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Local Morgan Horse Breeder Honored at National Convention

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—Cece Green Yelek of Sunray, TX, and her Greentree Morgan Horse Farm recently was inducted into the American Morgan Horse Association's Breeders' Hall of Fame for their 50-year dedication to breeding Morgan horses in Portland, Oregon, February 23.

In 1961 Bill and Louise Green's family escaped the New York rat race, moved to a 77-acre ranch in Loveland, Colorado, and began raising-Morgan horses. Fifty years later, Greentree Ranch is going strong, run by the Green's daughter Cece and her husband Dave Yelek.

The Morgan that started it all was a yearling filly named Bonita Graham, inspiring the Greens to become Morgan enthusiasts. Her trio of disposition, competitive nature, and typey athleticism bred true through the years, most importantly into her son Greentree Bonniejohn. Bonniejohn's foals soon had the family surrounded by Morgan icons. Their names became mileposts for competition standards through the years in a variety of disciplines.

From Bonniejohn, the foundation stallion, to the ultimate Morgan road horse Greentree Mary Jane, and more than 200 other prefixed horses, the Greentree program has been synonymous with quality Morgan's that excel in show and sport competitions, in the breeding shed, and as best friends in the United States, Canada, and Sweden.

Four generations later, that Bonniejohn look is still strong in Greentree Gathering Storm, as he passes on the winning traditions of disposition, type, and athletic talent for Greentree Ranch.

Founded in 1909, the American Morgan Horse Association is a non-profit organization serving more than 50,000 Morgan horse owners, breeders, exhibitors, and enthusiasts throughout the United States. AMHA serves as a parent organization to more than 90 recognized Morgan horse clubs and national service organizations.

For more information on America's original horse breed, contact the American Morgan Horse Association, Inc., 4066 Shelburne Road, Suite 5, Shelburne, Vermont 05482; (802) 985-4944; www.morganhorse.com.



Yelek honored at National convention

Cece Yelek is shown above (left) receiving honors at the Morgan Horse Breeder National Convention held recently (story at left). Congratulations Cece.

Happy Easter

Used Book Sale
Saturday, April 6, 2013
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sherman County Library

Any Individual or Organization wishing to offer a scholarship to the Class of 2013 please contact Desine Garza at 366-3322. Any current donors wishing to make changes to their current scholarship requirements please let Mrs. Garza know that as well as deadline for this year.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park

This is a reminder that our yearly Easter Egg Hunt in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Weather Permitting) Emergency Service Vehicle's will be on hand for the kids to see, Sheriff Powell will be playing music and your Public Safety Explorers will be placing 1500 eggs around the park area for the kids to grab up.

Snack Pak 4 Kids program launches in Stratford

It is a well-known fact that there are children in the world who do not have enough to eat, but most of us do not realize that there is a substantial population of hungry children right here in Stratford living in food-insecure homes where evening meals are rare and weekend meals are basically non-existent. The Snack Pak 4 Kids program was created specifically to provide weekend nourishment for elementary-aged children in food-insecure homes so that they are able to concentrate and learn at school on Mondays.

Snack Pak 4 Kids was created in Bushland ISD by Dyron Howell, whose hope is that one day no child will have to attend school on an empty stomach.

When Stratford's Jo Hinds reached out to Howell to bring the Snack Pak 4 Kids program to her town she knew that it would meet a need in the community, but she was shocked to learn just how many little ones there are living with hunger in Stratford.

Twenty-six elementary students were immediately identified for the program, a number that is expected to almost double as the program gains strength within Stratford.

Mary Allen Elementary School principal, Misti McBryde was also astounded at the profound need for such a program in Stratford. "After learning about the program and behavioral signs of hunger, kid's faces just started popping into my head and it struck me how many we could possibly have." She said, "It hit me like a ton of bricks."

The motto of the Snack Pak 4 Kids program is, "On an empty stomach you can't learn anything." It is a sentiment echoed by McBryde, "Children who are not getting adequate nutrition in general are not mentally focused. They can't take in what information they need to thrive in an educational environment," she said.

Children who are identified for the program will receive a Snack Pak to take home in their backpack every Friday of the school year. A Snack Pak is a plastic bag filled with 8-10 healthy snacks, which provide some balanced nutrition throughout the weekend. The bags are discreetly dispersed and must fit into the child's backpack, as to not create any social issues for the child.

Distribution of Snack Paks will begin in April, and funding is immediately needed to make the program's launch in Stratford a success. "The first Paks go home on April 12th," said Hinds. "We currently need \$2,000 to get through the end of this school year."

All contributions to the Snack Pak 4 Kids program are tax deductible, and because Baptist Community Services covers all operating and administrative costs, 100% of all donations are used to purchase food for children in your hometown.

Each Snack Pak costs only \$3.50. This means that for only \$14 a month you could provide a little one with weekend food for one month, or for only \$133 a Stratford child would receive Snack Paks for an entire school year.

Volunteers are also needed to help fill Snack Paks one evening per month. This can be done individually or as part of a group or club.

Local civic groups may also help by hosting peanut butter or Pop-Tart drives to help collect supplies for the Snack Paks. "Over a long weekend or break from school we send home peanut butter and a sleeve of crackers with the child in addition to the normal Snack Pak to tide them over," said Hinds. "Pop-tarts are their treat. It is something we can't order from our supplier, so we reach out to the community," she explained. Please help to ensure that all little ones in our community have enough to eat by supporting Snack Pak 4 Kids.

You may sign up to sponsor a child by submitting a Snack Pak 4 Kids donation form, located **on the back page** of this week's issue of The Stratford Star. Donations should be made payable to "Snack Pak 4 Kids." Please designate Stratford in the memo line of your check.

Donations can be delivered or mailed to Jo Hinds at PO Box 781 Stratford, TX 79084 or mailed directly to Snack Pak 4 Kids 701 Park Place Ave. Amarillo, TX 79101. To learn more about Snack Pak 4 Kids in Stratford and how you can help, contact Jo Hinds at 806-570-6624.

Computer Training Coming to Library

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian

Do you need help with computers? Do you want to upgrade your job hunting or work skills? The Sherman County Public Library is hosting computer classes that can help! Experienced technology trainers from the Texas State Library's Technology Expertise, Access and Learning Project (TEAL) are providing the following 2 hour training sessions at your library free of charge:

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--Computer Basics Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Email

Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.--Intro to Microsoft Word Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.-- Intro to Microsoft Excel

Classes are designed to make beginners feel comfortable so do not hesitate—ask your librarian for details and reserve your spot today! Registration deadline is Monday, April 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and classes are limited to 15 students. The Sherman County Public Library is located at 719 N Main and you can learn more about classes by calling 806-366-2200.

Sunday Morning accident

On Sunday morning, following the icy storm, a family was traveling toward Stratford, just outside of Texhoma in their Chevrolet Avalanche, when the driver of the Avalanche passed another motorist. As she began to merge back into the right lane, she lost control of her vehicle and began to spin out of control. She crossed into oncoming traffic and collided with an eastbound tractor-trailer. This tractor-trailer was then hit in the back by another tractor-trailer. All three vehicles had to be towed away as the driver and front-seat passenger of the Avalanche were transported to the Hospital by Stratford EMS. Emergency personnel were on scene within minutes of the collision.

NWS Spotter Class

There will be a NWS Spotter Class offered in Stratford (open to public) on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Stratford Fire Department. The class usually lasts 2 hours and everyone is invited to get certified as a spotter. Greg Wright thinks this year may be a very active season.

BUSINESSES

Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your property now! Deadline: April 15, 2013

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 N 3rd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

3rd ANNUAL SCDC BLOCK PARTY

This year's Block Party will be held during the Stratford Jamboree on Saturday evening, July 27th. Non-profit and for-profit organizations, private businesses & citizens are invited to sign up for a designated space as early as possible. Vendor forms will be ready April 1st @ the SCDC Office and need to be returned by July 1, 2013. A group has already signed up to sell cold drinks, water, ice & cups. Beginning May 1st a list will be posted in the front window of SCDC and updated weekly, showing who will be selling what item, food, etc or what activity will be going on at a certain location. Last year many wanted a cook-off and we tried it; 13 forms were sent out and 1 cook showed up. There's no cook-off this year. Groups, restaurants, individuals - anyone who wants to sell any type of food - burgers, ice cream, cookies, ribs, etc - fill out a form now. Vendors selling merchandise other than food or drink are invited to reserve their space also. There is no charge for spaces. If you have questions contact SCDC at 366-2897, email scdc@xit.net or drop by 301 N. Main St.

Letter to the Editor

SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published. Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear Editor:

An amazing fact that you might like to know. There have been 51 wars since the end of World War One. I found this when I was reading a book called "The Challenge" by author Billy Graham.

Another one of my favorite persons I like to read about is Dwight Eisenhower. One of his best statements was when he was addressing a large crowd of people after Church one Sunday, he was asked to comment on the preacher's sermon that day. About Atheists he said it takes no brains to be an Atheist. Any stupid person can deny the super natural. I think he was correct.

Ken Forthman

ATTENTION: PROM TIME
We will begin working on prom decorations **EVERY** Monday night at 6:30 p.m. starting March 25, 2013 at the high school building, 2nd floor. We need **EVERYONE** to attend please.

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Texas Superstar Plants

By Brad Easterling

Have you grown tired of constantly replacing the plants in your flower beds year after year and many times during the middle of the summer? The first things you can do are plant perennials instead of annuals, but after that, try planting plants that have made the Texas Superstar list.

Texas Superstar plants have been approved by a board or panel of horticulturalist and researchers from all over the state of Texas who have been growing each one of these particular plants and approves of their planting throughout most of the state. There are some exceptions such as citrus in the Panhandle. Each of these varieties has gone through rigorous testing including essentially no irrigation, insecticides, or fungicides after the first year of establishment. Therefore all of the varieties on these lists will be insect and disease tolerant. Note I did not say resistant. They will also be very drought hardy, which is always a concern in this part of the state.

Another very big advantage for all of these plants is that most all of them are very attractive to look at. There is a big difference between xeriscaping with rocks and cacti and planting good looking drought tolerant plants in your flower beds.

The biggest concern for us around here is going to be access to these plants. According to the Texas Superstar website, Wichita Falls has the closest nursery followed by the metroplex and San Angelo. Our nurseries in Amarillo may be able to order specific plants if you tell them what you want.

For more information on the Texas Superstar Program including lists of Annuals, Perennials, Per-Annuals, Woody Shrubs, Trees, and Specialty Plants, visit <http://texasuperstar.com>. The website also includes many growing tips, and lists of retailers and wholesalers. Also feel free to call me here at the Extension office at 366-2081.

Fire Caution

We are **NOT** currently under a **BURN BAN**, but Sherman County is asking for everyone's cooperation in preventing fires. We are asking that you **use caution** with any fire. Please **monitor** any fires and make sure fire is **completely extinguished** before leaving the area.

Volunteers Needed

The Depot Museum is in need of Volunteers from April through October-2 hours a month. Call 366-2202 or 366-7679

Happy State Bank Enters the DFW Metroplex

Kerry Adair, President of the Dallas Market and J. Pat Hickman, Chairman and CEO of Happy State Bank and Trust Co., announced that on Monday, March 25, 2013, the former Signature Bank will open as Happy State Bank in the One Hanover Building at 16633 Dallas Parkway, Suite 350, Addison, Texas 75001.

Happy Bancshares, Inc. (the parent company of Happy State Bank) acquired Signature Bank, Dallas in January 2012, and has been operating the bank as a separate bank charter for the past year. With this conversion to the new name and new location, Happy State Bank will have 31 offices in 21 communities in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and now, the DFW Metroplex.

Adair is a graduate of West Texas State University earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in business. He has over 29 years of banking experience, working seven years as the President of the Amarillo Market for Happy State Bank and the past year as President and CEO of Signature Bank, Dallas. He and his wife, Anita, have three children, Austin, Alex and Kori.

Other bank officers are Ken H. Maynard, Senior Vice President; Jeff Peatrowsky, Senior Vice President; Kevin P. Chandler, Vice President; Cheryl Johnson, Vice President; Carol Langford, Vice President; and Brian Riordan, Vice President. Maynard is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He is a commercial lender and has 36 years banking experience. Jeff Peatrowsky obtained a Bachelor's of Science degree in accounting and has been in banking for 19 years. Kevin P. Chandler is a Vice President and commercial lender. He is a graduate of University of Georgia with a Bachelor's of Arts degree and obtained a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Georgia State University. Cheryl Johnson is a Vice President and manages the operations of the bank. Carol Langford, Vice President, is responsible for loan administration and has been with the bank for 18 years. Brian P. Riordan earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance from Baylor University. He is a commercial lender.

"We have an amazing team that is committed to providing outstanding customer service. We believe banking is about building relationships and meeting the financial needs of those we serve," said Adair.

"This is a new venture for the Happy State Bank. We are excited to bring the 'Happy Experience' of banking service to the good people in the DFW Metroplex. I think the commercial banking customers of Dallas will appreciate our style of personal, relationship banking. Our name does not just reflect the town or our origin. The name "Happy" reflects the attitude of our stockholders, staff and - most importantly, our customers," stated Hickman.

ABOUT HAPPY STATE BANK

Happy State Bank was chartered in 1908 in Happy, Texas. In 1990, the then \$10 million bank was acquired by a group of Panhandle area investors and is now the second largest bank in the Texas Panhandle/South Plains trade territory and the 25th largest bank in Texas by asset size with \$2.1 Billion in total assets. The bank also owns a non-depository branch - GoldStar Trust Company which is headquartered in Canyon, Texas.

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Shown at left conducting the Election of Directors at the 62nd XIT Rural Telephone Annual Meeting is XIT Board Vice President, Walter E. Lasley. Seated to his left is J.W. McClellan, XIT Board President, and seated on his right side is Darrell Dennis, XIT General Manager. Shown below Winner of a \$100 grand prize at the 62nd XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting was A.E. Pronger, Jr., of Stratford. Shown presenting the prize money to Mr. Pronger is XIT Installation & Repair Technician from Stratford, Yvonne Miller. Also shown below receiving his prize at the XIT Rural Telephone Annual Meeting is Charles Sutterfield of Stratford. Mr. Sutterfield was the winner of a \$50 gift certificate.

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XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative Celebrates 62 Years ...

A beautiful spring-like day greeted approximately three hundred and sixty XIT Rural Telephone members, invited guests, and employees as they gathered at the Rita Blanca Lake Coliseum in Dalhart, Texas, on Wednesday, March 13th to celebrate XIT Rural Telephone's 62nd Annual Meeting of the Membership. One hundred and thirty three 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, the Cooperative's company colors. The stage was set with blue draping and a white banner depicting XIT's organization in 1951. Ficus trees and colorful tulips in white pots helped to create an inviting setting for the meeting.

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

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

Among the guests were former XIT General Manager, Jimmy R. White, who served the Cooperative for nearly 30 years before his retirement, and Ruby V. Smith, who served as office manager/bookkeeper for 33 years.

Board Vice President and Marketing Committee Chairman, Walter E. Lasley, Assistant Manager, Kathy Duggan, and Sales and Customer Relations Representative, Trena Howell, presented the 2013 XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program recipients and their families to the membership. The 2013 scholarship winners are: M'Lynn Wells, Stratford High School; Tiffani Ballew, Texline High School; Cassidy Horn, Channing High School; Tyler Schaub, Texline High School, and Collbran Larsen, Texhoma High School. Each student was presented an engraved keychain and will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship to the college or technical school of his or her choice. The funds are divided over the number of semesters to be attended by the student. 2013 marks the 14th year for this program, and since its inception, XIT has awarded a total of 74 scholarships and paid a total of \$89,500.00.

Kathy Duggan, XIT Assistant Manager, then took a moment to recognize members of the Texline Tornadoes Boys' Basketball Team and their coach, Tanner Martin and his family, who were special invited guests. XIT presented the team with a large banner that said "Texline Tornadoes ... IN IT TO WIN IT! ... State Finals 2013". The banner was a special gift given to the boys from XIT since they are the first team in Texline history to make it to the UIL State Boys' Finals in Austin, Texas. The banner will hang in the Texline High School gymnasium as a reminder of this special honor.

The business meeting then convened and was presided over by J.W. McClellan, Jr., XIT Board President. McClellan introduced the Cooperative's General Manager, Darrell Dennis, who addressed the membership.

Manager Dennis began by thanking Bar-H for catering the meal and the City of Dalhart for helping to set up the facility for the meeting. He recognized former employees, Doug Schoppe, Comptroller, and Rick Heiskell, Construction Foreman, for their years of service to the Cooperative. Both Schoppe and Heiskell recently retired from the Cooperative.

Dennis continued by remembering Mike Slatton, 34-year employee, who passed away this past year after a lengthy illness. He then recognized all of XIT employees and expressed his gratitude for the work they do on behalf of the Cooperative and its member/owners.



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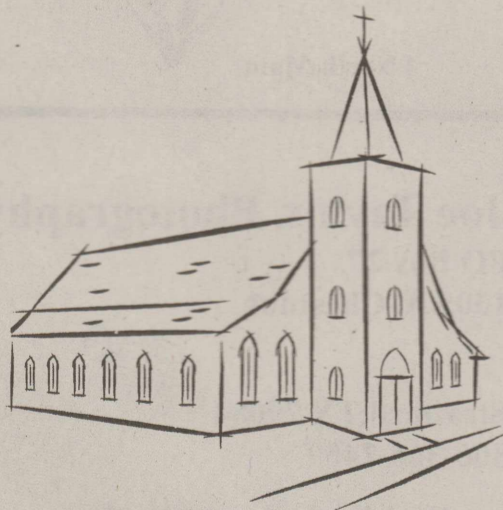
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
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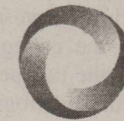
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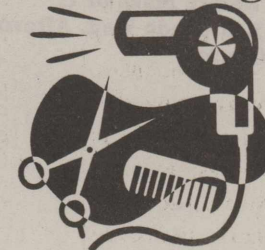
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 55051L001

APPLICATION Lewis Construction Co., Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 55051L001, which would authorize continued operation of the Rock Crushing Plant located near Cactus in Sherman County, Texas 79013. The applicant provides the following directions to the site: Drive 4 miles north of Cactus on US 287, turn west on Sherman County Road BB, then drive six miles west, then north, on Sherman County Road ; for 3/4 mile to the Gurley Pit No. 2 gate on the east side of the road. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?la=36.1463&lng=-102.1319&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 14, 2013. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main Street, Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list

for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(0) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this

application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Lewis Construction Co., Inc., P.O. Box 458, Dumas, Texas 79029-0458 or by calling Mr. Henry D. Lewis, III, President at (806) 935-5641.

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Harry E. Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dorothy Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dacre Merry Wray; Joe Merry; Cecil Merry; Bill Merry; Bob Merry; Jimmy Merry; Louise M. Woods; Dorothy Merry Oakley; Helen M. Bacon; The Unknown Heirs of Johnny Merry; Elizabeth M. Giala; and Charlotte M. Melott. Defendants in the hereinafter referenced cause.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney.

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition on or before 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013, that day being the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, in the 69th Judicial District Ct., of Sherman County, Texas, at the County Courthouse, 701 N. 3rd, P.O. Box 270 in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas. The case is Cause No. 5077, styled Jesus Galaviz vs. George F. Merry, Harry E. Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dorothy Wray; The Unknown Heirs of Dacre Merry Wray; Joe Merry; Cecil Merry; Bill Merry; Bob Merry; Jimmy Merry; Louise M. Woods; Dorothy Merry Oakley; Helen M. Bacon; The Unknown Heirs of Johnny Merry; Elizabeth M. Giala; and Charlotte M. Melott. The Petition was filed on February 13, 2013. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Kimberly L. Allen, P.O. Box 792, Dalhart, Texas, 79022. The nature of the suit is as follows:

Plaintiff seeks to acquire sole and undisputed title in his name to Lots Eleven and Twelve, Block 14, Town of Texhoma, Sherman County, Texas, pursuant to §15.011 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. You may have an interest in this property. If you fail to file an answer, judgment by default may be rendered for the relief demanded in the petition. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this Citation by 10:00 a.m. on April 15, 2013, a default judgment may be taken against you.

ISSUED this 4th day of March, 2013.

Gina Gray

Sherman County and District Clerk
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Manager Dennis then recognized Del Mickens with the Rural Utilities Services (RUS). Dennis stated, "It has been quite awhile since we have had a representative from the REA, as it was known back then, to be able to attend our meeting." Dennis explained that RUS is under the United States Department of Agriculture and that the current USDA Secretary, Tom Vilsack, has been tireless in promoting the importance of broadband to rural America. Dennis offered XIT's thanks to Secretary Vilsack for his efforts.

Dennis reported to the membership that XIT Rural Telephone has continued its fiber construction in the rural areas. In 2012, XIT added an additional 125 miles of line and have a total of 786 lines connected to fiber. He said that this represents 76% of XIT's total customer lines. He explained that XIT will complete its joint project with RUS for construction by mid-year 2013, and with the completion of this project, XIT will have completed 532 miles of fiber cable. Dennis went on to say that XIT's Board has approved the continuation of fiber construction to place 100% of its customers on fiber within in the next 30 months. Manager Dennis expressed enthusiasm with the positive feedback that XIT has received from its members who have received the new fiber service and from those waiting for construction to be completed in their area. Dennis stated, "The interest in this project shows that we are on the right track."

Manager Dennis explained to the membership that XIT Rural Telephone receives 70% of its operating revenue from pools and State and Federal Universal Service Funds. He further stated that The White House and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have both clearly stated that a robust broadband connection is needed in rural America. Dennis stated, "If we, in rural America and the markets we serve, are to be successful and reliable ... broadband service is a necessity." He also explained that the FCC in Washington, D.C. and the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in Austin seem to have a different perspective in that they seem to question whether or not money would be better spent in a more suburban area where large telcos or cable operators have not extended high-speed broadband service. Today, support is paid on the number of dial tones, which is decreasing in numbers. Dennis said, "It would seem to make more sense to base the support on the number of connections ... then, the consumer could choose the service to meet their needs at an affordable cost."

Manager Dennis concluded his address by conveying that he had read about communities who have attracted new businesses by virtue of the fact they have high-speed broadband available at a reasonable cost in their service areas. With what the Cooperative has achieved, and will achieve across its service area, with its fiber and broadband deployment, he hopes that one day, XIT will be able to tell the story of how it has attracted new businesses to its area.

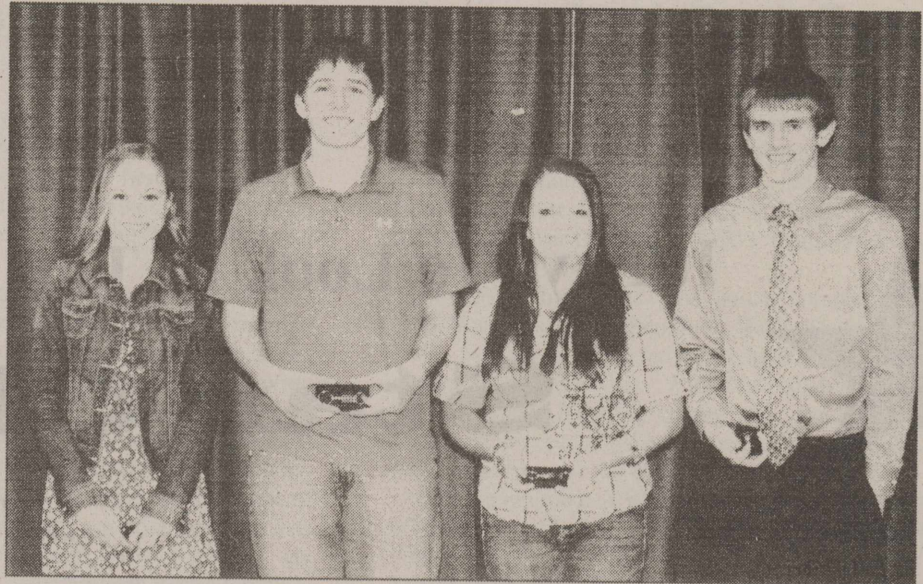
Manager Dennis then introduced the Cooperative's new Controller, Charlotte A. Burkhalter and asked her to give the financial reports of the Cooperative and its wholly-owned subsidiary, XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Ltd. President McClellan, called on Allan Frerich, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present the report on the nominations for directors for the ensuing three-year term. Those nominated were District I, Dallam County - J.W. McClellan, Jr.; District II, Hartley County - Nick Olson, and District III, Sherman County - Gareld McBryde.

The election process was then turned over to vice president, Walter Lasley. Lasley called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made and seconded from the floor to elect the nominees by acclamation; thus, declaring the election of J.W. McClellan, Jr., Nick Olson, and Gareld McBryde to the board of directors for another 3-year term.

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, and fellow director, J.W. McClellan, Jr. The winner of the \$500 cash grand prize was Margo Sidwell. Winners of the \$300 cash grand prizes were: Vicky Ballew, James Meyer and Orville Miller. Danell Higgins and A.E. Pronger, Jr. were \$100 cash grand prize winners.

All members and guests were presented with a barbeque utensil set and seasoning as they registered for the meeting. Members' children and grandchildren (12 years and under) were given teddy bears. 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.



Recipients of the 2013 XIT Rural Telephone Education Program Scholarships were honored at the 62 n XIT Annual Meeting held recently. The scholarship winners were presented with engraved key chains. Winners included (left to right): Cassidy Horn from Channing High School; Colibrán Larsen from Texhoma High School; Tiffani Ballew and Tyler Schaub, both from Texline High School. Not present was M'Lynn Wells from Stratford High School.

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What is a rendition?
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What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2013 renditions is April 15.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 15 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!
Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

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Or contact:
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