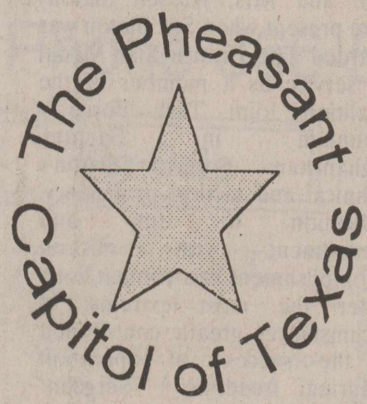


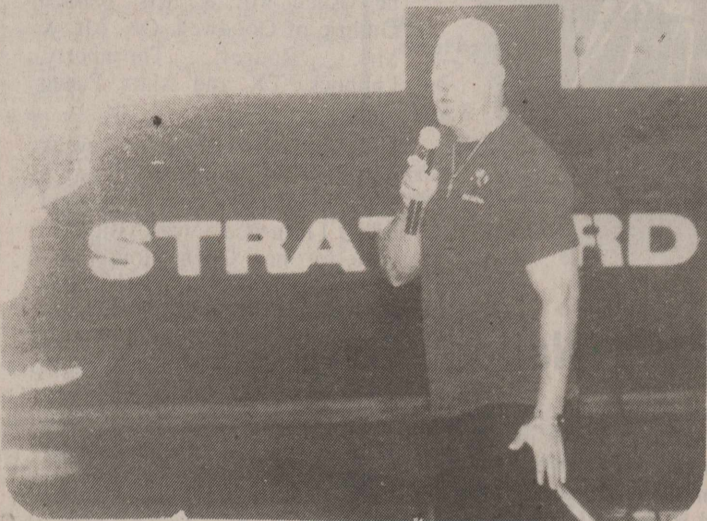
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International speaker and recording artist Gregg Martinez traveled the country for many years performing in the hottest casinos, resorts, and nightclubs in America. He had a million dollar recording contract and an exclusive performing contract with Donald and Ivana Trump. But Gregg, on his journey to find fame and riches, chose a lifestyle of alcohol, drugs and violence. He went through marriages, divorces, and lost his family. Then Gregg realized that the things he had thought for so long were so important, really meant nothing-he had lost sight of what really matters in life. Gregg began to make the right choices and his life turned completely around. He now uses his talents to help reach the young people of America, the "next" generation. Gregg spoke to Stratford students last Monday in the High school gymnasium.

## Stratford Holiday Hero Blood Drive

The Holiday Season is upon us and unfortunately that usually means low blood supplies. Well this year is proving to be no different as we struggle to keep blood on the shelves.

**ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CRITICALLY LOW, LESS THAN A TWO DAY SUPPLY!**

On Monday, December 23rd CMBC will be holding a Holiday Hero Blood Drive at the County Barn located at 5th & Maple St. from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. All donors will receive a Christmas ornament specially designed by McCormick Advertising.

The Holiday Heroes Blood Drive gives us the opportunity to help prevent critical low blood situations. You can help by sacrificing a little time to help those stricken with a blood disorder or in an accident.

For further information, please contact Susan Leary or Danny Cervantes at 368-4563.



## Lions Club Pheasant Hunters Breakfast Well Attended

The Lions Club Pheasant Hunters Breakfast was well attended Saturday morning at the County Barn. Pheasant Hunters report for the past weekend-some folks got their limits, but many went home empty handed. Depended on where you were at and how many in your group. S-SE County seemed to fair better.

## Sherman County Ag Conference A Success

Sherman County Ag Producers and Businesses enjoyed an informative meeting on December 10, 2002 at the Sherman County Exhibit Building. Producers were updated on the 2002 Farm Bill, weed control, Texas Wheat, IPM issues, and Farm Assist. Local businesses set up exhibits and all participants were treated to a Bar-B-Que lunch. Everyone was inspired by the keynote speaker Jim Bob Solsbery, FSA Director in Reagan County. Thank you to all the sponsors to the lunch and members of the Sherman County Ag Committee for making the conference a success. Hope to see you all again next year, at the 2nd Annual Sherman County Ag Conference.

The Stratford Star will not print a Thursday, December 26, 2002 edition. Next paper will be Thursday, January 2, 2003. The Star office will be closed Wednesday, December 18, 2002 through Thursday, December 26, 2002. We will open at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 27, 2002. Deadline for the January 2, 2003 issue is Monday, 12 noon December 30, 2002. Thank you and have a Happy Holiday!

## Tip Top Bucks

With the holidays already upon us, many shoppers will be using their TIP TOP BUCKS. The Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to remind both the shopper and merchant to review the expiration date before redemption of these 'Bucks'. All Tip Top Bucks now have a printed expiration date on the back beneath the signature line. All bucks expire 6 months after the date of issuance. All Tip Top Bucks must be submitted (before expiration) to the chamber office with a statement. The chamber will then make a payment to the retail merchant. By shopping at home with Tip Top Bucks, Stratford's Merchants get the full advantage of the Holiday season. These bucks can be purchased at the Stratford Chamber Office and are issued in \$5.00 increments. Remember that Tip Top Bucks make great holiday gifts and bonuses! Contact the Chamber Office for more information (806-366-2260)

## Crimestoppers Update

Sherman County Crimestoppers needs your help with two felony crimes. Please remember that the Crimestoppers telephone number, 366-TIPS, goes to an answering machine to protect your identity. You must leave a call back number and code name so that we can contact you. If you need to contact a person call the Sheriff's Office at 366-5551 or the Police Dept. at 366-3051.

On Sunday, December 15, 2002 person of persons unknown burglarized two residents in Sherman County. Both victims live around F.M. 1573 but were several miles apart. The burglaries occurred between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. while the residents were at church.

If you have any information regarding the persons responsible for the above listed crimes or any other felony crimes please contact Sherman Co. Crimestoppers answering machine 806-366-TIPS (8477), the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office or the Stratford Police Dept. Crimestoppers will pay up to \$1000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

## Windbreak And Wildlife Workshop

Put January 7, 2002 on your calendar. The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Windbreak and Wildlife Workshop at the Sherman County Barn. It will be an all-new program-not things you have heard before and we will offer CEU's.

Speakers will be Dana Unterkircher from TDA and you will get the hard to get hour CEU on Laws and regulations. Charles Coffman from NRCS will present Wildlife Opportunities with Windbreaks. Dave Cook with Texas Parks and Wildlife will give a wildlife presentation. Brian Scott from the Texas Forest Service will speak on windbreaks. Richie Brotherton, NRCS, and Scott Buckles, Chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation Board will talk about windbreak planting and equipment. Becky Hemphill will talk about wildlife opportunities with continuous CRP, and J.R. Bell from Dupont will speak on chemicals and drift. John Childers will speak on drip irrigation and weed fabric on windbreaks.

Sherman County has a need to improve pheasant and wildlife habitat. Come out and pick up a few ideas you can use on your place.

## Angel Tree Project

Shown at right is the Angel Tree at the First State Bank of Stratford. The Christmas Party was held Monday, December 16, 2002.



## Pittman Lucky Winner

Winner of the 7.5 foot pre-lit fully decorated Christmas Tree given away by Nu Beta Sorority with proceeds going toward Stratford High School scholarship fund was Yvonne Pittman.



## XIT's Holiday Open House

Linda Spurlock and Mary Jo Cox enjoyed refreshments and visiting at XIT's Christmas Open House on Friday, December 13, 2002.



## Christmas Open House Held

Enjoying refreshments at Happy First State Bank Christmas Open House on Friday, December 13th were from left, Max Stephenson, Doris Parsons, and Marty Robertson.

## Upcoming Events

On December 20th, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., Santa Claus will be at First State Bank. Come visit us and Santa!!

Christmas Band Concert is Thursday, December 19, 2002 at 7 p.m. at Stratford High School.

## Letters To The Editor

### Obit

#### Marjorie Ann Grimes Collins

Floydada: Services for Marjorie Ann Grimes Collins, 72, of Lubbock will be at 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Floydada with Reverend Anthony D. Sisemore, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Floydada Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Collins died Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born on August 26, 1930 in Stratford, TX to the late Lee Lance Grimes and Lillie Mae Watson Grimes. She graduated from high school in Stratford in 1947 and attended West Texas State University in Canyon for two years. She married John Charles Collins in 1951 in Canyon. He preceded here in death on November 29, 1976. She moved to Floydada from Stratford in 1951 and to Lubbock in 1983. She was a bookkeeper for Collins Implement, the John Deere House in Floydada and she enjoyed China Painting.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Joe Grimes in 1945 and one sister, Patricia Lee Grimes in 1946.

She is survived by one son, Mike Collins and wife LuAnn of Lubbock; one daughter, Cathy Kubacak and husband Frank of Lubbock; one brother, Ray Grimes and wife Beverly of Canyon; one sister, Arlene Steel and husband Bob of Corpus Christi and five grandsons, John and Jim Collins and Anthony, Jason and Matthew Kubacak all of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423 or to the First Baptist Church Exodous Fund P.O. Box 610, Floydada, TX 79235.

#### OPSU Students Win Competition To Perform in New York City

Two Oklahoma Panhandle State University students have been given the opportunity of the lifetime. Misty Viner and Kay Ann Cockrell were selected out of 1450 females for a choir of 200. The American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) held the competition. Every applicant was asked to submit a tape with them singing an aria from "The Messiah" and vocal scales to show their vocal ranges.

The event will be held in New York City from February 11 to 16, with the concert being held on the 15th. The choir will be signing with Dr. Judith Willoughby. While in New York City, Misty Viner said she would like to see some Broadway shows, probably "Beauty and the Beast" and the "Lion King." Kay Ann said she would like to visit FAO Schwartz, a giant toy store. Mister Viner is from Sunray, Texas and Kay Ann is from Perryton, Texas. Viner is a Music Education Major with emphasis on vocal and instrumental and Cockrell is a majoring in Music Pedagogy.

Donations are being accepted to help fund this great opportunity. Their trip is an excellent chance to help the music program flourish in the future. Upcoming fund-raisers include local concerts and caroling for donations.

Dear Readers,

Thank you to those who hosted Pheasant Hunters. The Pheasant Capital of Texas is a handle people remember. They might not remember the two major highways or the two major railroads or the good schools or the nice people but they do remember the Pheasants. Once the place is identified, then the other goods things are added. The Chamber started this event as funding for the Chamber as well as the Farmers. The Chamber is not getting as much land to permit but some of the landowners host hunters on their own.

However, we get others to see what Stratford and Sherman County has to offer is a good thing for all of us.

I am sorry we had to cancel the Christmas Parade but didn't we love the snow? We will trade a parade anytime for moisture. Somehow we have lost some of our Christmas lights in the downtown area but those who have their places decorated look really nice. Speaking of Christmas decorations. It is way past time to re-wrap the Tree decorations on the highways. They look pitiful. The bells we re-wrapped five years or so ago still look really good. Another opportunity. Another project!!

Gaynelle Riffe

Dear Editor:

My home is in Shattuck, Oklahoma and I have a friend who has to be taken to El Reno for Dialysis, three times a week, which ends up taking almost nine hours to go down, have the treatment, and return home. He has a special problem, since he has to have an isolated Chamber for his treatment and there aren't any in northwest Oklahoma, and Northeast Texas Panhandle. Wouldn't it be nice to have a dialysis service in Shattuck, at our wonderful hospital. Upon asking the Administration what the Possibilities were, I was told that the hospital would have to be guaranteed a certain amount of patients for them to provide the service or have an outside server come in and set up in our hospital. It is a shame that our population in this area has to drive hundreds of miles for any treatment. I'm talking about other services such as Chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Another resident just finished making 41 tips, 5 days a week to Enid for Radiation treatments. We have residents who are taking turns making the trips, but why does that have to be a problem. Those patients need your help and support. If you could use these services, and Newman Memorial Hospital did provide them, how many people, either yourself, family or neighbors would use these services? I need names, addresses, telephone numbers to present to the hospital board that would convince them to take a hard look at the situation and somehow provide these services. I know Woodward has a dialysis unit, but it is full, with people on a waiting list. Besides that is 30 miles more for some of the patients that live in the Oklahoma & Northeast Texas Panhandle. When you send me your names and addresses, please include what type of service you need, how much closer it would be, and any other services you might have a need for.

We are still trying to convince the federal government to allow veterans to go to any hospital, present their health card, and be taken care of. I have to go to Oklahoma City, for these services

and others have to go to Amarillo. We did a study and within 60 miles of Shattuck, there are 6,560 Oklahoma Veterans, and 2,485 Northeast Texas Veterans that our hospital could serve. What a travel savings that would be. If you are one of those veterans, call your representatives. Jim Inhof, 202-224-4727, Don Nickles; 202-224-5754, Frank Lucas at Woodward: 580-256-5752 and our new Governor, Brad Henry: 405-521-2342. Also send us your name and address so we can also confirm that need.

Send this information to: Hayden M. Karn, P.O. Box 806, Shattuck, Oklahoma 73858. Phone: (580) 938-2263.

Let me thank you in advance for your help, only you can make it happen.

Hayden M. Karn

To the Stratford Star

Former Stratford student Report

I have recently returned to my home after almost two months in the hospital and Rehabilitation Center following an accident and two surgeries. I was very blessed to have a former Stratford student-Wade McKinney-as one of my Physical Therapists at the Bivins Rehab Center. Wade is very professional, very knowledgeable in his field of medical work, and has the gift of joy that he shares with his patients. He is doing a great job of helping people get their lives back in order. Stratford should be proud of him.

Leona Woods

#### Blood Drive Mon. Dec. 23

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive in Stratford on Monday, December 23, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the county barn.

Every donor will receive a holiday ornament, and anyone who can give blood will be greatly appreciated. Blood is the gift of life.

Come by  
Allen-Tarver Agency  
Friday, December 20,  
for hot cider and your  
2003 Calendars



#### Seawright Finishes 2nd in Nation

Jon Seawright, 12-year-old son of Kevin and Kennetha Seawright, traveled to the Grand National BMX Finals in Tulsa, Oklahoma over the Thanksgiving week-end. After three days of qualifying, Jon competed in the main event on Sunday, December 1, 2002. He finished second in the nation in the 12-year-old novice age group.

Throughout the season, Jon competed in 24 races, bringing home 23 trophies in 2002. He is shown here with the trophy he won in Tulsa.

Jon and his family wish to thank all the Stratford residents who supported Jon by buying candy during his fundraiser. This money went a long way towards helping Jon complete his racing season and attend the Grand National Finals in Tulsa. Jon wishes to extend a special thanks to James and Wells Daniels for their help in selling candy.

The new BMX racing season begins again in January (weather permitting) with the first big race in February at the Lazy-E arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma. More candy sales could precede this trip and your support will again be appreciated.

#### Marjorie Pilch Enjoys Visits

Marjorie Pilch was happily visited this summer with Sgt. Glenn Slaton III from Fayetteville, N.C. When he arrived in the United States, his mother & dad (Mr. and Mrs. Russell Slaton) were present when Sgt. Slaton was awarded The Bronze Star Medal for service as a member of the Coalition Joint Task Force - Mountain in Bagram, Afghanistan. Sergeant Slaton's technical and tactical proficiency, dedication to duty and commitment to mission accomplishment in a combat zone under the most extreme of circumstances greatly contributed to the success of operation enduring freedom. Sergeant Slaton's performance of duty reflects great credit upon him. While here visiting grandmother, he visited Mr. & Mrs. Russell Guthrie of Goodwell, OK, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Thornberry, Lubbock, TX and Mary Peach Smith.

Also, I was visited for a week with Lillie McAdams of El Paso in Sept. Becky's family brought Lillie. I returned a week visit to El Paso for her Open House and Thanksgiving in Nov. Becky, Judy (of Houston) took us everywhere, shopping, sight-seeing. Eron (grandson), took Lillie & I to Lookout Mountain to see a ocean of bright lights in one place, New Mexico, Old Mexico and El Paso. It was beautiful.

#### Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last Sat. night several Scotters had a great time of eating and receiving Christmas presents. Some left happy and some left not so happy.

Computers are in at SCOT Hall and will be set up after 1st of the year. If you are interested in learning about computers, come in and sign up for classes.

Have a Merry Christmas!!

Love your neighbor, but don't tear down the fence.

—German proverb



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#### Arts in the Area

By Gaynelle Riffe

\*\*\* note new listing

- Dec. 19 Stratford Bands Holiday Concert  
Stratford High School Gym 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20-23 Christmas Pageant (Paramount Terrace Christian Church)  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-353-6615
- Jan. 15-16 Amarillo Symphony presents Young Peoples Concert  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 16-18 "The Laramie Project" 7:30 p.m.  
Branding Iron Theatre, WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Jan 16-26 "Brighton Beach Memoirs"  
Amarillo Little Theatre 806-355-9991
- Jan. 25 Amarillo Symphony Wu Man, pipa (Chinese Flute)  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-376-8782
- Jan. 28 Lipizzaner Stallions  
Amarillo Civic Coliseum 806-378-3096
- Jan. 29-30 Broadway Series "SHOCKWAVE"  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- Feb. 12-15, Sun. 16 "Company" 7:30 p.m. [16-3:00]  
Branding Iron Theatre WTAMU 806-651-2881
- Feb. 18 Lone Star Ballet "AEROS" Hungarian Dance Troupe  
Amarillo Civic Auditorium (806) 378-3096 or 372-2463



J.V. Elk Case Crabtree



J.V. Lady Elks from left: Cheyenne Ziemann, Jayme Wilhelm and Kayla Robertson.



8th grade Lady Elk Shadley Audrain jumps high for the ball as #23 Candie Bell and #45 Krista Reta look on.



8th Grade Elk Brant Cummings shoots the lay-up as #21 Gilbert Reta looks on.



Lady Elk Amie Witcher

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At left: J.V. Elks from left: Corey Rendon, Brady Bell and Josh Lanning.



8th Grade Elks from left: #11 Daniel Hernandez, Eric Riffe, and #15 Cody Harbour.

**First Assembly of God**

Terry Callis, Pastor  
 921 Fulton  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 am  
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**First Christian**

Rev. Bob Sweeten  
 5th & Main  
 Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 Morning Worship 10:45 am  
 No Sunday Evening Worship  
 Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

**First United Methodist**

Rev. Mark Metzger  
 520 N. Main  
 Sunday School 9:40 am  
 Morning Worship 10:50 am  
 Junior High UMY 5:30 pm  
 Senior High UMY 6:00 pm  
 5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for  
 Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

**St. Joseph Catholic**

6th & Pearl  
 Rectory - 366 - 5687  
 Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.  
 Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.  
 Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**

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

**Calvary Baptist**

James Washburn  
 302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message  
 Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

**First Baptist**

Brent Farney  
 702 N. 3rd  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
 Church Training 6:00 p.m..  
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

**La Mision Bautista**

Mision Bautista  
 401 S. Wall 396-5376  
 Domingo-(Sunday)  
 Escuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)  
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 Servicio De Oracion 6:00 pm  
 Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm Se Cuidamos  
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**Jesus and the Angels**

How well prepared are you for Christmas? You are probably much better prepared than the shepherds were on that first Christmas night so long ago. They were not at all ready to receive Christ as He came into the world. They had to be prepared by an angel. Imagine, there they were, watching their sheep at night and an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them... (Luke 2:9). And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). And as if this were not enough, "Suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men with whom He is pleased' (Luke 2:13-14). Yes, a whole host of angels appeared to the shepherds and sang to them about the coming of Christ. Do you need this kind of announcement about Christmas? No, you are perfectly aware of the coming of Christmas. You have been consumed with buying presents and wrapping packages. Perhaps you already have a Christmas tree decorated. And if you don't have your Christmas card prepared and mailed, it's almost too late. But how does all of this relate to the Christmas the angels announced to the shepherds? In the end, it does not have a great deal to do with the first Christmas. Why? Because the angels prepared the shepherds to receive Jesus-Christ. And so, if you are not prepared to receive the Lord Jesus Christ into your life, you are not really prepared for Christmas at all.

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## Couple Given Wedding Shower

Mika Willborn and Adam Bell who are to be married on Saturday, December 21, 2002 were honored with a wedding shower in the home of LeRayne Donelson on Sunday, December 15, 2002. Shown seated (l-r) Nancy Flick, Mika Willborn, Adam Bell, Geneva Bell, Doreen Hamrick. Standing from left, LaRissa Luna, Sherry Willborn holding RaeLeigh Willborn, Lori Willborn, Jeanne Bell, Mandi Haynes, and Margaret Bell.

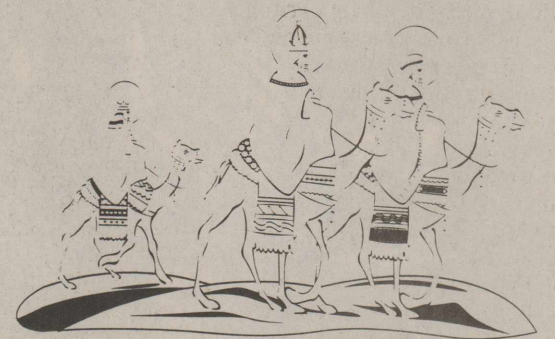


## Baby Shower

Kori Layne Hernandez, daughter of Valerie and Eric Hernandez was honored with a baby shower on Saturday, December 14, 2002 in the home of ViAnn Reed. Seated (l-r) Sandra Villalobos, Clarissa Valenzuela, Mary Hernandez, Valerie Valenzuela, Jessie Valenzuela holding Kori, and Lillian Valenzuela. Standing from left, Jamie Valenzuela, Jessie Hernandez with Gloria, and Sierra Valenzuela with Roman Fuentes.

\*\*\*  
 God is subtle, but He is not malicious.

—Albert Einstein  
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## Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Crusader Sunday School Class of First United Methodist church went to the Hitchings Chicken House in Plainview community for their Christmas party. There were 27 members and guests who enjoyed the meal and fellowship on Dec. 9.

Guests and members attending were Bill & Selma Pendleton, R.J. & Mary Hill, E.R. & Joan Bell, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Max & Dicy Stephenson, Alfred & Jimmie Pronger, Joe & Jean Everett, Jack & Donna Gilley, Bill & Mary Jo Cox, Wanda Riffe, Norma Trimpa, Janice Sladek, Marylou McDaniel, Sis Steinberger, Shirley Plunk, Elsie Lasley, Wanda Woolsey, Mary Woodford Wisdom.

Need help sacking treats Friday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. The Christmas program is Saturday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. at the community center. Adults and children are invited to participate in the program with music, songs, poems, and stories!

Trisha Schoonover sang in the Methodist Church cantata Sunday night. Jo June McDaniel plays in the Christian Church Bell Choir.

Jo June McDaniel was in Clayton Friday to see niece Linda Kaye Swagerty. She flew in from Phoenix for early Christmas with her folks, Penny & Linda Whitson and other relatives.

Visiting with Eula Faye and Raymond Lewis at Guymon Sunday were Terry & Barbara Schoonover. It was an early Christmas time!

Bill Boren attended Sunray Basketball tournament last week. Son-in-law Kelly Carlisle was there with his team from Ropes High School. They won two games and lost two.

Chandra Hawkins and baby Lara Jane Wells assisted Mike Wells at Children's Church of First Baptist Sunday morning. Lara is Roger and Brandi Wells baby.

I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. May there be Peace on Earth.

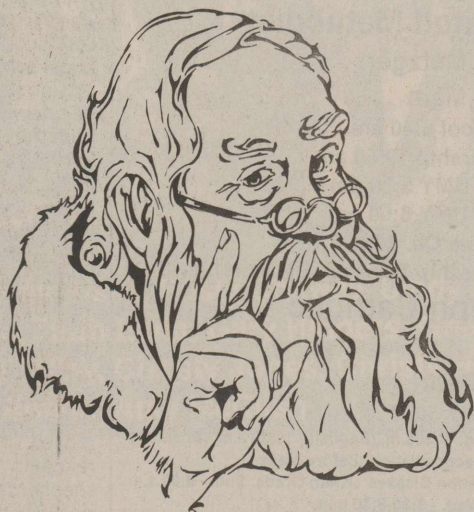


## Secret Pal Party Held

Kerrick Secret Pal Party was held at Cicy Harris' Dec. 10 with co-hostesses Jo June McDaniel and Donna Gillenwaters. Unable to attend were Nita Taylor, Pat Boren, Trisha Schoonover and Peggy Hawkins. Pictured are from left Donna Gillenwaters, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Jo June McDaniel, Cicy Harris. Seated are Joyce Irlbeck, Michelle Daniell, Barbara Schoonover. Photo by Marylou McDaniel.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Barney Willborn  
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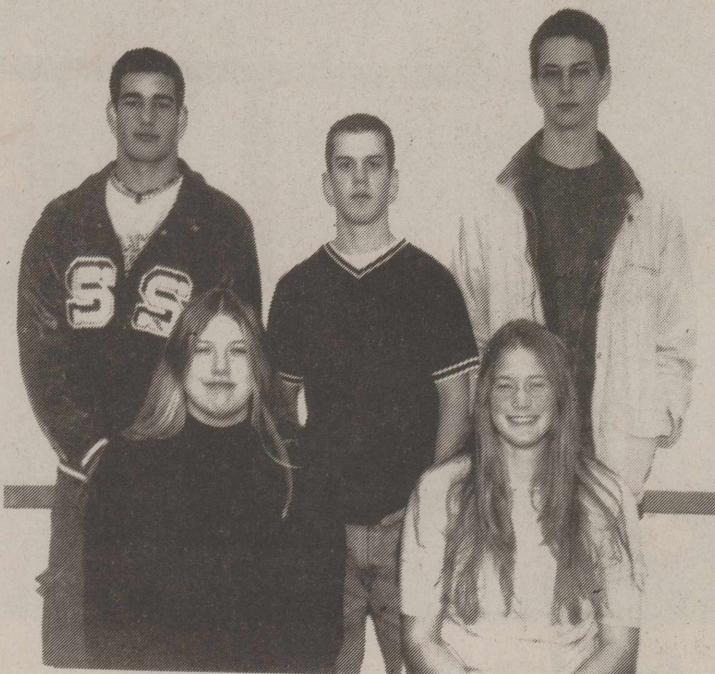
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 Reception following Mass

# All-Region Band Auditions Held

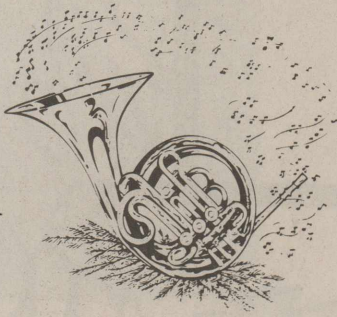


Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> high school all-region band auditions were also held in Panhandle. This audition was not only for the all-region band, but also the first level of all-state band auditions. High school band students from classifications A, AA, and AAA all compete for positions in either the Symphonic or the Concert all-region bands. Top qualifiers in the Symphonic all-region band also certify to advance to the area level of all-state band competition.

Standing \*Adam Witcher-3rd Chair trombone-symphonic band, Jesse Daniels-4th Chair baritone-concert band, and \*Bill Walker-2nd Chair trumpet-symphonic band. Seated \*Briah McClellan-5th chair trombone-symphonic band and \*Amie Witcher-5th chair clarinet-symphonic band. Those students advancing to all-area band competition (marked with \* will audition Saturday 11, January in Sundown, Texas. They will be competing against the best band musicians in Area A (the western fifth of Texas--from the Panhandle to El Paso), classifications A, AA, and AAA. If one of these student auditioning at the area level of All-State Band competition qualifies for one of the top seats in his or her section, he or she will be a member of the 2003 ATSSB All-State Band--possibly the highest honor bestowed upon band members in the state of Texas. The final round of All-State Band auditions will be held in San Antonio during the TMEA (Texas Music Educators Association) at ATSSB workshops and conventions held 12-15 February 2003.

The Junior high and high school all-region band clinics and concerts will be Friday and Saturday, 17-18 January at WTA&M University in Canyon. All-region band concerts will be held Saturday at the Amarillo Civic Center; times are as follows: A Junior High Band-2:00 p.m. High School Concert Band 4:15 p.m., High School Symphonic Band-5:00 p.m.

Congratulations to these fine students and to each of their parents for their outstanding achievements.



What creature can fly straight up like a helicopter? Hmmm...a hummingbird.



Eschatophobia is the fear of the ending of all things, and the need to escape an imagined destruction.



Tuesday, December 3, junior high all-region band auditions were held at Panhandle High School. The following Stratford Junior High band students received positions in the all-region band: Bottom (l-r) Rhia Everett - 1<sup>st</sup> alternate flute; Tiffni Drake - 1<sup>st</sup> chair alto sax; Lillian Valenzuela - 7<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet; Ivy Valenzuela - 4<sup>th</sup> chair tuba; Michael Frizzell - 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate baritone; Jake Lawrence - 1<sup>st</sup> chair tuba; Steven Rueda - 6<sup>th</sup> chair baritone. Standing from left: Juliana Taliaferro - 2<sup>nd</sup> chair horn; Ashley Duschl - 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate horn; Daniel Nusz - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair tuba; Eric Riffe - 8<sup>th</sup> chair trombone; Alex Marquez - 7<sup>th</sup> chair trombone; Ryan Ewers - 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate cornet; Janette Carrera - 10<sup>th</sup> chair trombone; Gloria Saenz - 8<sup>th</sup> chair flute; Martin Beltran - 1<sup>st</sup> alternate tuba; Cristina Fierro - 13<sup>th</sup> chair clarinet; Rustin Russell - 1<sup>st</sup> alternate tenor sax and Jonathan Licon - 3<sup>rd</sup> chair baritone.



## Football Honors Picked

2002 District 1-A 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and Honorable Mention All-District honors went to the following: Seated from left: Denton Crabtree, Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive Back; Clint Adams, Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offensive lineman and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defensive line; Dylan Everett, Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offensive and Defensive line; Luis Trejo, Sophomore - 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Offensive line. Second row from left: Carson Buckles, Junior - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defensive end; Chris Ortega, Sophomore - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Tight End (tie with Byron Norton, White Deer); Josh King, Sophomore - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Quarterback (tie with Kyron Trussell, Sunray); Jason Ashley, Junior - 1<sup>st</sup> Team Receiver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Defensive Back. Back row from left: Ryan McDaniel, Sophomore - Honorable Mention Linebacker; Travis Soto, Sophomore - Honorable mention Wide Receiver; Tyler Haynes - Sophomore, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Receiver; and Carlos Jacquez - Junior, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Linebacker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Running Back.

## Annual Meeting Of Sherman County Extension Program Council Held

The annual meeting of the Sherman County Extension Program Council was held December 2 in the Sherman County Exhibit Building in Stratford.

Chairman Jimmy Lanning welcomed the group following a buffet supper. Issues identified in the Texas Community Futures Forum were reviewed and progress reports given for each issue. Those present discussed the current validity of the issues identified and discussed emerging issues. Rural health care issues were identified as new issue with following concerns discussed: changes in medicaid; upgrade of medical equipment and services; telemed; need for physician assistance, assisted living facility for the elderly; loss of older population to communities with retirement centers; elder

longevity; state imposed regulations on health care personnel; managed care imposed by health insurance industry; accessibility to health care; and steps to maintain community physician. School finance was also identified as an issue of concern.

Susie Spurlock, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences shared with members educational programs to be conducted in 2003 that will address health issues. A six week program "Be Well, Do Well with Diabetes" will be offered in early spring and the Walk Across Texas program will be conducted in late spring and early summer. The Texas Cooperative Extension will be providing Food Protection Management trainings to area food service providers during January and February of 2003 to assist food service providers in

meeting state mandated standards.

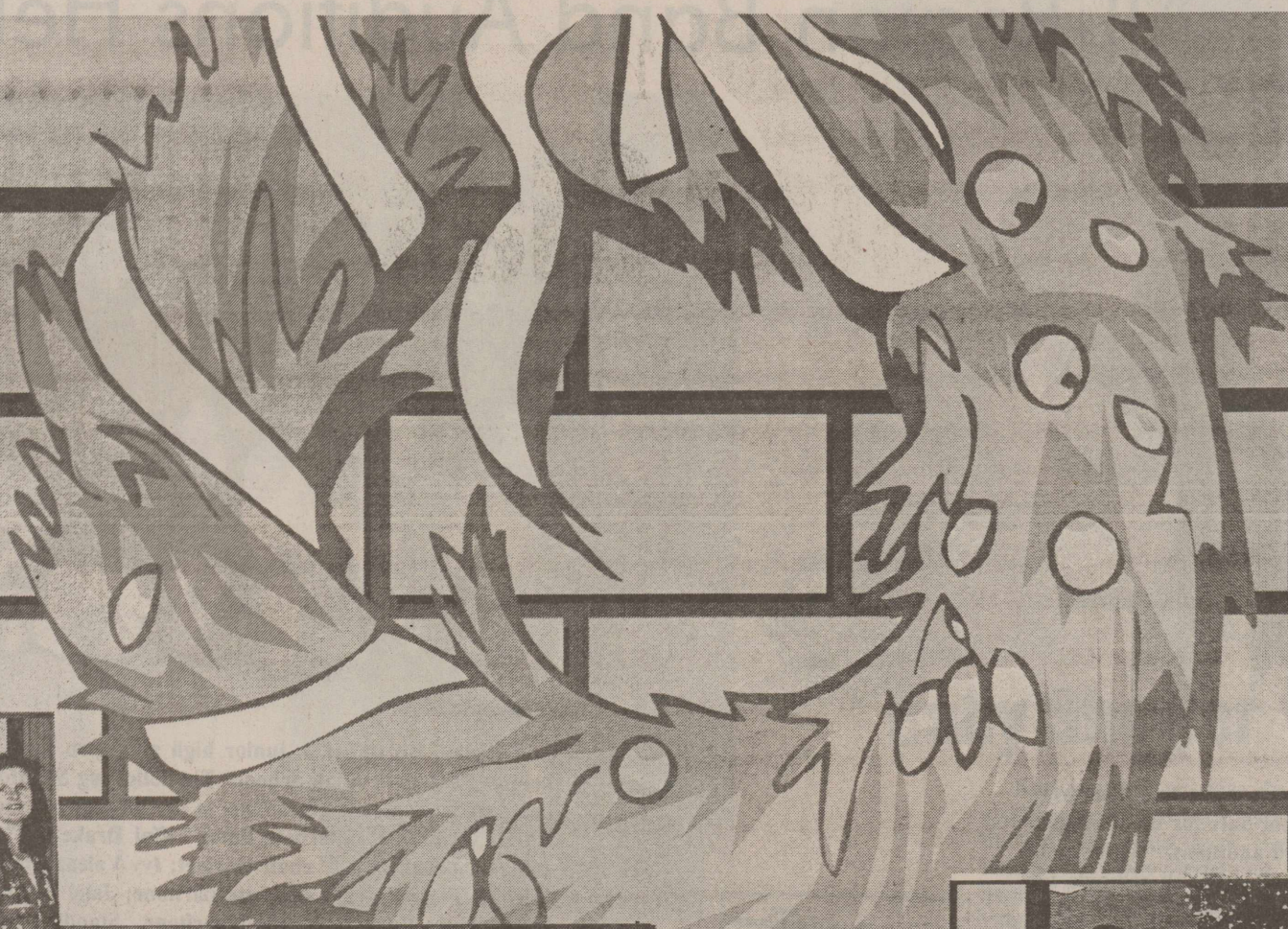
County Extension Agents recognized officers for the Extension Program Council. Serving as chairman is Jimmy Lanning; Jean Everett, Vice-Chairman; and Kenneth Seawright, Secretary-Treasurer.

Jesse Resendes, Tommy Asher, Josh Kautz, and Trisha Teig were recognized for their term of service on the Extension Program Council or one of the program Area Committee.

Sandy Tillery, Felix Saenz, Carson Buckles, Kennetha Seawright, and Calli Hamilton were introduced as new members of the committees.

"Building A Greater Sherman County" brochure highlighting 2002 accomplishments of the Sherman County Extension Program were distributed to all members.

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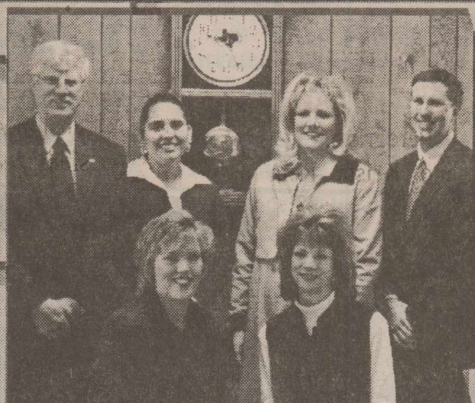
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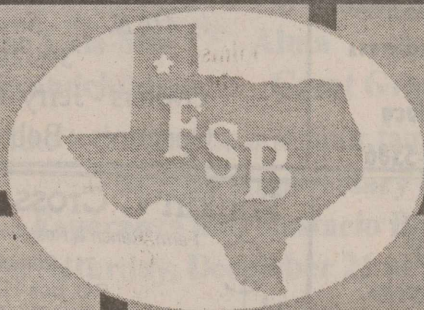


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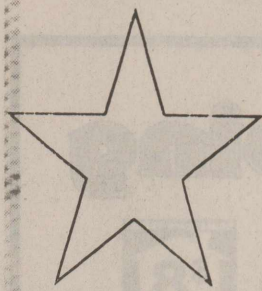
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On behalf of "Hooves For Him" Therapeutic Riding, I want to thank John & Lois Husmann for the donation of John's handmade saddle. I also want to thank the others that have shown interest and wanted to help. We appreciate you all.

Terri Kelling

We would like to Thank our Stratford Friends for all the food, prayers and support shown our family during the loss of our father and my husband, George G. Oakley, Jr. We would also like to give special thanks to all members of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department for giving their time to honor Dad during our loss. The Honor Guard was very special to our family at the graveside services on Wednesday afternoon. The Fire Department was always special to George. We are very sure that Dad was smiling down on everyone there, as he is a very special person to both families, here in Stratford, Pettus and at the South Texas Children's Home. He will be deeply missed. May God Bless everyone for their prayers & support.

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We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals.

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Tommy Asher  
Commissioner Pct. #4

Sherman County, Texas

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## Basketball

### Basketball

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The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Elks beat Booker on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 39-11. Shadley Audrain led with 10 points followed by Merilee McDaniel and Rhia Everett with 7 points each. Scoring 4 points each were Crystal Peregrino, Kayla Melton, and Krista Reta and adding 3 points was Candie Bell.

The J.V. Lady Elks played in the Gruver Tournament held December 5-7. In their 1<sup>st</sup> game on December 5<sup>th</sup>, they lost 16-32 to Dumas. Katelyn Reed led the Lady Elks with 6 points followed by Chelsi Thiessen and Kayla Robertson with 4 points each and Brittany Hudson added 2 points. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> game, they lost 25-35 to Perryton. Katelyn Reed led with 9 points followed by Kayla Robertson with 5 points, Haley Buckles and Chelsi Thiessen with 4 points each and Brittany Hudson with 3 points.

The Varsity Lady Elks beat Channing 61-9 on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Amie Witcher led with 14 points followed by Alisha Sladek with 9 points and Amber Larence with 8 points. Lindsay Stein and Alicia Adams scored 5 points each. Scoring 4 points each were Tiffany Duke, Erin Ashley, and Veronica Ortega. Deidre Tarver and Yadira Ortega added 3 points each and Allison Baskin 2 points. The Lady Elks won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Stratford Tournament held December 12-14<sup>th</sup>. In their 1<sup>st</sup> game, they beat San Jacinto 37-28. Amber Larence was high point with 13 points followed by Alisha Sladek and Yadira Ortega with 6 points each. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> game, they beat Stanton County, KS 51-33. Deidre Tarver was high point with 14 points followed by Amie Witcher and Alisha Sladek with 8 points each. In their final game they fell to Elkhart 50-41 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Yadira Ortega was high point with 13 points followed by Alisha Sladek with 10 points.

The Stratford Elks lost to Channing 38-48 on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Cass Melton led the Elks with 11 points followed by Jason Ashley with 9 points and Tyler Haynes with 8 points. Chris Ortega and Matthew Taliaferro added 3 points each

followed by Asbel Gomez and Dylan Everett with 2 points each. The Stratford Elks won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Stratford Tournament held December 12-14<sup>th</sup>. In their first game, they beat Ascension Academy 77-27. Jason Ashley led the Elks with 24 points followed by Cass Melton with 15 points and Tyler Haynes with 11 points. Chris Ortega scored 8 points, Dalton Sladek 7 points, Matthew Taliaferro and Dylan Everett 3 points each and Travis Soto 2 points. In their 2<sup>nd</sup> game, they beat Stanton County, KS 64-62. Cass Melton led the Elks with 26 points followed by Chris Ortega with 11 points and Josh King with 9 points. Scoring 7 points was Travis Soto followed by Jason Ashley with 5 points. Scoring 3 points each were Matthew Taliaferro and Tyler Haynes. In the championship game, the Elks beat Boise City in double overtime 70-69. Jason Ashley & Tyler Haynes led the Elks with 16 points each followed by Cass Melton with 11 points and Josh King with 9 points. Chris Ortega added 8 points, Dalton Sladek 5 points, Dylan Everett 3 points and Asbel Gomez 2 points.

Named Stratford All-Tournament was Alisha Sladek, Amber Larence, and Cass Melton. Jason Ashley was named MVP of the tournament. Congratulations!

### Check Out These Web Sites:

- National Women's Health Information Center at [www.4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov).
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### G-T Classes Attend Nutcracker Ballet Dec. 12

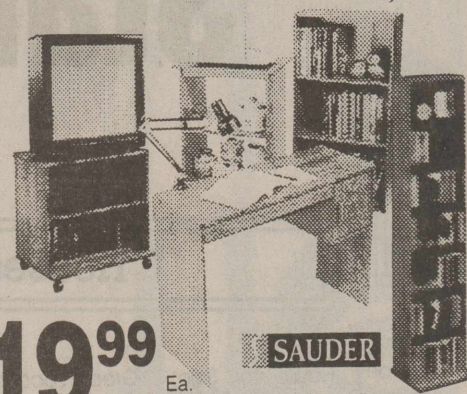
The 3rd and 4th grade G-T classes attended the Nutcracker Ballet on Dec. 12. Shown is the group getting ready to leave Mary Allen Elementary. Back Row: (l-r) Kyle Horsford, Christopher Hart, Michael Ortega, Jared Saloga, Sergio Acevedo, Matthew Chaffee, Kathie Altman. Front row: Megan Crabtree, Autumn Witcher, Tori Rouse, Ransom Lermon, Marcos Garza.



Coldwater Manor residents decorated a cotton plant with Christmas lights and decorations. Shown above with their Christmas cotton tree from left, Laura Pipkin, Lew Bruni, Jane Willey, and Coleen Hamilton.

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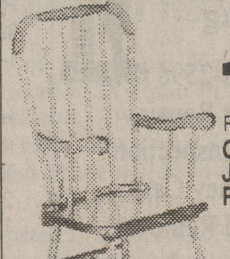
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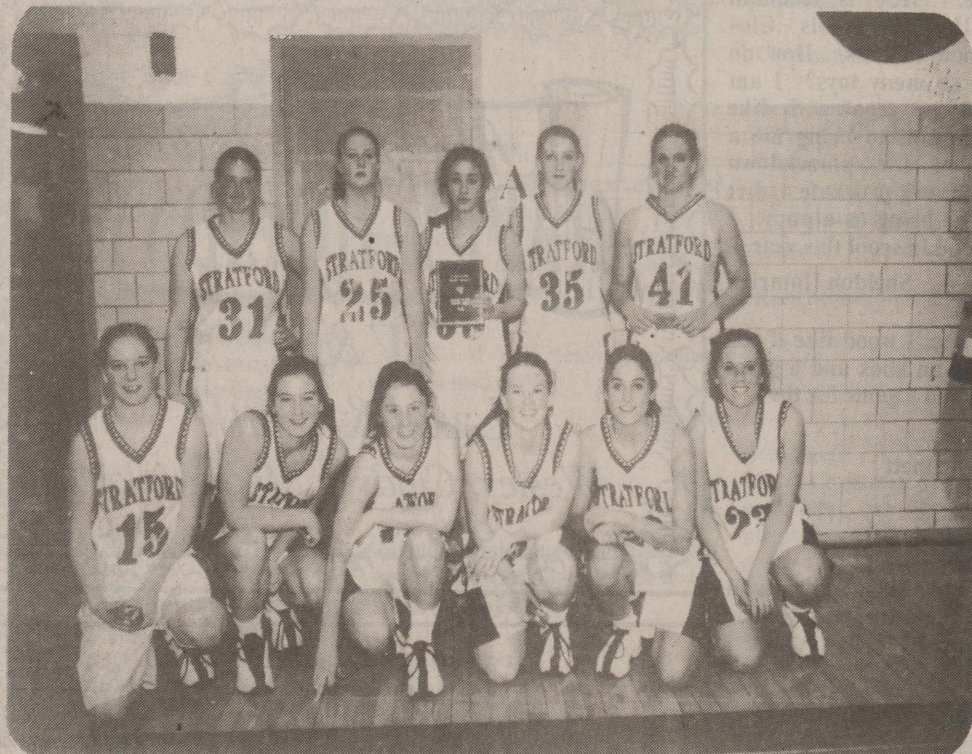


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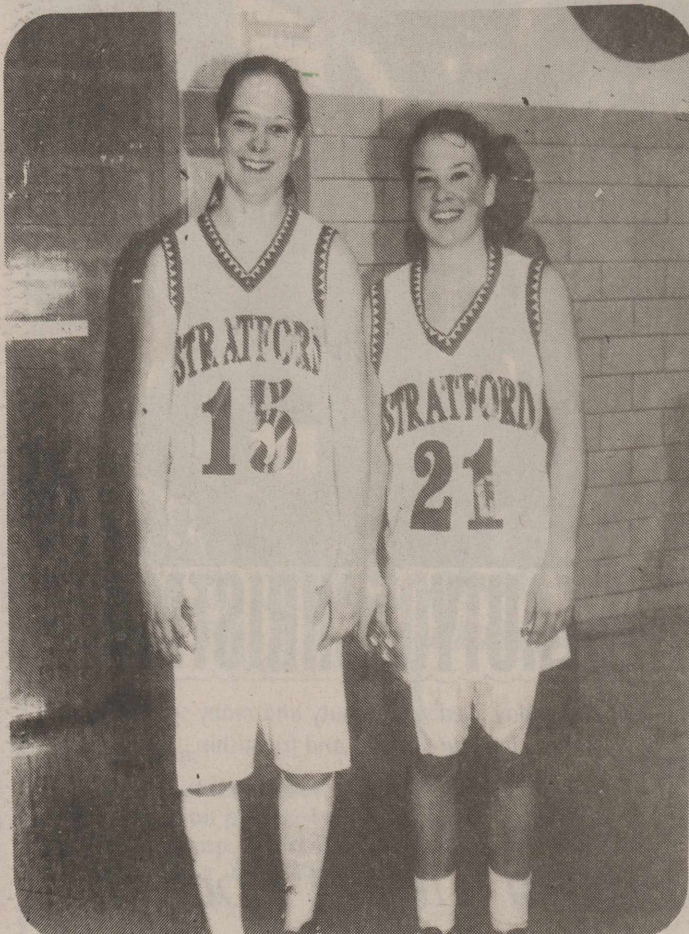
The Stratford Elks won 1st place in the Stratford Tournament. Shown kneeling from left: Dylan Everett, Chris Ortega, Travis Soto, Jason Ashley, Tyler Haynes, and Asbel Gomez. Standing from left: Josh King, Cass Melton, Rafael Rueda, Matthew Taliaferro, and Dalton Sladek.



The Stratford Lady Elks won 2nd place in the Stratford Tournament. Shown kneeling from left: Alisha Sladek, Alicia Adams, Lindsay Stein, Amber Larence, Yadira Ortega, and Tiffany Duke. Standing from left: Amie Witcher, Erin Ashley, Veronica Ortega, Allison Baskin, and Deidre Tarver.



Cass Melton, left was named Stratford All-Tournament and Jason Ashley was named MVP of the tournament.



Alisha Sladek, left and Amber Larence were both named Stratford All-Tournament.

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike. My sister want a baby stroller.

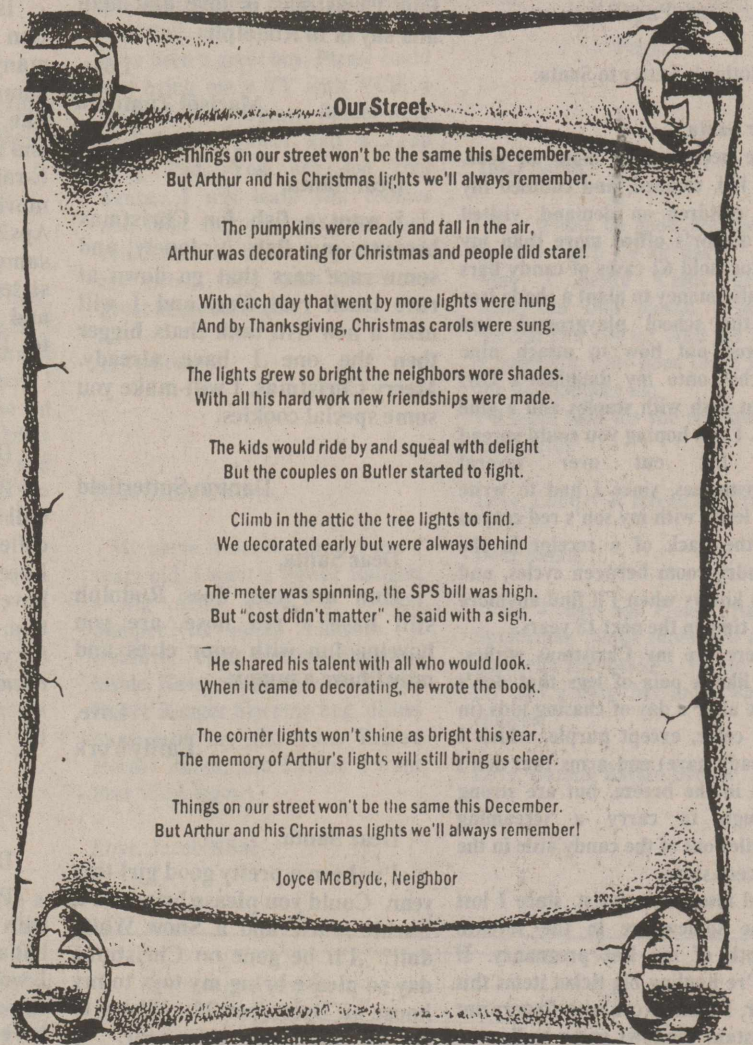
Preston Burr

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kaci Claypool and I am now 8 years old! I had a birthday in September. I have been really good this year. I have helped my Momma when she has had her surgeries and I have done my chores almost everyday. Sometimes I forget, but I get to it the next time. All I want this year for me is a pair of Barbie Skates and a Blow Pen Art set. I wanted a three wheeler, but Momma said you won't bring presents that are not my age of gifts, so, that's ok with me. Please bring my Gran a new wheelchair. She needs one with a motor and she can't use the one she has without someone pushing her. When we go to Walmart we all get tuckered out pushing her around because my Gran LOVED Walmart!! My Gramps needs some Peanut M&Ms. He LOVES them so much!! Please get my Momma a heart necklace for her Christmas Present. She said she has all she wants for Christmas, but surprise her, ok? My dad wants a Harley. So give him a toy Harley still in the box so he can look at it and dream of his own someday. Please give my sister Mandy a special ring this Christmas. Please give her boyfriend Arthur a new paint job for his truck. It kinda needs something done with the color. If you fly over Stratford you will see it and then you will see for yourself. Please bring my brother Michael home for Christmas. He is in the Navy and he will have three months before he gets shipped to the war. He will be on the USS Nimmits. Its a big aircraft carrier. Bigger than 3 and a half football fields!!! That is all for now. Please be careful flying. There will be cookies and milk on the fireplace and Dr. Pepper in the fridge.

I love you very much!  
 Kaci Claypool  
 601 North Main

P.S. Come down the chimney, we won't put a fire in it this time.

In memory of Arthur Judd by his wife Helen. This poem written by a neighbor and the nativity scenery in our yard by a friend is a tribute to Arthur for his yard of Christmas lights over the years.



**PEACE TO ALL**  
 Love and joy to all our friends in this joyous holiday season and the year ahead.  
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 Best wishes to all our fine friends and neighbors.  
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A Mother's Letter to Santa:

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good mom all year. I've fed, cleaned, and cuddled my two children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold 62 cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground, and figured out how to attach nine patches onto my daughter's Girl Scout sash with staples and a glue gun. I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes: I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache after a day of chasing kids (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't flap in the breeze, but are strong enough to carry a screaming toddler out of the candy aisle in the grocery store. I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy. If you're hauling big ticket items this year, I'd like a car with fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any program containing talking animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a talking daughter doll that says, "Yes, Mommy" to boost my parental confidence, along with one potty-trained toddler, two kids who don't fight, and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools. I could also use a recording of Tibetan monks chanting, "Don't eat in the living room" and "Take your hands off your brother," because my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog. And please don't forget the Play-Doh Travel Pack, the stocking stuffer this year for mothers of preschoolers. It comes in three

fluorescent colors and is guaranteed to crumble on any carpet making the In-laws' house seem just like mine.

It's too late to find any of these products, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container. If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family; or if my toddler didn't look so cute sneaking downstairs to eat contraband ice cream in his pajamas at midnight. Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son saw my feet under the laundry room door. I think he wants his crayons back. Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the chimney and come in and dry off by the fire so you don't catch cold. Help yourself to cookies on the table, but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet.

Yours Always, Mom

PS-One more thing...You can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in you...

Dear Santa,  
Mama you qielo los colors qe salieran la TV.  
Victor Castro

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is Barbie doll clothes, CD players, CDs with songs, little books, new yoyo, little real computer, alarm clock, computer game, new skates. Doing real good.  
Tera Harris

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is Bob the bilder, Zoids, Stuffed pooh bear, a little car with a remote. I am doing good.  
Noah Harris

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Thank you for the coat. Plesse I want a hat like yours and a cat.  
Love,  
Tiffany Torres

Dear Santa,  
I wunt four Christmas is a boxing gloves and my mom wuns four Christmas. is love and help and say hi to Rudolph.  
Love,  
Marisol Zamudio

Dear Santa,  
I want a fish for Christmas because my fish is lonely and some race cars that go down at race track real fast, and I will need a new fish tank thats bigger then the one I have already. Merry Christmas, I will make you some special cookies.  
Danton Sutterfield

Dear Santa,  
How are you, does Rudolph still have a red nose, are you having fun with your elves and may I have a puppy.  
Love,  
Emily York

Dear Santa,  
I've been a pretty good girl this year. Could you please bring me a Barbie house and a Snow White doll? I'll be gone on Christmas day so please bring my toys to my house on December 22. I'll try to sit on your lap this year. I promise I won't cry this time. I'll leave you milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Carlee Metcalf

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? How long is your beard? How many reindeer do you have? Where do you keep your reindeer? How old are you? Have you ever crashed before? How many elves do you have? Do you get presents for Christmas? Do you have a toilet? Do you celebrate Halloween? I like to do math and reading, and I like to play in the snow. I am doing good at school. I play with my brother and sister. I want a laptop and a gameboy advens and give my mom and dad sum money and give my brother a xbox and give my sister a barbie and give other sister a bike.  
Alex Chavoia

Dear Santa Claus  
I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. I want a rill cat and a bed for Kit and a closet for Kit and I want a bed for my cat and a labtop and I wunt moor clous for Kit move camru.  
Love,  
Kaylee Mungia

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? Where do you keep the toys? What kind of beard do you have? Do you have reindeer at the North Pole? Whre do you sleep? Have you seen Rudolph Santa? are the Elves nice? How many reindeer do you have? Do you have toys? I am good at school. I am nice. I am a good student at school. I am a good reader. I am a good rider at school. I am a good writer. I am a good listener. I am a good singer. I want for Christmas a game boy events! I want the game for my Playstation, it is cold Tony Hawk 4! I want a laptop! I want a Nintendo 64! I want a Comic book! I want a Remote Control! I want a book to read.  
Adrian Buenrostro

Is is warm at the North Pole? Can your reindeer talk? How many elves do hou have? My name is Zakary. I like to read!! I like to play on the monkey bars and my best friend Reed. I want a E-raider Transformer x-box. A movie Santa Claus 2, two toys Aps2. May you get my brother the same thing as me please and sister some clothes for her. Please and Layne the same thing as me to. Have a very merry Christmas.  
Zakary Sims

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a soft baby doll and a teaset to add to my collection. My big brother thinks I need a Barney toothbrush since I have four teeth now. Have a safe trip, Santa. We will leave a snack for you and Rudolph and the other reindeer.  
Love you,  
Kenlee Layne McBryde  
1 year old

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a farm set with wooden fence, a red tee ball bat and a red helmet. Also, Santa, I would like a baby brother so I can share bunk beds with him. I have been a good boy this year, and I hope I am on the "nice" list.  
I love you,  
Kade McBryde  
Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa,  
I want a book named Rose and Grandma make the sun shine. My number from the house is 103.  
Vaness Pinon

Dear Santa,  
I want a skooter and a clos for my baby and a rell baby sister and a trapeen and a sweng set and a big swimming pool and a big barbie.  
from  
Suzzette Palma

Dear Santa,  
thack yeu for the prazints I mis you I like them. I wish you cud cum on my birthday.  
Love  
Corey

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampole, helo kitty, 13 coler tv, swimming pool, Barbie house, Barbie.  
Laura Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a noo bick. I want a noo chock bord. I want a earring. I want a microfone. I want a swimming pull. I want a noo pet.  
Mazie Vincent  
314 Fulton  
366-2397

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for presents frum last yier. I want some shoes.  
Love  
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? How do you stay warm at the North Poie? How is Rudolph doing? How is Misis Clos making good cookess. How do elves make so meny toys? I am doing good in scool. I like learning. I want to bring me a playstation. ww smackdown game, Tony Hawk proskate 4, dirt bike. Can ue bring us a puppy. I am doing good in scool this year.  
Sheldon Hamrick

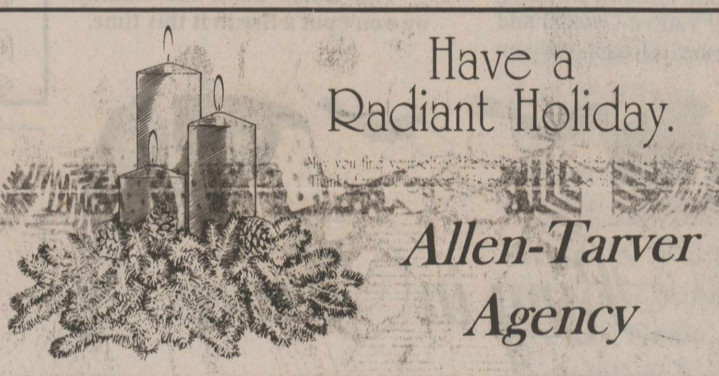
Dear Santa, I wood like if you wood get me an xbox and a game boy ddvans and a game for that

Nathan Bennett

Dear Santa Claus  
I want Luk Skie Walker and ton ton a gamecub and gokoos lepsy and a r2D2

Love Tanner Wright  
Merry Christmas

Have a Radiant Holiday.



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Our fondest holiday wishes are on the way. May you know peace, friendship and goodwill this coming year. Thank you for visiting us.

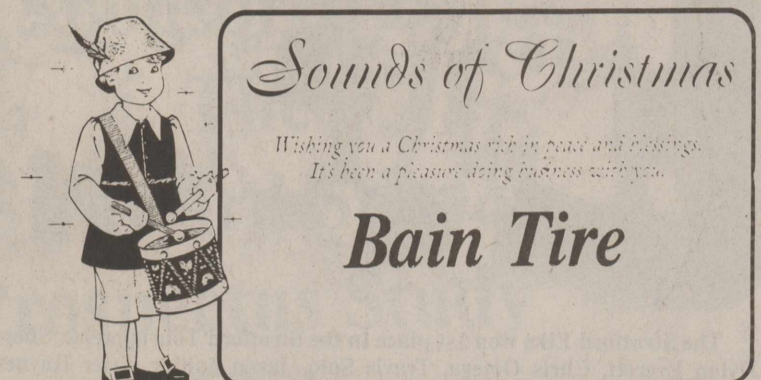
THE General Store

Merry Christmas HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays  
Let's Make Arrangements

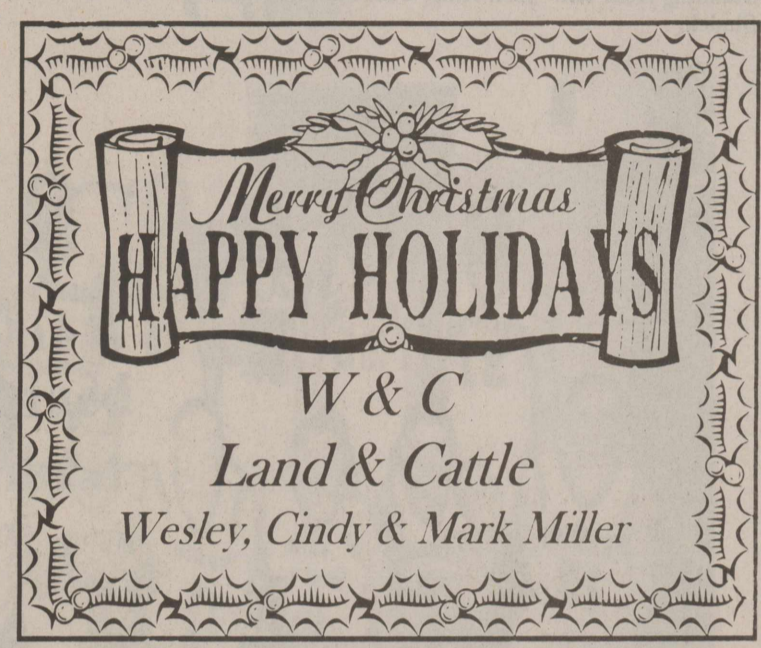
Sounds of Christmas



Wishing you a Christmas rich in peace and blessings. It's been a pleasure doing business with you.

Bain Tire

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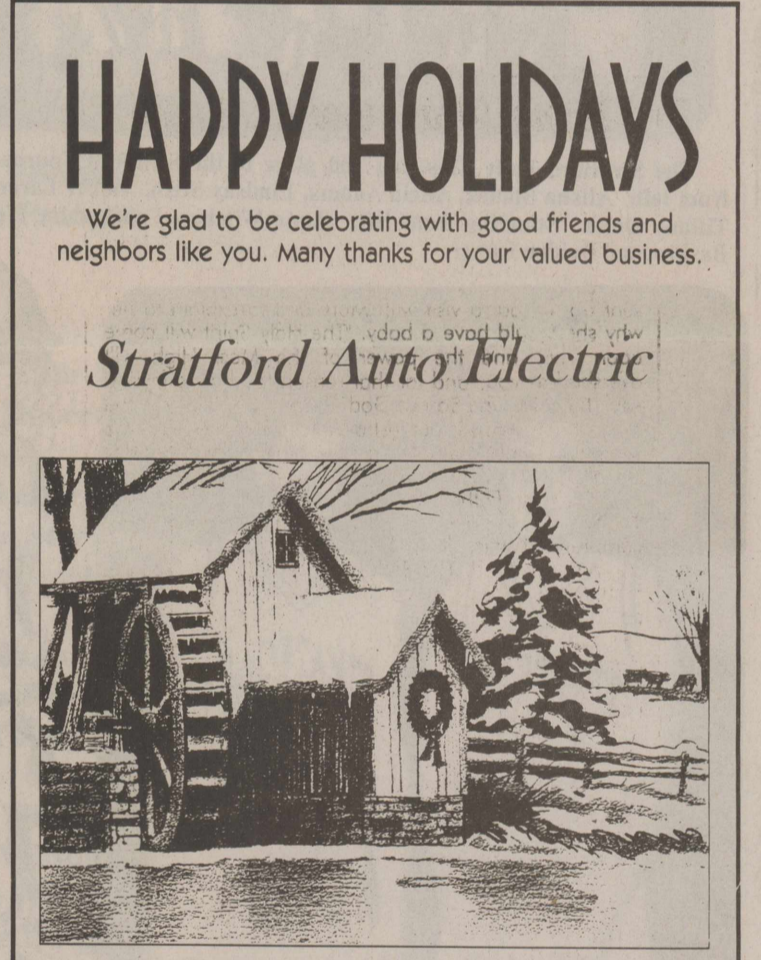


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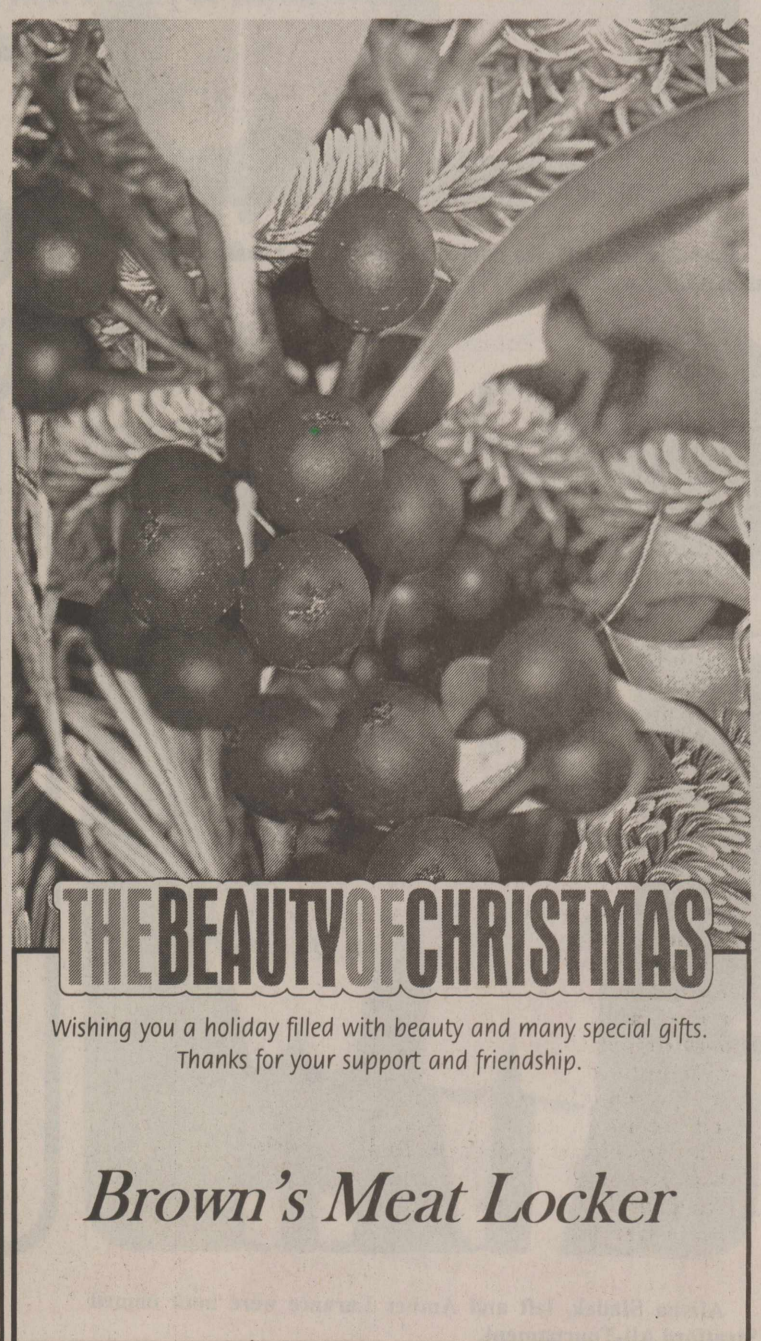
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Dear Santa,

What is it like at the North Pole? How many reindeer? How many elves do you have? Where do you keep your sled? How big is your bed? Do you have an electric guitar and a drum set? I have been a good boy most of the time this year. May I please have remote control race car may be more than one. I would like a playstation with Stuart Little tow and a football game for it. Please come see me and my sister Christmas Eve.

Love,  
Steffan Werner



Dear Santa Clause  
I want a playing panai  
I want a bike  
I want a sky walker.

Love Ivan Torres  
Marry Christmas

Dear Santa

Is it cold at the North Pole. How do you stay warm at the North Pole? Does Mrs. Claus make good cookies? How do the reindeer cat? How do you make the reindeer pull your sleigh? How do the reindeer fly? How are the elves doing?

I am doing great in school. My favorite subject is Math. I like the hitclip you gave me last year. I like to read and write. Dasher and Donner are my favorite reindeer. I decorate my tree every car. Santa May I have a Barbie and a camera with some film with it. And a telescope and an alarm clock. Will you get my mom some earrings And we'll you get my dad a new camera? And will you get my brother a Bob the bilder?

Tera Harris

Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me a Rescue Hero, a Hot Wheels car wash and castle play set. Thanks.

Russell Spurlock

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a cotton candy machine. I want a ??? and a skateboardil I have been good this year and I want a fish.

Danton

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. I hope you had a great time! I had a great time! I hope you are Santa! I like the randirs! I like wen you bring me presens and I wont a plastashhton. I like wan you said ho ho ho! I want to see you wen you poot the toys in are Christmas street.

Daniel Acosta, 7

Dear Santa,

Is it cold at the North Pole? How do you feel warm or cold? Does Mrs. Claus make cookies for you Santa? How do you feel at the North Pole? How do the elves make toys? I am doing very good at school it is fun at school. I am friendly to peple at school. I am very good at school. I am at school rite now. I am riteing a note at school. I hop I git some presents for Christmas Eve. At school we will have a Christmas Party. We will have some cookies and punch and we will have fun. I want to git a present for my mom for Christmas Eve. I want to git a present for my dad for Christmas eve. I want to git a present for my brother for Christmas eve. I want to have a Barber for Christmas Eve.

Karina Aldavez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Mrs. Claus? How many reindeer do you have? Is 1 of your reindeer Rudolph? How are your elves doing? I liked last year's presents. I was excited that my Grandma made a blaket for a doll that you gave me. My Godparents are coming for Chismas. My whole family is coming. We will all have a lot of fun. I can't wait! We are going to have Chinese Christmas. I would like to have a TV for my room, also a singing Barbie with a mike, Lilo and Stitch movie, a game boy advance game. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Monica Ramos

Dear Santa,

How are you, please give me a puppy and a book. How are reindeer. I hope that your elves.

Love,  
Marisel Tapia

Dear Santa,

5455 FM2 907 - address. I hop you hav a saf trip, ples wipe your shoes. I have new carpet. I wunta gamboy and gams.

Trenton Stone

Is is cold at the North Pole? How do you stay warm at the North Pole? How many reindeer do you have? How elves make so many toys? Does Mrs. Claus good cookie? How are the elves doing? I am very smart in school. My best subject is math. My favorite thing to play is football. My next favorite is to read! Santa may I have electris guitar, a drum set and a play station two, Stuart Little game for it. Have a very Marry Christmas!

Leo Ibarra

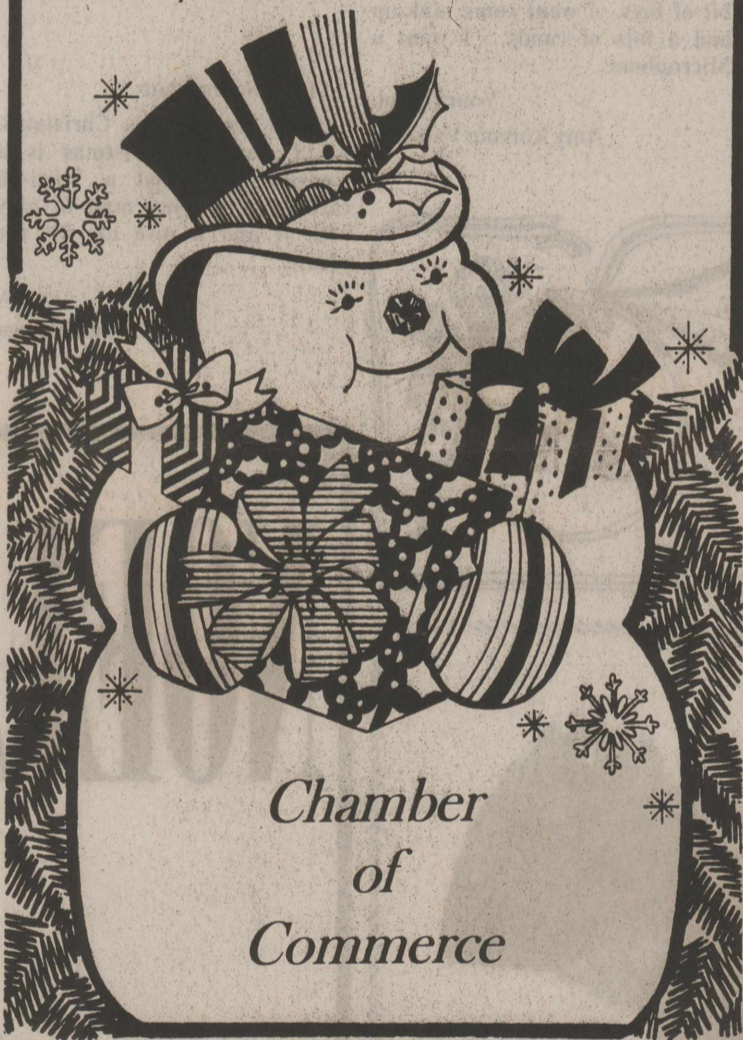
Dear Santa,

I hope you had a wonderful time. Santa clause! Please may I have a motersicle, that has a reamote cuntroll. And Santa May I have a playstasion from Israel.

Israel G. Sanchez

## Warm Wishes

Jolly good wishes for a Merry Christmas, to all good folks everywhere!



## Jesus, Mary, and the Angel

Christmas is just around the corner. Are you ready for it? Perhaps not. You may be one of those people who disregards the traditional story. After all, what is all this business about a young woman, a virgin, having a baby and then calling that baby God's Son? Well, the Bible is very clear about what happened to Mary. An angel was sent from God to visit with Mary and to explain to her why she would have a baby. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God' (Luke 1:35). You see the story of Christmas is not just a fantasy. It is a story of the supernatural but it is not a fantasy. God really does exist. He always had a Son who lived with Him in Heaven. And God the Father along with His Son and the Holy Spirit are the one true God. If we cannot fully comprehend this, it is because we can never fully comprehend God. The Bible also teaches that God the Father determined to send His Son into the world for people like you and me. How would He do this? He selected a young woman named Mary. And He determined that His Son should take on human form through conception in Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. This means that the child would be holy which means sinless. And this also meant that Mary's child was truly God's son. Yes, the story of Christmas is a supernatural story of how God sent His Son into the world. And to celebrate Christmas, you must believe this story and trust in the Savior, Jesus Christ.

## GINGERBREAD STAR COOKIES

- 1 18 oz. tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- Dreyer's/Edy's® Grand Peppermint Ice Cream
- Colored sugar sprinkles (optional)
- Prepared icing

In large bowl, combine cookie dough, molasses, flour and ginger. If dough feels sticky, add more flour to make dough easier to handle. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees F. Roll dough 1/8-inch thick on well-floured surface. Cut 24 star shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheets; sprinkle with colored sugar if desired. Bake 10-12 minutes or just until firm to the touch but not dark. Cool on wire rack.

### To assemble:

While cookies are cooling, remove ice cream from freezer. Lay ice cream container on its side on cutting board. Using a serrated knife,

slice 3/4 inch rounds, one at a time, like loaf of bread. Cut ice cream into star shapes with cookie cutter. Place cookie on top and bottom of ice cream to make sandwich. Make one sandwich at a time to prevent melting and freeze quickly. Remove cookies from freezer and decorate with icing. Serve immediately or re-freeze. To freeze longer than two hours, place sandwiches in airtight container or wrap each in plastic.

Makes 1 dozen ice cream sandwiches.

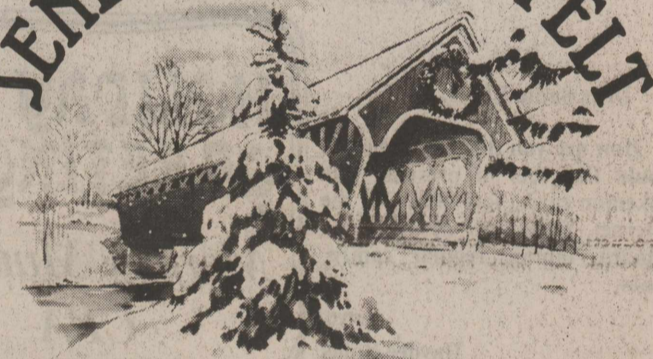
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Santa's on his way,  
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And every boy and girl will try  
To fight off sleep and maybe spy  
A glimpse of St. Nick as he flies into town  
And finds a chimney to shimmy down.  
But soon they're asleep,  
And the next morning find  
He's left some wonderful surprises behind.

We hope the holidays bring you many special gifts.

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Flying Service**

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? How do you stay warm at the North Pole? How many elves do you have? How many reindeer do you have? Is your beard white? Does Mrs. Claus make good cookies? How are the elves doing? Santa, my favorite subject is spelling. I am very smart in school. My favorite thing is recess because I like talking with my friend. My next favorite thing is to read books! Santa, may I have a Barbie, and may I have a little pupet. May I have a toy? I want a Braz. May I have a sleigh to play in the snow. Can my little sister have something like a little bike for Christmas. May I have a bike for my big sister. May I have a laptop and money to fix my teeth, and for my big sister to have a very Merry Christmas.

Elizabeth Reyes

Dear Santa,  
How are you reindeers. I want a radio to hear music and want listick and want colors and markers, staples and pin.

Love,  
Jacqueline

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Thank you for the toys last year. I please want a pupu.

Love,  
Janette Daniels

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys, if you can't not bring my toys thas OK, but I want nintendo and games.

Love,  
Carlos Trejo

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Doesn't Rudoph nose stell shine. I want a teddy bear.

Love,  
Kathy Brooks

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you this December. I would like lots of presents like Pokemon cards, lots of books, the Internet, Y-ties, new cloths, video camara, laptop, regular camra, shoes.

Love,  
Haydee Rojas

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing for Christmas I want ten packs of Pokemon cards.

Love,  
Roberto

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a great December. All I want for Cristmas is yu-gi-oh cards and transformurs red-alert and DBZ toy a new toy car.

Love,  
Corey

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hop you have a grat camesit want some shake and Pokmon kords and some Bebgone. I want compitr.

Jeremy

Dear Santa Clous,  
How are you doing. I hop you have a Merry Christmas. I want a 49ers jacet, dirt bike, games.

Love,  
Brandon Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a Gameboy. I want game for the Game Cube. I want Pokemuns cards.

Love,  
Victor Acevedo

Dear Santa Clause  
I hope you have a Merry Cristmas and a happy New Year and I want a umbrella for Christmas and a Christmas hat and new shoes and some pant and sirts and earings and some new socks and crayons, cemerars, lipstick and Y tiys.

Love,  
Karen Lozoya

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! Thank you for all of the presents. I would love to have a TV this year. I also would like a toy angel and a Rapunzel Barbie. I want the Rapunzel movie too. I need a new jump rope and some new clothes. Get me whatever clothes you want me to wear. I will leave out a rice krispie treat and a Dr. Pepper for you when you come. Tell Mrs. Claus to have a Merry Christmas.

P.S. Oh yeah! I almost forgot. I want hair tatoos & a hair straightener even though my momma sasy I don't need it.

Love,  
Desinya Mae Garza

Dear Santa,  
I would like some play football stuff. I want a playstaion and some games for it. I would like some more clothes. Also, I would like a poster of star wars and some action figures. I also would like backyard football, backyard soccer, backyard baseball, and backyard Hockey. I would like some little cars and football cards.

From,  
Marcos Garza

Dear Santa,  
All I wount four Crimis is my two frunt teeth and a Borby thats is a girl and a boy Borby, noow crans and a noow polish fake cat and a fak dog and MareKat and Ashly stuf and sum Magsyn and sum noow close.

Alexus

Dear Santa,  
Please come to my house for Christmas and bring me and my family some presents.

Love,  
Shane Sutterfield

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexander Aldavaz. I am 3 years old. I would like to wish you and everyone a Happy Christmas. I would like you to leave me a trailer for my semi-truck. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like you to bring my Dad a real semi, for my sister, please bring her a dolly, and for my Mommy a new purse. I would also like a brand new semi. thank you for your time.

Love,  
Alexander A.

Dear Santa Clause,  
I hope everything is great at the North Pole. Please tell the polar bears I said hello. I would like you to bring me a red Power Ranger motorcycle and sword. I've been trying my hardest to be good, but sometimes I forget and my Pop has to remind me. We don't have a chimney so I don't know how you will get in. Mom said maybe we can leave the door unlocked for you. Watch out for Nala in the backyard! Oh, and please bring my sister something. Sometimes it's just to hard for her to be good.

Love,  
Drestyn Teel

It is a good day at Christmas. How many Rudolph do you have Santa Cyow. Give my mom a bracelet that has hir name. Please Santa, I want a necklace and a purse Santa ples give my sister a naclas and a purse. I am good at giv am Dad a pants and a sweat and a now boos. I wut to giv my sister a bracelet. I like to dow a math, and I am good. I am good at reed and I reed log books.

Erika Robles

Dear Santa,  
I want clothes. I want a little bit of toys. I want some mak-up and a lots of candy. I want a Microphone.

Your friend,  
Amy Louann Valencia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a shotgun, a leather book bag, a play double barrel gun with four shells, a blue ribbon pig, a horse, a 4-bit electric drill with charger, a ratchet sset, a air hammer, a lot of pickup trucks and semi-trucks from Ertl. corp. and a lot of skinscany, some books from Hank the Cowdog and some time at my Aunts and Gramas house. Oh yeh! Put a scope on my shotgun! Pilleasse!

Sincirly,  
Keewan  
Love and Peace

Dear Santa Clause,  
How is everything at the North Pole? Good I hope. I keep asking Mom is you can spend the night with me, but she says that you arve very busy right now. I would like a Dancing Dora doll and a Barbie. I've been trying to be good, but it seems like every day someone has to remind me that you are watching! I hope you haven't seen to many bad things. Please don't forget my brother. He tries to be good.

Love,  
Brooke Teel

How are you? I hope you are having a wonderful year. I like my last year's present. I relly liked the keyboard. This year I would like a laptop and a portable DVD player. And a moovie maker and a cayeyoco mashine. And will you please take a picer of you and misses clouse together I wish you a very Mary Christmas. So and I want a playstation game named Offroad Fury 2. I want the moovie Stuart Little 2. I mean DVD and please rap all of my presents. Thank you very much.

Love,  
Alex Asher

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you this Christmas. All I want for Cristmas is a Godzila game and a Yu-gi-oh cards and a army man to play with it and a wwe toy for me please.

Love,  
Albert Ortega

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North Pole? Is Rudolph a real reindeer? Can you realy fly on a sleigh? Can all the reindeer realy fly? Do you like it at the North Pole? Santa, I had I lick but i have been good sins i got that lick. Santa, may i have a Stuart Littl game for a playstashion. And sum medesan for my grama. And for my brothers he wants sum boots and sum cloths. And my brother wanta sum wrestling men. And my mom wanta our family to be happy and for me and my brother to stop fitin.

Danzig

Dear Santa,  
Is is cold at the North Pole? How does your reindeer fly? and how does your sleigh fly? How many elves do you have? How do you get warm? Does Mrs. Claus make good cookies? I like to read because it is fun to read? and I love Math! and I like phonics Because it if fun! and I like spelling 3x and sigt words! and I love to do homework! and I love to decorate Christmas trees because I like to put decoration on the trees because I like to decorate! I want a play car for Christmas! and games because I like to play games.

Marlena Callis

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a nice Criseser. I want a camra, clozse, shows, lipstick, Y-ties, cumutere, newfrienze, a new house, a fagie, new howrooms.

Love,  
Daina Morillon

Dear Santa,  
Pleas can I heve a c.d. player and a box of crayons to and a yellow dress and some tenechuse wheth some Glubs to please.

Gaby

Merry Christmas  
Pet  
Paradise

Season's Greetings  
Warm wishes for a holiday without measure.

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Walter Lasley  
& Sons





Dear Santa,  
I wish mechanic bull, GI Joe, lunchbox, new crayons.

Love,  
Roberto Olmos

Dir Santa,  
I want a Robot.

from Derek

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mechanic Bull. How's Rudolph? My mom want a new buk, tv.

Chase Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, I want a Baby Doll, I want a Shrt, I want a pants. 7274647

Torri Madalynn

Dear St. Nick  
199 Dirt Bike Guy this year and my mom wants plates with a snowman and my dad wants a gun.

Love,  
Lane Ricketson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie house and a radio to hear to hear music and a soft bear. I want a toy dog.

Love,  
Alexa Peregrino

Dere Santa,  
I want a Nentendo 64 and with the Nenetendo 64, I want Mareo Duck shooting for Nentendo Mareo two and ramp for my bike and a football helmet that is rill and the holl football set and the jersey is #23.

Ben Gilliland

Dear Santa,  
I lik a robot, a gray robot, I lik a green army man, I lik a red Hockodr, I lik a blak robot, I lik a bageplan, I wut be a red, I lik a wit arme bags. I like a blue mustang.

Chase Lutes

Is is cold at the North Pole? How do you stay warm at the North Pole? How many elves do you have? How many reindeer to you have? How do the elves make so manyo toys? Does Mrs. Claus make good cookies? How are the elves doing? At school I like to read. I am very smart at school. I like recess because I like to play tag. My next favorite thing is spelling test. Dear Santa Claus for Christmas I want my mom to not be sick and I love you so much! Santa that's what I want for Christmas!

Stephanie Jacquez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the pokemon cards this Christmas. I want a pokemon cards.

Love,  
Omar Duran

Dear Santa,  
I want a big blue huffy and a pop sinsashion barbie and a barbie talking town hous and a hello kitty, 13 coler TV and a hello kitty delux house, a trapalean and a big, big, big swimming pool.

MaryAnn Spurlock

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbe. Can I have a lipstick. I want a bisikle. Can I have a doll. I want a bear, I want a boy, I want a cat. I want a trampling. I want a lean the dog. I want a swimming pool. I want a huws. I want a fish.

Aidee Navarette

Dear Santa,  
I saw you at the parade, you're skinny when you put on yore suit, you will be plump. I will save you a cookie and a I'll will save a krakur and a glass milk.

Steven Alaniz

Dear Santa,  
We're not too well acquainted but I hear you are great. I really don't need any toys and I have many I can't even play with yet, but I sure do want to thank everyone, Doctors., Neonatal nurses, all of my family and Bro. Bob Sweeten - next year Santa, will be different.

Love you,  
Slate Anderton

Dear Santa,  
My twin bro. about covered everything. I would like a soft doll I can chew on, whatever (I think my grandmother is getting this for me), but next year it will be a different story. I'm like Slate this year be good to all of the folks that were so good to us, my mom & dad.

Love,  
Lashala Anderton

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chrismas! Thank you for spending the time for bringing me my presents last year. For Chrismas this year I would like a remote controll truck, a harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets computer game and a 2002 Seaga football game. I think I have vin a good boy this year from Gradyson

Grayson

Dear Santa,  
I want a sled, a rock turn buer, a CD player, a new preshis moments. Bed spread fashin pony g ter house and last but not lest I want a spy book. Hav a vary Mary Chismis!!!

P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Kaylee

Dear Santa,  
I rilly want a three feet tall doll, and I want a talking doll hose and I want a hello Kitty play set.

Britney Garza

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good year and you wor to scene your prasen wor to pretty I hope I set on your lup agin. I color a Pisher of you Santa I lirve your prusenis. I give this letter I waner you that I lirin Cresmes. I don't like holawin at all. Dear Santa Claus Mey I hab a doll and a Biev and the last Prasen a gpans for Miss Rouse I now that Misis Rouse like gpans and he like water to for you Santa this letter is for you and Don't forget my Prasens Sata claus I like you and Crismes and don't forget I don't like holowin

Brenda Zapata, 8 yrs.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for last years presents. If you have time would you please give me a picture of you and Mrs. Clause together. May I please have Unocards, rollerblades, scooter, cd player, where in the world is carmen sandeiago. Merry Chrismas!

M'Lynn-7 1/2

Dear Santa,  
I don't want a present OI I want is for you to fly up in the sky to dilver of the presents to ol the good little boys and girls. I wish you a mary Chrismas from christian

Christian-7 yrs.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chrismas! I hope you had a good year. May I have a crayon mixer. A new hitclip cd and a cumputer. Games and a sled.

Reed Schoonover, 8 yrs.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chrismas! I hope you had a great year can I please have a playstation 2 and a Xbox and cool game and Thankyou for las yere presen.

Saul

Dear Santa,  
I love Santa I want a Barbie Tran

From Madison

Dear Santa,  
My sister want a barbie. I want a horse my mom want horse my dad want horse to.

Love Devan

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chismas. Dear Santa thak, you for last yeas, presens um, I would like you to take a picture of you and misiclaus too gether. I want a kereeyokee and a se cd player mushen and a per of boots oh and Ice skate and rolerblase and a stereon with speekers, I ohp you get skineeer. Happy Holuday Santa. I love you.

Zefanie 8 yeas

Dear Santa,  
Merry chrismas. I hop you had a geat day for chrismas I what a crayola mix and a toy thank you Santa.

Videtmy 7

Dear Santa,  
Merr chrismas! I hope you had a great year. Thank you for last years presents they wre fun. For Chrismas this year I would like to have a playstation 2, ice maker, crayon maker Xbox. Thank you for the presents on Chrismas eve

Colten Rendon, 7



Season's Greetings

Thanks for brightening up our year with your kindness. Enjoy the season.

C & D Body Shop

Dear Santa  
My name is Stone Tarver and I live in Stratford, Texas. I hope that you find me this year because I have been a great boy. Please could you bring me a TV with VCR, a Frog Tennis Game, Spider-Man Web-Blaster gloves and a Leap Frog Pad. You are soo cool Santa....I will leave you cookies and milk and deer cake for your reindeer. Oh, don't forget Deidre my sister...she's been almost as great as me this year.

Love Stone

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Jacob Kline. I am 4 years old. I want a Power Ranger, a big Army truck, a balloon pumper to pump balloons, a treasure chest with treasures inside, Kasey the Kinderbox Robot, Power Ranger Sleeping bag, dishes to go with my play food. Rescue Heroes Robot, and I think I want Star Wars legos.

Love, Jacob Kline

Dear Santa,  
I'm gonna be good..and be good good! I watch TV all day. May I Santa Claus get an American Doll please. I say yes ma'am and yes sir. And get Kreed a pumpkin. I ate good too. I'll food for the reindeer too. I'll leave food for the reindeer too. Be careful.

Love, Landry & Kreed Kotara

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. Please bring me Spiderman tennis shoes and a new umbrella and baskets. Please bring my dad a coat. My mom wants a camera.

Love, Carson Baskin Brown



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