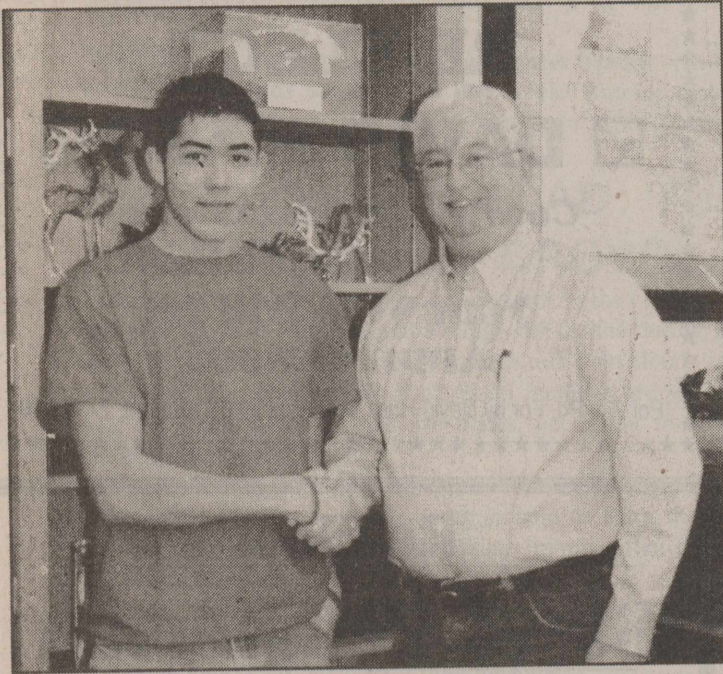


Sherman County Museum 7/08  
Box 1248  
Stratford, TX 79084



Wayne Smith (right) of Howard Norvell Green Post 262 congratulating Manuel Chavoya for being named as a delegate representing the Stratford Post at the 2008 Session of Boy's State to be held in June 2008. (See story below).

## AMERICAN LEGION POST SELECTS BOYS STATE DELEGATE

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion is proud to announce the selection of Manuel Chavoya, 16 year old son of Manuel and Marisol Chavoya as a delegate representing the Stratford post at the 2008 session of Boys State, Chandler Lutes, 16 year old son of James and Michelle Lutes was selected as the alternate. Both boys are Juniors at Stratford High School.

The American Legion, Department of Texas, will sponsor the 2008 Boys State on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, from Saturday, June 7, to Friday, June 13, 2008. Nominations for this program are solicited from the school administrators, teachers, and counselors all across the State of Texas. Interviews are conducted by the local American Legion posts. Selection is based on strict criteria and includes the communicated desire to attend, demonstrated leadership qualities, outstanding scholastic achievement, character, competitive spirit, and ability to work with others. Nominees undergo interviews and are asked questions based on individual questionnaires and developed questions by the local American Legion post.

American Legion Boys State developed from two concepts. First, we should offer youth a better perspective of the practical operation of government. Second, the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government.

Boys State is therefore, an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship. It is a leadership action program in which qualified male high school juniors develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. It teaches the young citizens that government is just what they make it.

A program of this scope encompasses many important objectives. The American Legion feels the following are the most important:

- To develop civic leadership and pride in American citizenship,
- To develop a keen interest in the detailed study of our government,
- To develop in the young citizens of Boys State a full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America,
- To develop in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.
- To inculcate a sense of Individual obligation to the community, state, and nation,

- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

A fundraiser will be held in the next few weeks by the local post to help defray the costs associated with attending Boys State.

Local American Legion Post 262 Commander, Wayne Smith stated; "This is a wonderful opportunity for this young man to continue to develop his talents and leadership abilities in a unique educational program", "Manuel Chavoya will be an excellent delegate and undoubtedly benefit a great deal from this experience."

If you would like to donate to help this young man go to Austin to attend Boys State, please contact Dennis Phelps at 396-5316 or 753-7316. You may also contact Wayne Smith at 366-3566 or 753-6708.

## Hospital District Election

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT has three openings in the upcoming election. Applications may be picked up at the Business Office at Coldwater Manor. Application sign up time will be February 11<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elections will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. Board members whose terms will expire are Kathy Allen, LeRayne Donelson and Kenton Kimball. Holdover members are Kathie Altman and Billy Bell.

## Volunteer Community Responders Meeting

Volunteer Community Responders meeting to be held Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. Program: Communications. New members invited and encouraged.

**ATTENTION: All Junior class parents are needed to help build decorations for the Jr/Sr Prom. The Prom is April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet every Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the High School.**



Wayne Smith congratulating Chandler Lutes for being named an Alternate delegate for the Stratford Post at the 2008 Session of Boy's State. Story on front page

## SHS Announces One Act Play Dinner Theatre

The Stratford High School One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Thursday, March 13 at the Mary Alien Cafetorium. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:00 followed by a performance of this year's UIL One Act Play. The cast and crew will be going to district competition on Wednesday, March 26 in Panhandle.

The meal will consist of brisket, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. The play is called "My Son Is Crazy...But Promising" by Tim Kelly and is directed by Ronna Riffe and Stacy Metcalf. The play is a comedy of what happens when a bunch of eccentric, nutty characters meet up at the Ritz-Apache Lodge in Tumbleweed, Arizona. Despite the madness that ensues in this hilarious farce, all problems are resolved in the end.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children and students and will go on sale Tuesday, February 26. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help send interested students to summer speech camp. For tickets, see any member of the cast or crew or call Ronna Riffe at the high school at 366-3330 or 753-7255. We hope you come out to enjoy an evening of good food and fun at the theatre!

### ONE ACT PLAY CAST

DIMITRI JONES - JAMES DANIELS  
SUSAN CLAYPOOL - KATIE KILLIAN  
SHERIFF BATES - LUKE HAILE  
GERT WITHERSPOON - KELSI DENNIS  
CORR AMES - TANNER RIFFE  
BUD GRANGER - AUSTIN RIFFE  
ARTHUR WHITNEY - ROY ALLEN  
JUNE WHITNEY - WHITNEY REESE  
TILLY GRANGER - TRENDI MAIWALD  
OYSTERS ROCKERFELLER - CONNOR ESPARZA  
CHI-CHI VAZOOM - MARGARITA ROCHA  
FAY ARMSTRONG - KRISTEN CRABTREE  
LARRY LIME - WESLEY ANDERSON  
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CHANDRA HAWKINS  
SIEARRA VALENZUELA  
KELSEY STEIN

### UNDERSTUDIES

JENNIE SPURLOCK  
HEIDI BROOKS  
KIMBERLY RICKS

## Kimball Graduates

Wesley James Kimball, son of Kenton & Nancy Kimball of Stratford recently graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science-Kinesiology degree. Diplomas were awarded to 3,467 Texas A&M University graduates during mid-term commencement ceremonies for the 2007-2008 academic year.

## Museum Fund Raiser Picnic

Sherman County Depot Museum Fund raiser Picnic will be held on Sunday March 9, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the County Barn. Menu is Burgers, Beans, Chips, Dessert and Drink. Free Will donation.

## American Legion Announces Called Meeting

The Howard Norvell Green Post 262 of the American Legion announces a called meeting for Thursday, February 21, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Legion Hall in Stratford at 7:00 p.m. This is an important meeting and all members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Post Commander, Wayne Smith at 366-3566.

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## City of Stratford to Hold Election

The City of Stratford will hold an election on Saturday, May 10, 2008 to fill four places on the ballot. The expiring terms are:

- David Brown, Mayor - two-year term;
- Connie Oquin, Councilmember - two-year term
- Jolie Asher, Councilmember — two-year term
- Duane Mungia, Councilmember - one-year term

Beginning Monday, February 11, 2008, anyone interested in filing for a place on the ballot may pick up an application packet from City Hall, 518 N. Third, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 10, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 10, 2008. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so from February 9 through March 10, 2008. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. On March 10th the Office will be open until 5:00 P.M.

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

## Wheat Producer Meeting February 21

Amarillo-Wheat producers are reminded of a wheat seminar on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo. Anyone interested in said David Graf. Texas AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County. The wheat research, marketing, crop protection and variety update seminar is Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Research, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, AgriPro Wheat and the Texas Seed Trade Association. Lunch will be provided and three continuing education units will be offered for Licensed pesticide applicators and certified crop advisors.

## CITY ELECTION

The City of Texhoma Texas will hold a City Election for two (2) Councilmen on May 10, 2008. Filing for a place on the ballot will begin February 09, 2008 and continue through March 4, 2008. You may file at the City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Councilmen Rusty Shoulders and Johnny James terms will expire.

## STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SHERMAN Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning

WHEREAS, the Sherman County Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Sherman County that all outdoor burning, including fireworks, is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the effective date of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or tills Court This Order Is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code §352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for:

1. Firefighter training;
  2. Public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations;
  3. Planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or
  4. Burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Natural Resources Code §153.048, and meet the standards of Natural Resources Code §153.047.
- In accordance with Local Government Code §352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2008 by a vote of 4-ayes and 0 nays, with an effective date of February 8, 2008.

Terri Beth Carter  
County Judge  
Attest:  
Gina Jones  
County Clerk

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## Wildfire Danger.

Dry conditions have created another dangerous wildfire season. Please use caution with any outdoor burning, disposal of fireplace ashes, welding, cigarettes, etc. Under the current dry conditions, wildfires can ignite easily and spread quickly.

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During my eighty-seven years I have witnessed a whole succession of technological revolutions. But none of them has done away with the need for character in the individual or the ability to think.  
—Bernard Baruch  
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**Obits**



Cynthia Ione Schoenhals  
1939-2008

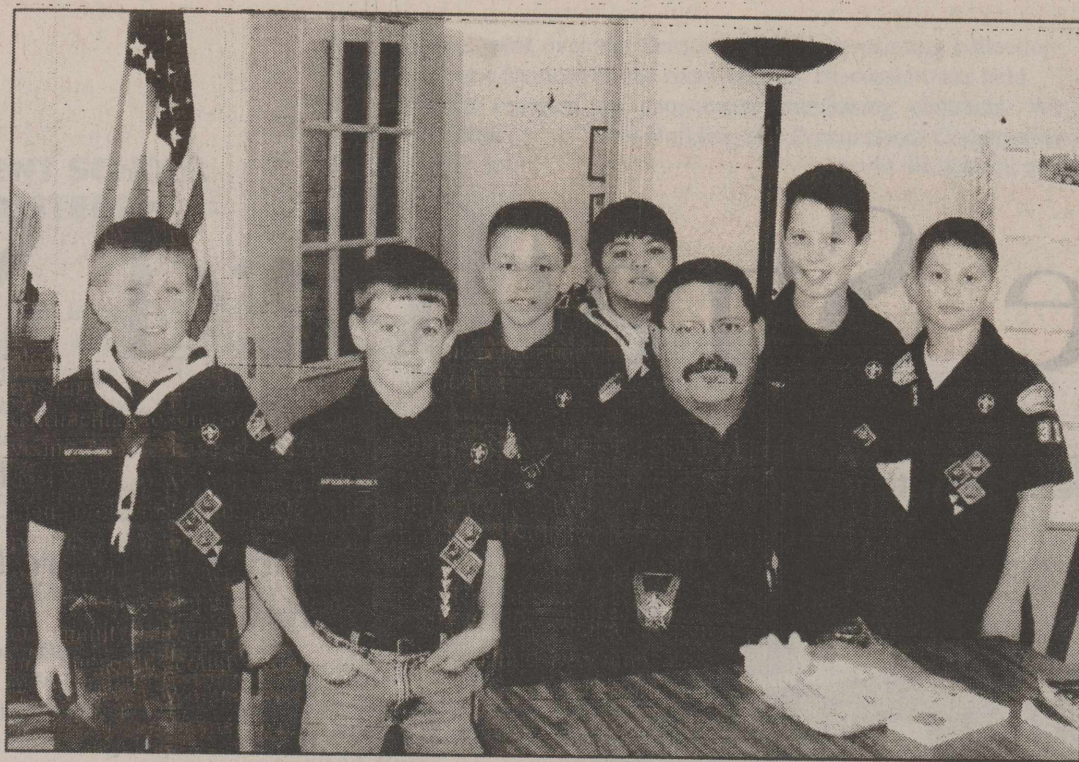
Our beloved mother and grandmother, Cynthia Ione Schoenhals, 68 passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills, California. Services will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2008 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Jason Stone, pastor of the church officiating. Graveside services will follow at Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements are by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Cynthia Ione was born on July 13, 1939 in Sherman County, Texas to William Glenn and Mildred Ione Reed. Cynthia graduated from Stratford High School with the class of 1957 where she was one of eight girls in a class of 25. She attended Texas Tech University from 1957 to 1959 where she met Samuel Roy Schoenhals of Follett, Texas. In January 1960 she and Sam were married in Stratford and moved to California. Cynthia and Sam divorced in 1978. In 1970 Cynthia began a 22-year career with the Department of Defense. She worked in financial management for the Naval Weapons Center until 1985. She was sponsored by the Navy to complete her college education. Cynthia graduated from California State University Long Beach in 1986. She then moved to San Diego and worked at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems center.

In 1992 Cynthia was diagnosed with lung cancer. She demonstrated her strong will to survive and fought the cancer into remission to the amazement of her doctors. In 1993 she retired from the Department of Defense and returned home to Stratford to be close to her family. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Stratford and the Prospectus Study Club and she worked as a clerk in the Sherman County Courthouse. Cynthia served as the president of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce until 1999 when a severe heart attack put an end to her working career. She returned to California and enjoyed spending time with her family, including her two granddaughters and four grand doggies. She loved to travel and shop, especially for clothes and shoes.

She is survived by her sons; Mark Schoenhals and wife, Magda of Boulder, CO, Brett Schoenhals of Los Angeles, CA; daughter, Resa Labossiere and husband, Steve of Castle Rock, CO; brothers, Bill Reed and wife, Margaret of Stratford, Jack Reed and wife, Gwen of Hot Springs, AR, and Carroll Reed and wife, Cynthia of Bakersfield, CA; two grandchildren, Tessa and Alana Schoenhals; and many dear nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Stratford Educational Endowment, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084, The Stratford Area Foundation, PO Box 48, Stratford, TX 79084 or the Livestrong Lance Armstrong Foundation at [www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org).



**Sheriff Haile Helps Fulfill Achievement**

Sheriff Jack Haile helped fulfill one of the Bear's achievements on Thursday, February 7th. He talked about law enforcement being a big job. He brought his official ink pad and put their fingerprints in their Bear books. Shown with Sheriff Haile are Bret Barnard, Tristan Weinette, Gage Brooks, Kobi Garza, Russell Spurlock and Wyatt Dushay. Thanks Sheriff Haile!!

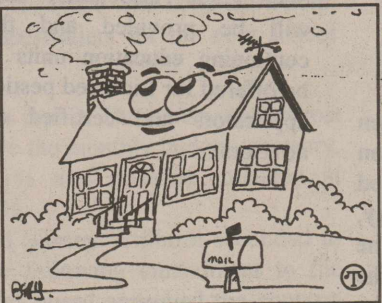
**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Friend and Neighbors, I have never written a letter to the editor before, but I feel as a Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, I have to speak what is on my heart. Please understand as I write this that I am not judging or condemning anyone on their choice to drink or not to drink. Praise God that we live in a country where we can still have a choice! Our community is facing a vote that will change it forever. If we vote his county wet, we are allowing people to put in package stores. We have so much traffic, do we really want people stopping to buy alcoholic beverages and then drive through our community where our children are driving, playing and crossing the highway. Please think about this. Once we open our city to alcohol sales we are also opening it for other things detrimental to our society. Our young people have so much to deal with; do we want to add to their problems? This vote will probably not affect me, but it will affect the generations to come. Our forefathers in this community stayed up all night praying so this county would not be voted wet. We know we have a lot of problems here, but please let us not add to them. The children of this community are our responsibility, let's not fail them. Let us keep this a safe place for them to live. We will decide when we vote what kind of a community this will be. Weigh everything carefully, before you vote. Please consider your choice.

Thank you, Darla Cummings

**Did You Know?**

(NAPS)—A recent research study examined new home purchasers and divided them into four segments: Luxury Leaders, Domestic Dwellers, Busy Bees and Career Builders. Whatever segment you identify with, you can find cabinetry that meets your needs online at the Merillat Web site: [www.merillat.com](http://www.merillat.com).



There are many reasons for families to bake together—from creating lasting memories to celebrating a holiday or a job well done. For recipes and tips from the baking experts at Fleischmann's Yeast, visit [www.breadworld.com](http://www.breadworld.com).

To know which vehicles are best suited for accessorization, and to discover just what options are available for your new car, truck or SUV, contact the Specialty Equipment Market Association at (909) 396-0289 or visit [www.sema.org](http://www.sema.org).

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton

**Smith Agency Becomes a Trusted Choice Insurance Agency Local Independent Insurance Agency Joins National Brand**

Stratford, Texas, Feb. 14, 2008-Smith Agency has joined the Trusted Choice brand movement, a national consumer brand that educates consumers about the benefits of using independent insurance agencies and brokerage firms for their insurance and financial services needs, announced Miles Smith, Sharon Brown and Wayne Smith, Agency Partners.

Trusted Choice agencies offer consumers a broad selection of insurance policies and financial services products, customized insurance coverage's as well as advocacy support. Smith Agency and more than 10,000 other Trusted Choice firms nationwide are committed to providing excellent customer service.

"I am very excited to join this dynamic and innovative group of consumer-oriented insurance professionals. Trusted Choice empowers our agency to reach more prospective customers by providing us a consumer-tested logo and branding tools and resources that were not affordable for us before, Smith stated. "Trusted Choice makes it easy for us by offering tailored how-to instructions, guidance, support and ready-to-use

advertising materials to promote our agency to local consumers."

Today more than 10,000 independent insurance agencies and brokerage firms throughout the United States are participating in the brand program as are 42 leading insurance companies.

"We are excited to welcome Smith Agency to Trusted Choice, says Tom Ahart, Trusted Choice Board chairman. "The agency's participation in the brand movement shines a bright spotlight on its commitment to providing current and prospective customers the best in service and insurance protection."

Trusted Choice agencies are the smart way to buy Insurance and financial services. These agencies represent multiple insurance companies, so they offer a variety of coverage choices and can customize an insurance plan to meet specialized needs.

Smith Agency is a local Trusted Choice agency that represents multiple insurance companies, so it offers you a variety of personal and business coverage choices and can customize an insurance plan to meet your specialized needs. You can visit Smith Agency at 319 N. Main Street in Stratford or call 806-396-2031/2379.

They defend their errors as if they were defending their inheritance.

—Edmund Burke

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.

—Bertrand Russell

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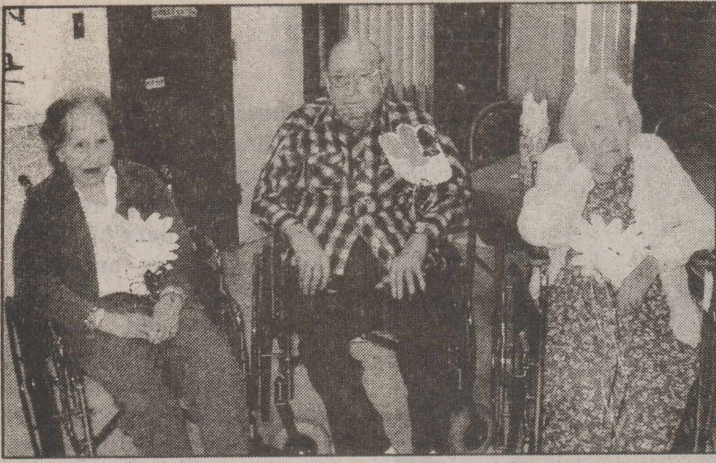
Sunny Russell is a member of the Lady Elk basketball and track teams. She is also involved in the student council and FCA. Sunny also participates in many 4-H activities.

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**LANDOWNER CONSIDERATIONS FOR WIND FARM LEASES**  
**Wednesday - February 27th**  
**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**  
**Sherman County Barn**  
Lunch will be provided at the county barn by Hunter Buckles and Sandro Gomez, who will be participating in the Australian Down Under Bowl this summer.  
Free will donations will be gladly accepted.  
**Frank Horak with Astek Wind Energy, Inc Austin, TX**  
**Rod Wetsel with Steakley, Wetsel & Carmichael, LLP Sweetwater, TX**

These are two of the leading wind farm authorities in the U.S. and they will be here to speak to landowners on helpful procedures in handling the wind farm companies. At the end of the meeting you'll have a chance to ask questions and handouts will be available. There is no registration fee and reservations are not necessary.

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### Coldwater Manor February Birthdays

The February birthday party at Coldwater Manor was hosted by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club last week. Among those having birthdays were from left, Mona Woodman, Mansel Roach, and Corda Pleyer.

### 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 average 15 victims a 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:

- 1 Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- 2 Twelve inches of water will float most cars.
- 3 Two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-up trucks, SUVs and most other vehicles.
- 4 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 as simple as choosing an alternate route.

### 4-H FCS CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 25

By Susie Spurlock  
"Pasta Party will be the theme of the Sherman County 4-H PCS (Foods, Clothing, & Surprises Club) meeting on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Members will learn how the variety of pasta available on the market and how each is used in meal preparations. Volunteer leaders Connie Burton and Eric Burton will be leading the session following the business meeting.

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



Movies Beginning February 14

- The Spiderwick Chronicles PG Freddie Highmore
- Jumper PG-13 Samuel L. Jackson
- Step Up 2: The Streets PG-13 Briana Evigan
- Definitely, Maybe PG-13 Ryan Reynolds Abigail Breslin
- Fool's Gold PG-13 Kate Hudson Matthew McConaughey
- Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins PG-13 Martin Lawrence
- The Eye PG-13 Jessica Alba
- Veggie Tales: The Pirates G Animated
- The Bucket List PG-13 Jack Nicholson Morgan Freeman

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There are books in which the footnotes or comments scrawled by some reader's hand in the margin are more interesting than the text. The world is one of these books.

—George Santayana

### Birthday Tuesday

It was birthday Tuesday for several at Coldwater Manor Feb. 12, Making the party that was given by GFWC/Prospectus Study Club were Mona Woodman, Mansel Roach and Corda Pleyer. Others having birthdays were Joan Bell, Blasa Padilla and Jerry Moore. They were each given a small gift from the club.

To great disappointment of the residences, several parents and club members, the second grade students who were to sing weren't brought.

Club members serving the cake, ice cream and punch were Pat Hartman, Marty Bain, Joyce Ann Lasley, Laurie Spurlock, Margaret Reed, Oline Caraway, Jill Killian, and Marylou McDaniel.



### Altman Honored with Reception

Kathie Altman was honored with a going away reception held on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Kathie will be moving to Amarillo. Kathie has served Stratford for 25 years of service as a teacher, a board member and as a volunteer. Shown with Kathie are hostesses Ann Wells and Kathy Allen. Kathie you will be missed.



Experts on Elizabethan cuisine contend the "funeral baked meats" Hamlet makes so much of were meat-pies.

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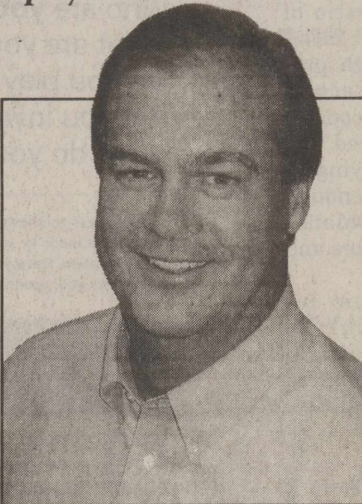


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### Kerrick News By Marylou McDaniel

The Abernathy girl's basketball team won regional and are advancing. Kelly Carlisle (Bill & Pat Boren's son-in-law) is their coach.

Nicholas McDaniel left Feb. 14 for Iraq and didn't make it there until Friday. He called his Dad.

Jo June McDaniel attended the assembly at the high school with Dr. Eric Cupp Monday morning.

The Red Hat Society was hosted by Donna Gilienwaters and Kathy Switzer Feb. 7 at Elk Junction. They had a Valentine theme. Pat Boren and Jo June McDaniel were among the 20 attending. Love Your games were played.

### SCOT Members invited to see "Texas Mudd"

Scot Hall members are invited to see "Texas Mudd" a talented group from Branson which will be performing at the Hereford Senior Citizens on Saturday, Feb. 23. Leave SCOT Hall 11:30 a.m. Performance at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$5.00. Sign up deadline Feb. 1. Contact Connie Quin at 396-2450 for more information.

### 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.

March 4th Republican Primary  
Feb. 19-29 Early Vote

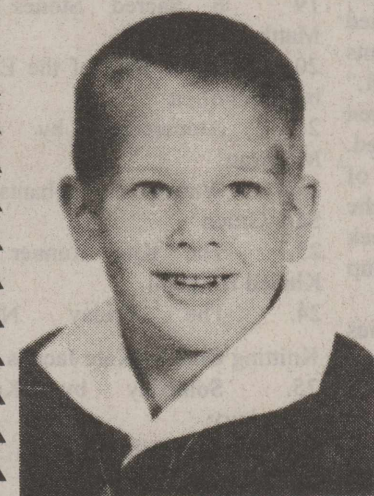
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm

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, Chl 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

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Sunday morning: 9:00 a.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

Sun.—Coffee - 8:30 Sunday School - 9:30

Worship Service - 10:30

Wed. -Children—4:00, 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

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Community Building

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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday





**ELK TALES**

By Lynda Hauser

The SHS One Act Play will be hosting a dinner theatre on Thursday, March 13 at the Mary Alien Cafetorium. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a performance of this year's UIL One Act Play, "My Son Is Crazy...But Promising". Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children and students and will go on sale Tuesday, February 26. All proceeds go to the SHS speech and theatre fund and will help send interested students to summer speech camp. More information will be coming soon. There will be a One Act Play Clinic at Sunray on Friday.

Monday started the 5th Six Weeks. All the teachers will be attending TAKS training on Thursday. It's that time of year when everything in the classrooms is TAKS-driven.

Sixth grade social studies students have been researching material on Ancient Greek and Roman Empires. Students have read material and have taken notes. The notes were turned into rough drafts and students critiqued each others' draft. Final copies have been written and covers have been illustrated. We are in the process of presenting oral reports to the class. Soon we will study Greek myths and make group presentations on those.

Fifth grade social studies students have been studying the time of the Revolutionary War and just finished a video-musical, "1776" about the Second Continental Congress. Seeing the video makes more lasting impressions of the turmoil during the issue of independence, the debate and

vote for our Declaration of Independence. We have more war issues and the start of our new country coming up. There are continuing tests on states 1-28.

Dr. Eric Cupp gave an excellent presentation to our students on Monday. Several people from the community attended also. We were fortunate to have him come to our schools.

Quote of the week: "Life is a box of chocolates."-Forrest Gump

**FOOD**

**Cook Up Family Memories**

NewsUSA

(NU) - When families gather for special occasions, food usually plays an important role. While these times can be hectic with the many errands that need to be done, it's also a great time to start a family cookbook project. The following tips, from the Family Cookbook Project, will help make your family's personalized cookbook a success:

- **Invite everyone to participate.** Don't just invite the family cooks. Everyone has at least one recipe that they can contribute to the cookbook. Use e-mail to stay in touch with contributors. Let them see what others have submitted to encourage them to keep adding their best recipes.
- **Establish an editor.** The editor is the person who is responsible for getting things started and making sure they keep moving ahead. This person is also responsible for defining the project in terms of whom to invite to participate, which recipes to include and when to publish the book.
- **Set a deadline.** Set a deadline one or two months in the future to have all of your recipes submitted. Most people work better if they know they face a hard deadline. For more information on how your family can make a family cookbook, visit [www.FamilyCB.com](http://www.FamilyCB.com).

**New York Times Best Sellers @ Your Library**

By Sandy Baskin-Librarian  
Fiction

1. The Appeal by John Grisham
2. 7th Heaven by James Patterson
3. Duma Key by Stephen King
4. Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker
5. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
5. Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich
7. World Without End by Ken Follett
8. The Senator's Wife by Sue Miller
9. Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz
10. Beverly Hills Deady by Stuart Woods
11. Double Cross by James Patterson
12. The secret Between Us by Barbara Delinsky
13. Blasphemy by Douglas Preston
14. The Shooters by W.E.B. Griffin
15. The Purrfect Murder by Rita Mae Brown
16. T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton
17. The Choice by Nicholas Sparks
18. Light of the Moon by Luanne Rice
19. 6 Sacred Stones by Matthew Reilly
20. The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
21. Atonement by Ian McEwan
22. Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
23. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
24. The Friday Night

- Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
25. Someday by Karen Kingsbury
26. The Other Bolyen Girl by Philippa Gregory
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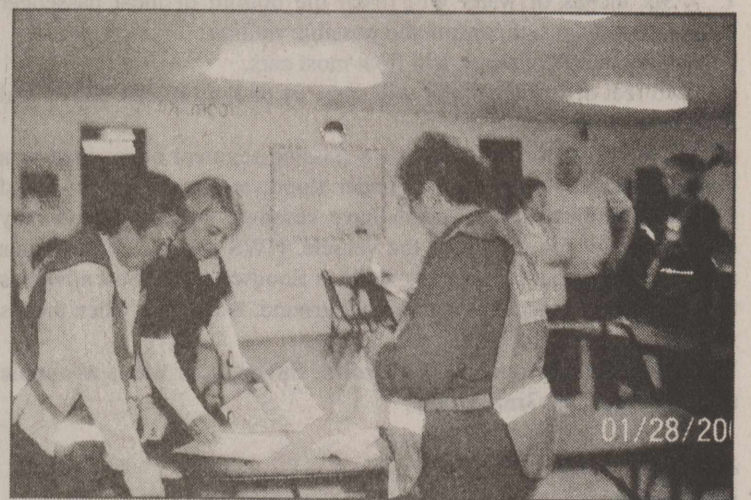
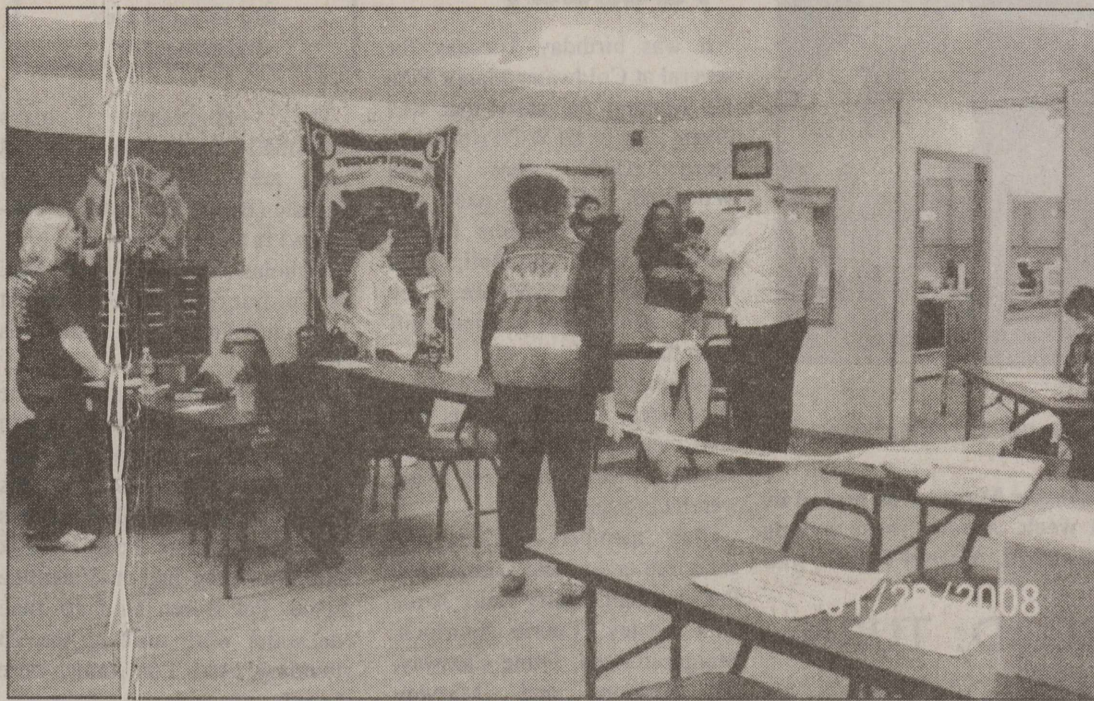
**Non-Fiction**

1. I Am America (And So Can You) by Stephen Colbert
2. Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy
3. Boom! by Tom Brokaw
4. Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell
5. The Nine by Jeffrey Toobin
6. Born Standing Up by Steve Martin
7. Musicophilia by Oliver Sacks
8. The Age of Turbulence by Alan Greenspan
9. The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
10. Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
11. The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama
12. The Innocent Man by John Grisham
13. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
14. 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper
15. The World is Flat by Thomas Friedman
16. The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell
17. Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
18. The Secret by Ronda Byrne
19. You: Staying Young by Michael Roizen
20. Become a Better You by Joel Osteen
21. The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden
22. The Daring Book for Girls by Andrea Buchanan
23. The 4-Hour Workweek by Timothy Ferriss
24. The Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey
25. Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert T. Kiyosaki

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.

**Point of Dispensing Site Exercise Held**



Volunteer Community Responders team members participated in a Point of Dispensing Site exercise, Monday, January 28, 2008. Team members organized and set up a dispensing site to triage and receive patients, provide educational information on the medications to be dispensed, processing and documentation, inventory control and dispensing of medication to patients and security. Team members participating were: Ray & Lynda Hauser, Joli Hauser, Ann Wells, Kay Payne, Kay Aston, Teresa Edmond, Gary & Margaret Graham. Thanks to our volunteer patients: Jesse & Crystal Mariscal and children, Jacob, Thomas & Mathews; Jack Gore and Eddie Williams. A special thank you to Officer Manuel Jimenez who provided site security. Next meeting will be February 25, 2008, 7 p.m. Stratford Fire Station. Come and join in on the fun.

**Don't Miss It  
Sherman County  
Ag Day  
March 13th**

**Getting The Skinny On High Protein Myths**

(NAPS)—Surprisingly, when it comes to getting protein into our diets to build more muscle and stay lean, there's a limit to how much the body can actually absorb.

"The food and supplement industry centers its marketing on 'nutritionalism'; products become known for the elements in them, such as high protein or high in vita-



mins and minerals," says Lizanne Falsetto, CEO of thinkproducts. "Most people assume that more is better, but that's simply not true."

The body can only absorb up to 20 grams of protein in one meal, an amount of which is often surpassed in nutrition bar offerings.

"A 'high protein' diet isn't about getting more than 20 grams in one meal, but changing the ratio of your protein to carbs and fats," Falsetto explains. Although protein burns slowly, she recommends eating whole, real foods so that the body gets a balanced diet of vital fuel. The key to staying fit is a combination of getting enough exercise and ingesting a balance of protein, good carbohydrates and fats.

The thinkproducts line includes the thinkThin, thinkOrganic and think5, all-natural nutrition bars, which can be found at grocery and natural food stores.

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—George Eliot



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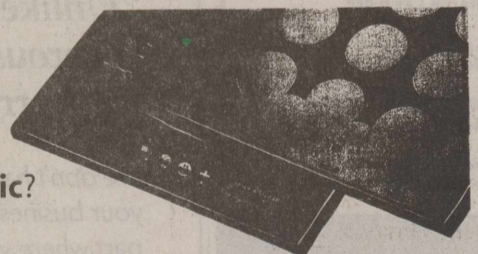
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2-7-c-08

**COLDWATER MANOR** has an opening for C.N.A., L.V.N. or R.N. and a Maintenance Mgr. Apply in person. EOE  
2-7-c-08

The City of Stratford has an immediate opening for a full-time Administrative Assistant/Data Entry clerk. This position reports to the City Manager. Duties include data entry, word processing, filing and other duties as assigned. Background check and non-disclosure agreement are required. Applications will be accepted through Friday, February 15, 2008. Please apply at City Hall (513 N 3rd St) between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday you may contact the City Manager at 366-5581 if you have any questions. The City of Stratford is an equal opportunity employer.  
2-7-08-c

Seeking career-oriented full-time teller. All applicants must possess excellent customer Service skills, and other previous teller or other Cash handling experience preferred. First State Bank offers competitive pay along with excellent benefits. Interested applicants should bring a resume and apply in person at First State Bank, located at 302 N. Main between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. First State Bank is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer  
2-7-08-c

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time equipment operator. Duties include operating loader, scraper, tractor and valid driver's license needed. Wage based upon experience. Great benefits include: Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance, 401 K and vacation. Please contact Rob at 580-543-6383 Ext. 1655. Successful completion of Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F  
2-7-08-c

Temporary position available: Farm workers, 03/01/08 to 12/31/08 @ \$8.66 /hr (or AEWK if higher). Free housing, 48 hrs p/wk ¼ guarantee, and transportation and subsistence expenses to worksite paid after 50% completion. Tools, equipment provided at no cost. Min. 3 months experience. Need CDL with air brake endorsement, provide driving record or obtain CDL in first two months. Duties: operate self-propelled custom combine, transporter truck and grain truck to harvest, transport, and store grain and oilseeds corn, repairing farm machinery. Basic literacy and math skills required. Meidinger & Son, Stratford, TX interested? Apply for this job at the nearest Texas Workforce Commission office using job listing #8041608  
2-28-p

## IRS Forms

The Sherman County Public Library will no longer carry paper copies of IRS forms. Most forms are available online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) Library patrons may use the public computers at the library to print any forms at a cost of \$.10 per page. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the library at 366-2200.

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I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter.  
—James Michener

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Easy reading is damn hard writing.  
—Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Metaphors have a way of holding the most truth in the least space.  
—Orson Scott Card

## 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](http://Shermancountytx.org)  
6-28-tfn

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### Residential Property

**14433 Hwy 287 Stratford**  
\$127,500  
4/2 1997 Saturn Manufactured Home on 24 acres. Cthd. Ceiling, wood burning f.p. in Living room. Kitchen has island with eating bar, pantry, and built-in desk. Master bath has walk-in shower, dbl. sinks, and garden tub. 4 car Quonset garage w/ elec. Barn with 220, & 2 addtl. Quonsets on concrete slabs.

**408 N. 8th. Stratford**  
\$85,000  
Room & 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.

**301 N. Poplar Stratford**  
\$275,000  
NICE! NICE! NICE! 60x100 Commercial Building on huge lot. Building has several overhead

doors, showroom, office, and handicap accessible restroom.

**Acreage**  
\$640,700  
Approx. 640.7 Acres w/ dbl. wide mobile home and 2 car detached garage just South of Stratford.



**911 N. Chestnut**  
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TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!!! 3/2.75/1 Brick home with steel trim. Kitchen w/stove, d.w., pantry & dining area w/carpet. Mtr. Bedroom with wall closet and drawers below and 1.75 baths. Fireplace in living room with gas starter. Walls have wood paneling and sheetrock. Second bdrm. W/.75 bath and walk-in closet. Cabinets in utility room w/built-in ironing board. Heat pump. Third bdrm & office built in bookcases and cabinets.

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What I like in a good author is not what he says, but what he whispers.  
—Logan Pearsall Smith

## Legal Notices

### Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at SCOT Hall to discuss a possible zoning change to prevent the sale of alcohol from the 000 Block of Main Street to the 800 Block of Main Street and preventing the sale of alcohol within prescribed distances from any school, church, medical clinic, day care or residential area.

### For Rent

For Rent: 2BR, 1 bath Apartments at 1319/1320 N. Chestnut. Newly Remodeled, spacious, kitchen appliances included. \$435-\$450 month. 806-244-3418  
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## Cards of Thanks

To each of you who called, came by, brought food & gifts, sent flowers, sent donations and prayed for us during the sickness and the passing of my wife "Arnita", our "Mom" and "Gran" our family is so grateful to you and we Thank you!

Jay Lane  
Deana Holman, Justin & Brent Lane  
& the grandchildren

### For Sale

Full size mattress set-Brand new, still in package. Sell for \$125. 806-341-6233.  
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The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "strengths."

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The act of putting pen to paper encourages pause for thought, this in turn makes us think more deeply about life, which helps us regain our equilibrium.  
—Norbet Platt

## FOR SALE

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The most thoroughly wasted of all days is that on which one has not laughed.  
—Nicolas de Chamfort

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A man can do only what he can do. But if he does that each day he can sleep at night and do it again the next day.  
—Albert Schweitzer

## Health

(NU) - You might already know that shopping in the produce aisle at the supermarket can help ward off pesky inconveniences like the common cold, but eating certain fruits, either fresh or frozen, may also play a large role in helping to fight and protect against serious illnesses such as cancer.

In a study, lung, skin, breast and cervical cancers all showed signs of shrinkage when exposed to blackberry extracts. The compound is so potent against disease that scientists have begun further analysis on the blackberry.

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For more information, visit [www.oregon-berries.com](http://www.oregon-berries.com).

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Choose always the way that seems the best, however rough it may be; custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.  
—Pythagoras

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One day, with life and heart, is more than time enough to find a world.  
—James Russell Lowell

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The longest day is soon ended.  
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## STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION

February 11, 2008

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2008. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Board members present: Joe Reinart, Brent Spurlock, Patti Vincent, Barney Willborn, Greg Wright and DeWain Trayler.

Board members absent: Steve Hays

Guest present: Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford and Kaci McBryde.

Mr. Seward led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition. It was as follows:

1. The Sherman County Stock Show was held January 22-24<sup>th</sup>. The following students received awards:

Steers - Grand Champion - Jordan Johnson, Reserve - Trevor Christian  
Heifers - Grand Champion - Braden Hamilton, Reserve - Sunny Russell

Goats - Grand Champion - Ransom Leron, Reserve - Ransom Leron

Lambs - Grand Champion - Trevor Christian, Reserve - Craig Kautz  
Swine - Grand Champion - Craig Kautz, Reserve - Jennie Spurlock

Showmanship

Steers - Senior - Jordan Johnson, Junior - Blaine Killian

Goats - Senior - Rowdy Leron, Junior - Ransom Leron

Lambs - Senior - Trevor Christian, Junior - Rae Leigh Willborn

Swine - Senior - Kyle Horsford, Junior - Ransom Leron

Congratulations to all the exhibitors on a job well done.

2. Several Stratford students exhibited animals at the Fort Worth stock show. Those placing were:

Kavan Killian - 2nd place Horned Hereford Heifer

Katie Killian - 3rd place Horned Hereford Heifer

Braden Hamilton - 4th place Angus Heifer

Blaine Killian - 5th place Horned Hereford Heifer

Trevor Christian - 9th place steer

Jordan Johnson - 13th place steer

Morgan Crabtree - 5th place spot pig

Jennie Spurlock - 8th place spot pig

Craig Kautz - 3rd place cross

LJ Moreno - 9th place pig

Rowdy Leron - 7th place pig

3. Six Junior High band students performed solos at the region solo and ensemble competition. Those receiving 1st division rating was Kavan Killian, Grayson Gonzalez, Derek Vasquez and Shyanne Acker. Tyler Seward and Layne Sims received a 2nd division rating. Congratulations to these students.

4. Kaci McBryde was selected as the Farmers Insurance teacher of the month for January.

5. Sandro Gomez and Julio Ramirez were named to the Honorable Mention All State team for the Texas Sports Writers association as defensive linemen.

6. This past fall, Mary Allen Elementary 4th grade faculty members conducted the educational curriculum, Patriotism Through Preparedness with then" students in partnership with Texas Cooperative Extension. This curriculum was offered in response to the national emerging issue of preparing individuals and families for the unexpected.

7. Manuel Chavoya, Kaleb Horsford, and Chandler Lutes were nominated to attend Boys State sponsored by the American Legion. All three went through an interview process and Manuel Chavoya was selected to attend. Congratulations to these students.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported an enrollment of 241. She reported that the 3rd and 4th graders took benchmarks tests last week. The results are where they need to be at this time. She also reported that the campus has experienced a lot of sickness the past two weeks. Attendance numbers are beginning to come back up. The 4th grade will take their WOWW trip on Tuesday to Amarillo to see a production of Willy Wonka. She passed out a proposal and drawing from the Play Well group. She plans to pursue some grant money to help cover the cost of the equipment.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. The enrollment at the Junior High is currently 183. The junior high basketball season is complete and those students are now working on track events. He commended the junior high students that competed in the solo/ensemble contest. He mentioned that the 4th six weeks will be over on Friday. Students continue to take benchmark tests and prepare for the TAKS test. He commended Kaci McBryde for the work she has done in the 8th grade reading class.

Mr. Hartsell gave the high school report. The high school enrollment is currently 169. Upcoming events include a Student Council Blood Drive on February 13, OAP clinic on February 22, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston stock shows, boy's basketball, spring sports, and TAKS ELA on March 5th. Dr. Eric Cupp will be here on February 18 to do a motivational seminar with all students. The anatomy & physiology classes will go to Lubbock to work on cadavers on February 27. He commended the UIL academic coaches of each event. He reported that 11 students placed, 5 students medaled, and the spelling team was second in a practice academic meet in Canadian. He reported that Luke Haile, Anna Torres, Catheryn Griffin, and Anne Brooks all received excellent ratings at the Regional Solo/Ensemble contest. The Lady Elks finished 4<sup>th</sup> in district and the Elks are currently tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Taks tutorial have begun at 7:30 a.m. for those who need extra help. He discussed possible options for cheerleaders for the next school year.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The transportation cost was \$1.16 for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 36.61% and revenue collected at 85.33%. Tax Collections are at 94.52%.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the consent agenda with the following amendment to the minutes. The motion should read "the board approved the contract with ABC companies to renovate the '89 Eagle bus". Motion carried 6-0.

Patti Vincent made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to order the trustee election on May 10, 2008. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT 1

Discussion was held on the driver's ed program. Currently the district charges \$180.00 per student to take the course. Other options include parent taught driver's ed (\$20.00) and driversed.com (\$135.00) on the internet.

Mr. Gilliland presented the early release/comp day waiver. Kaci McBryde, president of the district SBDM committee was present to answer any questions. He also passed out the guidelines for earning comp days that all employees will use. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the waiver as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the 2008-2009 school calendar. Discussion was held. Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over TASB Legal Update 82. Discussion was held. Patti Vincent made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the update as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the Senate Bill 9 Fingerprinting collection. He passed out a handout on the requirements. Discussion was held.

Mr. Gilliland reported on cooperative purchasing contracts. We currently contract with Texas Building and Procurement Commission for an annual fee of \$100.00. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve as presented. Motion carried 6-0. SEE ATTACHMENT 2

Mr. Gilliland recommended Ashley Hartsell for a contract extension. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to move Mr. Hartsell to multi-year contract ending in 2009-2010. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland recommended Glint Seward for a contract extension. Patti Vincent made

the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to extend Mr. Seward's contract through the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland recommended Misti McBryde for a contract extension. Barney Willborn made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to extend Mrs. McBryde's contract through the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland recommended Eddie Metcalf, Athletic Director for a contract extension. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to extend the contract of Eddie Metcalf through the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland recommended Cindy Franklin, Special Ed Coordinator for a contract renewal. Barney Willborn made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to renew the contract of Cindy Franklin. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gilliland recommended Tiffany Confer, Counselor for a contract renewal. Greg Wright made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to renew the contract of Tiffany Confer. Motion carried 6-0.

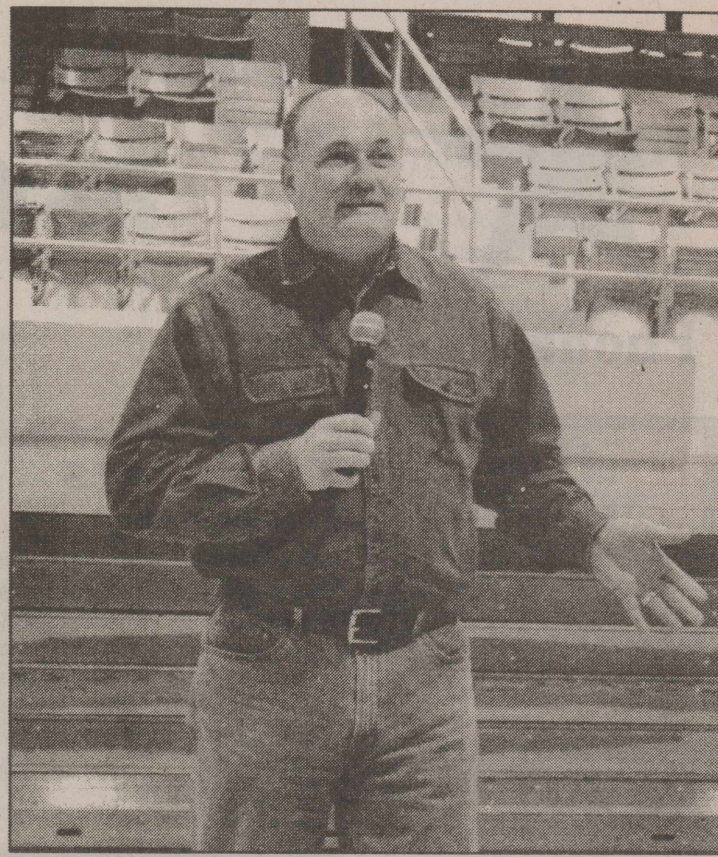
The board took a short recess.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation of Tiffany Confer. Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 6-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation of Joe Rackley. Barney Willborn made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resignation. Motion carried 6-0.

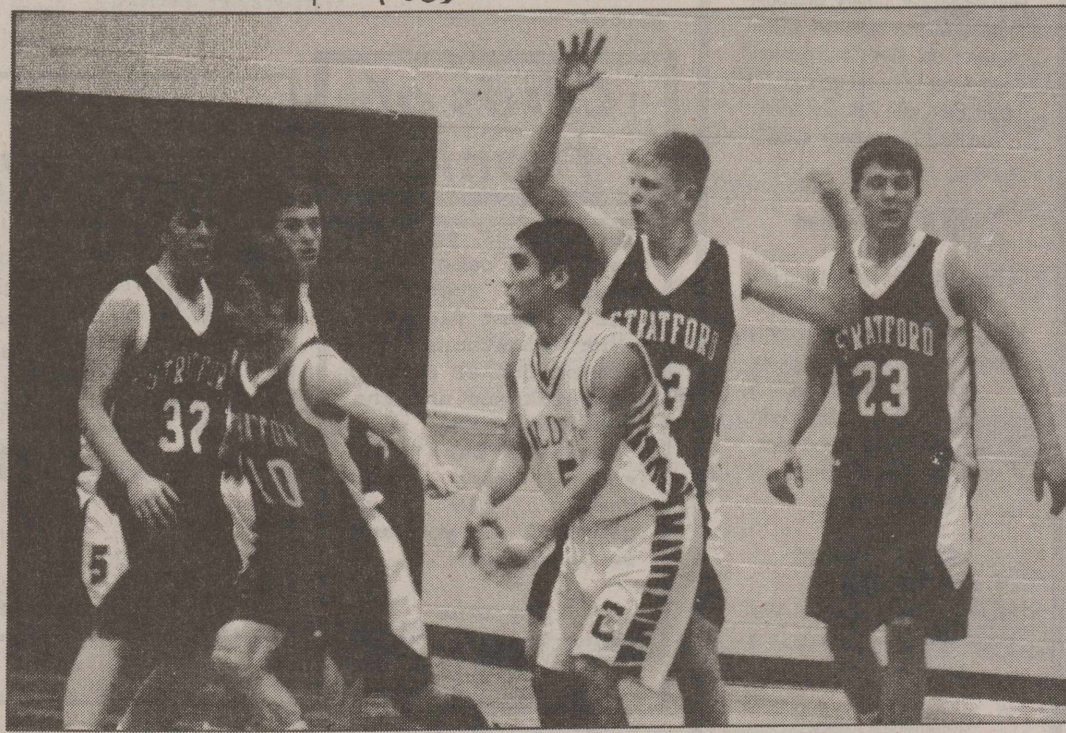
Mr. Hartsell addressed the board with personnel issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 PM.



### Dr. Cupp Speaks to Students

On Monday, February 18, 2008 all students of Stratford ISD had the opportunity to hear one of the state's most dynamic and effective speakers, Dr. Eric Cupp (shown above). This was made possible by the Stratford Education Foundation



### Stratford Elks Beat Canadian

The Stratford Elks beat Canadian 52-42 to clinch 3<sup>rd</sup> place in District on Friday, February 15, 2008. At press-time the Elks were set to play Bushland at Dumas on Tuesday, February 19 for Bi-District. Shown on defense from left, Tyler Wright, Hunter Buckles, Kyle Horsford and Kaleb Horsford.

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On Tuesday, February 12, the Elks lost 63-56 to Panhandle. Luis Ortega led with 16 points followed by Kyle Horsford with 14 and Hunter Buckles with 9 points. Against Canadian, Kaleb Horsford led the Elks with 15 points followed by Kyle Horsford with 11 points and Tyler Wright with 9 points.

The J.V. Elks lost 48-47 to Panhandle on Tuesday, February 12 to end their season 9-1 in District and 1<sup>st</sup> place. Congratulations!

## BAKE FOR FAMILY FUN

Chocolate Treats Can Be A Delicious Enticement Into The Kitchen

(NAPS)—The kitchen can be a great place to bake up some family fun. Making sweet treats together can help create lasting memories while allowing families to share some quality time.

No matter whether the results are for your own personal enjoyment, to be given as a homemade gift or to celebrate a good grade, baking together is often a sweeter endeavor when you add chocolate to the mix.

Just keep these tips in mind to make your baking day a success:

- Clear your calendar. Allow plenty of time for the baking process so everyone can relax and have fun.

- Go with the flow. Learning requires some trial and error. And be prepared for cleanups.

- Know your audience. Small children like to stay active, so choose recipes that allow them to do so. One of the best ways to get children involved is to bake with yeast dough. It is fun to play with and offers a lot of hands-on activities, such as kneading and shaping.

One idea from the baking experts at Fleischmann's Yeast is to make Chocolate Chocolate Crescents on your next family baking day. These chocolate-filled goodies are as much fun to make as they are to eat.

#### Chocolate Chocolate Crescents Makes 12 Crescents

- 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 envelope FLEISCHMANN'S RapidRise Yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup water



Adding chocolate to your sweet-baked treats can be a wonderful way to get your family into the kitchen.

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate
- 1 oz. semisweet chocolate
- 1 large egg
- Powdered sugar

#### Chocolate Filling:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

Combine 1 cup flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt in large bowl. Combine milk, water, butter, unsweetened and semisweet chocolate; heat until chocolate melts and temperature reaches 120° to 130° F. Stir into flour mixture. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add egg and 1/2 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic,

about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

To make chocolate filling, combine sugar, cocoa and flour. With fork or pastry blender, cut in butter; blend well. Stir in egg; add pecans. Stir well.

Divide dough into 12 pieces. Roll each piece into an 8 x 4-inch oval. Spread chocolate filling evenly over each oval. Beginning at short end, roll up tightly. Pinch seams to seal.

Place rolls, seam sides down, on well-greased baking sheets. With sharp knife, make 5 slits on top of each roll, cutting halfway through. Curve ends to form crescents. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Bake at 375°F for 15 to 20 minutes or until done. Cool on wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired.

For more fun family recipes, visit the Fleischmann's Yeast Web site at [www.breadworld.com](http://www.breadworld.com).