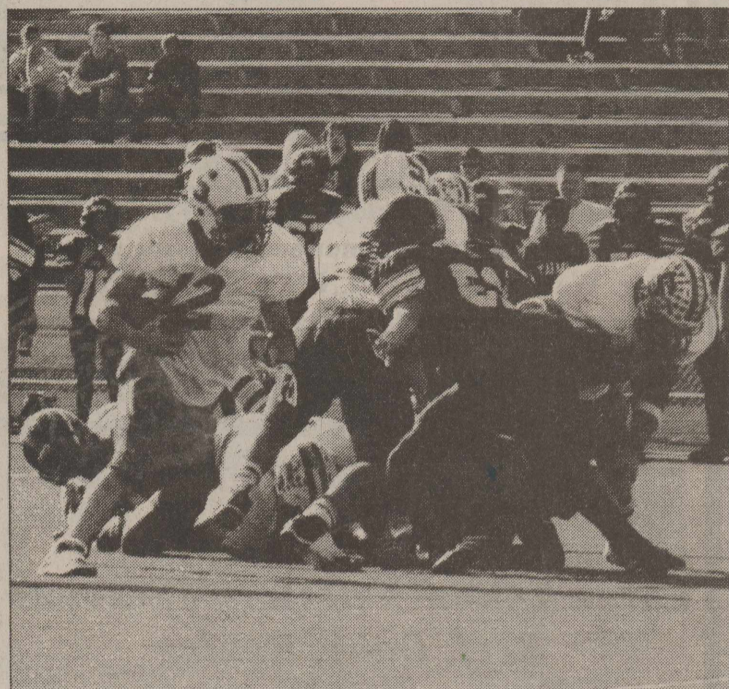


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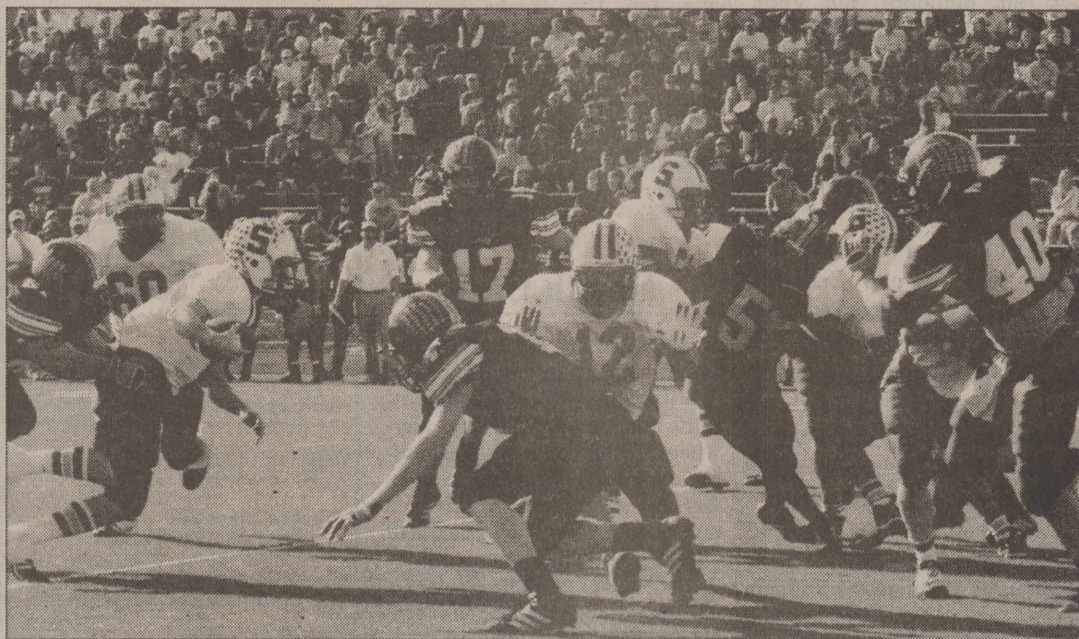
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Stratford Elk #12 Craig Kautz carries the ball for the Elks against Cisco.



Quarterback Hunter Buckles carries the ball in the Elks Semi-Final loss to Cisco.

Elks Fall To Cisco In State Semi-Finals

The Stratford Elks ended a great season on Saturday, December 17th. The Elks lost to Cisco in the state semi-finals 38-19 at Lubbock.

Hunter Buckles completed 3 of 11 passes for 29 yards and carried the ball for 17 yards on 8 carries and one touchdown. Scott Hudson led in receptions with 16 yards on 1 catch followed by Brant Cummings, with 11 yards on 1 catch. Craig Kautz carried the ball for 77 yards on 11 carries and one touchdown. The Elks other touchdown came on defense when Sandro Gomez scooped a fumble and ran the ball back 80 yards for a touchdown. Jonathan Licon scored one PAT for the Elks.

Jonathan Licon led the Elks on defense with 14 tackles followed by Julio Ramirez with 10, and Michael Frizzell and Scott Hudson with 7 District (NPWD) informed the Board of Directors of the District that he had accepted the position of General Manager for the one pass for an interception. Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District. The defense were Craig Kautz, District is located in Burnet County which is located approximately 60 miles northwest of Austin, Texas. Congratulations Elks on a Great Season! Proud of you!!

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Manager Takes New Position

Richard Bowers, General Manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in January 1987 and replaced Orval Allen who retired in June of 1987. Bowers stated that he had enjoyed

Become a CASA Volunteer - Give Abused Children a Voice in Court

CASA 69, Inc. is looking for more volunteers to train and support, in an effort to provide a constant in the lives of children who have been placed in protective custody as a result of being abused and neglected by their parents.

Volunteers for CASA come from Dalhart, Dumas, Stratford, Sunray, Texline and Hartley and enjoy helping the children to whom they are assigned.

Cheryle Langhorne of Dalhart has been a CASA volunteer since 1994. Because of the gratification she receives from assisting children in reaching their full potential, Cheryle has curtailed other activities so that she can devote more time to the CASA program. Cheryle has stated, "The benefits far exceed any effort I put forth." Her last case involved a young man who found a loving and permanent home with his aunt and uncle after being in foster care for several years.

Peggy Ferguson, a real estate agent with AD REM Land

Company in Dumas, has been a constant in the lives of three children who have had many ups and downs in foster care over the last five years. Foster homes and CPS caseworkers have come and gone, but Peggy, their CASA volunteer, has been there for them through it all.

John and Sherry Frantz of Hartley have been CASA volunteers as a team. During their three years of service they have helped 2 children become reunited with their grandparents and assisted in one case where a precious baby was adopted by a loving family.

CASA's role is more important than ever before because of the many changes taking place at CPS. Volunteers do a range of things to help the children including contacting caseworkers, interviewing parents, visiting with teachers, and making recommendations in court

regarding permanent custody placement.

Before becoming a volunteer, all child advocates must complete a 30-hour training program in which they learn about things like the psychology of abuse and how to write court documents. Volunteers receive a notebook that is divided into various topics that they will encounter as advocates.

Anyone interested in giving of their time to advocate for these special children can contact Ann Bookout at the Dalhart CASA office (244-2684) or Edge Cunningham at the Dumas CASA office (934-4417). You can make a difference in the life of a child!

Esteban Bravo Fund Set Up

There has been a fund set up for Esteban Bravo (Margarita Ibarra's nephew). Esteban was in an accident and the tire of the vehicle ran over his tiny head. Esteban is 3 yrs. Old. He is in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo in a regular room now. The swelling around his brain has gone down but he is still sedated and they do not know the extent of the damage to the brain. His mom is a single mom with a child in first grade. If you'd like to help them out please ask about it at the bank.

Elks In Action To Perform

The Elks in Action participants will perform at halftime of the Varsity girl's basketball game on Tuesday, January 16th and Tuesday, January 30th. Participants get in to the ball game free, but all spectators must pay.

Thanks!

Old Yearbooks For Sale

Old Yearbooks for sale from the 70's to 05's for \$25.00. Please call Jennifer Wells at 806-366-3347 to ask if we have the yearbook you need.

Lions Club Collecting Used Eye Glasses

As a service project for the community the Stratford Lions Club continues to collect used eye glasses. The glasses you donate can be recycled and given to children and others that can not afford them. If you would like to help those in need, please see any Lion's Club member or bring them by the Happy State Bank.

Stratford Education Foundation Has Been Met With Challenge

The Stratford Education Foundation has been met with a challenge that we would like to pass on to our supporters. We have been challenged to raise \$25,000 by January 31st. The funds that are raised at that point will be matched (up to \$25,000). We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of those end of year donations. A donation in honor of someone also makes a great last minute Christmas gift. Please remember us as you do your donations this year and all of the great things the foundation has done for our school. We would like to thank you in advance for your help in this exciting challenge. Please help us raise the \$25,000 and turn it into \$50,000.



FIRST STATE BANK'S OPEN HOUSE HELD

First State Bank held their Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 14, 2006. Santa came to spend the afternoon and share candy with the kiddoes and get their wish lists for this Christmas. Above and at right are Sharon Engelbrecht and Tim Weldon visiting and enjoying the wonderful refreshments that were served. Even Older kids, are visiting with Santa; George Odom was making sure he told Santa what he wanted for Christmas.

XIT'S OPEN HOUSE HELD

Xit held their Christmas Open House on Friday, December 15th. There was a good crowd that showed up for the delicious food that was served. Shown above are Russell Routon and Darla Anderson XIT Employees. Shown at right are Russell Routon Marjory Munden, Mary Hill and Jean Turner.



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There will not be a Stratford Star Newspaper next week.
Next issue is Thursday
January 4, 2007
Have a Merry Christmas
and a Safe New Year



ELK TALES
By Lynda Hauser

Luke Haile participated in the 6th Annual Tuba Christmas concert in Amarillo on Saturday, December 9th. All of the music is arranged especially for tubas and baritones.

Both the seventh and eighth grade English classes are finishing up as much grammar as they can before the Christmas holidays. When the new semester starts, seventh graders will begin preparing for the Writing TAKS test on February 20th. Eighth graders will begin studying Greek mythology either in January or February!

7th Grade Reading: We finished Tangerine by Edward Bloor. AR goals were due December 19th. The AR party for the students who met their goal will be after Christmas. After the holidays we will be concentrating on reading skills once again.

8th Grade Technology Applications: Students are ending this year by creating Christmas cards using Microsoft Publisher. After the holidays we will be exploring other applications in Publisher. We will continue improving our keyboarding skills throughout the rest of the school year.

Third and Fourth Grade had a Christmas Around the World day on Monday. They traveled from room to room learning about a new country at each stop. They experienced Christmas in England, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, and Australia. Students made a craft from each country and had an opportunity to sample dishes from each country, as well.

Judy Stoy and Ronna Riffe are making plans for Mr. Max Glauhen, a Holocaust survivor, to come and speak to the students on Tuesday, January 16. The community will be invited. Details will be coming soon.

This week included semester exams for the high school students. School was dismissed early on Wednesday and students will return to class on January 8. Teachers will return on January 3 for in service and work days. Congratulations to our Elk

Quarterfinal Champs on a terrific season. Thanks for all the fun!

Quote of the week: "Have a safe and joyous holiday and MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!" - Lynda

Chamber News

By Ann Wells

The Chamber of Commerce Pheasant Hunt ended Sunday night at Sundown. We had 29 hunters in town who had a good time. They enjoyed our weather, loved our outdoors, ate good food, filled their vehicles with gas, stayed in Motels, shot some birds and promised to be back next year. I want to thank everyone who welcomed them into town and prepared food. The Lions Club Breakfast, SCOT Hall Harvest Lunch, First Christian Church Men's Group Calf Fry and Bar B Q Brisket and Prospectus Study Club Spaghetti Dinner were all great successes. Last but certainly not least we thank the landowners or operators who leased their lands to us so the Hunters could get out and hunt. We could not have the Pheasant Hunt without the local farmers and ranchers allowing the Hunters on your property.

I am looking for information on the very first Chamber Pheasant Hunt. Sherri (Butler) Brantly thinks Pinky Plunk started it in 1980 or 1981. If anyone can help me on this it would be great to advertise as the 27th Annual Chamber of Commerce Pheasant hunt. Or Whichever. So if you have any information on this please let the Chamber Office know, 806-366-2260, P. O. Box 570 Stratford, TX 79084 or email stratford@xit.net. Thank you in advance.

The Christmas Lighting Contest has been judged. The Chamber

appreciates everyone who put up Christmas lights this year. Our town looks much brighter when you drive down the streets on these long dark nights. Christmas lights make things seem a little happier. I think everyone should get a prize, mere were many, many really pretty houses, but we had to limit it to three. Congratulations to Earl and Betty Blair 414 S. Main on their First Place Win, also Congratulations to Joe and Billye Zak 302 S.

Chestnut for their Second Place win, and Congratulations to Larry and Gail Sims 1401 Purnell for winning Third Place. When you are out driving around at night go by and see these wonderfully decorated places. They will bring a smile to your face.

There are several businesses in town that will take the Chamber of Commerce Tip Top Bucks. These are \$5.00 "Bucks" that have a Stratford Elk on them and are as good as cash when used at Stratford businesses. This is a way to promote Stratford businesses and keep this money circulating at home. So if you have Tip Top Bucks you can spend them at many of the businesses around town, just look for the orange flyers around town or there is a list of participating businesses in the Chamber Office window.

Health Care

(NU) - With the acute shortage of nurses nationwide, a well-qualified nurse can find short-term placements almost anywhere in the country - including exotic locations like Hawaii and the Caribbean. Registered nurses with at least 10 months of clinical experience and good references are eligible for 13-week, temporary assignments in critical care positions. A travel company helps with documentation, credentialing and licensure, hospital orientation, housing and more. For more information, visit www.discovernursing.com.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



The term "restaurant" was first used by Boulanger, who opened the first establishment of its kind in Paris in 1765.



Movies Beginning December 22

- Night at the Museum PG Ben Stiller
- We Are Marshall PG Matthew McConaughey
- Rocky Balboa PG Sylvester Stallone
- Charlotte's Web G Dakota Fanning
- Eragon PG Jeremy Irons
- Pursuit of Happyness PG-13 Will Smith
- The Holiday PG-13 Cameron Diaz Kate Winslet
- Apocalpyto R Rudy Youngblood
- Facing the Giants PG Alex Kendrick

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Health

(NU) - Most Americans experience foot problems at some point, with most chalking up the pain to aging. However, experts say that if foot pain is not treated accordingly, it can translate into aches elsewhere in the body, such as the knees and lower back. If the pain persists, you may want to consider using an over-the-counter insert such as Incredisoles (www.incredisoles.com). Developed by doctors, they contain a combination of memory foam and liquid that conform to the shape and contours of the foot. They are designed to improve posture, increase circulation to the foot and reduce stress on the joints.

Stratford Grain will be closed Saturday, December 23rd and Monday December 25th

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors, Stratford Hospital District are proud to announce the association of Mr. Warden Palmer, R.N., N.P. as Clinic Nurse Practitioner and Clinic Manager. Mr. Palmer assumed his duties on December 15, 2006.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors, Stratford Hospital District announces that Dr. Perry N. Bassett, M.D. is no longer associated with Stratford Hospital District, Coldwater Manor Nursing Facility, or Stratford Family Medical Clinic

GET'ER DONE DUNCAN CHEVROLET STUDENT OF THE WEEK LARISSA LUNA

LaRissa Luna is a member of the Lady Elk Basketball team and a Cheerleader. She is also involved in FFA, showing pigs. For more details see www.duncanchevrolet.com



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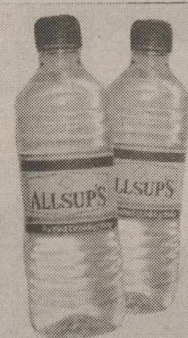
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- PLAINS EGG NOG 12 OZ. \$1.09
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- COMBO NO. 5 SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.69

- COMBO NO. 6 3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.59
- COMBO NO. 7 2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.49
- COMBO NO. 8 2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.59
- COMBO NO. 9 CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP \$2.39
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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Weather permitting, Santa will be at Kerrick Friday night. There will be a program beginning at 7 p.m. All youngsters (and olders) are asked to sing a song, say a poem or tell a story!

Sacking of candy will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21. Need help.

Several from Kerrick were at the game Saturday in Lubbock. Saw Bill Boren with his daughter Kerry and family from Abernathy. Tricia Schoonover and Reed, Rett & Rese were with her parents, the Tillery's. Peggy Hawkins & Kenna Collums were spotted (sure there were others of the family). And Marylou was there too.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover visited with son Kelly at Folsom, NM Sunday.

Ted Irlbeck is at West Texas Rehab Center in Amarillo, Texas. 7200 W. 9th Room 2921.

A Merry Christmas to all!



Kerrick Secret Pals Celebrate

Kerrick Secret Pals and Friends celebrated at the Chicken House Dec. 14. From Left, Pat Boren, Betty Fry, Ciccy Harris, Kathy Switser, Donna Gillenwaters, MariHoward Engelbrecht, Jo June McDaniel, Marylou McDaniel.



Lighting Contest Winners

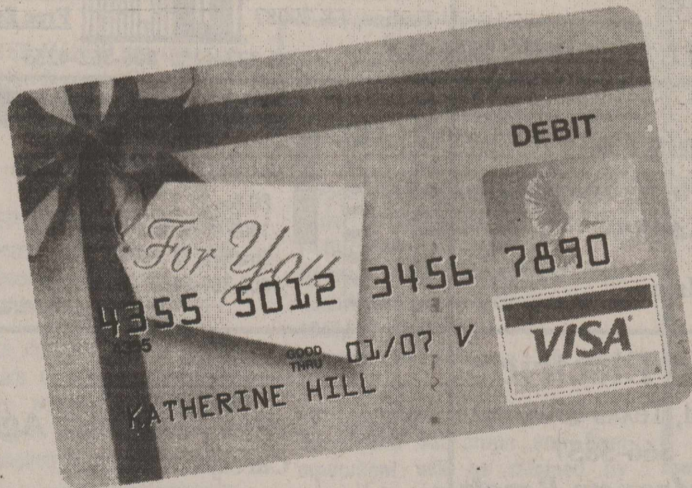
Lighting Contest winners were Earl & Betty Blair first place-414 S. Main; Joe and Billye Zak-second place-302 S. Chestnut and Larry and Gail Sims-third place-1401 Purnell.



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 We would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Open Communion will be available from 5-5:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will begin at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. We are located at 520 N. Main. Have a Blessed Christmas as we celebrate Christ's birth!

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 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
- First Christian**
 Rev. Walter Reed
 5th & Main
 Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
 Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
 No Sunday Evening Worship Service
 Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
 CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.
- First United Methodist**
 Rev. Gene Weinette
 520 N. Main
 Sunday School 9:20 am
 Morning Worship 10:30 am
 Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
 Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
- St. Joseph Catholic**
 Father Aleksy Kowalski
 6th & Pearl
 Rectory - 366 - 5687
 Sunday morning: 9:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
 Service - Wed, Thurs, Fri. - 6 p.m. Sat. 5 p.m.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass. or by appt.
 Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
 Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
 Ernie Maiwald
 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.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

A STAR SHALL ARISE
 Balaam was requested to curse Israel. But he couldn't. When he saw those people, he uttered this amazing prophecy: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel" (Numbers 24:17). This prophecy is about Jesus Christ. First, Jesus Himself tells us He is the star. "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16). Second, the scepter refers to Christ. God the Father testifies to this. "Of the Son He says, 'Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of Thy kingdom'" (Hebrews 1:8) Balaam saw Christ from afar. He predicted His coming. For you He is the Christ who has come. And you are told pay attention to this prophecy "as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your heart" (2 Peter 1:19). When this happens, the prophecy becomes personal. This is what Christmas is all about. It is the prophecy of Christ's coming. It is the story of prophecy fulfilled. It is the reality of Christ shining in human hearts!

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 Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
- First Baptist**
 Pastor Billy Chambers
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 Worship Service - 10:30
 Wed. -Children—6:00, youth—7:00
- La Mision Bautista**
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 Domingo-(Sunday)
 Estuella Dominical 9:45 am
- Miercoles (Wednesday)
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 Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
 Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church
 Pastor Roy Harris
 Community Building
 Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday



STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION
December 14, 2006

The Stratford ISD board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2006. President Joe Reinart established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

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

Guests present: Misti McBryde, Steve Haynes, Clint Seward, Dinah Horsford, Lynette Kautz, and Tiffany Confer.

Mrs. McBryde led the invocation.

Mr. Gilliland introduced Tiffany Confer. She will present the District AEIS report.

Mr. Gilliland gave the monthly recognition. The Elementary/Junior High UIL Academic meet was held on November 13 and 14th. Both teams placed 4th overall. Here are individual results:

ELEMENTARY

2nd Grade Ready Writing

Kaci McBryde - Coach

- 1st - Russell Spurlock
- 4th - Nicolle Law
- 6th - Bret Barnard

3rd Grade Spelling

Coach - Shanda Davis

- 1st - Jack McBryde
- 4th - AJ Riffe

4th Grade Creative Writing

Coach - Mettie Judd

- 1st - Tyler Rouse

Other coaches were:

- Daina Butler - 2nd Grade Storytelling
- Stacy Metcalf - 4th Grade Art Smart

Belinda Hamilton - 3rd and 4th Grade Music Memory

JUNIOR HIGH

5th Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts

Coach - Linda Swain

- 1st - Nathan Bennett
- 4th - Mary Ann Spurlock
- 5th - Ricky Garay

6th Mathematics

Coach - Brenda Brownlee

- 4th - Kenny Ruiz

8th Mathematics

Coach - Keith King

- 1st - Kyle Horsford

5th Number Sense

Coach - Brenda Brownlee

- 5th - Mary Ann Spurlock

7th Number Sense

Coach - Keith King

- 5th - Perla Reta

7th Oral Reading

Coach - Cindy Seward

- 3rd - Mark Hand
- 5th - Tori Rouse

5th Spelling

Coach - Nita Hudson

- 5th - Mary Ann Spurlock

5th Social Studies

Coach - Linda Swain

- 3rd - Ben Gilliland
- 4th - Ricky Garay

7th Social Studies

Coach - Jim Bob Brown

- 1st - Gabriel Tarango
- 3rd - Layne Sims
- 5th - Braden Hudson

8th Editorial Writing

Coach - Harletta Carthel

- 2nd - Heidi Brooks

Other Coaches -

- 5th /6th Listening Skills - Deide Ziemann
- 7th/8th Listening Skills - Jennie Sikora
- 5th Music Memory - Belinda Hamilton
- 6th Maps, Graphs, Charts - Linda Swain
- 7th Maps, Graphs, Charts - Jim Bob Brown
- 8th Maps, Graphs, Charts - David Sutterfield
- 5th/6th Ready Writing - Deide Ziemann
- 7th/8th Ready Writing - Barbara Haile
- 6th Dictionary Skills - Janeal Hand
- 7th/8th Dictionary Skills - Valda Burkhalter
- 6th/7th/8th Calculator - Clint Seward
- 8th Science - Mike Brownlee
- 7th/8th Impromptu Speaking - Barbara Haile
- 5th Oral Reading - Brenda Long
- 6th Oral Reading - Janeal Hand
- 6th Spelling - Janeal Hand
- 7th/8th Spelling - Harletta Carthel
- 7th Editorial Writing - Harletta Carthel

3rd Ready Writing

Tina Duke - Coach

- 1st - Jack McBryde
- 2nd - AJ Riffe

3rd Grade Storytelling

Coach - Judy Drake

- 6th - Jack McBryde

4th Grade Spelling

Coach - Shanda Davis

- 1st - Desinya Garza

4th Grade Oral Reading

Kristi Walden

- 4th - Jacie Seward
- 6th - Tyler Rouse

5th Grade Dictionary Skills

Coach - Nita Hudson

- 1st - Nathan Bennett
- 3rd - Mazie Vincent
- 4th - Marisol Zamudio

7th Mathematics

Coach - Keith King

- 2nd - Ransom Lerman

7th Science

Coach - Mike Brownlee

- 4th - Haden Long

6th Number Sense

Coach - Brenda Brownlee

- 2nd - Meghan Brooks

8th Number Sense

Coach - Keith King

- 2nd - Kyle Horsford
- 3rd - Chris Hart
- 4th - Catheryn Arisano

8th Oral Reading

Coach - Cindy Seward

- 5th - Lindsy Confer

5th Art

Coach - Laurie Gilliland

- 4th - Boston Hudson
- 5th - Ben Gilliland

6th Social Studies

Coach - Linda Swain

- 2nd - M'Lynn Wells
- 4th - Shyanne Acker
- 5th - Ethan Shields

8th Social Studies

Coach - David Sutterfield

- 3rd - Matthew Chaffee

Mary Allen Elementary participated in the canned food drive. Their goal was 1,500 items and the students brought in over 1,800 items. Mettie Judd's homeroom brought in the most items and was awarded a pizza/movie party in Dalhart on December 4th sponsored by the City of Stratford.

The varsity Lady Elks won the Highland Park basketball tournament. Merilee McDaniel was named to the All-Tournament team. The JV Lady Elks were 2nd in the Canadian tournament and 4th at the Spearman tournament.

Mrs. McBryde gave the elementary report. She reported an enrollment of 226. All Title I parent conferences have been completed. They have completed the PAS series testing for this semester and will have a paper/pencil benchmark soon.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report. He reported that the basketball season is going well. The 5th grade went to the Nutcracker Ballet and ate at Cattle Call. The students were well behaved and received several comments on their behavior. He reported that they have completed their testing for this semester. He reported on the curriculum developer workshop that the administrators attended.

Mr. Haynes gave the high school report. Semester finals will be given on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He congratulated the football team on their success so far. He mentioned that the demolition of the old gym has begun.

Mr. Gilliland gave the superintendent report. He gave the transportation report. Cost per mile was .42¢ for the month. He then gave the monthly budget summary. Monthly expenditures are at 20.96% and revenue collected at 65.58%. Tax collections are at 77.11%. Enrollment for the district was as follows: Mary Allen Elementary - 233, Junior High - 174, and High School - 180 for a total district enrollment of 587. He then gave the investment report.

A public hearing was held on the District AEIS report. Tiffany Confer, district counselor, presented the report and answered any questions that the board had.

Brent Spurlock made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the junior high locker proposals. Discussion was held. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to accept the Key Enterprise proposal through the TASB BuyBoard in the amount of \$20,250.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Reinart read a letter of resignation from Ruth Shields. Steve Hays made the motion and DeWain Trayler seconded to accept the resignation. Motion carried 7-0.

A short recess was taken at 8:50 PM.

Mr. Gilliland went over the textbook committee list. Mathematic textbooks grades 6-12 will be adopted this year. Patti Vincent made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to approve the list. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the District Title I Parental Improvement Plan. Steve Hays made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to accept the plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland presented the District Highly Qualified Plan. This plan meets the requirements of NCLB. Discussion was held. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Patti Vincent seconded to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the TASB BuyBoard Interlocal Agreement. Barney Willborn made the motion and Greg Wright seconded to accept the agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland went over the West Texas Food Service Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. DeWain Trayler made the motion and Steve Hays seconded to accept the agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

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Except as noted, the items are located at the Moore County Airport 1.7 mile east of Dumas, Texas on Hwy 87. If interested in the mobile home, come by the District office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas. For additional information contact the District at 800-456-3026 or 806-935-6401.

Sealed bids are to be in the District office by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2007. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 and the successful bidders will be notified. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Send sealed bids to North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795 or come by the District office at 603 East

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Mr. Gilliland presented the budget amendment. This amendment will cover the construction/renovation to the old gym. Patti Vincent made the motion and Brent Spurlock seconded to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Gilliland talked to the board about the possibility of purchasing a maintenance pickup or a small route bus. Discussion was held. Greg Wright made the motion and Barney Willborn seconded to approve the purchase of a small route bus through the TASB BuyBoard. Motion carried 7-0.

The board toured the demolition site at the old gym. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:55 PM.

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First, Dumas, Texas, will accept 2 The successful bidders will

have 30 days from the date of notification to remove the equipment from the property. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, December 21, 2006.

Cards of Thanks

Thank you to all my friends & family for the loving concern you gave me while I was in the hospital. We have appreciated so much the cards & visits & food. Your prayers are what pulled me through. My special friends Jack Vincent & David Davis took great care of the cattle which took a load off my mind. I'm sure there were others who pitched in also & their help is appreciated. God bless all our friends in Stratford.

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This is a happy time of year, Filled with love and loads of good cheer, With so much magic in the air, And peace and goodwill everywhere. We're sending our thanks to all our friends, And we hope the good times never end!

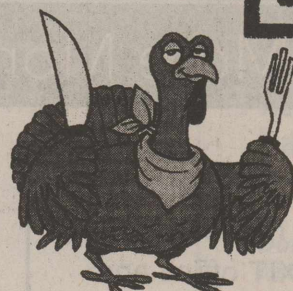
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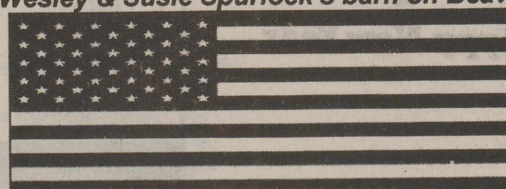
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 80290L001

APPLICATION Mr. Bobby Thompson dba Gruver Redi-Mix, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 80290L001 which would authorize a change of location of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from Sunray, go north, on Highway 119 for 8 miles to FM 1573, then east on FM 1573 to FM 1060, then 2 miles south on FM 1060, it will be on the west side of FM 1060, Sherman County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 1, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Sherman County Courthouse, 701 North 3rd Street, Stratford, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ. The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the

address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless & written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted

based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Mr. Bobby Thompson dba Gruver Redi-Mix, P.O. Box 825, Gruver, Texas 79040 or by calling Mr. Bobby Thompson, Owner at (806) 733-2907.

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**Merry Christmas
&
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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920853

APPLICATION- Clifford Alcic Skiles Jr., 1506 West Park Avenue, Hereford, Texas 79045, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG92000Q for authorization to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 8,000 head, of which 4,000 head are milking cows in Sherman County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on October 23, 2006. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and waste-water will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located approximately 0.5 mile south of County Road Y, approximately 4.5 miles west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 287 and County Road Y in Sherman County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of an unnamed stream segment in Segment No. 0100 of the Canadian River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Sherman County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 701 North 3rd, Stratford, Texas 79084.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 3-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us

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BID NOTICE

Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office is currently taking bids on a 2007 patrol vehicle. Specifications may be picked up at the Sheriff's Office, 701 N. 3rd St, Stratford, TX. All bids must be sealed and received before January 5, 2007 at 5 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular Sherman Co. Commissioner's Court, January 8, 2007 at 9 a.m. Bids may be mailed to the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 526, Stratford, TX 79084. Bids mailed in must be marked with

sealed bid on the envelope. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, December 21, 2006.



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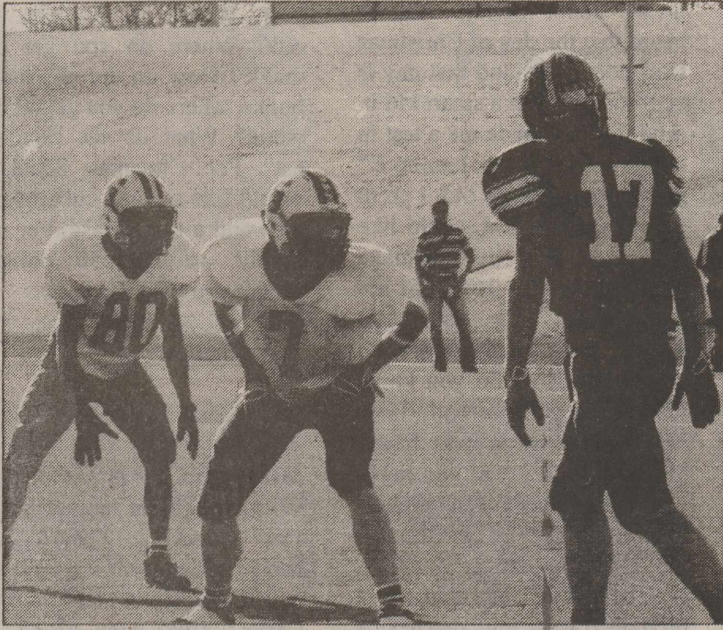
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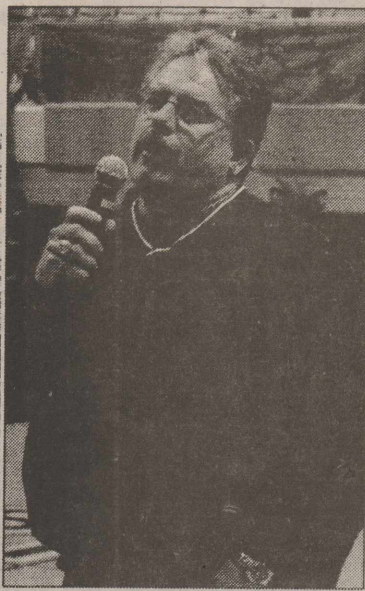
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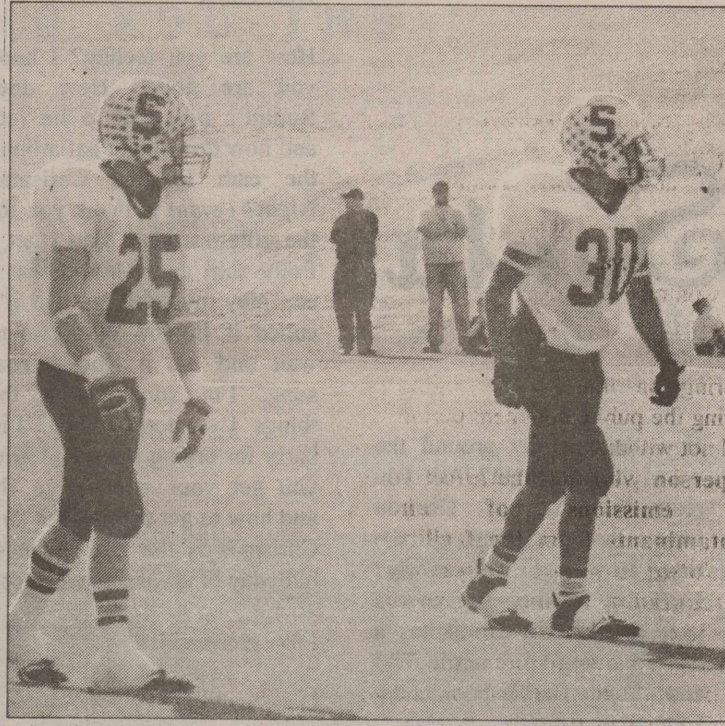
Football



Stratford Elks #80 Michael Frizzell and #7 Brant Cummings on defense against Cisco.



Jimmy Lanning gave the pep talk on Friday, December 15th.



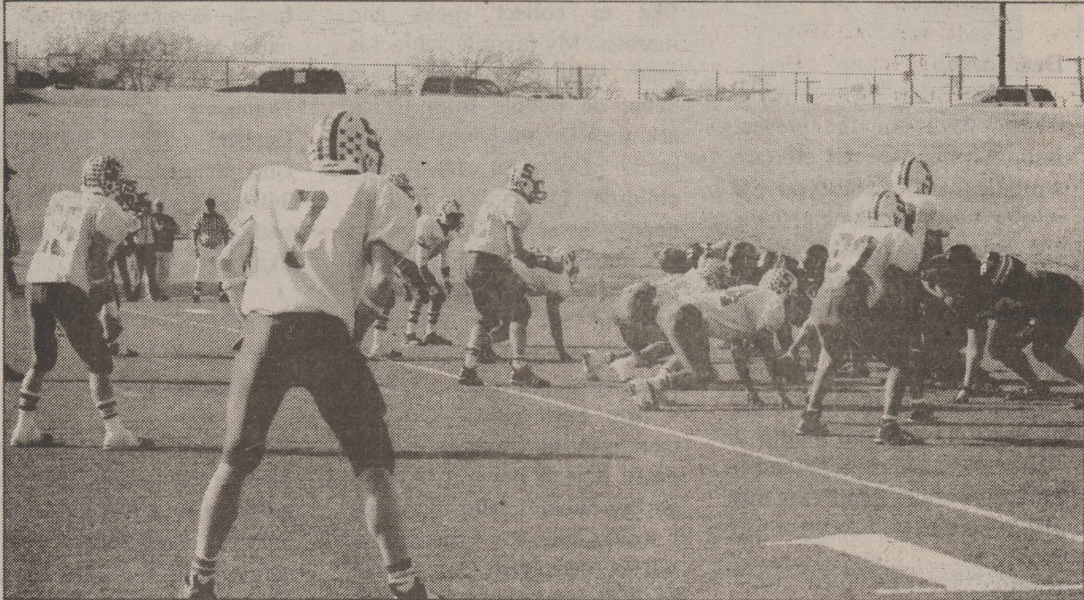
Stratford Elks #25 Scott Hudson and #30 Joey Reta get ready on offense against Cisco.

Consumer

(NU) - 'Tis the season to toast the holidays, and creative hot beverages are the trend. According to Laura Everage, food writer and former editor of Gourmet Retailer, people are becoming more interested in experimenting with new flavors. "Coffee is delicious with amaretto, Kahlua and other liquors. But remember that many people are looking for non-alcoholic options, so offer special coffee drinks made with non-alcoholic syrups in a variety of flavors such as vanilla, almond, hazelnut, caramel, peppermint or Irish cream," Everage says. For holiday beverage recipes, log on to www.cappresso.com.



On every Friday if you went to the pep rally's, you would have seen Walt Berry bringing in some younger cheerleaders. Shown above left to right are Abby Law, Ashton Lavake, Walt, Rese Schoonover and Payton Berry. Walt-Way to go!



The Elks get lined up on defense in the Elks 38-19 loss to Cisco in the State-Semifinal on Saturday in Lubbock.

Consumer

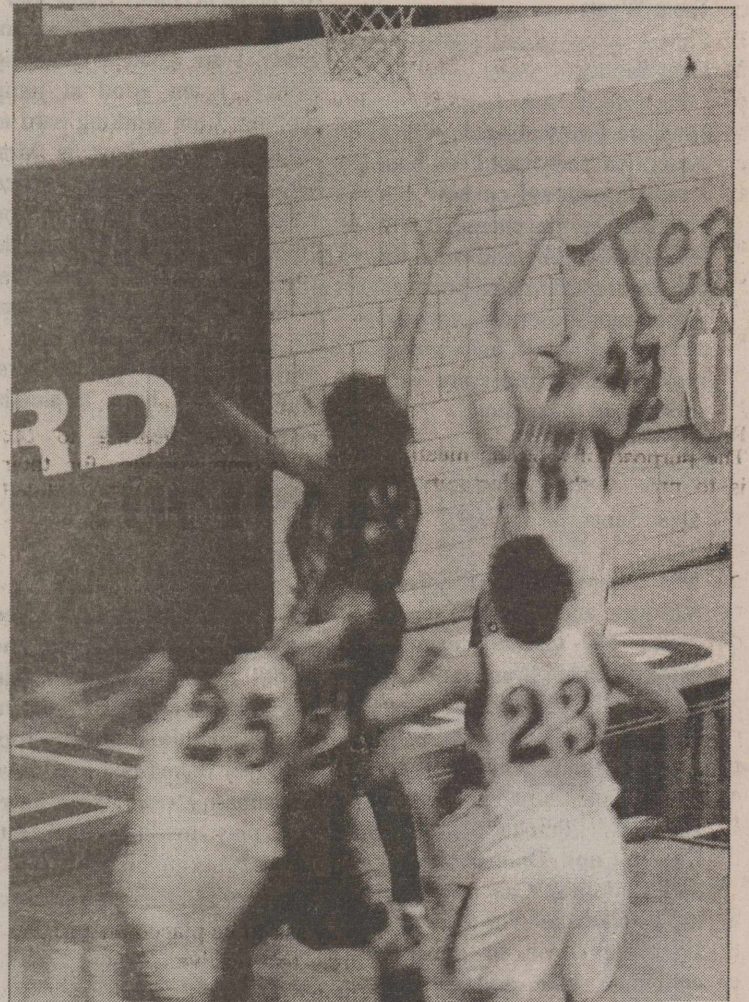
(NU) - The Small Business Administration estimates that as many as 14 million Americans make their living from home, and one of the hottest new ideas for a home-based business is sewing. It has a proven track record in dozens of niches, including upholstery, bridal wear, crafts and quilts. Sewing machine manufacturers have responded by producing "prosumer" models, such as the Janome Professional Series, with professional performance but consumer-friendly ease-of-use. Log on to www.janome.com for more information on home sewing machines.



Lady Elk #25 Crystal Peregrino puts the ball up for a shot. #23 Jordan Confer gets ready for the rebound.



J.V. Lady Elk #23 Whitney Reese and #15 Yesenia Ibarra on defense against Sunray.



Lady Elk #15 Merilee McDaniel goes to the basket. #25 Crystal Peregrino and #23 Jordan Confer look on.



J.V. Lady Elks (l-r) Sinead Everett, Chelbye Ellis, Yesenia Ibarra, Janeth Reyes and Whitney Reese on defense against Sunray.

Basketball

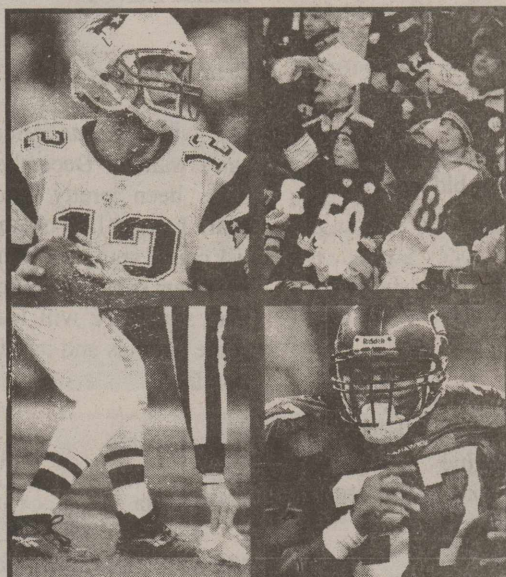


Lady Elk Kristen Crabtree

The 7th grade Lady Elks lost 4-40 to Spearman on December 11, 2006. Monica King scored the 4 points for the Lady Elks.

The 8th grade Lady Elks beat Spearman 15-14 on December 11th. Brianda Chavoya was high point with 5 points followed by Kelsie Keener and Rubi Rueda with 4 points each.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost 20-23 to Gruver on December 12th. Yesenia Ibarra led the Lady Elks with 7 points followed by Sinead Everett with 5 points and Whitney Reese with 4 points.



IS IT MONDAY YET?

ESPN
MONDAY
NIGHT
FOOTBALL

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There will not be a Stratford Star Newspaper next week. Next issue is Thursday January 4, 2007 Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year

Don't miss Monday Night Football on ESPN at 7:30 PM on Channel 3 on

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Nicole Law. I am seven years old. I am in 2nd grade in Mrs. Drakes class in M.A.E. I have a lot of friends in 2nd grade. I just learned how to write in cursive. I try my best in class. How do you deliver all of the presents in one night? How do you make the reindeer fly? Do you still have Rudolph? Are the reindeers names the same as they were? How do you fit threw all of the chimneys on the houses? Is it hard to make the sleigh fly with all of the toys on it. For Christmas I would really like to get a game cube. I would also like a collar that says my dogs name on it and has diamonds with all capitals, TRUFFLES, please! Thank you for always bringing me everything that I ask for!

Nicolle Law

Dear Santa,

I have bin good at school but I wish I had a hamit and a hunting shirt and hunting pans and hunting overlla but the most I want a football game. Merry Christmas

From Wyatt

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling. I went a Xbox I em sarrry that I ben bad. I went a new sef on how can you gett in the cheme I will leve some cooky and milk for you I went a new cew powder I went a monshoser chir you and the elf and Mrs. Clous is vere speshl and the rader are very very speshl to me too

Kylee

Dear Santa,

My name is Stephanie Vasquez and I am in second grade. My teachers name is Mrs. Drake. I am good at patterns, Math and A.R. I have been good at school with my teacher. Santa, how is Mrs. Claus, and how is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixin, Comet, Cupit, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph? Can you write me a note bake? For Christmas I would love to have a cellphone, bike, and my own Christmas tree with the decorations.

Stephanie Vasquez

Dear Santa

My name is Gage Brooks and school is doing great! I am in the second grade and I am eight. I am nice to my friends at school and my favorite subject is math. Santa, how old are you? How many toys do the elves make? How many reindeer do you have? Hoe do your reindeer fly? I would like roller skates, a remote control, some hot wheel, a football, a car, clothes, shoulder pads, a football helmet and a cell phone. My family would like some clothes, a new car, a I pod, cd, a sord, some money a xbox, a horse, new Christmas tree light, Write me back.

Gage Brooks

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling. I'm sorry I have been notty at my home. But I have been good at school. My teacher said that I make good grades in my books and in phonics, Math and thime test. I can't wayt for Christmas to come. In Christmas I'm going to have something special for you in a brown table. Is Rudoph real or what? Is Frosty real or what? How can you ride in the whole world in one night that/s weard?

Fernando

Dear Santa,

How do you get around the world in one night? Are you ready for Cristmas? Do you have Elves working all the time? How do the raindeer fly? I am sorry for being mean this year. I want for Christmas a camo hunting knife and a Tiki and Rhonde Barber book and a John Wanye movie.

Bret Barnard

Dear Santa,

Thank yoy? For the present last chrismis. Are all elfs are working hard? Santa you are allsum. How is mis clos? I bet she is pretty o how do your randerers flie? Is rood of ril? Does rood off nose rilee glose like a litebob? How do you put all the toys in the bag and how do you karee all the bag in the chimnee. U are you majik? I like I want a reek fone and a xbox 360 are to Santa clos mis clos is cool to.

Kobi

Dear Santa,

My name is Nancy Garay and I am 7 years odl. I am on secant grade. I am good at counting money. I am good at jump ropping. I am working hard at reading. Santa, how is Mrs. Claus? Is Mrs. Claus married with you? Santa, how do you make the sleigh fly? Santa, do you have a baby? I want Mrs. Drake to have a baby. I wont for my mom to have a baby I want the baby to be a gir. Mrs. Sant, may I have a sleigh. Thank you Mrd. Sata

Nancy Garay

Dear Santa,

How are you filing, I hope you are rede to go all our the world! I want amazing alusin and a now born, all I want to say is good luk on yar trip. Sore that iv ben bad I stil love Christmas. I wud like a hows that plas mudozik and dus moves?

Harley

Dear Santa,

You are nice and fun to kids. I work with my dad at a ranch. I like to read book. I would like a Xbox 360. Santa, Merry Christmas to you. Thank you

Cole Smith

Dear Santa

I am sorry for being bad this year I want a new moder cycle for chrhtmas and a jet too and a new bike for Christmas

By Terrel

Dear Santa,

I have been bad and I am sorry. I hope you read for christama hoe do dliver all the present in one night? And I want Zoom box and Blazt's and a bike. I now I have two and makeup and I want some snow. Merry Christmas.

Maxine

Dear Santa,

My name is Tristan Weinette. I am nice to my friends. My friend Tylor and I like to play wrestling at recess. I am good at playing cowboys. How is Mrs. Clus? Are the reindeer ready to fly? Is Rudolph the leader? My dad wants a peccel sharpiner. I want a play station. I want Red ?ead Revolver. I want to get Mrs. Drake a dune bugy.

Tristan Weinette

Dear Santa

How are you feeling? I hope you are good? How does Rudluf's nose get to be red, and how do you get haf around the eath in one Chrisman Night? I want to thank you for the gifts last year. Can I get a Polly ship and a radio that I can play my song on, and it's called if If You Want me to wait and it's a Rock-in-roal song. I'm sorry about the things I've done wrong. I'm sorry for crying a lot, and how you get your raindeer to fly and how to get them in the air? Christmas is the most funnest hallyday of all of the haladays.

Love Karina H.

Dear Santa

Hi, I'm Russell Spurlock. I'm eight years old. I'm in 2nd grade. I can read very well. I like to collect rocks and marbles. My favorite subject is math. Will it snow this year? What do people from China ask for? Do the elves ask for stuff? Do you have any children? Do you like milk or coco beter? Does your Christmas tree look any difrent than mine? How do you take care of all your raindeer? Whitch raindeer do you like best? How old are you? Who is you best friend? Do you have gray or white hair? Hoe many houses do you have to go by? When/s your birthday? I would like for Christmas a A.T.M. Machine and remote controll car and Mario cart Super cercut on Gameboy Advance. Thank you Santa!

Russell Spurlock

Dear Santa,

My name is Juan Sanchez and I'm in second grade and I'm having trouble on math. I'm good at A.M. and good at A.R. I'm good at couting coins and good at flashcards.

Santa Claus do you still have Rudolph? How do you make the reindeer fly? And how do you make the toys?

I want my dog to have a bone collar that says his name on it and a game name Smack Down vs. Rau 2007. And my babysister needs a new bottle. And my big sister need NASCAR cellphone. My dad needs a new hat for work. My mom needs a new big T.V. that has games on it.

Juan Sanchez

Dear Santa,

My name is Sasji Duran and I'm in secet grade. I am a girl and my teach is Mrs. Drake. I like to work on math a lot. I am 7 years old. I work very hard on my air! I am very good at counting money. I go to school at M.A.E.

Santa, how old are you, are you 55? Santa, how do you deliver all those toys in one night to the children or do get helpers to help you? Santa, what is Mis Claus, ril name is it Mady? Santa, how does your raindeer fly? Santa, do you help the elves make toys?

Sasji Duran
Santa I will really want a game boy and a new bike.
Sasji Duran

Dear Santa,

I want a gamboy and a Ply steation and a bid dog a bull dog.

Baruc Ortega

Dear Santa,

I like you to bring Bratz swimming pool. How is Rudolph. Barbie Computer, thank you for my presents from last year.

Giselle Marquez

Dear Santa,

I want Cheetah girls 2 and a Skatee board and a Bratz and a Bareii B toys and a mike and a Bratz computer

Audrey Snider

Dear Santa

How are you feeling. Thankh you for the presents last year. Do you on whot I wont for crismes I wont a scat bord and a motcntrl car a big one too.

Alex spur lock

Dear Santa

I am sorry for being nauty this year. Do you now what I got Cole? I got him a train. I got sean a cod toy. I like Christmas very much. Does Rudolf really have a red noes. All's I want for Christmas is make up.

Ella Godsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Tylor Genn. I have been good in school at M.A.E. I like my new puppy but he is sick right now. His name is Hunter. Do you still have Rudolph? And Vixen and Donner and Dancer and Dasher still? Santa for Christmas May I have a xbox 360 and a still cage and a robot with a mustash and a beerd like your's?

Tylor Genn

Dear Santa,

Dir Santa I wan from cuisme a bike en car to plaentait pro en horseten jv a forl gira dut ten you ver mach. Yoor viro go ganlloro fur tinis chistmes ch u que weitto Christmas

Juan

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling. I hope you are good and will be ready for chismis. Santa I am sorry for all the thanks I did rong it was not nise for me to do that I hope you can forgive me and I will not do it again. And I will let you spise me.

Katie

Dear Santa,

Hi, I am Kyfar Ontiveros. I am in 2nd grade and I am a good girl, we are learning about patterns and I am cinda having trouble. I'm in school at M.A.E. It is really fun. I am 8 years old, and my teachers name is Mrs. Drake. Santa how do you make the reindeer fly? How do you deliver all the presnts in one night? Santa is the North Pole cold for the reindeer? For Christmas I would want an I pod and some cards to help me learn my minus. On the second day of Christmas I would want a Brat and a toy oven. For Christmas I would want a toy jeep.

Kyfar Ontiveros-8

Dear Santa,

My name is Amanda Harbour. My brother and I love to color, and we love to collecte toy dinosaurs. Santa I cut my hair, it is still red, I want to give Mrs. Drake a glass cat with milk. Hey, Santa how are your reindeer? How do you mack the reindeer fly? Santa I want a red necles and high hill shoes.

Amanda Harbour

Dear Santa

My name is Slate Anderton. I can't wait till December 25. I have been pretty good this year. I hope I'm on the good list could you plez bring me a uperman suit and some spider man stuff. We will leave you some cookies and hay for your reindeer.

Fly safe Slate

Dear Santa

My name is Lashala Anderton. I have been g ood this year, sorry I didn't want to g et on your lap at the Mall but I'm kinda shy, could plez bring me a pink ballerine bear and 12 dancing ballerinas. We will leave you some cookies and hay for your reindeer.

Take care-Lashala

Dear Santa,

My name is Francisco Barajas. My teacher is Mrs. Drake I heard that the day of Christmas is all about giving. Also I heard that the day of Christmas is a special day and that day is very magic. I am a smart kid i school. They made me a test to see how smart I am. I am in 2nd grade. I am 7 years old. I go to school at M.A.E. I would like a football. How do you make the riendeer fly? How old are you? What are your elfs names. How many elves do you have? How do you know if we been good or bad? How many reindeer do you have? When do you get all the toys? How do you visit each children in one night? For Christmas I would really like a Nintendo D.S. and a qellfone that takes pictures. For my teacher I would like for her a purse with dioments. For my mom I would like for her a pink cellphone, and for my dad I would like for him a horse. Thank you Santa!

Your friend Francisco

Dear Santa,

I want a Bratz Bike and Tinkerbell toys Barbie that for the gave you gate hors how dus Rudolph cheetatgirs

Love Chantal Guel

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys and God I love God,

From Andrew

Dear Santa,

Pleas bring me sum play station thank you for the car that you gave me last year.

Robert Ruiz

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the things you gave me last year. How is Rudolph? Can you ples bring me toys?

Pedro Ortega

Dear Santa,

I want a fourwheeler. I want a Mostruck. I want a Mustang I want a rascar I want a Nintendo We I want a bioncour

Kysen Hudson

Dear Santa,

I wish, I wish Santa give me a cookie. I wish he give me toys but I hope he gives me flip flops. I hope I wish he already did. I want and inside Kitty Cat no an outside cat because it is an inside cat. I want a little tiny cat. I want a bike, I love you, I kiss you, I love you, I kiss you!

Rese Schoonover 3 yrs.

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Cheyenne Penfold. I have been good? I have been getting good at money every day. I am having trouble with math? And getting my work done? But I am working on it.

Santa how is Rudolph? How do you send all those presents in one night? How is Miss Claus Santa? And how are the raindeer? I whant pink bots for Christmas, and my sister whant green boots for Christmas to Santa Claus

Cheyenne Penfold

Dear Santa,

How are you? You look nice. I hope you have a good trip bringing the presents. I would like for you to bring me an easy bake oven. Please have a jolly Christmas. Thank you

Brianda Rocha

Dear Santa,

I want a gamboy and a Ply steation and a bid dog a bull dog.

Baruc Ortega

Dear Santa

I am Zorra Daniels. I am 8 years old, and I'm in second grade. I've been good this year. Where do you get the elfs? Where do you get the magic? How do the elfs make books, where do you get all the wood? What do the raindeer eat? For Christmas Santa, I would like a game cube of my own and a t.v.. please. For my family we like 50 dollars. Thank you Santa!

Zorra Daniels

Dear Santa

My name is Raeleigh Willborn. I'm in second grade. I'm working heard in handwriting. I am 7 years old and my teachers name is Mis, Drake. I've been good at school and at home. Santa, how is Ms. Clause? How are all 8 raindeer. How do you get the magic to work? Santa, how old are you? Santa, I will like to have a money machine to play store. I will like to give Mis. Drak a picture furam. I will like to give my mom a book.

Raeleigh Willborn

Dear Santa,

How do you feel. I hope you are good but how do you go arau the whode world in one night am sorry for being meen but do you none that I want a mortrsikle and reslings toy and close.

Julio

Dear Santa,

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Love Chantal Guel

Dear Santa,

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From Andrew

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Audrey Snider

Dear Santa,

I want a Tiki, Ronde Barber book and a knife and some G.I. Joes and a set of ear rings for my sister.

From Bret Barnard\\

Dear Santa,

Thank your for my present you gave me last year. I want a laptop computer a brata laptop

From Daniela Valdez

Dear Santa,

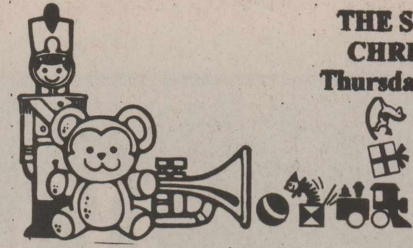
Thank you for my gift last year and I want a John cenas belt and my brouthers gift and my little brouthers gift.

From Darlel Vecasas

Dear Santa,

Thank you four the thanings you gev me Ples ken I have ril babe pupee and haw is Rudolf

Love Rabecca Couch



Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents that you got me. How is Rudolph Santa? Will you please bring a puppy?

Love Taylor Aduddell

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the Barbie computer last year. I don't want nothing this year but a jacket for my mom.

From Natalia Niave

Dear Santa Clause,

My name is Holly. I am 3 years old. Will you please bring me a Dora bed and a new baby doll? Will you bring some presents for my big brothers too? I will leave you a good snack at my house. I've been good this year, but sometimes my "get gaw" says I driver her crazy because I talk to much.

Love Holly Sladek

To Santa Claus

Christmas List:

1. Barn Yard the movie
2. A zebra blanket
3. A zebra pillow
4. A guitar with zebra color on it.
5. A builton board
6. A shirt that says, "Daddy's Girl"
7. A picture frame
8. Garfield a Tail of Two Kitties
9. Hello Kitty MP 3 player
10. Hello Kitty Mega Pixel Digetal Video Camera
11. Pixel Chix
12. A real! Real! REAL! Puppy! Please!
13. A fire fly

From Madison Mungia

Dear Santa,

All year long this girls been good. Like grandma & grandpa said I would. So, put it in your bag and come to town, But daddys a trooper so slow it down.

Love Lexi

Dear Santa:

This year I would like a REAL Stratford Elk football helmet, a red StarWars light saber, and an alarm clock for my room. Thank you and be careful

Walker Lee McBryde

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a CD player, a blue StarWars light saber, a REAL Stratford Elk football helmet, and an alarm clock for my room. Thank you and see you soon.

Ty David McBryde

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the thangs you gave me. Last year. I like football can you give me a football I like.

Love Tucker Summers

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the truck you gave me last year. How is Rudolph? This year I have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a dog.

From Angel Guerra



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!

Here's hoping you
Have the merriest
Christmas!

Hair Creations

Season's Greetings

"With a golden joy in a silver mirth,
Thank God for life!"

-James Thomson; Life, Love and You

One of our greatest joys at Christmas is the opportunity to express our gratitude, appreciation and best wishes to friends like you. Many thanks for your invaluable support.

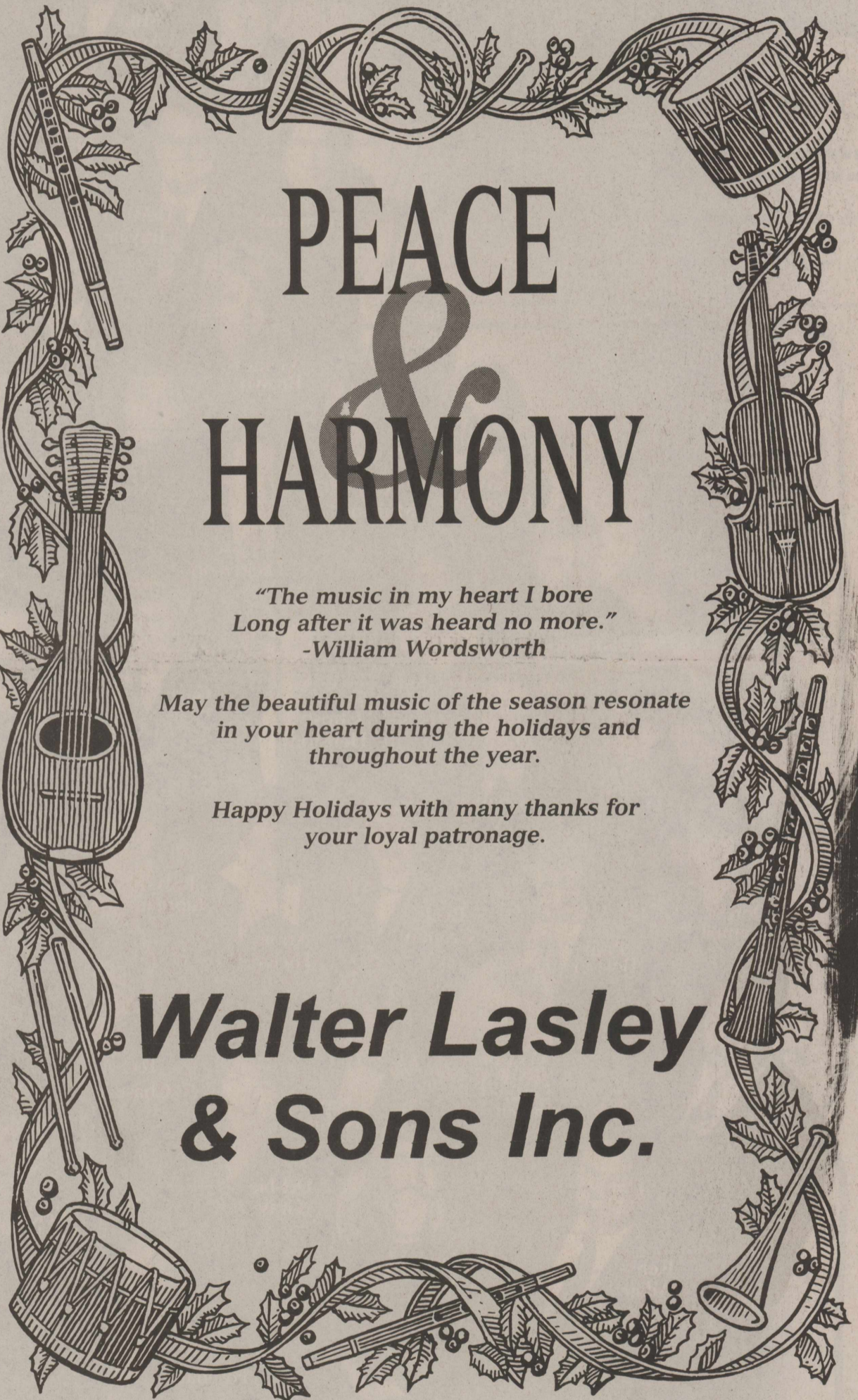
Vincent Insurance

Peace on Earth



Wishing all a blessed Christmas with gifts of love and laughter and peace unending.

Stratford Hospital District
Coldwater Manor
Stratford Family Medical Clinic
Stratford Emergency Medical Services



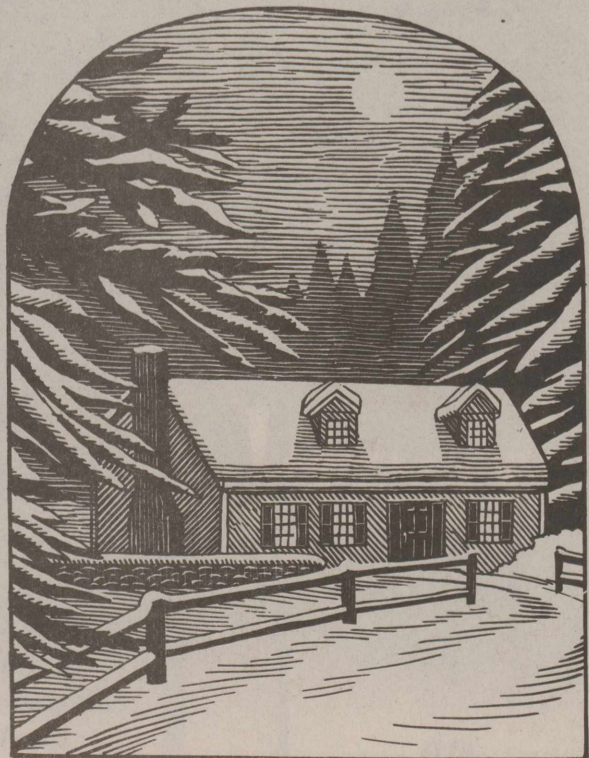
PEACE & HARMONY

"The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more."
-William Wordsworth

May the beautiful music of the season resonate
in your heart during the holidays and
throughout the year.

Happy Holidays with many thanks for
your loyal patronage.

Walter Lasley & Sons Inc.



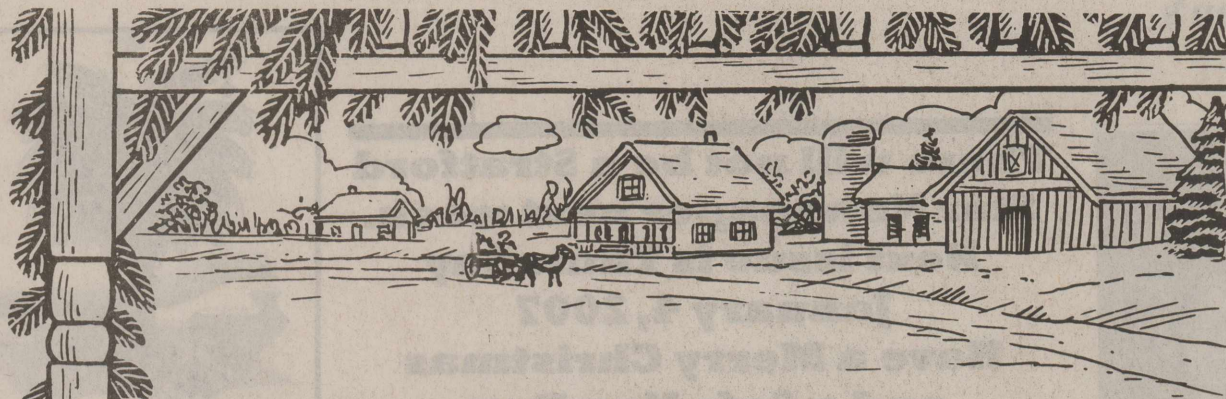
May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

*Wherever you live, may you be
Visited by faith, love and good fortune
In the year to come.*

*We feel blessed to have so many
Good customers and friends.*

Thank you for visiting us.

First State Bank



A Winter Wonderland

Wishing you a picture-perfect holiday season filled with beautiful moments. Please accept our sincere thanks for your business. It's been a pleasure serving you.

THE General Store



THE General Store employees want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from their families to yours. Shown above left to right are Mary Carter, Missy Williams, Thalia Torrez, Miriam Saenz, Bill Ramsey, Alex Catano and Isral Lupercio



Season's
Greetings
Bain Tire
Co.



May good cheer, love and good fortune make this a Christmas to remember.

Thanks for making this past year unforgettable for us.

Stratford
Flying Service

North Plains Cont. from page 1

working for the District and had seen many changes during his 19 years as manager. He said that both the statutes governing groundwater districts and the rules, amendments and development of new rules has been a very enjoyable experience. The Rules of the District were amended in 1995 and again in 2005.

Bowers stated that groundwater issues in Texas have been addressed every session of the Texas Legislature since 1989 and with the passage of Senate Bill 2 in 1997 and subsequent legislative changes, the job of local groundwater districts has become a very serious matter. He also stated that the Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District have been very diligent in their job of adopting rules that address water use and regulation of that use, in a way never imagined fifty years

ago when the District was created.

Prior to moving to Dumas in 1987 Bowers served a manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District from 1978 through December of 1986. He said "I have been involved in groundwater management for 28 years and have enjoyed every aspect of it. This is probably the reason I am so excited about having the opportunity to help start a new district."

Bowers stated that the move to the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District is an exciting opportunity for him. The District was created by Senate Bill 967 during the 2005 regular legislative session. The Board of Directors of the District have been working on the Management and Conservation Plan required by the Texas Water Code and are in the process of the development of

Rules for the District. Bowers will be working with the Board in finalizing the Management Plan and adopting Rules. Bowers stated that the Board told him they had found a location for the office of the District but expected him to do the rest. Bowers will be the only employee of the District at this time. He also stated that the move to Burnet will allow him and his wife Gwen to live a little closer to some of their children and grandchildren who live in the Houston, Texas area.

The Board of Directors of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will be accepting application for the position of General Manager of

the District through February 1, 2007. Information may be obtained from the District web site at:

Santa's On His Way!

It's That Time Of Year



Everybody here is really up for a terrific time with friends and family. And we hope the season brings nothing but good things for you, our valued customers!

The Stratford Star

Wishing You
Every Happiness
This Holiday
Season And
Throughout the
Coming
Year

Duncan
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An American
Revolution

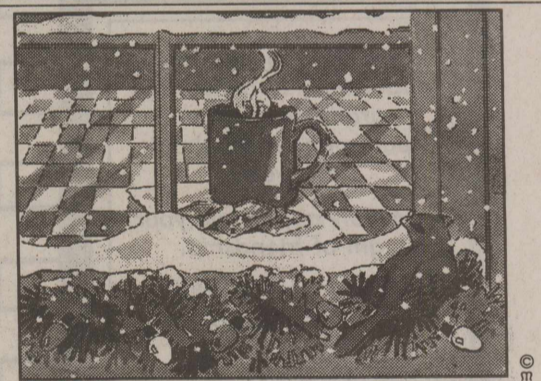


FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



Best wishes for a happy holiday.
Thanks for being a great customer.

Modern Woodmen of America
Walt Berry



May Your Cup Runneth
Over With Happiness!

Customers like you are the cream of the crop.
Thank you for your loyal patronage.

Merry Christmas!

Betty's Place

Many Merry Wishes

We hope Santa brings
Everything you're hoping for.
Have a blessed and fulfilling holiday.

Thanks for dropping in this year.

Great Lengths Salon



Wishing you a joyous
Holiday Season and a
New Year of peace and
happiness.

Betty Brown's
Medical Claim Service

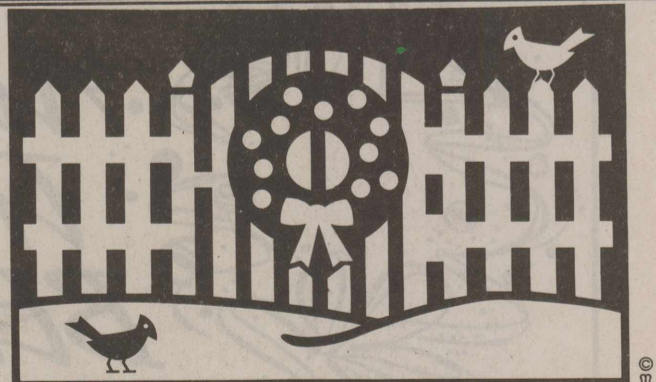


Christmas is in Bloom!



Roll in the Christmas cheer and watch good tidings blossom! Happy holidays from all of us here.

Let's Make Arrangements



Christmas Has Come
Round Again...

And we hope your whole family celebrates
with love and harmony.
Thank you for visiting us!

A&I Parts
Center



The home of Ronna Riffe was the setting of First United Methodist Women's Christmas party Dec. 13. From left, Lorie Vincent, Nikie Berry, Tanya Smith, Margaret Graham, Brandi Weinette, Janice Sladek, Linda Haynes and Sonja Ragsdale.



Also enjoying UMW Christmas party were from left, Gaynelle Riffe, Stacy Metcalf, Brenda Brownlee, Ronna Riffe, Judy Bouldin, Lisa Crabtree and Marylou McDaniel.

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January 4, 2007
Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year



Have a Merry Little Christmas

We're hoping your holiday is stuffed with good things!

Thanks for your continued patronage.

Allen-Tarver Insurance Agency



Thanks for your friendly support.

C&D Body Shop

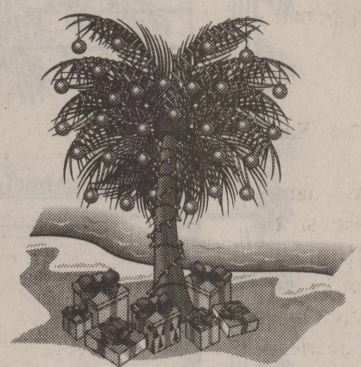


WISHING YOU PEACE & HARMONY

AT CHRISTMASTIME

We're grateful for your loyal support.

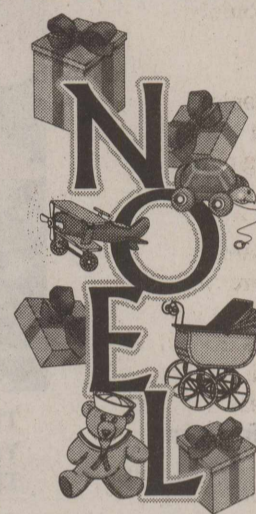
Elk Junction



GLAD TIDINGS

Wherever you're celebrating, we hope everything goes your way this Christmas.

Bobby Edmond Horse Sales
Bobby & Karla



Enjoy the season and all that it brings!

We wish you a wonderful holiday and thank you for all the little things.

Head to Toe
Viola & Ruby

Thanks For Dropping In On Us!

We want to take this opportunity to deliver our gratitude for your patronage throughout the year.

We truly appreciate your gift of friendship.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Moore's Food Pride



In keeping with the spirit of the season, celebrate with friends and family and please accept our sincere thanks for your support.

Happy Holidays!

Keener Oil



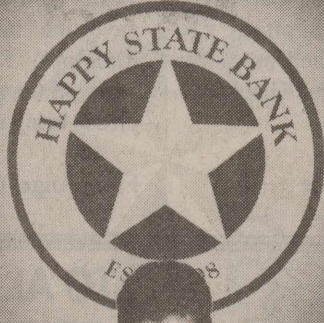
CHRISTMAS
Is In The Air!

It's just days before Christmas and all through the town,
We see happy people; not even one frown.
It's great to see folks who show so much care
For their friends and their neighbors - today it's so rare.
So we'd like to thank you this time of the year
For all of the memories we hold so dear.
As customers, as neighbors, you all mean so much
To us, your community and all whom you touch.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Stratford Grain

Merry Christmas



and a
Happy, New Year!

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CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING

A wish of love and
remembrance to you and
yours on this
Holiday Season.

Project Christmas Card

Proceeds of the project go for the continued
improvement of the Sherman County Library

John, Jill, Katie, Kavan, Blaine & Bryce Killian

Mattie Baskin

Ann Johnson

David & Cindy Jackson

Mrs. Kenneth Pickens

Claudine Allen

Mrs. Mary Lou Walden

Joe P. Flores

Marjory Munden

Terri Beth & Hoyes Carter

John, Suzanne & Jason Ashley

Mrs. Wanda B. Riffe

Marylou McDaniel & Mike McDaniel

Doug & Joyce McBryde

Marcelle Sutton

Mrs. H.H. Caraway

David & Janice Brown & Family

Wesley & Paula Willey

Martha & Melvin Mitts

Mrs. Arlyn Haile

Mrs. Bess Stone

Wendell & Nelda Stacy

Beverly & Kenneth Pemberton

Joyce & Les Dodson

Rex & Bernice Christian

Steve, Sandy, Megan, Hillary & Allison Baskin

Patti & Connor Vincent

Joyce & Glenn Hart

Susie, Wesley, Walter & Jennie Spurlock

Ricky & D'Lynn Reed

Mary Lou "Shorty" Albert

Harry & Connie Oquin

Dick & Barbara Chumley

Doris Dyess

The McCullough Family

Bill & Selma Pendleton

Jim & Pat Hartman

Kathie Altman

Marty Bain, Lindsay & Kelsey

The Brent Spurlock Family

Steve, Brenda, Bethany, Clayton & Jordan Johnson

Dick & Kay Bachman

Mary Hill

Betty Lee Brown

Jack, Linda, Brock & Ryan Swain

B.A. & LeRayne Donelson

Gerald & Jessie Preston

James & LeVerne Lasley Riley

John & Sharon Wilson

Mary E. Riffe

Jay & Arnita Lane

Bill & Mary Jo Cox

Oscar & Bobbie Wilson

Ronnie & Marihoward Engelbrecht

Ray & Lynda Hauser

Stanley & Doris Pleyer

Dan, Alicia & Abby Law

Elizabeth Zimmer

J.O. Pulliam

Helen Taylor

Wilma Lee Cameron

Dwight & Mary Brooks

Bill & Betty Fesler

Archie & Lorene Wright

Greg, Marsha, Tyler, Tanner & Taylor Wright

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bass

Jean Turner

Joe & Jean Everett

Duane & Marty Robertson

Gregg, Shari, Brittany & Scott Hudson

Total \$4,135.00

Sponsored By
The Stratford Star & Prospectus Study Club

Dear Santa,

My name is Sarah. I am one almost two. I have tried to be good but it has been really, really hard. My nana said I have been good enough for a Cheerleader Doll. I just love the Stratford Elks, and I am sure everyone hears me yell for them. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love Sarah

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my beauty shop. I loved it so much. I have been a good girl. This year I want Amazing Allison. I like Christmas very much. It is the Best Holiday.

Love Jayce

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my present last year. I want a toy workshop. Thank for all the toys last year. Does Rudolf's nose glow? I like Rudolf.

Brody

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie and the twelve dancing princesses.

Love Carlee

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. May you bring me a girl bike that is purple and it's at Walmart. And Santa when it's Christmas I'm gong to sing dashing threw the snow. And Santa can you bring me shoes Joths size 7. Santa today I'm not feeling good becaus my dad worked in Swift and he didn't have papers to go to Mexico. And they tooked him to Mexico. But can you help us bring him back. Santa can you give me girl rings that show flowers and stars. Santa can you bring my mom and dad something please but something that could make them speshol and happy Santa I hope you have a good good and happy Merry Christmas.

Daniela

Dear Santa Claus

I love you so much. I had fun visiting you at the North Pole in Colorado. I would like to have a cd player with headphones and a Barbie Pet doctor please sir. I am trying hard to be on the "good" lis.

Love, Kenlee Layne McBryde
 Age 5

Dear Santa, I have been good all year long. I liked your workshop when I visited you in Colorado. Can I please have a Star Wars Imperial Space Destroyer Lego set and a set of mini football helmets from the South East conference? Don't forget to bring a bone to my dog, Jet.

Your friend,
 Kade Douglas McBryde
 Age 7 1/2

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a new baby doll. I also want some new things for my playhouse. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

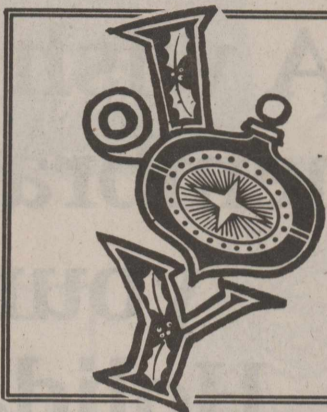
Love, Klaire



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Stratford Chamber of Commerce
 We wish you joy and happiness,
 Peace and health,
 Love and forgiveness,
 Most of all, time spent with loved ones
 during this holiday season.

Board Members: Gaynelle Riffe, Cindy Jackson, Tim Weldon, Billy Elliott, Pat Hartman, Jolie Asher, Shannon Sellers, CeCe Yelek and Ann Wells



May the holiday
 Season be filled
 With joy for you!

Marjory Munden
 CPA

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Ring our good wishes to you and your family. We thank you for your continued patronage.

Smith Agency

Ring in the Holidays

Let us echo the message of the season by expressing our sincere thanks to you, our loyal patrons. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The Red Door

JOY AND PEACE

The Star of Bethlehem reminds us of His love and hope for peace on earth!

Wesley, Cindy & Mark Miller

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

Melton Welding

Let all creatures great and small rejoice in the holiday spirit.

Merry Christmas

Pet Paradise

'TIS THE SEASON!

Here's hoping you get everything you want and more this year. Many thanks and Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Stratford Auto Electric

All the Trimmings

Wishing you a season trimmed with peace, joy and cheer. Thanks for providing a bright spot in our lives this year.

Happy Holidays to all our friends and neighbors.

Sheriff Jack Haile

Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office

911

Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year

Greetings

May those you love surround you, To share your Christmas Day; May the blessings of the season Come in your life to stay!

Morrison Funeral Directors
 Dumas-Sunray-Stratford

Joyous Noel

Christmas warmth and Christmas cheer, are sent to all this time of year!

Elk Pharmacy

GREETINGS

Have a good, old-fashioned, merry Christmas! Thanks for stopping in this year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Acquisitions

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Wishing you serenity and happiness each day of the coming year. We enjoyed serving you.

Sherman County Farm Bureau Insurance
 Leonda Fedric