The Martins are coming to First Baptist Church of Stratford Saturday, May 31, 2008 with special guests the 4Given Quartet. The Martins have traveled with the Gaither Homecoming, and have appeared at the White House for President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, as well as with Billy Graham. It is rare to have someone of this caliber in Stratford. Don't miss your only chance to see the Martins in this area for 2008!!! Call the First Baptist church office at 396-5554 for tickets or contact any Ministerial Alliance pastor.

Robles); **400 M Dash:** Erika Robles - 2nd - 1:13.31; **200 M Hurdles:** Karen Lozoya - 3rd - 38.95; **1600 M Relay:** 1st - 5:08.79 (Meghan Brooks, Alex Asher, M'Lynn Wells, Erika Robles).

History... is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind. But what experience and history teach is this—that peoples and governments have never learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it.

—Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Stratford Youth Baseball Association Registration Night

Tuesday, April 8th

Stratford H.S. Library

5:30 - 7:00

Fees are due at the time of registration.

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A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. **If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.**

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District
402 N. 3rd
Stratford, TX 79084
(806) 366-5566

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
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P.O. Box 13528
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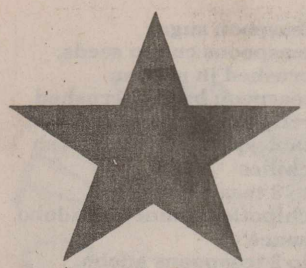
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3-20-3-27-c-2x's

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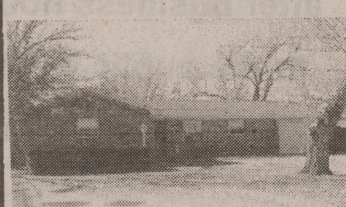
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Singer Marvin Lee Aday is better known by the stage name "Meat Loaf." It's a nickname that dates back to his hefty high-school football days. His weight—in the mid-200s—earned him the nickname.

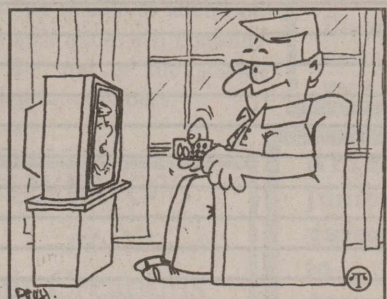


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Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arnita Jo Lane, Deceased, were issued on March 3, 2008, in Cause No. 21 37, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Orville J. Lane, who resides at 803 Purnell, Stratford, Texas 79084. Claims may be presented addressed as follows:

Estate of Arnita Jo Lane, Deceased
Orville J. Lane, Executor
Box 502
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 12 day of March, 2008

Hunter & Oelke P. C.
Kimberly L. Allen
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 12199270
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 27, 2008.

FUSC Surcharge Factor Increase

Effective April 1, 2008, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your XIT Communications bill each month will increase as a result of an increase in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) universal service fund contribution factor from 10.2% to 11.3%. The new FUSC amount is calculated by multiplying the FCC's universal service contribution factor against your interstate access services. The federal universal service fund program is designed to help keep local telephone service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 27, 2008

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XIT Rural Telephone cooperative Celebrates 57 Years...

Over 400 XIT Rural Telephone members and invited guests gathered at Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 12th to celebrate XIT Rural Telephone's 57th Annual Meeting of the Membership. One hundred and eighty two were voting members. Members and invited guests were served a delicious roast beef dinner by XIT's management and employees. The meal was catered by Bar H Steak House of Dalhart. Round tables were draped with royal blue and lime green tablecloths. Brightly colored tulips in crystal vases centered each table.

The stage was set with blue draping and a white banner depicting XIT's organization in 1951. Ficus trees and tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

The invocation was delivered by XIT Director, E.H. Little.

Walter E. Lasley, Board Vice President and Chairman of the Marketing Committee; Kathy Duggan, Assistant Manager, and Trena Howell, Sales & Customer Relations Representative, presented the 2008 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. Duggan explained that several scholarship applications were received this year. She said that all applicants were deserving of a scholarship and that it was a difficult decision to make. The 2008 scholarship winners are: Tammo Mellema, Kayla Carson and Matthew Moore from Dalhart High School - Hunter Buckles from Stratford High School and Kyle Frerich from Texline High School. Each student will receive a \$2000 scholarship to the college of his or her choice. The funds will be divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the students.

XIT Board President, J.W. McClellan, welcomed the members and recognized the guests.

Among the guests was former XIT Office Manager, Ruby Smith, who served the Cooperative for 33 years before her retirement.

President McClellan then asked that XIT's General Manager, Darrell Dennis, present his annual report to the membership. Dennis began by thanking Roberta Gregory and Bar-H Steakhouse for the delicious catered meal. Dennis continued by informing the membership that the Cooperative continues to invest in plant, both wireless and wire line, to modernize and improve service to the rural area.

Manager Dennis then introduced Doug Schoppe, Comptroller, and asked him to give the financial reports of the Cooperative and its wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd. President McClellan introduced Allan Frerich, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - Floyd French; District II, Hartley County - James R. Wilson, and District III, Sherman County - Walter E. Lasley. McClellan then called for nominations for directors for the floor. There being none, he appointed a Canvassing Committee consisting of Eddy Carson, Scott Buckles, and Cecil McClellan to tally the ballots. The committee declared the election of Floyd French, James R. Wilson and Walter E. Lasley.

Director E.H. Little then conducted the drawing for the door prizes, which were awarded to attending members and their children. Director Little was assisted by XIT employees, fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. and 3-year-old Klaire Walden, who is the daughter of Nathaniel and Keri Walden. Little Klaire is a fifth-generation XIT member. The winner of the \$500 cash grand prize was Philip Walden. Winners of the \$300 cash grand prizes were: Greg Ward, Kyle Kemp, and Mrs. S.A. Cleavinger. Jim Meyer and Bobby Browning were \$100 cash grand prize winners.

Following the regular prize drawing, all the members= children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were called to the front and were given insulated lunch boxes. After the prizes were distributed, the meeting was adjourned.

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

New York Times' Best Sellers @ Your Library Fiction

- Sandy Baskin, Librarian
1. The Appeal by John Grisham
 2. Remember Me? By Sophie Kinsella
 3. 7th Heaven by James Patterson
 4. Killer Heat by Linda Fairstein
 5. Strangers in Death by J.D. Robb
 6. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
 7. Honor Thyself by Danielle Steel
 8. World Without End by Ken Follett
 9. Duma Key by Stephen King
 10. Lady Killer by Lisa Scottoline
 11. Betrayal by John Lescroart
 12. The First Patient by Michael Palmer
 13. Deep Dish by Mary Kay Andrews
 14. The Killing Ground by Jack Higgins
 15. Dead Time by Stephen White
 16. The Senator's Wife by Sue Miller
 17. The Ancient by R.A. Salvatore
 18. Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker
 19. Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich
 20. The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory
 21. Water for Elephant by Sara Gruen
 22. Friday Night's Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
 23. Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
 24. No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy
 25. Atonement by Ian McEwan
 - Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
 - The Road by Cormac McCarthy
 - The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory
 - Peony in Love by Lisa See
 - Naughty Neighbor by Janet Evanovich
 - Non-Fiction
 1. I Am America (And So Can You) by Stephen Colbert
 2. Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell
 3. Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy
 4. Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
 5. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
 6. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
 7. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
 8. The Innocent Man by John Grisham
 9. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell

10. John Adams by David McCullough
11. Grace (Eventually) by Anne Lamott
12. Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
13. The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
14. The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
15. The Secret by Rhonda Byrne
16. Women & Money by Suze Orman
17. You: Staying Young by Michael Roizen
18. The 4-Hour Workweek by Timothy Ferriss
19. The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden
20. The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey
21. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki
22. Cesar's Way by Cesar Millan

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"Celebrity Says!" which airs Monday through Friday at 10 p.m. on TV Guide Network, is the first game show that tests the knowledge of home viewers on how well they think they know their favorite celebrities. To learn more, visit www.tvguide.com/network.

The recent mortgage crisis has left the door open for fraudulent foreclosure "rescue" professionals who use half-truths and outright lies to sell services that promise relief and then fail to deliver. To learn how to avoid these scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission Web site at www.ftc.gov.

In "Dark Room" (Avon), the latest thriller from New York Times best-selling author Andrea Kane, Morgan Winter is determined to find her parents' killer after shocking evidence overturns the 17-year-old homicide conviction. Together with photojournalist Lane Montgomery, Morgan uncovers the truth and is finally able to let go of her past. To learn more, visit www.andreakane.com.

For entertaining purposes, cheese and crackers remains a classic combo. A thin, crunchy pretzel cracker, such as Pretzel Crisps from The Snack Factory, can be a great base for a variety of tasty appetizers. For instant appetizer ideas, visit www.pretzelcrisps.com.

GRILLED ONION SALSA

2 large onions, sliced
2 large tomatoes, chopped
¼ cup seeded jalapeño peppers, chopped
¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
Freshly squeezed lime juice
Salt

Grill the onion slices. Coarsely chop the grilled rings and mix with the chopped tomatoes, jalapeño peppers, cilantro and cumin seeds. Season with salt and fresh lime juice. (Makes about ¾ cups.)

1 teaspoon sugar
1¼ teaspoons cumin seeds, crushed in mortar
1 teaspoon bottled crushed red pepper flakes or 1 to 2 tablespoons minced fresh chilies
2 to 3 teaspoons diced chipotles, canned in adobo sauce
1 to 2 teaspoons adobo sauce from canned chipotles
Husk corn and cut kernels from cob using a long-bladed knife (yields about 2 cups). Heat oil in large skillet over high heat. Add corn and sauté for about 2 minutes or until lightly golden. Add onion and sauté 1 minute longer. Remove from heat and combine with all other ingredients in bowl. (Makes 12 servings or 3 cups.)

ROASTED CORN AND ONION SALSA

2 ears corn in husks (about 1½ pounds)
1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
1 cup chopped yellow onion
¼ cup coarsely chopped cilantro leaves
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice

To add flavor and variety to your menus, check out the salsa and chutney recipes available at www.onions-usa.org.

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