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New Extension Agent Brings Fresh Ideas and Energy to Sherman County **By Bailey Naugle**

As of September 1st Sherman County has a new Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent: David Graf.

David and his wife Lisa recently moved to Stratford from Oklahoma where he worked as a multi-site manager for Seaboard Farms near Hough, Okla. Lisa is employed by the First National Bank of Texhoma.

David, originally from Vernon, Texas, has a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Texas A&M University. Although this is his first experience as an Ag Agent, David has a strong background in Extension.

He spent 18 years raising hogs, cattle, wheat and alfalfa. For three years he managed a custom fertilizer application business, and spent five years as the southern plains marketing director for AgriPro Wheat.

David is excited about the variety of challenges that the position entails, and he hopes that his knowledge and experience will be helpful for area producers and the community.

He looks forward to working with parents and other leaders to help kids develop self confidence, learn decision making skills and further their education. "I've always enjoyed working with youth, and I enjoy helping people address and solve problems," he said.

His goals in Sherman County include working with the agricultural community on issues including risk management, efficiency and profitability.

To: Stratford Star

Re: Drunkenness at school functions

Police The Stratford Department will be at all home Stratford ISD games. If any individual is found to have consumed any detectable amount of alcohol either before or during the game, you will be fined or possibly jailed (No Exceptions.) It is our hope to provide a safe and professional atmosphere for our kids and our community to enjoy and support our local school organizations. If you have any questions please feel free to come by the office and we will visit.

Respectively, Larry Penfold

Whale of **Sale Items of** Interest

Books on tape; many sweaters, tee shirts, men's shirts; men's suits, dress pants; nice ladies dresses; formals; baby clothes; shoes-shoes all sizes; jeans all sizes, some with designer holes; holiday and home decorations; costumes; blouses; many Blankets, furniture/lamps; curtains, other linens. Luggage. Sneak a Peek for \$1.00 on

Thursday September 13 and Friday September 14 4:00 -6:00. Sale Saturday September 15 9:00-3:00.

After the sale, all items will be taken to other places.

State Kel Seliger Holds Town Hall Meeting Sept. 5

Shown at right: Student **Council President Courtenay** Sells introduces State Senator Kel Seliger at the Town Hall Meeting held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at the Stratford High School. Seliger spoke to students and citizens of Sherman County.



School Employees Handle All Suspected Abuse Properly

By Bailey Naugle

Last week's article "Recent Trial of Local Sex Offender Raises Community Awareness" contained information that incorrectly implied that school staff members failed to report suspected abuse of a student.

All reports made to the Child Protective Services are highly confidential and Tim Gilliland, Stratford ISD Superintendent, was unable to comment on the actions taken by school staff members, but he did say, "I firmly believe that our staff handles these issues professionally and legally."

Gilliland said, "When a school employee suspects abuse, they are required by law to contact Child Protective Services either by phone or online." He said, "CPS has ten days to respond after it is reported. If we feel like nothing is getting done we will contact them again. We document what we've done, but then it is in the authorities' hands."

Gilliland explained that the teachers at Stratford ISD do everything they can to keep their students safe. "They care for each kid," he said, "You can't do this job if you don't care about the kids."

A leading agricultural industry and a history of a strong 4-H program attracted the Grafs to the county. "And it's a small community with good morals and lots of pride," said David, "We hope to develop lasting relationships with the people of Sherman County."

To contact David you can drop by or call the Sherman County Extension office at 806- 366-2122.

Benefit To Be Held Sat. September 22

Chamber Stratford of Commerce along with Whips 'N Wheels Driving Club is having a Benefit for Stratford Volunteer Fire Dept. and Stratford EMT on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This will be Stratford Traditional Day of Driving and Arts and Crafts Bazaar. There will be Door prizes, silent Auction, Raffle Drawing, Food, Crafts and Tons of Fun. The event will be held at Sherman County Barn Hwy 287 and South 6th in Stratford.

Everyone come and enjoy the day.

Notice to **Public**

accordance with 152.013(b) of the Texas Local Government code, salaries of Sherman County elected officials and full-time county employees are proposed to include a \$1200 increase for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Weather Line 366-2000 Sponsored by **Stratford Grain &** ADM/Alliance **Nutrition** Greg Wright -7 days a week, updating as needed

Stratford Fire Dept. to Host Radiological Emergency **Preparedness Training By Sandy Williams**

Stratford Fire Department will Radiological be hosting Emergency Preparedness training September 24 and 25, 2007, 6 p.m. top 10 p.m. each night. This is an 8-hour performance based (hands-on) course for emergency first responders to a radiological incident. Areas of instruction include a review of radiation fundamentals, biological effects of ionizing radiation, radiation detection instruments, survey techniques, radiological

protective actions. decontamination procedures, radiation hazards, radiological threats and first terrorist responder action. This course is EMS and TCLOSE credited. All area first responders are invited to attend. Contact Sandy Williams if you have questions: 806-753-7331 or firedept.@xit.net

To Listen to Sports on the Internet-you will need to upgrade

If you listen to Greg Wright on the Sports Network on the internet, you will need to download a new upgrade to your media player. Follow the instructions for your particular media player and you should be able to receive the broadcasts. Go to http://www.tsrnsports.com/d ownloads.htm

Jamaica **Festival**

Jamaica Festival will be Sunday, held on September, 16, 2007 at Bill Pendleton Park from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Lots of food, games for children. Volley ball tournament. Tacos-Enchiladas-**Burritos-Gorditos-Nachos-**Frito pies-cold drinks, water and sodas. Corn on the cob- Aqua Frescas. Dance Contest, D.J. Music, Bingo and Raffles. See you there on Sunday, September 16 starting at 12 noon.

Calf Fry & Brisket Supper

The Griggs Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a brisket & calf fry supper on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Plainview School: Free-will donations accepted. Come support your local firemen as they work to purchase pagers, other equipment and do complete work on fire trucks.

Elk Sunshades Are In

They're In...

Stratford Elk sunshades for your car sponsored by Lollipop Junction. Get yours TODAY!

Call Jennifer at 396-2782 or LaDawn at 930-5742

My apologies go out to all school employees for the mistake I made in reporting the issue. I failed to research all sides of the story. MMMMMM, that humble pie!

The only intent of the article was to increase community awareness of the shocking crimes and abuse that take place in Stratford.

A Message from Marillyn

EDITORS NOTE: The following article "A Message from Marillyn" was brought in by Joyce Dodson. She and the family of Marillyn Albert Harkins wanted to share it with our readers.

Alice Peddy had the honor of sharing a message from Marillyn Albert with the guests at the TAAO Awards Banquet this past August in El Paso during our annual conference. For all that were unable to attend, we want to share with you what Alice had to say:

Marillyn called me the first week in August, knowing that she would not be able to attend the conference, and asked if I would help her with a statement to TAAO. She just wanted me to pin it up on the bulletin board for anyone that might be interested in reading it. Marillyn has always been very humble and has never wanted to force herself on anyone and, heaven forbid that someone would think she would brag on herself. Then on the other hand, she is very outgoing, with a personality that is so contagious. She has a wonderful sense of humor and a heart as big as gold. She has supplied all of us with many smiles in our hearts over these many years.

Now, I will share her sentiments especially for this conference.

Much to my regret, I am unable to attend the conference this year. In my absence I have requested Alice to extend my regrets to each and every one of you.

In my younger days it seemed like I was always searching for a career but did not know which direction I wanted to go. When I became involved in the tax profession in the mid 70's and joined TAAO, my search was over. The journey has been exciting and so rewarding. My world opened up across the State of Texas and even overflowed to other states through the International Association of Assessing Officers. I understand our own Guy Griscom is now the vice-president of this prestigious association. Congratulations, Guy!

When I was given the opportunity to serve as the executive director during the early ninety's, I was excited about meeting the challenges ahead. It was at this time that the fortitude of the board members and membership surfaced. Not only were we able to meet the difficult challenges but we climbed out of a depressing financial strait to become a viable, stable association again.

TAAO has provided me with an innate love for each and every member that has crossed my path. It has been a complete joy and pleasure to have been able to contribute my time and what little knowledge I possess back to the association. I hope my endeavors will continue to be a benefit as time marches on for each one of you.

If I could leave you with just one thought, I would like to quote Edward B. Butler: Every man is enthusiastic at times. One man has enthusiasm for thirty minutes - another man has it for thirty days, but it is the man who has it for thirty years who makes a success in life.

On a personal note I would like to quote Margaret Fuller that expresses Marillyn's philosophy: If you have knowledge, let others light their candles by it.

About Marillyn Albert Harkins

During her career in property tax, Marillyn served as Tax Assessor/Collector and then Chief Appraiser for Sherman County. Marillyn attained her CTA designation in 1978, served as a Regional Director for TAAO, and then became TAAO President in 1987-88, She earned some of TAAO's highest honors including the 1990 TAAO Achievement Award and the 1992 CTA of the Year Award. While serving TAAO, she found time to represent Texas as a State Representative for IAAO, serve as a member of the IAAO Member Service Committee, and serve as Chair of the IAAO Outreach Committee. Marillyn also always seemed to find time to instruct in TAAO's education program, seizing the opportunity to pass her knowledge on to the new generation of tax professionals. After retiring in 1993, Marillyn accepted the position of Executive Director for TAAO.

Photo of Marillyn and Alice Peddy on page 3





Wanda Woolsey May 16, 1925 September 4, 2007

September 4, 2007 in Amarillo, officiating. Texas. Services were held at 2:30

former Methodist Church.

Lubbock; three sisters, Nola Year. Cummings of Amarillo, Sis Garoutte of Gentry, are Greg and Creede Gentry; served as the Executive Director Abbye and Mailee Ladd; Alex and J.D. Wilkins.

Memorials may be made to



Marillyn Albert Harkins August 29, 1929 September 7, 2007

Marillyn Albert Harkins - 78 passed away Friday, September 7, 2007 in Stratford, Texas. Wanda Woolsey - 82 of Christ Church with Ernie Mike Albert of Weatherford, TX; Stratford passed away Tuesday, Maiwald, pastor of the church five

16, 1925 in Guymon, Oklahoma who preceded her in death. In 8 great-grandchildren. to Edgar and Ruby Garoutte. In 1960 she moved to Texas where 1944, she married Dick Woolsey she married Richard Albert of High Plains Children's Home, PO who preceded her in death in Stratford who preceded her in Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114. February 1996. She was the death in 1994. In 1999 she owner-operator of married George C. Harkins of Woolsey's Appliances from 1952 Stratford. Marillyn was a member to 1982. She was a longtime of Stratford Church of Christ. She member of the Order of the was a supporter of Stratford and Eastern Star # 1051 in Dalhart. Sherman County where she was Wanda had been a resident of active in the Stratford Chamber of Sherman County since 1926 and Commerce, served on the was a member of First United Stratford Economic Development Council, the Depot Museum

Survivors include; daughter, Board and was the editor of God, Karen Woolsey of Stratford; son, Grass and Grit II and III. In 2002 Don Woolsey and wife, Donna of she was awarded Citizen of the

Marillyn was elected Sherman Steinberger and Mary Lou Cotney County Tax-Assessor and then both of Stratford; brother, Bob went on to the Sherman County Austin, Appraisal District as chief Granddaughters Amber Ladd and appraiser. She was a member of husband Matt and Autumn Texas Association of Assessing all of Amarillo; Officers (TAAO) and in 1987 Grandsons-Scott Wilkins and was elected president of the wife Lynn of Birmingham, association. In 1993 she retired Alabama and Justin Wilkins of from the Appraisal District and Amarillo. Great Grandchildren moved to Austin, Texas and

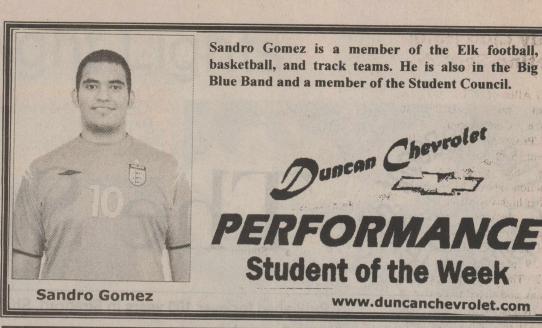
of TAAO. During that time she was an active member of the Association of International Assessing Officers, serving as Chair of the Member Services Committee. When she retired as director of TAAO, the association changed the name of their achievement award to the Marillyn Albert Achievement Award. She felt very humble to receive this honor. In 1994 she returned to Stratford where she established Marillyn Albert Appraisals Company retiring from this business in 2002.

Captain Sandra Albert and Timothy Talbert preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, George of the home; three daughters, Leonda Fedric of Stratford, Norma Herbold of Sequim, WA, Debra Henry of Sanger, TX; four sons, Jeffrey Memorial services were held at Harryman of Rock Springs, WY, 10:30 AM, Monday, September Denton Harryman of Greenville, 10, 2007 at Stratford Church of SC, Lane Albert of Beaver, OK, step-children, Vickie Henderson of Gruver, Ricky Marillyn Albert Harkins was Harkins, Randy Harkins both of PM, Thursday, September 6, born August 29, 1929 in Chandler, OK, Rodney Harkins of 2007 at First United Methodist Cimarron County, Oklahoma, to Guymon, OK, Rhonda Kay Church with Rev. Gene Weinette, Ruble and Geneva Meredith. She Hilbrand of Oklahoma City, OK; pastor of the church officiating, attended school in Cimarron two sisters, Louise Garcia of Burial was in Stratford Cemetery. County. She married Arthur Amarillo, Janice Meredith of Wanda Woolsey was born May Harryman of Keyes, Oklahoma Tulsa, OK; 11 grandchildren and

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

Texhoma ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating

Texhoma ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 19, 2007 in the office of the Superintendent, at 4th & Denver

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Texhoma ISD's Rating on the state's financial accountability system.

PUBLIC NOTICE

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify in a family violence case and permit the les the progression of property tax exemptions islature to authorize the denial of bail to

First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1289, Stratford, TX 79084 or to a favorite charity.

Russell Garrison August 20, 1949-August 31, 2007

Russell A. "Rusty" Garrison, 58, formerly of Stratford, Texas, passed away on August 31, 2007, in San Diego, California. Memorial services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2007, at First Christian Church, Stratford, Texas. Officiant was Alan Shields of First Christian Stratford. Church, Texas. Visitation with family followed after the service at Fellowship Hall.

Russell was born August 20, 1949 in Dumas, Texas. He lived in California for the past 13 years. He married Penelope Peck in Colorado. He was a tax assessor. While living in Stratford, he was a member of the First Christian Church in Stratford, a member of the Lions Club, served on city Stratford council, Fire Department, and manager of Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his wife, Penelope, of the home; a son, Reed and wife, Heather Garrison of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Connie Oquin of Stratford and Brenda Tanner of Clayton, New Mexico; grandson Hayes Taft Garrison and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Cleva and Russell Garrison and parents, Bill and Betty Garrison.

Memorials can be made to City of Stratford Animal Shelter, (a P. O. Box 188, new one). Texas 79084 or Stratford, American Heart Association, P. O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761.

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students, and to enter into bond enhancement agreements

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence nomestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

> **PROPOSITION 4** (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs. and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission: the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safery

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on propcrty either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional adment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

e to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the bailot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animal

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other nonceremonial resolution. and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement, projects, the pro-ceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release person who violates certain court orders a family violence case.

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The proposed amendment will appear or the ballot as follows: "The constitution amendment authorizing the denial of ba to a person who violates certain court of ders or conditions of release in a fclony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge service to December 31st of the fourth ye of the term if he/she is elected to all or pa of a six year term, and reaches mandato retirement age during the first four years said term.

The proposed amendment will appear of the ballot as follows: "The constitution amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term.

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to es tablish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would, authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of seientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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projects."

Study Club Holds DO YOU KNOW. Meeting Sept. 5

Kathy Allen of SCDC gave the program on Beautification, Resource Conservation when GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met Sept. 5 at Sherman County Library. She gave the latest information about Main Street and other highway plans.

Cindy Jackson, president, conducted the business session. Top of Texas District meeting is Sept. 29 at Canyon Methodist Church. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and slated to be over at 3 p.m. Registration is \$5.00 and Lunch \$10.00, total \$15.00. Sept. 27 is registration deadline. Make checks to Top of Texas District, send to Nelda Askey, 1719 Peach Ave., Dalhart TX 79022.

Laurie Spurlock reported about the club cookbook. They will sell for \$15.00.

Thank you notes were read from Evan Haile and Merilee McDaniel. They were awarded the club scholarships.

Interested women are invited to join this club that meets first Wednesday.

Present were Cindy Jackson, Oline Caraway, Shorty Albert, Porothy Haile, Pat Hartman, Ashley Lavake, Patti Vincent, Linda Swain, Marty Bain, Gina, Jones, LaVell Haggard, Laurie Spurlock, Jill Killian, Joyce Hart, Barbara Haile, Marylou McDaniel.

Do You Know ... who may be intruding your home without opening a door or breaking a window to enter? It is difficult to believe that something as innocent looking as a computer with on-line access could be a source of personal safety issues. "On-Line Safety", an

educational program sponsored by the Sherman County Leadership Advisory Board will be held Monday, September 24 at the Imagination Station in The educational Stratford. program will be presented twice that day. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the evening session will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Floyd, Extension Weldon Information Technology specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension will be presenting the sessions. Mr. Floyd will be sharing with those in attendance information on safety issues associated with use of the internet.

invited to attend the program. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or Night and morning are making national origin.

For more information, contact neither will be able to keep. Susie Spurlock or David Graf at the Sherman County Extension Office at 806-366-2122 or 806-



Marillyn Albert Harkins & Alice Peddy

A politician will do anything to All interested persons are keep his job, even become a patriot. -William Randolph Hearst

promises to each other which -Richard Shelton

Those who gave away their

wings are sad not to see them

All that we know is nothing, we

are merely crammed waste-

paper baskets, unless we are in

touch with that which laughs

at all our knowing.

-Antonio Porchia

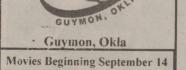
-D.H. Lawrence



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Mr. Woodcock PG-13 Sean William Scott **Dragon Wars**

PG-13 Jason Behr 3:10 to Yuma R Russell Crowe Christian Bale

Balls of Fury PG-13 Dan Fogler George Lopez Halloween

R Brad Dourif Daddy Day Camp PG Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Nanny Diaries PG-13 Scarlett Johansson

Rush Hour 3 PG-13 Jackie Chan Chris Tucker

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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm **First Christian Rev. Walter Reed**



Raffle Item-Floral Arrangement

Stratford Chamber of Commerce Arts & Crafts Bazaar Raffle item this year is a floral arrangement created by Julie Berry. Donated by Kay Payne and Bobbie Strong on display this week at the First State Bank in Stratford, next week it will be on display at The Happy State Bank in Stratford. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at 3:30 p.m. on September 22, 2007 at the Sherman County Barn during the Arts & Crafts Bazaar. You must see this wonderful creation by Julie.



The Churches of Stratford mile and Welcome You

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"Working with our friends at Great Plains Ag Credit is like having a **good partner** instead of a banker. They take care of our credit needs and return their profits to the customer through generous patronage refunds." -Paul Engler, Chairman of the Board, Cactus Feeders

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

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main Sunday School 9:20 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Junior High UMY 5:00 pm Senior High UMY 6:00 pm St. Joseph Catholic

Father Aleksy Kowalski 6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687 Sunday morning: 9:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish) Service . Wed. Thurs. Fri.—6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m. 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. **Heritage Bible Baptist Pastor Rick Carter** 302 S. Main - For More Info-call 396-2212

Morning Worship - 11 a.m. **Evening Service 6 p.m.** Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m. **First Baptist Pastor Jason Stone** 702 N. 3rd Sun.-Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30

Worship Service - 10:30 Wed. -Children-6:00, youth-7:00 La Mision Bautista **Mision Bautista**

401 S. Wall 396-5376 Domingo-(Sunday) Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday) Servicio De Adoration 11:00 am & Servicio De Oraction 6:00 pm Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos Susninos Durante El Servicio.



I AM NEVER ALONE

At moments I may feel lonely, but then I think of God and of God's love for me. Even as I reach out in my mind for steadying thoughts, I seem to hear God speak my name and assure me that He is with me. How can I share the security and peace I have found as I have realized my oneness with God? How can I let another know of God's presence ever with us all? How can I let another know that he is not alone, that God cares? Even as I ask these questions, I seem to hear God say: "As you are loving, My love is felt. As you are caring, others will know of My care." I know that God is with me and I am not alone. No matter where I am, no matter where I go, no matter what is happening around me, God is there. In God's love I am blessed.

"I am not alone, for the Father is with me."-John 16:32

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Church **Pastor Roy Harris Community Building** Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



Lady Elk runner Kristen Crabtree was 4th place medalist and J.V. runner Wesley Anderson was 7th place medalist at the Wolf Creek Classic Cross Country meet held this past Saturday. Also medaling was Jr. High runner Justin Mungia with a 10th place finish.

Celebrate 2007 Scheduled for September 25 **By Susie Spurlock**

"Celebrate ", the annual holiday decorations, gift, and food idea program on September 25 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd in Amarillo.

Featured guest speakers will highlight creativity with food and simplify to ways

entertaining ideas.

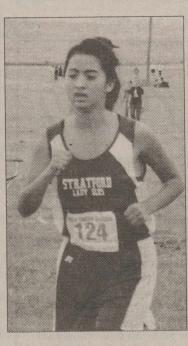
Junior High Cross Country Compete

The first Cross Country meet was held this past Saturday with Perryton hosting at Lake Fryer (Wolf Creek Park).

The J.H. girls placed 11th as a team with individual results as follows: 15th Tori Rouse -14:45.48; 17th Erika Robles -14:53.56; 51st Meghan Brooks -16:32.52; 105th Perla Reta -18:16.08; 109 Haydee Rojas -18:29.96; 113 Adriana Ibarra meal 18:43.68; 119 Shannon Maiwald - 19:01.77; 139 Monica King -



Lady Elk Kelsie Keener



Lady Elk Janeth Reyes



J.H. Lady Elks Cross Country competed at the Wolf Creek Classic this past Saturday. Shown with Coach Terry Davis from left, Adriana Ibarra, Erika Robles, Meghan Brooks, Perla Reta, Monica King, Tori Rouse, Shannon Maiwald, Shyanne Acker and Tera Harris.



J. H. boys Cross Country that competed in cross country this past Saturday from left, Nicolas Barajas, Kenny Ruiz, Neftali Valenzuela, Justin Mungia, Kelby Hartman, Reed Schoonover, Grayson Gonzalez, and Alex Chavoya.





Judge Carter Signs Resolution

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security is encouraging everyone, from communities, local governments, businesses, and individuals, to recognize September as National Preparedness Month. Several entities in Sherman County have joined in an effort to be more prepared for disasters and more aware of potential threats. A series of articles has been in the Stratford Star recently about preparedness topics. Please take the time to help your family be prepared and aware. Judge Terri Carter signed a Resolution by the Sherman County Commissioners' Court recognizing September 2007 as being National Preparedness Month and encourages our local residents to take notice of the purpose of this national awareness campaign.

The picture includes (L to R): Eddie Williams, Sandy Williams, Chief of Police- Larry Penfold, Judge Terri Carter, Jimmy Lanning and Sheriff Jack Haile.

FOR HOMEOWNE

Preparing Your Home For Colder Weather

(NAPS)—Preparing your home for colder weather can help you save money on energy bills. The U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) suggests these tips to keep your home comfortable:

• Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets levels recommended for your area. Proper insulation could reduce your heating costs by up to 30 percent.

• Install winter storm windows and doors, replacing any screens.

• Inspect windows, doors and the exterior of your home for cracks or leaks, and caulk, patch or weather-strip any areas that might leak cold air.

• Replace any windows or doors as needed. Products with the ENERGY STAR label can reduce heating costs by up to 15 percent.

• Have a heating professional inspect and service your heating equipment before you begin to use it for the season. Heat pumps and oil-fired furnaces need annual tune-ups; gas-fired equipment can be serviced every other year. Professional technicians will be able to detect leaks, soot, rust, rot, corroded electrical contacts and fraved wires. • Replace furnace filters in your heating unit regularly. Clean filters help to improve the airflow and efficiency while lowering your utility bills. Most manufacturers recommend changing disposable filters monthly and cleaning reusable filters every other month.



Preparing your home for winter can help you save money on your energy bills.

consider a new heat pump or furnace. The latest furnaces and heat pumps from Coleman® Heating and Air Conditioning are highly efficient and meet Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings or Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF) ratings.

For example, the Coleman Echelon modulating gas furnace offers 95 percent AFUE required for the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and exceeds the minimum efficiency standards established by the U.S. DOE, making this unit eligible for a \$150 tax credit. Additionally, the Coleman Echelon 5T heat pump is available with an ENERGY STAR rating and a federally approved tax credit Easy to install and service, the units use environmentally friendly refrigerants and deliver significantly higher energy efficiencies than many older units, reducing heating costs while increasing comfort.

THE SIMPLE "HOW TOS" OF THE **BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT**

People need to be prepared to care for themselves, at least for a short period of time, in the wake of a disaster situation. One good method of preparing for disaster is to build a dedicated cache of supplies or an emergency kit; kept in a handy place so that it will be readily available when the need arises. An Emergency Supply Kit should be equipped to meet the basic physical needs of the individuals it's intended to serve for at least a 72-hour period; The Department of Homeland (DHS) suggests that the following basic items be included in an Emergency Supply Kit.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and

extra batteries for both Flashlight and extra batteries

First aid kit

Whistle to signal for help

Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelterin-place

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food) Local maps

Additional items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

Prescription medications and glasses Infant formula and diapers

Pet food and extra water for your pet

important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

Cash or traveler's checks and change

Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate, Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper - When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

Fire Extinguisher

Matches in a waterproof container Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items

Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels

Paper and pencil Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

More information and personal preparedness tip* for families and persons of all ages can be found on the DHS website at: www.ready.gov



Game Time or Anytime, Avocados are a Tailgate Crowd Pleaser

(NAPS)-No matter the reason for a tailgate party-be it a football game, auto race, concert or other stadium event-the key to any great celebration in the parking lot or on the field is the food

The menu for a tailgate party can be as simple as sandwiches and chips or as fancy as a fourcourse meal. Either way, one simple ingredient that adds delicious flavor to a variety of tailgating dishes is the avocado.

Hass avocados make the ordinary fare extraordinary when included in sandwiches, burgers, wraps, hot dogs and salads-as rving as the essentia ingredient for guacamole and other dips



Avocados add a tantalizing twist to the traditional potato salad recipe.

2 large, ripe Hass avocados, halved, pitted, peeled and into choppe



The average American drinks 210 milligrams of caffeine a day. That's equal to two to three cups of coffee, depending on how strong it is.

• Finally, if you need to replace your current home heating unit,

To learn more about Coleman heat pumps and furnaces, visit www.colemanac.com or call (877) 726-5362

Tips on How to 'Go'Green' **Using a Coffee Machine at Home**

NewsUSA

(NU) - Do you start every day with a cup of coffee? If so, you could save a lot of money and help the environment at the same time if you brew your coffee at home

According to the Division of Consumer Prices at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, it costs 5 cents to brew an 8-ounce cup of coffee at home. Compare that with the cost of a gourmet drink at your local café. You'd save about \$4 a day, which is about \$30 a week. That's about \$120 a month! And that's without calculating what you'd save in gasoline costs from not driving to a coffee shop

Choices, including how you drink your coffee, can have a positive effect on the environment, You'd not only save money, but you'd also use less fossil fuel by making the switch to brewing coffee at home.

Capresso, a leader in high-end coffee making equipment, offers these "green" ideas to help you save money and preserve the environment

 Look for a coffeemaker with a thermal carafe so you won't need additional electricity to keep your coffee at the optimal serving temperature.

• Instead of disposable paper



Brewing your coffee at home could save you \$4 a, day.

filters, use a permanent gold-tone filter that can be reused time and again.

• Use leftover grounds as garden fertilizer.

• Cut back on the use of paper napkins, paper cups and coffee sleeves

• Use freshly ground coffee instead of pods to avoid the additional waste of paper or aluminum pod covers.

• Brew only what you need. Capresso has a special two-tofour-cup cycle that allows optimal brewing even with a small pot. A Jura-Capresso automatic coffee center allows you to brew cup by cup, as needed.

For more information, visit www.capresso.com.

With the addition of creamy Hass avocados, this recipe offers a tantalizing twist on a traditional dish. It's a great make-ahead recipe for your next tailgate party because the flavors blend as it chills in the fridge.

> Hass Avocado and **Red Potato Salad** Prep time: 15 minutes Makes 8 servings

2 lbs. red potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes 1 cup low-fat mayonnaise 5 tsp. cider vinegar 2 tsp. Dijon-style mustard ¾ tsp. ground black pepper ¾ tsp. salt

(NAPS)-If you're like most

people, you probably have a fre-

quent need to tighten, loosen, take

apart or put together many things

A carefully selected set of com-

mon hand tools, whether they're

for you or to be given as a gift-

regardless of the person's ability

level-can go a long way to ensure

sary, the Crescent brand is most

famous for this tool, especially use-

ful for turning different-size nuts

One new tape has a self-center-

ing feature that lets you easily

find the center of the object

you're measuring-great for

A 16-ounce claw type is best for

most projects. Get one with a

fiberglass handle for maximum

Claw Hammer (16-ounce)-

Tape Measure (25-foot)—

that you're always prepared.

mon tasks. They include:

and bolts.

hanging pictures

durability and comfort.

in the home, office or car.

4 green onions, sliced

1. Place potatoes in a medium pan and cover with water. Bring water to a boil and cook potatoes for about 15 minutes or until just tender when pierced with a fork.

2. Drain well and pour into bowl.

3. Combine mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper.

4. Add dressing and green onions to potatoes and gently toss. Stir in avocados.

5. Refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight to allow flavors to blend.

For more avocado recipes and tailgating tips, visit the Hass Avocado Board Web site at www.avocadocentral.com.



The stegosaurus was a large, plant-eating dinosaur that lived about 150 million years ago in what is now the western United States. It had two rows of bony plates shaped like huge arrowheads sticking out of its back and tail.

Silence moves faster when it's going backward. -Jean Cocteau

Sharp nostalgia, infinite and terrible, for what I already possess.

-Juan Ramón Jimenez

We are never prepared for what we expect.

James A. Michener

The universe is simmering down, like a giant stew left to cook for four billion years. Sooner or later we won't be able to tell the carrots from the onions.

-Arthur Bloch

Fear is a cloak which old men huddle about their love, as if to keep it warm.

-William Wordsworth

T An adjustable wrench can prepare you for common tasks you'll

Screwdrivers-Two 8-inchlong screwdrivers will cover most situations: a slotted head with a ¹/₄-inch-wide blade and a Phillips style, size No. 2.

Pliers (6¹/₂-inch)—A pair of basic slip-joint pliers will be one of the most valuable tools you own. Make sure they have a built-in wire cutter

One final piece of advice: Don't shop for tools based on price only...a reputable brand, such as Cooper Hand Tools, could pay major dividends in terms of long life and ease of use

For more information, visit www.crescent100years.com.

encounter in the home, office or



A small number of versatile, well-engineered and high-quality

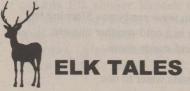
Hints For The Handy

Have The Right Tools For Any Project Or Repair



Out For A Country Drive

Linda Swain and Andy Riffe out for a Country Drive in preparation for the Whips & Wheels Day of Traditional Driving, September 22. Linda drove a wagon as a camp counselor several years ago and was getting a refresher.



Hello, everyone! We're back! The teachers started full time on Monday, August 20. We had a week of inset-vice and a work day on that Friday. Happy State Bank had Kim's Ribs cater lunch for the teachers on our first Tuesday back. First State Bank provided supper with a cookout at B.A. and LeRayne Donelson's beautiful country home on Tuesday, August 28. Thanks to all these folks for their efforts.

Classes for the students kicked off on Monday, August 27. Things are beginning to fall into a routine now. We had our first football game on Friday, August 31 which opened the season successfully.

Last week senior pictures and school pictures were taken on Wednesday. The Town Hall meeting with Senator Kel Seliger was held in the gym on Wednesday. Last Thursday the Juniors met with Jim Morgan to get the paper work for their senior rings. They will meet with him again this week to order them. The Junior Varsity football team begin at 3:05. played their first game in

its history and the new vocabulary words. The students learned the first bell was made in England. After it cracked on the first ringing, the metal was used to

make a second bell which had a very dull sound. After remaking the bell for the third time, all was well until the bell cracked again. When repairs failed, the bell was not actively used again. Recording of the bell's e-flat ring is used at important events, and also by the Philadelphia Eagles when they score at home games. The students were surprised to learn that abolitionists were the first to call the bell the Liberty Bell.

This week is Homecoming Week. Daily attire included Monday: "when I Grow Up Day", "Hillbilly Day" Tuesday: Wednesday: "Celebrity Day" Thursday: "Fake Injury Day", and Friday: "Blue and White Day". The Elks will play our Homecoming game Friday against Floydada and the Cross Country team has a meet in Amarillo on Homecoming Saturday. candidates this year are Jordan Confer, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Darcy Rosales, and Ivy Valenzuela. The pep rally will

Ask the Geek By Kevin McDonald

The Big Difference

There exists an important distinction to be made between your operating system and your "office productivity software." Rarely do I see more confusion about what is on a client's computer than between these two things, and this often leads to problems.

Your operating system ("OS") is the special software that your in a way that is comprehensible to both of you. Your operating system takes the data from your CD-ROM drive and interprets it so that it can be decoded by your audio player, or run your favorite game. It knows what to tell your printer when you click "print."

Statistically, most people in the United States that own a computer are running an operating system from Microsoft called "Windows." Thus, if someone asked you, "What OS are you running?" your answer will likely be "Windows." More specifically, you're running one of a few dozen versions of Windows, such as "Windows XP Home Edition," or "Windows 2000 Professional," etc.

Believe it or not, there are other operating systems besides most commonly used on Apple computers. Linux is a free OS developed by thousands of people around the world that runs on just about any type of computer, and runs many thousands of programs. Each of these operating systems, in addition to providing the interface between you and your PC, runs software that actually lets you accomplish something with your computer. One of the most common types of software that people use on their computers is office productivity software.

Microsoft has cornered the market with this type of software with In Mrs. Everett's Biology and their "Microsoft Office" suite of programs. Microsoft Office, Spearman last Thursday. This Environmental Systems, we are depending on which version you purchase, typically includes Word Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, FrontPage and Access among other things. These individual programs are what you use for word In Physics, we are starting processing, spreadsheets, visual presentations, etc.



Hilmar Cheese Open House

L/R: Pat Johnson, Selma Pendleton, Gaynelle Riffe, wearing the souvenir hair covering attending the open house for Hilmar Cheese in Dalhart Saturday September 8. The Cheese plant will begin receiving mile for production Wednesday, Sept. 12. The plant is quite impressive and also impressive was the attendance of more than 70 Hilmar owners and family members, all ages, from California.

USDA UNVEILS SIGN-UP DATES FOR NEW LIVESTOCK AND CROP DISASTER PROGRAMS

(Stratford, TX), September, 10, 2007 -Rebecca Hemphill, Executive Director for the Sherman County Farm Service Agency today announced that eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning Sept. 10, 2007. Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster computer uses to translate computer language into something you can Program (CDP) beginning Oct. 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity understand. It allows you, as a human, to interact with your computer losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

> The three ad hoc disaster programs provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters in recent vears.

> "Between 2005 and early 2007, agricultural producers across the country experienced financial difficulties as the result of devastating drought, floods, blizzards, tornadoes and other natural disasters," said Hemphill, "I am pleased to announce that FSA is delivering these benefits to America's farmers and ranchers at a time when many need it the most."

Livestock Compensation provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster - including producers who suffered losses Windows, such as Linux and MacOS. MacOS is the operating system resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disasters occurring during the applicable period as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Livestock Indemnity compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan.1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties. Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible. CDP provides benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality Windows is the most popular operating system, and Microsoft Office losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before Feb. 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before Feb. 28, 2007. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year. Only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP

Cards of Thanks

To each one of you called. who have came by, brought food and gifts, sent flowers and donations and prayed for us at the passing of My Daddy, "Dilmer (Bud) Silvey, Jay & I, all our children and grandchildren are grateful & we Thank You!

Jay & Arnita Lane

Thursday the 7th, 8th, and JV will play Panhandle there.

We have a number of new folks on staff at Stratford ISO this year. I hope I don't leave anyone out. They include Connie Biddy, Bobbie Blackmore, Cindy Franklin, Amy and Ashley Hartsell, Kristal Johnson, Collin and Jennifer McKinney, Crystal and Joe Rackley, Rudy Salazar, Eldric Shanks, McKenzie Talcott, and Robbi Wright. Welcome to Stratford!

hosted a tailgate party in support of our Stratford Elks. The menu included roasted pig, pinto beans, cookies, and drinks. The weather was great and the meal delicious. Thanks, guys!

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Mrs. Davis" 4th Grade class is studying weather. The students are conducting interviews on "Most Memorable Weather Events". If someone has a memory of an outstanding weather event, we would love to have them come visit with the 4th grade and share their weather experiences. Just call 366-3340 and leave a message for Mrs. Davis to set up a convenient time.

This week Mrs. Wright's first grade class is studying weather. We have written down all the things we know and what we want to know. We are learning about wind, rain, clouds, snow, air pressure and cold and warm fronts. We are also reviewing each letter and number and how to write them.

"Back to School Night" for the high school and junior high parents was held last Monday evening, the school board will meet Thursday evening and tour the facilities, and 3-week progress reports are due Friday. Can you believe we've been in school three weeks already? At this writing, we're still waiting for the new junior high lockers to arrive and be installed.

American symbols is the topic in the ESL classroom. Students are studying the Liberty Bell and

covering the terrestrial biomes of the biosphere (Tundra, grassland, tropical rain forest etc.).

projectile motion. We will end the unit with the Rocket Lab. Mrs. Brownlee's 5th and 6th grade math classes are off and working hard. For the most part, both groups are reviewing last year's skills. We will have our first test this week.

Quote of the week: "Most folks are about as happy as they make Last Friday the First State Bank up their minds to be." -President Abraham Lincoln

> Beat Floydada

ATTENTION READERS

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will start putting addresses in and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail stardm@xit.net

Nicholas McDaniel Nicholas McDaniel is stationed in Iraq. If you would like to send Nicholas a card or letter His address is **BALAD IRAO PVT MCDANIEL NICHOLAS** ABTRY (all of above on one line) 1st PLT 1/9 FA **APOAE09391**

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There are certainly other office suites, such as WordPerfect, Lotus, Microsoft Works, and the increasingly popular (and also completely free) OpenOffice.org. One of these suites may have come with your computer rather than Microsoft Office.

This is actually where the confusion inevitably sets in. Since is the most popular office suite, many people believe them to be one in the same - one mammoth piece of software. Thus, some people get confused when shopping for a new PC. Now that you know the difference, be certain to ask about both the OS and the office suite. ******

Kevin McDonald lives in Stratford with his wife and three children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637

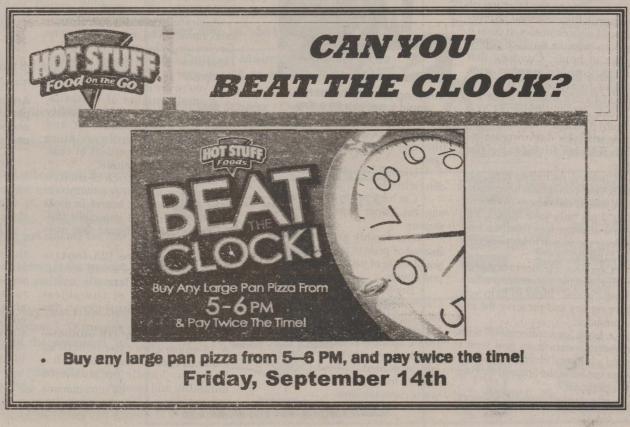
Do you have a burning computer question (or perhaps, a burning computer)? Email Kevin at askthegeek@definitioncomputers.com.

Homecoming 2007

Hemphill emphasized, "For LIP, LCP and CDP, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits,"

In an effort to expedite the application process and provide efficient, quality customer service, Hemphill recommends that producers call their respective FSA County Office to schedule an appointment for disaster program assistance.

For detailed application and eligibility information, please contact the Sherman County FSA at 806-396-2211. Interested producer can also access LCP, LIP and CDP fact sheets on FSA's Web site, http://www.fsa.usda.gov; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.



It Pays To Look In The

Star Classifieds

Phone 366-5885

Help Wanted

Western Organics is looking for someone to fill a Warehouse position. Apply at 110 S. Spruce. 9-20-4xs-

Stratford Family Medical Clinic is taking applications for a Medical Office Assistant and Receptionist. Spanish a plus. Please apply in person 1220 Purnell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thurs and 8 a.m. till noon on Fridays. 9 27-c-4x's-

Counter Sales person needed at A&I. Parts in Stratford. Applicants must be dependable. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Contact Jerry at 806-366-5592. We are an equal opportunity employer. 4-12-tfn-

Lollipop Junction is searching for a new director. Also need dependable adult. Must be 18 years of age w/high school diploma or equivalent. Must love children. Hours may vary. Send resume to Box 411 or contact Wesley Spurlock-Board present at 753-7215. 6-7-tfn-

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Denta! insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE. 9-13-2x's-

Cimarron Feeders needs a part time member to join the Doctor Crew. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Must be able to work weekends and some weekdays. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6383 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE. 6-13-2x's-

Part time welder, experience with pipe fences srequized. Elexible scheduletauo Call; (806) 727-4646. Coldwater Creek Cattle Co. 9-20-c--

The Stratford Police Department will be taking applications from qualified applicants for the position of Data Entry pecialist The position will be considered contract labor. It is a foil time temporary position. Pay will depend on Experience and qualifications. Some Restrictions will apply. Job Description: High School Diploma, Valid Texas Drivers License, no convictions above a Class C misdemeanor, experience in Microsoft Word and Excel. Must be able to work in a professional atmosphere and have good communication skills.



For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment. See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org 6-28-tfn-

For Sale: 816 N. Maple, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 story home. Call 753-6677 or 366-7664-lv message 5-17-tfn-

NEW LISTING! For sale by owner. 314 S. Fulton. 1662 total sq. ft. 3 bed/2bath. CH&A. Single garage/double driveway. Large deck. Cash back at closing incentive. Will show by appt. 806-683-2553. 8-9-tfn



Includes 270 sq. ft. shop and 135 sq. ft. metal storage, covered patio, large fenced yard, and isolated master.

207 West Texas Ave--PRICE **REDUCED! \$129,000** Commercial Building.

SHERMAN COUNTY SECTIONSthree sections, 3 phase electricity, two nice homes and landscaping, Quonset barn, irr. wells, sprinklers, 3 miles hwy front,+caliche+WILL DIVIDE!

HORSEMAN'S PLEASURE/CATTLEMAN'S **DELIGHT-NW of GRUVER-80** acres +/-, nice 4,000+/-sq. ft. brick home, metal roof, fireplace, two car garage, irr. well, 1/4 mile sprinkler, quonset barn, pipe-rail pens, covered

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lorraine Mehner, the Estate of Tommy Ed Bench, pending in the County Court of 2127, pending in the County Francis Wilson.

All persons having claims in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Ann Francis Wilson 2919 S. Philadelphia St. Amarillo, Texas 79103

DATED the 24th day of August, 2007.

Kimberly L Allen Attorney for Ann Francis Wilson State Bar No.: 12199270 507 Denrock Ave. **Box 792** Dalhart, TX 79022 Telephone: (806) 244-9732 Facsimile: (806) 244-2863 Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, September 13, 2007

> LEGAL NOTICE **CITY OF STRATFORD**, TEXAS **BUDGET HEARING**

In accordance with the State of Texas statutes and provisions of the City of Stratford, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 2007/2008 budget for the City of Stratford, Texas on September 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the City Council meeting room of Stratford City Hall. At the conclusion of said public hearing and after consideration of all comments from municipal taxpayers, the City Council will take action on the proposed budget.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that 28, 2007, in Cause No. 2126, August 28, 2007, in Cause No. Stratford, TX to: Elizabeth Ann Bench.

All persons having claims Thursday, September 20, 2007. against this Estate which is against this Estate which is currently being administered are currently being administered are required to present them to the required to present them to the undersigned within the time and undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

> c/o: Elizabeth Ann Bench Box 648 Stratford, Texas 79084

DATED the 24th day of August, 2007.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Stratford will hold two public hearings regarding the proposed annexation of the Trayler Park Addition. The first 8th or 806-366-3322. hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the proposed Trayler Park Addition site. The second City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13, 2007.

Legal Notices

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Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's State **Financial Accountability Rating**

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, October 9, Deceased, were issued on August Jr., Deceased, were issued on 2007 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street,

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's rating on Sherman County, Texas, to: Ann Court of Sherman County, Texas, the state's financial accountability system.

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Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and **Technology Education Programs**

Stratford ISD offers career and technology education programs in Vocational Agriculture and Homemaking, Computer Application, diversified Career Preparation, Internetworking Technology, Accounting, Anatomy and Physiology.

It is the policy of Stratford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by TitleVI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Stratford ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Stratford ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title K Coordinator, Tim Gilliland, Supt. at 503 N. Eight, 806-366-3300, the Section 504 Coordinator, Cindy Franklin, at 503 N.

Forma De Muestra

Stratford ISD ofrece prgramas vocacionales en agriculture y enonomonmisde de case, computadora de negocio applicacion y hearing will be conducted on diversified carrer technology y internetworking technology. La Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at admission a estos prgramas see basa en estudiante y la minima edad.

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All qualified applicants please drop off a resume either at city hall or the police department. Deadline for accepting applications will be Friday, September 21, 2007 at 5:00 pm. 9-20-3x's--

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time maintenance mechanic for feedlot equipment and vehicles. Basic computer knowledge, basic mechanic tool set and valid driver's license needed. Wage based upon experience. Great benefits include: Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance, 401 K and vacation. Please contact Rob. at 580-543-6383 Ext. 1655. Successful completion of Preemployment drug screen required. EOE M/F

Coldwater Creek Cattle Company, a feed yard located 3 miles West of Stratford is seeking a full time employee. Duties include working with cattle and yard maintenance. Applicants must be dependable and responsible! References are required. For more information, please call (806) 727-4646. 9-20-c-

For Rent

House for Rent: 519 N. Grace, 2 Bdrm, 2 bath, huge backyard. NO SMOKERS & NO PETS. For more information call 753-7052 or 753-7092.

8-16-tfn

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For Sale

For Sale or Lease-212 N. Poplar-40' x 60' office building. Call 806-679-5585 4-1-tfn-

For Sale or Lease-Morten Building, 54' x 72' x16. 396-2305. 6-22-tfn--

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408 N. 8th-Stratford-\$85,000.00 3/1 3/4/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300. 402 N. 8th-Stratford-\$20,000.00 2/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or -1866-935-7300. 301 N. Poplar-Stratford-\$275.000.00 60 x 100 Commercial Building Showroom & Office Call: Lindahl realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300. 9-21-cDavid Brown, Mayor City of Stratford

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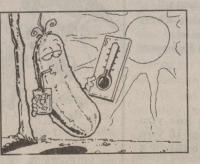
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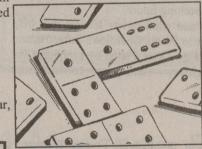
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To Give Away

Free to good home. Blue male Australian Shepherd. Approx 2 years old. 806-753-7815. 9-13-c-



The inside of a cucumber on the vine measures as much as 20 degrees cooler.



The spots on dominoes are called pips.

la Lay de Rehabilitacion de 1973, seguin enmieda.

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Stratford ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admission y participacion en los programas vocaionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Tim Gilliland, Supt, en 503 N 8th, PO Box 108, Stratford, Tx 79084, 806-366-3300, y/o el Coordinador de la seccion 504, Cindy Franklin, Counselor, en 503 N. 8th, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, 806-366-3322. Publilshed in The Stratford Star, Thursday, September 13, 2007.

Round-The-Clock Relaxation Remedies

(NAPS)-Americans are constantly "on the go." According to the National Human Activity Pattern Survey, research shows the average woman over the age of 18 spends most of her time driving and taking care of the children, which leaves little time to relax.

To help, Chrysler has partnered with recognized stress expert Dr. Erin Olivo to spread awareness about the importance of setting aside time for the body and mind to unwind.

"By taking mini-breaks throughout the day and practicing simple relaxation techniques, you can improve how you physically respond to stress by lowering blood pressure and heart rate, reducing muscle tension and strengthening your immune system," said Olivo, a contributor to Oprah's "Stress Management 101" on Oprah.com.

Here are a few suggestions:

• Push all the right pressure points—Massage the inside of your right palm with your left thumb in a circular motion. Repeat on the other hand. Then, find the sensitive spot in between your thumb and index finger, press deeply, hold for 10 seconds and release.

• Reduce tension by creating a soothing environment-Create a playlist with fun tunes or consider dimming the lights. For a refreshing ambiance, consumers can enjoy soft, greenish-blue halo lighting in the Chrysler Town & Country

• Consider "à la car" dining if your family is always "on the go"-Relax with the Chrysler



Swivel 'n Go seating system provides a convenient table for eating "on the go" and helps families make time for healthy dinners.

Town & Country's Swivel 'n Go™ seating system, which provides a convenient table for dinners "on the go." Pack a well-balanced dinner for the car and children can eat a healthy meal in between after-school activitie

• Laugh until the heart's content-For a good laugh, watch snippets from a funny movie, reminisce about an event that made you smile or pop in a stand-up comedy on tape or CD on your next road trip.

• Build an extra 15 minutes into your schedule to prevent the unnecessary stress of running late-Avoid bumper to bumper traffic with the 2008 Chrysler Town & Country's unique MyGIG" Multimedia Infotainment System. Available through SIRIUS Satellite Radio, MyGIG[™] supports real-time traffic and can even provide re-route navigation based on current traffic patterns.

For more information, visit www.chrvsler.com.

Garage Sales

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Garage Sale: Jeanie and Barb have waited til fall. Because we have it ALL!!!!! See you on Sat. Morning Sept. 15-9 a.m. to 12 noon. 512 N. Pearl

Wanted

Needed: 2 kids for after school. Call

Linda Forth man 366-2586.

The Stratford Elks fell to Childress 26-21 in the Elks first home game on Friday, September 7th.

Hunter Buckles completed 8 of 14 passes for 44 yards and two touchdowns. Buckles also carried the ball for 24 yards on 10 carries. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 33 yards on 13 carries followed by Jesse Lopez with 23 yards on 6 carries. Joey Reta caught the ball for 24 yards on 4 catches and one touchdown followed by Julio Ramirez with 19 yards on 3 catches and one touchdown. Lopez also kicked three PAT's for the Elks.

On defense Angel Resendes put another touchdown on the board for the Elks with a fumble recovery that he raced back for a touchdown. Julio Ramirez led the Elks on defense with 13 tackles followed by James Smith and Jorge Robles with 12 tackles, Joey Reta 11 tackles and Brent Reed and Sandro Gomez with 6 tackles each. Reta and Resendes each finished the night with one interception each.

Players of the Week: Offensive Line - Brent Reed; Offensive Back - Joey Reta; Defensive Line - Sandro Gomez; Defensive Back - James Smith and Special Team – Jesse Lopez.

The Elks will host Floydada here on Friday, September 14 for the Elks Homecoming. Let's Go Elks!!!

Homecoming Talk on Friday, September 7, 2007. 2007

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Friday Night Lights

Stratford Elks Big Blue Marching Band under the field direction of Courtenay Sells and Deborah Molina on Friday, September 7, 2007



Stratford Elk #76 Sandro Gomez and unknown Elk close in on Childress player on Friday, September 7, 2007.

Ports to Plains coalition hosts Great Plains International Conference, highlights opportunities in trade, wind energy and bio fuels, and regional freight efficiency

The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition has long sought to increase trade by improving the region's highway infrastructure. But Ports to Plains is more than a line on a map. The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition is a growing business and policy network acting in concert to promote the common economic development goals of the Great Plains region, North America's energy and agricultural heartland. At the Great Plains International Conference in Denver Sept. 19-21, the Coalition, along with co-presenters, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Colorado Department of Transportation, will gather members, friends, senior elected and government officials and industry leaders to explore the emerging economic development opportunities in the Corridor and study new ways to strengthen the cooperation among the states and provinces throughout the region.

"Throughout the Great Plains region, communities are beginning to capitalize upon then-natural assets to serve dominant new roles in North America's future prosperity, energy security and economic development," said Michael Reeves, President of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor Coalition. 'The Great Plains International Conference will offer a glimpse into this exciting future."

Sherman Co. Child **Welfare Board**

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call

Kathie Altman-366-5611 Paula Everett-966-5445 Leonda Fedric-366-5992 Patsy Harland-827-7568 Belinda Hamilton-827-7728

Ernie Maiwald-366-5546

Jesse Resendes-366-3134



Stratford Elks #71 David Acevedo, #30 Joey Reta and #52 James Smith on defense against Childress.



Quarterback Hunter Buckles #5 hands off to #20 Alex Martinez as #11 Craig Kautz and #76 Sandro Gomez block against Childress in the Elks loss.



At the conference, several of the Great Plains' top agricultural and wind power leaders will help redefine the exciting potential of the emerging corridor. 'The Ports to Plains Coalition's infrastructure plan seeks to leverage the emerging renewable energy economy of the Great Plains by proposing the joint public-private sector development of a single, integrated highway - wind power corridor from Laredo, Texas to the Canadian border," said Reeves,

Confirmed speakers include:

· Pat Wood, III, energy developer, is the Past Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Past Chair, Texas Public Utility Commission. Wood's chief focus is on clean power generation, independent power transmission and natural gas facilities. He serves as an independent director of SunPower Corp. and Quanta Services, and he heads the North American Advisory Board of Airtricity.

John Stulp, Commissioner, Colorado Department of Agriculture is a former Prowers County Commissioner and a leading proponent of wind power economic opportunities and jobs for Colorado's farmers and ranchers. Commissioner Stulp's family farming operation is home to the Lamar Light and Power Wind Farm, and Commissioner Stulp is a principal in Prairie Wind Energy LLC.

Len MitzeL, Member of Legislative Assembly for Cypress-Medicine Hat, Alberta is a farmerlegislator, provincial cross-border affairs chief for Canada's energy powerhouse, the Province of Alberta (one of the world's leading suppliers of oil and natural gas to the U.S.), and a leading advocate for expanded Alberta-US freight infrastructure, including an alternative north-south corridor to serve the province's booming oil sands industry headquartered in Fort McMurray.

Ronald L. Lehr, Western Representative, American Wind Energy Association, advises a variety of renewable energy clients, including The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the American Wind Energy Association, and the National Wind Coordinating Committee. From 1984 to 1991, Mr. Lehr was Chairman and Commissioner of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission,

"The Ports to Plains Trade Corridor connects the dots between our communities, but it is the coalition and the business network it serves that makes that road matter, as a driver of economic development," said Reeves. "We have a tremendous lineup of speakers for this conference, and I believe it will change the way people look at trade corridors, particularly Ports to Plains, in the future."

Registration and other information about the conference is available at www.regonline.com/gpic and www.portstoplains.com

Health

(NU) - Of the estimated 12,500 children diagnosed with cancer each year, nearly 80 percent are cured and go on to lead healthy lives. However, doctors have learned that treatments for some cancers, such brain as

tumors and acute leukemia, can cause learning disabilities.

Communication between a cancer patient's parents and school officials is therefore vital to ensure that the situation — including the side effects of treatments - and the ongoing needs of the child, are understood.

In many cases, a formalized Individualized Educational Plan should A man must consider what a be developed for the child, allowing them special dispensation and facilities to enable them to continue with schoolwork, as best they can. For more information, visit the Beyond the Cure Web site at

www.beyondthecure.org.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. -Douglas MacArthur

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

-Dr. Seuss

rich realm he abdicates when he becomes a conformist. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball.

-Doug Larson

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)-The \$2,000 bake sale is history. What is getting a rise among parents who want to raise money to help build computer labs or fund extracurricular activities not in the school budget are online auctions. To learn more, visit cmarket.com.

Recently, one of the largest glass manufacturers in the world, Guardian Industries, introduced a permanently protected shower glass known as ShowerGuard[®]. The surface of the glass is sealed to resist corrosion and discoloration. For more information, visit www.showerguardglass.com.

Herbalife's new H3O[™] drink contains electrolytes and nutrients people lose by perspiring. It comes in a powder that can be mixed with water and it's available in a canister or serving "stick" that can be thrown in a bag or pocket. Visit www.herbalife.com.

A recent study by the AARP has found that family caregiving saves the country's health care system hundreds of billions of dollars annually. Learn more at www.aarp.org.

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important to stay hydrated, you



may not realize caffeinated beverages, in addition to water, can help. A report from the Institute of Medicine says caffeinated beverages can count toward your daily water intake. Learn more at www.ific.org.

To celebrate the October Frozen Food Festival, the National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association has created a \$7,500 What's Fresh in Frozens Sweepstakes that runs through the end of November. For more information, visit www.Easy HomeMeals.com.

According to the Glade[®] Flame-less Candle Survey, 76 percent of moms today will sacrifice guilty pleasures-from carbs to their favorite purses-for a "Me Zone," While you may know that it is a personalized place to relax and unwind.

