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Doppler" Dave Visits

Weatherman Doppler Dave Oliver of KFDA TV in Amarillo spoke to the folks that attended the lunch provided by Ivy Insurance on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Everyone enjoyed watching his footage of tornados and hail that have been in our area the past few years.

#### New multi-use exemption applies to some selfemployed taxpayers.

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

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

To qualify for the exemption individuals need to fill out an application form available from the appraisal office at 402 N. Third Street in Stratford. Individuals who want to apply for the 2007 tax year must file the form by April 1, 2008. For taxing years 2008 and future, the exemption form must be filed prior to April 30 each year. A vehicle is not eligible:

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

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

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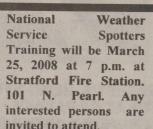
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Service Spotters Training will be March 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. 101 N. Pearl. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

Junior help



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



## **Cindy Miller Wins the Gator**

Joanie Ivy presented Cindy Miller with the keys to her new Gator. Cindy won this at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Lunch given by Ivy Insurance Agency. Joanie, Diane and Patty would like to thank all those who attended the lunch. We had a good crowd with great food and fellowship.

#### SCDC **SCHEDULES FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON** WIND ENERGY

SCDC will hold another meeting concerning Energy for landowners. The meeting last week on Wind Energy Leases for Landowners was a great success and has spurred interest from several landowners in forming groups to approach the energy companies. If you have questions or you are interested in signing up to be included in a possible wind energy development, you will want to attend this meeting. March 25th is the date for the meeting so mark your calendars. Be sure and watch for more details coming in the Stratford Star in the next few weeks.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 10, 2008. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 9 through March 10, 2008. 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. On March 10th the Office will be open until 5:00 P.M.

Board members whose term will expire are Joe Reinart and Barney Wellborn. Holdover members are, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Greg Wright, Steve Hays and DeWain Trayler.

## class build

## Don't Miss It **Sherman County** Ag Day March 13th

#### **American Legion** Post 262 Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are a veteran and are interested in the American Legion, please contact Dennis Phelps 396-5316 or Wayne Smith at 366-

#### **Stratford High School Dinner Theatre March 13**

Stratford High School Dinner Theatre will be Thursday, March 13th at the Mary Allen Cafetorium. Dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's One Act Play.

My Son is Crazy...But Promising is the name of the

Adults \$12.00 and Students \$7.00 Tickets available at the

#### **Stratford Hospital District** to **Have Election**

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT has three openings in the upcoming election. Applications may be picked up at the Business Office at Coldwater Manor. Application sign up time will be February 11th through March 13th, 8:00. a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elections will be May 10th. Board members whose terms will expire are Kathy Aften; LeRayne Donelson Kenton Kimball. Holdover members are Kathie Altman and Billy Bell.

#### **Stratford Youth** Baseball **Association Organizational** Meeting

The Stratford Youth Baseball Association will be holding its' annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Allen availability Elementary cafeteria. Boys and girls who will be six years old on program provides on attending. Volunteers are communities. correspondence and team local government, association will not function.

meeting. Coaching slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis and coaches attendance will be required at the organizational

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

## Wildfire Danger.

Dry conditions have created another dangerous wildfire season. Please use caution with any outdoor burning, disposal of fireplace ashes, welding, cigarettes, etc. Under the current dry conditions, wildfires can ignite easily and spread quickly.

#### **AG DAY THIS** THURSDAY

By David Graf

Final plans have been made for the 2008 Sherman County Ag Day, this Thursday, March 13th at the County Exhibit Building. "The Ag Committee and other volunteers have been working hard to get prepared for what should be an informative and educational day," said David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County. "We are fortunate to have such strong community support in that numerous donors have made possible a free catered lunch."

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and speakers will commence at 9:00, with the lunch speaker being Lewis Britt of Representative Mac Thornberry's office, who will provide an update on the farm bill. The meeting will adjourn at 2:00. with receiving CEU certificates as needed.

Those who have attended the day's meetings will receive two CEU's for General and 1 CEU for Laws and Regulations.

The Texas Agrilife Extension Service's Ag Committee of Sherman County is hosting the day and co-sponsoring it with the FSA office of Sherman County and the Sherman County Development Committee.

> March 13th Ag Day Schedule on page 4

#### **USDA RURAL** DEVELOPMENT **ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF** HOUSING **PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDS**

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 6, 2008 -Scooter Brockette, USDA Rural Development Acting State Director announced today the of Preservation Grant funds. The or before September 1, 2008 are assistance to eligible entities to eligible to play. Anyone who has assist in the repair or input or questions concerning the rehabilitation of single-family and baseball association should plan rental residences located in rural

needed to fill the following roles Eligible entities who would this year: registration night, kick- administer the grant funds can off fundraiser, community include state agencies, units of pictures. If these roles are not American tribes, and nonprofit filled, those aspects of the organizations. The Agency's Housing Preservation Grant All those who are interested in Program can also provide coaching a team in T-Ball, assistance through eligible entities Machine Pitch or Little League to rental property owners to repair this year, need to contact Gared and rehabilitate their units McBryde at 366-5307 before the providing the owners agree to make the units available to very low\* arid low-income families. Individual homeowners and rental property owners are not eligible meeting on the 26th. If you have entities for these competitively any questions, please call 366- awarded grants. The USDA Rural Development Preservation Grant Program provides assistance to residential projects located in eligible communities with a maximum population of 20,000,

Applications must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on April 21, 2008 to USDA Rural Development, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main,

Temple, Texas 76501 or online submitted http://www.grants.gov by 4 p.m, CST on April 21, 2008, For more information on the Housing Preservation Grant Program, please contact our Office at \_\_\_\_\_, Extension 4 or website the http;//w\vw.rurdev.usda.gov/mfh/ brief mfh\_hpg.htm^

## New Elk at the School

A 'New Elk' for Stratford High School made its entrance by tractor driven by Travis Melton last week. The Elk was found by Joe Reinart in Taos, N.M and purchased by Stratford ISD and the Class of 2008.

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#### Junior High Girls **Track Results**

The 7th & 8th grade girls competed at the Spearman Track Meet held Friday, March 7. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 70

7th grade: Shot: Tera Harris-2<sup>nd</sup>-26'10". Veronica Lemus-3<sup>rd</sup>-25'10"; Long Jump: Erika Robles-4-13'1.5"; 400 Dash: Erika Robles-3<sup>rd</sup>-74.26; 1600 M Run: Stephanie Jacquez-2<sup>nd</sup>-7:02, Elizabeth Reyes-5th-7:21; Discus: Veronica Lemus-4th-49'1; 400 M Relay: 5th-63.43; 300 Hurdles: Karen Lozoya-5th-Robles-3rd-2:56, Relay: 4th-2:12.81.

Rouse-2<sup>nd</sup>-10:42.00; **1600** M Run - Tori Rouse - 1<sup>st</sup>- 6:33; this financial product. 400 M Relay - 4th-63.51; 300 M Hurdles- Carina Michel - 5th- 5:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall. 65.92, Adriana Ibarra-6th-66.9: Pole Vault - Tori Rouse - 3rd-2:11.40.

(NAPS)—The Straight Talk on Women's GI Health campaign educates women age 40 and older about digestive health problems and provides them with the tools for an ongoing dialogue with their physicians. Visit www.GIS traightTalk.com to learn more.

There's now a natural, drugfree way to get a good night's sleep. NutraMist Sleep Now is an oral spray that contains such sleep-inducing ingredients as valerian and melatonin to help people get the rest they need. To learn more, visit www.NutraMist Products.com.

To learn about diabetes, its link to heart disease, and how to help a loved one, order free copies of Tips for Helping a Person with Diabetes by contacting the National Diabetes Education Program at www.YourDiabetesInfo.org or (888) 693-NDEP (6337).

#### REVERSE MORTGAGE **PROGRAM** MARCH 27

By Susie Spurlock

SCOT members and other interested Sherman County residents are invited to gain a points and the 8th grade girls better understanding of Reverse placed 5th with 53.3 points. Mortgages on Thursday, March 27 in Stratford. This special educational program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at SCOT Hall following the March luncheon.

Marc Adams, First State Bank Vice-President- Bank Manager and Mortgage Loan Officer will be presenting information on Reverse Mortgages. Mr. Adams will inform program participants 62.55; 1600 M Relay: 3rd on how reverse mortgages works, 5:13.00; 800 M Run: Erika who qualifies, tax implications, Stephanie and how proceeds Jacquez-6<sup>th</sup>-3:12.00; 800 M mortgages can be used. In addition tips for determining if 8th grade: 2400 M - Tori Reverse Mortgage is for you and what to consider when shopping

The program will be repeated at

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife 5'6"; High Jump - Tori Rouse - Extension Agent for Sherman 4th-4'2"; 800 M Relay - 4th- County at 806-366-2122 or Lynn Wells, SCOT President at 396-2011.

> Texas AgriLife Extension Service living. are open to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The first duty of love is to listen. -Paul Tillich

#### Women's Forum Distinguished **Service Awards** April 26, 2008

Amarillo Area Women's Forum will recognize area women who have made contributions in leadership to their communities in the arts, business, civic leadership and public service at an awards ceremony luncheon at the Amarillo Country Club, April 26, 2008.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Claire Gaudiani, an expert on the history and economics of American philanthropy at New York University. She has authored several books including the best seller, "The Greater Good" and recently "Generosity Rules!: A guidebook to Giving". Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award from Stratford are Marilyn Albert Harkins, Timmie Brown, Marihoward Engelbrecht, Gaynelle Riffe, Margaret Reed, LeRayne Donelson, and Laurie Spurlock.

\*\*\* Laughter is wine for the soullaughter soft, or loud and deep, tinged through with seriousness ... the hilarious declaration Educational programs of the made by man that life is worth

-Sean O'Casey

I distrust those people who know so well what God wants

them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own -Susan B. Anthony

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whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evi-

-John Adams



Facts are stubborn things; and

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## **Presley Fund**

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. Fore more information contact

REMEMBER WHEN we listened to Eloy and The Troubadours? He is coming, watch this spot for more info.

### REMINDER:

DEADLINE TO ORDER 2007-2008 YEARBOOK IS FRIDAY. MARCH 14

Order Form in Newspaper & on Stratford ISD Website or Call Shari Hudson at 366-3347 or 366-5398



Tyler is a sophomore at Stratford High School. He is a member of the Elk football, basketball and golf teams. He is also a member of the student council.

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### Janeal Hand Surprised with "50" Party

The Jr. High faculty surprised Janeal Hand (seated 3rd from left) with a "50th" Birthday Party on Friday, March 7. They also arrived at school with their "50's" attire on.

#### 4-H FASHION **SHOW APRIL 7**

By Susie Spurlock The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Monday, April 7, 2008. The achievement event will be at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Judging of contestants willbegin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show and Awards program at 7:00 p.m. 4-H project members from the Stratford area are learning skills in the areas of clothing construction, clothing care, grooming and modeling, textile art, knowledge of fibers and fabrics, and participated in educational tours.

4-H'ers and families are reminded that Fashion Show Entry Forms are due in the County Extension Office on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. The Fashion Show is the achievement event of the clothing and textiles project meeting. Guidelines for the Fashion Show are available at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Sherman County office.

Community members are invited to the Fashion Show to show their support of youth and view the accomplishments of members. Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show are the Sherman County 4-H Parent & Leaders Association, and Texas AgriLife Extension For more information. Service. contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent in

Sherman County at 366-2122. Educational sponsored by the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service serves all people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

#### Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

Set the alarm so wouldn't be late for Sunday school and no water! Smith & Smith came out but was too late to go. Luckily it was minor but still

Fern McDaniel Allen, formerly of Wheeles, who makes her home in Amarillo now, celebrated her 93 birthday this week. There will be a family party Sunday.

John McDaniel has heard from son Nicholas in Iraq. He says it is "boring" but thank goodness!

Pat Boren and Jo June McDaniel were hostesses at the Red Hat Society meeting last week. Donna Gillenwaters

Sure been a lot of people not feeling well.

#### **Prospectus** Study Club News

GFWC/Prospectus Club met March 5 at Sherman County Library.

Barbara Dawkins of Dalhart gave The Arts program and showed some of her different kinds of art.

Cindy Jackson, president, announced that District meeting will be April 5 in Dalhart.

Susan Trayler was a guest. Members present were Mattie Baskin, Dorothy Haile, Patti Vincent, Oline Caraway, Pat Hartman, Marty Bain, Barbara Haile, Laurie Spurlock, Marylou McDaniel, and Michelle Lutes.



There are a few spots open for cheerleading classes in the 7-9 year old age group.

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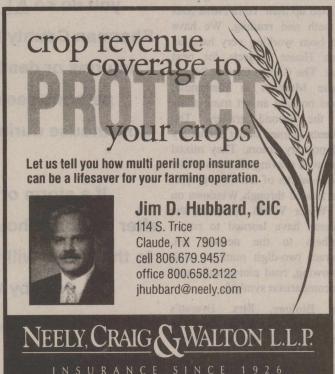
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#### Stratford EX-Student Reunion July 25-26 .2008

Did your Stratford Graduating Class end in an 8? It is your

reunion-year! Stratford Ex-Students will enjoy the Friday night, July 25, Hamburgers and Visit with friends and class mates. If plans continue as before, the Stratford Jamboree Parade and Lions Club Barbeque will be held Saturday Noon. Saturday evening has been open for the Ranch Rodeo, however, last year, The **Education Foundation sponsored** a dinner on Saturday evening. All reunion classes are asked to update their mailing lists.



#### 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. Charles F. Fisch, Interim Pastor 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 6th & Pearl

Rectory - 366 - 5687 Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 9:30 (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.

#### **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 Billy Chambers**

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#### **Kerrick Community** 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 THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, March 13, 2008 Page 4



**ELK TALES** 

By Lynda Hauser

Our new Elk is here!! They set him in place last Thursday and he's standing tall and proud! Be sure and take a look. The first part of the TAKS is behind us. More TAKS test will come later. Junior high and high school Open House was held on Monday, and Mary Allen Open House was on Tuesday. The high school golf teams had meets on Monday and Tuesday.

Remember to buy your yearbook this week. Friday is the last day to purchase one.

The junior high has a track meet on Thursday, and high school has a meet on Friday. Also on Friday, high school cheerleader tryouts will be held.

This week the second graders finished up their Terra Nova tests in math and reading. We have also been working very hard on Open House projects for next week. The Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle, Texas brought an art trunk show for the second graders. The students learned about secondary and primary colors. They mixed paint with shaving cream to create unique works of art. This project was funded through Windows on the Wider World. In math, the students have learned to round numbers to the nearest ten, subtract two-digit numbers with borrowing, read pictographs, and use comparison symbols.

In Biology, Mrs. Everett's classes are covering bacteria and virus. We will do our bacteria cultures this week.

Eleven lucky 8th grade reading students of Stratford Junior High were treated to a special lunch on Friday in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Donelson. Mrs. Donelson gave the students a lesson in etiquette before serving them a delicious meal. These students of Cindy Seward and Kaci McBryde are preparing to take a trip to Amarillo for a tour of Barnes and Noble Bookstore and lunch at the Amarillo Club. Thank you to the Stratford Education Foundation for making this possible!

Some future events: Spring Break - March 17-21; Golf meets - March 24-25; District One Act Play -- March 26; District UIL Academic Meet - March 27; high school track meet - March 28 & junior high track meet - March

Quote of the week: "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." -Benjamin Franklin

#### 4th 6 Weeks **High School** Honor Roll

Alcala, Christian Arisano, Catheryn Armendariz, Carlos Armendariz, Cynthia Barnard, Brooke Brooks, Heidi Burton, Eric Carrillo, Raquel Chaffee, Matthew Chavoya, Brianda Confer, Jordan Crabtree, Kristen Crabtree, Morgan Cummings, Bryce Dennis, Kelsi Duran, Roberto Everett, Sinead Frizzell, Michael Haile, Lucius Hamilton, Braden Hawkins, Chandra Horsford, Kyle Ibarra, Yesenia Kautz, Craig Killian, Katherine Long, Hailey Maiwald, Trenda Martinez, Alex Molina, Deborah Niave, Eduardo Ortega, Lucero Peregrino, April

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If a storm or other disaster occurs after business hours, the only door open to the public will be the west basement door by the tax office.

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Si usted busca refugio en el palacio de justicia durante una tempestad o un desastre, usted hace así BAJO SU PROPIA RESPONSABILIDAD El Condado de Sherman no tendrá obligación para ningunas heridas o muertes que ocurran a ninguna persona quien busca refugio en el Palacio de justicia durante un desastre o tempestad.

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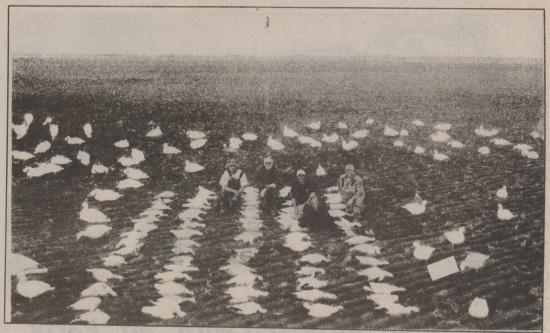
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-John Adams

### **Public Notice**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group will hold a public hearing and a public Meeting starting at 10:00 am on April 16, 2008 and at 1:30 put on May 14, 2008 at the offices of the Panhandle Regional **Planning Commission located** at 415 W, 8th Ave Amarillo, Potter County, Texas.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group is seeking public input on the scope of work for the third round of regional water planning at 10:00 am on April 16, 2008. Written and oral comments regarding the scope of work will be accepted at the public meeting. Written comments may also be received by mail by 5:00 pm on April 22,

2. Notice is also given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) will submit, on or before June 13, 2008, a grant application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to carry out the scope of work. The public hearing and meeting for this item will be at 1:30 pm on May 14, 2008. Copies of he grant application may be obta d from the PRPC when it becomes

available. Written and oral comments regarding the grant application will be accepted at the public hearing. Written comments regarding the grant application may be submitted by mail to the PRPC by 5:00 pm May 14, 2008 and to the TWDB, Attn: Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator, P.O. Box 13231 Austin, TX 78711-3231

The Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) includes all of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress

additional information, submission of written comments, requests and nominations, please contact the PRPC, Chris Sharp, Local Government Services Director, P.O. Box 9257 Amarillo, TX 79105 or call 806-372-3381. csharp@theprpc.org Chris Sharp

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## The Board Members of The Sherman County

Depot Museum would like to say Thank You to all participated in the Hamburger Dinner last Sunday which is our Annual Spring Fund Raiser. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of County Sherman

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Blain Killion.

faithful

Volumeers brought deserts and all the guests who attended made this year a big success. Thanks to all of you. Look for some new exhibits. Mary Jo Lewis from graciously permitted us to exhibit her sewing machines and invalid cups. Before Nursing Homes, the members the of family lived at invalid cups were used to feed these family and they look somewhat like a gravy boat. Some matched the sets of that the china family used, but all are interesting. We plan to have an open house to show these exhibits.

Thanks, Sherman County Depot Museum Board Members

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-Sean O'Casey

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incredible place. A place that stands an amazing example of what it means to "love your neighbor yourself." We would like to thank all the people who have poured out their love and affection our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the excellent food, for helping to take care of all the things that needed to be done, and thank you for your donations to the Stratford foundation

Joan's name. Most

of all we would like to thank you for your company; difficult times are always easier to go through when you don't have to go through them alone We are so thankful that Joan and E.R. live in such a special place and have enjoyed a lifetime of great people. We would also like to thank the caregivers and people at Coldwater Manor, thank you for giving Joan and the quality of life they could have during these years. difficult Thank you Stratford for making us a part of your lives and giving us all a place to call home. We love you very much

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-Susan B. Anthony

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who voted in the March 4 Primary. I will do my best to represent and serve the residents of Sherman County and especially those in Precinct 1.

Dana Buckles

would like to thank all of those who came to eat during the wind energy meeting. It deeply appreciated and will help us get to Australia. We would also like to thank Bank. Нарру Stratford Feedyard and Moore's Food Pride for their donations again. Thank you.

> Hunter Buckles & Sandro Gomez

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AMARIILO, Texas, March 7, The Tipping Point by 2008 - David Cleavinger, a fifthgeneration farmer of Wildorado, The World is Flat by Texas, was selected as the new president of the National Chosen by a Horse by Association of Wheat Growers. Cleavinger assumed his role The Secret by Rhonda during the Commodity Classic March 1, 2008, in Nashville, Women & Money by Tennessee.

Cleavinger began his leadership in the agricultural community in 1992 with the Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program. This two-year program allowed him to study agricultural enterprises and local economies throughout Texas, giving him the opportunity to also travel to Mexico, Argentina, California and Washington, DC. With his continued dedication to his home state economy, Cleavinger also served as chairman of the Texas Rural Communities Board, providing grants and loans to start-up businesses in rural Texas.

With his passion for agriculture at the helm, Cleavinger has been an advocate for this industry for more than 15 years. During this time, he has been a member of the Texas Wheat Producers Board, serving as chairman in 2000, and also serving on NAWG's business and economics. Domestic Policy Committee Cleavinger's wife of 29 years, during the 2002 Farm Bill Jackie, serves as business 1996, expanded his advocacy even Independent School District, and further as a member of the U.S. David served as a board member. Wheat Associates Board, They have two children, Kent, traveling to Europe and the who has returned home to the

wheat products to foreign buyers. Cleavinger operates his 4,500acre irrigated family farm and in Wildorado, near Amarillo, Texas. Over the seasons, his family has produced wheat, corn, grain sorghum, seed milo, sorghum silage, cotton and sugar beets, along with raising stocker cattle. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1979 with a degree in agriculture president, Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

he manager for Middle East to promote U.S. family farming operation, and Kelly, who is a sales representative in Amarillo.

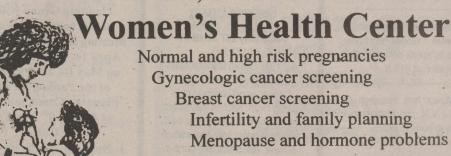
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9:00 Welcome & Updates **Texas Agrilife Extension Update** Dr. Galen Chandler, North Region Extension Administrator

Dr. Darrell Dromgoole, North Region Program Director David Graf, Ag/Natural Resources Agent, Sherman County

9:30 Dairy Industry Overview and Business Opportunities David Ahlem, Hilmar Cheese, Dalhart, Tx.

10:15 Dairy Feedstuffs and Sherman County Ag Producers Dr. Dwain Bunting, Trouw Nutrition, Lubbock, Tx.

11:15 Ethanol's Impact on the High Texas Panhandle Arles Graham, Panda Ethanol, Hereford, Tx.

12:00 Lunch Guest speaker, Lewis Britt, office of U.S. Rep Mac **Thornberry Thornberry Update on the 2007 Farm Bill** 

1:00 Wheat and Feedgrains Outlook & Marketing Strategies Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Agrililfe Extension, Amarillo, Texas 2:00 CEU certificates (for 3 CEU's)

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