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## Scot Hall Receives Donation

The First State Bank of Stratford recently made a donation to Scot Hall. Shown above left to right are Adam Bell, Karen Perrin and Cindy Larance.



## Education Foundation Receives Donation

The First State Bank of Stratford recently made a donation to Stratford Education Foundation Fund. Shown above left to right are Adam Bell, Tim Gilliland and Sherry Phelps.

## Commissioner Steve Pemberton Files for Re-election Precinct 1

The past Three (3) years have been a rewarding challenge and an educational experience. There has been a lot more to being a commissioner than a once a month meeting. Being there for grass fires, snow storms, and to work on equipment has been part of my commissioner experience. Having the knowledge of how to run heavy equipment has been helpful during a few situations.

It has been amazing how time flies and how slow government works. I have over 56 educational hours in county government and have found there is more you can't do than what there is you can.

Living in Sherman county and Stratford for over 30 years and being engaged in farming and ranching has shown me the importance of our roads being in good working order, so farmers can get their crops in and ranchers can tend to their livestock. Living in Stratford it has been a great concern of mine how the city and the county could share each others resources to help everyone.

Commissioner court has always been something to look forward to. We all seem to be on the same page, about how to cut cost and how to bring in other tax dollars in order to take some of the tax burden off of the property owners. It is this commissioner's opinion that we are all here to help the citizens of Sherman County.

Please vote March 4th to reelect Steve Pemberton County Commission Precinct 1 Your vote really does count. (Oh how I know) Or take advantage of early voting in the office of the County Clerk-Feb. 19-29, 2008.

Paid for by Commissioner Steve Pemberton, Precinct 1, Box 1141 Stratford, Texas 79084

## Ag Marketing Meeting January 17

Ag producers and interested allied industry representatives are invited to attend an ag marketing session being offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Sherman County and the Ag Marketing Group. The meeting will be a dutch treat supper at the Elks Junction Restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m., said David Graf, AgriLife Extension agent for ag/natural resources in Sherman County. Reservations are requested to assure adequate seating for everyone.

Amarillo Brokerage will be presenting a program on marketing tools that will assist producers in managing input costs and commodity pricing. They will also offer insight and strategies that producers may want to consider in developing their 2008 marketing plan. Tim Weldon, a member of the Ag Marketing Group states, "This session should provide information producers can use to assist them in managing very strong commodity prices coupled with extremely high input costs".

The Ag Marketing Group was formed as a result of producers serving on the Sherman County Ag Committee, an integral part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

There is no fee for the meeting but interested persons are asked to call the Extension office at 366-2081 for the dutch treat supper.

## THE GENERAL STORE GIVEAWAY HAS FINALE

The Shopping Giveaway winner takes home \$1,000 in merchandise. Stratford Texas - fall just got a little greener for The General Store customer Patricia Tilton.

On November 26, 2007 Tilton was chosen as the winner of the General Store \$1,000 Shopping giveaway Tilton as selected at random from more than fifteen hundred submitted at the store from August 27th through November 16th. Mrs. Tilton said she really didn't think she had a chance to win. She was very happy she did and it came at a good time. She plans to buy fence post for the ranch and let her kids pick what they would like to have. She also commented on how nice and friendly the store is.

Gena Ray Whatley said that The General Store is delighted to provide one of its customers with the opportunity to make their fall projects a little more exciting. "Everyone has a few extra chores this time of year, and we're glad that Patricia Tilton will be able to choose whatever tools she wants to get the job done. We thank all those who entered the giveaway for their participation.

**About The General Store**  
The General Store is located at 515 N. Poplar, and has been serving customers in the Stratford area for many years. The General Store offers a complete line of hardware, plumbing, lumber, house ware supplies for everyone from the do-it-yourself homeowner to the professional.

**Home Do it Best Corp.:**  
Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Do it Best Corp. is the only full-service U.S.-based, member-owned hardware, lumber and building materials buying cooperative in the home improvement industry. With annual sales of \$3 billion, Do it Best Corp. is the second largest co-op in the industry, serving 4,100 member-retailers in the United States and in 46 foreign countries.

## City Asks Drivers to Exercise Care in Cemetery

The City has expressed concern over drivers straying off the paved paths in the Cemetery. According to City Cemetery Supervisor Daryl Salmon, cars are deviating from the paths and have come close to running over graves. "This is very disturbing," said Salmon, "Common concern and dignity regulate that care be given when driving around graves."

According to Salmon, the City has placed T-Posts and other appurtenances around the paths to indicate where driving is allowed, but some of the devices have been run over and destroyed.

The City asked that all persons driving in the cemetery please exercise extreme caution when in the Cemetery. According to Salmon, the City advises all mortuary and monument workers of the requirement.

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The organized person...makes the most of his time and goes to his bed for the night perfectly relaxed for rest and renewal.

—George Matthew Adams

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## EMT Basic Class To Begin Jan. 15

EMT Basic Class will begin on January 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 7 to 11 p.m. Anyone interested contact Jimmy Lanning at 396-2844.

## Presley Fund Set Up At Bank

A medical fund for the son of J.B. & Amanda Presley has been set up at the First State Bank of Stratford. For more information contact the First State Bank 396-5521.

## Volunteer Community Responders Meeting To Be Held

Volunteer Community Responders meeting Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station. New members invited and encouraged!

## 4-H Parent/Leaders Meeting January 10

By Susie Spurlock

The quarterly business meeting of the Sherman County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association will be Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sherman County Extension Office.

The organization is the booster club for the county 4-H program and all parents of 4-H members and volunteer leaders are invited to attend. Business items will include plans for the updates on fall and winter projects, plans for the food concession fund raiser, and plans for spring projects.

For more information, contact either Susie Spurlock or David Graf, Sherman County Extension Agents at 366-2122.



## 4-H Beef Exhibitors for the 2008 County Livestock Show work on showmanship technique with two volunteer leaders

4-H Leaders Lem Russell and Glen Hamilton and 4-Her's Ryhan Burton, Sunny Russell, Braden Hamilton, Kavan Killian and Katie Killian. Not pictured are Blaine Killian, Jill Killian and Extension agent David Graf.

This is a schedule of the weeks' activities.

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Begin arrival of goats, lambs, pigs.  
Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 p.m. Deadline for animals to be in barn.  
4:00 p.m. Begin weigh in of goats, lambs, pigs (in this order)  
Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. Lamb Judging, Lamb Showmanship, followed by Swine Judging, Swine Showmanship.  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m.- Weigh and check-in of steers and heifers  
10:00 a.m.- Meat Goat Judging, Goat Showmanship, followed by Steer Judging, Heifer Judging, Cattle Showmanship  
4:30 p.m.- Buyers Appreciation BBQ  
6:00 p.m.- Premium Sale

## German Sausage for Sale

Craig Kautz has been invited to participate on our state's football team in the Down Under bowl to be held in Australia in the summer of 2008. He will be selling homemade German Sausage for \$4.00 per pound. To place your orders please contact Lynette Kautz at 396-2498 or 366-3302 or Jeff Kautz at 930-0937.

**Elks in Action Performance**  
Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Half-time of Varsity girls games  
Parents: Have your child to the activity gym by 6:15 these days.



Jack A. Inman

Transportation  
News

By Gaynelle Riffe

STRATFORD - Jack A. Inman, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday January 5, 2008 in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 6969 E. Interstate 40, with F.M. Byford, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Jack was born April 14, 1917, in Wilcox, Ariz., to Benjamin and Susan Inman. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II with the National Guard, 36th Division, 142nd Infantry, F Company. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol Inman; and 15 siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; four daughters, Mary Beth Foster, Dana Smith, Susan Evans and Nancy Beauchamp; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of stepchildren and their families.

Stuffed Chicken Breasts  
With White Wine Sauce

- 8 chicken breasts, halved, skinned, boned
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 6 mushrooms, chopped

- ½ c. chopped nuts
- ½ c. chopped, cooked ham
- ½ c. bread crumbs
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 3 or 4 thin orange slices
- Parsley sprig

- White Wine Sauce:
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
  - ½ c. white wine
  - ½ c. butter, melted
  - ½ c. apricot preserves

Pound chicken breasts between 2 pieces of waxed paper to even thickness; set aside. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in skillet; add mushrooms, nuts and ham; stir in bread crumbs.

Salt and pepper breasts, spoon crumb mixture in center of each breast, roll up jelly roll style. Secure with picks. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Spoon white wine sauce over chicken, garnish with orange slices and parsley.

Texas Department of Transportation Commission Chairman, Ric Williamson died this past month of a heart attack. He was 55 years old. Mr. Williamson voted for Stratford's enhancement project over a project in his area. This was over 5 years ago. Working with transportation and government can be very stressful.

Now the update on Stratford's Main Street Enhancement Project: The letting date for the project has been pushed back from last September to January to April and now maybe into the year 2009. Why? The enhancement project with storm drains was to be coupled with the widening of US 287 with relocation of those storm drains. After Stratford finally submitted their plan with the funding in 2007, easements had to be secured to move the water on Hwy. 287. The project would also include the rehabilitation of US 54 from pearl street to US 287 with better turn radius at the north intersection of US 54 and US 287. The state had to acquire the right of way for the turn radius. I think those issues have been resolved.

Funding in all the States Departments of Transportation has been getting tighter due to a large increase in cost of materials and fuel efficient cars use less gallons and the fuel tax is based on the gallon. The Departments of Transportation are pushing their new building projects back in order to fund the maintenance to the system which includes bridges.

Canadian received funding for an enhancement project at the same time as Stratford and their project has just gone to letting and came in 40% over the estimated cost. Any cost overruns will be charged to the City therefore our project must be cut. The whole point of the enhancement project was to get the 80/20 funding to rehabilitate the four blocks of brick main street with new curbs, sidewalks and add storm drains. (do you think we need it?) The enhancement part was new lighting and sidewalks to the school. What can the City do now? Keep pushing and asking and try to get the most for the money.

4-H FCS CLUB  
MEETING  
JANUARY 14  
By Susie Spurlock

"Scrapebooking" will be the theme of the Sherman County 4-H FCS (Foods, Clothing, & Surprises Club) meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Members will learn how to do photo scrape booking using computer software. Volunteer leaders Cindy Russell and Shanda Davis will be leading the session following the business meeting.

For more information, contact the County Extension office at 366-2122.

Obits

Johnie Faye Cave Stokes

SAN ANTONIO - Johnie Faye Cave Stokes, 77, formerly of Amarillo, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday January 5, 2008 in Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Malcolm Brown officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories in Sweetwater.

Johnie was born Nov. 7, 1930, in Wingate to Guy and Inez Cave, grew up in Wingate and attended Valley Creek Grade School and Wingate High School. She graduated from Wayland Baptist College with a degree in business. In 1951, she married Arthur Stokes.

She had lived in Hale Center, Friona, Stratford, Las Vegas, Amarillo, Sweetwater and San Antonio. While living in Stratford, she was the secretary at First Baptist Church for many years, was active in church and was a member of the Prospectus Study Club. While in Sweetwater, she was active in the Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and attended First Baptist Church.

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

Survivors include four daughters and their spouses, Vicki and Dale Huse of Enid, Okla., Cindy and Mark Beaty of Burnsville, Minn., Patti Lee and Stephen Price of San Antonio and Susan and Norman Lee of Houston; eight grandchildren, Casey, Kelsey and Katie Huse, Lori and Delanie Beaty, Jared and Trent Lee and Falen DeMita.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106; or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1258, Sweetwater, TX 79556; or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 390, Stratford, TX 79084.

Cecil Williams  
April 6, 1912 - January 5, 2008

Cecil Williams - 95 passed away Saturday, January 5, 2008 in Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Stratford Cemetery with Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor of first United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born April 6, 1912 in Durant, Oklahoma to Charles and Julia Bolton. On January 21, 1932 she married Raymond A. "Dutch" Williams who preceded her in death in 1984. She had lived in Stratford since 1955 before moving to Amarillo 10 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

She was preceded in death by her son, Claude R. Williams in 1967 and all of her brothers and sisters. Survivors include; son, Raymond D. Williams and wife Joann of Amarillo; daughter, Dorothy Thomas and husband, Nathan of Pasadena, TX; 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

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TEXHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,872,551	\$ 22,822	\$ 1,895,373
5800 State Program Revenues	300,552	40,485	341,037
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	307,336	307,336
5020 Total Revenues	2,173,103	370,643	2,543,746
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	693,792	235,941	929,733
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	18,336	-	18,336
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	11,863	16,979	28,842
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	9,943	9,943
0023 School Leadership	72,897	5,916	78,813
0033 Health Services	966	-	966
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	119,484	-	119,484
0035 Food Services	-	120,420	120,420
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,462	-	2,462
0041 General Administration	182,667	-	182,667
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	145,682	-	145,682
0053 Data Processing Services	11,155	-	11,155
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	15,441	-	15,441
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	521,194	12,898	534,092
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	31,340	-	31,340
6030 Total Expenditures	1,827,279	402,097	2,229,376
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	345,824	(31,454)	314,370
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
7915 Transfers In	-	31,454	31,454
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(31,454)	-	(31,454)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(31,454)	31,454	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	314,370	-	314,370
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	938,777	-	938,777
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,253,147	\$ -	\$ 1,253,147



**Ask the Geek**

By Kevin McDonald

**Shooting the Messenger**

This week, a reader writes:

*My grandson evidently connected his window messenger to my computer when he was here last time. How do I get him off? I've now signed up for Windows Messenger but his name kept coming up instead of mine. I had to "knock" him offline and sign in. Can I get him off for good?*

I'm going to make an assumption that you're using Windows XP. If so, your grandson probably "associated" his Windows Messenger account (a free online service from Microsoft) with your Windows XP user account. Messenger prompts you to do this when you first launch it. It then assumes that this account is "yours" and that you want to use it each time you launch Messenger.

Note: "MSN Messenger" is now called a "Windows Messenger" so you might see either of those names used depending on if your computer has been getting all of its "Windows Updates." Both "MSN Messenger" and "Windows Messenger" are tied to Microsoft's "Passport" account system. To add to the confusion, those Passport accounts are also referred to as "Windows Live" accounts as Microsoft has continued to evolve the services they offer online.

You can change the Messenger/Live account that is associated with your Windows XP account fairly simply:

- Go to your "Control Panel" and click on "User Accounts."
- Click on your account. If there isn't an account with your name, it might be called "Owner," "Default," or some other generic name.
- Look for the option that says "Change my .NET Passport."
- The next screen will show you which ".NET Passport," (or Messenger/Live ID) that is currently associated with your Windows XP user account. Assuming that this screen lists your grandson's Messenger/Live account and not yours, click "Use a Different Passport." This will launch the .NET Passport Wizard. Click "Next."
- In your case, since you've already created your own Messenger/Live account you'll select "Yes, use my existing e-mail address" on the next screen and click "Next."
- On the next screen, select "Yes, sign in with my Windows Live ID." (If you had not already created your own account before, you'd select "No, sign up now" at this screen.)
- On the next screen, enter the email address and password that you used to create your own Messenger ID. Note: Make sure that the check box for "Associate my Windows Live ID with my Windows user account" is selected. This, in fact, is the option that will fix your specific problem. Click "Next" when you've entered the information.

That's it! Next time you launch Messenger it should be using your account instead of your grandson's.

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Kevin McDonald is a professional computer technician and novelist. He lives in Stratford with his wife children. He owns and operates Definition Computers: 806-366-7637. Email Kevin at askthegEEK@definitioncomputers.com with your questions.

**Births**

Justin & Lindsey Wright of Guymon OK are pleased to announce the arrival of their son William Bray Wright. Bray arrived at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal KS on December 28th 2007 at 5:35pm. He weighed 9 lbs and was 20 1/2 inches.

Bray was welcomed home by grandparents Mark & LaRenda Wright of Stratford TX and Jon & Judy Herl of Goodland KS. Great grandparents are Cecil & Pat Wright, Sharon Blain, John Herl, & Ellis & Eleanor Weir.

**Honor Roll**

**Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Francisco Barajas  
Bret Barnard  
Gage Brooks  
Zorro Daniels  
Katie Dennis  
Hannah Franklin  
Ella Godsey  
Karina Henderson  
Fernando Jacquez  
Nicolle Law  
Blake Snider  
Russell Spurlock  
Tristan Weinette

**Mary Allen Elementary Honor Roll**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks  
4th grade

Wesley Allen  
Yadhira Chavoya  
Cole Flood  
Kevin Hernandez  
Ty Hess  
Orlando Mayorga Gonzales  
John McBroom  
Jackson McBryde  
Michael McKinney  
Branson Palmer  
Lindy Paris  
Chesney Rendon  
Monica Reyes  
Alex Riffe  
JR Rosales  
TJ Tijerina  
Alexie Wright

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**Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling.**  
—Margaret Lee Runback  
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Only one mountain peak on the North American continent is over 20,000 feet. The southern peak of Alaska's Mount McKinley reaches 20,320 feet.

**2008 TREE SALE**

Time is here once again for Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Tree Sale. If you have any special wants or wishes as far as trees go this year, please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 and we will be happy to try and find what you need. We have added a lot of different species of 5 gallon potted trees this year as well as several 10 gallon potted trees, which should keep the landscape interesting. Please keep in mind, that as in years past, several species of evergreen seedlings are in VERY SHORT SUPPLY OR ARE NON EXISTENT and orders should be made as soon as possible. We will do everything possible to see that you get the trees that you want for your specific needs. Order forms can be picked up if you come by, or we can mail it if you give us a call. We can also email the order form if you supply us with an email address. Just call us or email us at swcd@xit.net.

The District can also fill requests for drip irrigation supplies. We do not keep this in stock, but will help in the design of your system and order exactly what is needed for you. Delivery is usually within three working days. You can help your investment with the installation of weed barrier. We have this available also. This is especially important in windbreaks because we do not want the newly planted seedlings to have to fight with weeds and grass for water. The barrier will help prevent the growth of weeds and grass and keep the moisture in the ground. The four and six foot squares are also helpful in the garden for newly planted flower beds and around newly planted landscape trees.

If you need a Tree Order Form, want to place an order for trees, have any questions regarding the trees or need help planning for your particular needs, please do not hesitate to contact the District or the NRCS at 396-5517 ext. 3.

Thank you for your continued support of conservation in Sherman County.

**FCS Club Meets**

by Mary Ann Spurlock

On December 17, 2007 the Sherman County 4-H FCS Club had a meeting, led by President Eric Burton. He announced that Mazie Vincent, Mary Ann Spurlock, Russell Spurlock, Tyler Rouse, Landry Davis, Desinya Garza, and Brooklynn Palmer served at the Imagination Station. After the meeting, we had a cookie exchange led by Jill Killian and a Christmas ornament craft led by Laurie Spurlock. We prepared cookie tins for shut-ins. Eric Burton, Mazie Vincent, Desinya Garza, Jennie Spurlock, Katie Killian, Mary Ann and Russell Spurlock all took cookie tins to the shut-ins. It was mentioned that Jennie Spurlock was the Food Show State Qualifier in Nutritious Snacks and that the Share the Fun skit was presented to the Commissioners Court on. The livestock show is Jan. 24-26 2008. The Shooting Sports project starts in Feb. 2008. On January 14th, 2008 we will have our next meeting. Shanda Davis and Cindy Russell will do a scrap booking project. We will also talk about the Clothing and Textiles project.

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**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 Jason Stone  
702 N. 3rd  
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**HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
By Susie Spurlock

Hunter's Safety Education Course will be offered January 11th and 12th in Stratford. Lee Morris of Dumas will be conducting the course open to all interested individuals age 12 and older.

The State of Texas requires that all individuals age 17 and older to who plan to participate in any outdoor hunting activities to complete the safety education course.

The course will be conducted at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Cost of the class will be \$15.00 per person. For the course to be offered, the instructor has requested a minimum of 10 class participants.

Individuals who would like to register for the course may do so by calling the Sherman County Extension Office at 366-2122. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

**4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEETING**  
By Susie Spurlock

4-H Shooting Sports project members and parents are asked to mark their calendar January 14, 2008 for the first project meeting. The meeting will be from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

During the meeting, members will have an opportunity to meet the coaches, sign up for practice schedules, pay the project fee, and learn more about the NRA Marksmanship Qualification program. All members must attend the Safety Training to be conducted by Sunny Russell and coaches.

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—William Ellery Channing  
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**Bible Verse of the Week**

Malachi 3:16

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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



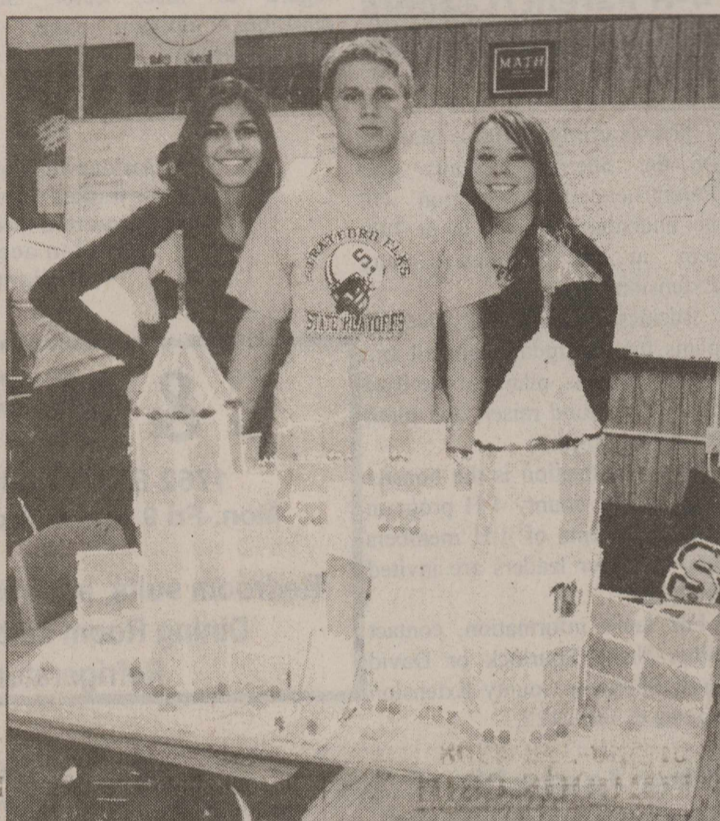




The Lady Elks lost their District opener on Friday, January 4 to Spearman. Lady Elks on defense from left, April Peregrino (behind), #23 Jordan Confer, Kristen Crabtree and Kelsey Stein.

### Elks Win 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

The Stratford Elks won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Clarendon Basketball Tournament held over the holidays. In their first game, the Elks beat River Road 56-46. Hunter Buckles was high point with 17 points followed by Kaleb Horsford with 13 and Luis Ortega with 10 points. In the Elks second game, they lost 55-37 to Clarendon. Luis Ortega led with 8 points followed by Craig Kautz and Tyler Wright with 6 points each. In the Elks final game for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, they beat White Deer 48-42. Kaleb Horsford led with 13 points followed by Luis Ortega with 12 and Hunter Buckles with 8 points. Hunter Buckles also received All-Tournament Congratulations!



Mrs. Griffin's Geometry classes made graham cracker homes for Christmas. The students had to design, build, draw, measure, and calculate area and volume for their home. Here are two of the many fantastic houses they built. Shown with their house (l-r) Chelsea Garza, Brent Reed and Chandra Hawkins.

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Minutes are worth more than money. Spend them wisely.  
—Thomas P. Murphy  
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## Heart Healthy Choices

### The Top Five Fat Myths Busted

by Dr. Susan Mitchell,  
Ph.D., RD, FADA

(NAPS)—For years, people have been advised to cut fat out of their diets, but now, guidelines from the American Heart Association have been revised to recommend that the right type of fats can play an important role in a healthy diet.



Dr. Mitchell

Here are five fat myths and the facts to help clear up the confusion:

**Myth # 1. Eating fat makes you fat.** Because fat has more calories per gram than the two other nutrients that contribute calories (protein and carbohydrate), some people think eating fat will make you fat. However, if you are concerned about maintaining or losing weight, it's the total number of calories you eat every day that will impact your waistline.

**Myth #2. The amount of fat is more important than the type of fat.** Researchers now recognize that the amount of fat should no longer be seen as the main factor in preventing heart disease. Instead, the type of fat consumed is most important. Health benefits are seen when "bad" fats—trans and saturated fats—are replaced with mono- and polyunsaturated fats, also known as "good" fats. The key is to not add fats to the diet; rather, substitute "bad" fats with "good" fats.

**Myth # 3. Baked is better.** Baked chips are often recommended because they tend to be lower in fat. So if you are looking to lower fat intake, baked products may be a good option; however, baked doesn't necessarily mean they are significantly lower in calories. At the same time, fried chips can have some nutritional value depending on the oil used. For example, Frito-Lay cooks all its snack chips in sunflower or corn oil,



Choose snacks made with a heart-healthy oil such as corn or sunflower oil.

which are high in the "good" mono- and polyunsaturated fats, low in saturated fat and have 0 grams of trans fat. These "good" fats can have heart-health benefits.

**Myth # 4. Olive oil is the only good oil.** While olive oil has received a great deal of attention, there are a number of oils that are high in "good" fats and low in "bad" fats. Corn, sunflower and canola oils are not only higher in "good" fats, they are also lower in saturated fat and contain 0 grams of trans fat.

**Myth #5. You only need to worry about trans fat.** Trans fat is proven to have a detrimental effect on your health, but intakes of saturated fat should also be limited. Although food companies are removing trans fat from their products, they don't always replace "bad" fats with "good" fats. Check nutrition labels for 0 trans fat, but also make sure there aren't any oils high in saturated fats, such as coconut and palm kernel oil.

Dr. Mitchell serves on the health and medical advisory board of Family Circle magazine and is co-author of three books: "Fat Is Not Your Fate," "I'd Kill for a Cookie" and "Eat to Stay Young."



The J.V. Lady Elks lost to Spearman in their first district game on Friday, January 4. Shown in action from left, Lindsy Confer, Kelsie Keener, Janeth Reyes and Kimberly Melton.



Jayton Lawrence and David Acevedo shown with their graham cracker house made in Mrs. Griffin's geometry class.

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There is no solution to man's progress but the day's honest work, the day's honest decisions, the day's generous utterances and the day's good deed.  
—Clare Boothe Luce  
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Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed.  
—Glenville Kleiser  
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A day's work is a day's work, neither more nor less, and the man who does it needs a day's sustenance, a night's repose and due leisure, whether he be painter or ploughman.  
—George Bernard Shaw  
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**Home**  
(NU) - Experts at the National Concrete Masonry Association say that home fire protection can be both affordable and simple, as long as it involves a concept of balanced design. Balanced design requires three components: detection, suppression and containment. Taking any of these components out of the mix leaves occupants of a building at significant risk, according to Harry Junk, residential markets manager at the NCMA. For information about the benefits of fire-safe concrete masonry, visit [www.ncma.org](http://www.ncma.org).

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## Lost & Found

Lost: Silver dollar money clip. Keep the money, but please return the clip. Great sentimental value to me. Elmer Oquin, 396-5647 or 916 N. Maple, Box 811 Stratford. 1-10-c

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That man is happiest who lives from day to day and asks no more, garnering the simple goodness of life.  
—Euripides  
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Each day provides its own gifts.  
—Martial  
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## Houses for Sale

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. See pictures @ Shermancountytx.org 6-28-tfn

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Commercial Property, 207 Texas Ave., Stratford 80 x 80 shop with 4.4 acres located on Dalhart Highway, 2 16' overhead doors with office space. \$129,000.

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1207 Division St. Stratford  
\$81,950  
A must see! 2/1.5/1 home with vinyl & carpet throughout. New roof in Aug. 2007. Storm cellar. Lg. detached garage/shop with living quarters & 1/4 bath.

408 N. 8th. Stratford  
\$85,000  
Room and more Room! In this 3/1.75/1 home w/ office or 4th bedroom. Dining w/built-in corner hutch. Bedrooms with walk-in closets. Vinyl & carpet throughout home. Utility room. Fenced backyard, Wood deck, storm windows & doors, and storage building.

402 N. 8th Stratford  
\$20,000  
2/1 Home on Lg corner lot. Wall heater, evaporative cooler, and gas stove in kitchen.  
Commercial Property  
501 S. Poplar Stratford  
\$29,900  
Commercial Building with lobby area, 3 offices, 2 bathrooms, & shop With 10x12 overhead door. It has approx. 1,776 sq. ft.

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## Legal Notice

### Notice of Public Meeting

#### To Discuss Stratford Independent School District's Academic Excellence Indicator System

Stratford ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, January 10, 2008 in the Stratford High School Library, 503 N 8th Street, Stratford, TX

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Stratford ISD's annual report on the districts' academic accountability ratings. It will pay you huge dividends.

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, January 3, 2008 and Thursday, January 10, 2008



Painter Willem de Kooning left Holland at age 22 and came to America as a stowaway on a cattle boat.

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—William A. Irwin  
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## CONSUMER

### New Cards Address 'Real-Life' Situations

NewsUSA

(NU) - When a friend is having a tough time or a loved one overcomes a challenge, it's hard to know exactly what to say or how to provide encouragement.

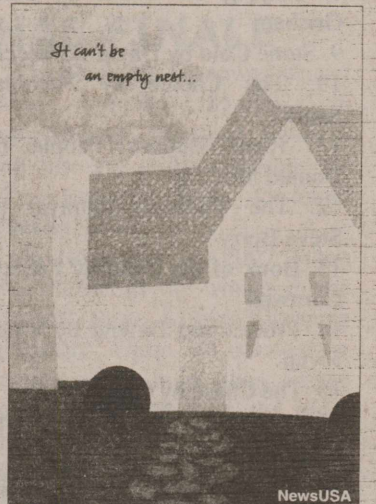
In fact, 90 percent of consumers polled by Hallmark said they wanted more encouragement card choices to help them share support for real-life situations.

"People told us they needed cards for the 'new normal' in which we live," said Cynthia Musick, editorial director for Journeys, a new Hallmark card collection. "They gave us permission to talk about these sometimes scary life moments that we all go through, from sharing grief to celebrating the joy of recovery."

Hallmark's "Journeys" is a collection of 176 greeting cards that help people through a difficult time, empathize with them, celebrate a success or simply brighten their day.

The cards feature warm, authentic, casual and sometimes humorous writing. Some cover specific events, like divorce, empty nest and adoption, while others incorporate the emotions of situations, making them appropriate for a variety of needs, like celebrating a personal victory or saying thanks.

The writers who developed Journeys considered four main themes for the line: coping, hoping, healing and joy. To make sure the sentiment of each card was true to life, they conducted research, attended focus groups, talked with people who had experienced certain situations and, in some instances, were able to draw upon their own personal



This card, part of Hallmark's new "Journeys" collection, reads: "It can't be an empty nest... it's too full of love and plans and memories. Thinking of you."

experiences.

"When my father was diagnosed with cancer, my family tried hard not to let it change how we dealt with him," explained Hallmark Journeys writer Linda Morris. "I wanted to convey in some of the Journeys cards that cancer doesn't change who people are. They're still the same people we love, laugh with, even get mad at."

The creative team also researched the psychology of color. They chose colors that evoke certain emotions, resulting in a bright, uplifting color palette not typical with traditional encouragement cards.

Journeys cards are available at Hallmark Gold Crown Stores. For more information, visit [www.hallmark.com/journeys](http://www.hallmark.com/journeys).

## UNITED STATES COURT OF GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS STATE OF TEXAS, PANHANDLE DISTRICT

DATED: January 1, 2008

CASE NO. HSB08

SUMMARY NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

BE IT KNOWN THAT HAPPY STATE BANK & TRUST CO. (Member FDIC), 100 East Main Street, Happy, Texas 79042, a Texas Banking Company established in 1908, has hereby been declared the official sponsor of the 2008 CALENDAR YEAR, having been granted domestic 2008 ownership rights in celebration of its 100th anniversary. These exclusive and legislatively binding rights have been established for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2008, by the International Time Meridian Coordination Court (hereafter, ITMCC) and the Royal Greenwich Global Calendar Observatory (hereafter, RGGCO), of which the U.S. Court of Greetings and Salutations is an acting fiduciary. Said rights are binding for the United States of America and its territories.

SUMMARY: A previously cited legal notification, dated November 1, 2007, requested that HAPPY STATE BANK & TRUST CO. (Member FDIC), 100 East Main Street, Happy, Texas 79042, a Texas Banking Company established in 1908, be granted exclusive domestic (yet no foreign) ownership rights for the CALENDAR YEAR 2008 by the ITMCC and the RGGCO. This application was processed, vetted, and granted according to the statutes of the entities listed above. This information is provided exclusively for notifying the public of the initial application. Any other inquiries regarding the application or the completed application process may be directed to the entities listed above.

THEREFORE, having been granted the status of OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE 2008 CALENDAR YEAR, Happy State Bank holds these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. For that reason, Happy State Bank hereby requests that all persons acknowledge this sponsorship by following procedures and social decorum beginning January 1, 2008.

FURTHERMORE, Happy State Bank hereby requests acknowledgment of these ownership rights when suitable, with any one of several appropriate behaviors, whether performed singularly or in conjunction with other activities:

(a) the first week of the year, greet all persons to whom you come in contact with by saying "HAPPY NEW YEAR!";

(b) any use of the word "happy" in an exclamatory holiday greeting, including but not limited to Happy Valentine's Day, Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter, Happy Cinco de Mayo, Happy Mother's Day, Happy Memorial Day, Happy Father's Day, Happy Juneteenth, Happy Fourth of July, Happy Labor Day, Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, and Happy Holidays;

(c) by special allotment, any use of "merry" when "merry" can also be interpreted as a replacement for "happy," as in the seasonal greeting Merry Christmas, (The bank prefers the use of Merry Christmas and discourages the use of Happy Holidays.);

(d) any use of the word "happy" as an exclamatory greeting at other non-holiday times of celebration, including but not limited to Happy Birthday, Happy Graduation, Happy Anniversary, Happy Secretary's Day, Happy Boss's Day, Happy Trails, and Happy Hunting (in-season only);

(e) any use of the word "happy" in everyday conversation, as in "That smiley face sure makes me feel happy," or "You know what makes me happy? Free checking";

(f) the blowing of party horns, because party horns are inherently happy, as are kazooos, balloons, kittens, baby monkeys, chocolate, cupcakes, chocolate cupcakes, chocolate cupcakes being juggled by baby monkeys, and clowns. But not scary clowns.

FURTHERMORE, be it hereby decreed that, for the duration of the calendar year 2008, all commemorative Happy State Bank-sponsored greetings, including but not limited to those referenced above, must be accompanied by a genuine smile, suitable vocal inflection, and large doses of community spirit. Confetti and/or streamers are optional, but highly recommended, and maroon and gold colors are preferred.

FURTHERMORE, be it hereby decreed that, for the calendar year 2008, all uses of the word "happy," whether broadcast, cablecast, copied, displayed, disseminated, distributed, embodied, exhibited, performed, recorded, reproduced, synchronized, syndicated, tattooed, telecast, text messaged, transmitted, carved into a tree, tapped out in Morse code, scribbled on a napkin or otherwise communicated from one person to another shall be a public reminder that Happy State Bank is and will remain the happiest place to bank in the Texas Panhandle and the sponsor of the calendar year 2008.

This detailed notice decrees the official ownership of the year 2008 by Happy State Bank, its holding company, affiliates and subsidiaries. Please do not feed chocolate cupcakes to kittens or baby monkeys. Please do not blow party horns into the ears of unsuspecting persons. Happy State Bank will not be held liable for the overuse of kazooos or the exacerbation of coulrophobia.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER, PLEASE VISIT:  
[www.happy100years.com](http://www.happy100years.com)



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  10. The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden
  11. Become a Better You by Joel Osteen
  12. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki
  13. Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
  14. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
  15. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
  16. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
- To check the availability of these items go to [www.hlc-lib.org/stratford](http://www.hlc-lib.org/stratford)
- 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. \*\*

**Dalhart LaRita  
Theatre, Friday,  
January 18**

The International concert pianist Peter Simon makes Franz Liszt come alive in this exciting one-or-a-kind theatrical production at the LaRita Theatre in Dalhart, Friday, January 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$15.00, available at the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646

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**Study Club  
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Prospectus Study Club has begun selling their newest cookbook. It is called "Favorites from Our Table". It is a hard cover, three ring binder style cookbook and sells for \$14.00. Contact any Study Club member or visit Sandy at the Library. Please call 366-2772 with any questions.

**Food Ideas**

(NAPS)—You can find healthy recipes, information about making healthy food choices for people with diabetes and free resources to help manage diabetes, through the National Diabetes Education Program at [www.YourDiabetesInfo.org](http://www.YourDiabetesInfo.org) or (888) 693-NDEP (6337).



The elderberry has more flavonoids than most other fruits. And a convenient way to get its benefit is an increasingly popular elderberry extract called Sambucol, which is available in syrup or chewable tablet form. Instead of chicken soup or tea, try Sambucol. To learn more, visit [www.sambucol.com](http://www.sambucol.com).

Pick my left pocket of its silver dime, but spare the right—it holds my golden time.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Love and time—those are the only two things in all the world and all of life that cannot be bought, but only spent.  
—Gary Jennings

**ATTENTION  
READERS**

Editors Note: If you have someone serving in the military and would like to have someone's picture and address put in the paper, please leave it with us and we will put it in for you. We will be running the addresses and they will stay in every week. Call 366-5885 or fax to same number or e-mail [stardm@xit.net](mailto:stardm@xit.net)

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Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The power of a man's virtue should not be measured by his special efforts, but by his ordinary doing.  
—Blaise Pascal

**Cards of Thanks**

Dear Stratford Community I am so appreciative of the support you extend to our military personnel and their families. A big Thank You to all who donated, cooked and delivered the smoked brisket and deep fried turkeys to the military families of our community on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Your prayers, concern and support have been of so much comfort to me this past year. I am happy to report that my daughter, Maj. Kara Johnson Neuse, has completed her tour of duty at Balid, Iraq. She arrived back at her home in Germany in time to spend Christmas with her husband and two small sons.

Ann Johnson

Jason, Ashley & Brenham Elerick wish to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful people of Stratford for your support during Jason's surgery and recovery period. Just to say "thank you" seems so pale and does not begin to express the love and gratitude that we feel for all of you. Even while we were hundreds of miles away from home we never felt alone, because the cards and phone calls just kept coming to let us know we were still in your prayers. A very special thank you for that because without all of your prayers I'm certain the outcome would not have been the same. A very special thank you to our church family at First Christian Church and to Walter and Harriet Reed who were with us every step of the way. For the first time we really understand what a church family means and we love you all. Thank you to all the churches of Stratford for including our family in your prayers chains and for all the other acts of kindness that were shown to us. It has been overwhelming. We want to thank the kind ladies who gave Jason the prayer quilt. To some it may be just a quilt, but to us

it is so much more. The quilt went to Houston with us and was never out of our sight. It gave us comfort and warmth during a very difficult time and will be among our prized possessions and a reminder of your kindness forever. We want to thank everyone who worked so hard on the benefit dinner for our family and to all the very generous contributions of food, cash donations and time that it took to make it a huge success. You have no idea how much it has helped us during this difficult time. We want to thank First State Bank for all their help and understanding. Ashley is now back at work and wants to thank her co-workers for shouldering her share of the load during her absence. You were great. Now that 2007 is quickly coming to a close we can look back on the worst, but also the best year of our lives. It was painful and scary and very difficult but the outcome could not have been better. Not only is Jason doing great which is a miracle of God, it also gave us the opportunity to get to know the true hearts of our friends, neighbors, co-workers and even total strangers. We have a new appreciation for Stratford and all who call it home. We can now look forward to 2008. There were times when we were not sure we would all be around to celebrate it. Our prayer for you is that God will bless each one of you, as He has blessed us, and for all the acts of kindness that you have shown to us and our family, our love and gratitude forever.

Happy New Year.

Ashley, Jason, Brenham, Hailey & Jace Elerick  
Pete & Cathy Elerick  
Karen Elerick  
Tonie, Bob & Ryan Eady  
Joan Palmer

Thank You Note  
The Sherman County Public Library would like to thank "The Stratford Star" (Marty & Shari) and the Prospectus Study Club for their continued support of Project Christmas Card. And to all our many library patrons who continue to donate through this project for the extras that our budget is not always able to provide, thank you all!! The Sherman County Public Library and Library Board

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**ROAD TO SAFETY**

**No Slip-Sliding Away: How To Stay On The Road**

(NAPS)—One thing is easy to foretell: Unpredictable weather can cause reduced visibility and hazardous driving conditions that make it challenging for even the most experienced drivers. Fortunately, there are ways to protect yourself, your passengers and your car.

The following tips can help you stay safe when faced with treacherous roads:

- Assemble a winter emergency kit. At a minimum, it should contain a blanket, boots, shovel, non-perishable food and a flashlight.
- Plan ahead for stopping and turning. "Feather" the brakes when approaching a stop, especially if the road is slick. If turning, accelerate very gently through the turn.
- Don't make any sudden moves. Keep it slow and steady to maintain control.
- Be cautious when braking in icy conditions. Coast over ice. Brake after reaching bare pavement. And never slam on the brakes. Brake gently in a pulsing fashion.
- Steer into a skid. Remember: Locked wheels lead. If your rear tires are in a skid and "locked," the rear of your car will start sliding to lead the car down the road. If this happens, steer into the skid, not away, and remember, don't brake during a skid.

If you follow these tips but still find yourself in a crash, just remember that what you do after an accident can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe and



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in helping you and your insurance company work through a claim.

Remember to follow these tips from the experts at The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies if you get into an accident:

**Stay calm.** Stay at the scene but move off the roadway. Warn oncoming traffic by activating your hazard warning lights and/or setting flares.

**Call the police.**  
**Contact your insurance company to file a claim.** The earlier your insurance company knows about the accident, the earlier it can get to work to resolve it.

**Do not admit fault.** Only discuss the accident with the police and your claims representative.

**Exchange information with the other driver(s).** And remember to get contact information for any witnesses.

For other tips to keep you safe on the road and keep your insurance rates down, visit [progressive.com](http://progressive.com).

**In The Driver's Seat**

**Tips To Put You On The Road To Fuel Economy**

by Liz Allison  
(NAPS)—Small changes in the way you drive can have a big effect on the fuel economy of just about any car.

Here are a few tips for making trips to the pump more efficient:

- **Pressure Check:** Government studies show that keeping your tires inflated to the recommended pressure can improve fuel economy by up to 3 percent. And you can bump those savings up to around 5 percent simply by using the proper grade of motor oil.
- **Shape Up With a Tune-Up:** Fixing a car that's noticeably out of tune can improve gas mileage by 4 percent. You can often save money on car maintenance by joining a car club such as AutoVantage.
- **Filter Maintenance:** Something as simple as a healthy air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.
- **Slow Down:** Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon of gas.
- **Don't Be Aggressive:** Accelerating and braking abruptly can lower your gas mileage by as much as 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city.
- **Cruise, Don't Lose:** Each time you accelerate, your car expends more energy. Constant braking and accelerating causes less fuel efficiency and a faster trip to the pump. Use cruise control whenever possible.
- **Combine Trips:** Make a plan before you head out for errands and combine trips in your car. Making multiple short



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trips from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as one long multipurpose trip.

• **Consider a Hybrid:** If you are in the market for a new car, hybrid-electric vehicles combine the best features of the internal combustion engine with an electric motor. Another money-saving factor: the Energy Policy Act of 2005 established a federal tax credit for certain hybrids.

• **Shop Around:** If hybrids aren't for you, there are still plenty of conventional automobiles that can save you big bucks at the pump. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the difference between a car that gets 20 mpg and one that gets 30 mpg amounts to about \$744 per year.

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True eloquence consists of saying all that should be said, and that only.

—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

Nothing is worth more than this day.

—Johann von Goethe

We create our fate every day we live.

—Henry Miller

Some days you tame the tiger. And some days the tiger has you for lunch.

—Tug McGraw

We work not only to produce, but to give value to time.

—Eugene Delacroix