



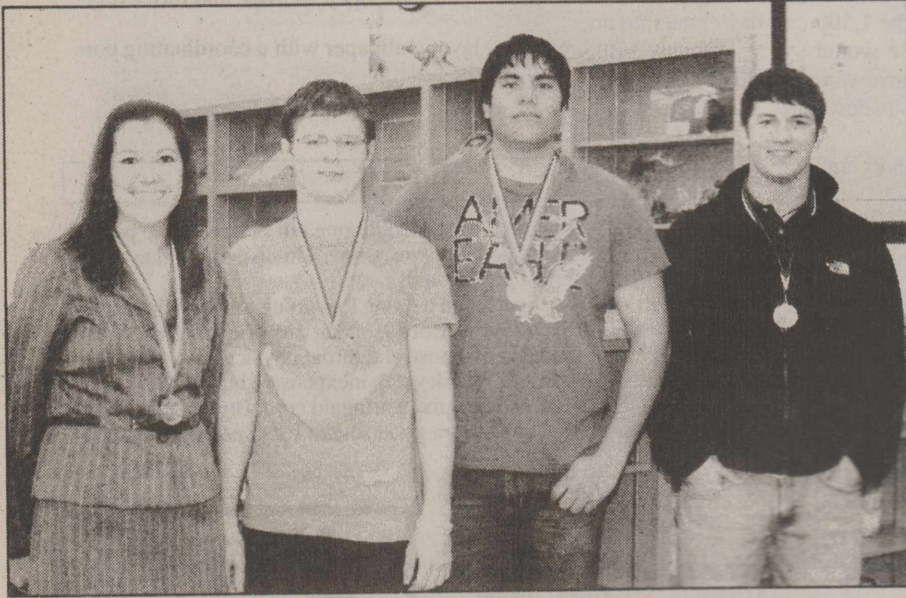
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(Shown at left) The OAP cast and crew under the direction of Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf advanced to the Area contest held on Monday, April 9th at Randall HS in Amarillo, TX. Special honors given at District contest L/R: Mary Ann Spurlock-All Star Cast, Adrian DuPlessis-Honorable All-Star, Derek Vasquez-Honorable Mention All - Star, Jordan Johnson-Best Actor and not pictured Kammi Birdsong-All Star Cast.

4-H'ers ask Texans to 'purple up' for military kids, families

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WESLACO – Carlos Tamez wrote two letters a few years ago, to be delivered to his children in the event of his death while on active duty in Iraq.

The Black Hawk helicopter pilot from Weslaco poured his soul into his words, offering love and the best advice he could muster to his two young children, just in case they had to grow up without their father, he said.

Fortunately, the letters never had to be delivered. Tamez came home safely from the Middle East in 2009 to rejoin his wife Patty and two children, Celeste Ariana, 14, and Carlos Aaron, 9.

"I came home with two Bronze Stars and they belong to my kids," said Tamez, a U.S. Army Reserve helicopter pilot who flew countless missions transporting dead and wounded soldiers out of combat zones during four tours of duty.

It's the Tamez children and many others like them who will be honored by 4-H on April 13 for the sacrifices they make while their parents serve their country abroad, according to Luis Saldana, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program specialist for 4-H and youth development at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Weslaco.

4-H is asking all Texans to wear purple on that day as a sign of solidarity and support, he said.

"This is a Texas initiative called Purple Up for Military Kids," Saldana said. "It's a partnership among the United States Army, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the 4-H and youth development."

Why purple?

"Purple is the color that results from mixing the traditional colors of all the armed services in this country, including the green of the Army, the red of the Marines, the orange of the Coast Guard and the blue of the Navy and Air Force," Saldana said.

"We're asking everybody to wear purple next week, on Friday the 13th, to honor and recognize the sacrifice and contributions that children of deployed personnel make — children who are oftentimes overlooked by the public."

When he first went to war in 2003, Tamez's son was only 10 months old.

"When I came back on leave 10 months later, he didn't recognize me," Tamez said. "So, I wrote death letters to him and my daughter. I explained why I wouldn't be there for all the important events in their lives—sporting events, proms, graduation, their weddings."

It was a heartbreaking task that Tamez said still gets to him when he thinks about it.

"I suddenly realized that I wouldn't be able to teach them how to tie their shoes, how to shoot their first buck, all those things kids learn from their dad. In my letter to my son I tried to explain to him how to be a gentleman. It was just so "His words trailed off momentarily."

"My absence was very tough on my kids," Tamez continued. "Every generation of Americans is called upon to protect their country, and it was just my turn. But the real heroes are those who didn't make it home. They and their families are the heroes."

Tamez's daughter is an eighth-grader at B. Garza Middle School in Weslaco. At the urging of her brother, she became a member of the Queen City 4-H in Mercedes and promptly displayed her talents in raising goats. On March 2 she was honored as Reserve Champion Showman 2012 at the South Texas Ag Roundup (STAR) in Edinburg.

"Of course, I'll be wearing purple on April 13," she said. "This program definitely brings back memories of my father not being here and the pride I have for what he did to serve his country."

With her dad safely home, Celeste offered a bit of advice for other children of deployed parents or guardians.

"Be strong," she said. "Be strong, because their parents are being strong for everybody else."

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State Fair of Texas Lamb, Goat, and Swine Tags and Steer State Tag Orders

The time has arrived to start ordering your Lamb, Goat, and Swine ear tags for the State Fair of Texas this fall. We are also taking orders for Steer tags for the 2013 Major Stock Show Season. Anyone needing to order tags please come by or call the Extension office at 366-2081 and place your order. **The deadline to order tags is April 13th.** All tags will be \$8.00 a piece and validation will take place during the month of June. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

Meet the Candidates Forum

The Texas AgriLife Extension, Leadership Advisory Board and the Sherman County Development Committee will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum on Tuesday, May, 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. This evening will give each and every one of you the opportunity to hear from the candidates running for office here in Sherman County. This year we have five candidates for Sherman County Sheriff, two candidates for County Commissioner Pct. 1, as well as unopposed races for County Attorney, County Commissioner Pct. 3, and Tax Assessor/Collector. Anyone wishing to ask questions of the candidates may bring them by the Extension Office or you can e-mail them to sherman@ag.tamu.edu

Storm Spotter Class

A storm spotter class will be held on Thursday April 5th at 7:00 P.M. at the Stratford Fire Department. This is an opportunity to be trained to recognize tornado clouds as well as other types of clouds. Sherman County has a few volunteers who perform the task of storm spotter but we could use more. If you are currently a storm spotter or are interested in learning about more, please plan to attend the training. For more information contact Margaret Ewers Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator at 366-2021

What should you do before EMS arrives?

SCOT will host Jimmy Lanning of Stratford EMS for a presentation on what to do after you call 9-1-1. Topics will include DNRs and medication lists. There will also be a Question and Answer session. Have your questions ready and make plans to be there. Thursday, April 19th, 2:00 p.m. at SCOT HALL. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Volunteers Needed

Stratford Youth Baseball League needs volunteers. If you are interested, please call Tammy Couch 806-305-2618. We are in need of coaches, coaches!!! In order to have a successful year we need adults to volunteer their time, knowledge and leadership to our youth. Without your help our kids won't have a team!



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Call us to learn more - The Stratford Star

Attention Stratford: prom decorations needed: we need clear lights, any greenery. If you want it returned after the prom please put your name and phone number on it and deliver to Crystal Pitti at her house. All junior parents are meeting Tuesday's at 7 p.m. at the highschool for decorations

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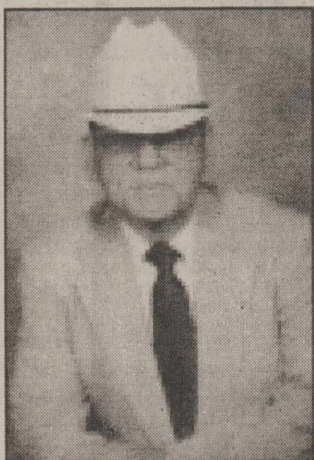
Phillip Miller
May 31, 1927-April 3, 2012

Bluff Dale -- Philip Miller, 84, passed away Tuesday, Apr. 3, 2012, in Fort Worth. Funeral was held on Friday, April 6, 2012 at Wiley Funeral Home. Rosary was at 5:00 p.m. Thursday April 5, 2012 at Wiley Funeral Home, visitation with family and friends followed.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth for the benefit of the Seminarian Burse, for the continued education and formation of seminarians for the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Mr. Miller was born May 31, 1927, in Nazareth, Texas, to Phil and Geneva Drerup Miller. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. Brendans Catholic Church in Stephenville and attended St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Granbury. Philip was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid pilot and an entrepreneur. Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, J.H. Miller, and a sister, Betty Mae Lane.

Survivors: Children, Deborah Miller of Village Mills, Texas, Phyllis Arnold of Fort Worth, Dwayne Miller and wife, Debbie, of Comanche; grandchildren, Preston Thrash, Houston Holmes, Lexi Arnold, Rachel Miller, Brady Miller; great granddaughter, Brianna Wall; girlfriend, Margie Koen; sisters, Alma Lois Thomas of Conway, Ark., Dorothy Weil and husband, Leo, of Hale Center, Texas; brother, Buster Miller of Hereford, Texas.



Wayland E. Brown
January 5, 1926 - April 7, 2012

Wayland E. Brown 86, formerly of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Morrison Memorial Chapel in Dumas. Rev. Leland Lewis, pastor of First Assembly of God in Pampa, officiated assisted by Rev. Aitlee Runyan, pastor of Lamount Baptist Church in Amarillo. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Wayland was born on January 5, 1926 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Oscar and Fannie (Hartin) Brown. He honorably served his country in the US Army from 1944 to 1946. Wayland was united in marriage to Betty J. Denham in 1955 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. They shared their life together in the Stratford community for over fifty years, until recently moving to Amarillo.

Wayland was employed by the Texas Department of Transportation for thirty-eight years. He also served as Stratford City Manager for nine years and Sherman County Commissioner for eight years. He was a member of Lamount Baptist Church in Amarillo. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Fannie Brown, and two brothers, Carl O. Brown and Melton J. Brown.

Wayland is survived by his wife, Betty of the home; one daughter, Karla Sanders and husband Dave of Arlington; four grandchildren, Chase Griffin, Jennifer Owens, James O'Neil, and Wayland Griffin, all of the Dallas Metroplex area; five great grandchildren; and numerous other family members

The family suggests memorials be to Lamount Baptist Church, 8400 Lamount Dr., Amarillo, TX 79110; the Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W 7th St., Amarillo, TX 79106; or to a favorite charity.

A Medical Fund has been set up for Jessica Acosta at the First State Bank of Stratford

From the desk of Chief Powell



The second-annual Stratford Police Department Easter Egg Hunt in the Park was a huge success!!

On Saturday April 7th, Stratford children and parents came out to the park to take part in all the fun. There was music, a "bouncy house" provided by Tim Miller, Stratford Fire Department, Stratford EMS, Stratford Police Department, & one of the main attractions....The Texhoma Police Department. Texhoma Police volunteered their time to come out and let the children see the K-9's and their K-9 vehicles. Water was provided by Happy State Bank and several Stratford citizens donated time and refreshments. Oh and we cannot forget the 1,500 Easter Eggs that were gone within minutes!! We would like to thank everyone who was involved and those who came out for the fun. Panhandle wind didn't slow us down at all. Thanks Stratford!!

We are proud to serve such an awesome community and as always Thanks for the support!!

Friend us on Facebook or check us out at www.stratfordpd.com

Chief Joe Powell
HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

A burn ban is in effect for Sherman County as of February 14, 2012. Please help prevent fires. Violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500.

Una prohibicion de quemar es vigente para el Condado de Sherman el 14 de febrero de 2012. Por favor ayude a prevenir los fuegos. La violacion de la prohibicion de quemar es una Clase C delito con una multa hasta \$500.

Story Time@Your Library

The spring session of "Story Time" will begin on Monday, March 19th at the Sherman County Public Library. Mrs. Yvonne Pittman will be in charge of this session and all children are sure to enjoy the stories and activities. "Story Time" will be held on Monday, March 19, April 2, April 23, and April 30. Please call the Sherman County Library at 366-2200 to enroll your child or if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Home

(NU) - Kitchen-friendly wallpapers are lower maintenance than paint, which has about a three-year life span. But wallpaper isn't just for walls. Here are some ideas that can modernize any kitchen:

- With extra wallpaper or trim, cover lamp shades on hanging fixtures for a chic look.
- Wallpaper inset panels on cabinets and pantry doors.
- Paper the back of glass cabinets or open shelves, and turn everyday china into art.
- Tap into your creativity: layer wallpaper with a coordinating border and removable wall decals.

Safety

(NU) - The NIDCD reports that only one out of every five people who needs a hearing aid actually wears one. This is largely due to the extravagant cost of most hearing aids.

"I saw too many patients with hearing loss going home without a solution because they couldn't afford hearing aid prices," says Sreek Cherukuri, MD, a certified ear, nose and throat physician.

Cherukuri's response was to develop inexpensive but effective hearing aids. MDHearingAid, www.mdhearingaid.com, isn't just a reliable source for hearing aids, it's also a good source for expert consumer information.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2013 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	<u>\$375,383</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$ 7,247</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and special districts served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Stratford EMS

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The Stratford Hospital District operates on a non-discriminatory basis, giving equal treatment and access to services without regard to sex, race, religion, age or ethnicity.



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Waiting for the Easter Egg hunt to begin are the preschoolers at Lollipop Junction.



This child proudly shows off the Easter eggs she found at Lollipop Junction's Easter party.

SAFETY

Public Safety and Business Security Turn to HD Technology

NewsUSA
(NU) - Although cities are vibrant centers of culture and business, city dwellers must deal with public safety issues like theft, assault and vandalism. When law enforcement is stretched thin, who is held accountable for such crime, and how can businesses tighten security?

When a theft at his former business remained unsolved despite a significant investment in surveillance equipment, business owner Alexander Fernandes had a vision - build the world's best surveillance systems based on emerging high-definition (HD) technology.

"Low-quality surveillance footage simply isn't cutting it anymore. If the image is fuzzy and grainy, what kind of evidence is it? What kind of deterrent is it?" asks Fernandes, now the co-founder and CEO of Avigilon, a global supplier of HD surveillance solutions.

High-definition images can provide irrefutable evidence, which is revolutionizing security-monitoring systems for public transportation, government organizations and businesses on a global scale. Avigilon has responded to the demand and barriers of adopting HD surveillance by architecting a complete system that delivers the best image detail, yet also eases the burden of cost, installation and support. To date, Avigilon systems have been installed in more than 80 countries.

Learn more about HD digital surveillance at www.avigilon.com.



Children at Lollipop Junction are showing off their Easter baskets before the egg hunt. Thirteen preschoolers enjoyed having guest at the Easter party.

Choo, Choo, Lollipop News

Celebrating Easter at Lollipop Junction included a day filled with crafts, an egg hunt, and food!! Thirteen preschoolers, 6 toddlers, 5 babies along with 10 parents and 8 staff members enjoyed the Easter party held the morning of April 5th. Preschoolers made Easter bunnies from coffee filters for a craft project and all children had fun hunting eggs. Each child brought decorated eggs for the hunt and learn the valuable lesson of sharing their beautifully decorated eggs with friends.

Refreshments of cupcakes, cookies, and juice were served after the egg hunt which was followed by more outdoor playtime for the children.

Lollipop Junction director, Brio Beckett wants to express appreciation to all the parents and grandparents who attended the party and invites others to come by the center to see what the children are learning. Interested individuals are welcomed to check out Lollipop Junction's website, www.stratfordchildcare.com to learn more about activities being conducted at its location on Main Street.

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

First United Methodist
Rev. David Terry
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SURVEY

As you may know the Chamber of Commerce is inactive at this time but there are people that would like to see it up and going again. SCDC has offered to survey local businesses, taxing entities and the community to get ideas on the future of a Chamber in Stratford. If you'd like to voice your opinion please fill out the short form below and return it to Sherman County Development, PO Box 652, Stratford, TX 79084. You can also email your comments to scdc@xit.net or fax the form to 366-3025, no cover sheet needed. *Names will be kept confidential* and your input is appreciated.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUESTIONNAIRE

- Does Stratford need a Chamber of Commerce? YES _____ NO _____
- If you checked "YES" please tell us why you think we need a Chamber: _____

- If the Chamber re-opened would you support it? YES _____ NO _____
- Should the Chamber be located in a stand-alone office? Or could it function out of a private business or a non-profit? _____

- Does a Chamber need at least one fulltime employee focusing on building the membership and planning activities that will bring tourists to town? YES _____ NO _____
- What do you expect from a Chamber of Commerce? _____

- Comments/ideas: _____

8. Optional: Business owner _____ Non-profit _____ Community member _____

FOOD

Use Family Favorites to Inspire New Cornbread Recipes

(NU) - Down-home favorites made with cornbread create hearty meals that warm bellies and satisfy the most selective taste buds. What's more, your creative cornbread recipe could put some cash in your pocket.

"Look to your own dinner table for the perfect source of inspiration for original recipe ideas," said the **Martha White**® baking expert, Linda Carman. "Everyone is impressed by traditional recipes with a twist, like our 2006 winner Monte Cristo Cornbread Skillet, but ideas for your own original recipe can come from anywhere."

Martha White and **Lodge**® **Cast Iron Cookware** are holding a national cornbread cook-off, in which the top 10 finalists will also compete at the **National Cornbread Festival** in South Pittsburg, Tenn. The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

MONTE CRISTO CORNBREAD SKILLET
Servings: 6
1 (6 oz.) package **Martha White Cotton Country**™ Cornbread Mix
Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray

- 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup chopped cooked ham
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons honey mustard, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup **Smucker's**® Currant Jelly
- Powdered sugar



The Monte Cristo Cornbread Skillet is one variation of cornbread recipes.

Gonzalez Accepted for West Point Summer Leaders Seminar

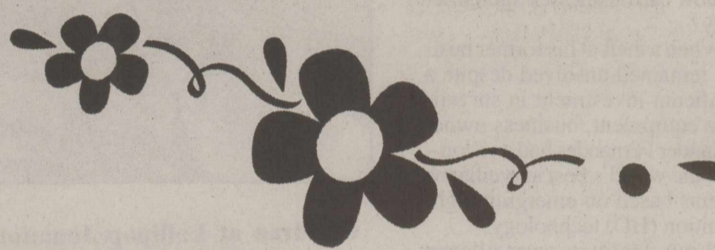
Grayson J. Gonzalez, a junior at Stratford High School Stratford, Texas has been selected to be among 1,000 attendees at West Point's prestigious Summer Leaders Seminar (SLS) in June.

More than 4,000 juniors nationwide applied to SLS, which offers outstanding high school juniors the opportunity to experience life at West Point. SLS attendees live in the cadet barracks (dormitories), eat in the Cadet Mess, and participate in academic, leadership, athletic, and military workshops. The one-week seminars are designed to help juniors with their college-selection process, while giving them an idea of the importance of leadership and sound decision-making in their education, careers, and lives, in general.

All SLS attendees participate in virtual-reality war simulation, and military and physical fitness training, and, in addition, each student selects three of the 15 workshops offered: Leadership and Ethics, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering, History, Physics, Electrical Engineering, Human Behavior, Social Sciences, Geography/Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Legal Trial, Computer Applications and Programming, Foreign Language, and English.

West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federally funded undergraduate college located 50 miles north of New York City. A preeminent leader-development institution, West Point was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering. Since then, West Point has grown in size and stature, but remains committed to the task of producing commissioned leaders of character for America's Army.

For more information about West Point, go to <http://Admissions.WestPoint.edu>.



ing to package directions, except bake in a 10 1/2-inch **Lodge** cast iron skillet (cornbread will be thin). Remove cornbread from skillet; cool and cut into cubes. Wipe out skillet with paper towels; spray generously with no-stick cooking spray.

- Heat oven to 350°F. Place cornbread cubes in skillet. Top with turkey, ham and cheese. In medium bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon honey mustard, salt and pepper until well blended. Pour evenly over ingredients in skillet. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until set and lightly browned.

- Melt currant jelly by warming slightly. Add 1 tablespoon honey mustard; whisk to blend.
- Remove skillet from oven. Cut in wedges, sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with currant jelly and mustard sauce.

Find more details and Official Rules by visiting www.marthawhite.com.

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David M. Green 69th District Attorney

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Control Drift When Using Herbicides

By Brad Easterling

This time of the year, especially after these good showers and a Private Applicator Licenses training, it is not uncommon to see producers in the field making applications of herbicides. After the recent rains weeds will be popping up and needing control, phenoxy herbicides containing 2,4-D are commonly used either alone or in tank mixes to control many of the weed species present.

There are a few things items to keep in mind when using phenoxy herbicides, these issues become even more important in a couple of months when cotton is planted in the area. If you start practicing these drift minimizing techniques now then you will not have a problem later in the season.

-Shut down or postpone herbicide applications if the wind speed is greater than 5 mph, or if the wind changes direction.

-Do not spray when there is a risk of temperature inversion, or when temperatures exceed 85 degrees F.

-Set up herbicide application equipment to deliver large spray droplets, which are less likely to drift.

-Use air induction or drift-retardant spray nozzles on spray equipment.

-Use a thickener, drift-retardant or elasticizer in the herbicide tank.

-Use a less-volatile amine formulation of phenoxy herbicide rather than an ester formulation.

But be aware that amine formulations can also drift.

The person applying an herbicide is responsible for minimizing the potential for drift that may cause crop damage in adjoining fields, if we practice some common-sense methods when planning and making herbicide applications, we help minimize crop damage from herbicide drift.

CAREER

New Career Opportunities Abound as Dependency on Computer Technology Grows

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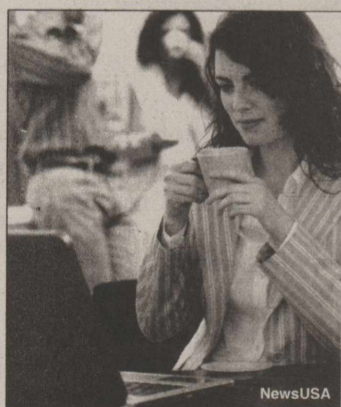
(NU) - In personal and professional life, computer technology impacts even the simplest, everyday tasks. Whether through online bill payment or the seamless integration of global businesses, computer technology offers optimized productivity and the flow of commerce, making it a vital component of success for all businesses.

This unwavering dependence on computer technology has spurred the growth of related fields, making the present a great time to earn a degree in computer information systems (CIS). According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in this field is projected to grow by 30 percent from 2008 to 2018, much faster than the average of all occupations, opening the door for those with applicable skills to apply their talents and passion for computing and technology in the workplace.

"There are many diverse specializations within CIS," says Paul Rader, professor, College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University's Fremont, Calif., campus.

"Professionals trained in CIS can work within a variety of capacities at an organization or company."

DeVry University (www.devry.edu) offers nine specializations through its Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems degree program, including:



Jobs in the field of computer technology are growing in popularity and demand.

Information Security

As more business and retail transactions are completed online, computer security specialists play a vital role in maintaining information security. In this role, individuals are responsible for installing security software, monitoring for network security breaches and responding to cyber attacks. As hacking becomes an increasingly prominent crime, those specializing in this role have become a necessity in the business world.

Web Development and Administration

Web developers have the opportunity to channel both creative

and technical passions into the design, production and implementation of applications for websites.

Webmasters or web administrators, on the other hand, are responsible for maintaining websites and their content. In addition, they collect and analyze activity data, traffic patterns and other metrics.

System Administrator

Named one of the best jobs for fast growth by CNNMoney.com, systems administrators ensure that all components of a network are working together in harmony. As globalization increases, companies rely more heavily on computer networks for business success, and demand for those with skills in this area is on the rise.

Systems Analysis and Integration

An ideal role for challenge-seekers, systems analysts design and develop new systems, solve problems and integrate systems to perform more efficiently and effectively. They are also tasked with anticipating the needs of a company's network hardware and ensuring it can meet present and future requirements.

Regardless of the industry, all companies rely on individuals with expertise in CIS to continue to grow, develop new products and services and stay one step ahead of their market competitors.

Home

(NU) - A study performed by the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine reported that men and women who feel they're responsible for most household chores experience higher blood pressure and overall anxiety. One idea that can help ease the stress is to simplify errands. If you loathe the weekly trip to the store for cleaning supplies and paper products, make your life simpler and save money by shopping online for essentials. Check out www.dollargeneral.com for items that are a chore to get home. Have big, bulky items and other necessities shipped directly to your door.

Health

(NU) - Every five seconds, someone goes blind, and 80 percent of the time it's preventable. Blindness from eye disease is treatable, but only if it's noticed early through routine eye exams.

To help prevent avoidable vision loss, EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is offering free eye exams by volunteer ophthalmologists. Ophthalmologists are doctors who specialize in eye and vision care, from glasses to complex surgeries. EyeCare America offers year-round eye exams at no cost to people age 65 and over.

Letter to the Editor



March 30, 2012
Letter to the Editor
The Stratford Star
Dear Editor,

This letter is written in response to several inquiries I have received recently and over the last several years regarding the American Legion. Some have asked me "What is the American Legion, and what does it stand for? I could give several reasons and I think it means a lot of different things to different people. To me it is. "Veterans helping Veterans". But, honestly it is more than that. Let me explain. This month marks the 93rd Anniversary of the American Legion. It has survived and flourished because it is not self-serving. It is not about 'the individual'. It is about helping not only ourselves, but those around us. Giving back!

There is a memorable scene at the end of "Saving Private Ryan", in which a dying Captain Miller tells Private Ryan to, quote — Earn this- unquote.

It was his way of reminding the private that heroic men had given their lives for him and that he owed it to them to live a good and moral life. In a sense, that is exactly what the American Legion is asking all of us to do. For we all owe an enormous debt to the fallen men and women who died defending this great country.

This debt was very much on the minds of the American Legion Founders when they gathered in Paris just a few months after the end of World War I. They did not form the organization out of self-interest. They did it to serve their comrades, their communities and their country

The bedrock of their existence would revolve around four pillars — a strong national defense, Americanism, support for veterans and mentoring our youth. Today, The American Legion does not just recite these pillars. We live them. There are many examples.

For instance, The American Legion is on the record as strongly opposing military cuts that would compromise our national security and add additional burden to our already overworked fighting force.

Our organization believes the best way to attract young men and women to the military are to award pay and benefits that reflect their outstanding service and sacrifice. We believe it is important to take care of the families of those who serve in uniform-for they too are carrying an enormous burden, which often includes frequent moves, long separations and the worry that their loved one may never return home.

We have a moral obligation to the young people whose parents have made the ultimate sacrifice during the war on terrorism. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship was created to help pay for the college educations of those who lost a military parent serving since 9/11.

We promote Americanism by fighting to ensure that the flag of the United States is constitutionally protected from desecration. If it is revered enough to place on a hero's coffin, it is important enough to protect from physical desecration.

Congress should not stand with the 1% who disrespect "Old Glory" but with the 99% who revere it.

It is our goal to remind the public of the sacrifices those in uniform and their families continue to make. The Legion is a central player in Blue Star Banner Salutes and other patriotic and troop support events held in hundreds of communities across this country every year.

We continue to serve Veterans when the fighting stops. We strive to aid our returning war veterans by making it possible for them to obtain formal educations, jobs, and purchase homes thereby contributing to the betterment of society and the economy of our country.

While same thought by doing so that it would "break the treasury." The American Legion held firm and ensured the passage of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the GI Bill of Rights. Many veterans here in Stratford have taken advantage of the programs afforded by this legislation.

We have continued to play a pivotal role in the creation of the new post-9/11 GI Bill, which allows recent veterans to transfer their benefits to their family members who survive them, if they so choose.

The American Legion has thousands of Veterans Service Officers deployed across the country — all eager to assist any veteran with a benefit claim, free of charge, regardless of Legion membership. Our local Veterans Service Officer is Dennis Phelps.

We continue to mentor our youth with outstanding programs such as the American Legion Boys State and The American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State. Our delegates this year are Grayson Gonzalez and M'Lynn Wells.

Popular youth programs in some areas are the Junior Shooting Sports Program, the American Legion Baseball Program and the High School Oratorical contest. The Legion has supported the Boys Scouts of America since 1919 and, today, along with the auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, charters more than 2,600 scouting units comprised of nearly 70,000 young men and women throughout the United States and its territories.

These are not my words; it is what the organization says about itself. I could mention many more programs and go on and on. My point is that the American Legion does these things not because it can, but because it is who we are.

So-just like Private Ryan we are "Earning This"

As you think of the American Legion and the men and women who make up its membership throughout this great country, think on these things:

"For God and Country, We associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state a nation to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of right; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

The American Legion membership can take great pride in 93 years of "Earning this". Thank You!

Sincerely
Wayne L. Smith

COUNCIL MINUTES February 28, 2012

The Stratford City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 with Mayor Marca Ewers presiding and the following:

Present Council: Joe Zak, Ann Johnson, Ricky Reed, Brad Williams
Absent Council: None
City Administrator: Tommy Bogart
City Attorney: Rob Elliott
City Secretary: Kathy Rendon
City Planner: George Harding
Chief of Police: Joe Powell
Municipal Court: Cynthia Jackson

Others: None

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Marca Ewers called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Discuss and consider action re: appointment of new Council member to replace chair vacated by Bryan Wright

- After discussion, Joe Zak motioned to appoint Brad McBryde, Ricky Reed seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Swearing in of new Council member

- Mayor Marca Ewers swore Brad McBryde into the Council position.

Consent Agenda Items

- Minutes from regular meeting on January 24, 2012
 - Accounts Payable for January 2012
 - Financial Statements for January 2012
 - Budget Amendments
- Ricky Reed motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Presentations to the Council

- City of Stratford Website: Scott Caldwell to present
- Scott Caldwell reported that the City website has been created. The website address is www.stratfordtx.com. He is still working on a few items, but it is basically complete.

Council Business

- Discuss and consider action re: Doshier, Pickens and Francis to present FY 10/11 Audit Report
 - As the auditors were unable to attend the meeting, Ann Johnson motioned to table this item until the March Council meeting, Joe Zak seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Budget modification to the City of Stratford's USDA Grant/Loan Project
 - Scott Caldwell reported that he would like to request that USDA allow the City to re-allocate the remaining grant funds appropriated for the upgrade to storm notification to the generator portion of the project. The funds are approximately \$3882. Joe Zak motioned to approve the budget modification, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Bids for Phase 2 of the City Hall Remodel Project
 - Scott Caldwell submitted a City Hall remodel master plan. Bids were received from Doug Hatter and Garcia Brothers. Ricky Reed motioned for Scott Caldwell and Tommy Bogart to get additional specs and present at the March council meeting, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Use of Sales Tax Funds for demolition project
 - Tommy Bogart advised Council he needs to get more information regarding this project. Brad Williams motioned to table this item, Ricky Reed seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Planting trees along Highway 287 North: James Lutes to present
 - James was unable to attend the meeting. After discussion, Joe Zak motioned to decline the request, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Invoice for Ports-to-Plains
 - This payable was not budgeted. Joe Zak motioned to approve payment of this invoice, Ann Johnson seconded, Brad Williams and Ricky Reed opposed, all else in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: SC Services contract for Municipal Court collections
 - It came to the attention of the City that the notices for sent out by SC Services contained incorrect information regarding the issuance of warrants for outstanding citations. After discussion, Ricky Reed motioned to send notice to SC Services to sever the contract within the 60 day notice requirement, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Racial Profiling Report
 - Joe Zak motioned to approve the report as presented, Brad Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- Discuss and consider action re: Revisions to Policy and Procedures Manual
 - Ricky Reed motioned to approve the revisions as presented, Brad Williams seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - Council will convene into closed session in accordance with Government Code 551.074 to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Administrator
 - Council convened into executive session at 6:58 pm.
- Council will reconvene into open session to consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the Executive Session
 - Council reconvened into open session at 7:44 pm. Joe Zak motioned to increase the annual salary for the City Administrator by \$2500, effective immediately, Ricky Reed seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Comment Period

- There were no citizen comments.

Items from the Council

- Ricky Reed commented on the city/county working together for road repair on Highway 15
- Council commended Tommy for a job well done. His next review will be in May.
- Joe Zak asked about fire hydrant repair around South 3rd and Chestnut
- New coin machine has been ordered for the water tower
- Flood irrigating at the sewer plant

Adjourn

- Ricky Reed motioned to adjourn at 7:54 pm, Ann Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Marca Ewers, Mayor

Kathy Rendon, City Secretary



A healthy adult takes about 23,000 breaths a day.

Those who do not want to imitate anything, produce nothing.
—Salvador Dali
