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City's New Police Chief Sworn In

Gregg Mullins has been sworn in as the City of Stratford Chief of Police. According to Mayor David Brown, the City did extensive searching for a compatible chief and feels lucky to have Chief Mullins on board. "Gregg's resume was impressive and his interview went splendid," said the Mayor. "We are very pleased that he and his wife have decided to accept our offer and relocate to Stratford to begin his career here." Mr Mullins spent 12 years in the US Navy. He has also worked for the Aransas County Sheriff's Department, Stafford Police Department and Ingleside Police Department. He also has been actively involved in the access control and CCTV systems integration. Mullins and his wife, Debby, have raised several children, all of whom have grown and left the nest. Shown above are Mayor David Brown, Council members Keri Harris, Ernie Maiwald, Jolie Asher, Connie Oquin and Duane Mungia. Standing in front is Debby and Gregg Mullins. Welcome to Stratford.

TPWD Public Hearing - Open Mule Deer Season in Hansford and Sherman; Change Pheasant Season

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Commission is considering numerous proposals that will impact Panhandle Counties. The first proposals specific to the northern Texas Panhandle would implement a 16-day, buck-only general season for mule deer and a 35-day buck-only archery season for mule deer in Sherman and Hansford counties. This season would match those of surrounding counties. Hansford and Sherman have not been included in the past due to limited native habitat and relatively low and scattered mule deer numbers. Yet, in recent years, TPWD helicopter surveys have shown that the population can support limited hunting. "The majority of native mule deer habitat occurs along the breaks of the major drainages such as Palo Duro and Coldwater Creeks," said Jeff Bonner, TPWD wildlife biologist in Pampa. "There are also groups of mule deer scattered throughout the farm country where Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields offer some cover. We (TPWD) realize that it's a somewhat limited resource across the two counties. Yet, we want to provide commercial hunting opportunities to the landowners as well as give hunters an opportunity to harvest some of those trophy bucks they've been

seeing for years but have not had the freedom to take", added Bonner. Many landowners and hunters familiar with the two counties can attest to the large, trophy size mule deer bucks that roam the draws and neighboring farm ground. In a population that has never been legally hunted, the natural result is a large proportion of older aged bucks, and it's those older bucks that grow the trophy sized racks" said Bo Adkins, TPWD wildlife biologist in Amarillo. "It's a rare thing to have such a population of mule deer in the U.S., and we hope that landowners and hunters will seize the opportunity, but at the same time, strive to maintain that older age structure and trophy antlers. It will be to everyone's benefit 10 years from now", added Adkins. A second proposal would start the pheasant season in the Panhandle one week later than the current opening date and extend the total length of the season by seven days. Therefore, the season would open the second Saturday of December and run for 37 days. Currently, as nearly anyone in the Panhandle can tell you, pheasant season in the Panhandle opens on the first Saturday in December and runs for 30 consecutive days. In the northwestern counties of the Panhandle, the end of the deer season coincides with the opening of pheasant season. The proposal would allow for independent enforcement of open deer and pheasant seasons. There are no expected biological implications. Other proposals open for comment include: Open mule deer season in Andrews, Martin, and Games counties; Extend quail season through the last day

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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 11th through March 13th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Elections will be May 10th. 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.

Texas Public School Week

Texas Public School Week is March 10-14. Junior High and High School will hold their open house on Monday, March 10 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Mary Allen Elementary will hold their open house on Tuesday, March 11 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Needed: White Christmas lights for decorations for prom. Make sure your name is on the cord and contact Dinah if you have some lights that could be used. 806-366-3300

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.

Pinewood Derby Set

The Cub Scouts of Stratford will be having their annual Pinewood Derby on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 pm at The Imagination Station. Classes being run will be Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Weebelos. An Open Class (open to anyone) will also be run so bring your car and race!! Best Design in all five classes will be judged and prized. A Pinewood Derby Queen will also be crowned. Come join in the fun!! If there are any questions, please call Laurie Spurlock or Ronna Riffe.



Jack McBryde (left) 1st place Duroc & Reserve breed Duroc. He is the son of Gared & Misti McBryde. Shown below Jennie Spurlock 1st place Cross & Reserve Division Cross. She is shown with her parents Wes and Susie Spurlock and Jackie Burkhalter & David Graf. (Complete story below picture. Photos courtesy of Barker Photography of Chappell Hill, Texas

4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILE NEWS

By Susie Spurlock Sherman County 4-H members are working on clothing and textile projects under the leadership of volunteer Jean Everett. Two groups met biweekly and have completed making a Secret Pocket Scarf. The scarves are made from fleece fabric and members have made scarves for family members and/or themselves. The scarves are sure to be seen at on 4-H members on cold mornings or at upcoming track meets scheduled this spring.

The Giggling Girls group has started work on a flirty ruffled t-shirt. Boys and Bobbins project group are constructing a button down casual shirt.

Members are also preparing for the County Fashion Show to be held April 7th.

The Fashion Show is the achievement event of the Clothing and Textile project. Guidelines for the Fashion Show are available at the County Extension Office. County Fashion Show entry deadline is April 1, 2008.

For more information, contact Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent in Sherman County at 366-2122.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

VOTE 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.

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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LOCAL YOUTH EXCEL AT SAN ANTONIO

A total of 15 FFA and 4-H members recently competed at the San Antonio Livestock Show, according to David Graf, Texas AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Sherman County and Jackie Burkhalter, Ag Science instructor for Stratford High School.

Four individuals had these outstanding results in the junior market barrow show: Jack McBryde- 1st place Duroc and Reserve Breed Duroc; Jennie Spurlock- 1st place Cross and Reserve Division Cross; Craig Kautz-2nd place Cross; and Kaleb Horsford- 10th place Berkshire. "When you compete against over 3000 kids and only about 325 make the sale, Sherman County did extremely well," stated Mr. Burkhalter, who accompanied the group, along with a number of parents.

Other swine exhibitors participating were Morgan Crabtree, Kevan Eldridge, Grayson Gonzalez, Kyle Horsford, Brent Reed, and Justin, Kaylee, and Madison Mungia.

Lamb exhibitors participating were Trevor Christian, Craig Kautz, and RaeLeigh Wilborn.

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

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.

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 Wellborn. Holdover members are, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Greg Wright, Steve Hays and DeWain Trayler.

National Weather Service Spotters Training will be March 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. 101 N. Pearl. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I think most of us are aware that there has recently been a new American Legion Post established in Stratford. *The Howard Norvell Green Post 262*. There's a reason the post is named in honor of Mr. Green, he was one of Stratford's sons who gave the ultimate wartime sacrifice when he was killed in action during World War II.

Wayne Smith (Commander of Post 262) stopped by our house over the weekend to drop off some information for Les concerning the upcoming fund raiser the Post is having to raise money to send one of our young men to the 2008 Boys State in Austin. The Post is already a busy, functioning Post.

The new Post was in the back of my mind this morning during church when a friend handed me a copy of a prayer given by one of America's truly legendary First Ladies, Eleanor Roosevelt, who saw American through WW II, the wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Here is a copy of her prayer that I submit to your readers.

**A Wartime Prayer
By Eleanor Roosevelt**

Dear Lord:

Lest I continue my complacent way, help me to remember that somewhere, somehow, out there a man died for me today. As long as there is war, I then must ask myself, and answer, Am I worth dying for?

Signed Joyce Dodson

SCOT News

By Lynn Wells

Whew!! Things are certainly busy at SCOT Hall.

In addition to the usual happenings, the American Legion is meeting every 1st Thursday evening. There was a City Council meeting with many citizens attending last week.

At our January board meeting the following officers were elected: Pres-Lynn Wells; Vice Pres-Cindy Jackson; Sec-Frankie Shields; Co-program chairman-Jo June McDaniel & Charline Oquin; Special events-Connie Oquin.

Future events in the planning stage include: a program on reverse mortgages (this should be of interest to all senior citizens) A health fair to be held in May, a program presented by Andy Crocker, State Extension Specialist; and possibly a trip to the Chicken House.

All these things are in addition to the regular monthly gatherings: Bingo on 1st and 3rd Thursday at 3 p.m. Game time on 3rd Friday Friday at 3 p.m. Birthday party on 3rd Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and last but certainly not least the luncheon at 12 noon on 4th Thursday.

We invite and encourage anyone 55 and older to come join us SCOT for some good times.



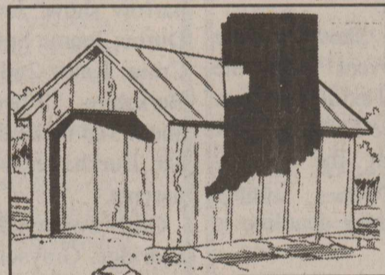
Second Grade presents program

Second grade students at Mary Allen Elementary treated Coldwater Manor residents, staff members and parents to a special Valentine's Day Presentation.

American Veteran's Traveling Tribute/Vietnam Moving Wall Coming To Perryton in March 2008!

Mark your calendar and pass the word regarding this most important project scheduled from 6 through 9 March on Main Street in Perryton. (HW 83) Look for information in your community. It will be well advertised. God Star Mothers will be recognized on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. If you know of Gold Star Mothers in your area, invite them to this ceremony. In short, ceremonies are scheduled on the following days:

- Wednesday, 5 March**
Wall arrival and reception at 6:00pm
Motorcycles will escort the wall from Amarillo to Perryton. If you would like to ride, notify Paul Laughead, (806) 624-2275 (Res) Or (806) 624-3581 (work)
- Thursday, 6 March at 6:00pm**
Short ceremony. The Marine Reserve from Amarillo will do the flag honors.
- Friday, 7 March at 12:00noon**
Opening Ceremony with welcome speeches. The Amarillo Army Reserve will do the flag honors.
- Saturday, 8 March at 1:00 p.m.**
Perryton Marine Lance Corporal Seth Huston remembrance.
Speaker: Randall County Judge Ernie Houdashell
Gold Star Mothers recognized
Amarillo Navy Reserve will do the flag honors.
- Saturday, 8 March at 6:00pm**
POW/MIA Table Ceremony
Reading of the names and balloon release
Perryton Boy Scouts will do the flag honors.
- Sunday, 9 March at 10:00am**
Church Service and Ride to the Wall
- Sunday, 9 March at 4:00pm**
Battlefield Memorial
Speaker: Warren Chisum
USAF Honor/Color Guard will do the flag honors and the Rifle Salute.



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ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

The SISD Junior High Library received a generous donation from Wendy and Stanley Marsh 3 for the purchase of library books in print. This gift is greatly appreciated and we say a big "Thank you" to the Marshes! Mrs. Carthel expresses kudos to Osmar and Omar Portillo for making Valentines Day a happy one for many. The two brothers brought a large bouquet of red roses to school and gave one to each young lady in their high school classes throughout the day.

After reading a play of the life of Anne Frank, the eighth grade ESL class constructed a large timeline with pictures of the life of Anne Frank and hung in on the wall opposite the library. Since the students were close in age to Anne Frank, they empathized a great deal with her. Mrs. Carthel expressed

pride in the work and dedication to the project by Erica and Monica Chavez and Raul Martinez.

Ms. Talcott says, "Hi there!" So.... Frank the Snake has been in hibernation-mode since November and has refused to eat every little jumpy mouse we entice him with. We tried brown ones, black ones, white ones; nothing worked! The class decided to try one last thing before freeing him outside. We took him from his cold tank that sat by the window and moved him to one that had a heater in it on the other side of the room. Now Frank think's he's back in the warm climate for good and has become much more active. We tested his appetite over the weekend by leaving a small white mouse in his tank and...HE ATE IT! Woo-Hoo! Now we don't have to let Frank go!

The Sherman County Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday at Texhoma Church of Christ. The Sunray Track Meet for high school and junior high is on Friday and Saturday.

Quote of the week: "To be prepared is half the victory."- Michael Cervantes.

Honor Roll

5th grade

- Bethany Everett
- Desinya Garza
- David Marquez
- Vanessa Mendoza
- Allissa Palmer
- Tyler Rouse
- Jacie Seward
- Colten Summers

6th grade

- Nathan Bennett
- Ellie Daniels
- Hunter Everett
- Ricky Garay
- Ben Gilliland
- Tiffany Torres
- Suzette Palma
- Mary Ann Spurlock
- Carlos Trejo

7th grade

- Shyanne Acker
- Alex Asher
- Meghan Brooks
- Alex Chavoya
- Christian Confer
- Patty Flores
- Grayson Gonzalez
- Kelby Hartman
- Tera Harris
- Stephanie Jacquez
- Karen Lozoya
- Kaylee Mungia

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Movies Beginning February 29

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Witless Protection
PG-13 Larry the Cable Guy

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PG-13 Dennis Quad Sigourney Weaver

The Spiderwick Chronicles
PG Freddie Highmore

Jumper
PG-13 Samuel L. Jackson

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Janet Reyes- is a sophomore at Stratford High. She is a member of the Lady Elk cross country, basketball and track teams. She is also a leader in the FCA.

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Free Water Wise Gardening & Drip Irrigation Class Offered

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (NPGCD) is offering the fourth annual Water Wise Gardening class on March 29, 2008 at the District offices in Dumas. The class, taught by the Potter/Randall Master Gardeners, presents attendees with information on the principles of xeriscape, or using drought tolerant plants to create a lush and beautiful landscape suited to our dry climate. Also presented will be information on how to install a home drip irrigation system to allow home owners to water their landscape more efficiently and with less work.

The importance of water conservation continues to increase in the Panhandle, and learning more about how to have an attractive home landscape that uses less water and requires less maintenance is a topic that many home owners find very helpful.

When people hear the word xeriscape, what often comes to mind are gravel lawns with a few spotty plantings of cacti and succulents, but that is not at all the case. There are many beautifully flowering perennials that are adapted to a dryer environment, as well as decorative grasses and shrubs, and class participants will learn more about many of them. Participants will leave with many printed resources that they can make use of at home, as well as a list of websites where they can learn more.

The drip irrigation portion of the class will include pictures and information on how to install a drip irrigation system for both the landscape and potted plants such as might be used on a patio. The system is simple to install, and can provide the home owner with water savings, as well as less time spent watering during the hot summer months.

The class will be held at the NPGCD offices at 603 East 1st Street in Dumas on March 29 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending can contact Rhonda Artho at 806-935-6401 or e-mail to artho@npwd.org to sign up.

Honor Roll
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Elizabeth Reyes
Haydee Rojas
Kenny Ruiz
Itzel Salcido
Reed Schoonover
Tyler Seward
Ethan Shields
M'Lynn Wells

8th grade

Rhyan Burton
Marcos Garza
Mark Hand
Kavan Killian
Ransom Leron
Lidia Mendoza
Justin Mungia
Braidon Palmer
Perla Reta
Tori Rouse
Jesus Ruedas
Arlith Soto
Gabriel Tarango

(NAPS)—In the past 11 years, the Keeping Kids Warm program, sponsored by Charming Shoppes, has donated over 70,000 coats to kids. If you know a school that could benefit from a visit by this program, e-mail keepingkids warm@charming.com.

Experts say good oral health, good eating habits and good general health are all linked. For example, it's a good idea to avoid snacks high in sugar or starch and aim for at least two servings of calcium a day to keep teeth strong.

Toys from Fisher-Price's *Go, Diego, Go!* collection can help teach children about wildlife and the environment. The Rescue a Friend Assortment let's children unlock fun facts, photos and more about their animal. For more information, visit www.fisher-price.com.



DCP Class Takes Field Trip

The DCP class from Stratford High School went on a fieldtrip to Happy State Bank of Stratford Tuesday February 19th. The class has been studying personal money management as part of their curriculum. Mr. DeWain Trayler, assisted by Annie Duran and Tamara Rosales, gave the students valuable information about banking procedures, online banking, and other banking information they may need as they leave the community for college, training, or work. Mr. Hembree and the class greatly appreciate the invaluable information received on this fieldtrip and the cookies and hospitality by Happy State Bank and its employees.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Election is Scheduled for May 10

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District's (District) Board of Directors has approved an election order for Directors of three full terms and one unexpired term to be held on May 10, 2008. Four seats on the District's Board - representing precincts 1, 5, 6, and 7, are scheduled to be on the ballot in May's election. All but one of the positions, Precinct 1, are for full, four-year terms. The Precinct 1 seat became vacant last year when Tom Mellema resigned the position, leaving open the remainder of his term, which expires May 2010. The District's Board appointed Brian Bezner to fill the unexpired position.

The Director precincts scheduled for this election are as follows:
Director Precinct No. 1 is all the area within the District and within Dallam County. Brian Bezner is currently serving as Director.

Director Precinct No. 5 is all the area within the District and within Hansford & Hutchinson Counties. Bob Zimmer is currently serving as Director.
Director Precinct No. 6 is all of Ochiltree County. Daniel Krienke is currently serving as Director.

Director Precinct No. 7 is all the area within the District and within Lipscomb County. Gene

Born is currently serving as Director.

Persons interested in running for an elected position on the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (District) Board of Directors have until 5 p.m. on March 10 to file an application for candidacy.

Anyone interested can request an-application for a place on the May 10th ballot in person at District headquarters or by mail to the attention of Steven Walthour, General Manager, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, 603 East 1st Street, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029. The eligibility requirements to be a candidate are the same as for other locally elected positions (city commission or school board).

The District, under the authority of Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, regulates water well spacing and production and is governed by a 7-member board of directors elected by popular vote from single member precincts. The purpose of the District is to provide for the conservation, preservation, protection, recharging, and prevention of waste of the groundwater consistent with the objectives of the Texas Constitution.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the election, about the District, or about the District's Board of Directors may contact the District office at 806-935-6401 or may e-mail to artho@npwd.org



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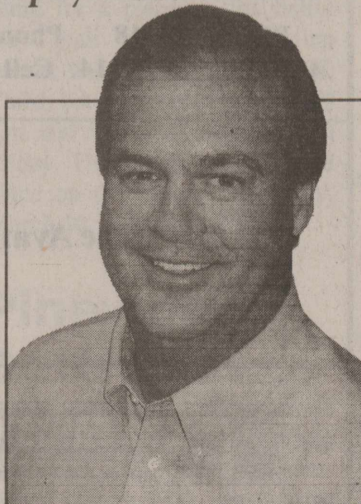
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Pat Boren returned home Sunday night from a week's trip in Florida. She met three friends there for two concerts and the drive around Florida to Tampa Zoo, Silver Springs, Bok Singing Tower and the Beach. It rained all the time except the day they went to the beach! Pat's friends were Sabine Bolder of Maines, Germany, Susan Robinson of Largo, Florida, and Judith Sitka of Gainesville, Florida.

Jo June McDaniel has some pecans available.

The Schoonover family attended the Sunray Basketball tournament for fifth and sixth grade. Rett is a player His team won the tourney.

Florencia Eslinger's daughter Becky Howell had a spell of some sort Saturday evening while having supper with Florencia and Gary Hudgens. the ambulance took her to Dumas from Stratford; she is home which is east of Dumas. They really don't know what the problem was.

Patti McDaniel, Denver, arrived Saturday for a visit with her mother Marylou and brother Mike.

To be capable of steady friendship or lasting love are the two greatest proofs, not only of goodness of heart, but of strength of mind.

—William Hazlitt

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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

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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

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

Heritage Bible Baptist

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

First Baptist

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

La Mision Bautista

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Mark 8:36: For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

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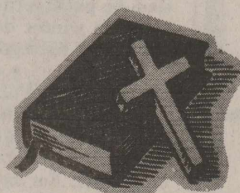
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National Weather Service Spotters
Training will be March 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Stratford Fire Station. 101 N. Pearl. Any interested persons are invited to attend.

In Pigeon Forge, Tenn., the 18th Annual Winterfest of lights, sights, shopping, songs and stories begins in November and lasts through February. For information on attractions and activities, call (866) 293-4876 toll free or visit www.MyPigeonForge.com.

Each year, five extraordinary women are honored for empowering themselves and inspiring others after the deaths of their husbands. To learn more about the State Farm Embrace Life Awards and this year's honorees, visit www.sfbembracelifeward.com.

(NAPS)—Created by Leslie Zoerb of Buffalo, N.Y., and perfected with the help of master chefs, Caramelized Pear and Toasted Pecan was selected out of the 5,000 entrants from across the country to become the next flavor of Häagen-Dazs ice cream. For details, visit Häagen-Dazs.com/Scoop.

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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Residential Property

14433 Hwy 287 Stratford
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4/2 1997 Saturn Manufactured Home on 24 acres. Cthdl. 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 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.

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
\$89,000

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 panelling and sheetrock. Second bdm. W/1.75 bath and walk-in closet. Cabinets in utility room w/built-in ironing board. Heat pump. Third bdrm & office built in bookcases and cabinets.

N. Hwy 287 Approx. 5.5 ACS
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\$179,500

Country Living Close to Town 3/1.75/2 Brick Home w/steel trim. Open floor plan. Liv. Rm. W/rock f.p. & recessed lighting. Kit./eating bar, d.w., gas cook top, built-in oven, & pantry. Dining area. Office. Lg. utility room w/sink, washer & dryer. Master bath w/dbl. sinks, & Jacuzzi tub. Ample storage throughout. Oversized two car garage. Well house & cert. septic system. New metal barn w/overhead door, water, & electric.

Houses for Sale

Ranch style home for sale by owner. 619 N. 5th; 2354 total sq. ft. 1980 sq. ft. ground level plus an additional 374 sq. ft. basement. 3 bedroom, 3 ½ baths. Master suite w/large master bath. 2 fireplaces plus central heat/air. Sits on 3 ½ lots, detached two car garage, covered patio, and privacy fence. 24 x 30 additional shop. Basement has one bedroom plus a large media room. Sprinkler system front/back. A home you must see! Call 753-7315 or 753-6484 for appointment. 2-28-tfn

Cards of Thanks

What a wonderful feeling to be home! The days in the hospital were long but much more bearable because of the love and support from family and friends. The cards, visits, flowers, food and personal favors all made my days better. The healing spirit of prayer on my behalf was overwhelming. With the tremendous outpouring of positive thoughts, encouragement, and prayers, I am recovering. How lucky I am to be a part of such a supportive community.

Linda Spurlock

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts, inquiries and prayers. Our sister, Diana, is home after her hit and run accident. With your continued thoughts and prayers, we hope that she will fully recover. Dianna & Lynn plan to move back to Stratford from Washington D.C. to retire. They still remember the wonderful people that live here. Once again our gratitude and thanks to you all.

Carol McLaughlin & Family
Tina Salazar & Family

(NAPS)—JA Worldwide (Junior Achievement) offers programs to help K-12 students devise and adhere to budgets, learn about credit and become informed consumers. The group is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Visit www.ja.org.

An organization has been created to connect homeowners with resources they can use to help them realize more enjoyment and fulfillment out of country living. It's called the Country Living Association. John Deere is a founding sponsor. Learn more at www.countrylivingassociation.org.

According to a survey for Trident, 84 percent of Americans smile often when confident about their teeth, 86 percent believe smiling makes people happy, 82 percent agree the more people smile, the happier they'll be and 90 percent say seeing someone smile makes them smile.

A fall checkup can be especially important for your car because owners often subject vehicles to wear and tear through the peak summer driving months and will soon be putting cars through their paces in winter driving. To learn more, visit www.goodwrench.com.

By law, all Puerto Rican rums are required to be aged at least one year for a white rum and anywhere from five to 15 years for a dark rum. For more information on Rums of Puerto Rico, visit www.rumcapital.com.

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DELAY THE GAME WHEN THUNDERSTORMS APPROACH

Sports fields are dangerous places to be during thunderstorms. That's why the National Weather Service and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management urge Texans to delay the game when thunderstorms approach.

Sports fields are large, open areas where you and your companions may be the tallest objects. Metal bleachers, fences, light poles and goal posts attract lightning. When lightning hits these objects, the charge travels along the object, potentially injuring anyone in contact with the metal. Lightning can bounce off any of these objects and strike people nearby.

Schools, athletic programs, day care centers and summer camps, as well as coaches, referees and parents participating in field events need to understand the dangers of lightning. They should be prepared to suspend games and move the players and spectators inside nearby buildings or into cars and buses until the storm threat passes.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management offers the following lightning safety tips.

- 1 If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning.
- 2 If you are outdoors with no shelter available, stay low.
- 3 Move away from hills and high places, and avoid tall, isolated trees.
- 4 Do not touch metal objects, such as tennis rackets, baseball bats, or golf clubs.
- 5 Do not ride bicycles, or lean against fences or metal sheds.
- 6 Do not lean against a car or truck -- get inside the vehicle quickly.
- 7 If you feel your hair suddenly stand on end, it means you may be a lightning target. Crouch low on the balls of your feet and try not to touch the ground with your knees or hands.
- 8 Avoid wet areas that can conduct the lightning charge.

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