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Camberos signs letter of intent

Coach Matt Lovern is shown above with Mrs. Cambero's and her son Juan Camberos who has signed with Wayland Baptist University to play football. Congrats to Juan.



Sherman County 4-H quilt winner

Patsey Roberts was the winner of the beautiful quilt which our very own Billye Zak made! We hope you, Ripsey and Bella enjoy it! The Raffle generated \$350 + for Sherman County 4-H to donate to Eli's fund. The CVM established Eli's Fund as a source of financial support for active duty service men & women, medically retired veterans service animals and retired military animals! Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle!

Dear Stratford Angels,

We are absolutely overwhelmed with all of your generous donations to Chelsea's fight and to Aiden and Lani. Because of your gifts, Chelsea will be able to shed a sigh of relief to a few of her worries.

The calls, cards and prayers are what keep us going and reminds us how great it will be when we get to be home among all of the wonderful, caring support of STRATFORD!

Thank you for being you!!!!!!
Chelsea, Aiden and Lani
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Letha

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Summer Reading Program



Sherman County Public Library Wednesdays during June 2016 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Movie Madness @ Your Library Tuesdays starting June 7-August 9, 2016 1:30-3:00 p.m.



Stratford Community Thrift Store Presents Checks

Stratford Youth Sports received a gift from the Stratford Community Thrift Store. This monetary gift will be used to offer summer sports activities for youth in the Stratford area. Janice Sladek, Thrift Store volunteer, presented the check to Gus Rosales and Bernie Gutierrez representing Stratford Youth Sports, while Margarita Morales, a customer at the Thrift Store looks on.

Below-Martha Ellison of the First Baptist Church Community Food Ministry receives a check from Sonja Ragsdale, Thrift Store volunteer. Assisting with the presentation of the check were Francisca Martinez, Thrift Store customer, Joyce McBryde and Karen Perrin representing the Food Ministry program. Funds received from the Thrift Store will be used to purchase food for those in need in the community.

The Community Thrift Store thanks people for shopping as the money goes back into the community. This partnership of donated items and great support of the customers is a prime example of people working together making Stratford better!! The Thrift Store expresses appreciation to all who donate items to the store and those who purchase those items.



CORRECTION ON DATES

FUMC Invites Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at First United Methodist Church from Sunday June 12th thru Tuesday, June 14 At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 7:30-8:00pm.

Cave Quest is for kids going into Pre-K to 6th grade and will run from 5:00-8:00 PM each day. For more information, call VBS Director Cassi Hudson (806) 290-1808

CASA 69, Inc. – Volunteer Opportunities

Training dates: July 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th Please contact the CASA office TODAY to start the application process—244-2684 or 934-4417 or <u>casa69@xit.net</u>.

Attention: TAXPAYERS

At a time when people are concerned about the tax increases, everyone should make an effort to be better informed about the Texas property tax system and how it functions

Main divisions of the property tax system are:

- 1. APPRAISAL DISTRICT which sets the value of property based on procedures established by state laws. These values are checked each year by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's Office for accuracy. An Agricultural Advisory Committee of three local farmers reviews farm and ranch land values. The Chief Appraiser operates the Appraisal District office and is employed by an eight member board. This board is elected by the taxing units.
- 2. APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD is a board of six local citizens who settle any disagreements between the taxpayer and the Appraisal District concerning value.
- 3. LOCAL TAXING UNITS (County, city, school, hospital, other governments) decide how much revenue will be needed to operate for the coming year. They then set the tax rate which determines how much tax liability each taxpayer will have. Each taxing unit has an elected governing body.

Through the checks and balances of the system, no one person has total responsibility for your tax bill.

The work of locating and placing value on property is completed for the 2016 tax roll. On May 18th taxpayers were mailed a notice of proposed value on their property. **NOW** is your opportunity to respond if you have questions or difference of opinion in regard to this value. After the Appraisal Review Board meets on July 5th and approves the records, the Appraisal District has no more authority over the value. The values then go to the taxing units in the form of an appraisal roll. At that time, the taxing units are preparing budgets and setting rates.

Most taxing units have contracted with the Appraisal District to do collection of taxes. The County Tax Assessor/Collector collects the County's taxes.

If you have any questions about the property tax system, please contact the Appraisal District Office at 402 N. Third, Stratford, or call (806) 366-5566.



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Thanks-Marty

to Share in the Cost of Ginning

One-time Payments to Begin in July to Assist with 2016 Ginning Season

WASHINGTON, June 6, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide an estimated \$300 million in cost-share assistance payments to cotton producers through the new Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program, in order to expand and maintain the domestic marketing of cotton.

Assistance to Cotton Producers

USDA Provides Targeted

"Today's announcement shows USDA continues to stand with America's cotten producers and our rural communities," said Vilsack. "The Cotton Ginning Cost Share program will offer meaningful, timely and targeted assistance to cotton growers to help with their anticipated ginning costs and to facilitate marketing. The program will provide, on average, approximately 60 percent more assistance per farm and per producer than the 2014 program that provided cotton transition assistance."

cotton transition assistance."

Through the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program, eligible producers can receive a one-time cost share payment, which is based on a producer's 2015 cotton acres reported to FSA, multiplied by 40 percent of the average ginning cost for each production region. With the pressing need to provide assistance ahead of the 2016 ginning season this fall, USDA will ensure the application process is straight-forward and efficient. The program estimates the costs based on planting of cotton in 2015, and therefore the local FSA offices already have this information for the vast majority of eligible producers and the applications will be pre-populated with existing data. Sign-up for the program will begin June 20 and run through Aug. 5, 2016 at the producer's local FSA office. Payments will be processed as applications are received, and are expected to begin in July.

Since 2011, cotton fiber markets have experienced dramatic changes. As a result of low cotton prices and global oversupply, cotton producers are facing economic uncertainty that has led to many producers having lost equity and having been forced to liquidate equipment and land to satisfy loans. The ginning of cotton is necessary prior to marketing the lint for fiber, or the seed for oil or feed. While the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program makes payments to cotton producers for cotton ginning costs, the benefits of the program will be felt by the broader marketing chain associated with cotton and cottonseed, including cotton gins, cooperatives, marketers and cottonseed crushers and the rural communities that depend on them.

The program has the same eligibility requirements as were used for the 2014 Cotton Transition Assistance Program, including a \$40,000 per producer payment limit, requirement to be actively engaged in farming, meet conservation compliance and a \$900,000 adjusted gross income limit.

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To learn more about the Cotton Ginning Cost-Share program, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/cgcs or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit http://offices.usda.gov.

Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than

most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials. USDA has also provided \$5.6 billion in disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; expanded risk management tools with products like Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and helped farm businesses grow with \$36 billion in farm credit. The Department has engaged its resources to support a strong next generation of farmers and ranchers by improving access to land and capital; building new markets and market opportunities; and extending new conservation opportunities. USDA has developed new markets for rural-made products, including more than 2,500 biobased products through USDA's BioPreferred program; and invested \$64 billion in infrastructure and community facilities to help improve the quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

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Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you



Miller honored with Bridal Shower

Heather Miller, bride-elect of Tyler Seward was honored with a bridal shower on Sunday, June 5, 2016 in the home Of Tami King. Shown standing L to R are Jacie Seward, Jane Seward, Mindy Taylor, Remie Seward and Hanna Miller. Seated L to R are Cindy Seward (mother of groom), Tyler Seward (groom), Heather Miller (Bride-elect) and Darlene Miller, (Mother of the Bride.)

Stancell honored with Bridal Shower

Caitlyn Stancell, bride elect of Jordan Johnson was honored with a Bridal Shower on Sunday, June 5, 2016 in the home of ViAnn Reed, Shown at right left to right are Molly Stancell, Caitlyn Stancell, Jordan Johnson, Brenda Johnson and Bethany Johnson





Getting Home After Graduation: Ten Tips

(NAPS)—If you or someone you care about is among the 20 million students the U.S. Department of Education predicts will graduate this year, congratulations!

Now, it's time to contemplate your next move: the one out of the dorm or campus apartment. To help, here are a few tips from the experts on moving at Penske Truck Rental:

• Reserve the right truck well in advance. For most students, a 12- or 16-foot truck is right for the job. Just remember, you're not the only one moving out. Try to reserve the truck and any accessories—boxes, packing tape, bubble packing material, moving blankets, hand trucks and so on—at least two weeks in advance.

• Plan your travel time. Take into account the time of day, likely traffic patterns and stops.

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•Get used to the truck before you drive away. Familiarize yourself with the truck's switches and gauges. Adjust the seat and side mirrors so they match your height and comfort zone.

Remember, it's likely to be taller, wider and heavier than the vehicle you're used to driving. That means you may have to drive more slowly and take extra precautions, particularly on turns. Also, be aware that trucks have oversized blind spots. Know where these are.

•Take a close look at your rental agreement. Most include language from the U.S. Department of Transportation that prohibits the "carrying or hauling of explosives and other dangerous articles." That means you can't pack paint, chemicals and cleaning materials, flammable solvents, propane, gasoline and the like.

• Be sure to insure yourself. Most insurance and credit card companies won't cover truck rentals. You may want to sign up for additional coverage options to protect yourself and your belongings.

•Don't pack everything. Items you may need to grab in a hurry—such as paperwork, credit cards, identification, a change of clothes, drinks and snacks—should be kept close at hand in a travel bag with you in the cab.

•Pack it right. Load the heaviest items on the truck first. Always bend your knees and lift with your legs, never your back.

•Buddy up. Sharing the ride with a friend can help to defer some of your truck rental costs and the driving and provide some extra help with your boxes.

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First Christian Church 5th & Main Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery) Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery) No Sunday evening Worship Service

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CASA 69, Inc. -Volunteer Opportunities

Every child has a chance – It's You. Your voice can be a child's only chance.

CASA 69 (Court Appointed Special Advocates) currently needs volunteers to advocate for the safety and future of children in foster care in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman counties. Training provides volunteers the resources they need to give foster children a chance at finding happiness in a safe, permanent forever home.

Requirements – You must be 21 years of age or older and willing to commit to at least one year of advocacy. You must be able to pass criminal and CPS history background checks. You must complete training – 10 hours online course work plus 20 hours of classroom work.

Training dates: July 11th, 12th, 14th, 19th

We hope you will consider taking classes that could enrich your life, making you better prepared to help someone else, especially a vulnerable child. Please contact the CASA office TODAY to start the application process—244-2684 or 934-4417 or casa69@xit.net.

Attention Stratford Residents,

Please be advised that high grass and weeds are a fire/health/safety issue and must be kept under control per Stratford Ordinance Sections 6.03.00 1 and 6.03.002. The City Code Enforcement Officer will be checking properties in the upcoming weeks for compliance with these and other ordinances. Citations for noncompliance may be issued. Please be sure to keep your property, including behind fence lines and up to the alleyways, free of high grass/weeds and other debris in order to avoid a Citation. For further information, call 806-268-4158.

A Medical Fund has been set up at Happy State Bank for Zackary Eloy Garcia, son of Tina Garcia Zackary is related to the Garzas here in Stratford

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Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F 10:00 -10:30 a.m.

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Stratford Hospital District is now accepting bids for mowing the properties of Stratford EMS, Stratford Family Medical Clinic and the lot north of Coldwater Manor. Please submit your bids to Donna Gross at Coldwater Manor

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The sky is the lip-smacking limit for avocado toast, with endless mouthwatering recipes to surprise and delight each and every morning. For quick and simply delicious, try whole wheat bread topped with mashed avocado and a pinch of salt. For an extra special breakfast in bed, top with your favorite fresh ingredients and add eggs or prosciutto.

Avocado toast has become a hugely popular breakfast item, and chefs and bloggers from around the country have created their own unique avocado toasts with their favorite ingredients, including San Francisco-based chef Maxine Siu of Plow restaurant.

"As a chef in California, I love to celebrate local ingredients and flavors, and for me, California avocado toast is a dish that epitomizes fresh, easy and deliciousand as a bonus, is infinitely customizable for any snack or meal," said chef Siu, who shares her delicious recipe for California Avocado Toast with Pickled Red Onions, Egg and Espelette Pepper.



California avocado, sweet pickled onions and a luscious poached egg on toast make for a perfect breakfast.

California Avocado Toast with Pickled Red Onions, Egg and **Espelette Pepper**

Ingredients:

- 1 slice 4"-thick country bread ½ tsp. extra virgin olive oil Kosher salt, to taste
- ½ ripe, Fresh California Avocado, seeded, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 Tbsp. pickled red onions (see make-ahead recipe below)
- 1 egg, softly poached Espelette pepper, to taste

Instructions:

1. Drizzle sliced bread with virgin olive oil. Toast on a flat top, nonstick frying pan or griddle until golden brown.

2. Sprinkle toasted bread very lightly with kosher salt.

3. Place the avocado slices

on top of toasted bread and sprinkle lightly with another light pinch of kosher salt.

4. Top with pickled red onions and one softly poached egg. 5. Sprinkle the egg with Espelette pepper.

Pickled Red Onions Yields: 1 cup

Ingredients:

½ cup champagne vinegar

½ cup water

Tbsp. sugar

½ tsp. kosher salt

1 bay leaf 1 chile de árbol

1 red onion, thinly sliced

Instructions: 1. Bring to a boil the champagne vinegar, water, sugar, kosher salt, bay leaf and chili

de árbol. 2. Pour the hot liquid over the onion slices. Let sit for an hour before serving.

3. The onions can be stored for up to one week.

· Large avocados are recommended for this recipe. A large avocado averages about 8 ounces. If using smaller or larger size avocados adjust the quantity accordingly.

For more California avocado breakfast ideas, visit www.califor niaavocado.com/avocados-for-



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FFA Banquet May 9, 2016

Awards for LDEs at the FFA Banquet in back from left: Scott Thompson – Creed Speaking, Branson Palmer – Job Interview, Turner Smith – Skills, Bret Barnard – Ag Advocacy. In front L/R: Nick Payne – Ag Advocacy, Carlee Metcalf – Skills, RaeLeigh Willborn – Ag Advocacy, Jaci Brown – Ag Advocacy, Katelin Berry – Ag Advocacy.



Ag teacher Kaleb Horsford shown with Star Greenhand award recipients Jaci Brown and Nick Payne.



Ag teacher Kendra Martin shown with State Chapter Farmer recipients RaeLeigh Willborn and Allie James.



Honorary Chapter Degrees: L/R: Josh Hicks, Billy and Krista Brown, Pat and Nita Barnard, Laurie and Brent Spurlock and Ag teacher – Kaleb Horsford.



Chapter FFA Degrees L/R: Allie James, Carlee Metcalf and Kade McBryde.



Sr. Division Horse L/R: Nick Payne, Jaci Brown and leader Billy Brown.



Vet Tech L/R: Nick Payne, RaeLeigh Willborn, Carlee Metcalf, and Jaci Brown.



Letterman in back L/R: Bret Barnard, Carlee Metcalf, Allie James. In front from left: RaeLeigh Willborn, Jaci Brown, and Nick Payne.



Receiving awards in SAEs at the FFA Banquet are in back L/R: Laynee Burr – Animal Health, Allie James – Beef, Swine, Katelin Berry – Animal systems – beef, Vanessa Barajas – Career Success. In front from left: Joaquin Gutierrez – Leadership – Church Bible Study, Levi Springer – goats, Nick Payne – goats, and Matt Nusz – Automotive Repair.