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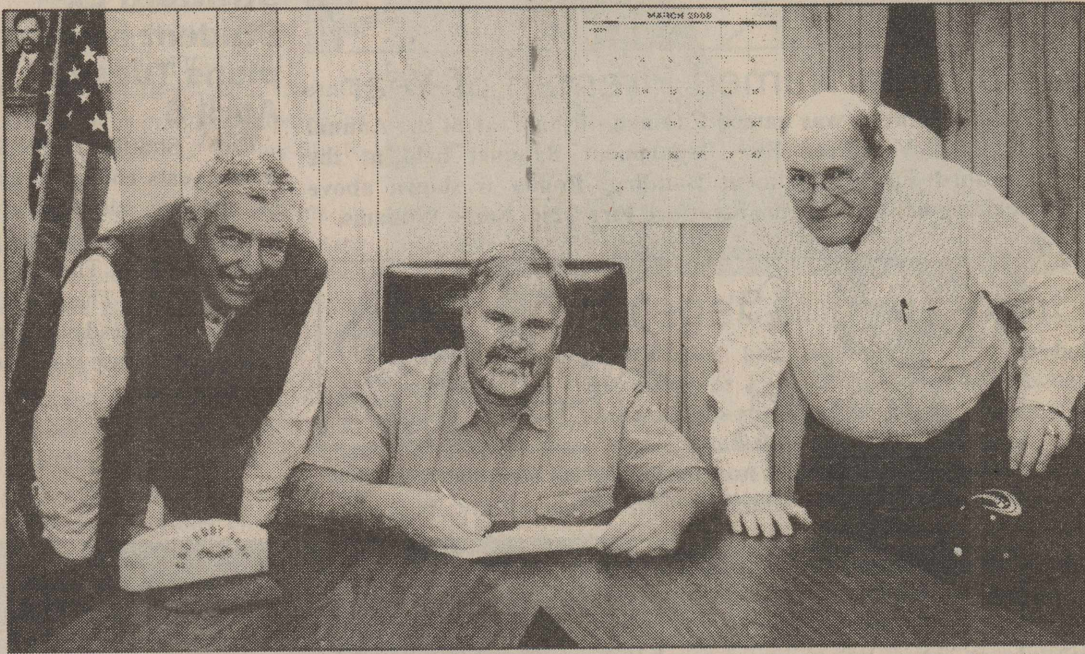
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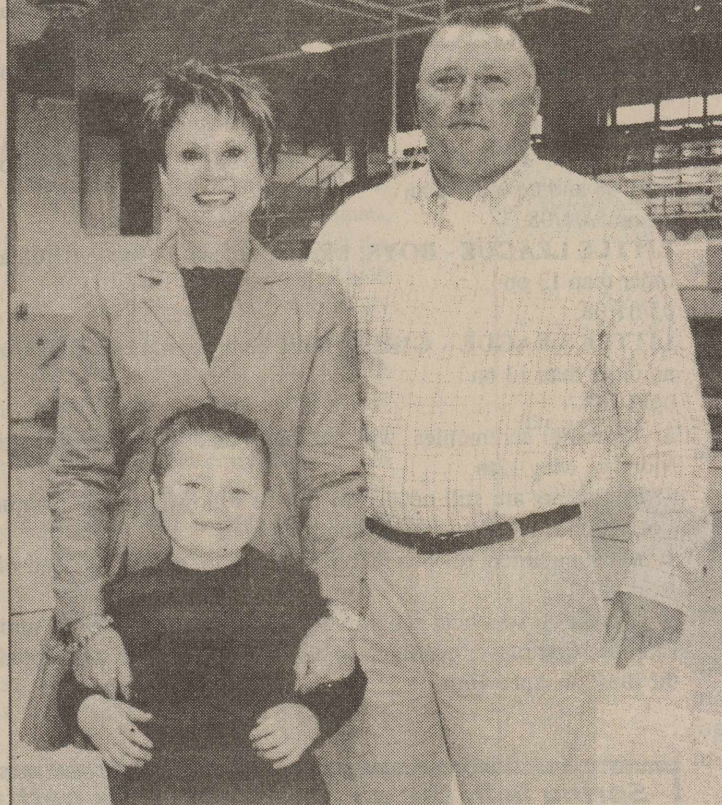
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## Mayor Brown Signs Proclamation

Stratford Mayor David Brown is shown above signing a proclamation proclaiming April as CASA 69 Child Abuse Prevention Month. Shown with Mayor Brown are CASA Board members Duane Pittman and Griff Lasley.



## Lecture Series Continues

J.D. (Jeremy Davis) presented a program to the High School Student Body on Friday, March 22, 2008. J. D. is the owner operator of Davis Geomatics, located in Amarillo, Texas. This series is being provided by the Stratford ISD Education Foundation. Students who graduated from Stratford will be coming back to Stratford to share with the student's careers that they now have. This series is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Shown at left with J.D. are Patti Vincent and his son John.

## Fund for Zelda Pickens Has Been Set Up

There has been a fund set up at Happy State Bank to help with Medical Expenses for Zelda Pickens.

## Manor Friends To Meet

Coldwater Manor Friends will Meet on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 10 a.m. at Coldwater Manor.

## STEER VALIDATION DEADLINE

Local youth interested in exhibiting a steer at state shows next year should contact the County Extension office immediately to get tags ordered for validation. Call 366-2081 for details.


## CHAMBER HAS NEW DIRECTOR

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Director. Cynthia Dodd began working at the Chamber March 3, 2008. The Chamber office is open Monday-Friday from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please give Cynthia a call if you need anything at 806-366-2260. An Open House is planned to welcome Cynthia in April so make plans to come by and meet her.

## TEXAS WindWorks LLC TO HOLD MEETING

April 10th @ 7 p.m. The Imagination Station

Cliff Etheredge of Texas WindWorks LLC - Roscoe, Texas will be in Stratford to answer your questions about wind energy development. Mr. Etheredge, a cotton farmer and wind energy enthusiast, understood the positive impact wind energy would bring to his local community and felt that someone needed to step up on behalf of the local landowners to help them realize the wind energy potential of their land. In 2003, he founded Texas WindWorks, LLC and started meeting with landowners to help them form land collectives. Since then WindWorks has assisted in the development of approximately 60,000 acres of land specifically for energy use. The opportunity to supplement farming income with potential earnings of wind leases is a profound and exciting opportunity destined to drastically change the local economies -- for the better. Brought to you by Sherman County Development Committee Inc.



**STRATFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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**April 4, 2008**  
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 Doors open at 6, Dinner at 6:30  
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 Speaker—Greg Mullins City of Stratford Police Chief  
**Topic**  
**"Identity Theft"**  
 Tickets are \$25 for couples and \$15 for singles and are available at the Chamber of Commerce or from any boardmember.

## USDA SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON CHANGES TO CRP MANAGED HAYING AND GRAZING

COLLEGE STATION, TX - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that it will hold public meetings in Texas on April 8-9, 2008 on proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a meeting on April 8, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the Regency Inn Suites Hotel in Abilene, TX. **The second meeting will be on April 9, 2008 held at the Fifth Season Inn in Amarillo, TX beginning at 1:00 PM.**

FSA is proposing rule changes to the frequency that managed haying and grazing is allowed on land that is enrolled in CRP. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and the public may also comment on changes to primary nesting season dates, during which managed haying and grazing are not permitted.

FSA will consider public comments when it prepares state-specific environmental assessments that will evaluate the effects of the proposed changes. The environmental assessments will aid USDA decision-makers and the public with an analysis of the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed changes to managed haying and grazing on CRP land.

Public comments can be submitted both electronically and by regular mail. They must be received by the close of business on May 9, 2008. Direct comments to: MHG EAs, Gee-Marine Incorporated, 27 13 Magruder Blvd., Suite D, Hampton, Va, 23666-1572 or send them to the Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>.

These meetings are two (2) of fourteen (14) public meetings that will be held in 13 states where USDA is proposing rule changes to the managed haying and grazing program. More information on meeting dates and locations is available on the project Web site: <http://public.geo-marine.com>. Here are specific details about the public meetings for Texas:

What: CRP Public Meeting	What: CRP Public Meeting
When: April 8, 2008 (9:00 AM)	When: April 9, 2008 (1:00 PM)
Where: Regency Inn Suites Hotel	Where: Fifth Season Inn
3450 S Clack Street	6801 1-40 East
Abilene, TX 79606	Amarillo, TX 79106
Contact: Micky Woodard (979)680-5208	Contact: Micky Woodard (979)680-5208

## Attention All Juniors and Parents:

The Prom will be Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. We will begin decorating at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need as many parents as possible to help. Dress Rehearsal for the skit will be on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and the community is invited.

Items still needed for prom: White Christmas Lights, spot lights of any size, extension cords, staple guns, ladders.

## 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.



## FARMERS

Teacher of The Month

Judy Stoy

March 2008

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Mrs. Stoy is our Teacher of the Month for March. When you see her, be sure and thank her for all she does for our kids.

## TEACHER OF THE MONTH - MARCH 2008

NAME: JUDYSTOY

FAMILY: My husband is Tommy. We have one daughter, Ashley, who is married to Chad Hodo. They have a little boy, Ethan Thomas, who is 18 months.

HOBBIES: I like to visit with family and friends, work in the yard, read and watch movies.

WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH: 9th and 10th English

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING: 17 years

WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER: I believe teachers can make a difference.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT TEACHING: Everyday presents a new challenge and an opportunity to help students gain the knowledge and skills they need to be successful.

WORDS OF WISDOM OR MOTTO ABOUT TEACHING: Try to make the classroom a place for each student to grow and succeed and find something special in each one.

## Obits



June Sewell

June Sewell - 69 passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in Stratford, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 PM, Friday, March 28, 2008 at First Christian Church in Texhoma with Rev. Mike Hughes, pastor of the church officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery. Arrangements were by Morrison Funeral Directors.

June Sewell was born June 24, 1938 in Tucumcari, New Mexico to Lonnie and Lola Barber. On July 24, 1956 she married Gene Sewell in San Jon, New Mexico. She was a homemaker. She had been a resident of Dalhart before moving to Texhoma 15 years ago. June liked music and loved to dance.

Survivors include; her husband Gene of the home; sons, Rodney Sewell and wife, Sherry of Dalhart, Bill Sewell and wife, Cindy of Fritch, Thomas Sewell and wife, Trish of Texhoma; daughters, Stephanie Dooley and husband, Wade of Sunray, Michelle Garza and husband Dario of Stratford, Kimberley Anderson and husband, Scott of Fullerton, NE; sisters, Wanda Paris of Los Lunas, NM, Lanell Clark of San Jon, NM, Barbara Polk of Amarillo, Glenda Gerber of Vega; brothers, Irvin Barber of Justin, Lonnie Barber of Farmington, NM, Tom Barber of Pueblo, CO; 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd, Amarillo, TX 79106.

## ATTENTION BASEBALL PARENTS

**Stratford Youth Baseball Association Meeting Minutes**  
The Stratford Youth Baseball Association held its' annual meeting on Wednesday, March 26th. Thirteen parents were present for the meeting.

\*\*\*\* At this time, we do not have enough coaches to support our Machine Pitch League. We are in need of at least two more volunteer adult coaches to assist with the Machine Pitch League this season. Without this backing from parents, we will be unable to have a Machine Pitch League this year!!!

### Action Items;

1. Registration Night will be held on Tuesday, April 8th from 5:30 to 7:00 in the Stratford HS Library.

2. \*\*\*\*League Age Guidelines have changed! Please note the following age parameters for each division -  
**T-BALL: BOY OR GIRL:** Must be at least 6 years old by \*9/01/08 and no older than 8

on 5/01/08. (\*this will change to 05/01/09 for the 2009 baseball season)

**MACHINE PITCH - BOYS:** Must be at least 8 years old by 5/01/08 and no older than 10 on 5/01/08.

**MACHINE PITCH - GIRLS:** Must be at least 8 years old by 5/01/08 and no older than 11 on 5/01/08.

**LITTLE LEAGUE - BOYS:** Must be at least 10 by 05/01/08 and no older than 13 on 05/01/08.

**LITTLE LEAGUE - GIRLS:** Must be at least 11 by 05/01/08 and no older than 13 on 05/01/08.

3. Opening ceremonies will be held and games will begin on Monday, May 12th.

4. Volunteers are still needed to fill the following roles: Community Correspondence Concession Stand Supplies

5. Machine Pitch rules will be changed to reflect no lead-offs or stealing.

6. Discussion was held regarding the maximum number of innings a Little League player can pitch in one week. This item was tabled until the draft on April 16th.



## Mathews Named Fireman of Year

Ronda Mathews was named Fireman of the Year at the Annual Stratford Volunteer Fire Department Banquet held at the Stratford Fire Department Building. Ronda is shown above receiving her award from Stratford Fire Chief Eddie Williams.



The word taboo comes from the Polynesian *tapu*, meaning "something sacred, special, dangerous, or unclean."

## Legion Post Schedules Meeting

The Howard Norvell Greer Post 262 of the American Legion will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008, 7:00 PM at the SCOT Hall in Stratford. All members are encouraged to attend. If you are a veteran and interested in learning more at the American Legion, please contact Dennis Phelps or Wayne Smith.

## Stratford Ex-Student makes plans Tuesday April 8

The Stratford Ex-Students whose years ending in an 8 will be updating addresses and plan for the mailing before the postage goes up in May. The meeting will be held at The Imagination Station on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please make sure your year is present.

### Weather Line

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### Leatherheads

PG-13 George Clooney Renee Zellweger

### The Ruins

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PG-13 Leslie Nielsen Drake Bell

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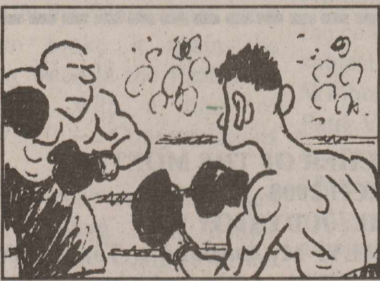
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Braden Hamilton

Braden is a sophomore at Stratford. He is a member of the Elk football, basketball and track teams. He is also involved in many 4-H activities.

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**Kerrick News**  
By Marylou McDaniel

Going to SCOT last week were Jo June McDaniel, Bill & Pat Boren, Marylou McDaniel, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters. All of the above (except me, I forgot) went to hear Eloy Saturday night at SCOT Hall

When you have more than one child, one goes in all directions! Rett Schoonover was on the winning Basketball team at Spearman tourney. Brother Reed was at Canadian track meet.

Donna Gillenwaters recently stayed with granddaughter Kylee at Bushland Kylee had her tonsils out

Ciccy Harris has been home for a week! She is about to be driving a new pickup. Someone backed into her parked pickup! She goes all over driving for the Harris Kerrick Escort Service.

Attending the one act dinner theater were Barbara Judd, Brandi Wells, Kenna Collums and Peggy Hawkins. Peggy has been busy working on the Jr.-Sr. prom program. Chandra is a junior and Victor Carrera is a sophomore.

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For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.  
—Audrey Hepburn  
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**Wilhelm-Steger Engagement**

Gerald and Gay Wilhelm are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lora Michelle to Judd Kenneth Steger. Lori is the granddaughter of Richard and Kathryn Hefley of Texline, Texas, Christine Koch of Grapevine, Texas, and the late Bert Wilhelm. Lori is a 2002 graduate of Stratford High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of North Texas. She is employed as an advertising specialist for Zales Corporation in Irving, Texas. Judd is the son of Jerry and Joyce Steger of Columbus, Nebraska. Judd is the grandson of Ken Steger and the late Dolly Steger, and Mildred Gerdes and the late Norman Gerdes. Judd was raised in the Dallas area and is a 2003 graduate of the Texas Culinary Academy LeCordon Bleu Program in Austin, Texas. He is employed as a corporate chef food broker with Foodservice Solutions and Ideas in Lewisville, Texas. Lori and Judd are planning to be wed on June 1, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church of Grapevine. After a honeymoon to Mexico they will live in Carrollton, Texas.

**Lion Queens vie for Scholarships**

The Lions Queen contest will highlight the 2008 2-T1 District Convention in Dalhart April 25-26. Each Lions club is to bring their Club Queen, with scholarships awarded to first and second place winners and Miss Congeniality. Please enclose a picture of your Queen candidate.

The convention kicks off Friday with a golf tournament at the Dalhart Country Club, tee time, 1:00 PM. A BBQ dinner is scheduled at the Rita Blanca Coliseum and golf awards will be presented at that time.

Saturday's breakfast will feature introduction of the Queens and a scholarship auction. After breakfast is the District business meeting and training seminars. Lion Steve Wiegand will host the Vice Governor's luncheon which is followed by a Necrology Service. Dalhart's LaRita Theatre is the site for the much anticipated Queens contest at 3:00 p.m. which is open to the public. The convention will conclude with the Governor's banquet and reception. District Governor Bob Langhorne has issued the call to 51 Lions Clubs to attend the convention and is expecting an excellent turnout.

**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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Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.  
Sally Koch  
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**Baby Shower Held Sunday**

A baby Shower was held for Jessica Meroney and baby Kylee Mari Sunday, March 30, 2008 in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Shown above left to right are Mary Hernandez, Jessica Meroney and Brenda Meroney

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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**  
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Morning Worship 10:30 am  
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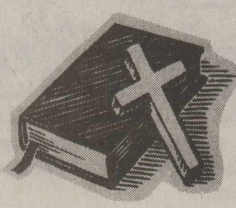
**Psalms 117:1-2-0**  
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Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



## WALK ACROSS TEXAS BEGINS APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

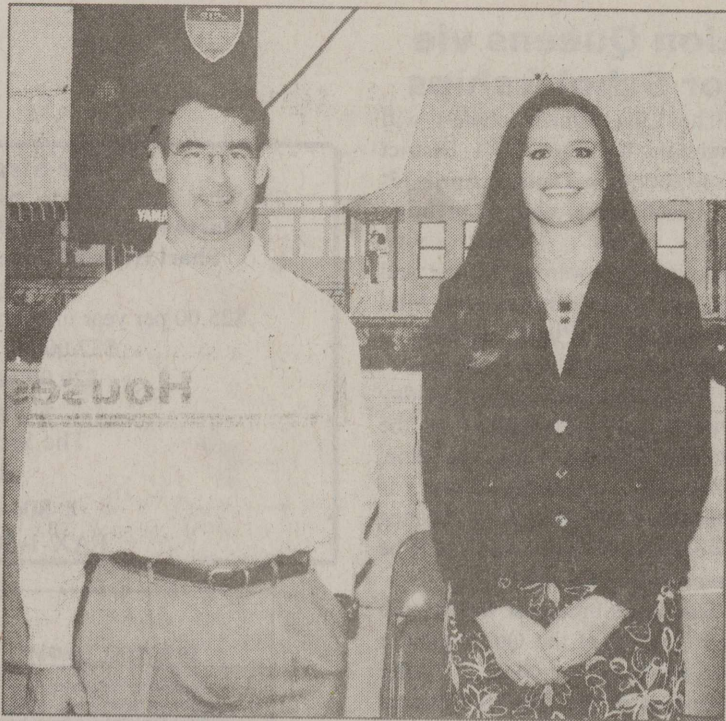
By Susie Spurlock

Walk Across Texas participants will begin logging their miles on Sunday, April 6, 2008.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week exercise program guaranteed to spark some friendly competition in Sherman County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or hiking, or working in their flower beds. Participants may also log miles for the walk using an exercise bike, treadmill, or dance floor! Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension Office, according to Susie Spurlock, Texas AgriLife Extension Agent for Sherman County.

Residents who were unable to attend the kickoff event April 1st have time to register for the free program. Participants can be a member of a team or choose to walk as an individual. Registration forms are available at the Sherman County Extension Office, located in the Courthouse Annex at 701 N. Third Street or call 366-2122. If teams or individuals wish, they may register on-line at <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu>

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## Reverse Mortgage Program Given At Scot Hall

Marc Adams and Kari Campbell of The First State Bank of Stratford presented a program on Reverse Mortgages on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Scot Hall. It was a very informative program on the pros and cons of Reverse Mortgages.



## Easter Bonnet Parade

A few of the Easter Parade participants at Scot's Luncheon held at Scot Hall last Thursday were left to right Betty Carter, Donna Gillenwaters, Lynn Wells and Jo June McDaniel.

## Scot News

By Cindy Jackson

I hope you had a chance to see Eloy and Friends last Saturday night at Scot Hall. I did and it was amazing. They played a wonderful array of old favorites. Something for everyone. A toe tapping time was had by all. There was dancing and lots of laughter, lemonade, coffee and cookies, made by loving hands, were enjoyed by over 45 people. A big thank you to everyone that made this possible. A very Big thank you to an anonymous benefactor. Without them we would still be wishing. Threw the generosity of everyone that came, Scot can breath a little easier for a few more months. When Scot does this again, I hope you mark it on your calendar because it was so much fun. So don't complain that you didn't have anything to do Saturday night because Scot Hall had it going on. The place was rock' in. The people at Scot don't shir around and let the world go by they get up and chase it. Be a member of Scot Hall.

A trip to the Chicken Ranch is being planned for April 15, 2008. Sign up sheet in the lobby of Scot. They will leave around 5:30 for more information call Connie Oquin. Don't miss a wonderful meal by Mrs. Hitchings her rolls will melt in your mouth.

Don't forget we are doing Pot Luck for the April dinner. The hostesses need to bring a meat dish and everyone else their usual. This will be fun and maybe easier.

At the March luncheon I saw a bouquet of beautiful Easter bonnets on parade. Thank you to our judges; they had a very difficult job. Scot Hall will be selling Memorial Day flowers again, so be sure and let them know you want some.

If I have forgotten anything or anyone I apologize.

and Whitney Reese - poetry  
Kristen Crabtree, Becky Rosales,  
Jennie Spurlock, and April  
Peregrino - accounting Brooke  
Barnard - computer app.  
Tyler Gilliland-headline writing

Tyler Gilliland - headline writing  
One Act Play:  
alternate

best stage manager - Kelsey Stein  
honorable mention cast - Austin  
Riffe and  
Margarita Rocha  
all star cast - Tanner Riffe

The ESL classes are using the  
Amarillo Globe News as a  
language tool. They are finding  
new vocabulary words, verbs,  
proper nouns, and other parts of  
speech while also reading weekly  
articles from chosen fields such as  
the Iraq War, and writing weekly  
reviews. The class has also started  
a recycling box in their  
classroom\* When the box is full,  
the contents are added to a larger  
bin in the teacher workroom-  
Quote of the week: "Even if you  
are on the right track, you will get  
run over if you just sit there."  
Will Rogers

## Stop Those Pesky Catalogs

By Bailey Naugle

If you have junk mail flooding your mailbox there is a handy website that you will want to check out.

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You will soon notice a slightly less crammed mailbox and you can feel good about the fact that you are saving trees.



Most of the copper produced in the world is used by the electrical industry, chiefly in the form of wire, because copper is the best low-cost conductor of electricity around.



## Martins to Perform in Stratford

The Martins are coming to First Baptist Church of Stratford, Saturday, May 31, 2008 with special guests the 4Given Quartet. The Martins have traveled with the Gaither Homecoming, and have appeared at the White House for President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, as well as with Billy Graham. It is rare to have someone of this caliber in Stratford. Don't miss your only chance to see the Martins in this area for 2008!!!! Call the First Baptist Church office at 396-5554 for tickets or contact any Ministerial Alliance pastor.

A fruit produced by crossing tangerines and oranges is called a tanger.

## Stratford Youth Baseball Association Registration Night



Tuesday, April 8th  
Stratford H.S. Library  
5:30 - 7:00

Fees are due at the time of registration.



## ELK TALES

By Lynda Hauser

This Friday is the end of the Fifth Six Weeks period. Can you believe it? The end of May is coming quickly!

District Golf 1st round was held in Borger on Monday. Second round will be next Monday. Life Touch pictures will be taken on Thursday. The District Tennis meet is on Thursday and Friday, and the seniors will receive their graduation announcement on Friday. Also the Student Council election and Wayland Baptist Band performance for band students are on Friday. The Junior/Senior Prom is this Saturday, so come up and see the decorations if you have a chance. Dress rehearsal for the skit is Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

This is a little reminder from Mrs. Everett to her students and parents: April 8 Tues 6 to 7 Objective 3 science TAKS review.

April 15 Tues 6 to 7 Objective 4 science TAKS review. April 22 Tues 6 to 7 Objective 5 science TAKS Review.

review.

In biology, we are starting in protists and fungi.

The female bearded dragon in Ms. Talcott's room is FOR SURE pregnant. We can see the eggs through her abdominal wall; they look like little grapes or marbles! We will keep you posted.

Mrs. Seward and Mrs. McBryde took the 8th grade reading class to Amarillo last Friday. The trip, sponsored by the Stratford Education Foundation, enabled the students to tour Barnes and Noble bookstores and to purchase a book. Afterwards, the students enjoyed lunch at the Amarillo Club on the 31st floor of the Chase Building in downtown Amarillo. Students dined on tilapia, prime rib, linguini with marinara meatballs, and much more. The 8th graders were very well behaved and appreciative of this opportunity. Thank you to LeRayne Donelson and Steve and Brenda Johnson for making the trip to Amarillo to join us for this special treat.

Mrs. Riffe sends the following information: UIL academic regional qualifiers: Austin Riffe

## Business Directory

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753-4411

## Stratford Grain Co.

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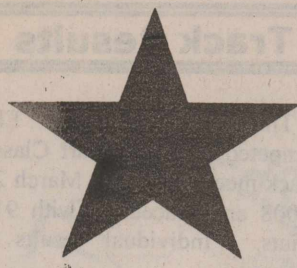
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3-6-tfn

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3-13-tfn

Feed Truck driver. Drives feed truck on feedlot; maintains grain feed equipment. Mail resume to PO Box 168, Stratford, TX 79084

3-27-4-3-c-2x's

Part-time position available for active Non-Profit Association. 10-20 hours per week. Flexible hours. Administrative duties include clerical, receptionist, correspondence, bookkeeping, event coordination and special projects. Computer skills a must. Please send resume and contact information to P.O. Box 751, Stratford, TX 79084.

3-20-3-27-c-2x's

Panhandle Health Care, in Spearman, is currently seeking a sitter/companion. For more information, or to inquire about applying please call our office at: (806) 659-3110.

3-27-c

Cimarron Feeders needs a full time member to join the Pen Riding Team. Excellent facilities, team atmosphere & respect for refined skills and quality performance. Great benefits that include: Medical & Dental Insurance as well as 401 K, vacation, & bonuses. Questions? Call: Garrett @ 580-543-6333 ext. 1646. Must pass physical and drug test. EOE.

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NASA VISCO memory foam mattress set, never used, must move \$350. 806-341-6233.

2-7-08-tfn

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1-24-08-tfn

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4-3-c

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### Residential Property

14433 Hwy 287 Stratford  
\$127,500

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  
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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  
\$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 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.

N. Hwy 287 Approx. 5.5 ACS  
Sherman Co., Cactus, Texas  
\$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.

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## Legal Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Stratford, Texas for the sealcoating of approximately 41,100 square yards of streets entitled:

### SEALCOATING-2008

will be received at the office of the City Manager at City Hall, P.O. Box 188, 520 N. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084 until:

10:00 A.M.  
April 21, 2008

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owner an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the Owner and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Stratford 520 N. Third, Stratford, Texas 79084, phone (806) 366-5581 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications. Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

CITY OF STRATFORD DAVID BROWN, MAYOR  
Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 3, 2008 and Thursday, April 10, 2008

## Cards of Thanks

Thank you to our wonderful friends who joined us at our Open House. We are so blessed to be surrounded by such loving and caring people. Thank you to everyone.

Shawn and Audra Meidinger Colton & Tucker

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It may be the cock that crows, but it is the hen that lays the eggs.

—Margaret Thatcher

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We won't always know whose lives we touched and made better for our having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and you act.

—Charlotte Lunsford

## Businesses:

Don't get hit with a penalty!  
"Render" your taxable property Now!!

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2006. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2007.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District  
402 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Stratford, TX 79084  
(806) 366-5566

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

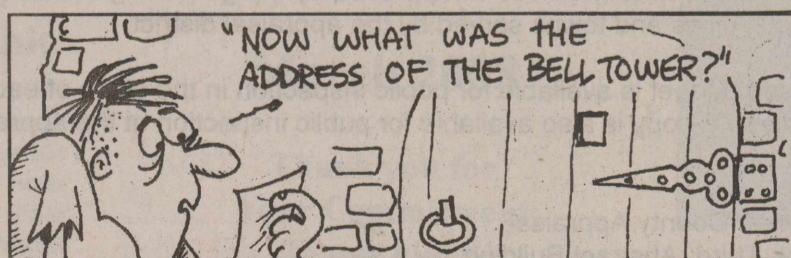
Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn  
Property Tax Division  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, TX 78711-3528  
or call: 1-800-252-9121

or on the Web at:

www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper.



The practice of numbering houses began in Pont Notre Dame in Paris, France in 1643.

**STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SESSION March 13, 2008**

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 2008. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

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

Guest present: Lynette Kautz, Dinah Horsford and Greg Mullins. Mr. Hartsell led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland introduced guest Greg Mullins, Police Chief of Stratford. He thanked him for his attendance.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition. It was as follows: The San Antonio stock show was held February 9-16. Jack McBryde had a 1st place Duroc that was also awarded the Reserve Breed Champion. Jennie Spurlock had a 1st place cross pig, Craig Kautz had a 2nd place cross pig, and Kaleb Horsford had a 10th place Berkshire pig. Jack, Jennie and Craig all participated in the premium sale. Congratulations to these exhibitors.

Basketball Academic All District honors went to the following athletes:

- Hunter Buckles
- Jordan Confer
- Sandro Gomez
- Kristen Crabtree
- Kyle Horsford
- Sinead Everett
- Craig Kautz
- Yesenia Ibarra
- Tyler Wright
- Lucero Ortega
- April Peregrino
- Kelsey Stein
- Charming Ziemann

The following Lady Elks and Elks were named to the 1st Team All District for basketball:

- Hunter Buckles
- Jordan Confer
- Kaleb Horsford
- Kyle Horsford
- Honorable mention went to April Peregrino, Kelsey Stein, Kristen Crabtree, Craig Kautz, Luis Ortega, and Tyler Wright. Congratulations to these athletes. Mike Brownlee was selected as the Farmers Insurance teacher of the month for February.

The San Angelo stock show was held February 25-29. The following exhibited and placed animals at the show.

**Heifers**

- Braden Hamilton - 3rd Place Angus
- Katie Killian - 6th Place Hereford
- Kavan Killian - 8th Place Hereford
- Blaine Killian - 9th Place Hereford
- Pigs**
- Kaleb Horsford - 8th Place York
- 9th Place Cross
- Kyle Horsford - 9th Place Black OPB
- Craig Kautz - 9th Place York
- Sandro Gomez and James Smith have been selected to play in the Greenbelt Bowl in Clarendon this summer.

Kristen Crabtree broke the 2 mile school record with a time of 12:28.51 at the Sunray track meet and then broke it again the following week at the Panhandle track meet with a time of 12:11.97. Congratulations Kristen.

M'Lynn Wells won the Sherman County Spelling Bee Senior division and will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Amarillo. Good luck M'Lynn.

Craig Kautz placed 3rd with his White OPB pig at the Star of Texas show in Austin, Texas.

The Lady Elk track team placed 3rd overall at the Panhandle track meet that included 23 teams of all classifications. Congratulations Lady Elks.

Joe Reinart read a letter from Sandy Williams, Sherman County Emergency Management Coordinator expressing her appreciation for Mr. Gilliland and his staff for their cooperation in the practice tornado drill and their efforts in making our school and community a safer environment.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported

on the TAKS tests. All 3rd graders took the reading and all 4th graders took the writing. She reported 100% attendance on that day. 1st and 2nd graders have been taking the Tera Nova tests. The elementary will continue to take benchmarks after spring break in preparation for the TAKS tests in April. She reported an enrollment of 238.

Mr. Hartsell gave the high school report. He reported an enrollment of 168. The prom will be Saturday, April 5. The One Act Play district contest will be on March 26 and the academic meet will be on March 27. The district track meet will be on April 8 and 9, the district golf meet will be on March 31 and April 7, and the district tennis meet is on April 3 and 4. Cheerleading tryouts will be on March 14 at 9:30 PM.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He reported on the junior high track season. He commended M'Lynn Wells for winning the county spelling bee. He reported a good turnout for open house. The 5th and 6th TAKS reading and 7th grade writing TAKS test are complete. He is working on a schedule for next year that will include daily intervention time for 5th and 6th graders who are at risk.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent's report. The transportation cost was .82 cents

For the month. He reported on the progress of the renovation of the '89 Eagle. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 43.83% and revenue collected at 90.21%. Tax Collections are at 97.39%. He then gave the quarterly investment report.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the consent agenda and investment policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilliland presented the contract with Sherman County to administer the May elections. Steve Hays made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilliland introduced Police Chief Greg Mullins. He briefly gave his background in law enforcement to the board. He expressed his philosophy of school/law enforcement relationships with the board. He explained the D.A.R.E. officer program to the board. He answered questions the board had.

Mr. Gilliland presented the K-5 textbook adoption for mathematics. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve the adoption as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilliland went over the possibility of enacting a 1,000 foot zone around the school prohibiting the sale of alcohol. After research, he found that the school is not able to do this because our district populations is less than 900,000. The 300 foot zone will remain in effect.

Mr. Gilliland presented Kelli Boydston as his recommendation for counselor. Patti Vincent made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. McBryde presented her teachers for contract renewal. Mr. Gilliland recommended accepting the contract renewals as presented subject to assignment. Barney Willborn made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

At 9:00 PM, the board adjourned to executive session pursuant to Texas Opens Meeting Act Texas Government Code Section 551.074. The board reconvened open session at 9:12 PM.

Mr. Seward presented his teachers for contract renewal. Mr. Gilliland recommended accepting the contract renewals as presented subject to assignment. Steve Hays made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to renew contracts as presented. Motion carried.

At 9:20 PM, the board adjourned to executive session pursuant to Texas Opens Meeting Act Texas Government Code Section 551.074. The board reconvened open session at 10:25 PM.

Mr. Hartsell presented his teachers for contract renewal subject to assignment. Mr. Gilliland made the

recommendation to accept the renewals as presented subject to assignment. Patti Vincent made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilliland made the recommendation to propose nonrenewal on Jackie Burkhalter's term contract. Barney Willborn made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Eldric Shanks effective March 14, 2008. Discussion was held. Greg Wright made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried.

Mr. Gilliland presented Mr. Randy Hunsaker for employment as band director. Brent Spurlock made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to hire Randy Hunsaker. Motion carried.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from trustee Steve Hays. Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the football bleachers and the swimming pool. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 PM.

**PRE - KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Mary Allen Elementary will begin registering children for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten for the school year 2008-2009, beginning on April 2, 2008. Please come to the Mary Allen Elementary from 9:00 - 2:00 to register. Please bring your child's social security card, birth certificate, and current shot record.

To enroll in Kindergarten, your child must turn 5 by September 1st, 2008. A child is eligible for enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten if the child is at least 4 years of age by September 1, 2008 and is:

- \*unable to speak or understand the English language
- \*educationally disadvantaged
- \*homeless
- \*Active duty of Military
- \*child of a parent of the armed forces or reserved unit who was killed or injured while serving in active duty
- \*in foster care who have been adopted

If you are unable to attend on the 2nd, registration will continue through the end of the school year during school hours.

**4-H FASHION SHOW APRIL 7**

By Susie Spurlock

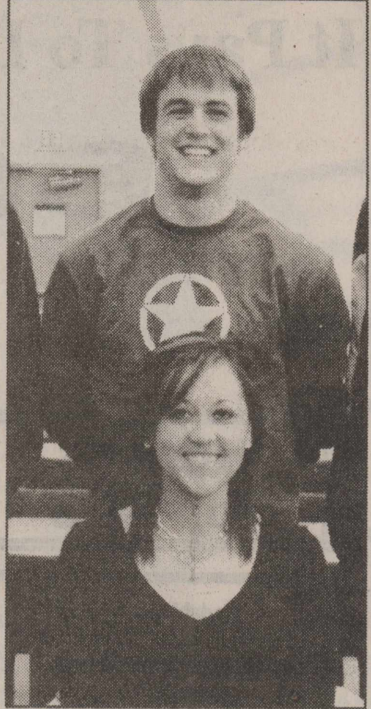
The Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Monday, April 7th. The achievement event will be at the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Judging of contestants will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Fashion Show and Awards program at 7:00 p.m. 4-H project members are learning skills in the areas of clothing construction, clothing care, grooming and modeling, textile art, knowledge of fibers and fabrics, and participated in educational tours.

Community members are invited to the Fashion Show to show their support of youth and view the accomplishments of members. Sponsors of the Sherman County 4-H Fashion Show are the Sherman County 4-H Parent & Leaders Association and Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

County Fashion Show winners will have the opportunity to advance to the District Fashion Show on April 19th. The District Fashion Show will be held at Bushland Middle School.

Educational programs sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service serve all people of all ages, regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



**Confer and Buckles Invited to All-Star Games**

Jordan Confer and Hunter Buckles, both seniors at Stratford High School will be playing for the North Team in the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Games to be held April 10-12th at the United Bank Center in Canyon, Texas.

**CHILDFIND "ROUND-UP"**

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

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

The "Round-Up" will be Wednesday, April 2nd from 9:00am-2:00 at the Mary Allen Elementary school. It is open for children ages birth to 4. For birth to 3 year olds please contact Cindy Franklin, Diagnostician at 366-3324 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are mandatory. Birth to two years of age will be screened from 9:00-2:00. Three year olds will be screened from 9:00-12:00. Four year olds will be screened from 12:30-2:00. Please bring a birth certificate, a current shot record, and your child's social security number with you.

**Track Results**

The Stratford Lady Elks competed at the Dalhart Classic Track meet on Friday, March 28, 2008 and placed 3rd with 91.5 points. Individual results as follows:

**200 M Dash:** Kelsey Stein - 5th - 28.46; **800 M Run:** Kelsie Keener - 1st - 2:37.68, Janeth Reyes - 5th - 2:46.36; **1600 M Run:** Jessica Ibarra - 4th - 6:24.51; **300 M Hurdles:** Sinead Everett - 2nd - 49.42; Rubi Rueda - 5th - 54.49; **800 M Relay:** 2nd - 1:51.52 (Kelsie Stein, Kelsie Keener, Brianda Chavoya, Sinead Everett); **1600 M Relay:** 3rd - 4:22.40 (Kelsie Keener, Brianda Chavoya, Sinead Everett, Rubi Rueda); **High Jump:** Sinead Everett - 5th - 4-08.00; **Pole Vault:** Kelsie Keener - 4th - 7-00.00; **Long Jump:** Sinead Everett - 3rd - 15-02.00, Kelsie Keener - 5th - 14-06.25; **Shot Put:** April Peregrino - 2nd - 33-00.00; **Discus Throw:** 2nd - April Peregrino - 2nd - 102-3, Channing Ziemann - 3rd - 96-03.

Stratford Lady Elk Kristen Crabtree competed at the Amarillo Meet of Champions on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Kristen placed 5th out of 30 runners in the 3200 M Run with a time of 12:15 and placed 4th out of 34 runners with a time of 5:33 in the 1600 M Run.

**Hallazgo de nines**

La escuela de Stratford esta anfitrionando un evento de "Hallazgo de Ninos". Es para ninos recién nacidos hasta la edad de 4 años. Este evento es la colaboracion entre ECI (la intervencion temprana de ninez) y el distrito local de la escuela.

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

Este evento se llevara acabo el miercoles, 2 de abril de las 9:00-2:00 en la escuela primaria y sera para ninos recién nacidos a 4 años. Por favor hable con Cindy Franklin para hacer cita para ninos menos de 4 años. Hable al 366-3324. Es necesario que tenga cita para poder atenderlos.

Recien nacidos asta la edad de dos años seran entrevistados de 9:00-2:00.

Ha edad de tres años sera entrevistada de 9:00-12:00.

Ha edad de cuatro años sera entrevistada de 12:30-2:00.

Por favor de traer acta de nacimiento, expediente de vacunas, y el numero de seguro, de su nino o nina con usted.

**Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget**

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 16, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	<u>\$327,256</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$ 11,098</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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