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By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
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**\$372,750 fine for destruction of swallow nests, eggs**  
By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
A woman who destroyed swallow nests and eggs in her home has been fined \$372,750 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The woman, who is unnamed, was found guilty of violating the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. The fine is the highest ever levied for this type of offense.

**Talent show prelims set for Sat.**  
By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
The annual talent show prelims are set for Saturday, January 31, at the local community center. The event will feature a variety of acts, including singing, dancing, and instrumental playing. All acts are invited to participate.

**Incumbent Randy Malin files for District 3 seat**  
By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
Incumbent Randy Malin has filed to run for the District 3 seat in the upcoming election. Malin, who has served in the district for several years, is seeking re-election. He is running against several other candidates.

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A local college is hosting a brunch for the community on Saturday, February 1, at the campus dining hall. The event is free and open to all. It will feature a variety of breakfast foods and coffee. The college is looking forward to a great turnout.

**What's with propane prices?**  
By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
Propane prices have risen significantly in recent months, causing concern for many consumers. The price increase is due to a combination of factors, including a decrease in supply and an increase in demand. Consumers are advised to shop around for the best price.

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**Spring Hill owners get person time for harboring illegal aliens**  
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The owners of a property in Spring Hill have been charged with harboring illegal aliens. The charges are based on evidence that the property was used to house unauthorized immigrants. The owners are facing criminal charges.

**Rice: City, county can help community grow**  
By *Shirley Ann Smith*  
A local rice producer is calling for city and county support to help the community grow. The producer, who is unnamed, is seeking assistance with infrastructure and marketing. The city and county are being asked to provide funding and resources.

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