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### 3rd Annual Grilled Cheese Challenge

Shown at left are the winners of the 3rd Annual Grilled Cheese Sandwich Challenge. This year's winner was "Jalapeno Business". Shown left to right are Tanner Stone, Aynstina Ezmendi, Russell Spurlock, Blake Griffin, Yadhira Chavova, Chesney Rendon and Fernando Jacquez. Seated is High School Principal, Mr. Hannah. Recipe is on page 7

All participants shown at right are Back row Kelsey Pickens, Tommie Long, Adrian Acosta Juan Machado, Jamie Jacquez and Kevin Hernandez. Front row are Samantha Gonzalez, Daniela Reyes, Kimberly Loya, Amanda harbor, Whitney Stone, Alex Sanchez, Lizbeth Ibarra and Monica Reyes Seated Mr. Seward and Mr. Hannah.



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These loans are considered "nonrecourse" because the loan can be redeemed by delivering the commodity pledged as collateral to the government as full payment for the loan upon maturity. Commodity certificates are available to loan holders having outstanding nonrecourse loans for wheat, upland cotton, rice, feed grains, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, large and small chickpeas), peanuts, wool, soybeans and designated minor oilseeds. These certificates can be purchased at the posted county price (or adjusted world price or national posted price) for the quantity of commodity under loan, and must be immediately exchanged for the collateral, satisfying the loan.

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EDITORS NOTE: The e-mail for the Will James Books last week should have been WillJamesSociety@yahoo.com Website is WillJames.org

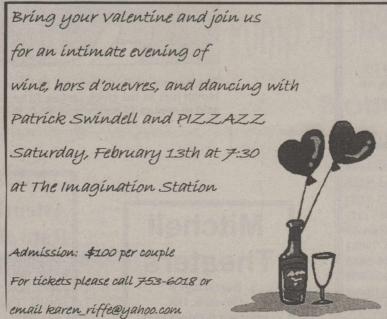
**Elk Pharmacy** will be closing at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016

#### Stratford Country Club Membership Drive

The Stratford Country Club is having a membership drive from February 1 - June 15. New members will be accessed only \$100.00 membership fee and \$65.00 monthly dues during this time instead of \$150.00 membership fee. Please contact Suzanne Ashly at First State Bank

396-5521 for more information or to enroll.

**Medical Benefit Account has been** set up at Happy **State Bank for David Acosta** 



**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Joseph's Catholic Church **ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER** Sun. February 21st, 2016 At the

**Sherman County Barn** 

From 11:00am - 2:00pm Adults: \$9.00 & Children (5-12): \$6.00 Children 4 & under eat free!! Sausage (reg. & spicy) by the lb. will be available: cooked & uncooked Call for pre-orders to: Jasmin Rios:(806)339-4842- habla español Annie Duran: (806)570-4744- habla español

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From 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. (to help with medical bills)

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#### American legion selects Boys state and girls state delegates

On Thursday, February 4, 2016 the Howard Norvell Green Post 262 selected delegates to attend the Boys State and Girls State Programs for 2016. Selected as the delegate for Boys State is Francisco Barajas and the selectee for delegate for Girls State is Nicolle Law. Nominations for the programs included Zorro Daniels for the Boys and Nancy Garay for the Girls.

Boys State/Girls State Chairman, Wayne Smith mentioned how difficult it was to make the selections this year. "All of these young men and women are outstanding students in their class and have demonstrated leadership in their chosen school activities." We believe that Francisco and Nicole will represent the local American Legion Post and Stratford High School with distinction". The annual Hamburger Fundraiser for Boys State and Girls State will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Sherman County Barn from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Everyone is invited - Free Will Donation

#### 2016-2017 Scholarships for **OPSU Students**

Goodwell, Okla. - Panhandle State Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization housed on the campus of Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Its sole mission is to support OPSU. It does this primarily through financial assistance to OPSU students in the form of scholarships.

Panhandle State Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarships for the 2016-2017 year. The deadline is March 1, 2016. The scholarship list and application are available in the Foundation Office located on the OPSU campus in Hefley Hall room 104 or on the OPSU website at http://www.opsu.edu/Offices/Foundation/?page=Scholarships. Be sure to check out the Frequently Asked Questions link for answers and tips. If you have any questions about applying for scholarships, call 580-349-1392 or email foundation@opsu.edu. We strongly encourage all students who plan on attending OPSU in 2016-2017 to apply!

#### SCOT HALL ACTIVITIES

Men's Pool-daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes-Mondays 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Chair Exercises-M-W-F 10:00 -10:30 a.m.

Ladies Yoga-Tuesdays 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Bingo-Second Tuesday 7 p.m. 4th Thursday Immediately following noon luncheon

Monthly Luncehon-4th Thursday-12 noon (covered dish luncheon)

#### 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



#### Zero Enterprises makes major donation to the City of Stratford

On January 26th at the monthly City Council meeting, Adam Bell, representing Zero Enterprises, an affiliate of First state Bank, presented the City of Stratford all mineral rights to land that was purchased by the City for the land used as the Wastewater plant. The area consists of 581 acres just to the east of town. This donation will be a future revenue source for the City in that future oil or gas exploration is anticipated for the site. As of this date, no exploration is scheduled. However, there is interest already in the location by area gas producers.

Mayor Ricky Reed and the Council thank Zero Enterprises and First State Bank for their generous contribution.

#### **Dinner Theater**

The Stratford High School one-act play cast and crew will host a dinner theatre on March 21 featuring a performance of the play Unexpected Tenderness. The meal--a salad, pork tenderloin, macaroni cheese, green beans and cupcakes--will begin at 6:00, followed by the play at 7:00. A silent auction will be open for the duration of the evening. Tickets are \$15. For tickets, contact Taylor Aduddell, Bret Barnard, Juan Carlos Camberos, Brendan Campbell, Blake Griffin, Coumtey Griffin, Nicole Law Matalin Mace, John McBroom, Carlee Metcalf, Branson Palmer, Brenda Portillo, Val-mari du Plessis, Russell Spurlock or Daniela Valdez.

Advisory: This year's play contains brief instances of spousal and child

#### Golden Spread Council to host 2016 Good Scout Lunch

The Golden Spread Council will celebrate 106 years of Scouting at the 2016 Good Scout Lunch which will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The lunch will take place at the Amarillo Civic Center, Heritage Room, 11:30 a.m.

The Good Scout Lunch will also feature presentations of the 2016 Good Scout Awards. Randall County Sheriff Joel Richardson will be honored along with the Waite and Genevieve Phillips Foundation. Both Sheriff Richardson and the Waite and Genevieve Phillips Foundation have made significant contributions to the Amarillo and Panhandle quality of life. The Good Scout Lunch is a fund raising event designed to benefit our local Boy Scout council, which serves youth throughout Amarillo and the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. Attendees are asked to pledge their financial support during the program

The Golden Spread Council currently serves 5,300 youth members and 1,700 adult volunteers in 56 communities in the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. The local Scouting program continues to be larger and stronger than ever before. The Golden Spread Council received the GOLD "Journey to Excellence" award from Boy Scouts of America in 2014, 2012 and 201 1, and was designated a SILVER level council in 2013 and 2015. Requirements include excellence in programming, membership growth, fiscal stewardship, and local governance.

For more information or to reserve a seat or table for the 2016 Good Scout Lunch please contact Bob Altman at the Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts raltman@bsamail.org, America 806-358-6500, www.goldenspread.org.

### Home Country

Steve reached up and put his cup of coffee on the floor of the turret in his cabin, then climbed the ladder until both he and the coffee were comfortable, looking out at the world.

The only people who didn't understand why he built a turret on his little cabin up here high on the mountain were folks who hadn't seen it. Once you actually sat in the chair, looked out the window at the weather and the world, there was

You instantly thought, "I have to get one of these."

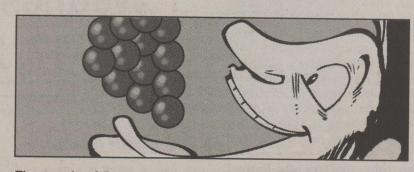
Steve, our tall, walrus-mustachioed cowboy, wasn't really sure why he built the turret, either. Well, deep in his heart of hearts he actually did, but he'd never tell. He secretly thought, if he had a turret, and could look out on creation from the safety of this little piece of cabin, something wonderful would happen. It may be that he'd be driven to write a novel, telling the world the sweeping majesty of riding herd and cleaning corrals. Or, Steve might be inspired to take up the paint brush and dazzle the world as a cowboy artist, like Grem Lee and Gary Morton. He could picture in his mind how he would even capture the smell of the alkali dust swirling up to a cowboy's nose in the catch pen.

Or music? Maybe music. You know, write songs about the cowboy life, like Jim Jones and Steve Cormier. If they could do it, why not Steve?

Steve's main talent, so far, was putting a rein on a horse. If you wanted to take a big-old-stout horse and spin him with just your little finger touching the reins, Steve was your guy. But it's hard to put a good sliding stop on a horse from here

In fact, about all a guy could do in the turret without being artistic is sit there, drink coffee, and think artistically.

Steve's eyes closed and he smiled. Well, there's always taking a nap, too. Brought to you by The Cowboy Bucket List. 100 things to do before you go to the house. www.lpdbooks.com.



The people of Portugal and Spain will often eat 12 grapes from a bunch just as the clock strikes 12 on New Year's Eve. This tradition is said to ensure 12 happy months in the coming year.

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Historians estimate agriculture began about 12,000 years ago and farmers have been struggling



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With programs for girls from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to do something amazing. To join or volunteer, visit www.girlscouts.org/join.



# Kristen Mann and baby Hallie honored with baby shower Feb. 7th

Kristen Mann and daughter Hallie were honored with a Baby Shower on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the home of Brenda Brownlee. Shown above left to right are Joanne Haar, Mary Crabtree, Kristen and daughter Hallie and Lisa Crabtree.

#### USDA to Invest \$150 Million through Conservation Stewardship Program to Help Improve Working Lands

USDA Offers Renewal Options for Producers with Expiring Contracts

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during fiscal year 2016.

"The Conservation Stewardship Program is one of our most popular programs with producers because it results in real change on the ground by boosting soil and air quality, conserving clean water and enhancing wildlife habitat," Vilsack said

NRCS accepts applications for CSP throughout the year, but producers should submit applications by March 31, 2016 to local <u>USDA-NRCS office</u> to ensure they are considered for enrollment in 2016.

Participants with existing CSP contracts that will expire on Dec. 31, 2016, have the option to renew their contracts for an additional five years if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. Applications to renew are also due by March 31, 2016.

CSP is also available to Texas producers as an additional opportunity to participate in landscape-level conservation efforts including the <u>Lesser Prairie-Chicken Initiative</u>, Longleaf Pine Initiative and Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

Texas NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said "Texas is once again able to offer CSP on three of the four approved national landscape initiative areas. Landowners across these initiative areas will further enhance the habitat of these valuable working lands through additional conservation enhancement efforts. NRCS and landowner commitments to CSP remain strong with more than 6.3 million acres currently enrolled in the program in Texas."

Funding is available for more than 100 kinds of conservation enhancements nationwide to help participants:

\*Improve soil quality through use of cover crops, conservation crop rotations and other activities that increase soil productivity.

\*Use water wisely and improve water quality through enhancements, such as more efficient irrigation systems and weather monitoring.

\*Restore habitat for wildlife and pollinators such as the greater sage-grouse, lesser prairie-chicken and monarch butterfly through the use of better grazing systems and improved plant management.

A <u>CSP self-screening checklist</u> is available to help producers determine if the program is compatible with their operation. As part of the application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

To learn about CSP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit <a href="www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted">www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted</a> or your local USDA Service Center.

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# AgriLife Extension to offer Earth-Kind Landscape Design School in Canyon

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetter(ag.tamu.edu Contact: Liz Moore, 806-468-5543, liz.moore(ag.tamu.edu CANYON - An Earth-Kind Landscape Design School will be offered March 3-5 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Randall County.

"Anyone interested in learning how to design, plant and manage a landscape that is beautiful and low maintenance is welcome to attend," said Liz Moore, AgriLife Extension horticulture agent in Randall County.

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The sessions will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. March 3-4 and from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. March 5 at the AgriLife

Extension office at 200 N. Brown Road in Canyon. Space is limited. Advanced registration is requested by Feb. 26.

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heat and drought, Moore said. In addition to Moore, Dr. Steve George, AgriLife Extension landscape specialist in Dallas, will be conducting the school. For more information or to register, contact Moore at 806-468-5543, liz.moore (ag.tamu.edu.

# 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.

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Rectory 366-5687
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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. 3<sup>rd</sup>
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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# Sherman County FSA Committee Election

The Sherman County FSA Committee election for LAA#2 will be held this year on May 13, 2016. The part of the county holding the election consists of the north east one third of the county. This area was represented by the late Steve Flanagan. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Sherman County FSA Office. Each form submitted must be:

\*Limited to 1 nominee

\*Signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected

\*Postmarked or delivered to the Sherman County FSA Office no later than March 9, 2016

Any nominee should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work.

A producer is eligible to be a County FSA Committee member if the producer lives in the LAA up for election and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

The duties of County FSA Committee members include:

\*Informing farmers and ranchers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs

\*Keeping the State FSA Committee informed of LAA conditions

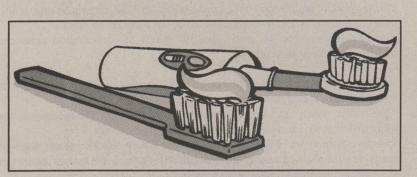
\*Recommending needed changes in farm programs

\*Participating in county meetings as necessary

\*Performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee

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The first nylon-bristled toothbrush with a plastic handle went on sale in 1938. The electric toothbrush first appeared in 1939.

# NRCS Announces Deadlines for Conservation Stewardship Program Contracts

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"CSP offers landowners the opportunity to be rewarded for the good resource conservation efforts they are currently undertaking," Bruce Meyer said. "This program provides additional incentives for them to continue their enhancements on a voluntary basis."

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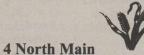
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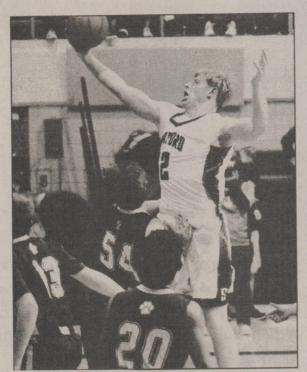
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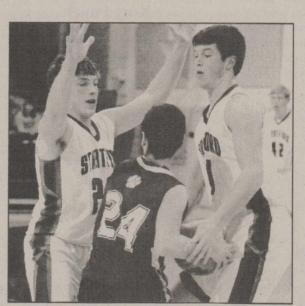
Parker Hanna going up with the ball against Sunray, Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



Julio Duran JV getting ready to pass the ball against Sunray.



Noah Harris - JV getting ready to take the shot against Sunray, February 5, 2016



Gage Brooks and Russell Spurlock guarding against Sunray Friday night.

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Varsity Allie James playing against Sunray Friday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.



Remie Seward bringing down the ball on Friday, Feb. 5th against Sunray.

## Stratford Hospital District "Proudly serving the medical needs of Stratford and Sherman County" Stratford Family Medical Clinic

#### **Stratford Family Medical Clinic** Mon. – Thurs 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fri, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. 396-5583 Tommy Brian, ANP & Krista Brown ANP

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3rd Six Weeks

2015

9th Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11th Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jaci Brown	Taylor Aduddell	Bret Barnard	Brendan Campbell
Xenia Franco	Laynee Burr	Gage Brooks	Yadhira Chavoya
Francisco Olmos	Juan DeCasas	Parker Hanna	Brian Gonzalez
Nicholas Payne	Vanessa Gonzalez	Fernando Jacquez	Kevin Hernandez
	Noah Harris	Nicolle Law	Ty Hess
	Sonia Lopez	Russell Spurlock	Orlando Mayorga
	Kade McBryde	RaeLeigh Willborn	Jack McBryde
	Natalia Niave		Monica Reyes
	Kory Punch		AJ Riffe
	Lucero Robles		Tanner Stone
	Matthew Sandvig		Whitney Stone
	Scott Thompson		Sidney Turner

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2015

9" Grade	10" Grade	11" Grade	12 <sup>m</sup> Grade
Shaylee Audrain	Brandy Castaneda	Francisco Barajas	Cecilia Barajas
Emily Barajas	Ruben Gonzalez	Nilda Campos	Val-mari du Plessis
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Heber Fierro	Shay Hess	Daniel Garza	Lizeth Ibarra
Lilibeth Robles	Allie James	Nattay Naewkamdee	Tommie Long
Renee Lawrence	Colten Lanning	Celia Ramirez Ornelas	Matalin Mace
Elizabeth Martinez	Erika Lopez	Johnny Rivas	Luis Marquez
Eimy Mendoza	Zachary Lujan	Levi Springer	John McBroom
Luis Mendoza	Giselle Marquez	Kunticha Wongsopanakul	Branson Palmer
Nadia Ortega Acosta	Kane McDaniel		Estefany Perez
Brenda Portillo	Carlee Metcalf		Kelsey Pickens
Sherridan Powers	Brandon Mireles		Chesney Rendon
Juan Quintero	Karl Punch		Andres Reyes
Turner Smith	Blake Rios		Eluterio Tijerina
Yasmin Torres			Alexie Wright

### Wet 2015 could lead to weedy 2016

AgriLfe Extension agronomist advising producers to start early on weed control

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AMARILLO - The blessing of a wet 2015 is expected to bring the curse of a weedy 2016, said Dr. Jourdan Bell, Texas A&M

AgriLife Extension Service agronomist in Amarillo.

The above average precipitation in 2015 prompted the growth of weeds and where those weeds were not controlled, they

produced seeds that will germinate and likely result in heavy weed pressure this spring and summer, Bell said.
"We need to be proactive about weed control this year," she said. "Weeds rob inputs - water and nutrients - from your soil that

would otherwise be available for your primary crop. So we advise you to start clean and stay clean."

Bell said there were many good tank-mix options in last year's corn and sorghum herbicide trials near Bushland that provided very good control. The trials demonstrate that good coverage is important for both pre- and post-emergent herbicides.

For corn herbicides, treatments were applied at a rate of 15 gallons per acre, and for sorghum herbicides, applications were made at a rate of 10 gallons per acre, she said. Both corn and sorghum herbicide plots were sprayed with flat-pan nozzles.

"You really want to make sure the herbicide is getting where it needs to be," Bell said. Soil type can also play a role in the efficacy of the various chemicals, she said.

"For example, we found very good control and no crop injury with Lumax applied as a pre-emergent in grain sorghum, but we are on a clay loam soil. On a coarse soil with low organic matter, this would not be recommended."

In corn, there are many effective options for weed control, Bell said. However, the vast number of options can often be overwhelming.

"Producers don't call only about one chemical; they are often inquiring about tank-mix options, potential application costs,

timing of application and even rotational concerns," she said.
"In our corn herbicide trials at Bushland, we had the opportunity to evaluate products from AMVAC, Bayer, DuPont, Dow, FMC and Syngenta," Bell said. "These trials provide us an opportunity to evaluate herbicide performance and efficacy under regional conditions. We evaluated some very intensive herbicide programs as well as some simpler options."

She said on limited tillage acreage, producers are aware of the importance of a solid herbicide program, and they are ready to adopt an intensive herbicide program. However, on tilled acreage, producers often have different concerns.

"While there is not just one solution for a successful herbicide program in the High Plains, a successful program generally includes herbicides with residual activities in addition to postemergence herbicides with several modes of action," Bell said. "Having several modes of action along with good coverage allows producers to be more proactive against herbicide-resistant weeds."

The price of chemical and application can vary widely, so she advised producers to make sure they target their treatments to get the most bang for their buck, she said. This includes the application rate as well as proper adjuvants to enhance herbicide activity.

"To avoid crop injury, it is always recommended producers read labels and follow application guidelines, including rotational restrictions, to avoid potential crop injury "Bell said.

Another important consideration is the activation requirement of soil-applied herbicides, she said, Some chemicals need to be activated with a half-inch rain or irrigation, but the exact amount of water needed is a function of the herbicide's water solubility.

"While this is not a problem on irrigated acres, this can be a problem on dryland acres if precipitation is not received in a timely manner," Bell said.

"With lower commodity prices, many producers try to cut herbicide costs," she said. "But it is important to remember that the weeds can rob resources from your crop and in turn hurt yields."

As producers evaluate their inputs, it is important they consider cost-effective herbicide options rather than doing nothing, Bell said.

"Neglecting weeds in 2016 will magnify weed problems for years to come. Start clean; get a handle on the weeds before they get out of control."

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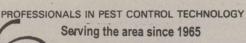
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#### **Jalapeno Business**

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Jalapeno spread: 4 sl

Jalapeno spread: 4 slices of bacon

1-2 Jalapenos 2 slices of Monterey jack cheese

Box of cream cheese 2 slices of sharp cheddar cheese

Green onions Hawaiian burger buns

Bacon Jam:

4 slices of bacon

½ yellow onion

2 garlic cloves

1 tsp. Red pepper flakes

½ cup brewed coffee

1/3 cup of apple cider vinegar

¼ cup of maple syrup¼ cup of brown sugar

#### Directions:

Jalapeno spread: roast jalapenos then dice, mince green onions, mix in cream cheese.

Bacon jam: Cook bacon, save 1 tbs. of fat in pan then add onions and garlic, cook until onions are translucent, add pepper flakes, coffee, vinegar, maple syrup, and brown sugar, add crumbled bacon stir to combine.

Sandwich: toast buns, spread jalapeno spread on one bun, add bacon, cheeses and jalapenos. Put sandwich in oven, cook till cheese is melted.

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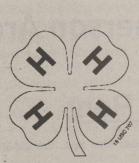
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Payton Berry won -Grand Champion Heiferbuyer Cimarron Feeders. Not pictured Katelin Berry who won Reserve Heifer buyer Cimarron Feeders



Raeleigh Willborn won-Grand Champion Swine - buyer Clift Land Brokers, Jon Engelbrecht Green Country-Kolb Farms



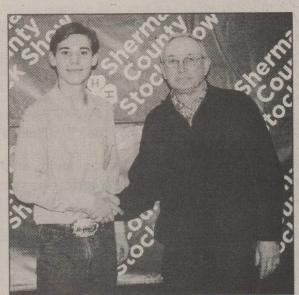
Abby Law won Grand and Reserve Lamb Lamb-Buyer W & C Land & Cattle



Allie James won Grand Champion Steer-Buyer Coronado Feeders

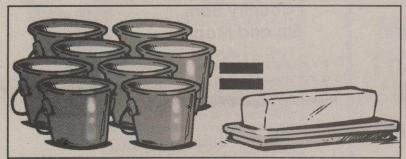


Rhett Rousser won Reserve Steer buyer Wilbur Ellis

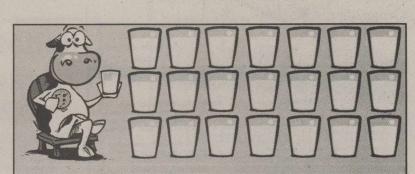


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