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A vote for Wesley is a vote for integrity



Wes and Amanda Evans

On November 1, 2011, I announced my candidacy for Sheriff of Sherman County. I would like to thank my supporters that made it to the park.

Sherman County deserves a Sheriff that's proved to be dedicated to the profession with honesty and integrity, empathy and compassion. Someone who will be committed to making improvements to the Sheriff's Office and making it a great place to visit and to work but above all, an agency that provides the most dependable, honest, hardworking and trustworthy law enforcement services to the families of Sherman County.

Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine such a rare opportunity to seek the honorable position of Sheriff for Sherman County would avail itself. My passion for my career in Law Enforcement, the agency and drive to see it succeed prompted me to carefully consider running for office. The decision to run was based on lengthy discussion with God, my wife and family. Then after those discussions, I had to consider "What can I give back to the families in this county and how will they benefit from my service as Sheriff?"

My career began in Pecos County working as a Patrol Deputy in the second largest county in Texas. I was born and raised in Iran so I looked forward to returning home as I began my new career. After getting my feet grounded in the use of all of my training in the academy, I looked for the opportunity to earn more money and a place to call home and my wife and I began our lives together. Sheriff Jack Haile was looking for deputies to fill a vacancy. My wife and I bought a house in Stratford and I began my new position with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office in October 2008. In 2009 my partner, K-9 Radar began his career with the Sheriff's Office. We work as a team providing services to this county as well as to surrounding agencies in other counties due to our successful track record in locating narcotics, contraband and money.

This is a little about how I became a resident and tax payer of Sherman County. On October 1, 2011 I closed the book on three years of service and began chapter 4 of what I hope to be many more years to come. My wife and I have made our home here in Sherman County. We have no plans to leave as we consider many of you family

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STRATFORD ISD

STRATFORD ISD IS HAVING OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011. ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLAS, SIBLINGS, AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO COME AND EAT AT MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY OR THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

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SHS Student Council shown with speaker at the Veteran's Day Program, Lt. Co. Brit Sturdy. In very back on Elk from left Kelby Hartman and Justin Mungia. Back row L/R: Victor Castro, Derek Vasquez, Vanessa Mendoza, Katy Moore, Lt. Co. Brit Sturdy, Kammi Birdsong, MaryAnn Spurlock, Tyler Seward. Front L/R: Jacie Seward, Desinya Garza, Shyanne Acker and sponsor Crystal Pitti.

Murdock School Benefit

The Kerrick Historical Committee will host a Thanksgiving supper on Sat Nov 19th from 6 P. M. to 8:30 P. M. all proceeds from the benefit are for a new roof and repair of the exterior windows of the Historical Murdock School.

With the generosity of the people from the surrounding area we have raised over half of the accepted bid for the new roof and the repairs of the exterior windows. We would not be this far into our goal without each of you that has purchased a ticket or each business that has made a donation. Once again we are reaching out to the people for help in raising the money for these repairs to save this historic building.

Tickets for the Thanksgiving supper can be purchased from Bill or Donna Gillenwater, Roy or Ciccy Harris or at the door. With the purchase of each ticket you will be entered for the door prize. Adult tickets are \$8.50 Children 10 and under tickets are \$6.25.

Deadline for Cheese Orders November 18

Friday, November 18 will be the last day orders for Zak's Cheese may be placed through Lollipop Junction.

A variety of cheeses, including the popular Ranch Cheese, along with beef summer sausage, fudge, and popcorn are available. In addition, selections for gift boxes featuring a variety of cheeses, sausage, and salami are available and make excellent gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or to say Thank You. These fine products will be delivered approximately December 13th.

To place an order, call or visit with Brio at Lollipop Junction telephone number 366-5886. In addition, board members Jennifer DeAnda, Valerie Naugle, Martha Duncan, James Lutes, Cindy Cummings, Kristal Johnson, Lorree Nusz, or Wesley Spurlock may be contacted.

Let Lollipop Junction help you with your holiday entertaining and gifts by taking advantage of the fund raiser for the center. Proceeds from the sales will benefit Lollipop Junction with purchases of educational materials and operational costs of the center.

Thanks Stratford community members for your support of the child care center that serves over 25 children ages infant through pre-school five days a week.

Flu Shot Clinic & Confidential Memory Screenings to be held

Accolade Home Care will be having two community service events in Stratford on November Thursday 17, 2011. The first event will be a Flu Shot Clinic at Elk Pharmacy from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The second event will be a Confidential Memory Screenings at Scot Hall from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

New Recycle Center Hours
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday-Saturday
Effective
November 1, 2011

This Christmas Support Your Local Tri-Corner Art Association Saturday, November 19th 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sherman County Barn Buy Local Buy Handmade Give something unique and special this year

Deadline for The Stratford Star Deadline for Stratford Star items. Photos by Sundays at 4 p.m. Letters to Editor 9 a.m. on Mondays (typed) and all other articles and ads at 10 a.m. on Mondays. (PLEASE) Thank you

The Food Pantry in Stratford is in need of your help, we need donations. They may be made at the First State Bank of Stratford or Happy State Bank. Canned goods, etc. are also very welcomed. THANK YOU

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Grayson Gonzalez, Jr. at Stratford High School was given a send-off on Thursday, November 10, as he left to compete at the State Cross Country Meet held in Round Rock, Texas on Saturday, November 12. Grayson finished 40th at the state meet! Good Job!

From the desk of Chief Powell



Fun & exciting things are still happening at YOUR Police Department!!

When the "844" Steam Train was in town last week, Officers Jon Cooley & Detective Geenie Gabehart climbed aboard here in Stratford (after an invitation from the conductor) and rode the train to the City of Dalhart. While on board, they were given a crash-course on the operations of the steam engine. They had a great time and were able to make new friends with Union Pacific railroad workers and their Police Department.

YOUR Police Department will be hosting an Open-House at 212 North Poplar Street during the Christmas Holidays this year. We will be announcing the date as soon as it is set. We invite everyone to come and see our offices and meet & greet the officers that work hard for you every day.

We love "riders." Come sign up at YOUR Police Department if you would like to ride with an officer for a while. You must be at least 18 years old and not have a criminal history. This will be checked by Chief Joe Powell. Then, go on a ride-along with one of Stratford's finest while they conduct their duties to protect and serve the citizens of Stratford.

Business Checks are still being done. We have re-ordered the cards that are slipped underneath your businesses' door. Once they come in, you will be able to see when the officers physically checked your establishment.

Officer Cooley is now ACO certified; make sure you give him a pat on the back when you see him for the hard work and volunteered time to our animal control issues. Officer Tanner Jensen returned Sunday from Houston where he became certified (to run breath alcohol tests on subjects arrested for alcohol violations). Congrats to him also.

Detective Gabehart and the two other officers work very hard for our citizens each and every day. It is my belief that if there is a class or course they are interested in attending, they should be able to go if and when the budget allows. These officers serve you well, so, let them know it when you see them around.

Thank you, Stratford for your continued support of YOUR Police Department. We are proud to serve you!

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Chief Joe Powell

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Sheriff's Office
806-366-5551, Wesley Evans
806-717-9208 or Amanda Evans 806-717-9257

Your gracious giving is appreciated by those who need it the most.



The corn in corned beef dates back to a time when "corns" or kernels of coarse salt were used to cure beef. No corn was actually involved in the process.

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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Remember to come to Kerrick Saturday night! Bring a good appetite between 6 and 8:30. This benefit is to go toward windows and roof for the community building.

Roy and Ciccy Harris spent the weekend visiting her three brothers and families in Mineral Wells.

Bill Gillenwaters met Jimmie, Kaiden, Kylee at rodeo in Amarillo Sunday. Also met with George Avent.

Dempsey Collums played in the Dumas basketball tournament Saturday. He will play in the next tree weekends there. There are eleven boys on the Blue Heat Team.

Heath, Kennan, Jackson Columns, Leonard and Peggy Hawkins watched the games.

Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use.
—Earl Nightingale

Elect Joe Powell for Sherman County Sheriff

Follow the campaign:

On Friday, Joe Powell traveled to Texhoma where he set up and entertained the "Keenagers" for their November Thanksgiving & Veterans Day meeting. An excellent Thanksgiving dinner was served as Joe Powell sang and made the members smile.

Please call him at (479) 295-8863 to set up a meeting (or a singing) He looks forward to meeting you and your family.

Joe Powell plans to continue meeting and greeting the citizens of Sherman County. He explains; "Citizens of this county need to see that law enforcement can be serious when we need to be, but understand we are people too. We have families and we love meeting and making new friends." Joe Powell says he will not allow the election to interfere with his current duties but will continue, in his off time, putting the word out that he hopes to be the next 24 year Sherman County Sheriff.

Joe Powell: "Thank you, Sherman County, for your overwhelming support."

Please visit his site:

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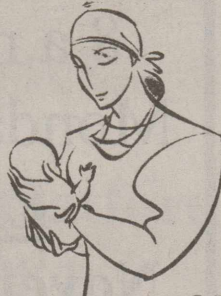
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Baby Shower held for the Carr's

A baby shower for Carla Bell Carr was held November 6th at the home of Ineta Chesher. Shown above L-R are Barbara Hall-Great aunt, Margaret Ewers, Carolyn McDougal-great aunt, Carla Carr, Mark Carr, Gertrude Blake-great grandmother, Becky Carr-Mark's mother, Brenda Bell-aunt other family members not pictured Geneva Bell-great grandmother and Jeanne Bell-grandmother..



Local Modern Woodmen members honor Hometown Hero

On October 17, 2011, Terri Teig of Stratford, TX was honored for her dedication to the Arts in Stratford by local Modern Woodmen of America members. Terri was honored through Modern Woodmen's Hometown Heroes Program. Local Modern Woodmen activities coordinator, Laurie Spurlock, said this of Terri, "She has done so many activities with the kids and adults to bring out their inner actor/actress - she is also an asset to any child with a speech problem" In recognition of this award, members of Modern Woodmen's Stratford Chapter presented Terri with a certificate and awarded a \$100 grant to The Imagination Station, the charitable organization of her choice (she is very actively involved with The Imagination Station).

"Improving the quality of life for our members, their families and their communities is Modern Woodmen's mission", says Laurie. "The Hometown Heroes Program helps us acknowledge and thank volunteers across the country for doing just that."

As a tax-exempt fraternal society, Modern Woodmen sells life insurance, annuity and investment products not to benefit stockholder but to improve the quality of life of its stakeholders - members, their families and their communities. This is accomplished through social, charitable and volunteer activities. Annually, Modern Woodmen and its member provide more than \$23 million and nearly 1 million volunteer hours for community projects nationwide.

Pictured is Walt Berry, local Modern Woodmen representative, presenting Terri Teig with the 2011 Hometown Hero Award.



left to right: Reinke President Chris Roth; Angela and Chuck Harbour; and Reinke South Central Territory Manager Joe O'Brien.

Reinke Recognizes Stratford-Based Dealership with Gold Pride Award during Annual Convention

(BRANSON, Mo- - Reinke Manufacturing, Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, is excited to announce that Texas Electric Company of Stratford, Texas, has received a Gold Reinke Pride award in recognition of the companies 2010-2011 marketing year success. The Reinke dealership was honored during Reinke recent annual convention held October 23-25, 2011, in Branson, Mo.

Reinke congratulates Texas Electric Company for all of their accomplishments over the past year, said Reinke Vice President of Marketing Tim Goldhammer. We are proud to have them as a dealer and appreciate their commitment to Reinke and to their community. Reinke dealerships from across the United States and Canada gather each year to attend the companies' convention. The convention awards ceremony recognizes select Reinke dealerships for their hard work and dedication to sales and marketing throughout the past year.

This year, gold, silver and bronze Reinke Pride awards were given to a total of 91 dealerships. The Reinke Pride awards are determined as part of an incentive program that distinguishes superior achievement levels according to an evaluation based on a dealerships exterior and interior housekeeping and maintenance, indoor and outdoor displays, safety, retail environment, merchandising, professionalism, promotions and event participation, and market share.

We had an impressive number of Reinke dealers receiving achievement awards this year added Goldhammer. As a company, we always look forward to the annual convention. It is a fun time to bring all of our dealers together and recognize one another's efforts

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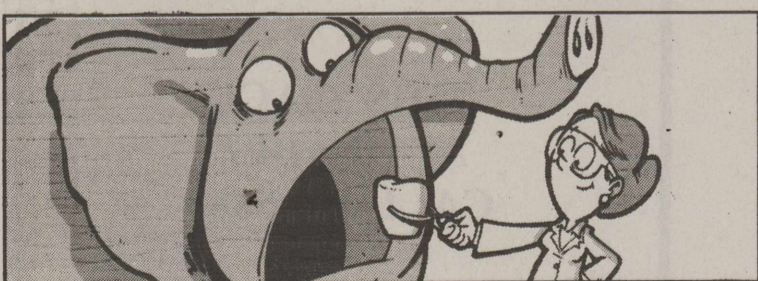
Don't Crowd the Plow campaign kicks-off in Stratford

Winter time is upon us in the panhandle, and the Stratford Maintenance Section of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will kick-off this season's "Don't Crowd the Plow" public awareness campaign next Wednesday, November 23rd, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the parking lot of Moore's Food Pride, SH 54 East in Stratford, TX.

TxDOT will have a fully-equipped snowplow on display. Adults and children will have the chance to sit behind the wheel to see what plow drivers can, and more importantly can't see when operating a plow. An experienced plow operator will also be on hand to answer questions and to hand out informative brochures about general winter driving safety.

This is one in a series of Don't Crowd the Plow events taking place across the Texas panhandle during the month of November.

What: Don't Crowd the Plow snowplow display
When: Wednesday November 23rd, 10 AM to 2 PM
Where: Moore's Food Pride, SH 54 East, Stratford, TX



An elephant's tooth can weigh over six pounds.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

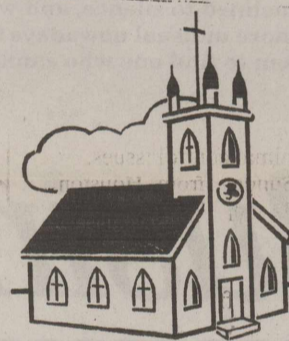
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service

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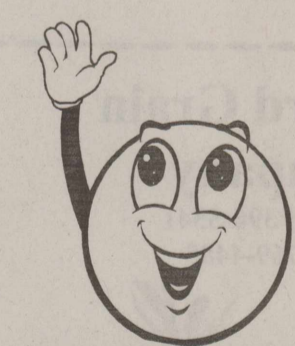
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The Stratford Star

STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT NEWS

I would like to begin by introducing myself, my name is Katie Page, and I am the CEO/District Administrator for the Stratford Hospital District. I have been working with the district since July and am very happy to have the privilege of working in and with the Stratford community. I would like to share a little about myself, but look forward to meeting everyone in person. My family is my pride and joy. My husband is a sales and customer service representative for Cargill, and we have a beautiful two year old daughter. We have officially hit the terrible twos so our house can be a very... interesting...place to be at times.

As for my background, I grew up in a very small town called Knott, Texas, which is about 20 miles north of Big Spring. I received my Agribusiness degree from Texas A&M and then went on to the University of Nebraska, where I received my MBA. Upon the completion of my master's degree, I moved back to Texas and went to work for Cargill. I worked for Cargill for the last seven years in various production and administrative roles both in Plainview and in Dalhart.

Needless to say, I have experienced a very steep learning curve having moved from an Agribusiness production environment to the health industry. In the past four months, I have worked closely with the entities of the district, which include: Coldwater Manor, Stratford Family Medical Clinic, Elk Pharmacy, and Stratford EMS. My initial goal when stepping into the District Administrator position was to understand the inner-workings and business applications of each entity. After significant analysis, we are prepared to make two modifications to current policy that everyone should be aware of. Through the rest of this article, I will be discussing these modifications and how we came to these conclusions.

As of December 1, 2011

Stratford Family Medical Clinic will close at 3pm on Fridays
Elk Pharmacy will utilize an answering machine *AFTER HOURS ONLY*

As the District Administrator of the Stratford Hospital District, I must balance both monetary and community implications of any decision. It is my responsibility and goal to ensure that every dollar we spend is in the best interest of the tax payers within the district. Upon analyzing office visits and their respective income from January 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011, we have discovered that we average only two office visits at the clinic after 3pm on Friday afternoons. When the income generated is compared with the labor expense of being open from 3pm to 5pm on Friday afternoons, it costs the clinic in excess of \$3000 over a year's time.

Now that we understand the monetary implications of closing the clinic two hours early on Friday, we must discuss the community implications. Obviously, the two people with office visits after 3p.m. on Friday afternoon are the most affected by this decision. The clinic staff will be doing everything possible to make sure that patients are scheduled before 3 p.m. on Fridays.

Currently the Elk Pharmacy is not utilizing a phone system that has the ability to take messages during or after hours. I understand there were many complaints regarding the answering system being used during office hours. I want to make it very clear that **the answering machine will only be utilized after hours.**

The income at the pharmacy is dependent on the number of prescriptions filled. The pharmacy is open from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. each weekday. Any calls received outside of these hours are currently unanswered. If someone calls after hours and are not able to leave a message with their needs, it is possible that they may decide to use a different pharmacy. If someone forgets to call in a refill during office hours, it will now be possible to leave a message and be condiment that the prescription will be filled the following business day. I truly believe that having an answering machine after hours will be a convenience for both the people of the community as well as doctors' offices that are calling in prescriptions.

I want to assure you that the Stratford Hospital District continues to provide the best medical care possible through each of our entities. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the two policy modifications or any other issue relating to the hospital district or its entities, feel free to contact me at 806-396-5568. I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with you as the administrator of the Stratford Hospital District.

I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot.

—Abraham Lincoln

Cheese Sales Being Conducted

Making plans for entertaining guest over the Christmas holidays or looking for gifts that will please everyone? Lollipop Junction can help you!!

During the month of November, Lollipop Junction will be conducting their annual cheese sales from Zak's Cheese, Inc. A variety of cheeses, including the popular Ranch Cheese, along with beef summer sausage, fudge, and popcorn are available. In addition, selections for gift boxes featuring a variety of cheeses, sausage, and salami are available and make excellent gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or to say Thank You.

Orders will be taken until Friday, November 18th. Delivery of products will be approximately December 13th.

To place an order, contact board members Jennifer DeAnda, Valarie Naugle, Martha Duncan, James Lutes, Cindy Cummings, Kristal Johnson, Loree Nusz, or Wesley Spurlock. Or contact Brio at Lollipop Junction, telephone 366-5886.

Thanks Stratford for your support of Lollipop Junction and helping the center provide students with educational material, playground, and maintenance.

S.C.O.T. HALL SCUTTLE

By: Cindy Jackson

Have you ever noticed when you're walking in an airport or the mall and people will just stop, right in the middle of the walkway and just stand there or visit with someone? REALLY? Do they not realize that other people are going somewhere? It's not like there isn't a place they could move too, just a few feet over would be a big help. I want to build and run the "People Bulldozer." It's a little John Deere tractor with a big blade on the front. I also want to put a big 18 wheeler air horn on it with a bullhorn. I get their attention with the horn and then I tell them to "Move It." If they are not fast enough I can scoop them up and move them. Let's talk about carry-on luggage. Why do they want their overhead bin space and mine? I don't think they can count. One carry on and one personal bag. That sounds like two, not four. It has to fit in the overhead bin. A huge duffel bag will not fit in an overhead bin a 20 x 30 painting will not fit in an overhead bin. Don't bring it on the plane. It never fails, my flight is always running late and it takes forever to get off the plane. Get your stuff and get off. Traveling can be so stressful. That's why you're always so happy to get there. Do you think it's that way when we die? Is there an airline that goes to heaven or hell? Heavenly Airlines. Can we start accumulating airline points now, so that we can go first class? All the overhead space you want. Angelic flight attendants. Brimstone Airlines. They have nonstop flights. You don't need a carry on where you're going on this airline.

Don't forget about the Harvest Lunch to be held on December 3rd, 2011. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at S.C.O.T. Hall just in time for the lunch on November 17th. We need everyone's help to make this a big success.

Hostess for November- Prospectus Study Club
 November Birthday Hostess: Accolade Home Care
 November 17, 2011- Noon Luncheon Thanksgiving Dinner by the Prospectus Study Club November 22, 2011- 5 p.m. Board Meeting

Thank you for being a part of the S.C.O.T. Hall family.

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Houses for Sale

For Sale: 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath, sunroom, carport, 24x24 shop, nice yard, updated, approx 1800 sq. ft. 514 N. Fulton. Call 806-930-3042 or 806-930-3043 6-2-tfn

401 S. Maple, Stratford 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living rooms, laundry room, garage. Includes: 3 lots beside the house. (806) 336-3512 or 753-7513.

House for Sale: 313 N. Pearl; 3bdr, 2 1/2 bth, cha, gas fp, 24 x 29 game/family rm, 2 c garage w/6 person ug shelter, Va approved assumable loan. 806-930-6920 10-27-tfn

Help Wanted

Taking applications for "Morning Cook" Express Lane, Apply in Person 11-17-tfn

For Sale

The holidays are fast approaching and for most of us there is never enough time to get it all done...especially the baking. Leave the baking to me!! I am taking orders for holiday desserts; anything is possible including Sugar Free-Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Cupcakes for kiddos. Everything is made from scratch! I am also able to make sugar free for those who have special dietary needs but still want to enjoy the best part of the holiday dinner...DESSERT! To place your order Call or Text Amanda Evans at 806-717-9257. 11-10,17,24,12-1,8,15,22

For Sale-2002 Chevy Pickup, 97,500 miles. Call 806-366-2478. 11-17-tfn

Card of Thanks

A great big thank you to Rex Sladek for the suggestion and to the people who put in the work for the flags on Main Street. When we drove down the street on Friday morning, it was breathtaking! Thank you very much! What a great place to live!

Larry and Doris Parsons

Card of Thanks

The Sam James family want to say a special "Thank You" to the Stratford EMS, Heath Asher and for all the prayers that have been said for us. Stratford is a great place.

The James Family

Insects Seek Winter Homes

By Brad Easterling

Insects are beginning to look for a place to spend the winter. Most of the insects are just looking for a place to overwinter and are not establishing permanent residences.

These insects will be a nuisance and most of the time do not present a great danger to the homeowner. It is not uncommon for insects to enter attics or garages through cracks in the foundation, open windows or spaces around doors.

Mechanical control is possible by caulking all cracks to prevent insect entry. Caulking also makes the structure more air-tight and should help lower heating costs. Steel wool, hardware cloth, and wire screen can be used to plug any larger holes or cracks in siding, soffits, and other exterior parts of the house. Expandable foam also works well and helps to insulate.

Store firewood away from the house to help eliminate hiding places for the pests. Homeowners should store firewood as far from the house as possible and take only the amount needed for immediate use into the house. Firewood stacked beside the house may be handy but as the wood warms, spiders, scorpions and other pests such as termites may leave the wood and escape to other areas of the house.

CORRECTION

New Recycle
Center Hours
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Monday-Saturday
Effective
November 1, 2011

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothea N. Allen, Deceased, were issued on November 10, 2011, in Cause No. 2187, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Roger M. Allen.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

C/o Roger M. Allen
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DATED the 10th day of November, 2011

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Wes Evans

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especially our church family of First Christian Church. We know that we can depend on our extended family if we were ever in need, and as your Sheriff, I hope that you would know that you could depend on me in the same way.

I would like to take this opportunity to answer for you some of the questions Mr. Powell posed in his newspaper article last week.

My total years of experience in law enforcement is a little over 5 years. In those five years I've been employed by only two agencies and both of which are Sheriff's Office's and in the great state of Texas. When I attended the police academy my only goal was to be a TEXAS Peace Officer and upon graduating I committed myself to being just that. My experience, having worked for a Sheriff's Office near the border of Mexico, includes search and seizure of multiple narcotic traffickers and loads of illegal narcotics, as well as 1 terrorist with 3 stolen vehicles on Interstate 10 by myself as there were many miles between me and back up. Working for a Sheriff's Office is far different than a municipal police department as backup is not always close or available and you must rely on your training and common sense to make immediate and sometimes life saving decisions, alone. True I do not have as many years behind me as others do, but the training and experience that I do have pertains only to the State of Texas which I believe is most important. As a deputy for the Sheriff's Office I am required to maintain a jailer's license to work in the County Jail. In my opinion this is another of the most important licenses you must have as a Sheriff due to the fact that it is one of the largest responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office.

I am not the head of the Sheriff's Office, however, I've had the opportunity to provide input with regard to the departmental budget. Therefore I am familiar with the demands and operational needs of this office in order for it to function and provide the service and safety to the families of this county that you expect from your taxes. I am also aware of the numerous grants available to ease the burden of the tax payers to feel that they support their Sheriff's Office completely. I have completed grants that have been used to purchase new equipment for the Sheriff's Office that were of NO COST to the tax paying citizens of Sherman County, like myself. I have a 100% success rate in approval of grant funding for the Sheriff's Office. I was given the responsibility to be over the Sherman County Sheriff's Office taser purchasing and training as well as writing the required policy and procedures for the use of the taser. I wrote the taser policy and the K-9 policy for the Sherman County Sheriff's Office. Your vote to elect me Sheriff is also a vote for money saving grants to fund this Sheriff's Office so that your taxes can be used for other projects, such as supporting the school or hospital district and their needs for improvements.

Do you feel like it's more important for your next Sheriff to be more formally educated than have the common sense and best interests of the families of Sherman County in mind when operating the head law enforcement agency of your county? Sherman County deserves a Sheriff who will set an example for the youth of this county and provide above and beyond service. I believe an individual who sets themselves apart from others in providing exemplary service qualifies as a leader. The most important quality of a supervisor is leadership. For your next Sheriff would you prefer to elect someone who has certificates stating that they have completed supervisor training or do you want an individual who displays the qualities and characteristics of a leader not only in their professional but personal life as well?

Let's be honest, politics is part of the business of being an elected official. However, this does not mean that an individual should turn a cold shoulder to their values and ethics. As a professional I do not "play" anything. My goal is to bring the Sheriff's Office family closer to yours. For the past 3 years I have had the opportunity to be involved in providing the very best law enforcement possible to the people of Sherman County. As your Sheriff I would make it my goal to be as interactive and

involved in the communities of this county. My foremost responsibility will be representing the Sheriff's Office at the Commissioner's Court meetings providing input from the residents where it is necessary and hearing from the Commissioner's who represent the residents about the concern of their constituents. Beginning in the early part of next year I will be one of the shooting coaches for the 4-H shooting team. I make it my goal to be as involved as I possibly can and available to you when you need me.

When considering a candidate, ask which one has the best interests of you, your family and your county in mind. Who will lead by example and not by certificate, use common sense and integrity at all times. Ask your candidate how they define professionalism. Is it making use of your tax dollars for their personal gain and benefit? What do you expect from your elected Sheriff? Would it be in your best interest to choose an individual who does not boast on experience and training that is not applicable to the laws of this great State and our home?

I am constantly striving to obtain and further my education in the field of law enforcement to better serve you. When I am not working for the Sheriff's Office, I work for Design Technologies Group of Texas as a trainer on the software system for our in car computers. I have trained numerous agencies including YOUR police

department on how to operate the system to its fullest extent. My K-9 partner also has to brush up on his skills, required by law. My wife and I train him with our other service dogs to keep him at the top of his game so that we will not let you down when called upon. I enjoy welding, wood working, hunting/fishing and horse back riding/roping. Yes, that's right, I'm still a cowboy deep down inside as that is how I made my living while in high school. I broke horses, day worked and roped. These are things I find that I have in common with many of you in this county.

There is no doubt 2013 will offer its own set of challenges. If our economy continues its downward spiral, and prices such as gasoline continue to increase, we will definitely see a strain on our limited budget. The crime rate will be expected to go up as those who are unemployed will seek other alternatives to income. With effective use of all available resources, coupled with the acquisition of grants, we can reduce the Sheriff's Office's dependence on county tax dollars while still maintaining a well trained, equipped, and disciplined law enforcement agency.

In the next few weeks I will be around to introduce myself and answer any questions you may have about me, my goals or plans for the Sheriff's Office. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can but in the event I miss one or two look for my barbeque announcement to be posted in the paper within the coming weeks.

With your participation in the March 6th 2012 Republican primary-election and your vote to support me, I will continue to provide you with honesty, dedication, hard work, dependability, and trustworthiness that you have come to expect of me, your Sheriff and Sheriff's Office. I look forward to the honor of serving you as the next Sheriff of Sherman County.

Please visit my web-site at www.evans4sheriff.com and be sure to check back regularly as my campaign grows and I post new information. Feel free to make suggestions and use the contact page on my site to keep in touch. Or you can call me directly at 806-717-9208.

Sincerely,
Wesley Evans
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Don't Pay For A Purebred—Adopt One

(NAPS)—Are you looking for a certain kind of furry family member? Consider adoption as an option. Despite popular belief, not all pets needing homes are mixed breeds. In fact, as many as 25 percent of the 8 million dogs and cats in the care of animal welfare agencies are recognizable breeds. All kinds of pets end up homeless for a variety of reasons—frequently due to "people issues" rather than problems with the pets themselves. As a result, local animal shelters and breed-specific rescue groups are great options for people interested in adding a specific breed of pet to their family.

For example, when Destini Hollis decided to get a dog, she had her heart set on a Bouvier des Flandres, a large dog originally bred in Belgium. Rather than turning to a breeder, Destini sought out rescue groups that specialized in caring for homeless dogs of her preferred breed. She soon found her match: Baku, a 113-pound gentle giant whose family could not keep him in their small apartment.

"We did our research," Destini said, "and we found exactly what we wanted. I highly recommend searching out a purebred rescue group if you want a specific type of dog."

Narrowing down your options can be tough, but some online tools can help prospective pet parents with their search for the right pet and the right adoption agency. The PetSmart Charities Adoptable Pet Locator, found on its People Saving Pets website (www.peoplesavingpets.org), allows you to search for local adoptable pets based on criteria such as size, gender and breed.

Many homeless pets end up that way because their original



Purebred pets are available at animal shelters.

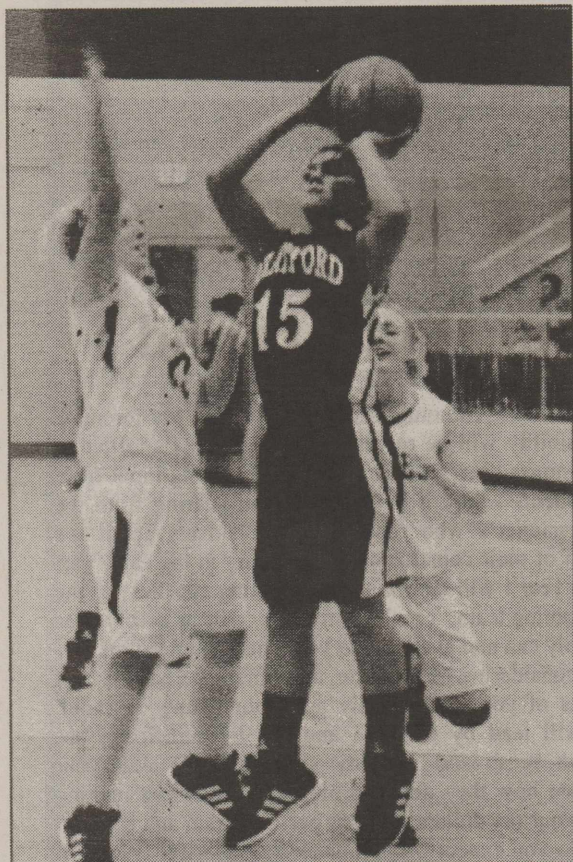
owners couldn't provide what they needed. Every breed has websites that can help you find the right match for you. Here are some basic criteria to consider:

1.Space: Some pets do just fine in an apartment; others need more room. Energy is the key, rather than size. Many large-dog breeds spend lots of time sleeping and are content with daily outings and play, while some small and medium breeds need more opportunities to run and explore.

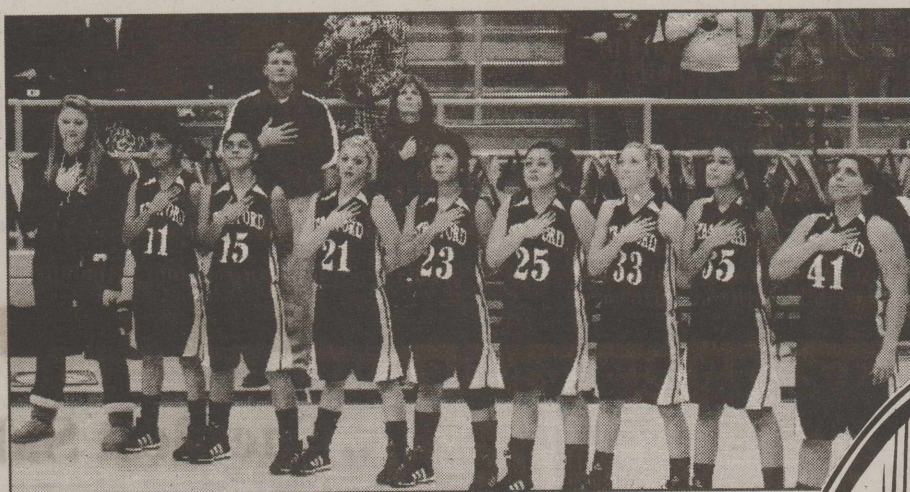
2.Time and energy: Herding, hunting and other types of dogs—and several cat breeds—need to keep their brains and bodies busy. Some others are napping professionals. The time needed for training, attention, play and outings can vary depending on breed type.

3.Coat: Some dog and cat breeds must be professionally groomed to stay healthy and to keep you happy. Almost all dogs and cats shed, so ask yourself how much hair you are ready to handle.

Most pets available through adoption come spayed or neutered, vaccinated, licensed and often microchipped for a very affordable adoption fee. You can find a listing of local adoption agencies by using your zip code to search on www.peoplesavingpets.org.



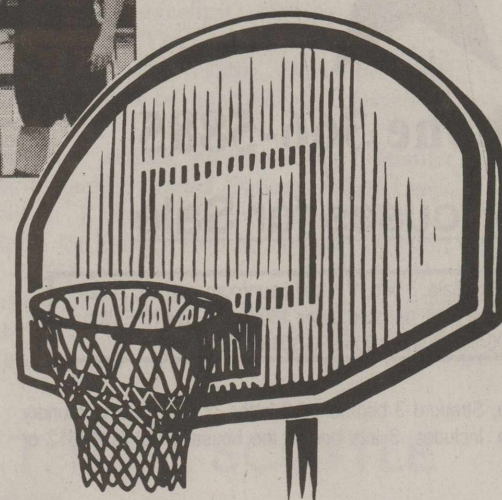
Lady Elk Jackie Gonzalez goes up for two in the Lady Elks season opener against Panhandle on Tuesday, November 8.



Stratford Lady Elks during the Star Spangled Banner at their first game of the season in Panhandle on Tuesday, November 8. L/R: Bethany Everett, Noemi Ruedas, Jackie Gonzalez, Meghan Brooks, Elizabeth Reyes, Perla Reta, Alex Asher, Karen Lozoya, Alexa Peregrino and coaches Gerry Foos and ViAnn Reed.



J.V. Lady Elk Brittany Law puts pressure on Panhandle girl in their season opener on November 8, 2011.



Basketball

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The PetSmart Charities Adoptable Pet Locator on the People Saving Pets web-site lets you search for adoptable pets based on size, gender and breed. Most pets available through adoption come spayed or neutered, vaccinated, licensed and often microchipped. Find a list of agencies at www.peoplesavingpets.org.



If you or someone you know could benefit from information on domestic violence, visit www.PurplePurse.com for tips on easy ways to spot abuse, what to say to help a friend in need and where to turn for more guidance and resources.

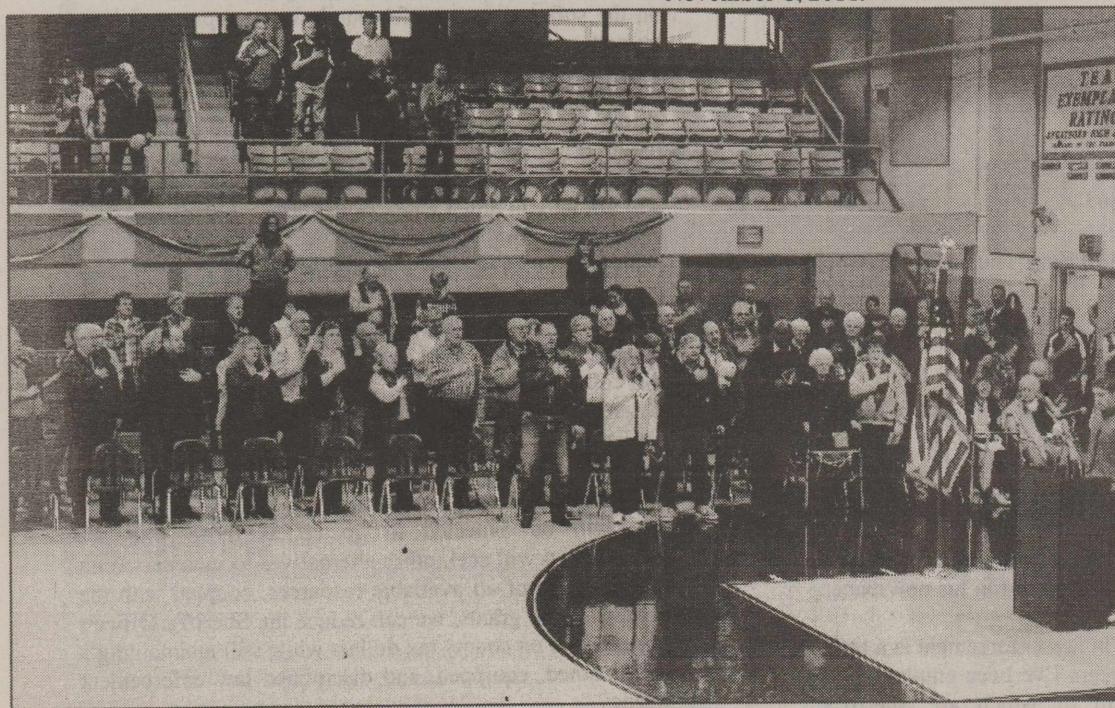
ation guidelines that meet, and in some cases exceed, federal and state laws.

Sometimes, many parents say, a good story or DVD can help open a discussion of more distressing emotions. "Cars 2," now out on Blu-ray and DVD, tackles honest challenges in friendship with loads of humor.

During the open enrollment period, those with Medicare can add, drop or change prescription drug and health care plans for 2012. AARP has a website dedicated to helping people get the information they need to make the best decisions. For more information, visit www.aarp.org/openenrollment.

The National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. Department of Transportation agree that school buses are the safest way to transport children to and from school. The industry operates by safety, security, health and driver qualifi-

Norton, the leading online security company, suggests you scan shopping Web pages for trust marks, such as the VeriSign Trust Seal. For more information on how to stay safe online, visit www.Norton.com.



The Veteran's Day Program sponsored by the SHS Student Council was held on Friday, November 11 at the Stratford High School gymnasium.

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