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## Henry to Present Program

Butch Henry will present a living history program to the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades on Friday. Students need to bring some spending money because he will have articles for sale.



The earliest known woolen textiles date from about 6000 B.C.E.

## ATTENTION

The Stratford ISD 07-08 school calendar has been approved and can be viewed on the Stratford ISD website. [www.stratfordisd.net](http://www.stratfordisd.net)

## Pinewood Derby March 4th

The Boy Scouts of Stratford will be holding their Pinewood Derby on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The Imagination Station will be the host spot. There will be awards in Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Weebelos and Open categories. Anyone wishing to race in the open category is welcome. There will also be a prize for best design in each category. If you have any questions, please call 366-2772.

## City Has Tires to Dispose Of

The City of Stratford has to get rid of all their discarded tires. If any Feedyards need them to

cover pits, please come get them now. The City has 30 days to dispose of them. They are in the Recycle area.

## Prospective Scholarship Donors

If you wish to give a scholarship to a student in the Class of 2007, please contact: Tiffany Confer at 366-3322.

ORDINANCE #070118

## AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES BY ORDINANCE FOR SOLID WASTE RATES OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Stratford contracts with Rural Waste Management Inc. for the collection and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Waste Management Inc. contract provides for an annual increase in relation to the consumer price index (CPI); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the cost of operating the Solid Waste Department has increased in the past and the city has not increased the fee increases to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to fund the Solid Waste Department on a user fee basis and the current fees collected do not cover the cost of the contracted service; and

WHEREAS, the current rates for the Solid Waste Collection are:

Residential - monthly	\$12.50 - one pick up per week
Commercial - monthly	\$27.50 - one pick up per week
Additional weekly pick ups are calculated at the rates listed for once per week pick up	

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an increase for the service is necessary to fund the cost for the services provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Stratford, Texas, that the following rates are increased, assessed and implemented as listed below:

### 1. Sanitation Rates shall be as follows:

Residential - monthly	\$14.25 one pick up per week
Commercial - monthly	\$29.25 one pick up per week
Additional weekly pick ups are calculated at the rates listed for once per week pick up	

### 2. Effective Date for Sanitation Rates

The effective date for these sanitation rates as established by City Council in this Ordinance shall be in effect and shall be added to the water bills mailed on March 10, 2007.

**OPEN HOUSE  
 STRATFORD SCHOOLS**  
 Monday March 5, Jr. High &  
 High School 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 6, Mary Allen  
 Elementary 7-8:30 p.m.

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 12, 2007. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 10 through March 12, 2007. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. On March 12<sup>th</sup> the Office will be open from 2:00 PM to 5:00 P.M. only.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Hays and DeWain Traylor. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Barney Willborn, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock and Greg Wright. Candidates are DeWain Traylor.

## Walk Across Texas Contest Kick off March 22

By Susie Spurlock

If Ernest Tubb could waltz across Texas for love, couldn't you and a group of friends walk across the Lone Star state for health?

*Walk Across Texas* is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competition in Sherman County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking. The kickoff for Sherman County will be the first day of spring, March 22, 2007.

Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office and other places around the community, according to Susie Spurlock, Sherman County Extension Agent.

Many people are unaware of positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease. Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report stated.

"Participating in *Walk Across Texas* is not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit," Spurlock added.

To participate in *Walk Across Texas*, first get a team together. Biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team. Fill out a registration form available at the Sherman County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse Annex at 701 N. Third Street.

"The kick off event will be Thursday, March 22nd at 5:45 p.m. at the Courthouse in Stratford. Participants will count miles walked during the time period beginning Sunday, March 25 through Saturday, May 26. Come out and plan to have lots of fun."

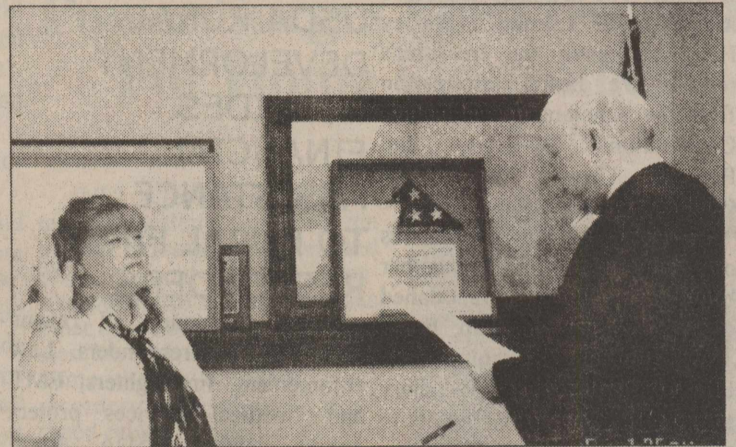
For more information, call the Extension office at 366-2122. Extension educational programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, color, race, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer Program will be Friday, March 2 from 12 to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Lunch will be provided. Everyone welcomed.

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## Kristi Simpson Sworn In

Kristi Simpson, new CASA volunteer, sworn in by Associate District Judge Phil Vanderpool

## CASA 69, Inc. Welcomes New Volunteer

CASA 69, Inc. celebrated the swearing-in of a new volunteer, Kristi Simpson, on February 5, 2007. Several CASA volunteers and board members were present to welcome Kristi with a luncheon that was held in the Dallam County Courthouse following the swearing-in ceremony and several court hearings for children.

Kristi and her husband, Mike Simpson, moved to Dalhart from Wisconsin during this past year. Mike is the COO/Operations Manager at Premier Ag, LLC. Kristi and Mike were foster parents for 17 years and served more than 450 children in their home during that time.

Kristi and Mike's search for a more challenging job lead him to Premier Ag, LLC and Dalhart. One of the couple's desires was to move to a warmer climate. After a visit to Dalhart in March of 2006 and a positive job offer for Mike, it didn't take long for them to decide on the move. The people of Dalhart seemed to be open and friendly, and the weather in March was very warm compared to the frozen winter still blowing in Wisconsin!

Mike and Kristi leave many relatives in Wisconsin, including their two grown and married sons, Trevor and Ted, and four grandchildren. Some relatives have already made the trip to Dalhart and enjoyed the pleasant climate as well as the local points-of-interest. They are both avid hunters and many of their

family members share their passion for the sport.

Kristi owned and operated a large Home and Personal Care agency for 12 years. The agency provided persons of all ages and abilities assistance to be able to stay in their own homes with comfort and safety. She has always worked in the community to help people, and has always gotten pleasure from working with the children, especially. Kristi is very enthusiastic about advocating for the children of the Northern Panhandle counties and being a CASA volunteer.

CASA 69, Inc. presently has 27 volunteers serving 61 children in the four county area, precious children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. Many of these children have been placed in foster homes or group homes and some are with relatives. The volunteers become a voice for these children in the court system, visiting with the children, their families, their teachers, their caregivers, their caseworkers, gathering information that will be valuable in determining the child's best interest.

More volunteers are needed to advocate for these children. CASA volunteers receive 30 hours of initial training and continue with ongoing training throughout the year to help them become well informed and powerful advocates for the children they serve. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the CASA office in Dalhart (244-2684) or the CASA office in Dumas (934-4417) or email us at [cas69@xit.net](mailto:cas69@xit.net)

## Stratford Hospital Board to hold Election

Stratford Hospital District Board has two openings in the upcoming election. Deadline for signing up is February 10th through March 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up at the Business Office at Coldwater Manor. Board members whose terms will expire are Wayne Smith and Kathie Altman. Hold over members are Kenton Kimball, Kathy Allen, and LeRayne Donelson.

## City of Stratford to Hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 12, 2007 to fill three places on the ballot. The expiring terms are: Ernie Maiwald, Councilmember, Nancy Kimball, Councilmember, and Blake Confer, Councilmember. These are two-year terms. Beginning Monday, February 12, 2007, anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot may pick up a packet from City Hall, 518 N. Third, between the hours of 8.00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 12, 2007 by 5:00 pm.

## Stratford Ex-Students Reunion July 27-28.

Honored class years, 1997, 1987, 1977, 1967, 1957, 1947, 1937. Honored Class representatives will meet Tuesday, March 13 at The Imagination Station at 7:00 p.m. to present corrected address lists and plan the upcoming celebration. Friday night July 27 "Family and Friends" Hamburgers at the County Exhibit Building.

The Stratford Education Foundation will help with the mailings and will host the Saturday night banquet.

## Prom Time Again

If you have Christmas Lights, extension cords, staple guns that we can use for Prom on March 31, 2007 please mark these items with your name and call Lynette Kautz at 366-3302 or 396-2498.

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 Scientific evidence suggests caffeine consumed in moderation is safe. As with almost everything in the human diet, moderation is key. For more information on caffeine, visit the International Food Information Council at [www.ific.org](http://www.ific.org)

## February Meeting for Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met February 10, 2007 in the cafeteria at Dalhart Elementary School.

Members present were Rebecca Amyx, Nelda Askey, Shirley Hendricks, Sandra Kelso, Nancy McClung, Mary Jo Ondracek and Cynthia Zielke from Dalhart; Kathie Altman from Stratford; Ann Hornell from Hartley.

Sandra Kelso called the meeting to order. The members answered the roll call "I love...". Shirley Hendricks gave the treasurer's report. We heard information from the Scholarship/Leadership, Constitution/ By-Laws, and Personal Growth & Service Committees.

Our program this month was our silent auction. Each member brought 3 things to be auctioned off for our Scholarship Fund. Then a recipient going into Education will receive a monetary gift from Delta Kappa Gamma to further their education. If you are a young lady planning on becoming a teacher or, are working on your Education Degree you can contact the counselor at your high school for more information. You can also contact Becky Amyx or Sandra Kelso.

We enjoyed refreshments supplied by the ladies from Stratford.

The next meeting will be March 24, 2007 at the Sands Restaurant in Dalhart. Dalhart members will be hosting. This is Delta Kappa Gamma's Birthday month and we will be celebrating. If you are a woman Educator and would like to be a part of Delta Kappa Gamma please contact Becky Amyx.

Studies indicate that zeaxanthin supplements can help prevent vision loss.

It can be easier than many realize to stay connected over sit-down family meals. Slow-roasted American Lamb can make for a great Sunday meal. Recipes are available from the American Lamb Board at [www.americanlamb.com](http://www.americanlamb.com).

People around the country are fighting obesity by working alongside Prevention Research Centers (PRCs), academic centers that study chronic diseases and are funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To learn more about the PRC Program, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/prc>.



## Auction Items

Ann Hornell, (left) and Shirley Hendricks showing off one of the auction items at the Gamma Xi Auction.

## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RURAL FIRST RESPONDERS

In any emergency, all Texans count on first responders. Law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT and "medical services protect public safety. USDA Rural Development responded to these needs "in 2006 by providing more than \$2.6 million for first responder facilities and equipment for nearly 173,000 rural Texans.

"We work hard to assist rural communities prepare for emergencies and the delivery of lifesaving services," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Our Community Facility Programs offer loans and grants to rural Texas communities as a part of USDA's First Responder Initiative."

USDA Rural Development has earmarked one-fifth of Community Facility Program funds to first responder projects. Both grants and low-interest loans are available to support the building of facilities and equipment in rural areas. Eligible projects include fire protection equipment, fire stations, fire trucks, rescue and ambulance services and equipment, emergency response training, physician's clinics, early storm warning systems, education facilities for emergency services, police stations and cars, communications centers, and mobile communications centers.

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available at 30 Local USDA Rural Development Offices located throughout Texas. For additional information call the State Office at 254-742-9700 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

## PARENTING

(NU) - A national survey of 1,000 parents found that many don't know key facts regarding potential safety hazards for children.

Among the survey's findings: One in three parents are unaware that children can drown in as little as 2 inches of water. Less than half of parents know falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries to toddlers. And more than half underestimate how long children should be in a booster seat.

"Particularly in the area of car safety seat usage, parental knowledge tends to decrease as children age," said Dr. Michael Gittelman, an emergency room pediatrician and medical adviser to "Get on Board with Child Safety," a national child injury prevention initiative. "Parents need targeted information about the different unintentional injury risks to children as they grow, from infant stage to toddlers to kids and all the way through adolescence."

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for U.S. children ages 14 and under. "Get on Board with Child Safety" was spearheaded by the children's brand "Safety 1st" and the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions. They offer the following tips for parents:

- Use a booster seat for children up to 8 years or 80 pounds. Adult seat belts usually do not fit such children properly unless they are in booster seats. When the belt sits too high in the abdominal and neck areas, it can cause serious injuries in an auto crash. Your child is approximately half as likely to be injured when using a booster seat instead of a seat belt alone.

- Always have your children wear a helmet. Bike injuries send hundreds of thousands of kids ages 5 to 14 to the emergency room each year.

- Supervise the trampoline. Approximately 90,000 kids visit the emergency room each year after a trampoline injury. Trampolines are even more dangerous when multiple kids are jumping at once or when a child does somersaults.

## Round II of the Regional Safe Room Program Announced

Feb. 23, 2007 - With the start of the severe weather season in sight, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) today announced the start of the second round application period for the Regional Residential Safe Room Rebate Program. The Safe Room Rebate Program provides approved homeowners with a rebate to partially cover the cost of installing a safe room/tornado shelter in their home. The program is open to residents throughout the Texas Panhandle.

This program is being funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant the PRPC received through the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM). To be eligible to participate, residents must own the home in which the safe room will be installed. Mobile home owners must own their home and the land on which their mobile home sits. Homeowners can receive a rebate of up to 50% on the cost of installing a shelter in their home. The maximum amount of grant funds paid for a shelter has been capped by the State at \$2,500.

The Safe Room Program is relatively new to the State of Texas. In fact, the program was implemented first in the Texas Panhandle. The PRPC concluded its first round application cycle in November with the funding of 235 shelters. Stefan Bressler, PRPC Regional Program Coordinator, said that all things considered, the program is going

very smoothly. "We've basically served as the test case for the program in Texas", said Bressler. "GDEM has been very accommodating in letting us set up a program to fit our needs in the Panhandle and that has allowed us to run the program with the minimum of red tape".

PRPC will accept Round II applications through April 27, 2007. Residents interested in applying for a rebate will find the application form and guidance on the PRPC's website at [www.the.prpc.org](http://www.the.prpc.org). Residents can also obtain rebate information by contacting Stefan Bressler at (806) 372-3381. After the application deadline has passed, the PRPC will select the successful applicants using a modified lottery system. Currently, a certain number of safe rooms are set aside for each county in the region. Applications from the same county will be drawn at random until the allocation for that county has been filled. Any rebate allocations not used in one or more counties will be thrown into a regional pool and used to help meet the excess demand in counties where the requests received is greater than the number of rooms allocated for that county. There will be approximately 550 safe room rebates available under Round II of this regional program.

As part of your disaster preparedness plan, keep insurance cards, Social Security cards, passports and birth certificates in a safe place that you can get to in an emergency. To learn more, visit [www.americascommunitybankers.com](http://www.americascommunitybankers.com).

The latest home stylings pay homage to 1950s Palm Springs and the Rat Pack. For instance, the Opus from Natuzzi is a modern sectional that creates a sophisticated focal point in a room. Visit [www.natuzzi.com](http://www.natuzzi.com).

(NAPS)—"The South Beach Heart Program" (Rodale Books) can help determine if you are at risk for a heart attack or stroke and help you develop a prevention action plan with your doctor. To learn more, visit [www.southbeachdiet.com/heart](http://www.southbeachdiet.com/heart).

One must eat to live, not live to eat.

—Moliere

Never leave children unattended in or near the water. Install gates around pools and use doorknob covers to prevent toddlers from getting out of the house and into water without supervision. Always drain small pools when not in supervised use. For more safety tips, log on to [www.getonboardwithsafety.com](http://www.getonboardwithsafety.com).

GET 'ER DONE  
DUNCAN  
CHEVROLET  
STUDENT OF  
THE WEEK  
ADRIAN  
VARGAS

Adrian Vargas, who moved to Stratford at the beginning of the school year, is a member of the Elk football, basketball and golf teams.

For more details see [www.duncanchevrolet.com](http://www.duncanchevrolet.com)

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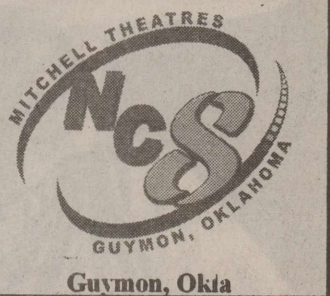
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Movies Beginning March 2

Wild Hogs  
PG-13 Tim Allen John Travolta

Zodiac  
R Jake Gyllenhaal

The Astronaut Farmer  
PG Billy Bob Thornton

The Number 23  
R Jim Carrey

Reno 911: Miami  
R Carlos Alazraqui

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806-366-2260

Please turn this in by Feb 28, 2007

NOMINEE:

FAMILY INFORMATION:

WHY YOU THINK THIS PERSON SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT/ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

NAME & PHONE # OF PERSON COMPLETEING THIS FORM:

SIGNATURE:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED:  
Thank you for your nomination

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# Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Recently several members of the Stratford High School Class of 1972 gathered in Las Vegas. They flew in from New Orleans, Wichita, Dallas & Amarillo.

Among those attending were Deborah Miller and sister Phyllis, Beth Stephenson Cook and husband Larrel, Robbie Bradford Baber and husband Bill, Susie Kimball Paulger, Tana Smith Pemberton, Denise Caraway, Mike Cox, Bill Zimmer, Benny Sadler, Jon Hart, Cindy Woodburn, Debbie Wells, Dena Wells, Ronnie Schertler, Mickie Vincent Cottle and husband Dennis, Mike McDaniel.

Visiting during the weekend with Marylou and Mike McDaniel was Clifford Abbott of Lubbock.

Kerrick people are getting a little upset about the lack of their mailboxes. No, more than a little! The post office has been closed but there is supposed to be some boxes near the community center. The post office closed Jan. 31.

As bad as the wind was here Saturday (Feb.24), it looked worse in Lubbock according to pictures sent from nephew Scott! Their tumbleweeds were maybe some worse than those piled up in Kerrick.

Electricity went off in Kerrick at 11:45 a.m. and was off for 9 1/2 hours. Jo June McDaniel's house was beginning to get cold Saturday night, so she went to the Gillenwaters for the night. They never lost their electricity!

Too bad that more people didn't take advantage of the Health Fair last week. Jo June and Marylou were "workers".

They also attended SCOT luncheon Thursday as did Bill & Pat Boren.

Ashley Bowman played basketball at Midland with the Ballinger team Friday. They lost by one point at the last minute! Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Bryan,

Kendra, Justin, Kaylee & Madison Mungia, Trisha & Rese Schoonover were there for the game. They drove home Saturday in the dirt storm! Said it was really bad between Midland & Lubbock.

## Story Time to Begin

Story Time at the Sherman County Public Library will begin on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at 9:30-10:15. Dates for the spring session will be Wednesdays, February 14 & 28 and March 7 & 21. Story Time is open to all children ages 2-5. Volunteers are also needed to help with reading and activities. If you would like to register your child or volunteer, contact Sandy at 366-2200.

## Home

(NU) - More people are staying in their homes after retirement and modifying those homes to accommodate them as they age. As a result, residential elevator manufacturers are seeing a steady rise in sales. "Our business has increased over 200 percent the last two years and 80 percent of that growth now comes from the baby boomer generation," says Jim Quinly, general manager of the residential elevator division at ThyssenKrupp Access, maker of the Lev residential elevator. For information on residential elevators, visit [www.thelev.com](http://www.thelev.com).



Joli Barrett, bride-elect of Dean Hauser was honored with a bridal shower in the home of LeRayne Donelson on Sunday, February 25, 2007. Shown from left, Marcelle Sutton, Lynda Hauser, Joli Barrett, Brenda Barrett, and Caroline Dietz.

## INGENIOUS IDEAS Sending Luggage Ahead

(NAPS)—In the United States, more than 1.5 billion pieces of luggage move through our airports every year. And of that number, on average, airlines and airports lose 57 suitcases per minute. But that is expected to change...thanks to a delivery and transportation company that's pioneered a solution for easy worldwide shipping of packages and luggage.



Travelers can now ship their luggage, without the risk of bags getting lost en route.

A company called Universal Express has created Luggage Express and its premier service, Virtual Bellhop—which provides luggage delivery service across the United States and at locations throughout the world. A company representative meets you at a pre-arranged place, whisks your luggage away and has it waiting for you at the destination you desire.

Travelers benefit not only from greater assurance that their bags will arrive, but in time savings—

at both ends of the trip. There's no more waiting on line to check luggage, or at the baggage carousel once you arrive.

To learn more about the Virtual Bellhop service, visit the Web site at [www.usxp.com](http://www.usxp.com).

## Business

(NU) - Touchscreen technology has become the latest way for consumers to get more "in touch" with products, services and information: Retail outlet store merchandisers are using touchscreen as a marketing strategy to engage consumers while delivering product information. FAO Schwarz, for example, has installed 17-inch Planar touchscreens as part of a consumer design center for the Hot Wheels Custom Car Factory in its New York store. Using the Planar touchscreen kiosk, shoppers can customize their own Hot Wheels car with special colors, designs, wheels and rims. Other industries embracing touchscreen technology include automotive, industrial and health care.

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—Owen Meredith  
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## Travel

(NU) - Colorado dude ranches are experiencing an increased demand for "togetherness," a type of leisure travel that encompasses groups of people who vacation together. Colorado dude ranches offer something for every age and ability, including activities all generations can enjoy together. Dude ranching centers on horseback riding in spectacular mountain scenery for riders of all abilities. However, ranches also offer rafting, hiking, fishing, nature walks, biking and other activities. For more information on Colorado dude ranch vacations, visit [www.duderranching.net](http://www.duderranching.net).

## Parenting

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At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well. And talk well but not too wisely.  
—W. Somerset Maugham  
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**CHEVROLET AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

## First Assembly of God

Kevin Anderson, Pastor  
921 Fulton  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

## First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed  
5th & Main  
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)  
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)  
No Sunday Evening Worship Service  
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,  
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

## First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette  
520 N. Main  
Sunday School 9:20 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm  
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

## St. Joseph Catholic

Father Aleksy Kowalski  
6th & Pearl  
Rectory - 366 - 5687  
Sunday morning: 9:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)  
Service - Wed. Thurs. Fri.—6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass, or by appt.  
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon  
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald  
N. 3rd & Chestnut  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

## Heritage Bible Baptist

Pastor Rick Carter  
302 S. Main - For More Info—call 396-2212  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

## First Baptist

Pastor Billy Chambers  
702 N. 3rd  
Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30  
Worship Service - 10:30  
Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00

## La Mision Bautista

Mision Bautista  
401 S. Wall 396-5376  
Domingo-(Sunday)  
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am & Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm  
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Estudio Biblico

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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

### LOVE IS IN THE AIR

From the strains of "Love Me Tender" as sung by Elvis to the more provocative songs of today with their urgings to "get physical," love is the theme. Or is it actually sex? It's hard to tell! It's the same in the TV commercials. After watching them, we are tempted to think that "love" can be fulfilled with the right beer, the proper car, and the appropriate after-shave! Or again, is it sex we are after? Is it the emotional high that we crave? But if love is portrayed in this way, will we not attempt to fulfill the fantasies? Will we not be disappointed? Why? Love is not primarily a feeling! Love is not primarily an emotional high! Oh yes, the feelings can run high, deep and wide. But those feelings spring from previous commitment! That commitment has a certain character. Look at how the Bible describes it: "Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). This is no chocolate-coated Valentine kiss!

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205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287  
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.  
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.  
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

## Kerrick Community Church

Pastor Roy Harris  
Community Building  
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday





Shown above, students inside of the Earth Balloon on Friday, February 23, 2007.

Thanks to a grant from the Stratford Education Foundation, students from grades 5-8 were able to experience the Earth Balloon. The 17ft. balloon—a model of Earth—was set up in the new Activity Center and students learned about Earth Science and geography. After observing the outside of the Earth Balloon and learning about deserts, rivers, tsunamis and other geographical sites, students were led inside of the balloon and there viewed a very different perspective of the Earth.



Erin Rogers, Marylou McDaniel, Shirley Durham, Stephanie Kemp, Kay & Dick Bachman at Health Fair at SCOT Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.



Class members of 1972 met in Las Vegas recently. From left are Mike Cox, Sue Kimball Paulger, Deborah Miller, Bill Baber, Bill Zimmer, Robbie Bradford Baber, Tana Smith Pemberton, Beth Stephenson Cook. (see Kerrick news)



Others from the Class of 1972 meeting in Las Vegas were from left, Benny Sadler, Debbie Wells, Jon Hart, Mickie Vincent Cottle, Ronnie Shertler. Not pictured is Mike McDaniel.



**ELK TALES**  
By Lynda Hauser

Deborah Molina and Bryce Wright are students of the week at Stratford High School.

In third grade this six weeks the winners of the blizzards were the Samurais. This team consists of Tanner Stone, Kevin Hernandez, and Shay Potter. It was a very close battle this time! The students took a math benchmark in January. This is a practice test for the TAKS which they will take in April. Mrs. Garza was very pleased with the results and is sure that everyone will do well when the real test rolls around. Third graders are working on measurement right now. They are learning about perimeter, area, time, and temperature. They are also busy learning our multiplication and division facts.

Fifth Grade Social Studies classes are studying the Revolutionary War period. It's proving to be interesting and exciting. Do you have any idea who might have fired the shot in the woods at Lexington that became the "shot heard around the world"? Ask a student for ideas. We memorized a line from the Declaration of Independence and will later memorize the Preamble. Sixth graders are studying Europe starting with Classical Greece and Rome. Since most of our ancestors are from this continent, we'll do reports and other things. A lot of what we learn coincides with research from Mrs. Hand's class.

The Drivers Ed. Meeting was held Monday evening, and high school cheerleading sign-up was completed Tuesday. Cheerleading tryouts will be next

week. The Sunray Track Meet will be this weekend and High School/Junior High Open House will be Monday, March 5 and Mary Allen Elementary will be Tuesday, March 6 7-8:30 p.m.

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balloon—a model of Earth—was set up in the new Activity Center and students learned about Earth Science and geography. More about this event is elsewhere in this paper.

On this Friday, Butch Henry, a former Stratford resident and SHS graduate, will present a living history program to the students in the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades. His presentation will include oration as well as historical artifacts. Be sure your students bring some spending money because he will have articles for sale. It'll be a fun time!

**Did You Know?**

(NAPS)—Nearly 40 percent of workers will change jobs in the next 12 months. For interview tips, visit the Spherion Career Center at [www.spherion.com/careers](http://www.spherion.com/careers). To ask questions about interviewing or talk with other job seekers, visit [www.spherion.com/careerblog](http://www.spherion.com/careerblog).

The Funeral Rule, enforced by the FTC, makes it possible for you to choose only those goods and services you want or need and to pay only for those you select. For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/funerals](http://www.ftc.gov/funerals).

Originally known as "the forbidden fruit," grapefruit has become a staple at American tables—but it's popular around the world as well. For a list of exotic grapefruit recipes, visit [www.texasweet.com](http://www.texasweet.com) or write to TexasSweet Citrus Marketing, Inc., 901 Business Park Drive, Suite 100, Mission, TX 78572.

If a human is modest and satisfied, old age will not be heavy on him. If he is not, even youth will be a burden.

—Plato

True old age is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.

—Kurt Vonnegut

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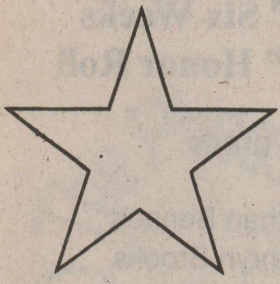
(NAPS)—Americans should make a commitment to get more of the important B vitamin folic acid into their diets, doctors say. Fortunately, grains such as white rice are fortified with folic acid. For recipes and facts on rice, visit [www.usarice.com](http://www.usarice.com).

Moving to a winter-weather climate can be daunting and worrisome. For information and tips from the nation's largest mover, United Van Lines, visit [www.unitedvanlines.com](http://www.unitedvanlines.com).

Ingenious ways to honor our troops have been devised by one group of veterans and outlined in



a report called "Voices for Action: A Focus on the Changing Needs of America's Veterans." The report, compiled by AMVETS, can be downloaded at [www.veteransnational Symposium.org](http://www.veteransnational Symposium.org).



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## Stolen

Stolen-W.W. White single Axle 14 foot gooseneck full nose 1/2 top trailer. If any info call Randy McCracken 806-333-2134. 3-15-c

## Help Wanted

WANTED: Energetic, Dependable, Honest, Hardworking individuals to fill challenging and rewarding positions in XIT Communication's Customer Service Department. Bilingual skills preferred, but not required. Two positions open: one in Dalhart and one in Stratford. Applications available from any XIT Customer Care Center. XIT Communications is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 3-15-c

Full time position available w/benefits. Apply in person at THE General Store 2-15-4x

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is looking for someone to fill the secretary/office manager position. This person must have great people skills, be self-motivated, well organized, have networking abilities, and be computer literate. Please send resume to PO Box 5 Stratford, TX 79084. 2-22-tfn

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For Rent: Office space on Main Street for rent. For information call (806) 396-5541. 11-27-tfn

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## Houses for Sale

3 Bedroom, 2 full baths, office area. Some new floor. Corner lot with 2 big buildings. 601 S. Pearl. 806-674-3118 or 366-3431. Ask for Barry Smith. 2-1-tfn

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## Legal Notices

Texas Department of Transportation will host two Informational Meetings on March 26 & 27, 2007 concerning the planning of future projects.

The informational meetings are held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

On March 26, 2007, (Monday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at TxDOT's Dumas Area Office. The Office is located at 1249 North Maddox, Dumas Texas, On March 27, 2007 (Tuesday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center for TxDOT in Amarillo. The Conference Center is located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Building H.

The come and go meetings will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the City of Amarillo. A short video of current and proposed projects will be shown, The Area Engineers will be available to answer any questions or discuss future and current projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meetings for public comment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 9, 2007.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meetings whom have special communication or accommodation needs are

encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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## Farms & Ranches for Sale

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## Invitation for Bids

The City of Stratford will receive sealed bids until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007, at the Stratford City Hall located at: 319 N. 3rd

1 One (1) trash truck/compactor body combination.

Full information and bid proposal packages may be obtained from the Stratford City Hall at 319 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX 79084 or by phoning (806) 366-5581. All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid proposal package. The City of Stratford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities and irregularities in the bid process.

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## Pet of the Week



The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter needs your old blankets, towels, & rugs for the dogs and puppies. If you have any that you would like to provide them, please contact Linda Reimer at 244-6326 (leave message) or 249-5333. You can also drop them off at the shelter.

The Dalhart Animal Rescue Shelter ("no "kill" facility) currently has over 100 dogs and puppies available for adoption. These dogs are all sizes & range in age from 4 weeks on up. The older dogs have been spayed and/or neutered & have their shots. These dogs need a good home.

We are also seeking responsible individuals to provide foster care for the dogs. If you feel you would like to take one or two and care for them for a couple of months, we will provide free food. AH of these dogs have had their shots and are looking for lots of love. Please contact Diane Trull at 244-3216 for additional information.

## Education

(NU) - To maximize their child's educational experience, parents should go back to school. This experience requires learning the ABCs of parental involvement - specifically, opening the lines of communication through parent-teacher conferences.

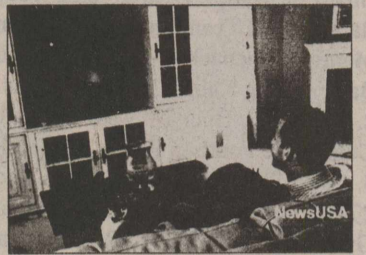
The National Education Association recommends parents come to conferences prepared with important questions about their child's classroom performance and school policies.

For more information and tips, visit www.nea.org/ae/w.

## HOME

### Power Surges Spell Disaster For Home Electronics

NewsUSA



Power suppressors can protect valuable electronics from dangerous electrical surges.

(NU) - Today's home entertainment systems can easily run into the thousands of dollars and often represent the most expensive purchases consumers make other than their homes and vehicles. Yet wide-screen televisions, home theater speakers, DVD recorders, CD players, high-speed cable and satellite TV subscriptions are no longer the domain of the wealthy few.

Officials with World Energy Solutions, an energy services company based in St. Petersburg, Fla., note that homeowners should protect their investment in home entertainment equipment by installing surge protectors - both inside and outside the house.

Today's devices depend on consistent, good-quality power. A single powerful surge can literally melt, weld, pit or even burn completely through circuit boards and render your components worthless.

Most people think of lightning strikes when they think of the potential damage to household equipment from power surges. But other surges can and do occur daily.

The surge can be from voltage fluctuation from the local electric company as it switches lines to handle brownouts or the result of a construction accident that damages utility equipment. Inside the home, other household appliances running on AC current can generate surges. Your equipment can even be vulnerable from the electrical "noise" generated from light dimmers, electrical razors and blenders.

Plug-in surge units are a start,

and consumers should look for UL-approved devices that offer a lifetime replacement of the surge units and limit the power of your equipment to a peak of about 330 volts in case of a surge. Cheaper models are often little more than fancy extension cords.

Many consumers stop there, forgetting that their home entertainment system is typically connected to telephone and cable lines as well as electrical outlets. These ancillary lines need their own surge suppressors.

For best protection, consumers should begin outside the house with surge arrestors at the electric meter and inside with surge suppressors at the circuit breaker panel. Such systems should be installed by qualified electrical contractors and as part of a total surge protection package.

World Energy Solutions provides more information on surge protection at www.eclipspts.com or by phone at 800-526-1556. World Energy Solutions is a publicly traded company under the symbol WEGY on the NASDAQ OTCBB.

## AUTOMOTIVE

### Tips for Emergency Winter Driving Situations

NewsUSA

(NU) - Severe winter weather can make driving a challenge for even the most experienced motorists.

Extreme cold temperatures make vehicles more likely to break down if proper maintenance has not been performed. Heavy snowfalls and icy road conditions can lead to vehicles sliding off the road and becoming stuck in the snow.

"Prevention is key to avoiding vehicle breakdowns," said John Nielsen, director of AAA's Approved Auto Repair Program. Drivers should have a certified technician inspect their vehicles, including the ignition system, antifreeze, lights, heater, windshield wipers and washer fluid.

Should motorists find themselves stranded in the snow with no help in sight, AAA cautions drivers not to needlessly spin the tires; this only digs the vehicle deeper into the snow. To properly free your vehicle, AAA experts suggest the following:

- 1) Clear away as much snow as possible from around the tires, under the vehicle and near the vehicle exhaust pipe.
- 2) Improve traction by scattering sand around the front tires for front-wheel drive cars, and around the rear tires for rear-wheel drive cars. Vehicle floor mats may work in a pinch.
- 3) Place the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions) and gently press the

accelerator. Ease off if the tires begin to spin.

4) If still unable to free the vehicle, try slowly rocking the car. Ease forward with the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions). When the car will no longer go forward, release the accelerator to allow the car to roll back.

5) When the vehicle stops its backward motion, apply minimum pressure to the accelerator again. Repeat these actions in rapid succession until the vehicle rolls free.

6) If others are available to help, have them push to assist the car's rocking motion. People pushing the vehicle should not stand directly behind the wheels because of the risks of flying gravel, sand and ice.

7) If you are unable to free your vehicle, set up reflectors, flares or other signal devices to alert passing motorists.

8) If you stay in your car, tie a bright cloth to your antenna to alert rescuers. If you run the engine for warmth, make sure snow does not block the exhaust pipe, which could cause dangerous fumes to back up inside the car.

9) If you can leave your vehicle and reach shelter safely, contact your local AAA auto club for assistance. AAA members can request roadside assistance by contacting their club or visiting www.AAA.com online.

## Technology

(NU) - More than 80 percent of online Americans haven't taken the appropriate computer protection measures and are at risk for online criminal activity or virus and spyware problems, according to the 2005 Online Safety Study. To stay safe, consider subscribing to an all-in-one PC care service such as Microsoft Windows Live OneCare. It helps protect and maintain your computer with automatic updates of anti-virus software, routine maintenance and backup features. You can download Windows Live OneCare at http://onecare.live.com.



The month of April gets its name from the Latin aperire, meaning "to open," as do the flower buds that month.

## STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

February 20, 2007

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2007. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Greg Wright, Steve Hays, Barney Willborn and DeWain Traylor.

Guests present: Misti McBryde, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward, Dinah Horsford, Lynette Kautz, John David McPherson and Ronna Riffe.

Mr. Haynes led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland introduced John David McPherson of First Financial and Ronna Riffe, SBDM President.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition.

1. The following members of the Elk football team were named to the Texas Sports Writers All State Team: 1st Team Offensive Guard - Martin Beltran 2nd Team Defensive Lineman - Julio Ramirez 3rd Team Defensive Lineman - Sandro Gomez Honorable Mention Linebacker - Jonathon Licon Honorable Mention Running Back - Craig Kautz Congratulations to these athletes.

2. Hunter Buckles was selected as the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Football Player of the Month for December.

3. The Sherman County Stock Show was held on January 26th & 27th. The following exhibitors received top honors. Lambs Grand Champion - LaRissa Luna Reserve Grand Champion - LaRissa Luna Sr. Showmanship - LaRissa Luna Goats

Grand Champion - Rowdy Lermon Reserve Grand Champion - Ransom Lermon Jr. Showmanship - Ransom Lermon Swine

Grand Champion - Grayson Gonzales Reserve Grand Champion - Craig Kautz Jr. Showmanship - Ransom Lermon

ST. Showmanship - Cody Harbour

Steers

Grand Champion - Clayton Johnson Reserve Grand Champion - Jordan Johnson

Heifers

Grand Champion - Braiden Hamilton Reserve Grand Champion - Braiden Hamilton

Beef Showmanship

Jr. - Jordan Johnson Sr. - Rustin Russell

4. Jake Lawrence and Jayton Lawrence were selected to the All Region Band. Congratulation to these band members.

5. The Junior High Solo/Ensemble contest was held Friday, February 2nd. Derek Vasquez and Catheryn Arisano both received 1's. The Junior High band is under the direction of Randy Hunsaker and Katheryn Smith.

6. The Fort Worth stock show was held January 29 - February 2nd. The following exhibitors placed at the show. Jordan Johnson - 7th place - Steer Kyle Horsford - 1st place - White OPB Scott Hudson - 3rd place - Cross Jacob Edmond - 10th place - Hamp Grayson Gonzales - 11th place - Cross

7. Several students participated in the Hereford Speech Tournament. Austin Riffe placed 6th in poetry and Evan Haile placed 4th in prose and 4th in dramatic. Tanner Riffe broke to the semi-finals in humorous speaking. At the Tascosa Speech Tournament, Evan Haile placed 1st in prose, 3rd in poetry, and 4th in dramatic interpretation. She also won the Marty Kirk Outstanding interpretation award. Austin Riffe placed 2nd in poetry, 4th in prose, and 6th in dramatic interpretation. Tanner Riffe placed 4th in humorous interpretation and Trena Maiwald broke to the semi-finals in impromptu speaking. Other students competing in these tournaments included Luke Haile, Sierra Valenzuela, and Wesley Anderson. Congratulations to these orators. Their speech coach is Terri Teig.

8. Austin Riffe and Evan Haile participated in the School Bus Safety Speech Contest. Evan placed 1st in Regional in her grade level and Austin placed 2nd in Regional in his grade level. Evan will advance to the state contest in Austin. She will have the opportunity to compete for a \$1000.00 scholarship.

9. The High School faculty has started selecting a Student of the Week each week. The winning students are allowed to go to lunch 5 minutes early for the next week. Those elected to this honor were: Jan 15 Luke Haile and Chandra Hawkins

Jan 22 Michael Reinart and Hilda Portillo

Jan 29 James Smith and Evan Haile

Feb 5 Morgan Crabtree and Yamili Guerrero

Feb 12 Eric Burton and Nicole Davis

Congratulations to these students.

10. The Junior High basketball teams competed in the Sunray tournament. The 7th boys, 8th girls and 8th boys all won 1st place. The 7th grade girls were 3rd.

11. Junior High Basketball season was completed on Monday, February 5th. The 8th boys finished the season undefeated and were district champs. The 7th boys were also district champs. Their coaches are Lance Horsford and Mark Keener. The 8th girls finished their season tied for 2nd in the district. Their coaches are ViAnn Reed, Terry Davis and Johnny Hudson.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported that the TAKS tests went well. Tutorials will continue for the 3rd and 4th graders. The staff and students continue preparing for upcoming tests. She reported that the Mary Allen Elementary enrollment.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. The 5th and 7th graders also took the TAKS test today. Junior High track season has begun with their first track meet being on March 2nd & 3rd in Sunray. Mrs. Gilliland will present "Earth Adventure" to the junior high on Friday. This is a huge balloon of the earth that the students will be able to go into and learn about the earth. This project was funded through a grant that Mrs. Gilliland was awarded from the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. The junior high will attend another assembly on Friday, March 2nd. Butch Henry will be the presenter and will talk to the students about the history of the panhandle and will have artifacts that the students will be able to view. He commented on the 8th graders technology projects that they have just finished. They are also working on a Greek mythology project with Mrs. Haile.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. He reported an enrollment of 179. He commended the students that were mentioned in the monthly recognition. He reported that Mrs. Riffe was instrumental in getting the Justo Lamas Concert to come to Amarillo. The Spanish III students have attended the concert in the past. Stratford will serve as the host school and all Spanish I, II, and III students will attend the concert on May 15th at the Amarillo Globe News for Performing Arts Center. All juniors and sophomores took the TAKS test today and the algebra students will take a math benchmark at the end of the week.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent report. He gave the transportation report. The new bus is here. It will replace bus #13 and will be used on route #1. Bus #1 will become the new spare bus. Cost per mile was .620 for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 34.95% and revenue collected at 78.07%. Tax collections are at 97.09%.

Joe Reinart updated all board members on their required continuing education hours.

Discussion was held on the staff development and early release waiver. Mr. Gilliland went over the dates and explained why the SBDM committee chose the dates. TEA requires this waiver. Patti

Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to approve the waiver as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar. The earliest school can

start is August 27, 2007. Discussion was held on the calendar. Steve Hays made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the Section 125 plan (cafeteria plan). Lynette went over the proposals in detail. SEE ATTACHMENT

John David McPherson answered questions that pertained to his company. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the First Financial proposal. Motion carried 7-0.

Greg Wright made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held on the Driver's Ed program. The district will continue to offer this service.

Discussion was held on the XIT Rebate Program. The money received from the rebate program will continue to go to the Stratford ISD Education Foundation.

At 8:45 PM the board adjourned into executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074.

At 9:55 PM, the board adjourned into regular session.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to extend the contract of High School Principal Steve Haynes through the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Hays made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to extend the contract of Junior High Principal Clint Seward through the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

DeWain Traylor made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to extend the contract of Elementary Principal Misti McBryde through the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to extend the contract of Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director through the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

DeWain Traylor made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to renew the contract of Special Ed Coordinator Jessica Sutterfield. Motion carried 7-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to renew the contract of Counselor Tiffany Confer. Motion carried 7-0.

An update was given on the construction project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 10:05 PM.

## Gift Ideas

### Time For A New Classic

(NAPS)—The next time you're looking for a timeless gift, you may want to check out a timepiece made famous by a legend.

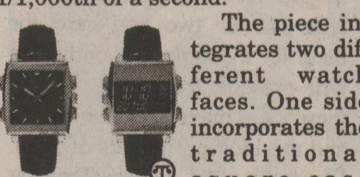
Steve McQueen's film "Le Mans" helped keep the actor a household name, but also changed the face of watches.



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In the movie, McQueen wore a TAG Heuer watch called the Monaco. Now the Swiss watchmaker is putting a new spin on the celebrated classic with some significant innovations.

The Monaco Sixty Nine is the world's first reversible mechanical/digital watch to measure 1/1,000th of a second.



The piece integrates two different watch faces. One side incorporates the traditional square-case Monaco with a black sunray dial. On the reverse side, the Micro-timer displays time digitally in a different time zone and features best lap mode, which can record up to 80 racing laps and rank them by the best times.



The Dallas Cowboys have played in the Super Bowl more times than any other team. In their eight appearances, the Cowboys have won five times and lost three.

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And did you get what you wanted in this life even so? I did. And what is it you wanted? To call myself beloved. To feel myself beloved on the earth.

—Raymond Carver

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1. Step on a Crack by James Patterson
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6. Alexandria Link by Steve Berry
7. Cross by James Patterson
8. Hannibal Rising by Thomas Harris
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18. Dear John by Nicholas Sparks
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20. Bad Blood by Linda Fairstein
21. Dust by Martha Grimes
22. The Suspect by John Lescroart
23. Memory, Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
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1. The Innocent Man by John Grisham
2. Marley & Me by John Grogan
- 3.1 Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron
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5. The Life and Times of Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
6. The Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage by Laura C. Schlessinger
7. Your Best Life Now by Joel Osteen
8. The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier
9. The Freedom Writers Diary by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell
10. Night by Elie Wiesel

11. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
  12. Manhunt by James L. Swanson
  13. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
  14. The Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage by Laura C. Schlessinger
  15. Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns
  16. The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
  17. Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom
  18. City of Falling Angels by John Berendt
  19. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki
  20. The South Beach Diet by Arthur Agatston
  21. 1,000 Places To See Before You Die by Patricia Schultz
  22. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey
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## Stratford Middle School 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks "A" Honor Roll

### 5th grade

Nathan Bennett  
Kathryn Brooks  
Preston Burr  
Ellie Daniels  
Janette Daniels  
Madeline Drake  
Hunter Everett  
Ricky Garay  
Ben Gilliland  
Jaqueline Gonzalez  
Boston Hudson  
Carter Hudson  
Citlaly Soto  
Mary Ann Spurlock  
Selina Terrazas  
Carlos Trejo  
Mazie Vincent

### 6th grade

Shyanne Acker  
Alex Asher  
Meghan Brooks  
Alex Chavoya  
Christian Confer  
Grayson Gonzalez  
Terra Harris  
Elizabeth Reyes  
Haydee Rojas  
Kenny Ruiz  
Itzel Salcido  
Tyler Seward  
Ethan Shields  
M'Lynn Wells

### 7th grade

Marcos Garza  
Mark Hand  
Braden Hudson  
Kavan Killian  
Ramsom Lermon  
Tori McGinnis  
Justin Mungia  
Braiden Palmer  
Perla Reta  
Tori Rouse  
Jesus Ruedas  
Gabriel Tarango

### 8th grade

Catheryn Arisano  
Carlos Armendariz  
Heidi Brooks  
Matthew Chaffee  
Brianda Chavoya  
Lindi Confer  
Bryce Cummings  
Keevan Eldridge  
Chris Hart  
Kyle Horsford  
Kimberly Melton  
Taylor Melton  
Stephanie Molina  
Eduardo Niave  
Miranda Olivas  
Michael Ortega  
Tyler Wright

## HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—Today's intrauterine contraceptives work for up to five years and are 99.9 percent effective. One called Mirena may be a good option for many women. Check with your doctor to see if it's right for you. For more information, go to [www.mirena-us.com](http://www.mirena-us.com).

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"When you smoke, nicotine binds to certain parts of your brain. This causes a good feeling," says Dr. Robert Anthenelli, associate professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "When you stop smoking, your brain no longer gets nicotine. Then you have craving and withdrawal symptoms." If you want to quit smoking, talk to your doctor about the best way, Dr. Anthenelli advises.

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Weight is not the only indicator of health. For more information, check out the Women Talk survey



or the National Women's Health Report. Both are available at [www.healthywomen.org](http://www.healthywomen.org) or by calling (877) 986-9472.

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If you're planning to have a family in the future, learn the facts about your fertility and factor them into your planning. For more information on fertility facts for men and women, talk with your doctor and visit [www.FertilityJourney.com](http://www.FertilityJourney.com).