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EQIP SIGN-UP

An EQIP sign-up is underway to cost share conservation practices on farms and ranches. Sign up will continue through March 18, 2005 for Sherman County.

Call the NRCS office for an appointment at 396-5517 ext. 3. Cost share is available for livestock water facilities, grass seeding and cross fencing and windbreaks. Irrigation practices include pipeline, sprinkler upgrades to LPIC and LEPA systems, new sprinklers to convert row water to sprinkler and converting row water to drip irrigation.

Signatures for ALL Owners and operators will be required at the time of sign-up.

Carter to Be Sworn In Feb. 28th At 3 pm

Terri B. Carter, New county judge will be sworn in on Monday, February 28th at 3 p.m. in the Courtroom.

School Board Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 7, 2005. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 5 through March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 29, 2005 and continue through May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Ricky Reed and Joe Reinart. Holdover members are Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor.

Date Set for Story Time at Library

The Sherman County Public Library will offer a shortened Spring Session of "Story Time" beginning Monday, February 14th followed with February 28, March 7 and March 21. Story Time will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. Programs are open to all children of Sherman County ages 3-5. Pre-enrollment is encouraged to allow for the purchase of adequate supplies. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

Trees to be Available at SWCD

REMINDER: If you are interested in windbreak/landscape trees, call the Sherman County SWCD at 396-5517 ext. 3 as soon as possible. Orders must be placed by the first week in March.

Cowboy Church Held Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend



Lady Elks End Season

The Lady Elks ended their play-off run on Friday, February 18, 2005 with a 16-15 loss to Sudan. Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 7 points followed by Brittany Hudson with 3 points. Lady Elks shown l-r: Katelyn Reed, Shadley Audrain, Candie Bell, Kayla Robertson, Brittany Hudson, Haley Buckles, Yadira Ortega, Lindsay Stein, Allison Baskin and Deidre Tarver. CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SEASON LADY ELKS! WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!!



Sherman County 4-H Members Excel at Ft Worth Stock Show

Jordan Johnson, a 4-H member from Stratford, exhibited a First Place Medium Weight Steer in the Junior Shorthorn Steer Show at the 2005 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on February 3, 2005. Sherman County 4-H members did very well with their livestock projects at the show. Clayton Johnson placed second with his heavy weight crossbred steer. Case Crabtree also took a second place with his middleweight crossbred steer. Braden Hudson placed sixth place with his Hampshire barrow in the swine show. Case, Jordan and Braden sold their animals through the Premium Auction. Two other 4-H members exhibited their steer projects. Pete Dahl and Kristen Crabtree. Pete exhibited a Hereford steer and Kristen a Shorthorn. Congratulations to all these 4-H members.

Mexican Pile-On Dinner Feb. 27th

There will be a Mexican Pile on Dinner Sunday, February 27, 2005 at First Christian Church from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit Brady Bell and Jordan Taylor who will be attending the International Affairs Seminar in New York and Washington, DC. This is a free will donation.

Attention Junior Parents

Junior Parents-We will be making decorations for the Prom on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley Spurlock's barn on Beaver Road next to the Ambulance Building. We need all Junior parents to be there.

CITY OF STRATFORD ELECTION MAY 7, 2005

The City of Stratford will hold an election Saturday, May 7, 2005 to fill three (3) two-year terms. The first day to file for a place on the ballot is February 7, 2005 and will continue until March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may pick up your election packet at City Hall, 518 N. Third, Stratford, Texas between the hours 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 20, 2005 between the hours as listed above, and will also be conducted at City Hall.

Those terms expiring this year are Nancy Kimball, George Harding and Blake Confer. For further information contact City Hall at (806)366-5581.

Legacy, An Assisted Living Community

Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District will host an informational session on Assisted Living at Scot Hall on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005

Dalhart, TX-The Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District will hold an informational session about assisted living and Dalhart's assisted living community, Legacy, which is currently under construction. The informational session will take place at Scot Hall in Stratford.

Legacy will offer 23,925 square feet of spacious living for its residents. The facility will also offer three floor plans and two levels of care to each resident. Basic services offered to each resident include 24-hour staffing, housekeeping once per week, laundry services, three meals a day with special dietary needs met, transportation to medical appointments and other scheduled activities, resident activities and a licensed nurse review of each resident's care plan. Leroy Schaffner, CEO/Administrator of Dallam-Hartley Counties Hospital District, says "The addition of Legacy will offer a wider range of services to area residents. We are proud to continue expansion of our health care services to meet the needs of area residents. The facility will benefit the community now and for years to come."

Assisted living is a combination of housing and personalized support services where each person receives customized care and attention.

An assisted living community provides a level of care between independent living and nursing home care. Legacy, An Assisted Living Community will be located across the street from Coon Memorial Nursing Home and near many health facilities

SHS Blood Drive March 3

Stratford High School and Coffee Memorial Blood Drive will be held Thursday, March 3, 2005, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Old Gym. T-shirts to all donors.

Texhoma School Board Election

The Texhoma Texas Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on Saturday May 7, 2005. The first day to apply for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 5, 2005 and will continue through March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 5th and Denver Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. School will be closed on February 14, 2005 for vacation. Information concerning applications during this time will be posted on the window at the school.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 and continue through May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Vicki Freeman and Cody Cartwright. Holdover members are Jay Blume, Christina Smith, and Jay Murphy.

in Dalhart. Legacy received its name through a desire to express gratitude to and honor its residents for their unique lives. Legacy will honor life and tradition through each of its functions.

Loree Elliott, LNFA and Coon Memorial Nursing Home Administrator, says "Our vision is for all of our long-term care services, from Legacy Assisted Living Community to Coon Memorial Home, to be less institutionalized and more like a five-star hotel environment." Ms. Elliott believes that the community and residents will enjoy the facility and all that it will offer.

The public is invited to attend the information session for Legacy on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at Stratford's Scot Hall during lunch. Information about Legacy will be available at the session. For more information regarding Legacy, An Assisted Living Community please contact Loree Elliott, LNFA and Executive Director of long-term Care Services at (806) 244-8555 or go to

ACT Test Deadline

The ACT Test will be administered at Stratford High School on Saturday, April 9, 2005. The postmark deadline for students wanting to take this test is March 4, 2005. Registration packets and review materials can be picked up in the counselor's office at Stratford High School.

Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry meeting on Thursday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in the XIT Building.

Cancer Survivor Spotlight

The first person to give her story about surviving cancer is Michelle Lutes. Michelle is married to James Lutes with two sons, Chase 9 years of age and Chandler who is 13 years old. Michelle was diagnosed with a Stage I Cervical/Uterine Cancer on May 5, 2004. When asked how she felt when receiving the news that cancer was in her body she wrote that, "my head went spinning in disbelief." Michelle believes that she is cancer free, but her doctors will not give her a clean bill of health for five more years. The treatments consisted of six weeks radiation along with six weeks of chemotherapy. The Cancer affected Michelle's family by bringing them closer together. When asked how did cancer affect you life Michelle wrote, "it was a real wakeup call for me; I have stopped, reevaluated my life mission and my purpose for life." Michelle has learned how to better prioritize and realize what is most important.

Michelle is actively involved in the upcoming Relay for Life being an encouragement to everyone. Those of you have been around Michelle know that she has a strong spirit, an encouraging smile and hug, with a faith and kindness that many of us admire.

If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed for a cancer survivor story in the Stratford Star call Nikie Berry at 366-2122.

Diabetes Education
Class Begins March 1st

Last Chance for
Girl Scout Cookies

Obits

D. F. Gibson

Elk City, OK-D F Gibson was born January 31, 1917 in Lockney, Texas to Eula and Frank Oliver Gibson. He passed away February 17, 2005 at Altus, Oklahoma at the age of 88 years and 16 days.

D F Attended Rock Bluff School before graduating from Gruver, Texas High School in 1936. He moved to Elk City, Oklahoma where he was married to Neola (Rayfield) at Elk City on March 11, 1938. D F worked for the Radford Wholesale Grocery Company and entered the United States Army and served his country during World War II where he received eight battle stars. After his discharge D F and Neola owned and operated Gibson Grocery. He began working as a clerk for the United States Postal Service until his retirement on October 27, 1972. After their retirement they traveled over the United States in their travel trailer looking for places to fish and bicycle.

He was a member of the Elk City United Methodist Church, the Postal Union and the VFW. D F had served a Boy Scout leader for a number of years. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, Oscar, Terry and Edwin, 2 sisters, Oleta McRee and Edwina Pettitt and 1 son-in-law, Bob Lott.

Services were held Saturday, February 19, 2005 at the Elk City United Methodist Church officiated by Rev. Daniel Pulver. Burial was at Ural Cemetery under the direction of Whinery-Savage Funeral Service of Elk City, OK.

He is survived by his wife Neola of the home; 1 daughter Sharon Lott of Altus, OK; two sons Don Gibson and wife, Carole of Stratford and Mickey Gibson and wife Patty of Guymon, OK. 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and host of other relatives and friends.

Do Well, Be Well with diabetes will be offered to interested Sherman County residents this spring. The six week educational program is to help people with type 2 diabetes learn the skills they need to understand and manage their diabetes, reduce their risks for complications and to attain their highest possible level of wellness.

The class will be conducted March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at the Stratford EMS building. Class time will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost of the class will be \$10.00 per individual or couple. Financial assistance is available.

Topics of the class will include understanding about diabetes, meal planning, exercise, foot care, diabetic medicines, and blood glucose levels. Numerous health care and nutrition specialist will be guest speakers.

To register for the class, call or come by the Sherman County Extension Office located at 701 N. Third Street in Stratford, telephone 366-2122. Registration deadline is 12 NOON Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Persons who need special services are asked to contact the Extension Office one-week prior so that adequate arrangements may be made.

The class is open to people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. Do Well, Be Well sponsors include Texas Cooperative Extension, Stratford Diabetes Coalition and Sherman County Family Living Committee.

The body is a marvelous machine—a chemical laboratory, a power-house. Every movement, voluntary or involuntary, full of secrets and marvels!
—Theodor Herzl

If you have not had an opportunity to share in the great American tradition of Girl Scout Cookies, time is running out for this year. Girls are still selling for a brief time, especially at places of business. If you want cookies before it is too late and you don't see a Girl Scout, you can contact your local Girl Scout office by calling 806-356-0096 or stop by to pick them up.

Girl Scouts are also collection donations for local charities and the troops in Iraq and want to thank the community for their generous support.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Third Sunday dinner was hosted by Pat and Bill Boren and Elaine Horne at the community center.

Bill just made it back from Rio Rancho where he had been visiting the Joe Bill Boren family.

Enjoying the bountiful table were Marvin & Bonnie Cryer, Griggs; Lois Garner, Boise City; Pete & Laura Baker, Dalhart; Mary & Dudley Hill, Charley & Denton Crabtree, Stratford, Cliff Abbott, Lubbock.

And from Kerrick, Larry Mann, Annette, Minnie & Ralph James Hampton, Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Marjory Munden, Bill, Donna Gillenwaters and grandchildren, Kylee & Kaiden, Marylou McDaniel.

Mike McDaniel visited several days in Denver with his sister Patti and other friends.

Jo June McDaniel spent last week in Dumas Hospital. She was still there as of Monday.

Ted & Joyce Irlbeck had dinner with a group of friends as they celebrated Marge Pilch's birthday Sunday. They also saw Jo June McDaniel in hospital.

The mind's first step to self-awareness must be through the body.
—George Sheehan



SCDC Annual Meeting

The SCDC Annual Meeting was held January 26th at the Imagination Station. The business portion of the meeting was held before the program. Newly elected board members are Jolie Asher and Karen Riffe. Steve Hays, SCDC Board President introduced special guests that came in for the meeting. Christy Bertolino, District Representative for Senator Kel Seliger from Amarillo and Pearly Wyrick, Representative for State Representative David Swinford, came from Dumas. Speakers for the meeting were Burt Rutherford with the Texas Cattle Feeders who spoke on prominent issues in the cattle industry and Ken Starcher with the WTAMU Alternative Energy Institute presented a program on wind energy. Speakers answered questions from the group after each program. A brisket lunch was served to those attending. A note of appreciation goes out to all who took time out of their busy day to join us for the meeting. If you're interested in joining the SCDC contact Kathy Allen at 806-366-2897 or email her at

Dues are \$25.00 per year. Shown above in the photo are Kim Crippen, Wesley Miller, Christy Bertolino (Kel Seliger's District Rep from Amarillo), Pearly Wyrick (David Swinford's Rep from Dumas, Ken Starcher with the Alternative Energy Institute at WTAMU, Burt Rutherford with Texas Cattle Feeders, Pat Rendon, area rep with Xcel in Guymon, Kathy Allen, Scott Buckles, Steve Hays,

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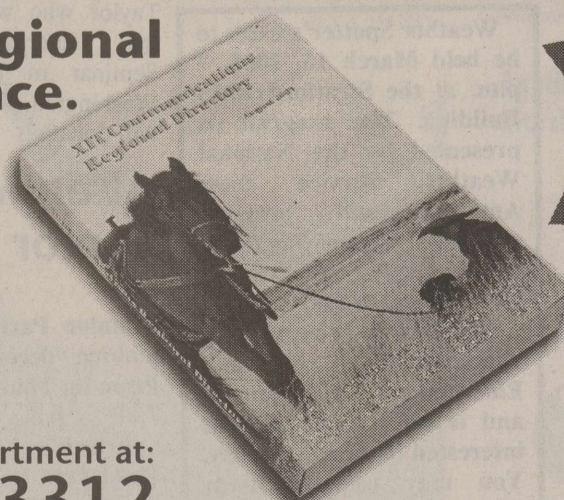
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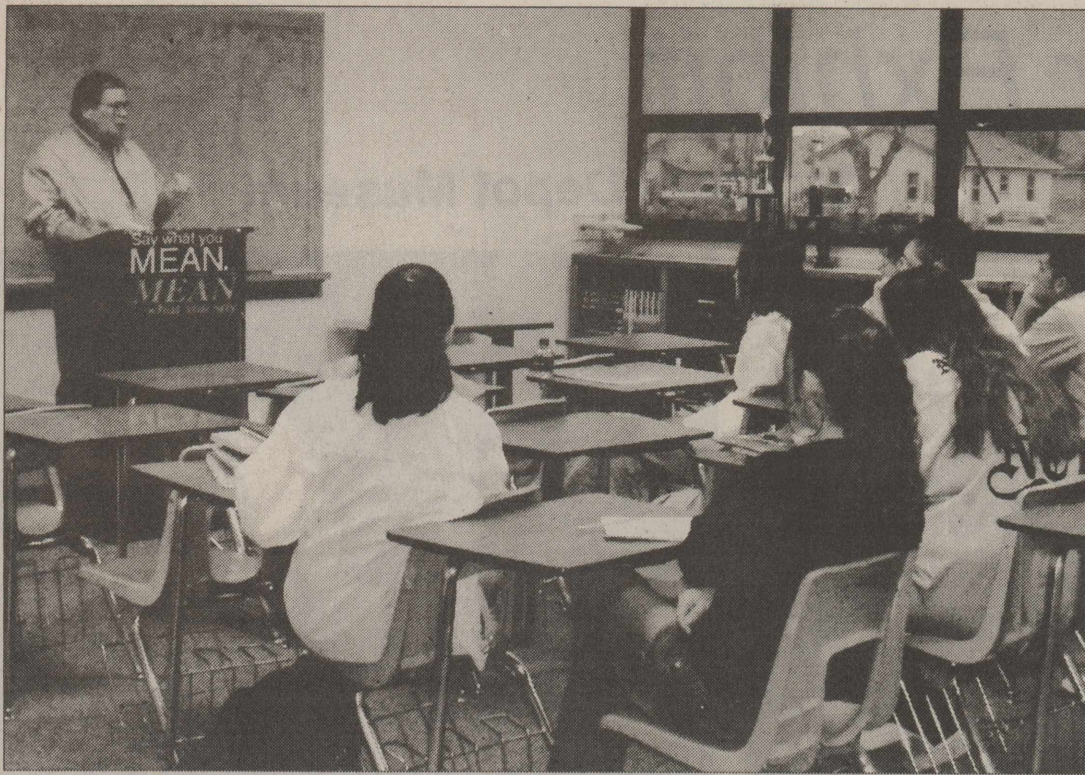
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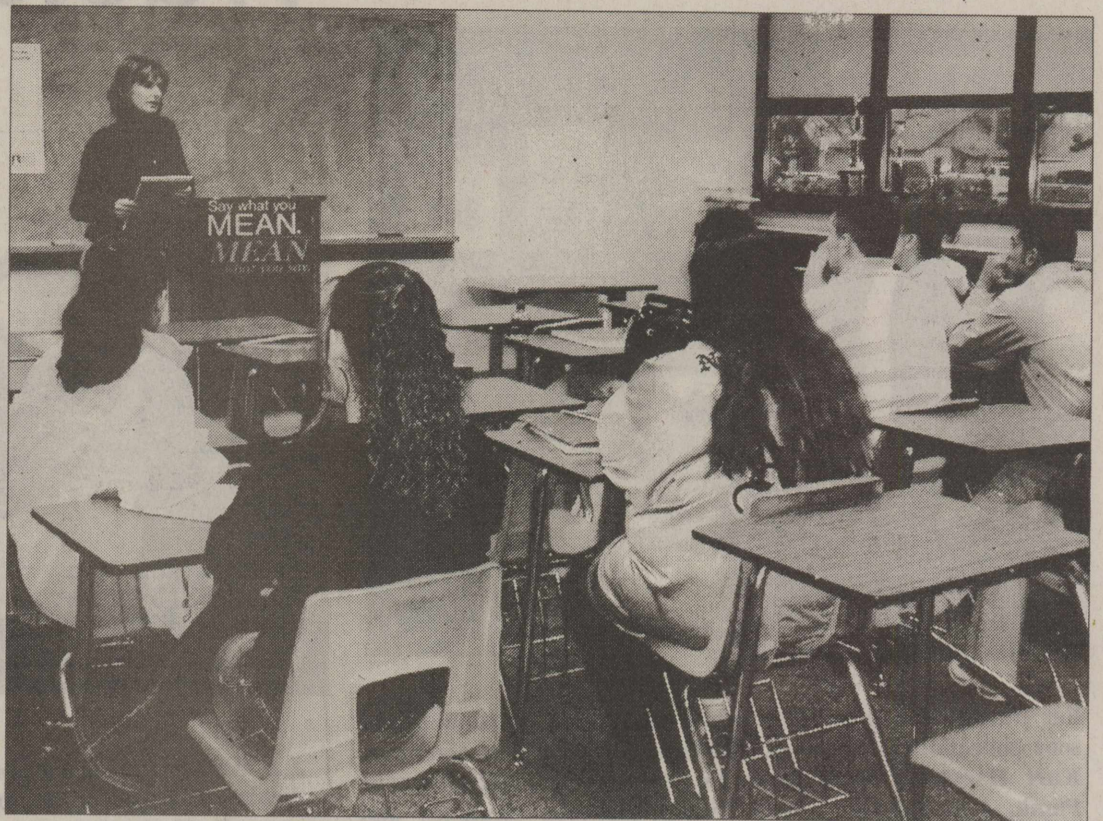
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County Commissioner, Precinct Two Randy Williams (shown above) and County Judge Kim Crippen (shown in photo at far right) represented the County at the Stratford High School Government Class informing the students on the services Sherman County provides to its residents and their roles and responsibilities of their respective elected positions.



Chamber News

By Patty Tims

HELLO AGAIN

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank these businesses and families for renewing their memberships: Buckles Farms, Allen-Tarver Agency and R-Way Farms. New membership: Bobbie Strong.

Without the support of these families and business, the Chamber of Commerce would not be able to serve the community of Stratford. Once again, thanks to all of you. If you would like to become a member of the Chamber, please come by the office, Monday, Wednesday or Friday, or call 366-2270. Help us make a difference.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Below is a nomination form for Citizen of the Year. Please take the time to fill this out and return it to the Chamber of Commerce by March 8th. We appreciate and welcome all entries.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be April 11, 2005 this year. We will have tickets available for sale this week. Please contact one of the Board members to purchase tickets. Will have more information on the Banquet next week.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2005

PLEASE HAVE ENTRIES IN BY MARCH 8, 2005

NOMINEE: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION: _____

WHY YOU THINK THIS PERSON SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

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Students Learn about County Government

Sixteen members of Stratford High School Government class are getting first hand knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of elected community leaders during this fifth six-week period. Collaborating with Sherman County 4-H and Youth Committee and the Sherman County Extension Office staff, students are becoming more aware on the roles and responsibilities of leaders elected to represent residents on the five taxing entities in the county.

Weekly representatives from one of the following groups, Sherman County Commissioners Court, Stratford City Council, North Plains

Groundwater District, Stratford Hospital District, and Stratford Independent School Board will be speaking to the class. Representatives will be sharing with class members services provided by the government entity and how it is funded; how the governing body operates; their role as an elected official; long and short-term goals of the governing body; and major challenges facing the governing body.

Students will also be learning of the importance of community economic development. In addition, they will be learning how community functions and their role as a future tax payer.

This six week class series is patterned after the successful "LEADERSHIP SHERMAN COUNTY" program conducted by the Sherman County Extension Program Council. The series began February 16 with County Judge Kim

Crippen and Commissioner Randy Williams visiting the class. Students were given a pre-test to learn what they knew about county government and an in-class assignment to study a current issue facing the county and make a decision on recommended course of action.

For more information about the class, contact either Eddie Metcalf at Stratford High School or Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

—Douglas Adams

First Assembly of God Kevin Anderson, Pastor

921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed.: Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00 a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Cremation or Burial

Why do I favor Christian burial? My answer has to do with the importance of the body. What are human bodies? When people die, do their bodies just become empty containers? Can you therefore treat them as such? No! Dead human bodies are not like empty beer cans discarded by the road or thrown in the trash. Those, who want to put their bodies through the fire often, miss this point. They think the body is of no further use. They reduce it to ashes and scatter it "whatever." There is another important perspective! It says death does not end it all. Death is simply the separation of body and spirit. This is how the Bible describes it. "And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit My spirit.' And having said this, He breathed His last" (Luke 23:46). After death, we bury the body. The symbolism is hope, the hope of the resurrection. The Bible likens burial and resurrection to planting a seed. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Burial testifies to our faith and hope. The testimony of cremation is just the opposite. It is really for those "having no hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

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Kerrick Community Church

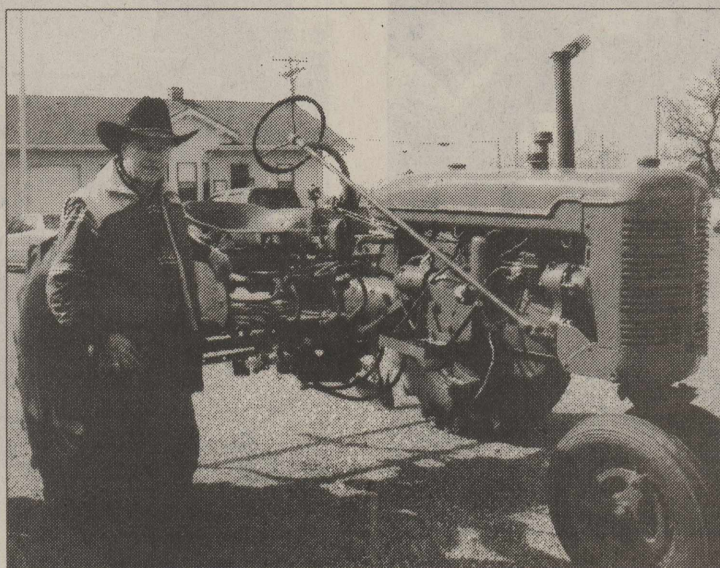
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

Tractor Exhibit

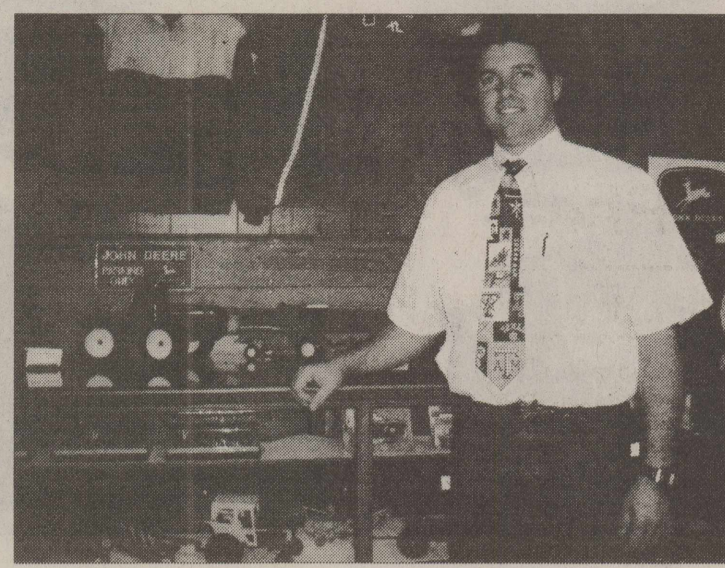
Stratford Depot Museum



Pat Hartman is shown above with some of her husbands and sons collections of tractors. Exhibitors include Jim Hartman, Kurt Hartman, Mark Hartman, Walter Spurlock, Dwayne Plunk, J.B. Hacker, Sandy Tillery, Rebecca Hemphill and Kelby Hartman.



J.J. Williams is shown above with his Farmall tractor that is displayed in front of the museum. If you haven't went by and saw all of the tractors (big and small) you have missed something. Please try and go by, you will enjoy the exhibit.



Dean Hauser is shown above with some of his tractors that he has on display at the Depot Museum.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE, INC. THIRD ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. will hold its third annual membership meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at the Sherman County Barn in Stratford, TX at 7:00 P.M.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized to promote clean air, land, water, quality of life, sustainable development, and our rural way of life. The membership is composed primarily of rural residents of several counties in the Texas Panhandle.

The annual meeting is being held in accordance with the by-laws of Panhandle Alliance, Inc. A meal will be provided, followed by reports of the past year's activities and election of directors. Any other business of importance to the membership can be discussed at this time.

"We urge our members to attend their annual meeting to stay informed about the activities of Panhandle Alliance, and we also welcome anyone who may wish to join," states Steve Baskin, president of Panhandle Alliance, Inc..

Imagination Station News

By Gaynelle Riffe

The computer lab is used very little. Volunteers stay only 1 hour if no one shows.

A Computer expert, Chris Riffe will be in the lab on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30. He will not be there Thursday Feb. 24th.

The Imagination Station is looking for persons interested in opening doors and windows to serve on the board and the program committee. Give it a thought. We are very sorry to lose our treasurer, Kim Crippen who will be moving to Austin this month and Ann Johnson who has finished her commitment.

The building renovation Phase III is in progress (the Exhibit Hall).

Local Student Chosen to Work in State Capitol

College Station-Marca Ewers, an Agricultural Development major at Texas A&M University, recently began a spring 2005 internship in Austin, TX. Ewers will spend the semester as an integral part of State Senator Tommy Williams's legislative team. Ewers also completed an internship in Washington D.C. during the spring of 2004 in the office of Congressman Lamar Smith.

Ewers is one of twelve students selected for a legislative internship through the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program (ANRP) at Texas A&M University. Ewers's duties include monitoring legislation, attending committee hearings and briefings, preparing reports, and researching and responding to constituent requests. Ewers is the daughter of John & Lauri Ewers and the granddaughter of Tom & Dixie Ewers.

"This internship is an excellent experience for both our students and our legislators. ANRP interns provide valuable assistance to their employers, specifically on agricultural and natural resource issues. In addition, the leadership skills and work experience interns gain is invaluable when searching for a job after graduation." Explains Dr. Elsa Murano, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

The program is in its 15th year of sending students to Austin to work for legislative offices and

committees. Since its inception in 1990, more than 400 Aggies have worked both in Austin and in Washington D.C. through the program. Each student receives course credit for their internship as well as a salary. This program is supported by generous private donors and commodity organizations, such as the Texas Farm Bureau, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Blue Bell Creameries, Texas Corn Producers Board, and the South Texas Cotton and Grain Association.

It's A SCOT Fact!!

In the spring of 2003, a 76-year old Vermont man with Alzheimer's disease strayed from his home. Overnight, the temperature dropped to 32 degrees. The next day a farmer found him laying dead in a swampy area, the victim of hypothermia precipitated by a cold, wet environment. Older people in poorly heated homes sometimes suffer hypothermia, a preventable condition.

Every year, hypothermia kills about 6—Americans, half of whom are 65 and older according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hypothermia occurs when a person's normal body temperature drops from 98.6 degrees to 95b degrees. Older people may be greater risk for this condition if their body's response to cold is diminished by certain illnesses like arthritis and medications like some over-the-counter cold remedies.

The best way to identify someone with hypothermia is to look for the "umbels"-stumbels, mumbles, fumbles and grumbles. Changes in a person's behavior may indicate that the cold is affecting how well their muscles and nerves work. If you suspect that someone is suffering from the cold, and have a thermometer available, take his or her temperature. If their body temperature is 96 degrees or lower, call for emergency help.

The most important step in treating someone with

hypothermia is to immediately warm the person. Wrap the person in blankets towels, coats- whatever is handy. You can also use their own body heat to keep the person warm.

Lie close to the victim but be gentle if you rub their arms and legs because an older person's skin may be easily damaged. To prevent hypothermia, make sure your home is warm enough. Set your thermometer to at least 68 degrees to 70 degrees. Even mildly cool homes with temperatures from 60 to 65 degrees can trigger hypothermia.

In January, SCOT members and other interested residents learned about the variety of utility assistance programs available and ways to conserve energy in the home. For more information about these topics, please contact Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences at 366-2122.

Over the years your bodies become walking autobiographies, telling friends and strangers alike of the minor and major stresses of your lives.
—Marilyn Ferguson

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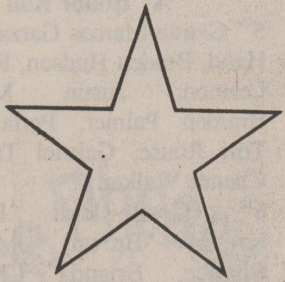
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Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

- Feb. 24 Chamber Music Amarillo Family support Services Loft Space 806-236-3545
- Feb. 24 MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, Monk & Neagle and the Afters Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Feb. 25 Chamber Music Amarillo "Polk Street Jazz" Family Support Loft Space 1001 Polk
- Feb. 25-27 "The Miracle Worker" AC Youth Theatre Amarillo College Ordway Auditorium 806-371-5353
- March 2-6 "Two Gentleman of Verona" William Shakespeare WTA&MU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2799
- March 4-6 "Annie" Guymon Community Theatre 11-13
- March 4,5, 10-12 Student Directed One-Act Plays 7:30 p.m. Amarillo College Theatre 806-371-5359
- March 5 Amarillo Symphony, Bobby Shew, Jazz trumpet Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
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For Sale: 2002 Chevy Pickup 4x4 LS Crew Cab w/matching shell. 48,000 miles Call evenings 366-3777. 3-3-c

For Sale: Pickup topper-'91 Ford Ext. Cab, fiberglass-3 windows w/locks-red. Can be seen at 402 S. Maple or call 396-2572 3-3-c

For Sale: Black whirlpool electric ceramic top range. Self-cleaning oven only used 3 months still under warranty. Asking \$300. Call 396-2386. 2-24-c

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First Baptist Church of Stratford is looking for an individual to play the piano for Church Services on Sunday Mornings and to be available for Choir practice on Wednesday evenings. If you have a desire to serve the Lord with your talents, please call the Church office at 396-5534

Land for Sale

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

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Estate Sale

Estate Sale: 1307 Division-Fri and Sat Feb. 25 and 26 from 9 to 5. Furniture, appliances, dishes, paperback books, pictures and lots of good stuff. 2-24-c

For Rent

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

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For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

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

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775. 4-22-tfn

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For Sale: 604 S. Pearl, 3/1.75/2 1950 sq. Ft. w/2living areas, new C/H&A and tile. Large covered patio, workshop and shed. 366-3455 or 244-1296, \$78,000. 2-10-tfn

Pet of the Week



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

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

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

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Cards of Thanks

We would like to give a big Thank You to the Stratford fire, police, and emergency service departments for all of the send-offs you provided for the Stratford Elk football team during the 2004-football playoff season. Not only were you there to send them off, you were also there no matter what early hours of the morning the Elks arrived back in town. Also, thanks to the Elk fans that always lined Main Street to show their Elk spirit! We appreciate your support in helping to make the Stratford Elk 2004 football season the huge success it was!!

Thanks again!
2004 Elk Football Moms

The Ben Biddy Family cannot begin to tell you how much the family was touched by the Generosity and genuine sincerity of everyone in the community. Thank you to everyone for the flowers, food, phone calls, cards and visits during this time of sorrow. Everyone's thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. All we can say is Thank You and May the Lord Bless You All.

Ben Biddy Family

North Plains Water District Joins Groundwater Guardian Program

North Plains Water District (NPWD) has joined the Groundwater Guardian Program, sponsored by the National Groundwater Foundation. The Groundwater Guardian Program encourages communities to begin groundwater awareness and protection activities, supports the communities in their efforts, and then recognizes their achievements. This international program began in 1994 with eight test-year communities and has grown substantially.

Within the program, the term "community" is broadly defined. A community can be a city, village, township, county, multi-county area, watershed, air force base, school, or any other area where there are people committed to groundwater protection. Communities can represent a number of diverse settings including rural areas, large incorporated cities, Indian Reservations, and watersheds in the United States and Canada. Communities begin the process by forming a Groundwater Guardian team consisting of citizens, business and/or agricultural representatives, educators, and local government officials. To officially enter the program, the Groundwater Guardian team submits an Annual Entry Form to The Groundwater Foundation.

These teams then develop Result Oriented Activities (ROAs) to address the community's groundwater protection concerns. ROAs fall into many categories including

education and awareness, pollution prevention, public policy, conservation, and best management practices. To continue with the program, the Groundwater Guardian team submits an ROA Plan to The Groundwater Foundation for each activity they choose to adopt.

By August 31st, communities complete an Annual Report Form detailing their progress during the year. Groundwater Guardian designation is earned by the community when substantive progress is made toward the implementation of activities and accomplishment of goals. Groundwater protection is an ongoing process, and communities re-enter each year as they continue to build on previous successes.

The year culminates with a National Groundwater Guardian Designation Celebration held in conjunction with The Groundwater Foundation's Annual Conference each November. This conference brings together a diverse group of community representatives and their partners to be designated as Groundwater Guardians. Most importantly, the conference is an opportunity to network and share success stories with others who may benefit from their community's experiences. This three-day conference features presentations by community and organization representatives. The highlight of the conference is the designation banquet where community representatives are honored for making substantive progress toward comprehensive groundwater protection in their community.

"The program was a natural fit for North Plains Water District" says Education

& Public Relations Coordinator, Rhonda Artho. "The goal of the

Groundwater Foundation is to educate and motivate people to care for and about groundwater. Their goal includes implementing programs to engage interest in, and inspire action on behalf of, groundwater protection and conservation initiatives, both locally and globally. These goals align perfectly with the goals of NPWD's educational outreach programs, and we are thrilled to be a part of the program. We are also proud to be the second Groundwater Guardian Community in Texas, and the first Groundwater Conservation District in Texas to participate in the program."

As part of their participation in the program, NPWD has selected ten Result Oriented Activities (ROA's) that the District will conduct during the year. These will include the first annual "Water Wonders" Water Festival for all sixth grade students within the North Plains Water District, providing educational water conservation books and software to all public libraries and school libraries in the District, providing water curriculum and teacher training workshops to the seventeen school districts within NPWD, providing programs and activities to all interested classrooms, civic groups, etc., and working with Girl Scouts to earn their "Water Wonders" badge, "Water Drop" patch and "Weather" badge. In addition, the Water District will provide day-long classes on water-wise

gardening and xeriscaping. For more information on the activities and programs that the NPWD has to offer, contact Rhonda Artho at artho@npwd.org or by phone at 806-935-6401. More information on the Groundwater Guardian Program can be found at www.groundwater.org.

Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

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—John Locke

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into the flames of achievement.

—Foster C. McClellan

(NAPS)—Experts say one of the best ways for an older person to ease the transition from driver to passenger is to put a plan in place before it is needed. To help with this transition, The Hartford Financial Services Group and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's AgeLab have created a free 24-page guide called "We Need to Talk: Family Conversations with Older Drivers." The guide offers practical information that can help family members advise a loved one on whether it is time to limit—or even give up—driving. To order a copy of the guide, visit www.thehartford.com/talkwitholderdrivers.

If your child has learning or attention problems, chances are you have faced homework battles. For practical tips on manag-



ing homework, you can download 25 Top Tips for Handling Homework, free from Schwab Learning at www.SchwabLearning.org/hwk. This easy-to-read booklet offers parents useful strategies for helping their children manage their homework—from elementary through high school. The booklet can help make your child's homework sessions a better experience for both of you.



Coldwater Manor Family Night

Coldwater Manor Family Night was held on Friday, February 11, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Coldwater Manor-1111 Beaver Rd. Shown above is the King and Queen- King Myrle Stratton and King Jerry Freeman. Approximately 50 people attended. Thank you to Let's Make Arrangement for the Queen and King's roses. There was a PotLuck Supper and Games and Door prizes. Music was provided by "Janie and Her Antique Road Show". Shown above are a few of the folks that attended the supper.



NPWD to Offer Continuing Education Opportunities for Teachers

North Plains Water District (NPWD) is pleased to now be able to offer Continuing Education Workshops for teachers in the eight counties that lie within the Water District. NPWD has been providing an award winning curriculum, titled *Major Rivers* to all interested fourth grade teachers within the Water District, and now teachers will have the opportunity to take workshops over the materials, become more familiar with the activities and labs, receive free classroom kits with materials to do the activities, and also receive Continuing Education credits from the State of Texas.

In addition to *Major Rivers*, NPWD will also offer workshops on an internationally distributed water curriculum called *Project WET*. Produced by The Watercourse and Montana State University, *Project WET* is also an award winning curriculum with materials for grades K-12. Training workshops for teachers will be tailored to the age of their students in order for them to get the most out of the curriculum. As with *Major Rivers*, teachers who attend *Project WET* workshops will receive free classroom kits.

Rhonda Artho, Education Coordinator for NPWD and a former high school science teacher, will conduct the workshops. After completing training to be a facilitator, or "teacher trainer" in both *Major Rivers* and *Project WET*, NPWD and Mrs. Artho applied to the

State Board for Educator Certification and were approved to become a Continuing Education Provider for the State of Texas. In addition to being able to provide Texas Continuing Education credits to teachers who take the workshops, NPWD was also approved by the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) to offer Continuing Education hours in Differentiated Curriculum

that will apply towards a teacher's TAGT Awareness Certificate.

A third opportunity for teachers who take the water curriculum workshops is also available. The Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee has also approved NPWD to offer training for teachers who participate in environmental awareness workshops and seminars. When teachers take approved workshops, courses, or seminars at a TEEAC-endorsed site or program, they receive credit towards an environmental education certificate of Recognition from the Texas Education Agency.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer these opportunities to the teachers in our seventeen school districts" states Mrs. Artho. "As part of our goal to educate our citizens about the importance of their resources and their role in protecting and preserving those resources, we would like to see more information about water and water conservation being disseminated in the classroom. What we can now offer to School Districts and their teachers are training workshops that will be fun

and hands-on, and will provide the teachers with great water curriculums that they can take back and integrate into their current curriculum, as well as resource kits to help them implement the activities once they return to their classroom. It is also exciting to be able to offer teachers the opportunity to potentially earn 18 hours of Continuing Ed credits for the three different programs by taking one six hour workshop."

School Districts or teachers can request training workshops to be conducted at their schools or at the NPWD offices in Dumas. Workshops can be tailored to a specific age of student, and can be tailored to fit the amount of time that the School District would like to allocate to the programs. More information on scheduling a workshop or on the specific curriculums can



McKee Refinery Donates Books

Tonya Bilbrey, Human Resources Manager for Valero Energy's McKee Refinery, and Bill Wuensche, Vice President & General Manager of the McKee Refinery, receive copies of the books that the McKee Refinery purchased as part of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's library book donation program. With them is Ronda Artho, Education Coordinator for NPWD.

Valero Energy Corporation's McKee Refinery will be helping to provide books to public libraries and school libraries across the Texas panhandle. As part of an ongoing project of North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the McKee Refinery donated \$300.00 to purchase books for the twenty elementary school libraries and the eleven public libraries within the eight counties of the North Plains Water District (NPWD).

The book donation program, begun last year by NPWD, will provide at least one new book about the environment and natural resources to each of the 31 libraries each year. The first book, provided last year by NPWD, was "The Rainstick, a Fable". This year's book, provided by the McKee Refinery, is "Spring Waters, Gathering Places", and tells of the importance of springs and water sources to wildlife and to the Native Americans and later settlers who came to the plains of the United States. Both books are published by Project WET and the Watercourse, and were chosen for their themes of the

materials that deal only with water conservation. While that is a large part of our goal, we want to provide beautiful, interesting books to the libraries that teach the importance of all of the resources in the world around them to children. By providing them with the knowledge of their place in the world and the importance of their actions as stewards of their resources, we hope to influence future generations of Texans to be better caretakers of their world."

Each book will have a label that states that it was donated by Valero Energy's McKee Refinery, and will have contact information for obtaining more information on water and water conservation. "We are thrilled to have Valero as a partner in this project" says Rhonda Artho. "It is wonderful to have a company such as Valero that realizes the importance of protecting and preserving our resources for future generations, and that realizes that education of our children is an important step toward that goal. We appreciate the selection of this project by the McKee Refinery."

be obtained by contacting Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or at Information on North Plains Groundwater Conservation District can be obtained at

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Treats that are delectable to humans can be deadly to pets, say experts at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Never give your companion animals chocolate; rich fatty foods; or pork, poultry or fish bones. Chocolate can be toxic to animals; fatty foods such as turkey skin and gravy can cause pancreatitis; and bones can puncture your pet's throat, stomach or intestines. Alcoholic drinks can also be lethal, especially to smaller animals. Don't feed any of these foods to pets and keep the trashcan lid closed tightly.

Online poker hit the mainstream in 2003, when Chris Moneymaker qualified for the World Series of Poker through a \$40 tournament at PokerStars.com and went on to win the \$2.5 million first prize. Moneymaker, a 27-year-old accountant from Tennessee, had only played poker online before his victory, never in a live tournament. Online poker scored big again the next year when former patent attorney Greg "Fossilman" Raymer won \$5 million at the 2004 World Series of Poker after also winning his entry on the same site, PokerStars.com.

Small to mid-sized business employees tend to be on the move. As a result, many businesses have developed a keen understanding of how mobilizing their workforce boosts productivity, efficiency and revenue. The increased demand for mobile technology has caused technology companies to adapt; HP, for example, is answering demand by developing new wireless products that allow small and mid-sized businesses to have a seamless and secure mobile technology experience. For more information, visit www.hp.com.

Bert Corona Leadership Institute

Fourteen migrant sophomores and juniors representing the Region 16 Education Service Center Migrant Shared Services Arrangements will participate in the Bert Corona Leadership Institute on June 5 - 11 in Washington, D.C. The participants include: Bianca Castanon, Texline ISD; Myriam Espinoza, Memphis ISD; Carlos Hernandez, Wheeler ISD; Zahira Joven, Happy ISD; Mirna Joann Loza, Texhoma ISD; Saul Martinez, Bovina ISD; Elizabeth Ortiz, Bovina ISD; Victor Manuel Orrantia, Jr., Texhoma ISD; Alfredo Perez, Sunray ISD; Adriana Pinon, Spearman ISD; Jessie Reyna, Bovina ISD; Maria Soto, Wellington ISD; Veronica Valdez, Turkey-Quitaque ISD; and Veronica Zuniga, Memphis ISD. Adult sponsors include Zeke Castro and Julia Clay, Region 16 ESC migrant counselors, and three district sponsors. The fourteen students were selected based on nominations by district administrators, counselors and Region 16 ESC migrant counselors.

The "Experience in Democracy Leadership Program" at the Bert Corona Leadership Institute teaches American civics by exposing participants to the inner workings of the national government, labor, and business organizations combined with leadership training and academic enhancement. Key objectives include strengthening civic education, enhancing academic skills and developing leadership within migrant and immigrant communities. Delegates spend a minimum of three days interacting and meeting with congressional representatives, U.S. agencies, business, banking and labor organizations. Other highlights include bilingual instruction, historic educational tours, performing arts, and an on-site learning center.

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6th Grade-Heidi Brooks, Krystal Brown, Matthew Chaffee, Brianda Chavoya, Lindsy Confer, Matt Correll, Chris Hart, Kyle Horsford, Tiffany Hughes, Tyler Wright.

7th Grade-Cynthia Armendariz, Eric Burton, Kelsi Dennis, Mabel Gardea, Luke Haile, Shelby McDaniel, Janeth Reyes, Angie Rosales, Sunny Russell, Channing Ziemann.

8th Grade-Brooke Barnard, Stephanie Bell, Manuel Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Chandra Hawkins, Clayton Johnson, Deborah Molina, Margarita Rocha, Becky Rosales, Jennie Spurlock.

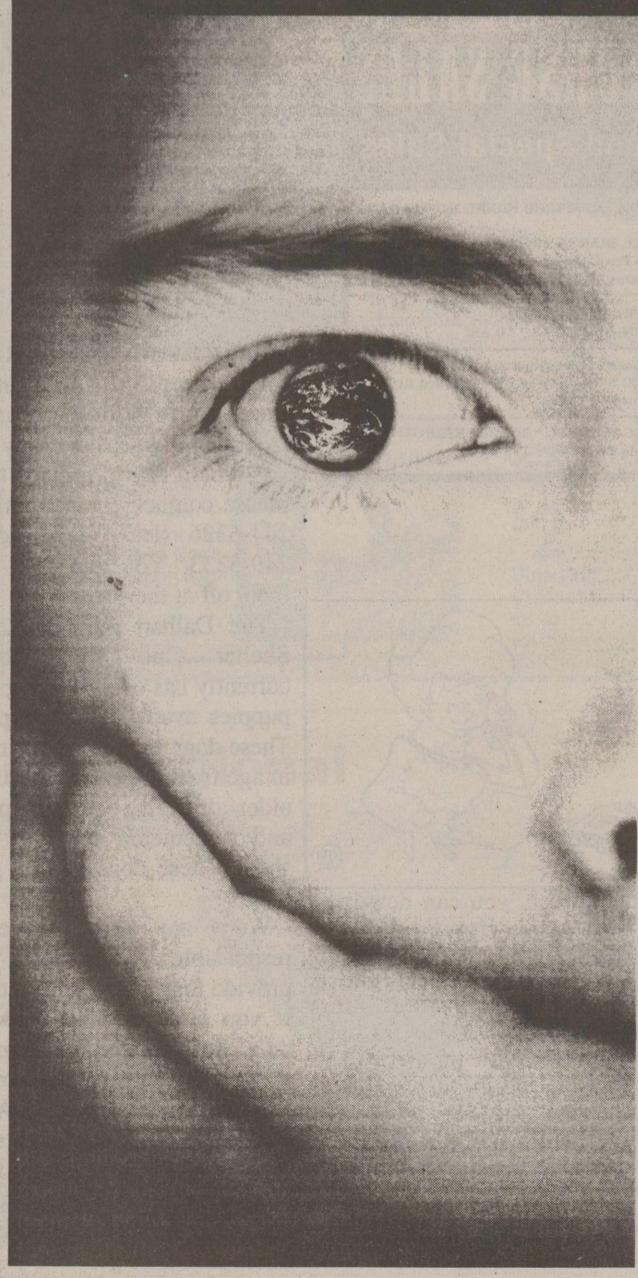
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