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Seated L - R, Sheriffs Larry Spence, Chaplain, Wallacy Co.; Gary Painter, Past President, Midland Co.; J.W. Jankowski, President, Washington Co.; Dan Law, Caldwell Co. 1st Vice President; Maxey Cerlino, Gregg Co. 2nd Vice President; Ronny Dodson, Brewster Co. 3rd Vice President; Pat Barnett, Van Zandt Co. Sgt. At Arms. Standing L - R, Directors, Sheriffs Darren Jackson, Scurry Co.; Oscar Lopez, Jim Wells Co.; Jack Haile, Sherman Co.; Dennis Wilson, Limestone Co.; Donald Sewell, Grimes Co.

Haile appointed to Board of Directors

Sherman County Sheriff Jack Haile was appointed to the board of Directors of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at their 133rd Annual Training Conference held in Houston, July 17-20, 2011. More than 1,500 participants were in attendance at the George R. Brown Convention Center where they heard outstanding speakers, had opportunities for significant and timely training sessions, and visited more than 240 Exhibits showcasing some of the latest technology in law enforcement. Sheriff Haile has been the sheriff of Sherman County since Cont. on page 4

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Rabies Cases Continue to Increase in the Panhandle

By Brad Easterling

As I mentioned a couple of months ago, rabies cases for the Texas Panhandle are considerably higher this year than in previous years. At this point in time the Panhandle has recorded 52 cases of rabies in 19 counties compared to just 22 cases in 13 counties at this time last year. We are currently averaging about 1.5 cases per week and are on pace to finish the year with about 79-80 cases. 2005 was an extremely bad year for rabies not only in this region but in the state where we had recorded 71 cases of rabies in 20 counties at this point. Fortunately we still have not recorded a case in Sherman County, but our neighbors have. We still need to use caution.

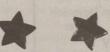
Skunks, as usual, are the primary vector for transmitting the virus every year. However this year we have seen a 50% increase in the number of rabid horses statewide, with a 33% increase here in the Panhandle region. It is highly important that owners of horses, show animals, and high dollar breeding stock, as well as dogs, cats, and other pets keep those animals vaccinated against rabies to prevent

There are several things that you can do to help eliminate or minimize the presence of skunks and other wildlife around your property. Aside from vaccinating your animals, do not leave pet food out overnight and if possible, remove water sources. Automatic feeders and water bowls provide a constant source of feed and water for skunks as well as your pets. I know this is difficult and not always feasible but do what you can to remove food sources to prevent attracting skunks. It is also a good idea to keep livestock feed sealed away and protected. Remember, those things can get into some pretty small holes. Be sure the crawl spaces under houses are sealed up. The underside of a house is the perfect location to breed a whole family of skunks or possibly cats and removing them is never fun.

With the continued drought this year there is no way to know for sure exactly how long these infected animals may continue to survive until the reservoir is depleted. Caution and common sense is the best defense in the meantime. If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at the Sherman County Extension Office, 366-2081.

Teacher **Appreciation Night**

The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation Night on August 28th at 7pm. We will be serving hot dogs and homemade ice All teachers, administration and staff are welcome. We will have both indoor and outdoor seating. Hope to see you all on Sunday!



Carter Graduates from **Basic Combat Training** Army Pvt. Corey B. Carter has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton,

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuver and tactics. He is the son of Mary and Curtis Carter of Stratford, Texas. Carter graduated in 2008 from Stratford High School.

Reminder Stratford Star Fax number is 366-5884 Office phone 366-5885

Stratford ISD "Gold Card" Available to Those 62 Years of Age & Above

Stratford ISD is proud to offer a "Gold Card" for all citizens who are 62 years of age or older. This card will admit one person to all "home" UIL events. You may pick up a "Gold Card" in the Office of the Superintendent Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We would be happy to mail you one by calling Penny at 366-3305. The Stratford ISD appreciates your support of the students and faculty of this district. We look forward to seeing you this year. For previous card holders, there is no need to renew each year as "Gold Cards" are good for a lifetime, unless lost or damaged. Gold Cards are not for the Reserved Seating Section at the stadium, those tickets must be purchased in advance for the season.

State Fair of Texas Lamb and **Goat Tag Orders**

The time has arrived to start ordering your Lamb and Goat ear tags for the State Fair of Texas. Anyone needing to order tags for the State Fair needs to come by or call the Extension office at 366-2081 and place your order by April 8th. Tags will be \$7.00 per tag. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sherman Commissioners' Court will hold a Public Hearing on the budget 2011-2012. The hearing will be at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2011, in the Commissioners' Courtroom in Sherman Courthouse. Any person may attend and may participate in the hearing.

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Medical Fund

There has been a Medical Fund set up for Nina Jurado at First State Bank of Stratford.

Flower Bulbs for Sale

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District, once again has flower bulbs for sale. These bulbs will be delivered in November ready for planting. They will bloom late winter into spring. Please call Terry at 396-5517 ext. 101 for more information or stop by the office at 418 North 4th to pick up an order form.

Information on fall trees will be available soon. Let Terry know if you are interested.

Circle of Friends August 27th & 28th

The Sherman County Circle of Friends will be held on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday August 28th. This weekend is approaching. Couples Scotch Scramble-Tee times are 9:00 a.m. and 2 P.M. For more information on this event call Tiffany Hudson at 922-2002 or Richard Chumley at 915-227-0194. Circle of Friends is a non-profit volunteer organization founded support philosophy and goals of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide patients and their families' financial assistance in times of crisis, and to support programs in cancer treatment, education and research



Congressman visits Stratford

Congressman Mac Thornberry came to the Imagination Station on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. There was a good crowd on hand to listen to what he had to say and also participate in a question and answering session. Believe it was apparent at the meeting, that folks across the United States are getting somewhat frustrated on what is going on in Washington and are not hesitating to let our leaders know what they think. Thank you Congressman for coming to Stratford.

Time nears to update brand registrations

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is reminding ranchers that brand reregistration opens Aug. 30th and runs through February 29th. Registration in the county or counties where a producer operates is required by state law. The association maintains a database of the brands to aid in recovering stolen cattle and arresting

Help with the process is available at www.tscrabrands. Com, by providing paperwork and information in coordinating with all county clerk

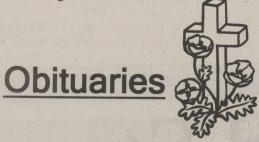
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Cleo Harris Schultz

On Saturday August 13, 2011 there was a memorial service held at the First Baptist Church for Cleo HARRIS Schultz. Cleo passed away in Montrose, Colorado on July 25, 2011 She was a former resident of Stratford. Her children are Terese Holloway, Neil, Lanny and Barry

David Michael Green

David Michael Green, 51, went to be with the Lord on August 12, 2011. He was born on July 2, 1960 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He attended school in Stratford and Dalhart and was a graduate of Dalhart High School. He worked many years in Dalhart for the Highway Department and several years as an auto body man and

A Memorial Celebration of David's life will be held on Sunday, September 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Hillside Church Offices, 315 Rock Island, in Dalhart, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar Lee "Jack" Green and Gladys Marie Moore Green. He is survived by two sisters: Teresa Nelson of Lubbock, Texas and Connie Newby of Cassville, Missouri. He is also survived by 6 nieces, 2 nephews, their children and grandchildren.

Nancy Rhea Becker Cook February 3. 1944 - August 20, 2011

Nancy Rhea Becker Cook, 67 of Stratford, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Memorial services are scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at First Baptist Church in Booker, Texas. Rev. Kevin Wauer, pastor of the church will be officiating. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Nancy was born on February 3, 1944 in Pampa, Texas to Louis and Agatha Becker. She married Leland Cook in Howardwick, Texas. He preceded her in death. Nancy was employed as a nurse until her retirement. She had been a resident of Stratford for eight years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Booker.

Nancy loved nature and the outdoors. She enjoyed spending her free time gardening. She also loved birds, and spent time both feeding them and bird watching. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved taking care of her family. She had sweet, loving personality, and had very kind eyes. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Agatha Becker; her husband, Leland Cook; and her sister,

Nancy is survived by one son, Preston Hemphill and wife Sherry of Pawhuska, Oklahoma; two daughters, Vicki Hayes and husband Brad of Rolla, Missouri, and Rebecca Hemphill and husband Jim Elledge of Stratford; two grandsons, Ricky Cross of Rolla, Missouri and Preston Hemphill Jr. of Borger; one granddaughter, Caryn Hemphill of Borger; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd. Dumas, TX 79029; Coldwater Manor, P. 0. Box 1189, Stratford, TX 79084; or Scot Hall, 513 E. 3rd Street, Stratford, TX 79084.

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Open House & Hamburger feed held

Stratford Independent School District held their annual Open house and hamburger feed on Thursday, August 18, 2011. A good crowd came out to enjoy the meal and visit the campuses

S.C.O.T. HALL SCUTTLE

BY: Cindy Jackson

Come join us for Lunch on Thursday! School has started and things are settling down from the summer. A very good friend and I had a discussion the other day about baking. We talked about Bundt pans and where they came from. So, you know me, I looked it up. It is a distinctive ridged ring. The d in "bundt" is assimilated into the t. It would appear that "bundt" is derived from the German Bundkuchen (in southern Germany). Bundt originated either from bundling or wrapping the cake's dough around the pan's centre hole or because a bund is a gathering of people. The word bundt appears as early as 1901 in The Settlement Cookbook, written by Lizzie Kander of Milwaukee, WI. The aluminum bundt pan is a variation of ceramic cake forms that were used in Germany. The bundt pan was first trademarked in 1950 by Nordic Ware. The pan sold somewhat slowly until a Pillsbury-sponsored baking contest in 1966 saw a bundt cake win second place. Since introduction, more than 50 million bundt pans have been sold. In early 2007, some of the original bundt pans were taken into the Smithsonian Institution's Collection. I have an amazing rum cake recipe that can only be baked in a bundt pan. You can glaze them or do nothing at all and they look great.

S.C.O.T. Hall will be delivering "meals on wheels" for September. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Hosts for August: Marty Bain, Jack Gore, Mary & J.E. Brannan, Karen Perrin and Cindy Jackson August 23, 2011- S.C.O.T. Hall Board Meeting 5 p.m.

August 25, 2011- Noon Luncheon Thank you for being a part of the S.C.O.T. Hall family

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From the desk of Chief Powell

Just FYI. We are lowering our tolerance level for traffic violations on 287 and 54 within our city limits. In the past week or so, we have recovered various amounts of illegal drugs / narcotics & alcohol. Arrests have been made and this is an issue we will deal with accordingly. I am, however, glad to express to you, so far, these arrests have not been citizens of Stratford. There are specific elements passing through our city on both of these highways and though we will never "fix" the problem, we will definitely have the word passing around not to bring this element around our citizens or our children. On my watch, we will not be known as a "speed trap," but if the drug dealers, intoxicated drivers and aggressive drivers feel just a little nervous passing through the City of Stratford, then we have achieved half of our goal. The second half of that goal is to remove them from our streets.

Young adults, ages 14-20, please keep an eye on the upcoming Explorer Program!! Ask an officer for details!! It's FOOTBALL SEASON again!!! GO BIG BLUE!!! Thank you, Stratford citizens for your continued support

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A benefit fund has been set up for **Medical Expenses for Matthew Chaffee** at The First State Bank of Stratford.



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Haynes honored with Baby Shower

Brittany Haynes was honored with a baby shower on Sunday, August 21, 2011 in the home of Tami King. Shown at left, (L to R) are Mandi Haynes holding Lindsay, Linda Haynes, Brittany, Shari Hudson, Marty Robertson and Kay Fuqua.

Ames & Chumley honored at Couples Shower

Kalley Ames and Richard Chumley were honored with a Couples Shower on Saturday, August 20, 2011 in the home of BA & LeRayne Donelson. Shown at right (left to right) are Bill Keel, Edna Keel, Cristie Childress, Alpha Chumley, Kallie Childress, Dick Chumley, Kalley Ames, Richard Chumley, Barbara Chumley, Garry Chumley, Keely Chumley and Rhea Chumley



Did You Know?

(NAPS)—When buying back-toschool clothes, choose similar color themes that can be mixed and matched to create several outfits. For example, Tea Collection's globally inspired sets are a great deal -buy five pieces, get six complete outfits. For more information, visit www.teacollection.com or call (866) 374-8747.



Careful planning can help get your college student settled comfortably in his or her new room. You can find many useful moving tips at www.PenskeTruckRental.com and www.facebook.com/PenskeU.

Fly the Flag

Editors Note: Sometimes something comes across my E-Mail that I think maybe it should go in the paper also. A good friend of mine sent this along and I am encouraging all of us to do this come September 11, 2011. Thank you

On Thursday, September 11th, 2011, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this tenth anniversary of one our country's worst tragedies. We do this honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their

families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough

times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all

Action Plan: So, here's what we need you to do ...

(1) Forward this email to everyone you know (at least 11 people). Please don't be the one to break this chain. Take a moment to think back to how you felt on 9/11 and let those sentiments guide you.

(2) Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11. Honestly, Americans should fly the flag year -round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.

Thank you for your participation.

God Bless You and God Bless America! Attention to all subscribers!!

Effective immediately The Stratford Star will no longer be sending out notices when your paper is due. Check the label on the paper and see what month your subscription expires. I will be putting "Stars" on the current month" If you have a Star on your label it means that your sub expires that month. If you are not sure the amount you owe if you live out of the area call 753-7373 and double check. Locally is \$30.00 and out of the area \$37.00. If you are paying for someone else's sub, you will be billed for that person. Due to the rising cost of postage, etc. we feel this is the best solution for us at this time. Thanking vou in advance. Marty

First Baptist Church

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First Christian Church **Pastor Gary Smith** 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. Junior High UMY 5:00 p.m. Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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Kerrick Community Pastor Roy Harris Community Building 10 a.m. Worship Service THE STRATFORD STAR Thursday, August 25, 2011 Page 4

Process to resolve discrimination in USDA program delivery continues

TEMPLE, Texas - As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, a process has been developed to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers.

The program provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov or by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the

Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Hemphill reminds foreign persons

(Stratford, TX) — August 16, 2011—Sherman County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rebecca J. Hemphill, reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holding and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Hemphill.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Hemphill.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Sherman County FSA office at 606-396-2211 or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

Haile

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November, 1988. He distinguishes himself in his county and throughout the State as he assumes this leadership role in the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation. The Sheriffs of Texas met for the first time on August 14, 1874, in the courthouse in Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Sul Ross, Sheriff of McLennan County, who later became a notable part of Texas history. The Sheriffs of Texas began annual training conferences in 1878. These training conferences today are the largest composite gathering of law enforcement officers in Texas. Sheriffs and other county and local law enforcement officers, federal and state officers, and major industry security personnel attend. In addition to the annual training conferences, the Association conducts training throughout the year for law enforcement officers. The Sheriffs Association of Texas serves as a liaison with federal, state, county and municipal agencies and association to promote cooperation, training, education, and more efficient services to the citizens of Texas.

High Plains Water District Board of Directors Sets 2011 Effective Tax Rate of \$0.00776 Per \$100 Valuation

During their Aug. 16 regular meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution adopting a 2011 tax rate of \$0.00776 per \$100 property valuation for operation and maintenance of the district.

This is the second year in a row that the tax rate has been lowered by the Water District Board of Directors. The 2010 tax rate was \$0.00785 per \$100 valuation.

A person with \$100,000 in property value pays \$7.76 in taxes per year to the Water District under the newly-adopted 2011 effective tax rate.

"The Board of Directors are pleased that they could lower the tax rate while

expanding programs and activities designed to help area residents conserve groundwater within the district's 16-county service area," said Board President Robert Meyer of Canyon.

Although the tax rate has been lowered, Water District General Manager Jim Conkwright said some residents of the district may see a slight increase in their water district taxes, due to increased property valuations.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the State Legislature, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is charged with the responsibility of conserving, preserving, protecting, and preventing waste of groundwater within its 16- county service area.

Card of Thanks

To the wonderful people of Stratford how can we ever thank each of you for all the great deeds of kindness and concern for Zelda the last few years of her illness. The visits, food, and flowers from a very caring community make life so much more worthwhile. I want to thank all of the churches for the cards and words of encouragement and for the community choir for the beautiful music. The Methodist Church for the service and for preparing the food for lunch. It is a privilege to be part of a community such as Stratford.

Ronnie Pickens
Doug Pickens and family
Steve Pickens and family

Card of Thanks

I want to thank Duncan Chevrolet for washing my golf cart and making it shine for the parade and to Acquisitions for decorating my golf cart with balloons and the bull horn and a big thanks to Mayor Marca Ewers.

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House to give away

House to give away call 806-384-2125-Barbara Unruh or 806-753-4562 Tom Diller for more information. 8-25-p

A Trip That Features A Sip Back In Time

(NAPS)-For those who cherish the spirit of America and enjoy learning about American spirits, traveling along the American Whiskey Trail could be a step in the right direction.

The Trail consists of a series of historical sites and operating distilleries open to the public. They include George Washington Dis-



It may surprise some that George Washington's Distillery was the largest in early North America.

VA; Fraunces Tavern Museum, in New York, NY; Gadsby's Tavern Museum, in Alexandria, VA and several other venues

Each stop along the way is known for playing a significant role in the history of spirits in this country. For example, George Washington's Distillery—the first stop on the Trail-was the largest whiskey distillery in early America. Currently, it's the only site in North America that demonstrates 18th-century distilling methods from seed to barrel. It's open to the public April through October.

To learn more, visit the American Whiskey Trail page on www.discus.org.

(NAPS)—When it's time to sell your car, you can use a Carfax



Vehicle History Report to show prospective buyers the vehicle is a good value, based on its history, and worth the price you're asking. Visit www.carfax.com to get a report and more information.

Local author, Leigh Crane-Freeman is pleased to announce the publication of her latest book, "The Desperate Christian."

"There are churches filled with the Spirit and there are churches filled with the church or with religion. If you are trying to fill your spiritual needs with the latter you will come up empty. and desperate,"

At one time I was a desperate Christian, and I desperately needed a book like this. "The Desperate Christian" is a handbook for helping the Christian who is looking for more God, or the individual who is looking for God to develop a one-on-one relationship with Him when there is no church to guide him and no mature believer to teach him. "The Christian," explains Crane-Freeman, "is then supposed to take this personal relationship with God back to the church."

The book is also helpful for many mainline Protestant churches who are losing attendance and membership and don't know why.

"Plenty of objective data is provided in the book to confirm that the membership and attendance in many mainline Protestant churches is declining at remarkable rates," Crane-Freeman said. "These facts illustrate just how many people there are that were raised in a church, went to a church but are now no longer attending. What is exciting is that a vast number of these people are still looking for spiritual fulfillment. I wrote 'The Desperate Christian' to bring the searching Christian as well as the members of a church into a much closer relationship with God. What is missing in many churches and what is missing in many Christians lives, is God. When both come closer to God, then a church full of God will Be a

Copies of "The Desperate Christian" are available in the Guymon Public Library and the book may be 2009 - \$3.6 billion purchased locally at The Golden Crown, 412 N. Main, in Guymon or online at www.leighcranefreeman.com, www.amazon.com or www.BarnesandNoble.com.

The Golden Crown, The Guymon Public Library and Friends of the Library will sponsor a book Signing for Crane-Freeman Aug. 31, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the Golden Crown.

For over 20 years Crane-Freeman owned and operated a profitable, full-service marketing and advertising business where she wrote everything from television commercials and DVDs, to newspaper and radio ads, hundreds of brochures, advertisements, seminars, marketing plans and presentations. In the past 15 years she has written a variety of freelance articles for a number of publications and has lately begun writing books and writing and producing regional

Crane-Freeman's first book was "The Truth in Advertising" and she is scheduled to release her third book, "Kisses from God, next year." She will soon complete the production of a new documentary, "American Principles: Courage, Faith and Freedom as understood by the Greatest Generation."

Crane-Freeman lives with her family on a ranch in the Panhandle of Oklahoma.

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Texas agricultural drought losses reach record \$5.2 billion Further losses, could continue if no rainfall received for remainder of year

Blair Fannin b-fannin@tamu.edu 979.845.2259 COLLEGE STATION - The historic Texas drought has led to a record \$5.2 billion in

agricultural losses, making it the most costly drought on record, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

"The drought of 2011 will have a lasting impact on Texas agriculture," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist and a member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Council.

"This drought is ongoing," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "Further losses will continue if rainfall does not come soon to establish this year's winter wheat crop and wheat grazing.'

The \$5.2 billion in losses exceeds the previous record of \$4.1 billion during the 2006 drought. The losses also represent 27.7 percent of the average value of agricultural production over the last four years, Anderson said.

The current drought losses have reached record levels in large part due to Texas farmers failing to cash in crops during times of high commodity prices, economists said. The state's cattle producers continue to cull herds at historic levels and spend money on expensive supplemental feed.

"Livestock losses include the increased cost of feeding due to lack of pastures and ranges and market losses," Anderson said. "Market losses include the impact of fewer pounds sold per calf and the impact of lower market prices due to the large number of cattle sold in a very short time period."

The following are losses by commodity:

Livestock: \$2.06 billion (includes \$1.2 billion previously reported in May); Lost hay production value: \$750 million;

Cotton: \$1.8 billion; Corn: \$327 million:

Wheat: \$243 million;

-sorghum: \$63 million

To remain comparable to past drought loss estimates, Wednesday's loss estimates do not include losses to fruit and vegetable producers, horticultural and nursery crops, or

"In that regard, these estimates are considered conservative," Anderson said. The \$5.2 billion total released Wednesday takes into account \$1.2 billion in drought

losses previously reported by AgriLife Extension in May, which were primarily livestock-related losses due to added supplemental cost 'S and lost grazing. "The drought began for much of the state in September 2010," Miller said. "Much of

the Gulf Coast, Central, West Texas and the High Plains had seen abundant moisture in the summer from Tropical Storm Hermine and other rainfall events. An unusually strong La Nina pattern moved into place in the fall of 2010, which had an impact comparable to turning off the 'rainfall switch' for most of Texas and surrounding states.'

October 2010 through July 2011was the driest 10-month period in recorded Texas weather, Miller said.

"The drought, coupled with prolonged high winds and record temperatures were enormously destructive to Texas agriculture and natural resources," he said. "The summer rains caused grass growth, which provided fuel for an unprecedented fire season, with more than 3.3 million acres of Texas ravaged by wildfire.

"This destructive climatic pattern has taken a huge toll on crops and forages, and the timing could not have been worse for Texas producers, as all of the major agricultural commodities are enjoying strong prices."

Combined losses for wheat, corn and sorghum grain farmers in Texas due to drought are more than \$600 million. Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains economist, said Texas wheat production in 2011 is about half what it would have been in a normal year.

"Wheat yields were down from a five-year average of 30 bushels to 26 bushels per acre and abandonment was up," he said. "Given this year's plantings of 5.7 million acres, we would have harvested 2.8 million in a normal year. In 2011, harvested acreage is estimated at only 2 million acres, down 800,000 acres. The combination of yield losses on harvested acres and higher abandonment put Texas wheat-for-grain losses at \$243 million."

Texas corn production is estimated to be down about 39 percent in 2011, Welch said, with harvested acres down 16 percent due to higher abandonment rates.

"Yields are down 16 percent statewide," he said. "Highlighting the severity of this year's heat and dry conditions is that the most severe yield losses are seen in the irrigated corn grown in the Panhandle. The average corn yield in the northern High Plains is estimated at 165 bushels per acre compared to a five-year average of 205 bushels, down 40 bushels per acre. Yield losses and abandonment will cost Texas corn producers about \$327 million in 2011."

Grain sorghum production in Texas, according to Welch, is expected to be about half of normal in 2011. The 1.6 million acres planted spring marked the lowest in Texas

"Then drought lowered yields and raised abandonment rates," he said. "The drought estimates for sorghum reported are based only on the yield and harvested acreage estimates from U.S. Department of Agriculture. This totals about \$63 million."

Meanwhile, Texas cotton growers faced unprecedented impacts from drought in 2011, said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist. Robinson said in August USDA projected "a relatively low average cotton yield of 636 pounds per harvested acre" in addition to a "historically high abandonment of 52 percent."

"Compared to five-year average yields and abandonment, 2011 represents a huge loss in potential production," Robinson said. "Applied to USDA's measure of 7.1

Planted cotton 'acres in Texas, and valued at their projected price of 95 cents per pound, this loss adds up to \$1.8 billion. "It's that \$1.8 billion is also the 10-year average total value of cotton lint and cottonseed production in Texas. So, Texas cotton growers lost as much market income in 2011 as they would normally make for an entire cotton

"Perhaps the most telling thing about the 2011 drought was that even irrigated farmers were not spared," Miller said. "While most Texas irrigation systems work well in normal or even below normal rainfall, many irrigators found that water supplies were not able to provide all of the water requirements of the crop in the absence of any rain and excessive heat. By mid-July, farmers began to try to stop (economic) losses, dedicating all of their water supplies to a reduced amount of acres as water demand from the crops was higher than their ability to supply it."

The following is a list of economic drought losses from 1998 through 2011 compiled by AgriLife Extension economists:

2011-\$5.2 billion

2008 - \$1.4 billion 2006 - \$4.1 billion

2002 - \$316 million 2000 - \$1.1 billion

1999 - \$223 million 1998 - \$2.4 billion

One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something.

-Nolan Ryan

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Elks scrimmaged Stratford Wellington on Friday, August 19, 2011. The first game is Thursday, Sept. 2 August 25, 2011 with the JV Sept. 9 taking on Bushland and then Sept. 16 Texhoma (Homecoming) Friday, August 6, 2011 the Sept. 23 Varsity will be playing Bushland. Sept. 30 Come out for the first week of Oct. Football and support our teams. Oct. 14 Game times are 6:30 Thursday Oct. 21 Canada. and 7:30 Friday night. Good luck Nov. 4 guys!!

Deadline for The Stratford Star

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

2011 Stratford Elk Football Schedules Varsity Aug. 26 Bushland Here There

7:30 7:30 Friona Sanford-Fritch 7:30 Here 7:30 Here OPEN. 7:30 Perryton OPEN Boys Ranch 7:30 There 7:30 Canadian Here There 7:30 West Texas 7:30 Sub-Varsity Aug. 25 Bushland Here 6:30 JV 6:30 Canyon Sanford-Fritch 7,8,JV 5:00 There Spearman 7,8,JV There 5:00

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Stratford ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for students served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Each school or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Students from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster student is based on the student's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the administration office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly Food Stamps)/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and SNAP or TANF case number adult nousehold member must sign the app Households that do not list a SNAP/TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None," "No Number, or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Lanette Nordyke will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Jerry Birdsong, Superintendent, Stratford ISD. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for

benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above In accordance with Federal law and United States Department of Agriculture policy, this Institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish) USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Income Eligibility Guidelines

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- 2	\$19,123	\$27,214	\$1,59	\$2,268	\$797	\$1,134	\$736	\$1,047	\$368	\$524
3	.\$24,089	\$34,281	\$2,00	\$2,857	\$1,00	\$1,429	\$927	\$1,319	\$464	\$660
4	\$29,055	\$41,348	\$2,42	\$3,446	\$1,21	\$1,723	\$1,11	\$1,591	\$559	\$796
5	\$34,021	\$48,415	\$2,83 6	\$4,035	\$1,41	\$2,018	\$1,30 9	\$1,863	\$655	\$932
6	\$38,987	\$55,482	\$3,24	\$4,624	\$1,62 5	\$2,312	\$1,50 0	\$2,134	\$750	\$1,067
7	\$43,953	\$62,549	\$3,66	\$5,213	\$1,83	\$2,607	\$1,69 1	\$2,406	\$846	\$1,203
8	\$48,919	\$69,616	\$4,07	\$5,802	\$2,03	\$2,901	\$1,88 2	\$2,678	\$941	\$1,339
9	\$53,885	\$76,683	\$4,49	\$6,391	\$2,24	\$3,196	\$2,07	\$2,950	\$1,037	\$1,475
10	\$58,851	\$83,750	\$4,90	\$6,980	\$2,45 3	\$3,491	\$2,26 4	\$3,222	\$1,133	\$1,611
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> Old age is like climbing a mountain. You climb from ledge to ledge. The higher you get, the more tired and breathless you become, but your views become more extensive.

—Ingmar Bergman

It is not the business of government to make men virtuous or religious or to preserve the fool from the consequences of his own folly. -Henry George



Earl Tupper, of Tupperware fame, is believed to have gotten the design for Tupperware's liquidproof, airtight lids by duplicating the lid