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NOVEMBER 15TH IS TEXAS RECYCLES DAY

PRPC Names 2015 Recycling and Composting Awards

Every year on November 15 communities across the state celebrate America Recycles Day. In 2015 America Recycles Day put the ball back your court asking you to take the pledge and recycle. By learning about recyclables, acting on getting materials recycled, sharing with others what you are recycling and then posting a photo of yourself recycling. Texas Recycles Day aims to raise public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of recycling. Residents save money each year that recycling is utilized as they avoid the cost of new expensive landfills. Recycling also conserves our natural resources and saves energy.

Many rural communities in the Panhandle are recycling every day, ensuring that waste is diverted from our region's landfills. Our communities recycle items such as cardboard, scrap metal, newspapers, office paper, plastics, scrap tires, electronics, used motor oil, and concrete. They continue to look for new avenues to get different materials to the recycling market and diverted from the landfill.

As a part of Texas Recycles Day, the PRPC announces the 2015 winners of the Panhandle Environmental Partnership's (PEP) Annual Recycling and Composting Awards. The PEP awards recognize those Panhandle communities that have recorded the highest per capita recycling and/or composting diversion rates for the previous year.

The City of Stratford has captured the 2015 PEP Recycling Award by diverting 10,266,100 pounds (5,089 per resident) through its community recycling program. The City of Stratford started their recycling program in 1998 with the construction of the City's recycling center. That construction was made available by a grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City of Stratford has been accepting materials for recycling from residents since the construction was completed and continues to add new materials. The materials received are recycled and marketed through a partnership with the PRPC and the Cooperative Teamwork Recycling Association which works for smaller communities to transport and market recyclables. In FY 2015 the City recycled more than 5,000 tons of concrete which was used to resurface roads in the City.

The City of Panhandle was awarded the 2015 PEP Composting Award for being the Region's most accomplished composting community. The City of Panhandle started diverting yard waste from the landfill when "Yard Waste Only" dumpsters were purchased in 2012 and placed in the alleyways making it easier to separate out yard clippings and limbs as residents stopped placing yard waste into the standard dumpsters. The City of Panhandle diverts the yard waste from the landfills providing savings for their residents. In FY 2015 the City of Panhandle diverted 88 thousand pounds (37 per resident) of yard clippings from their landfill.

It takes many years and a lot of taxpayer dollars to permit and build a new landfill and the efforts of all the recycling centers in the region help extend the life of our landfills, which, in turn, saves everyone money. The PRPC and PEP thank all the recycling centers in the Panhandle and congratulate you on your accomplishment!

For more information on recycling in the Panhandle Area, contact Lori Guhn with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at (806) 372-3381.



Shown above with the City's trophy is
Echoo Natalino

Happy Easter

Memorial Highway Dedication for Fallen Stratford DPS Trooper Steve Booth to be Held March 24th, 2016

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today a memorial highway dedication for fallen Stratford DPS Trooper Steve Booth.

On Thursday, March 24 at 2 p.m., a dedication ceremony will take place in Stratford, Texas, at the Sherman County Courthouse. The Trooper Steve Booth Memorial Highway will consist of approximately 15 miles of US-287 that starts at the north city limits of Stratford and ends at the Oklahoma state line.

In June of 1993, Trooper Steve Booth responded to a call of a man waving a gun and driving erratically, approximately two miles north of Stratford on US-287. Trooper Booth located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Trooper Booth was shot and killed by the driver. The driver was later located in Stratford and taken into custody. He currently serves a life sentence.

Stratford Lion's Club member and close friend of Trooper Booth, Duane Pittman, initiated the proposal for a highway dedication. Pittman and the Stratford Lion's Club worked with State Senator Kel Seliger and State Representative Four Price to have this part of US-287 dedicated for Trooper Booth.

The public and media are invited to attend the ceremony in honor of Trooper Booth's selfless sacrifice and continued support for family and friends.

March 28 Last Day For Tamale Orders

Monday, March 28 will be the last day to pre-order fresh, hot tamales from Lollipop Junction. The tamales will be delivered to your door Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Staff members of Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit childcare center, will be making the red chili tamales. Tamales will be sold by pre-order for \$15.00 a dozen by placing an order between now and Monday, March 28.

To order tamales, call either Julie or Erica at Lollipop Junction 366-5886 or stop by the childcare center located at 210 N. Main Street, Stratford. In addition, tamales orders may be placed with Suzanne at First State Bank and Bailey at Happy State Bank.

Modern Woodmen of Stratford will be matching money raised through the tamale sales with a grant up to \$2500. Help Lollipop meet this matching gift by supporting this fundraiser. Money raised will be used for program supplies, building and ground improvements, along with required safety inspections, licensing fees, and insurance premiums paid by the child care center.

Don't delay, order today!!! And thank you for supporting Lollipop Junction.

Stratford Family Medical Clinic will be closing at

Noon on

Good Friday

March 25th, 2016

&

Elk Pharmacy will be closing
at 1:30 p.m.

Hope everyone has a

Happy Easter

ATTN: FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

If you have land that came out of CRP in 2015
you need to contact the Appraisal District now.

The land classification may need to be corrected and could reduce your taxes. You will need to complete a new ag form prior to June 30, 2016 for any land reclassifications to take effect for the 2016 tax roll. Sherman County Appraisal District, 402 N 3rd Stratford TX or call 806-366-5566.

Multi-use exemption applies to some self-employed 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.

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. 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 law 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.

BUSINESSES

Don't get hit with a penalty! Render your
property now! Deadline: April 15, 2016

If you have not rendered your business personal property, such as inventory, equipment, and fixtures you must do it now to avoid a penalty of 10-50 percent. If you need additional information, contact the Sherman County Appraisal District at 402 Nrd in Stratford or call 806-366-5566.

Obituaries

Era Irene Zaricor

July 30, 1938 March 17, 2016

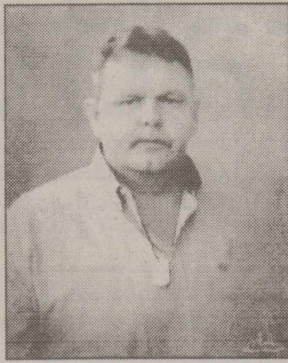
Era Irene Zaricor, 77 of Stratford passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2016. A graveside service was held at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Kevin Anderson, Pastor of First Assembly Of God, Officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Irene was born on July 30, 1938 in Bakersfield, CA to James and Essie (Herron) Samples. Irene lived in Stratford for 52 years. Irene was an avid bowler and her hobbies included crafting, crocheting, cross stitching, and crossword puzzles. She was a family person and enjoyed spending time with her children, and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and a brother.

Irene is survived by two daughters: Melinda Hess of Denton, TX and Juanita Pope of Henderson, NV; sons: Eddie Zaricor and wife Darcy of Aransas Pass, and Harice Zaricor and wife Ladda of VA; brothers: James Samples and wife Mercedes of Cactus, TX, and Gary Samples and wife Carolyn of Allen, TX; sister: Frances Zaricor of Sunray, TX; grandchildren: Kelly Ray Jantzen and wife Candace and their children Maggie and Weslyn, Christina Coomes and her children, Shaycie, Elijah, and Jayce, Michael Harris, Michelle Skaggs and husband Mathew and their son Skylar, Brand! Pope and her children Mathew and Tyler.

Family suggests memorials be made to Olivia's Angels, do BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.



Steve Albert

March 1, 1964 - March 20, 2016

Steve Albert, 52 of Dumas, passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2016. Funeral services were held at 4:30 in the afternoon on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Howe, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 o'clock until 8 o'clock in the evening on Tuesday at the funeral home in Dumas. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

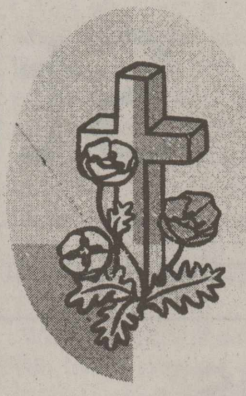
Steve was born March 1, 1964 in Dumas to Raymond and Mary Lou "Shorty" (Wells) Albert. He was raised and attended school in Stratford where he graduated high school in 1982. He married the love of his life, Carrie Harris, on December 27, 1986 in Stratford. The couple would eventually move to Dumas where Steve managed and operated Albert's Manor for 23 years.

Steve enjoyed hunting, golfing and western movies, particularly the ones with John Wayne. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dumas and will be missed by all who knew him.

Steve was preceded in death by his father; paternal grandparents: Earl and Mattie Albert; Maternal grandparents: C.W. "Pup" and Rose Wells.

He is survived by his wife Carrie of the home; daughter Lexxie Albert and fiancé Steven Reeves of Dumas; son: Hunter Albert of the home; mother: Mary Lou "Shorty" Albert of Stratford; brother Joe Albert and wife Bryanna of Stratford; sister Lisa Albert of Stratford; nieces and nephews: Chance Albert, Skyler Albert, Mary Kurtz; uncle: Allen Buck Wells and wife Sharilyn of Barnsdall OK; aunt Jeanne Brannan of Fritch; cousins: Joel Wells, Thad Wells, Renee Phillips, Ron Brannan and Rose Lemley.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 617, Dumas TX 79029.



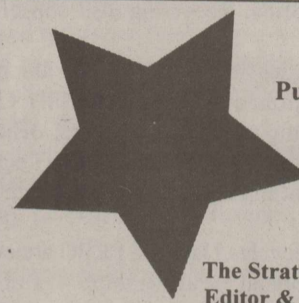
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Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

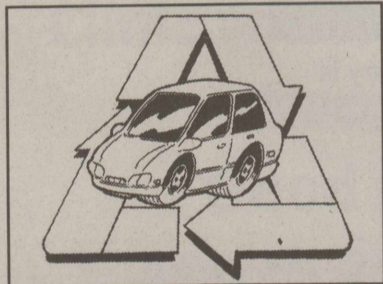
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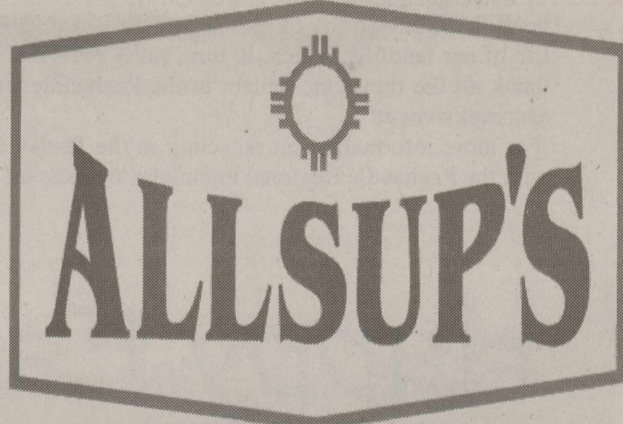
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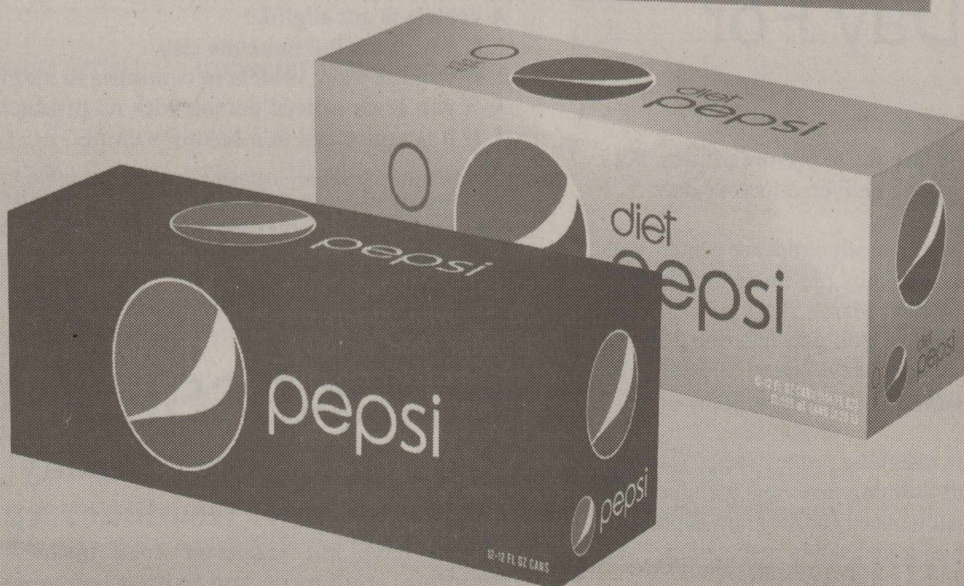
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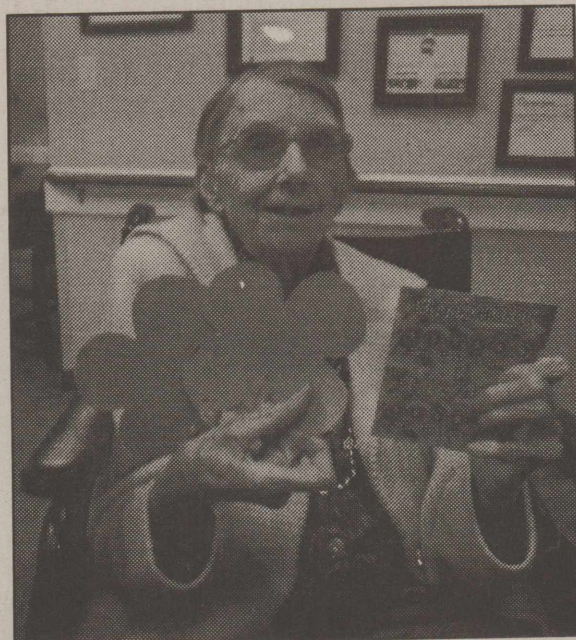
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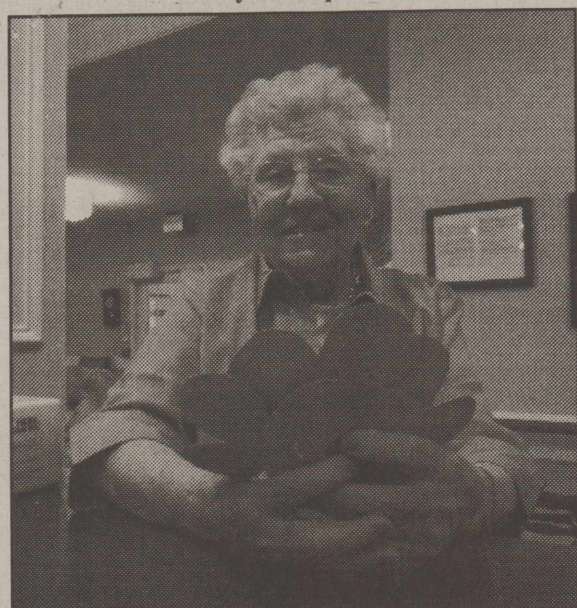


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Sue Pogue with lucky shamrocks & lottery ticket prizes



Grace Lyles with her shamrocks

St. Patrick's Day celebrated at Legacy

By Paula Nusz

It is said that on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish. This must be true, because it took 2 days to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Legacy! Activities started on Wednesday, March 16, with Lucky Bingo. Prizes were Lucky Lottery Tickets. Sue Pogue won \$3.00 and Irma Joe Mitchell won \$1.00 from their scratch-off tickets.

On St. Patrick's Day, Irish music was played throughout the day, which made the atmosphere even more festive. Each resident received either a green or gold necklace to wear for the day. Lunch was the traditional corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. The dessert was Leprechaun cake.

The St. Patrick's Day party was also held on March 17. The snacks were Lucky Charm Treats and Shamrock Green punch. The program was a discussion of Irish blessings, curses, sayings and philosophy. Many laughs were shared. To top off the afternoon of "good fortune", a scavenger hunt for 8 green shamrocks was held. The shamrocks had been placed in the public areas of Legacy. Residents spent time looking for the cutouts and turned them in for prize tickets. Grace Lyles won \$1.00 as her prize. A day of laughter, happiness, and good cheer lifted everyone's spirits!

**Need your sidewalk numbers
painted or redone?**
**Sherman County 4-H Council would love to do it for you for a
suggested donation of \$15!**
Send in your \$15 or more donation with the form below or take it to the AgriLife Extension Office by April 27th!

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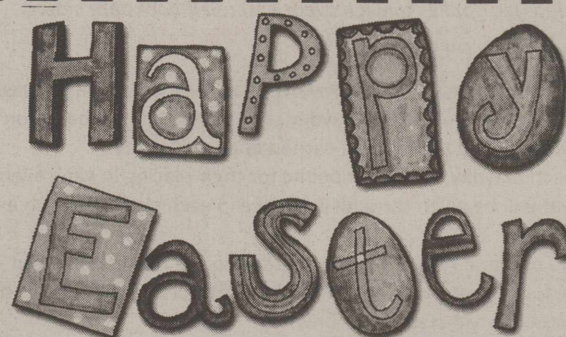
Or bring to: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office, 701 North Third Street Stratford, TX 79084 (courthouse annex)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1-June 15. New members will be assessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashley at First State Bank 396-5521 for more information or to enroll.



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The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
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. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
6th & Pearl
Rectory 366-5687
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Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor Ron Whitt
702 N. 3rd
Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

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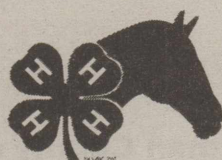
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Sherman County Silver Spurs 2016 Playdays



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PLAYDAY	BOOKS OPEN	STARTING TIME
June 4	1:00	2:00
June 18	1:00	2:00
July 9	1:00	2:00
July 23 (awards program and cookout to follow)	1:00	2:00

AGE CLASSES: Determined by State 4-H Age rules; summer events based off of previous grade.

Pee-Wee (no lead-line)	ages 3 & 4
Clover	ages 5 - 7
Junior	grades 3 rd - 5 th
Intermediate	grades 6 th - 8 th
Senior	grades 9 th - 12 th

Rider must be a 4-H member in any county and must show proof

****Riders in the Intermediate and Senior age class will be required to work one (1) event at every playday from set-up to tear-down or no points will be awarded for that day.**

EVENTS:

Cloverleaf Barrel Race	Flag Race	Fun Run (changes every race)
Pole Bending Race	Goat Tie	

Entry Fee is \$8.00 for speed events and \$12.00 for livestock events.

****\$2.00 late fee applies to each event entered if books are closed.**

AWARDS:

To be eligible to win the Awards, you must compete in three (3) of the four (4) playdays which will be determined at the end of the playday season. Awards are based on riders completing required number of events worked, and total points earned at each playday.

Each playday, riders get points for their placing in each event and a 70% payback. Awards at the end of the year will be given through 3rd place in each class and each event, if a rider meets all other eligibility requirements.

A Top Hand Award will be awarded to the one (1) standout individual who participates in practices, playdays, fundraisers, parades, and other 4-H Horse project related activities. The Top Hand Award will go to a Sherman County 4-H member only.

For more information and to receive a copy of the rules and membership form, come into the Sherman County Agrilife office, email alexa.reed@ag.tamu.edu, or call during business hours to (806)366-2081. Also, text @sherhorse to 81010 for Remind101



Giving a Voice to Hungry Kids

We all know that there are children who have free breakfast and lunch provided for them at school Monday through Friday. Have you ever stopped to think what these children do for food on the weekends? Have you ever eaten lunch on Friday and then not had another actual meal until Monday morning? Can you imagine trying to listen to your teacher on Monday morning when all you can do is watch the clock and count the seconds until lunchtime? Unfortunately, there are children in Stratford and the surrounding towns in the Texas panhandle who face this struggle every weekend and during school holidays. Snack Pak 4 Kids is a program that provides food for children in these situations every weekend of the school year. 100% of all money is used for food only.

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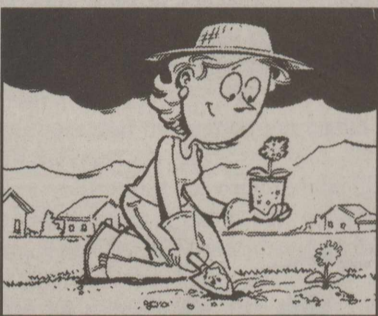
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The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion would like to thank the entire community for supporting the recent fundraiser for the Boys State/Girls State Program. Funds donated at the fundraiser will be used for registration and travel for Nicolle Law and Francisco Barajas to attend the Girls State and Boys State Programs respectively this summer. To our sponsors, A&I Parts, Bain Tire, Connie Bidy, Frito Lay, Moore's Food Pride and The Red Door; a very special thank you. Without our sponsors it would be most difficult to conduct the fundraiser. Just a final note regarding this particular event. We served a large number of individuals and had record donations. It certainly is wonderful to live in such a generous community-thank you!

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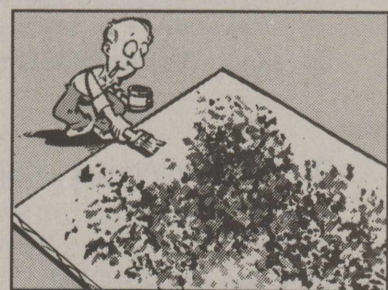


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The large canvases that Jackson Pollock used for his Abstract Expressionist action paintings were usually laid flat on the floor while he painted. Pollock was a chain-smoker and would frequently paint with a cigarette hanging from his lips. This led to the incorporation of cigarette ashes into the surface of some of his works.



Capital Farm Credit returns \$56.7 million to borrowers

BRYAN, Texas – This month, Capital Farm Credit (CFC) is returning \$56.7 million in cash to its member customers in the form of patronage dividends.

“Our patronage dividend program is what sets us apart from other lenders,” said Ben Novosad, CFC’s chief executive officer. “Since 2007, we have returned more than half a billion dollars to our member borrowers through our patronage dividend program. As the largest cooperative ag lender in Texas, the secret to our long-standing success is our cooperative structure.”

Borrowers who do business with CFC become members in the cooperative, entitling them to share in its earnings through its long-standing patronage dividend program. CFC’s customers own the business, and patronage payments are one of the unique benefits of this customer-owned cooperative.

CFC has a long history of returning nearly all its net income to its customers, making its patronage dividend program one of the best in the nationwide Farm Credit System.

Based on continued strong earnings and a solid capital position, CFC’s board of directors in December approved a \$137.6 million total patronage declaration on its 2015 net income of \$139.3 million. Borrowers will receive \$56.7 million of this amount in cash this month, and the remainder is set aside in their names until eligible for cash distribution in the future.

“Our customers don’t just do business with us, they are in business with us,” added Novosad. “Our earnings and capital belong to our members, and we manage it to their benefit.”

“We bring value to our customers by delivering credit and other financially related services to them effectively and efficiently. As we return the earnings through our patronage dividend program, we effectively lower the cost of borrowing for these farmers and ranchers which helps to strengthen the agricultural economy and rural communities we serve.”

Capital Farm Credit has provided financing to Texas farmers, ranchers, rural property owners and agribusinesses for nearly a century. Headquartered in Bryan, it has offices spanning most of Texas. For more information about its patronage program, financial services and office locations, visit www.CapitalFarmCredit.com.

CASA 69, Inc. - Volunteer Opportunities

Every child has a chance - It's You. Your voice can be a child's only chance. CASA 69 (Court Appointed Special Advocates) currently needs volunteers to advocate for the safety and future of children in foster care in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman counties. Training provides volunteers the resources they need to give foster children a chance at finding happiness in a safe, permanent forever home.

Requirements - You must be 21 years of age or older and willing to commit to at least one year of advocacy. You must be able to pass criminal and CPS history background checks. You must complete training - 10 hours online course work plus 20 hours of classroom work.

We are accepting applications until March 28th and Orientation begins April 11, 2016.

We hope you will consider taking classes that could enrich your life, making you better prepared to help someone else, especially a vulnerable child. Please contact the CASA office TODAY to start the application process—244-2684 or 934-4417 or Qasa69@xit.net.

Modern Woodmen to Support Lollipop Junction

Modern Woodmen of Stratford has selected to support Lollipop Junction with their tamale sales fundraiser with a matching grant. Modern Woodmen will be matching the money raised through the tamale sales with a grant up to \$2500. Profits from the fundraiser and matching grant will be used for program supplies, building and ground improvements, along with required safety inspections, licensing fees, and insurance premiums paid by the childcare center.

Monday, March 28 will be the last day to pre-order fresh, hot tamales from Lollipop Junction. The red chili tamales sale for \$15.00 per dozen and will be delivered to your door Saturday, April 2, 2016.

To order tamales, call either Julie or Erica at Lollipop Junction 366-5886 or stop by the childcare center located at 210 N. Main Street, Stratford. In addition, tamales orders may be placed with Suzanne at First State Bank and Bailey at Happy State Bank.

Help Lollipop meet this matching fund project of Modern Woodmen by placing your order for tamales today!!!

**Stratford Family Medical
Clinic will be closing at
Noon on
Good Friday
March 25th, 2016
&
Elk Pharmacy will be closing
at 1:30 p.m.
Hope everyone has a
Happy Easter**



Would that there were an award for people who come to understand the concept of enough. Good enough. Successful enough. Thin enough. Rich enough. Socially responsible enough. When you have self-respect, you have enough, and when you have enough, you have self-respect.

—Gail Sheehy

17th Annual Crop Production Clinic

Tuesday, March 29th

OSU Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Goodwell

Registration begins at 8:30 with Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls sponsored by the OK Wheat Commission

First presentation begins at 9:00 with speakers and topics as follows:

8:30-9:00	Registration	Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls sponsored by OK Wheat Commission
	Dr. Tom Royer - OSU	Sugarcane Aphids
	Dr. Jason Warren - OSU	Multi-purpose crops: AKA Cover Crops
	Dr. Jonathan Aguilar - KSU	Irrigation Management
	Dr. Brian Arnall - OSU	Starter Fertilizers in Sorghum
	Dr. Saleh Taghvaeian - OSU	Corn and Sorghum Response to Different Irrigation Management Practices
	Dr. Tracy Beedy - OSU	Inzen Herbicide Update
Noon	Catered Lunch	Sponsored by: Fontanelle Hybrids, Green Country Equipment, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, and Hopkins Ag/Aim Agency

Please Register for the meal by March 23rd by calling 580-349-5440.

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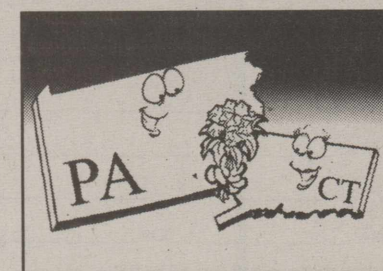
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Congress voted to make the rose America's national flower in 1986.



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