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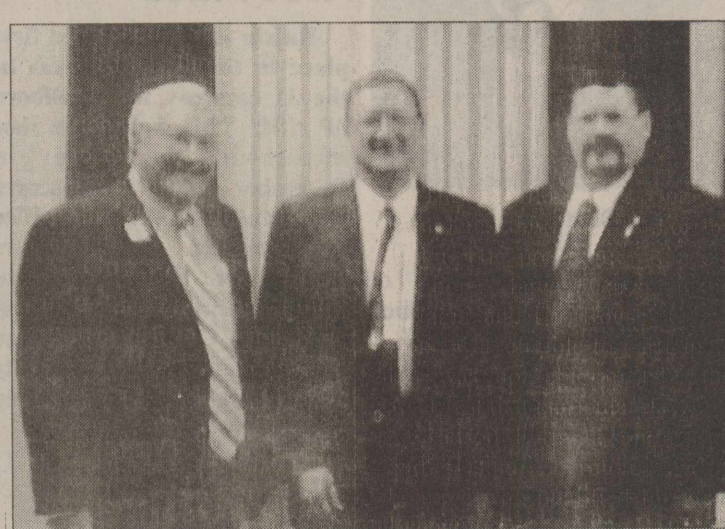
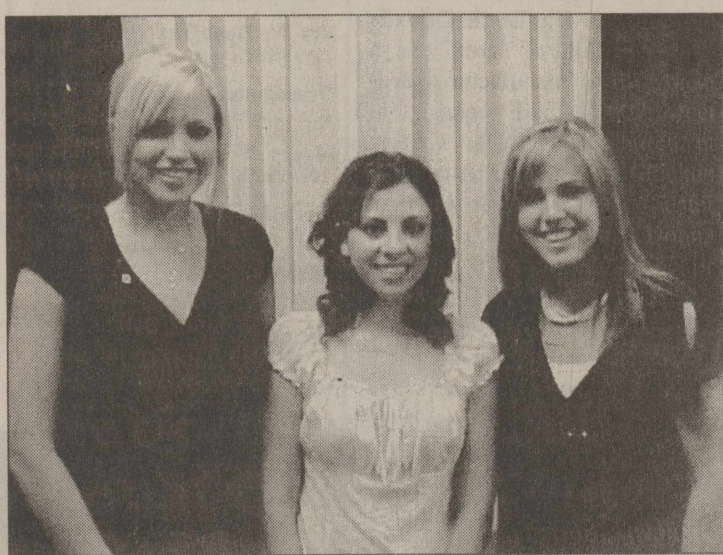
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## April 2007 Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

Mayor David Brown signed a proclamation proclaiming April 2007 as Stratford's Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The City of Stratford prides itself on giving back to the Community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens. CASA 69, Inc. speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts. More than 100 children in the Stratford area suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year and Stratford community members are encouraged to join together to raise awareness throughout the month of April for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect. This effort will give abused and neglected children in our community and around the country, a chance for a safe and positive future. In this city, and in doing so, we urge all citizens to join in an effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect. Shown with Mayor Brown are Duane Pittman and Ronnie Brooks, CASA Board members.

Merilee McDaniel, Margarita Rocha and Kristen Crabtree.

## Stratford Lion's Club Annual Queen's Contest

On Monday Stratford Lion's Club held their annual Queen's Contest. Stratford Lions and their spouses were also honored to have Lion's Club District Governor Gayle Cotton and Vice Governor Bob Langhorne as guests. Altogether 28 people were in attendance. Merilee McDaniel is current Queen, Kristen Crabtree will be the 2007-2008 Queen and Margarita Rocha will serve as the 2008-2009 Queen. Merilee will be traveling to Hereford for the District 2-T1 Convention and Queen's Contest April 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Each Queen will receive a \$500.00 Scholarship to the college of their choice from the Stratford Lion's Club.

Awards will be given to the students from Stratford schools that placed in our Coloring, and Poster contests.

The District is very pleased to announce that this year's speaker will be United States Representative Mac Thornberry. The Congressman's roots run deep in the Texas Panhandle. His family has been ranching in this region since 1881, first in the Wichita Falls area and then near Clarendon, where Rep. Thornberry was born. He grew up on the family ranch in Donley

County and is still involved in the cattle business with his brothers. Rep. Thornberry is one of the few Members of Congress personally involved in agriculture. He has

long been interested in politics, writing even as a teenager to Senators Tower and Bentsen about property rights of farmers and ranchers. Today, as the U.S. Representative for the 13th district of Texas, an area bigger than 13 states he continues to fight for property rights. He is also involved in other issues important to the area, such as

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## Red Hatters To Meet April 5th

Red Hatters will meet Thursday, April 5, 2007. Meet at First Christian Church at 5:30 p.m., to go to the Chicken Ranch Wear your Easter Bonnet. RSVP to Donna Gillenwaters at 727-4337 or 338-2254

## Justo Lamas Comes to Amarillo

The Stratford Education Foundation and the Stratford High School Spanish classes will host Justo Lamas in concert at the Globe News Center in Amarillo on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:30.

Justo Lamas is a pop music star from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He writes songs and performs concerts for American students studying Spanish around the U.S. By engaging students in singing and dancing, the concert is a wonderful extension of the foreign language classroom. The students spend time prior to the concert learning the songs in class, and there are many opportunities for audience participation during the concert. Justo and his wife Eva are exemplary role models and have a great message for young people.

High school Spanish teacher Ronna Riffe, through a grant awarded by the Stratford Education Foundation, is bringing Justo to the Amarillo area. All students enrolled in a Spanish class this year will be able to

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## Seventh Grade Students Participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program

The Duke University Talent Identification Program, also known as Duke TIP, was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to the cultivation and education of talented youth. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Search identifies academically talented 7<sup>th</sup> graders based on standardized test scores (TAKS) achieved while attending elementary or middle school.

The candidates are then invited to complete the ACT Assessment College Entrance examination. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities. The goal is to assist young people with excellent mathematical or verbal aptitude.

The following students completed the ACT test for the Duke TIP program: Ransom Lermon, Marcos Garza, Justin Mungia, and Tori Rouse. (Mark Hand was eligible to participate but was not able to take the ACT test that particular day.)

Ransom Lermon, son of Ray and Tammi Lermon, is an honoree who qualified for State Recognition. A student qualifying for State Recognition scored in the top 25% of the Talent Search pool. Ransom has been invited to a special recognition ceremony held at a university in Texas where he will receive a medallion embossed with the TIP logo.

Way to go Ransom!

For information of this or any other programs for the gifted and talented students at Stratford ISD, please contact Jessica Sutterfield, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, at 366-3324.

## PRE - KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2007-2008, beginning on April 11, 2007. Please come to the Mary Allen Elementary from 9:00 - 12:00 to register. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record. To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2007 and is:

- \*unable to speak or understand the English language
- \*educationally disadvantaged
- \*homeless
- \*Active duty of Military

If you are unable to attend on the 11<sup>th</sup>, registration will continue at the MAE during school hours.

## 2007 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces it's Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for April 13, 2007. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will be having a catered lunch of sirloin and sausage served at 12:00.



## Farmers Appreciation Luncheon

On Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Allen Insurance hosted a Farmers Appreciation Luncheon at the County Barn. The folks that came enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of door prizes were given out. Doug McBryde was the big winner with a \$150.00 -diesel Bain Tire Company and \$150.00 Brooks Motor. Shown above Joanie Ivy, Joyce McBryde and Doug McBryde. Crop & Hail Season is here!



Hosting the Farmers Appreciation Luncheon Diane Coaly, Joanie Ivy and Patty Melton.

# Happy Easter

## Wells Places 8th

M'Lynn Wells, our County Champ was 8<sup>th</sup> at the Globe News Spelling Bee Saturday in Amarillo. She was one of the younger ones. She is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, competing ages 6-8 grades.

## SHERMAN COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help. On the night of March 8, 2007 a person or persons committed the crime of Criminal Mischief by vandalizing the vacant residence at 608 N. Wall, Stratford.

Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000.00 in cash for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved. If you have any information on these or any other crimes contact the Crimestoppers answering machine at 366-TIPS (8477) and leave a code name and return phone number or call the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Stratford Police Dept at 366-3051. All callers will remain anonymous.

## 2008 STEER EXHIBITOR NEWS

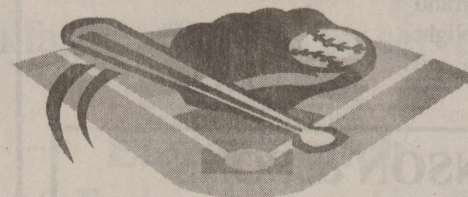
By Susie Spurlock

4-H members planning on exhibiting steers at 2008 winter shows need to place their order for steer validation tags through the Sherman County Extension Office. Tags are \$7.00 each and must be pre-paid before ordering. Orders must be received in the Extension Office by 12 Noon on Friday, April 20, 2007.

Please make a note of this information and share with others who may be planning to show a steer in 2008.

**Public Notice**  
Now that the weather is getting better, its time to do some spring cleaning at the cemetery. If you have old flowers or items on graves at the cemetery left from the winter, please remove them and place them in the dumpster at the cemetery. Please feel free to replace them with new ones. If you have toys or crockery or other items of glass or metal on graves, please remove them as well. This will prevent them from becoming flying objects when the lawnmowers and weed trimmers are in use. The city has completed the weed spraying and the annual clean-up day will be announced soon. Now is the time to start getting your plots cleaned up. Thanks for your cooperation.

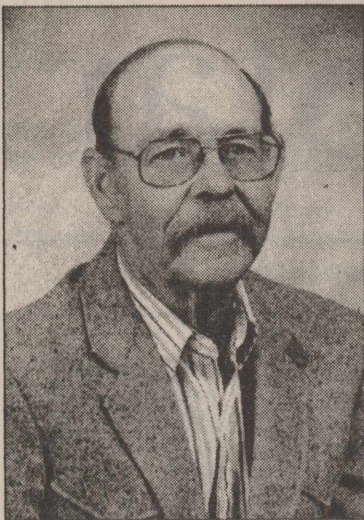
## Stratford Youth Baseball Association Registration Night



Tuesday, April 10th  
Stratford H.S. Library  
5:30 - 7:00

Fees are due at the time of registration.

## OBITS



Hoy Benton Harrison

Hoy B. Harrison, 67, of Stratford, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, in Amarillo.

Memorial Services were held Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 10:00 AM in First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas.

Mr. Harrison was born June 28, 1939, in Perryton, TX to Homer Ernest and Martha Elizabeth Blackburn Harrison. He served as Tax Assessor-Collector/Business Manager for the Stratford School District from 1962 - 1967, at which time he moved his family to Lubbock where he received a Masters Degree in Agronomy. In October 1969, they moved from Lubbock to Jena, LA where he worked as a herbicide specialist. The family returned to Stratford in January 1971 to farm and ranch. Mr. Harrison was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stratford.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John & Jay Harrison.

Survivors include: one son, Brian Harrison of Stratford; two daughters, Billie Osborne and husband, Russell of Pampa and Kristi Griffith of Amarillo; a sister, Jean Turner of Stratford; one brother, Henry Harrison and wife, Dorene of Stratford and three grandchildren, Cager, Georgie Sue and Poppi.

There was a family visitation in the fellowship hall of the church following the memorial service.

The family requests memorials to The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

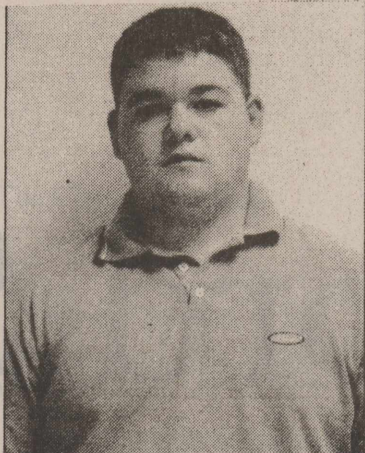
Gary Wayne Powers

Gary Wayne Powers Passed away Thursday February 8, 2007 In Amarillo Texas at the age of 59.

He was born in Erick Oklahoma on February 2 1948 To Berry Layfette and Millie Ann Miller Powers. Memorial services were held at 10:00 am Sunday February 25, 2007.

Wayne is survived by his mother Millie Powers and three sisters Peggy Ann Powers Stewart, Betty Jean Powers Stubbs, Norma Ruth Powers Saxon. Children Matthew Wayne Powers, Michael Wayne Powers, Joy Lyn Powers Aro, Jason Swin Powers, Candance Powers Tatum, Berry Lee Powers, Samuel Kent Powers. Grand children are Melody Lorraine Powers- Matt and Lorraines child Cameron (Camey) Corin Powers, Michael and Lori Powers, Devan Nichole Aro Powers, Timmie Marijo Ravan Aro, Arron Powers, Jason Powers, Aubrey and Tatum.

Wayne was a cowboy & worked in feed lots, and a boot maker. His shops were in Texhoma, Elkhart Kansas, & Dalhart Texas He rode the cliff mountains in and around Grand Junction, Colorado & was Night watchman in Erick Oklahoma



### Rustin Receives First Place

Rustin Russell received first place in the state of Texas in the J1 category for smallbore 3P rifle. This match was shot throughout the state in December 2006 and scores were sent in to the state office and compiled. Shooters were notified of the placings in March. Rustin is the son of Lem and Cindy Russell and will be attending the University of Memphis on a shooting scholarship next fall.

### CHILDFIND "ROUND-UP"

Stratford ISD is hosting a childfind "Round-Up" for children birth to age 4. The "Round-up" is an early identification collaboration between ECI (Early Childhood Intervention) and the local school district.

The free "Round-Up" will include a hearing and vision screen, gross and fine motor skills screen, speech development screen, and a cognitive abilities screen. Translators will be available.

The "Round-Up" will be Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00 at the Mary Allen Elementary school. It is open for children ages birth to 4. For birth to 3 year olds please contact Jessica Sutterfield, Diagnostician at 366-3324 to schedule an appointment.

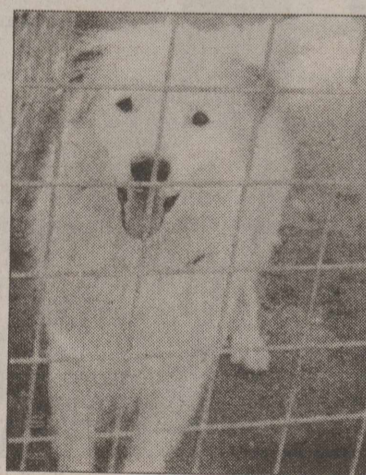
### Hallazgo de niños

La escuela de Stratford esta anfitriónando un evento de "Hallazgo de Niños". Es para niños recién nacidos hasta la edad de 4 años. Este evento es la colaboración entre ECI (la intervención temprana de niños) y el distrito local de la escuela.

Esto sera gratis y incluye exámenes de la vision, oído y las habilidades físicas. Para su conveniencia traductores estaran disponibles.

Este evento se llevara acabo el miercoles, 11 de abril de las 9:00-12:00 a.m. en la escuela primaria y sera para niños recién nacidos a 4 años. Por favor hable con Jessica Sutterfield para hacer cita para niños menos de 4 años. Hable al 366-3324.

### 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.

Editors' Note: Cece Yelek wanted to share this with our readers. It is out of Guidepost magazine

Your church just hosted a successful fund raiser. Dozens of folks turned out to lend a hand and refreshments were served. What to do with all those empty pop bottles? Don't pitch 'em. Join the Bottle Brigade, a nationwide recycling campaign. Churches, schools and other organizations can earn five cents for each bottle- or they can opt to help save a square meter of the rain forest through the Nature Conservancy. The Bottle Brigade is the brainchild of TerraCycle, a company that manufactures eco-friendly plant food packaged in recycled soda bottles. Getting started is a snap. Sign up on their website, and TerraCycle will mail you four postage paid collection boxes (each holds 70 bottles). What about used TerraCycle bottles? The company takes those too- for up to fifteen cents each. "This program was started to give back to communities," says Terra Cycle Co-founder Tom Szaky. It's a great way to involve kids with recycling. Since its inception a year ago the Bottle Brigade has rescued 1.8 million bottles from ending up in landfills and saved 22,000square feet of rainforest. To learn more, visit terracycle.net/bb. Nicole Lorimer, Editorial Assistant at Guideposts



Guymon, Okla  
Movies Beginning April 6

Amazing Grace  
PG Ioan Gruffold

Firehouse Dog  
PG Josh Hutcherson

Are We Done Yet?  
PG Ice Cube

Grindhouse  
R Kurt Russell Zoe Bell

Blades of Glory  
PG-13 Will Ferrell Jon Heder

Meet the Robinsons  
G Animated

TMNT  
PG Ninja Turtles

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### Outstanding Clubwoman

Laurie Spurlock was named Top of Texas Outstanding Clubwoman at the recent meeting held in Dumas. She was recognized for her devotion to family, church, Scouts, Imagination Station, and GFWC/Prospectus Study Club. Others attending the meeting were Cindy Jackson, Margaret Reed, And Marty Bain. Shown above with Laurie is her daughter Mary Beth.

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## Reward Yourself

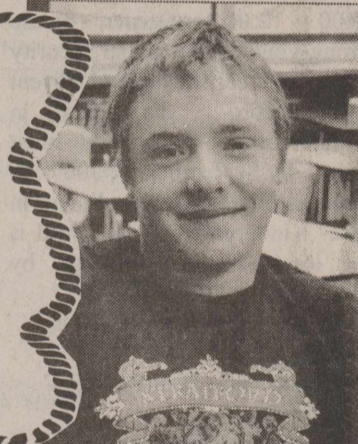
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### GET 'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK JAKE LAWRANCE

Jake is a member of the Elk Football and Golf teams. Jake is a member of the Big Blue Band  
For more details see  
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## Modern Woodman Lends a Hand

Local Modern Woodman of America recently put their hands where their hearts are. On March 28, 2007, members of the Stratford Modern Woodman Camp worked together to clean up Raymond Green's yard. The project was part of the organization's Good Neighbor Program, a nationwide program that gives Modern Woodman camps across the country money for hands-on repair and community beautification projects. Nearly 500 such projects benefit communities in the United States. At Mr. Green's home, the camp cut out broken limbs from a tree, cut out growth near the house, mowed, removed debris and tumbleweeds from around the house and planted some pansies out front. We all had a wonderful time and enjoyed being sprinkled on. Mr. Green even came out and visited with us as we worked. "As a member-based, fraternal organization, Modern Woodman strives to give families opportunities to volunteer and enhance their communities," says Laurie Spurlock, local Modern Woodman camp secretary. "Our Good Neighbors Program does both."

Shown above Sandy Williams and Nikie Berry working hard.

## Births

Rhea and Keely Chumley, of Dumas, announce the birth of their daughter Haskell Bell Chumley, who was born on March 13, 2007. Haskell weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Howard and Valerie Naugle and Dick and Barbara Chumley, all of Stratford. Great-grandparents are Leonard and Martha Duncan, and Ruth Naugle, all of Stratford and Alpha Chumley of Dalhart. Great-great grandmother is Helen Carthel of Rio Rancho, NM.

### Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

There will be a community dinner on Easter at 1 p.m. If you have no other plans, bring a dish (please put some food in it!) and join in the visiting and feasting. It's been quite a while since the last gathering. Easter is slipping up (April 8).

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agriculture, energy production and health care. Rep. Thornberry is one of the nation's leaders in efforts to strengthen our national security. His is a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee and serves, as the Top Republican on the Terrorism, Unconventional Threats, and Capabilities Subcommittee. He also serves on the House Intelligence Committee. He and his wife Sally, also a native Texan, have two teenage children.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember - there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by April 6, 2007.

ROGER WELLS  
SCOTT BUCKLES  
TOM MOORE  
TOMMY SANGSTER  
MARK HARTMAN

## WATER ON THE ROAD: TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States. For the past 30 years, the national average for deaths during floods has been 127 each year. In Texas, the death toll from floods averages 15 victims per year. Nearly half of all flood fatalities are vehicle-related and the majority of victims are males, according to the National Weather Service.

The National Weather Service and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management are urging people to learn the dangers of driving into flooded roadways because drivers often underestimate the power of floodwater. These are the facts:

Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger

cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.

Twelve inches of water will float many cars.

Two feet of rushing water" will carry off pick-up trucks, SUVs and most other vehicles.

Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge. Roads weaken under floodwater and drivers should proceed cautiously after waters have receded, since the road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.

NWS and GDEM officials also

say that if your car or truck stalls in floodwater, the best advice is to get out quickly and move to higher ground. Better yet, when there's water on the road: **Turn Around, Don't Drown.** Saving your life is a simple as choosing an alternate route.

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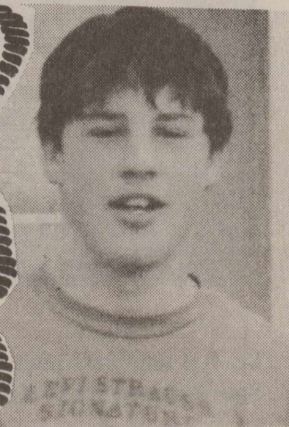
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attend the concert and meet Justo. There is also a "Justo Team" made up of students who will help Mrs. Riffe with all the arrangements before, during, and after the concert. Members of the "Justo Team" will also be performing a dance on stage with Justo to a song entitled "Baila Conmigo" or "Dance With Me." This event is a very exciting and special opportunity for the

students of Stratford High and all schools in the Texas Panhandle. To learn more about Justo, visit his website at [www.justolamas.com](http://www.justolamas.com). For more concert information, contact Ronna Riffe.

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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  
Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm  
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## The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Take Time to Pray

*A few moments in the morning  
Will put a blessing on your day  
And you will find Him helping  
Your problems on the way.  
Don't ever be too busy  
To Talk to Him a while  
And you will find you're facing  
Each problem with a smile.  
Don't let the cares of this world  
Steal your joy from you  
By keeping you too busy  
To see what prayer can do.  
Some moments in the morning  
Before the start of day,  
A special time at noon  
Before you're on the way,  
And at the close of day  
Thank him for everything  
That for you He's provided—  
A peace to you He'll bring  
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With joy as your reward*

Helen Gleason

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### Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer

Pastor Roberto Frescas  
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

## Coon Memorial Hospital Home Care

### Hospice Volunteer Training

We are proud to announce the addition of Hospice Care for the terminally ill to our service offering.

Volunteers are essential to Hospice Care. Training classes are being provided every Thursday night beginning April 19th through May 10th from 6 to 9 pm. Supper is provided.

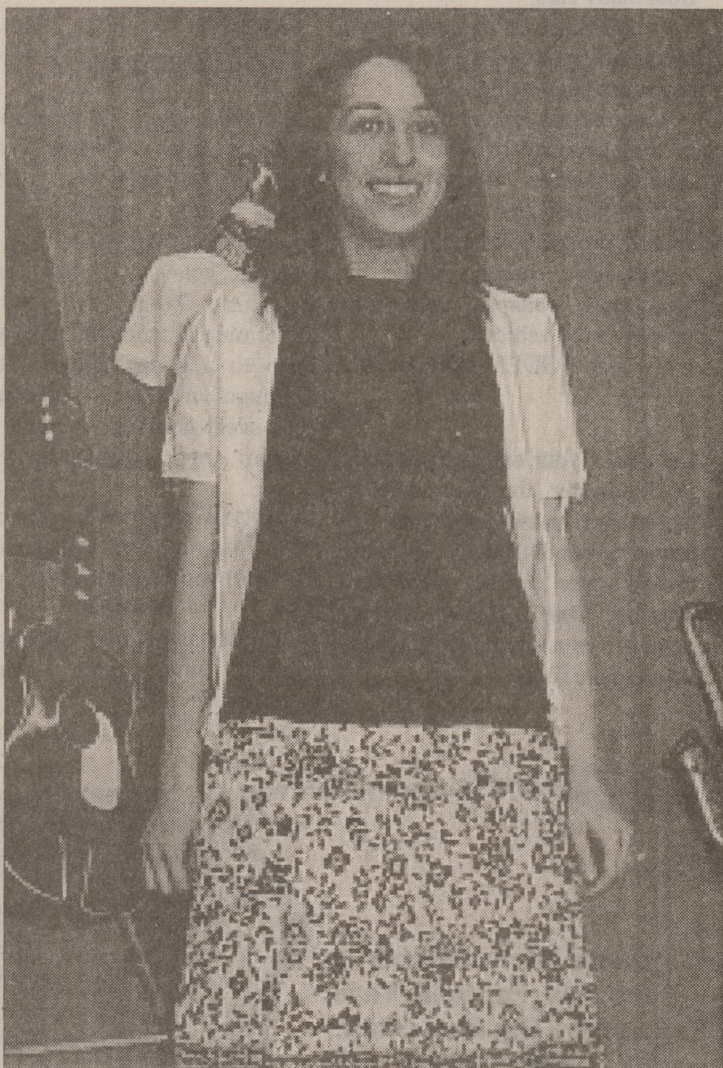
- Session 1: Overview of Hospice Care
- Session 2: Medical Aspects of Hospice Care
- Session 3: Stages of Grief  
Family Dynamics  
Roles of the Volunteer
- Session 4: Spiritual needs of the Hospice Patient  
Caring for the Patients' Family after Death

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Sr. 4-H members participating in the Fashion Show were Jennie Spurlock and Katie Killian. Shown above and below.



Jr. 4-H members participating in the 2007 Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show were Desinya Garza, Jacie Seward, Mary Ann Spurlock and Landry Davis.

**WINNERS NAMED AT 4-H FASHION SHOW**  
By Susie Spurlock

Six Sherman County 4-H clothing project members competed in the county 4-H Fashion Show held March 26th in Stratford.

Participants were Mary Ann Spurlock, Desinya Garza, Jacie Seward, Landry Davis, Katie Killian, and Jennie Spurlock.

The Fashion Show teaches youth self confidence in modeling, clothing construction and care skills, buying skills, textiles, fibers, and fabrics, and self-expression through clothing. Jeanie Bennett, Shanda Davis, Connie Burton, Cindy Russell, Reyna Everett, Jean Everett, and Jill Killian served as adult volunteer leaders for the project assisted by project member's parents under the direction of the Texas Cooperative Extension. Teen leaders for the project were Jennie Spurlock, Katie Killian,

Eric Burton, and Sunny Russell.

Selected to represent Sherman County at the District 1 4-H Fashion Show to be held April 21 at Sanford-Fritch High School will be: Jennie Spurlock, Senior-Buying Casual Daywear; Katie Killian -Senior Construction Dressy Daywear. Junior qualifiers Mary Ann Spurlock, Construction - Casual Daywear, and Desinya Garza, Construction - Dressy Daywear. Jacie Seward was alternate winner in the Junior Construction-Casual Daywear while Landry Davis received third place in that category.

Best models at the county show were Desinya Garza, Junior and Jennie Spurlock, Senior. Judges for the Fashion Show were Kandy McWhorter of Dumas and Yvonne Pittman of Stratford.

Awards for the Fashion Show were provided by the Sherman County 4-H Parent-Leaders Association and the Sherman County Family and Community Education Council.

**Rush Information Meeting To Be Held**

The Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association will host a Rush for Recruitment Information Meeting on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the library of Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 2525 Wimberly, in Amarillo. Guests should enter through the door located adjacent to the church's south parking lot.

All Panhandle-area high school senior women and college undergraduates who are interested in going through college recruitment for membership in any national sorority should attend this meeting to receive information about rush packets and deadlines. Mothers of the senior women and college undergraduates are also invited to attend with their daughters. A short discussion about college recruitment, formerly known as "rush", will be part of the meeting.

The Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic Association is a community-based organization, affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference, whose membership is composed of representative alumnae from eleven NPC member group sororities. The purpose of the Amarillo Alumnae Panhellenic is to inform sorority women about current trends, to promote the Panhellenic image, and to stimulate a continuing interest in Panhellenic affairs.

For more information, please call Janis Alexander Cross at 352-3767 or Cindy Kelleher at 358-4880.

**Beauty**

(NU) - Injectable dermal fillers are becoming a popular, affordable option for smoothing wrinkles and restoring a more youthful appearance. New on the market is Radiesse, a next-generation cosmetic dermal filler recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the long-lasting correction of moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds. The product offers immediate results with cosmetic benefits that last about 12 months or longer, without surgery, downtime or the risks associated with permanent implants. These longer-lasting effects amount to more value for the patient, doctors say. For more information, visit [www.radiesse.com](http://www.radiesse.com).

**New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library**  
By Librarian-Sandy Baskin

- Fiction**
1. Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
  2. Daddy's Girl by Lisa Scottoloni
  3. Whitethorn Woods by Maeve Binchey
  4. Step on a Crack by James Patterson
  5. Sisters by Danielle Steel
  6. The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
  7. The Watchman by Robert Crais
  8. For One More Day by Mitch Albom
  9. Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
  10. Alexandria Link by Steve Berry
  11. Plum Lovin' by Janet Evanovich
  12. Dry Ice by Stephen White
  13. Bolyeyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory
  14. Cross by James Patterson
  15. The Fifth Vial by Michael Palmer
  16. Dear John by Nicholas Sparks
  17. Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
  18. The Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
  1. In An Instant by Lee and Bob Woodruff
  2. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
  3. I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron
  4. The Innocent Man by John Grisham
  5. Marley & Me by John Grogan
  6. The World Is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman
  7. The Long Road Home by Martha Raddatz
  8. Born on a Blue Day by Daniel Tammet
  9. Who Moved My Cheese by Spencer Johnson
  10. The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier
  11. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
  12. Night by Elie Wiesel
  13. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
  14. The Freedom Writers Diary by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell

15. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki  
16. The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren  
17. The South Beach Diet by Arthur Agatston  
18. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey

To check the availability of these items go to [www.hcl-lib.org/stratford/index.html](http://www.hcl-lib.org/stratford/index.html). Next click on "Search the catalog" and search Sherman County Library. Call 366-2200 and we will be happy to place a hold on the item for you.

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**Electric rate settlement calls for slight increase while offering improved customer service**

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy and key customer groups in Texas have resolved Xcel Energy's 2006 Texas rate case and negotiated a new retail base rate that calls for a 3 percent overall increase - the first base rate increase in Texas since 1986. The agreement also calls for improved customer service measures.

Xcel Energy requested in May 2006 to increase rates by 6 percent.

The new rate agreement filed Tuesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requests that the rates be effective on an interim basis beginning April 1 until such time as the Commission acts on the settlement. The average residential bill for a customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours a month will rise 3.6 percent, or \$2.90. Some customer groups could see slightly different increases depending on their class of service.

"Our prices are still among the lowest in Texas, and will remain so even after the increase," said David Eves, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company.

The company also agreed to improve streetlight maintenance by stepping up patrols and speeding up the reporting of streetlight outages.

"Through this process we became more aware of areas we needed to improve upon, and I

think we have created opportunities to better serve our customers," Eves said.

To help customers manage costs, Xcel Energy is publicizing energy saving tips through a brochure called "60 Simple Ways" that details simple and mostly inexpensive steps customers can take to boost the efficiency of home appliances. The brochure can be downloaded at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com) or customers may request copies by contacting customer service at 1-800-895-4999.

Xcel Energy will continue to work with customers who need extra time paying bills, and also will continue working with area nonprofit agencies in finding assistance for customers who cannot pay their bills. Customers who need payment arrangements or help in paying bills should contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999.

Xcel Energy (NYSE:XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at [www.xcelenergy.com](http://www.xcelenergy.com)

**You need to have enough immediate profits that you can finance the long-range growth without diluting the stock.**

—Paul Cook

**Of course I'm doing something about my overdraft: I'm seeing my accountant.**

—Barry Fantoni

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## Help Wanted

Help Wanted: Full-time Maintenance & Warehouse Position. Apply at Western Organics, 119 S. Spruce. 3-22-c

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

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

Stratford Family Medical Clinic needs CNA Apply at 1220 Purnell. Hours Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. until 12 noon and 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Fridays 8 a.m. till noon. 4-5-c

A & I Parts in Stratford has a full time position opening for Data entry and Inventory Control. Must have ability to work through issues and maintain accurate data for inventory control. Will work closely with purchasing to maintain data integrity. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and holiday pay. Application can be obtained at 201 N. 2nd in Stratford directly behind post office) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. 4-5-tfn

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has the following opportunities available:  
Accountant  
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Network Operations Support Representative  
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Applications may be picked up at any of our Customer Care Centers. An Equal Opportunity Employer

## For Sale

For Sale: 2000 Ford Mustang, 64,500 miles. Call 806-366-3575 or 753-6123. 4-12-c

For Sale or Lease-Morten Building, 54' x 72' x 16. 396-2305. 6-22-tfn

For Sale: 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS 60,000 miles \$8500.00  
1998 Super cab Ford (Black) Nice pickup \$7,000.  
Call 806-674-3118 and ask for Barry 3-15-tfn  
It's that time of the year-Time to fertilizer. Come to THE General Store for Halts or A-vert for your yard care. 2-15-c

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7-28-tfn

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## Services

Get Your Mower ready for Spring. We carry parts for mowers and weed eaters. Call Travis 396-2512. 4-6-c

## Garage Sales

Giant Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. 1 to? Everything A to Z. His, hers and theirs, any offer considered, 1112 Poplar North 287. 4-5-c

Garage Sale: Saturday, April 7 at 1211 Butler. 9 to? Lots of good stuff! 4-7-c

## For Rent

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished Apt., 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 nights. 1-28-tfn

Pheasant Ridge Apartments  
1319 & 1320 N. Chestnut  
Stratford, Texas  
Two units available  
2 Bedroom  
Newly Repainted  
Unfurnished  
Great for Senior Citizens and HUD Approved  
Call 806-244-3418  
4-5-tfn

## Houses for Sale

House for Sale at 611 N. Maple, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen with new appliances. Lg. fenced yard, single car garage, and large shed. Call Kelly at 366-2207. 3-29-tfn

REDUCED: 3 Bdrm, 1 1/4 bath on large corner lot, 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: 611 N. Chestnut, 3 Bdrm, 1 full bath- 2 1/4 bath, CH/A detached garage, Big back yard with storage building. Close to school 366-2401. 5-5-tfn

For Sale: Country Living, 15 miles from Stratford. 25 from Dalhart, 4000 plus living, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, formal dining, oak flooring, basement, 40 x 50 insulated shop. All rooms extra large. Call 366-3233 for appointment. 3-29-c See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org

House For Sale: 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 2718 Sq. Ft., New Central Air, Large Living Room, Den/Sun room, Gorgeous Rock Fire Place, Storm Cellar, Big Bath Room with Jacuzzi Tub, Amazing Storage, Close to Schools, Call 396-5320 after 5:00. Will show by appointment only. 3-1-tfn

House for Sale: 1214 Division St. Stratford, Texas 1/2 block from Mary Allen Elementary School. Great neighborhood, brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, game room, remodeled-open kitchen to family/dining, central air, rock fireplace with fenced in back yard. Selling for appraised value. Call Carolyn Tarver 210 824 8451, 210 854 8924 or 806 396 5810 8-17-tfn

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER- \$38,710. Owner motivated for quick sale! Bring all offers! 819 N. 2nd St., 2 story stucco house, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 5 lots on corner, has attached garage and 3 detached garages, basement. Call 806-930-8555 for appointment. 11-2-tfn

For Sale: Remodeled 1237 sq. ft. home, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 3 car garage with living area, 90'x140', 516 N. Poplar (806)249-6554 12-30-07

New Listing! House for Sale, 3 bd, 2 bth, HVAC, w/d hookups, 1750 sq. ft. Lg. family room, open tiled kitchen, custom cabinets and island. Huge walk-in closet in master. Additional storage shed in back. 311 S. Pearl, \$59,500. Call 396-2403. 1-4-tfn

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

## Ad Rem Land Co.

803 S. Bliss • Fax: 935-7687  
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E-mail: adrem@adremland.com  
website: www.adremland.com

1214 Butler St.—\$130,000  
3/2/2 The enclosed patio is a perfect 2nd living area or game room/office.  
107 West Texas Ave.—\$140,000  
Commercial Building.  
512 Chestnut—\$43,000  
3/2/1.

## Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board

To report Suspected Child Abuse, call  
Kathie Altman-366-5611  
Paula Everett-966-5445  
Leonda Fedric-368-5992  
Patsy Harland-827-7568  
Belinda Hamilton-827-7728  
Jesse Resendes-366-3134  
Ernie Malwald-366-5546  
Austin Hotline  
1-800-252-5400  
ALL CALLS  
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Mateel Brown, District TEEA Chairman, Janell Reynolds Brock, TEEA Member and Sue Church, Potter County Extension Agent display the quilt, "A Quilter's Garden". The quilt will be raffled on April 12 at the District Texas Extension Education Association Spring Conference.

## QUILT TO BE RAFFLED AT SPRING MEETING

By Susie Spurlock

The Panhandle district Texas Extension Education Association membership is raffling the quilt, A Quilter's Garden on April 12 at the Spring Conference to be held in Dalhart. The quilt is pieced and quilted by Janelle Reynolds Brock a native of the Stratford area. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be obtained from Sherman County Extension Education Association members. "Spring Roundup at the XIT" is the theme of the conference hosted by Dallam, Hartley and Sherman County members. District Judge Ron Enns will be the keynote speaker at the conference addressing Reminiscing Families - What Today's Families Wish For. Other educational workshops will include Rural Health Issues and Cooking for Spares and Pairs.

Scholarship winners will be announced along with winners of the District Cultural Arts Contest. Jean Everett serves as chairman of the Sherman County Extension Education Council.

For more information about the conference and raffle tickets, contact either Jean Everett at 966-5346 or Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Sherman County, Texas Cooperative Extension at 366-2122.

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## Legal Notices

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sherman County is accepting applications for the position of Custodial/Maintenance Person. Applicants should have basic skills in cleaning; grounds maintenance; and minor repairs of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. Complete job description is available in the County Judge's Office. Applicants should mail or deliver applications and/or resumes with references to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge, 701 N 3rd, P O Box 165, Stratford TX 79084. Deadline for accepting applications will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. Sherman County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 29, 2007 and Thursday, April 5, 2007.

## Houses for Sale

206 N. 3rd-79,900.00 3/1,50/1 home. Kit. W/leaving bar & pantry. Living rm. W/fireplace. Mstr. Bdrm. W/letting rm. 1 car garage w/storage & 2 car carport. Storm cellar. Call Lindahl Realty 806-935-7300, 1-866-935-7300  
Approx. 640.7 Acres of land, w/dbl. wide mobile home w/garage \$840,700.00  
Approx. 640.7 acres of land, 1/old abandoned house & Quonset barn- \$840,700.00  
Approx. 640.7 acres of land- \$961,050.00

All acreage has irrigation equipment. All crops and farm equipment will be retained by seller. Seller will sell CRP land.  
1202 N. 5th-\$116,900.00-4/1.75 home. Recently updated. Living Room w/fireplace. Den, Kitchen, wet bar. Mud room. Sewing Room 12 x 15 Corrugated Storage Building, extra lot  
501 N. Poplar-\$45,000.00-Lobby area, 3 offices, 2 baths, shop w/10x12 overhead door. Cinder block building. Call Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 for more details.  
406 N. 8th-Stratford-\$95,000.00 3/1 3/4/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300.  
402 N. 8th-Stratford-\$29,500.00 2/1 Home Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or -1-866-935-7300.  
301 N. Poplar-Stratford-\$275,000.00 60 x 100 Commercial Building Showroom & Office Call: Lindahl Realty (806) 935-7300 or 1-866-935-7300. 9-21-c

### Sherman County Sheriff's Office Notice of Impoundment of Estray

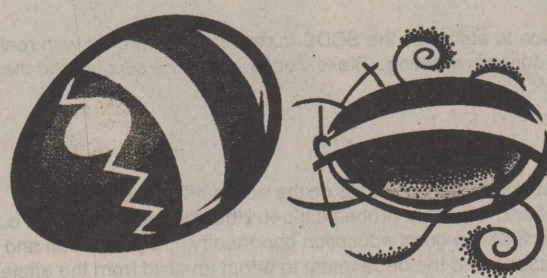
On the 13th Day of March, 2007, I impounded the following estray;  
Kind Bovine  
Breed Mixed  
Color Red baldy with spots under each eye and tipped horns  
Sex Heifer  
Age Yearling  
Size app, 550 lbs  
Brand, earmark or other identifiers  
Red ear tag in the left ear -with L F hand written on the tag, and on the 16th Day of March, 2007, I filed a Notice of estray in the Estray Book of Sherman County, Texas,  
I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Sherman County, Texas for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 12th day of April, 2007, said estray will be sold at public auction at Dalhart, Texas,  
Witness my hand this Sheriff Day of March, 2007.

Sheriff of Sherman County, Texas  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 22, 2007, Thursday, March 29, 2007 and Thursday, April 5, 2007.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Sherman County Commissioners' Court will accept sealed applications to serve as the Depository for County funds and County/District Clerk Registry funds until Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Applications will be opened at that time. The depository contract will be discussed and awarded at the May 8, 2007 meeting of the Sherman County Commissioners' Court. Applications must include a general description of depository services to be provided; service charges; interest rates to be paid on commercial checking and interest bearing checking; interest rates on time deposits of 30, 60, 90,12,180, 360 days and 24 months; and the interest rate to be charged to the county on short-term loans. Applications should be presented to Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge at the Sherman County Courthouse, Room 204, Stratford, Texas 79084. The Public Funds Collateral Act (Article 2529d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) governs the type, level substitution, possession, release, and method of valuation of the security necessary to secure the deposit of public funds. Terri Carter, Sherman County Judge. Published in the Stratford Star, Thursday, March 29, 2007, Thursday, April 5, 2007 and Thursday, April 12, 2007.



## THE ELK JUNCTION

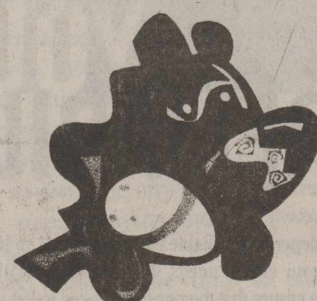
Will Be OPEN

Easter Sunday, April 8

Breakfast Buffet will be served from 8-10:30 a.m.

Easter Lunch

Roast Beef, Turkey & Dressing, Sliced Ham with all the trimmings  
Will be served from 11:00-2:00 p.m.



**The City of Stratford**

December 18, 2006

The City Council met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. on December 18, 2006 at the City Hall at the City of Stratford with the following present:

|                |                |                             |               |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Mayor:         | David Brown    | Interim City Administrator: | Chris Coffman |
| Councilmember: | Nancy Kimball  | Police Chief:               | Larry Penfold |
|                | Blake Confer   | City Attorney:              | Rob Elliot    |
|                | Connie O'Quinn | Municipal Judge:            | Cindy Jackson |
|                | Ernie Maiwald  |                             |               |
|                | Jolie Asher    |                             |               |

Also in attendance were Gina Jones, Kathy Altman, the Honorable Teri Carter, Kathy Allen, Lori Vincent, Duane Mungia, B.A. Donelson, Randy Williams, David Hass, Steve Pemberton, George Harding, and Pat Barnard.

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Kimball. Mayor Brown was not present at the beginning of the meeting.

**2. Approval of the minutes**

Ernie Maiwald made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Connie O'Quinn made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Presentation of the Investment Report.**

Doak Crabtree was unavailable to present the report. The report was distributed to the Council for review.

**4. Conduct a Joint meeting with Sherman County Commissions Court and the Sherman County Development Corporation to discuss and consider action pertaining to housing needs within the City.**

B.A. Donelson made a four point presentation representing the Housing Committee.

1. Encourage private developers to create affordable housing, both ownership and rentals.
  - a. Timeline- now
  - b. Who - SCDC by checking with developers in the county and region for potential participants.
  - c. Chris to call developer in Amarillo to see of his interest in the development.
2. Zoning Updates - including enforcement and annexation considerations.
  - a. Timeline - how
  - b. Who - City Council, by affirmative action approval including reviewing and action needed such as condemnation.
3. Make uninhabited city owned lots available to qualified potential homebuilders by giving the lots to individuals providing they agree to build within a certain time frame and meet building guidelines. (size, type construction, etc.) Also, consider commercial property as well.
  - a. Timeline - 30 days approval of plan and guidelines furnished by SCDC.
  - b. Who - City would vote up or down on guidelines recommended by SCDC at the January meeting
  - c. Rob Elliot will investigate the legalities of the city giving away the property.
4. Develop a Housing Community. Area to include a Recreational Vehicle area, rental area for manufactured housing and an area for ownership of lots for manufactured housing. Recommend the development be city owned and operated. The recommendation was that all three type housing be consolidated into one facility. County would help to install and maintain the streets. Significant issues - overall plan: (1) Funding opportunities to include grants, sales tax and debt. (2) Sewer and land usage. (3) Possible annexation. (4) Timing
  - a. Timeline - 60-90 days for a detailed plan

**The City of Stratford**

- b. Who - City would authorize SCDC to research project with real plan and real numbers.

The project must adhere to the city needs for a sewer system and meet all buffer zone requirements.

Discussion began at this point and Judge Carter expressed to the Council that the Commissioners court would support the project up to a limit. The County is constrained to only provide in-kind service with the city through the existing interlocal agreement. She stated that the county cannot improve private property.

B. A. Donelson stated the Housing Committee is requesting the City to provide the land, infrastructure for the facility and the continued operations and maintenance of the facility. The cost of the facility is yet to be determined but the costs are continuing to increase. Since January of 2006, the costs have increased 20%.

Mayor Pro Tem Kimball asked, "Where is the money for the project going to come from and how the city is going to run it? A private enterprise should provide the facility and if it is not profitable for a private enterprise, why would the city be able to make it profitable?"

B.A. Donelson responded that the city currently owns the land, does not pay taxes on the revenue and could receive grants for the infrastructure. He illustrated from a spreadsheet he had provided that the cost of the investment could be recaptured in approximately 5 to 6 years.

The discussion moved to the seeking of grants for the infrastructure and Lori Vincent can Chris Coffman commented that a grant would take as long as a couple of years.

Councilmember Ernie Maiwald stated that grant funds and not local taxpayer funds should be used for the project.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that the city is exceptionally busy with current projects such as the sewer project, the highway improvement project and the main street project and the city manager search.

Blake Confer asked the committee what is involved with running the proposed park.

B.A. Donelson discussed the park that was in Dalhart and explained that the desire of the committee was to create a quality facility with trees, grass and fences.

Mayor Pro Tem Kimball stated that we should have another location to choose from.

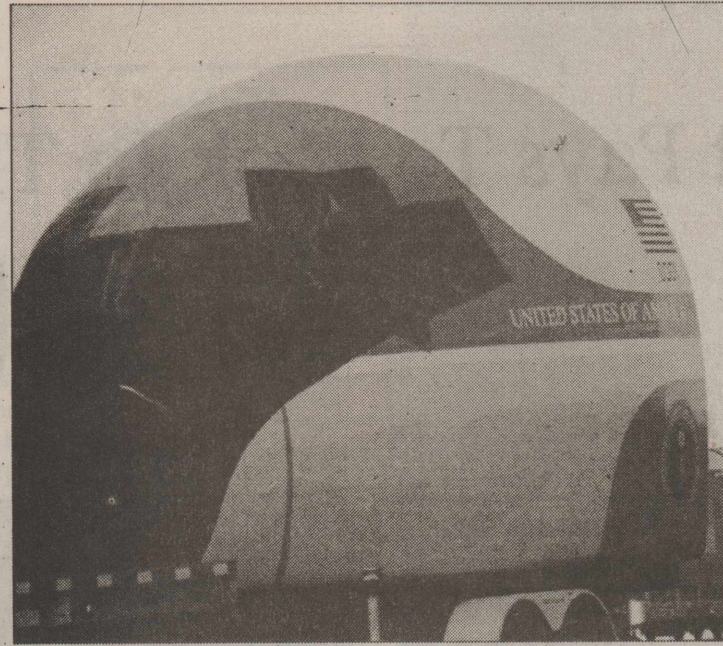
Judge Carter stated that the other locations would require even more sewer expense.

Commissioner Steve Pemberton expressed that he was tired of people leaving the community and we at least need to try and retain them in our area.

Councilmember Jolie Asher made a motion to authorize the SCDC to research the project with real numbers and report to the council at the January meeting. Blake Confer made the second and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**5. Police Report**

Chief Penfold reported on the recent youth pizza party, update on the police officer search, completion of the EMT class by the Chief and Officer, a probable trip to Houston for a statement on a pending investigation, the scheduling of a tobacco grant education opportunity, fire prevention and emergency operations, 52 tickets were issued and the department to adopt a child from the angle tree for Christmas.



Piper Bennett took these photos last week of the Air Force One Simulator. It's a replica of Air Force One which is already at the Pavilion. The simulator is on it's way to Simi Valley, CA. to the Air Force One Pavilion to sit next to the actual Boeing 707, SAM 27000, better known as Air Force One. The simulator also had a suburban escort; it had the Presidential Seal on the doors. You never know what might be passing through Stratford.

**MAC THRONBERRY TO SPEAK AT LOCAL BANQUET**

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that United States Representative Mac Thornberry will be the featured speaker at this year's Stewardship/Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held April 13, 2007 at noon at the Sherman County Barn. Please mark your calendars with the date and time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 for reservations as soon as possible.



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**6. Municipal Report**

Municipal Judge Jackson distributed a written report noting 41 violations for November, received \$8,153 in fines and court costs.

P.R.P.C. City Manager: Chris Coffman discussed the audit, the new Police Department building, and the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The P.R.P.C. report is attached, including a copy of the May invoice.

**7. City Administrator Report**

Interim administrator reported a proposed timeline for the waste water treatment facility and gave an update on the administrator search process. He also reported that a code enforcement letter had been delivered to a citizen to clean up the property in violation.

Mayor Brown entered the meeting and began moderating the meeting at 7:45 pm

**8. Council Business**


- a. Discuss and consider the accounts payable with the exception of the XIT invoices. Councilmember Blake Confer made a motion to approve this item, Councilmember Jolie Asher made the second and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
- b. Discuss and consider the XIT Communications account payable. Councilmember Blake Confer made a motion to approve this item, Councilmember Connie O'Quinn made the second and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
- c. Discuss and consider the November Financial Statements. Councilmember Blake Confer made a motion to approve this item, Councilmember Ernie Maiwald made the second and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
- d. Discuss and consider authorizing the interim City Administrator to negotiate and settle the insurance claim with the Texas Municipal League. Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Kimball made a motion to approve this item, Councilmember Jolie Asher made the second and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.
- e. Discuss and consider the third reading of Ordinance #061019 creating two one way streets. Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Kimball made a motion to approve this item, Councilmember Ernie Maiwald made the second and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

**9. Items from the Council**

**10. Adjourn**  
 The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Mayor David Brown

City Clerk Kathy Rendon



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