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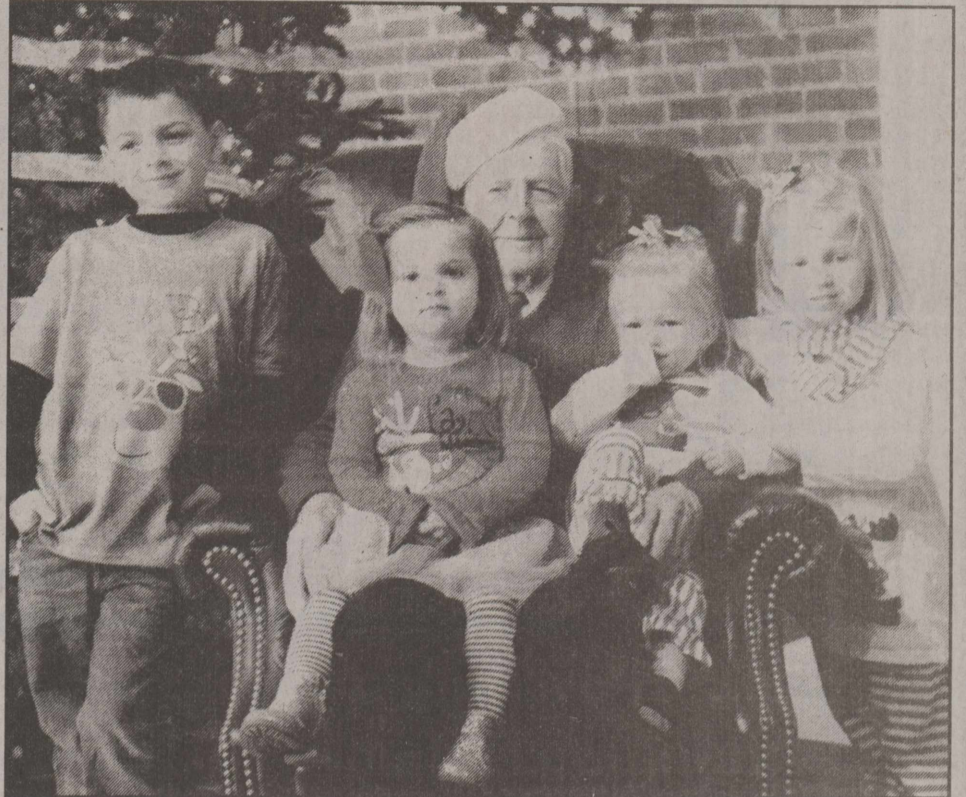
# The Stratford Star

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## Stratford Area Foundation made a matching grant to the Stratford School

Elementary Library: L/R Randy Hooks, SAF Board, Dedi Ziemann Stratford School Librarian, Ambrocia Favela, Elizabeth Alvarez, Melonee York, Elementary Librarian, Laurie Spurlock, Gaynelle Riffe SAF Board.



## First Dry load of Corn

The first dry load of corn was brought into Stratford Grain Co. back in September by Bill Reed & Sons. Picture with Don Riffe is part of the future of Bill Reed & Sons: Brayson & Brexlan Reed (children of Brad and Rachael) and Aubrey & Raegan Reed (children of Brent & Alexa).

## A White Mountain Christmas at the LaRita Theatre

The LaRita Theatre in Dalhart will present the Flying J Wranglers in A White Mountain Christmas. Saturday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Call 806-244-5646 for tickets \$15.00

## "In-Laws, Outlaws & Other People" Guymon Community Theatre

Come and Laugh Your Holiday Socks Off Dec. 14, 15, 16 at the Guymon Community Theatre. Tickets \$10.00, reservations. 508-338-0019

## Time Out with Rog!

Now who would have thunk after starting out 2-4 that Stratford would reach the State Quarter finals well the answer is, ELK NATION! The Stratford Elks came up short last Thursday night but nothing to hang your head down. ELK Tradition is alive and well and Living in Sherman County, Texas! Here is the list of seniors who have played a ton of football in their high school days: #2 Juan Carlos Quintero, #25 Luis Mendoza, #58 Carlos Gonzalez, #64 Turner Smith, and #80 Justin Duran. Good Job Boys well done Underclassmen. I hope you learned from these men on ELK Pride. I would like to thank Dr. Victory and his band, outstanding; Thanks to the Cheerleaders, Lady Elks, Student Body and Elk Nation!!! If Marty wants me to do this again next year I sure will. Let's all pray for our president and Country. Remember Once An Elk Always an Elk. God Bless

Roger Malon Allen-Class of 1981  
Winner of Last week's trivia Question was Phillip Walden (Again) 18-14.  
Trivia Question 1K What was Phillip Walden's Football number. And no Phillip you can't answer and get this trivia question!  
P.S. I will be watching for next year pss so watch out!  
BA Donelson won Challenge

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## We're saying Thank You

to local servicemen & women, their families and we're also including FIRST RESPONDERS! This small community couldn't survive without these people! We'll start cooking early Friday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at Wesley & Susie Spurlock's barn. If you know someone that's serving their country & have family here, contact Lynn Allen @ 753-7979 or Tim Hudson @ 753-7799. Donations are also welcome, there's always a need for meat, wood, charcoal or cash to buy supplies. They take care of us, let's show our appreciation & take care of them.



Thanks for your support of this project!

# Kuddos Korner

Kuddos to Paul Davis for roofing Vicki Gore's House

Doris Parsons

Gaynelle Riffe sees a need and fulfills it. We have more storage rolling racks, makes the Thriftstore easier. So thoughtful for Thrift Store Volunteers

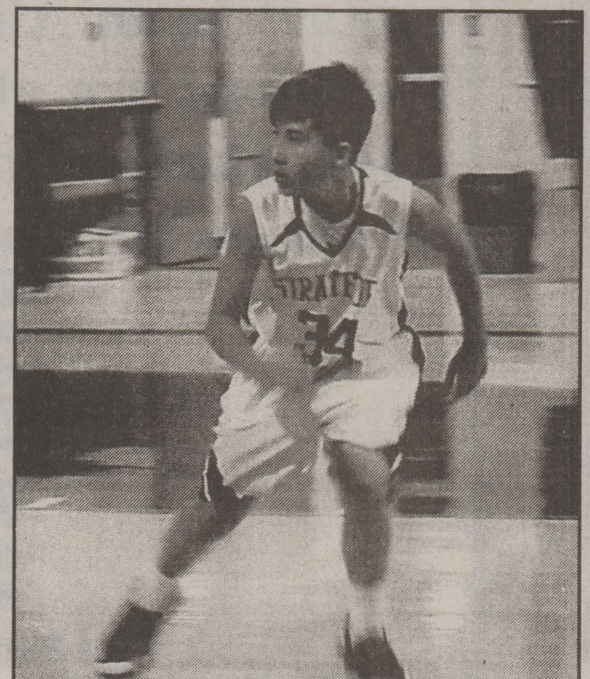
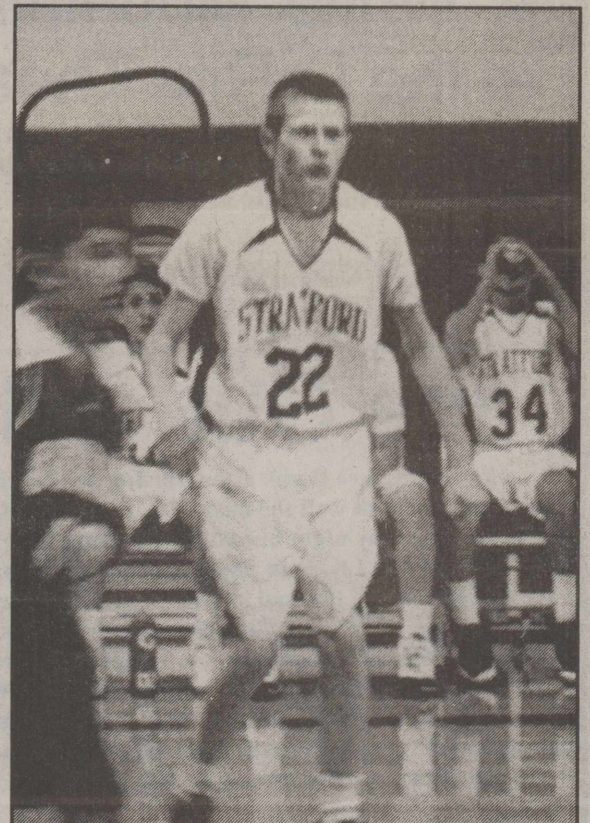
Brenda Brownlee

## Project Christmas Card Begins!

Help Support Your Library

Donate now at the Sherman County Library or  
Fist State Bank until Friday, December 14th

Shown below 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys basketball game shots on Monday, December 3, 2018 against Sunray.



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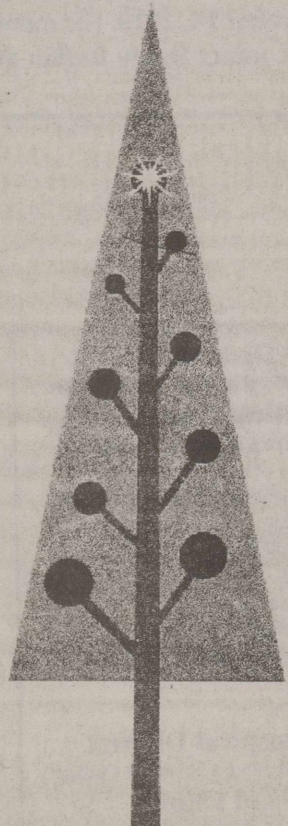
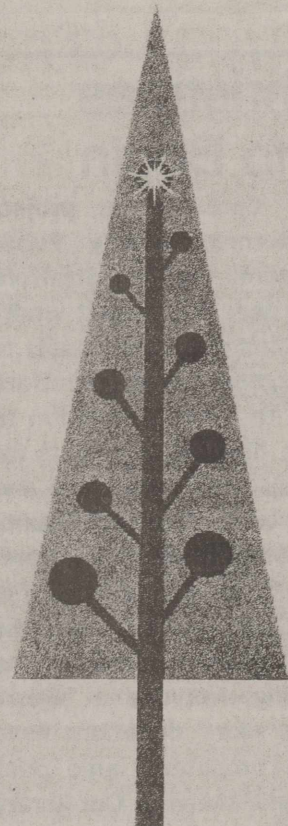
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## News For Older Americans

### Choosing The Right Caregiver For Your Parents

(NAPS)—According to Pew Research, every day, 10,000 Americans turn 65 years old. And that will continue for the next 12 years, reaching 18 percent of the population by 2030. Americans 85 and older will triple in population by 2050.

With a rapidly aging population living longer than past generations, caregivers are in high demand. A cost of care study by Genworth forecasts that there will be a shortage of more than 3 million home care aides in the next decade. To meet this demand, over the years there has been an explosion of home care franchises and independent home care agencies across the country. Yet, as many families discover, finding the right caregiver to meet your family's specific needs can be a challenge.

One innovator looking to solve the caregiver gap is a San Francisco-based company focused on modernizing and improving home care for older adults. By professionalizing its caregiver workforce and developing technology to improve efficiencies, it's able to deliver more consistent and reliable care. Through its Honor Care Network, the company partners with home care agencies in multiple states, making quality care more accessible to more families.

Called Honor, the firm suggests five things that families should consider when hiring a caregiver to ensure a safe and optimal care experience for their parents or loved ones:

#### Important Questions to Ask Your Home Care Agency

1. How do you screen your caregivers for safety? A responsible, credible home care agency in California always conducts a thorough screening and background check of its caregivers before sending them into a client's home. In addition to Home Care Aide (HCA) mandated certification and Department of Justice fingerprinting and background checks, the best home care agencies go further by screening for DMV driving records, drug testing, and abiding by strict minimum-age requirements.

2. How do you train your caregivers and verify their skills? Caregivers should have a solid foundation of training, such as how to use mechanical lifting equipment, basic knowledge of how to support clients living with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, and how to assist with daily living activities



Photo credit: Honor

#### Getting answers to how to care for an aging loved one involves asking the right questions.

such as bathing, grooming and hygiene. Ask if the caregivers are tested on scenario-based skills and if any personality tests are conducted to check for temperament under stress or condition-related situations, such as "sundowning."

3. What is your performance record for on-time arrivals and no-shows? How promptly do you communicate schedule changes to your clients? Ask the agency how it manages late arrivals and last-minute cancellations by caregivers. Does it guarantee a replacement? How does it communicate with clients and how often? What is its policy if there's an ongoing tardiness issue?

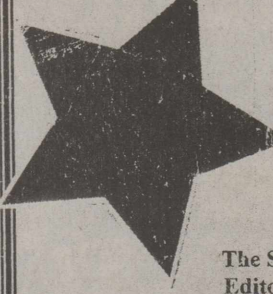
4. How do you manage caregiver performance? Ask how the agency motivates caregivers to provide the best care and client experience. Does it value and know its caregivers' track record and does it continually train caregivers to ensure it has the best talent? Assessing personality and chemistry with clients is also important.

5. How do your caregivers communicate with each other about a client's condition during shift changes? Your parent will likely have more than one caregiver to staff weekly schedules. Ask the agency how each caregiver is notified of a client's daily condition, how that information is communicated to other assigned caregivers to ensure seamless care, and how families are notified, how often and when.

Finding the right caregiver can be less stressful if you know the right questions to ask. Initiating a conversation at the start about what's most important to you in finding the right caregiver can make all the difference.

#### Learn More

For further facts and tips, go to [www.joinhonor.com](http://www.joinhonor.com).



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Balance Sheet					
Governmental Funds					
August 31, 2018					
Data	10	60		Total	
Control	General	Capital	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Projects	Funds	Funds	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,282,671	\$ 6,292,380	\$ 263,083	\$ 9,838,134
1220	Property Taxes - Delinquent	178,474	-	24,096	202,570
1230	Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes (Credit)	(17,847)	-	(8,434)	(26,281)
1240	Receivables from Other Governments	77,173	-	18,762	95,935
1290	Other Receivables	19,375	-	-	19,375
1300	Inventories	-	-	4,567	4,567
1000	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,539,846</b>	<b>\$ 6,292,380</b>	<b>\$ 302,074</b>	<b>\$ 10,134,300</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ 25,573	\$ 856,295	\$ -	\$ 881,868
2160	Accrued Wages Payable	282,007	-	14,783	296,790
2000	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>307,580</b>	<b>856,295</b>	<b>14,783</b>	<b>1,178,658</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
2601	Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	160,627	-	15,662	176,289
2600	<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>160,627</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,662</b>	<b>176,289</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable Fund Balance:					
3410	Inventories	-	-	4,567	4,567
Restricted Fund Balance:					
3450	Federal or State Funds Grant Restriction	-	-	28,461	28,461
3470	Capital Acquisition and Contractual Obligation	-	5,436,085	-	5,436,085
3480	Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	-	238,601	238,601
Committed Fund Balance:					
3510	Construction	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
3600	Unassigned Fund Balance	2,071,639	-	-	2,071,639
3000	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>3,071,639</b>	<b>5,436,085</b>	<b>271,629</b>	<b>8,779,353</b>
4000	<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 3,539,846</b>	<b>\$ 6,292,380</b>	<b>\$ 302,074</b>	<b>\$ 10,134,300</b>

## Project Christmas Card Set to Begin

Project Christmas Card is a project benefitting the Sherman County Public Library being sponsored by The Stratford Star this year. How does the project work? Instead of sending Christmas cards locally to your friends and neighbors in the Stratford Area you are asked to make a donation to the library, estimate how much it costs for the cards and stamps, add little extra and bring your donation to the Sherman County Library or the First State Bank of Stratford. Names of donors will be placed on a full page Christmas Card printed in the December 20, 2018 Christmas edition of The Stratford Star wishing everyone a "Merry Christmas." Previous years' donations have purchased e-books, computers, large print books, audio books and shelving. Our library is one of the best of its size in this area if not the state, so let's help continue to support it. The deadline for donations will be closing time on Friday, December 14, 2018. For more information, please contact Sandy Baskin at 366-2200.

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**Run, Run Rudolph!**  
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On Dec. 15th Lollipop Junction will be hosting the second Reindeer Dash 5K and fun run. Run, walk or bike through the Christmas lights of Stratford. \*\$25/person donation includes race entry and T-shirt for those who pre-register by Nov. 30th.  
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\*2XL-4XL require an additional \$3/shirt.  
\*\$25 entry/person-1 shirt/pre-registered person.  
Please circle the desired size and mark the number of shirts that you would like in that size. Example: (lg) 1 (xl) 2 Total: \$ 25  
\*Make checks payable to Lollipop Junction.  
Not a runner? Jump on the hayride!  
Enjoy cookies, cocoa and Christmas lights.  
There is more fun at the finish line!  
Selfies with Santa, letters to the North Pole, crafts, games, yummy food, and an explosive grand finale!  
\*All proceeds benefit Lollipop Junction construction and expansion.  
Please cut out and mail this form along with your donation to:  
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**Lollipop Junction is making a list and checking it twice... we want to find out who has the best lights!**  
On Dec. 15th Lollipop Junction will be hosting the second Reindeer Dash 5K and Lighting Contest. Our hope for this fundraiser is to spark some friendly competition between neighbors - literally lighting up the course with Christmas cheer!  
Entry in the lighting contest is NOT limited to homes on the 5K course.  
Your \$25 donation qualifies you to win a \$200 cash prize! Registration is due by Dec. 12th  
Winner will be selected at the Reindeer Dash on Dec. 15th  
Judges choice will receive the Golden Reindeer Award!  
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Yes, I would love to participate! (\$25)  
I would also like to make an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_!  
I do not want to decorate, but I would love to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_!  
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Reindeer Dash-Lighting Contest | PO Box 479 | Stratford, Tx 79084  
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\*Decorate to your liking and spark some neighborly competition.  
\*Winner will be drawn at the Reindeer Dash on Dec. 15th.  
\*Winner will be receive \$200 cash prize.  
\*Judges choice will receive the Golden Reindeer Award and bragging rights!